



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

A non-profit 501c3, dedicated to Promoting the Serious Study of the American Civil War

September Meeting

Tuesday, September 14

5:30- 6:45 p.m. Cocktails

6:45 p.m. Dinner

Reservations Required

Register online at
www.atlantacwrt.org

or mail a check (\$39 per ticket)
to Tim Whalen:
P.O. Box 2355
Griffin, GA 30224
Reservations must be made by
8 p.m. Thursday, September 9

Meeting Location

Capital City Club-Downtown
7 John Portman Boulevard
Atlanta, GA 30303
(404) 523-8221

** Masking expected
from the car drop off portico
to the meeting room*

Menu

Salad; Chicken Piccata
with Rice and Vegetables;
Strawberry Shortcake for desert.

Civil War Medicine in Afghanistan

Our military presence in Afghanistan has come to an end. On the positive side, medical advances, devised through the conflict with insight from Civil War Medicine, forged clinical improvements that will remain. Civil War medicine was innovative and a forerunner of current practice, especially in triage and emergency medicine. George Wunderlich, our first speaker for the 2021-2022 Campaign year, will contextualize this lasting influence. George expects the US Afghanistan departure will bring with it a changing approach to war—and historic lessons may prove the best guides for future field medicine. Director of the United States Army Medical Department Museum at Joint Base San Antonio Fort Sam Houston, George's perspective is valuable and timely. A nationally known speaker, George is regularly seen on the History Channel, PBS, National Geographic and the British Broadcasting Corporation. Previously George served as Executive Director of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine.



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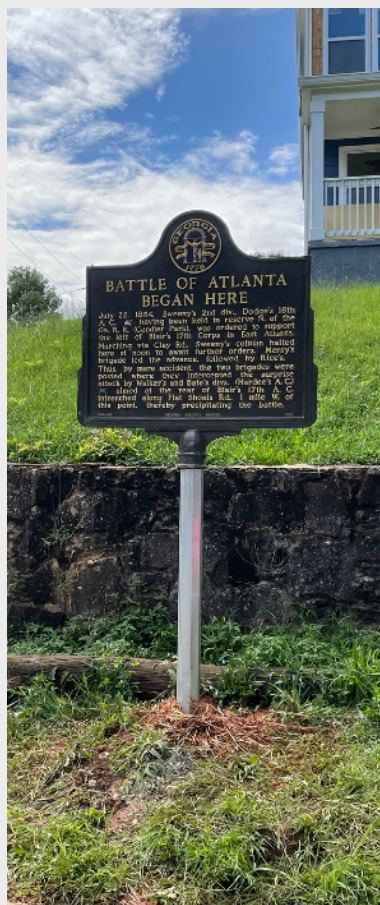
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Marker Restored: Volunteers from B*ATL recently restored and moved this marker to be more visible. It faces the street now. See the story, Page 14.



Union Ambulance Corps field training. William F. Browne Photographer. (Library of Congress) Innovative Ambulance Corps were organized for the first time under the direction of Dr. Jonathan Letterman, medical director of the Army of the Potomac.

Civil War Medicine in Afghanistan (from Page 1)

In 2011 George was awarded the Order of Military Medical Merit by Army Surgeon General Lieutenant General Eric B. Schoomaker. Earlier, the National Daughters of the American Revolution recognized his work in public history with a 1995 Medal of Honor. George has developed many historically-based medical leadership training programs for the Joint Medical Executive Skills Institute, The United States Army Medical Department, the Interagency Institute for Federal Health Care Executives and many other organizations. George will frame medical history in Afghanistan with deep insight. Lessons from the military medicine of the Civil War and other pre-World War II conflicts, he predicts, will particularly inform training of medics as new places, Africa for instance, are expected to become the staging grounds for containing ongoing conflicts in the Middle East. He will provide a catalog of “medical lessons learned” in Afghanistan and relate these to the Civil War experience.



Board Members Assembled at our Blue & Gray Barbecue, held August 8 at the History Center (From Left): John Ottley, Robert Fugate, Sy Goodman, Tim Whalen, Bill Dodd, Loran Crabtree, President Mary-Elizabeth Ellard. Photo: Gould Hagler.

