

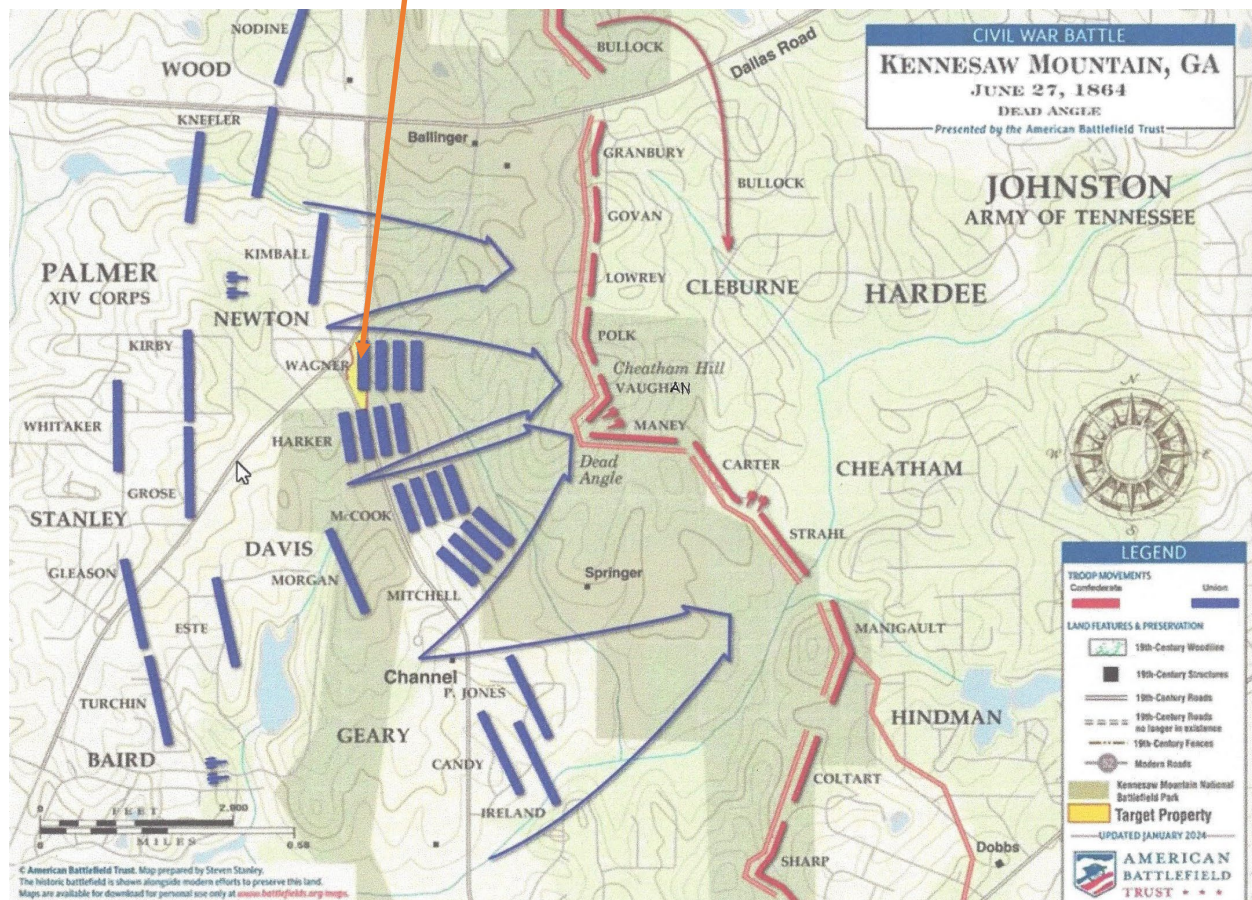
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Kennesaw Mountain properties preserved

The January 2025 newsletter mentioned three battlefields—Ringgold Gap, Rocky Face Ridge, and Kennesaw Mountain—with properties under contract for purchase by American Battlefield Trust (ABT). With an American Battlefield Protection Program grant and donations to ABT arranged through Georgia Battlefields Association (GBA), the cost was covered not only for property acquisition but also for remediation (e.g., removing buildings and restoring landscape) for the Kennesaw Mountain properties highlighted in yellow on the ABT map below.



We still need help with the **Ringgold Gap** and **Rocky Face Ridge** sites: See [January newsletter](#).

