



# Battle Lines

## Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

A non-profit 501(c) (3), dedicated to Promoting the Serious Study of the American Civil War

### March Meeting

*Tuesday, March 8*

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

*6:45 p.m. Dinner*

### Reservations Required

Register online at  
[www.atlantacwrt.org](http://www.atlantacwrt.org)

or mail a check (\$50 per ticket)  
to Tim Whalen:  
P.O. Box 2355  
Griffin, GA 30224  
Reservations must be made by 8  
p.m. Thursday, March 3

### Meeting Location

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

*\* The Cash Bar is now credit and  
debit card only. CCC will no  
longer accept cash at the bar.*

### Menu

Salad;  
Entrée: Breast of Quail;  
Desert.

## Florida's Civil War Era Women

**W**e often forget about our neighbor to the south, Florida, and its experience in the

War. Tracy Revels hails from the historic town of Madison in the Sunshine State and brings the profound challenges faced on Florida's home front to life in her work. Her 2004 book *Grander in Her Daughters: Florida's Women During the*



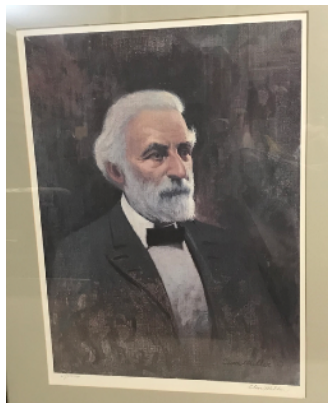
*Civil War*, won the Florida Historical Society's 2005 Rembert Patrick Award for the best academic work in Florida history. Currently a professor at of History at Wofford College in Spartanburg, S.C., Tracey also wrote 2016's *Florida's Civil War: Terrible Sacrifices*. Her *Watery Eden: A History of Wakulla Springs*, 2002, looks at the site south of Tallahassee that drew scientific interest as early as 1850. She also wrote 2011's *Sunshine Paradise: A History of Florida Tourism*. Tracy is also the author of three Sherlock Holmes inspired novels: *Shadowfall*, *Shadowblood* and *Shadowwraith*, all supernatural adventures. For our meeting, she might even answer a question or two about her passion for Arthur Conan Doyles' Victorian detective. Join us for her fascinating presentation March 8— the game's afoot!



Steve Woodworth presented the program "Faith and Religion Among Civil War Soldiers" for our 684th meeting on February 8. Essentially, he maintained, the opposing sides were "two armies" with "one Faith." Steve, here with ACWRT President Mary-Elizabeth Ellard, is the author of 2001's *While God is Marching On: The Religious World of Civil War Soldiers*. (Photo: Gould Hagler)

## Don't Miss This Silent Auction

**O**ur Silent auctions continue with this month's offering of a portrait of General Robert E. Lee as president of Washington College, later Washington and Lee. This is a limited



edition print # 11/1000, signed by Cleve Miller (1931-1992), a portraitist and art instructor who worked in Jacksonville, Florida. Miller painted a series of portraits from photographs of Confederate officers. This is an image of Lee, dating about 1870, the year of his death. The frame dimensions are 32 x 26 inches. Please send your bid by e-mail to Treasurer Tim Whalen at [whalen315@aol.com](mailto:whalen315@aol.com). Bids for this

print will be taken by Tim through noon on March 8. The sale will benefit our 501 (c) (3) organization. The print will be on display at the Capitol City Club check in table before the meeting. We are grateful to an anonymous benefactor who has donated these prints for our fundraising efforts.

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Octavia Stephens wrote of Florida's 1864 Battle of Olustee. Her husband, Capt. Winston Stephens,, 2nd Florida Cavalry, CSA, died in its aftermath. (Florida Memory: State Archives of Florida)

## You Spoke: *We are Listening to You*

**M**any thanks to all who took the time and invested the thought to reply to our on-line survey. We had 95 respondents, including two people who mailed their replies.

Everyone's voice matters to your board. As we make plans for the next campaign year, we want any decisions to reflect the will of the membership. These results give a good idea of what that will is.