President's Message: *We Gratefully Reconvene*

Greetings, All!

How thrilled we all are to return to our regular monthly meetings! We have so many people to thank for getting us through these trying months, more than I can enumerate. Still, some names stand out, though listed here in no particular order:

John Dietrichs: For giving us such a strong series of speakers and wonderful parade of relics during his presidency, that even when cut short, our utter enjoyment made us yearn to return.

Carlton Mullis: Who knew that being part of the ACWRT would ever involve learning how to use “a virtual meeting platform?” Who knew there were Lincoln bobble head dolls? If you didn’t attend on-line, you missed out on that! Many thanks to Carlton for persevering in what was certainly the most unprecedented presidency of our group’s long history.

Loran Crabtree: Many thanks to Loran for setting up the Zoom account and for moderating each Zoom meeting. We could not have done it without him.



Emmett Hall, ACWRT President 2000-2001, visits with Mary-Elizabeth Ellard at the Blue & Gray Barbecue Last Month.

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The Round Table Gratefully Reconvenes (From Page 3)

John Miller: John's wonderful activities allowed safe, face to face gatherings when such events were precious and rare, and he did it all with his usual easy manner and good cheer. Many thanks!

Carol Willey: When we had few other ways to keep in touch as an organization, Carol made sure that *Battle Lines* went out each month with informative, enjoyable and attractive content to keep us engaged and connected. Never has the newsletter been more important.

Tim Whalen: Some things never change. Even though we were not meeting face to face, the ACWRT had expenses (Zoom account, annual corporate registration, the Harwell Award, etc.). Many thanks to Tim for tending to necessary financial chores: paying the bills, depositing the checks, and keeping the books.



Gary Barnes of the Harwell Committee, John Dietrichs

Gary Barnes and the whole Harwell Committee: Their work never ceased, nor their dedication to their task. One thing everyone could do even during the pandemic was read, and read they did. Thanks for your hard work and your discernment to select yet more worthy recipients. Special thanks to those who provided book reviews for the newsletter.

Gould Hagler: Gould preserved a seamless presence for us at our website and Facebook page throughout the pandemic. Even if you could not attend activities, you could read about them and see photos posted on Facebook. If you wanted to stroll down memory lane and review previous meetings or newsletters, Gould's good management of our website meant that the ACWRT long and vibrant tradition of excellent meetings and activities was just a click away.

Our Executive Committees (across three years: 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and now 2021-22): What a strange year and a half it has been and may continue to be as we move into the unknowns of the future! Leadership hasn't looked like it might usually, but how important it has been for the officers and members that you have been there as sounding boards, energizers, and innovators.

Most of all, YOU, our members!! Without you, we would have no Atlanta Civil War Round Table to which we could return. THANK YOU for every time you attended on-line, read the newsletter, sent in your dues, attended an activity, or emailed or phoned a fellow member just to say, "hi". You have helped keep us strong and ready for a wonderful 2021-2022 campaign year. It's an honor to be part of this remarkable organization as we continue our mission to promote the serious study of the American Civil War.

Your obedient servant,

Dr. Mary-Elizabeth Ellard, President 2021-2022

Atlanta Removes ‘Lion of the Confederacy’ Statue

Following almost two years of repeated defacement, Oakland Cemetery’s “Lion of the Confederacy” monument was moved to an undisclosed location last month. The 127-year-old statue, recognized by the

Smithsonian Institution as historically significant funerary art, was dedicated in April of 1895 by the Atlanta Ladies Memorial Association. The inscription on the monument says the society erected it in 1894. At the time, a reported 3,000 unidentified Confederate dead were reinterred at Oakland Cemetery. The 30,000 pound statue appears to depict grief for the “Unknown Confederate Dead.” The face of the Lion is agonized and rests on a crumpled Battle Flag. Opinions diverge, some describe the Lion as protecting a Confederate emblem. Sculptor T.M. Brady modeled the statue after Lucerne, Switzerland’s “Lion of Lucerne” monument. Erected in 1821, the “Lion of Lucerne” commemorates Swiss Guards killed in 1792 during the French Revolution. The “Lion of the Confederacy” and the base of the monument were carved of marble from Tate, Georgia.