Chickamauga Civil War Show in Dalton, 1-2 February

Each February for several years, a show of Civil War relics and memorabilia has occurred in Dalton, Georgia. This year's show will be 1-2 February and again held at the Dalton Convention Center, 2211 Tony Ingle Parkway (formerly Dug Gap Battle Road), Dalton 30720. Take I-75 exit 333 and turn west, start up the Parkway, and the convention center will be on your left. Hours are 9-5 on Saturday and 9-3 on Sunday. Admission is \$12 for adults and free for children under 12. See <https://mkshows.com> for more information or [click here](#).

As usual, there will be presentations on Saturday. Our colleague and friend, Anthony Hodges, president of the [Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association](#), invited Georgia Battlefields Association to share time with his 11 a.m. presentation on battlefield preservation. Representing GBA will be President Joe Trahan and former trustee Jeff Wright.

Georgia Battlefields Association held trustees meeting 14 January

Georgia Battlefields Association frequently holds meetings (typically via video conference) on several subjects, but our by-laws require us to hold an annual meeting to elect board members, elect officers for the coming year, review our finances, and approve a budget. This meeting always covers the progress on pending acquisitions and projects (such as our annual tour), and it almost always introduces new topics for consideration. This year, the annual meeting was spread over video conferences on 14 and 21 January.

Re-elected to the board for three-year terms were Joe Trahan and Stephanie Vale. Gene Murphy (trustee since 2004) and Dennis Dunleavy chose not to run for another term. We're glad Gene and Dennis will remain GBA members. Four new trustees were elected: Larry Peterson, Russ Hickman (maintains GBA's Facebook page), Michele Shuman, and Joe Gaskin. Those of you who have been on an annual GBA tour within the last few years have likely met the new trustees.

Re-elected as officers were President Joe Trahan, Vice President Jim Wentworth, Corporate Secretary Mary-Elizabeth Ellard, and Treasurer Tim Whalen, who agreed to continue serving until a new treasurer is chosen.

Celebrate Georgia's founding

Every February, Georgia Historical Society stages a [series of events](#) to celebrate the 12 February 1733 establishment of the Georgia colony. Among the events is [Super Museum Sunday](#), which will be from noon to 4 p.m. on 9 February 2025 and features free admission to over 100 Georgia museums and sites.

30 years of Georgia Battlefields Association

In March, Georgia Battlefields Association will observe the 30th anniversary of its founding.

Georgia Battlefields Association will again lead Phoenix Flies tours

GBA will again lead a Civil War Atlanta downtown walking tour as part of Atlanta Preservation Center's Phoenix Flies program. The free tours will be held on 8 March and again on 22 March. Online description of and registration for all Phoenix Flies events will go online in mid-February. Monitor <https://preservationatlanta.com/phoenix-flies/> since some events will fill up quickly.

GBA has led tours for Atlanta Preservation Center since 2004 and has led the Civil War Atlanta downtown walking tour every year since 2007.

Return to Chickamauga: GBA annual tour is 27-30 March 2025

Chickamauga is one of two Georgia battles that the 1993 Civil War Sites Advisory Commission report characterized as decisive, its highest rating of significance. Our perception at the end of our 2013 tour focusing on the Chickamauga Campaign was we had covered important though less familiar events during the lead-up to the battle but left perhaps too little time to cover the combat of 19-20 September. Consequently, our 2025 tour will be four days instead of three. Our guide will again be National Park Service historian Jim Ogden. More details of the itinerary are in the [October Georgia Battlefields Association newsletter](#).

Price: As with our 2024 tour, this will be a three-and-a-half-day tour: All day Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, plus Sunday morning. On Wednesday evening (26 March), GBA representatives will be in the hotel lobby to hand out materials. Dinner on your own that evening. The **\$580** price includes bus transportation, handouts, three lunches and three dinners (Thursday through Saturday). If you can't join us for whole tour, send an e-mail (be sure to include your phone number) to info@georgiabattlefields.org, and we will correspond with you about a reduced price.

Registration: Register online using [this link](#). Alternatively, you can mail a check to Georgia Battlefields Association at 315 S. 5th St., Griffin GA 30224-4343.

Hotel: TownePlace Suites, 6801 Ringgold Rd, East Ridge TN 37412, 423 933 2700. GBA rate for a king room is \$125 (\$147 if you include the unavoidable tax) per night. Queen double is \$135 (\$160) per night. Price includes breakfast. To book online, use [this link](#). Note that online booking will be unavailable after 25 February 2025 (one month before the tour begins).

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