The majority of membership, 78 percent, is willing to pay \$50 per meeting. We have alerted the CCC that about one quarter of our membership may decline to attend given the higher cost.

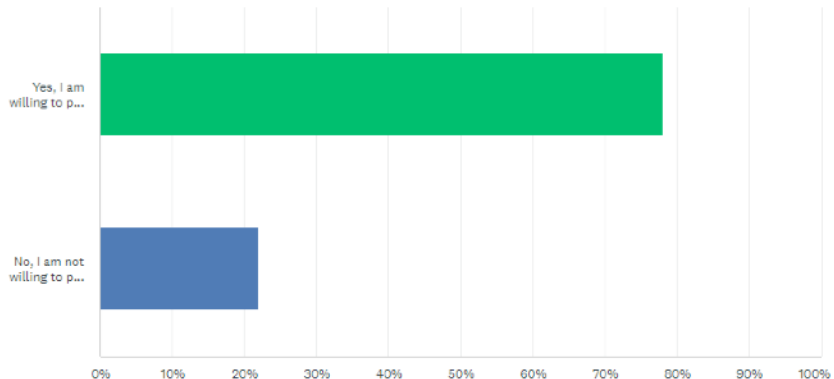
Unfortunately, the CCC feels it can not go below \$50 and maintain the standards that we have come to expect. They have faced tremendous losses from COVID and must also keep up with inflation. Again, many thanks to Tim Whalen

and John Ottley who negotiated the new price down from \$58 to just \$50.

Just under one third of the membership wants to leave the CCC. One quarter want to stay. A plurality, about 44 percent, want to leave only if a comparable facility can be found for a better price.

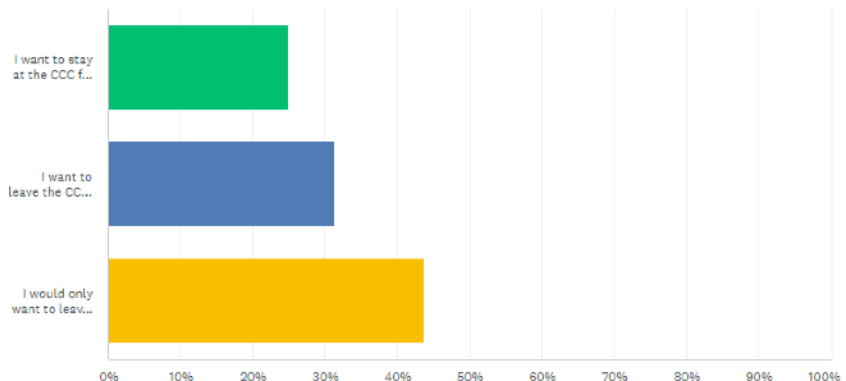
The CCC is increasing its fees. They had initially said we would have to pay \$58 per pers...

Answered: 82 Skipped: 0



Given a \$50 per person cost at the CCC moving forward, which of the following options e...

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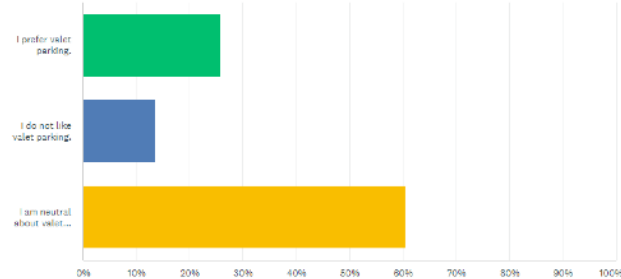
**O**ver half say that the meal and the speaker are equally important. Over 40 percent say the speaker is the most important part of a meeting. Less than five percent value the social aspect and meal above the speaker.

The majority, 60 percent, don't care either way about valet parking. Just over one quarter prefer it. Less than 15 percent dislike it. For the meals, almost half, 47 percent, want a formal meal. Just under 30 percent want a less formal meal. Less than 20 percent would like a buffet. About five percent would like a restaurant where one could order for oneself. Bear in mind that with COVID, buffets are not currently available in most areas, but we can keep it in mind for the future.