The Atlanta City Council unanimously voted to remove the monument at their August 16 meeting. It was swiftly relocated on Wednesday, August, 18.

Oakland Cemetery is planning interpretive signage to mark “Lion Square” where the monument, also known as the “Lion of Atlanta,” once stood.



Top: “Lion of the Confederacy” from Hagler, Gould, *Georgia’s Confederate Monuments*. Macon, Georgia. Mercer University Press, 2014. (Page 146) Bottom: After the statue removal, August 18, 2021. Donated Anonymously by the Photographer.

Passages: *Past ACWRT President Ronald Hudgins*

Ronald L. Hudgins, age 91, of Roswell, GA died at his home August 19, 2021 with his daughters at his side. Ronald joined the Atlanta Civil War Round Table in 1964 to pursue his interest in Atlanta and Civil War history. He served as president through the 1994-1995 Campaign Year. Ronald was noted for his interest in Margaret Mitchell and *Gone With The Wind*. He collected both Civil War artifacts and GWTW memorabilia and was associated with several museums. A native Atlantan, Mr. Hudgins held an Associate Degree in Industrial Management from Georgia Tech and completed courses in real estate, sales and management. He served eight years with the 179th Field Artillery 48th Division Georgia National Guard. After 41 years of employment, he retired from Atlanta Gas Light Company. Mr. Hudgins was also a past president and director of the Northside Optimist Club. He was named Optimist of the Year, 1965-1966. In later years, he enjoyed retirement with his family and golf. Mr. Hudgins was an active member of Roswell First Baptist Church in Roswell.

Ronald was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Joyce Stancil Hudgins. He is survived by his daughters, Sherry Coleman and Pam Hudgins, four grandchildren, Josh Gralton, Joe Gralton, Joy McClanahan, Gabe Bowen and other extended family. A private family service was

held at First Baptist Church Roswell on Tuesday, August 24, 2021. There is an opportunity to extend sympathy through Northside Chapel Funeral Directors: (770) 645-1414. Northside Chapel also has an online tribute wall: <https://www.northsidechapel.com/obituaries/Ronald-Hudgins/#!/TributeWall> for expressions of sympathy.

Ronald's interest in *Gone with the Wind* is well supported at two local museums. The historic 1867 Train Depot in Jonesboro: 104 N. Main Street/ Jonesboro, GA 30236, 770-478-4800, houses the **Road to Tara Museum**: <https://seeclaytoncountyga.com/things-to-do/attraction/road-to-tara-museum/> with an interesting array of exhibits. Hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Tuesday-Friday. A bus tour of historic Jonesboro, vital to Margaret Mitchell's inspiration for her famous novel, is offered at 11 a.m., Tuesday-Friday. Museum tickets, regular admission, are \$7; Bus Tour tickets, regular admission, are \$24.95.



GWTW Museum, 2014. Wikipedia

In Marietta's Historic Brumby Hall and Gardens, there is a ***Gone With the Wind Museum***: 500 Powder Springs Street, SW/ Marietta, GA 30064, 770-794-5576. <https://www.gwtwmarietta.com>. This museum houses the collection of Dr. Chris Sullivan, M.D. of Akron, Ohio. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Saturday. Regular admission is \$7.

Atlanta Civil War Round Table Tours

We have two All-Star ACWRT tours lined up for the fall. On September 18 Michael Shaffer will lead us on a Kennesaw Mountain walking and driving tour, and we still have plenty of space. Then on November 20 Jim Ogden will facilitate our participation in the 158th Anniversary of the Battles for Chattanooga. (See Pages 9-13)

Here are the signup details and a [signupgenius link](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CADAB22A31-tour4) for Mike's Cheatham Hill tour, and remember to look for the registration for the Missionary Ridge/Chattanooga tour later this fall:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CADAB22A31-tour4>

Saturday September 18: At 10 a.m. we will join Michael Shaffer for a tour of the Cheatham Hill battlefield, site of some of the bloodiest fighting at Kennesaw Mountain. After we tour the battlefield, including the famous Illinois Monument, we'll enjoy a picnic lunch together. Then we will head to Pine Mountain to examine the hilltop where a Union cannonball ended the life of Confederate General Leonidas Polk.

