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GBA will lead Civil War Atlanta downtown walking tour, 7 & 21 March

As part of Atlanta Preservation Center's Phoenix Flies program, Georgia Battlefields Association will again lead the Civil War Atlanta Downtown walking tour, which we first led in 2007. The dates will be March 7 & 21, both with a start time of 1 p.m.

Registration for all Phoenix Flies events is now open. Thankfully for the success of the program, but unfortunately for those of you still trying decide which events to attend, some are already fully booked. You can always get on a waiting list, since it's common for some people who booked an event not to show for a variety of reasons.

<https://issuu.com/preserveatl/docs/phoenixflies2026>

<https://phoenixflies.plotsyft.com/>

<https://www.atlantapreservationcenter.com/phoenix-flies>

Annual tour will revisit 1864 campaign, 9-12 April 2026

In 2026, GBA will begin another multi-tour examination of what came to be known as the Atlanta Campaign. Our first swing through the campaign ran from 2004 through 2009, and our second swing ran from 2014 through 2019. While we'll certainly revisit some sites, we'll have some newly preserved land to show you and some changes to sites you may have seen before.

Dates: 9-12 April 2026

Meals: Breakfast at hotel, Thursday through Sunday.

Lunch and dinner provided Thursday through Saturday.

Guide: Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park historian [Jim Ogden](#).

Price: \$600 per person for members. \$625 for non-members. The non-member price includes membership for a year. Register for the tour at [this link](#).

Hotel: Dalton Fairfield Inn, starting at \$129 per night plus tax. The GBA rate is good only through 9 March. Make reservations at [this link](#).

American Battlefield Trust (ABT) Park Day

American Battlefield Trust (ABT) sponsors an annual Park Day, during which volunteers can help with maintenance of historic sites. <https://www.battlefields.org/parkday>. As shown below, the date of Park Day varies by park. Registration for volunteers is done through the site managers, so continue to watch the ABT web page to see sites that will be participating.

March 14

[Browns Ferry Tavern](#)

Greg Grant 423 762 1804 greg-grant@utc.edu

April 11

[Resaca Confederate Cemetery](#)

John Biddy 706 581 5366 johnbiddy@bellsouth.net

[Kennesaw Mountain NBP](#)

Amanda Corman 770 615 1801 kemo_volunteer@nps.gov

April 18

[Chattanooga National Military Park](#)

Will Wilson 706 966 9241 x 137 will_wilson@nps.gov

April 25

[Shoupade Park](#)

Roberta Cook RiverLineGA@gmail.com

May 2

[Kettle Creek Battlefield](#)

Chuck Garnett 478 214 3715 garnett31016@bellsouth.net

Re-homing Civil War books

GBA occasionally receives requests to assist with re-homing Civil War books. Selling used books presents a challenge as the market is fairly saturated. Options in the Atlanta area include:

Book Nook <https://www.booknookdeatur.com/>

Eagle Eye Book Shop <https://eagleeyebooks.com/>

Atlanta Vintage Books <https://www.atlantavintagebooks.com/>

Half-Price Books <https://www.hpb.com/georgia.html>

A Cappella Books <https://www.acappellabooks.com/about.php>

An internet search may give you other local options.

If you have Civil War related books that you want to donate, some of the above bookstores will accept “gently used” books, but also consider the Kenan Research Center at the [Atlanta History Center](#), the [Georgia Historical Society](#), your local library, or any county historical society.

Generally, books will need to be in good to excellent condition. For books in poor condition, recycling is likely the best option. The [Center for Hard to Recycle Materials](#) in Decatur accepts books for recycling. Again, an internet search may reveal more options.

Declaration of Independence Semiquincentennial

After people struggled to pronounce the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War a few years ago, many national and state commissions created to celebrate the semi(one-half)quin(five)cent(100)ennial (year)—i.e., the 250th year—since the Declaration of Independence chose instead to forego the Latin and use the brands America 250 and US250. The war that would turn the Declaration into a reality had begun a year before the Declaration was proposed, debated, ratified, and signed, and many commissions will also commemorate the Revolution that led to independence and eventually to the Constitution that begins “We the people of the United States...”.

Unsurprisingly, Georgia Historical Society (GHS) is helping Georgians—and visitors to the state—commemorate the events of 250 years ago and more.

[Today in Georgia History](#), short TV and radio segments first broadcast in 2011, have been reviewed and revised by their original historian, Stan Deaton, and are again running on Georgia Public Broadcasting stations and on the associated web site.

[Georgia at the US250](#), a digital publication, provides a history of Georgia using more than 50 objects and documents from the GHS archival collection as a window into our shared past. This is just a sampling of the materials GHS has collected since its founding in 1839 that tell us who we are as Georgians and that help us gain the knowledge and context for creating a better future.

For more resources about the Semiquincentennial, visit the [Georgia Historical Society website](#).

Georgia Battlefields Association Policy Statement

Georgia Battlefields Association sometimes hears from people who are not renewing their memberships because GBA did not take a public position on a particular issue. We're always sorry to lose members, but GBA's purpose is to preserve battlefields and associated historic artifacts so that everyone can better appreciate and learn from what happened at those sites.

GBA's charter of incorporation states the organization's goals:

- Acquire, study, preserve, and disseminate knowledge about Georgia's Civil War sites
- Sponsor and conduct tours, seminars, forums, and lectures about Georgia's Civil War history and sites
- Cooperate with other organizations having similar objectives

The GBA leadership is focused on results and doesn't seek credit for itself. In almost every project it undertakes, GBA works with other non-profit organizations or government agencies as a team. Examples of these team efforts include preservation of sites at or near Dalton, Resaca, New Hope Church, Dallas, Kolb's Farm, Johnston's River Line, Peachtree Creek, and Griswoldville.

Among the GBA trustees are military veterans. We know what it's like to feel that people who weren't witness to events can never fully understand them. Despite our study of diaries, memoirs, reports, maps, and photographs, we weren't in the Civil War; so, no matter how we might feel as individuals, GBA won't characterize participants as devils or angels. Rather, we feel that being at the places where those people fought and worked and lived and died is essential to understanding what they did and why, how they might have felt, and what their actions mean to each of us.

That's why we believe so strongly in preserving Civil War sites.

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