**N**ot many people took advantage of the visual survey tools at the February meeting. However, of those responding, members demonstrated a strong preference for a downtown venue (27 total responding, with 16 wanting downtown, nine wanting Buckhead and two wanting up the I-75 corridor).

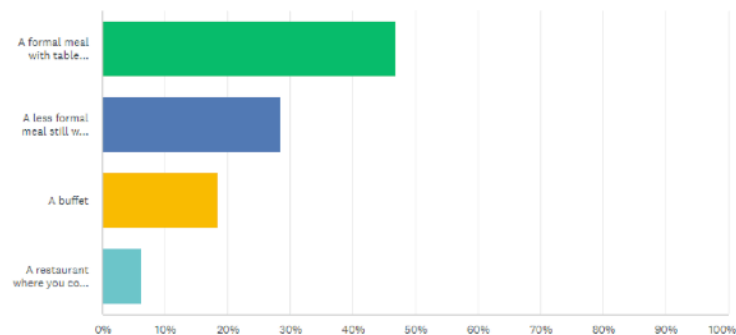
How do you feel about valet parking?

Answered: 81 Skipped: 1



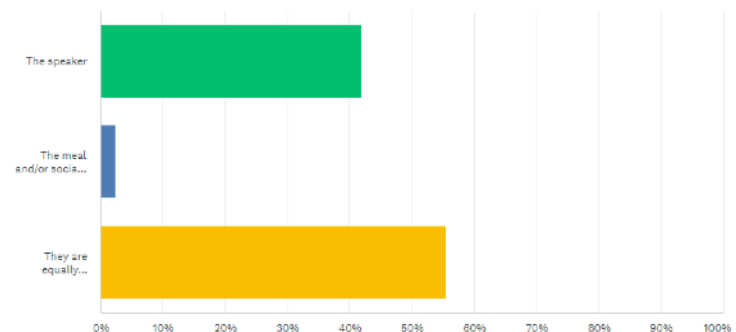
Assuming that we continued to have a meal at meetings, which would you prefer (withou...

Answered: 81 Skipped: 1



Which is more important to you? Choose your one top answer.

Answered: 81 Skipped: 1



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**W**e also asked where membership would not want to go. Not surprisingly, no one marked downtown as a site where they did not want to attend (32 total responding, other answers scattered all over). Admittedly, polling at a meeting held downtown biases the data toward those who will attend there.

**F**ebruary attendees had the opportunity to comment further on price (17 total respondents). About half marked \$60 as the breaking point, above which they would not attend. Keep in mind that was the highest price included among possible responses. About half marked \$55 as their cut-off. Two people marked less than \$55.

**I**n summary, the members expressed a preference for a formal meal in a formal setting comparable to the CCC for which most are willing to pay \$50 per meeting. Most respondents would be willing to pay more, if needed. The social aspect, meal and speaker are all highly valued by the membership. Valet parking is not a make-or-break issue for most. Members prefer to stay where we are, unless a comparable venue for a better price can be found. Downtown or other close in-town locations seem most acceptable to membership, though no one location will suit all.

**T**hese expressed preferences leave open a number of possibilities for the next campaign year, including other social clubs, hotels or restaurants with banquet facilities. If you want to help search for a possible alternative venue, please contact the board. We welcome volunteers in this effort, as your board is all volunteer, too. Based on the results of the survey, we are already gathering information on possible new venues. If you want to suggest a specific venue, you can help the process along immensely by gathering specific information about any venue you want to recommend before you call the board.

**Any final decision will come before the membership for its comment and approval.**

**Atlanta Civil War Round Table President Dr. Mary-Elizabeth Ellard, DVM**

### *Initial questions to ask of any venue:*

Is the second Tuesday of each month available (September through June)?  
Cost per person for their “mid-range” menu (not the most expensive or the cheapest)?  
Cost of a bar?  
Cost of and availability of a microphone, digital projector and screen?  
Dress code?  
Parking availability and logistics?  
Any minimums on attendance, etc.?