We very much look forward to hosting several tours in the north Georgia area next Spring and we are seeking ideas and guides. If you have a particular area of interest, or if you would like to lead a tour of your favorite Civil War site, please contact John Miller at canoe4ever@gmail.com and we will do our best to make it happen. Our tours are free but we do encourage donations.



Top: Canons at Cheatham Hill, Photo by Carol Highsmith, 1980 (Library of Congress). Bottom Obelisk on Pine Mountain on the spot where General Leonidas Polk was killed. Photo by Douglas Ullman Jr. (National Battlefield Trust)

John Miller, At Large Executive Committee Second Year

158th Anniversary of the Battles for Chattanooga

Later this month, from September 18-20, the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park & Moccasin Bend National Archeological District will offer an exciting schedule of programs to commemorate the 158th anniversary of the Battle of Chickamauga. Park Historian Jim Ogden encourages Atlanta Civil War Round Table Members to take at least one day to observe the anniversary. The battlefield is about a two and one-half hour drive from metro Atlanta. As many of us found in June, touring the battlefield makes a wonderful day trip. All programs are free, though donations are encouraged.

Please check in at the Park telephone number, 706-866-9241, on Friday or Thursday before the events to make sure programs are not cancelled in case of potential COVID concerns.

The complete program schedule is at this site:
<https://www.nps.gov/chch/chickamauga158.htm>

Battle Lines reproduces the Park schedule here for the convenience of ACWRT members:

“Beginning September 18, 1863, Union and Confederate forces clashed along the banks of West Chickamauga Creek. At stake was the transportation hub of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and with it, the fortunes of the fledgling Confederacy and the future of the United States and its citizens. For three days the armies struggled through the woods and fields, leaving behind the broken dreams and lives of thousands of young men cut down in the prime of life. Despite the Confederate victory at Chickamauga, the US Army regrouped in Chattanooga, where a victory marked the ‘Death Knell of the Confederacy.’ “

From Saturday, September 18 to Monday, September 20, visitors are invited to join Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park staff and volunteers to commemorate the 158th Anniversary of the Battle of Chickamauga with a series of tours, hikes, and living history demonstrations.



At the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, June 2021: Jim Ogden initiates a marvelous Monuments Tour for ACWRT.

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Saturday, September 18:

9:30 am - "Occupied after a Brief Skirmish:" Buckner Seizes Thedford's and Dalton's Fords.

Braxton Bragg's designated crossing of the steep-banked Chickamauga on September 18, 1863, included Thedford's and Dalton's Fords. Alexander Stewart's and William Preston's divisions of Buckner's Confederate Corps were to cross there. National Military Park Historian Jim Ogden will lead this two and one-half hour, three-mile hike to the creek and back and will examine the action at these two key but often overlooked crossings on the "River of Death." This program will begin on Alexander-Viniard Road. Follow the "Special Program" signs from the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center to Alexander-Viniard Road via Alexander's Bridge Road.

9:30 am - Battlefield Bicycle Tour

The National Military Park and Outdoor Chattanooga will offer a free, historical bike tour through Chickamauga Battlefield. Ride length is approximately three to four miles on flat to moderately-hilly terrain and lasts about two and one-half hours. The ride is appropriate for adults and children ages 8 years and older, when accompanied by an

adult. Children must be able to ride confidently, without training wheels. All participants are required to wear helmets. Loaner bicycles will be available for riders 5-feet and over at no charge, thanks to sponsorship from the National Park Partners and the Chattanooga Bicycle Club. The number of loaner bicycles are limited and reservations for them are required by visiting <http://bit.ly/outdoorchatt> or by calling 423-643-6888. If you bring your own equipment, no reservation is necessary.

10 am - Ranger-led Car Caravan Tour of Chickamauga Battlefield

Meet a park ranger at the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center to begin a caravan tour of the battlefield exploring various sites associated with the Battle of Chickamauga. This tour lasts approximately two hours.