## Georgia Historical Society Honors Charlie Crawford

**W**hen Charlie Crawford takes the podium as the Atlanta Civil War Round Table's Trivia Master, his challenges provoke and entertain. With a scientific education and careers in the Air Force and technology information and management, Charlie

terms his devotion to history

and battlefields an

avocation—but he is clearly

much more than a Civil

War Buff. For his work

preserving Georgia

battlefields, he was most

recently recognized with

2021's John Macpherson

Berrien Lifetime

Achievement Award from

the Georgia Historical

Society. Charlie also

received the Georgia

Historical Society Sarah

Nichols Pinckney Volunteer

Award in 2018 and was honored

with the Civil War Trust

Chairman's Award for Excellence in Preservation in 2011. His engagement with history is

intense. "Sight seeing with Charlie is more of a forced march than a walking tour," notes

ACWRT President Mary-Elizabeth Ellard. "I first met Charlie when he led a Civil War tour in

Inman Park for Atlanta Preservation Center. I was awed by his depth of knowledge and how

instantly he could call it all to mind," remembers Mary-Elizabeth. "I was thrilled to learn that the

organization he headed, Georgia Battlefields Association, was having its annual tour the

following week here in Atlanta." She recalls: "That was the year that Ed Bearss had broken his

arm and could not lead the GBA tour as he usually did. I was SO new to Civil War tours then that

I had no idea what it meant to miss Ed Bearss. All I knew was that this Charlie guy leading the

tours, knew EVERYTHING about the war here in Atlanta. Our focus was the Battle of Peachtree

Creek. I soon came to learn that Charlie's expertise extended well beyond the War in Georgia."



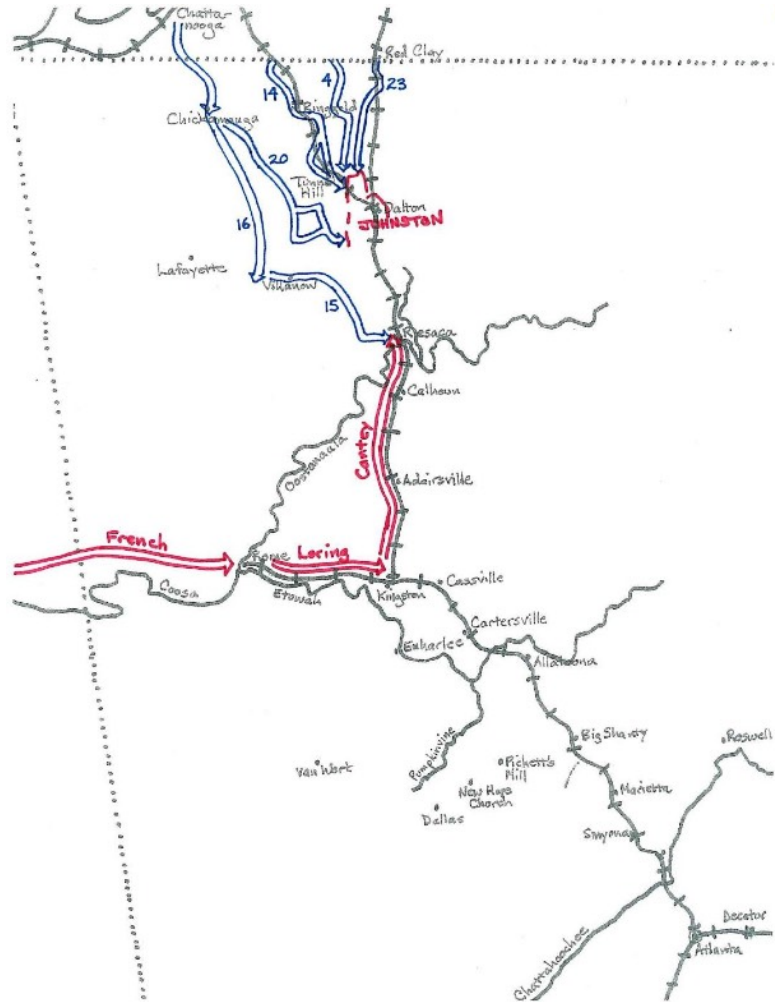
In March of 2021, Charlie Crawford, left, led an ACWRT tour that included the Georgia Tech Campus. Atlanta's forts and defenses once stood there. Also pictured, Chad Carlson. (Photo by John Miller)