The Chickamauga Battlefield Center is small scale museum. The complex has a screening room and a shop with books and other materials pertinent to the battle. (National Park Service Photo)

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Saturday, September 18:

10:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm, and 3:30 pm - Artillery Demonstrations

Living historians, portraying members of the 11th Indiana Battery, will conduct demonstrations at Lytle Hill, in Chickamauga Battlefield. Please follow the "Special Program" signs to the parking area at the Recreation Field.

1:30 pm - The Fight at Alexander's

The West Chickamauga Creek Bridge at John P. Alexander's was supposed to be one of the key crossing points for Confederate General Braxton Bragg on September 18, 1863. As Confederates approached, however, they found that they were going to be in for a fight. In this 90-minute program, National Military Park Historian Jim Ogden will relate the events that unfolded on what was the largest farm on the battlefield and how those events shaped the developing battle. This program will begin on Alexander-Viniard Road. Follow the "Special Program" signs from the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center to Alexander-Viniard Road via LaFayette Road.



Alexander's Bridge: From the US Department of War. (Library of Congress)

2 pm - Ranger-led Car Caravan Tour of Chickamauga Battlefield

Meet a park ranger at the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center to begin a caravan tour of the battlefield exploring various sites associated with the Battle of Chickamauga. This tour lasts approximately two hours.

4 pm - Hood Sweeps up the Chickamauga

"...on crossing at or near Reed's Bridge, will turn to the left by the most practicable route and sweep up the Chickamauga." Those were about the only instructions Confederate General John B. Hood received when, on the afternoon of September 18, 1863, fresh off the train from Virginia, he joined a Confederate column crossing at Reed's Bridge. Join National Military Park Historian Jim Ogden for the part car caravan, part walking tour exploring the role of Hood and his column west of the Chickamauga on the afternoon of the 18th. This program will begin at Jay's Mill. Follow the "Special Program" signs from the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center.

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Sunday, September 19:

10 am - Walthall vs. the Regulars

The growing fight in the woods west of Jay's Steam Sawmill drew troops from both sides, sent by superiors who could offer little more direction than to move to the sound of the firing. In this two hour, roughly two mile walking tour, National Military Park Historian Jim Ogden will relate the action that primarily unfolded in the woods northeast of Winfrey Field. This program will begin at the intersection of Alexander's Bridge Road and Brotherton Road. Follow the "Special Program" signs from the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center.

10 am - Ranger-led Car Caravan Tour of Chickamauga Battlefield

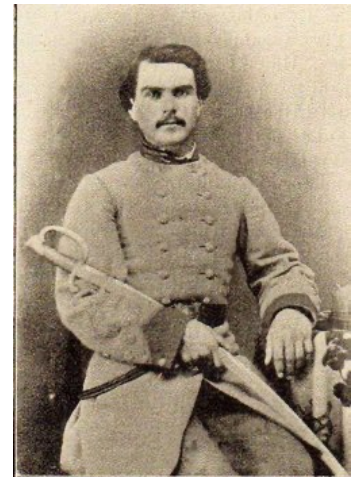
Meet a park ranger at the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center to begin a caravan tour of the battlefield exploring various sites associated with the Battle of Chickamauga. This tour lasts approximately two hours.

1:30 pm - William Carnes' Troubles

The woods of the valley of the "River of Death" were proving to be a problem for the artillery. The youthful Captain William Carnes' ordered his Confederate batterymen to unstrap the axes from the limbers to cut some trees in order to get the carriages through the forest. He was determined to support the Tennessee infantry brigade to which he was attached, but then, the situation began to turn south for the young officer and his men. National Military Park Historian Jim Ogden will relate Carnes' fight of the afternoon of September 19, 1863, in this two hour, two mile walking tour. This program will begin on Brotherton Road near Brock Field. Follow the "Special Program" signs from the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center to Brotherton Road via Alexander's Bridge Road.

2 pm - Ranger-led Car Caravan Tour of Chickamauga Battlefield

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CAPT. W. W. CARNES,
1862.

Captain William Carnes: J. Harvey Mathes. *The Old Guard in Gray*. Memphis, Tennessee. Press of S.C. Toof & Company. 1897 (Page 61)

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Monday, September 20:

9:30 am - An Attempt to turn the Union Left

On the morning of September 20, 1863, Confederates attacked the Union left flank near the present-day visitor center, hoping to turn the blue-clad soldiers south, away from Chattanooga. This one-hour program will meet at the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center and will explore the action that took place around the McDonald Farm.