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## *ACWRT's Charlie Crawford Honored,* From Page 6

**C**harlie grew up near Philadelphia where he often visited Pennsylvania's historic sites and battlefields. He initially came to Atlanta to study at Georgia Tech in the 1970s. At Tech he earned a B.S.

in Applied Mathematics. A masters degree in Systems Management from the University of Southern California followed. Charlie also completed military education in Squadron Officer School, Armed Forces Staff College and Air War College. Following a 24-year career in the U.S. Air Force, including service in Vietnam and a year as a Senior Air Force Research Fellow, Charlie retired as a colonel in 1995. He moved to Atlanta in 1996 and worked in information technology and management until civilian retirement in 2019. His journey toward his long-standing roll as president of the Georgia Battlefields Association began in the late 1980s when he was stationed at the Pentagon. Nearby, controversy arose over development plans near Manassas. Preservationists began to organize. Charlie became member 46 of the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites, an organization that eventually became part of the American Battlefield Trust.



'The Campaign Opens,' one of Charlie Crawford's tour maps: "I did well at mechanical drawing (now a lost art) while at Georgia Tech. I drew a lot of temporary maps during my time in Vietnam. For tour handouts, I'll often superimpose Civil War troop movements onto modern maps so people can see how the movements relate to places where they live, work and drive." Charlie's maps are highly recommended by ACWRT Tour organizer John Miller.

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**I**n 2000 Charlie became a trustee of Georgia Battlefields. He has been GBA's newsletter editor since 2001 and he served as its president from 2002 to 2021. "Preserving the sites is important for everyone," Charlie says of his work with GBA. "Challenges have been growing over the past 25 years with development in Atlanta. Every time the DOT extends the



**Charlie Crawford as Trivia Master:** Charlie notes that this question stumped us twice within the past 12 years: "Which states sent the most men to the Civil War?" The typical response: Virginia, defies facts, says Charlie. "Looking at the top list of populations at the time of the war is the key to the correct answer," he explains. The most populous and therefore the states contributing most combatants were: New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Virginia, Indiana, Massachusetts, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia. (Photo by Gould Hagler)

interstate battlefields are threatened. GBA is now looking at ten DOT projects, says Charlie. In Georgia, development around Cobb County, Chattanooga and Resaca is an ongoing concern. Charlie also served on the Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association Advisory Board from 2015 to 2021. GBA, he notes, is a statewide organization, from the Tennessee border to the south and west. There are concerns everywhere.

**M**ember Olly Keller brought Charlie into the Atlanta Civil War Round Table in 2000. Since then his association with ACWRT has been helpful. "To share information and personal interconnection with all interested in the Civil War" is beneficial. During the term of the previous Trivia Master, Carlton Forrester, Charlie consistently answered most of the questions

correctly. So when Carlton retired from the position in 2010, Charlie took over. His trivia questions, presented with with an inimitable dry wit, are one of the highlights of our meetings. Charlie reads a lot, 25 books last year, two of those on Civil War topics. He is married to Carol Gotway Crawford, PhD, a statistician. "Something members may not know is that Charlie is a strong supporter of Georgia Tech," says Mary-Elizabeth, his GBA colleague. "For example, he set up The Crawford Memorial ROTC scholarship there in memory of his father and brother, also both veterans: <https://iac.gatech.edu/news/item/647184/georgia-tech-rotc-programs-host-joint-awards-ceremony>." She adds, "Of course, he wants no one to know anything heartwarming about him. He has often said that he wants people at his memorial service to be stunned to learn of the existence of a soft side to Charlie Crawford."