10 am - Ranger-led Battlefield Tour

Meet a park ranger at the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center to begin a caravan tour of the battlefield exploring various sites associated with the Battle of Chickamauga. This tour lasts approximately 2 hours.

1:30 pm - Slowing Down the Breakthrough: Mendenhall's Line

On September 20, 1863, Confederates successfully broke through the Union Army of the Cumberland's center. If not for the heroic stand on the ridge in west

Dyer Field by Union artillery and infantrymen, the battle might have been more catastrophic. This two-hour program, which will include a short walk, will begin at the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center and caravan to the program location.

2 pm - Ranger-led Car Caravan Tour of Chickamauga Battlefield

Meet a park ranger at the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center to begin a caravan tour of the battlefield exploring various sites associated with the Battle of Chickamauga. This tour lasts approximately 2 hours.

Programing for Children: Throughout the anniversary, September 18-20, young visitors are encouraged to stop by the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center to pick up a special 158th anniversary Jr. Ranger packet and explore Chickamauga Battlefield. Once complete, potential Jr. Rangers can bring their booklets back to the visitor center and receive a special Jr. Ranger patch.



Chickamauga. McDonald's Farm and Fields West of Chattanooga Road. Approximately 1894. Chickamauga-Chattanooga National Military Park. Louisiana State University Digital Library Special Collections. (louisianadigitallibrary.org)

Union, Confederate Descendants Restore Historic Marker



Lt. Col. L. Perry Bennett (US Army ret.), pictured above left, joined ACWRT friend Chad Carlson, pictured above right, to restore an historical marker in Southwest Atlanta. Perry is a descendant of Confederate soldiers while Carlson is descended from a Union veteran. Concrete support for the marker at the Tup Holmes Golf Course in Adams Park had been destroyed. The marker, installed in 1958, marks “Confederate Intrenchments: 1864.” General William Bate’s Confederate division faced General Jacob Cox’s Union forces at the site. Aligned on Willis Mill Road to the north, Cox was trying to cut railroad lines at East Point. There are pronounced trenches near the sign and an artillery battery placement off to the side of the sign in the woods off of the fairway. (See Photo Right, bottom.) Perry and Chad used a replacement aluminum post provided by the Georgia Historical Society’s Elyse Butler for the repair. Perry has an auger for drilling holes and is working to assist marker restorations all over the Atlanta area. (See Related Story, Next Page.)
Photos, Content Courtesy of Chad Carlson



B*ATL Educates, Restores

Preserving the history of the Battle of Atlanta in the neighborhoods where it was fought is the mission of B*ATL. The group regularly offers tours of Battle of Atlanta sites and recently restored and repositioned the marker that indicates where the battle began. B*ATL friend Perry Bennett, who is working to restore battle markers throughout metro Atlanta, (See Story Page 13), joined forces with B*ATL volunteers Ralph Cheek, Chip Miller and Henry Bryant to restore this important marker after it fell this summer. B*ATL is offering fall afternoon tours: September 19, October 17 and November 14. All tours charge \$15 to support B*ATL, a 501c3 organization. For more information, see the B*ATL website: <http://www.batlevent.org>



(L-R): Chip Miller, Henry Bryant and Perry Bennett at the 'Battle of Atlanta Began Here' Marker. (Photo, Ralph Cheek)



At the Blue & Gray Barbecue, New Member James Thomas visits with Cindy and Chuck Crabtree, parents of our First Vice President Loran Crabtree, and Wood Hughes. All Barbecue Photos: Gould Hagler.

Welcome to our new ACWRT Members

We of the Round Table are excited to begin the 2021-2022 Campaign Season with seven new members: James M. Thomas, Thomas G. Lee, Wayne E. Johnston, C. Scott Ward, Roswell Andrew Hathaway, III, Amy Renee Blalock and Alan James Koman. We look forward to getting to know you and hope you'll enjoy our programs and tours.

Atlanta Civil War Round Table

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Bill Dodd	Second Vice President
Tim Whalen	Secretary/ Treasurer
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