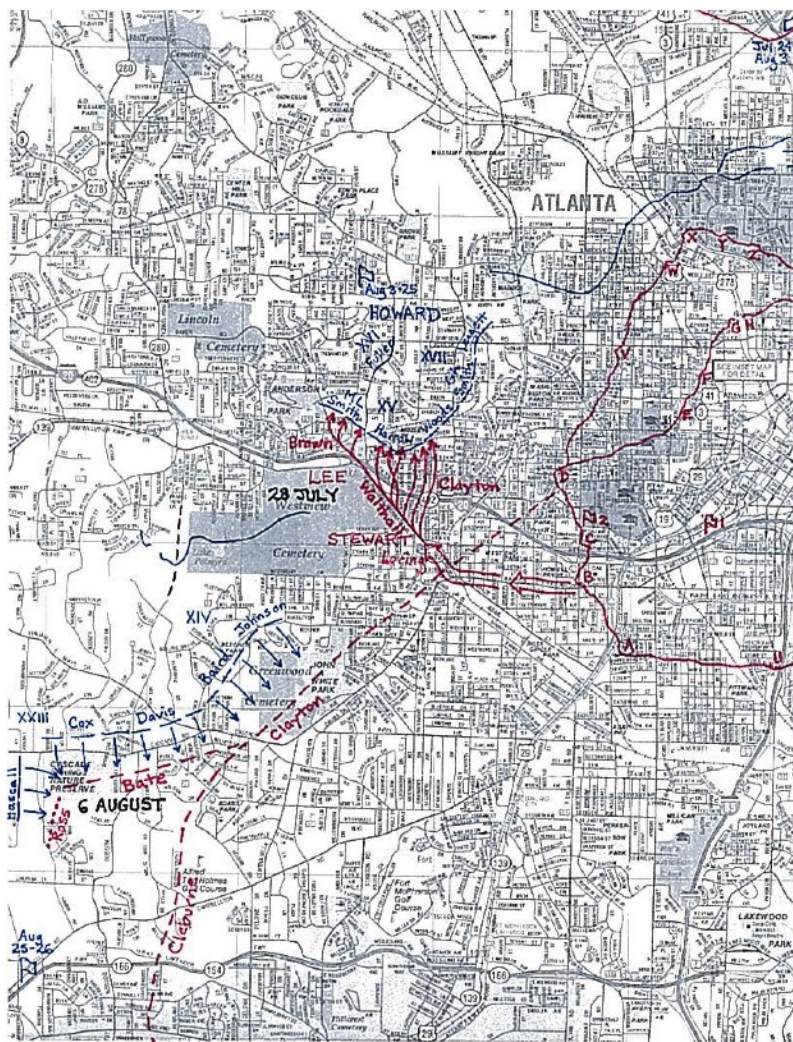


## Atlanta Civil War Round Table Tours

**O**ur **Battlefield Tours** for the 2021-2022 Campaign season continue. A March tour of the Pickett's Mill battlefield in Paulding County is filled but there are some standby slots remaining. Please see our sign up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084cadab22a31-tour6> to register for standby.

**O**n **April 23** we look forward to joining retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Perry Bennett for a free tour of the Utoy Creek battlefield. Utoy Creek is located in southwest Atlanta. Perry lives on the battlefield and is a wonderful interpreter of its history. Many folk have never walked this area and this will be an excellent opportunity to learn more about the Atlanta campaign and Sherman's final envelopment. This tour will also be sponsored by the Cobb County Round Table and the Georgia Battlefields Association. The Battle of Utoy Creek was fought August 4-7, 1864 as part of General Sherman's attempt to sever the

Confederate supply lines at the railroad near current day East Point. This was late in the Atlanta campaign, a month before the decisive Battle of Jonesboro. Registration information will be posted on ACWRT's Facebook page soon. Please check to sign up: <https://www.facebook.com/Atlanta-Civil-War-Round-Table-107640215948022>.

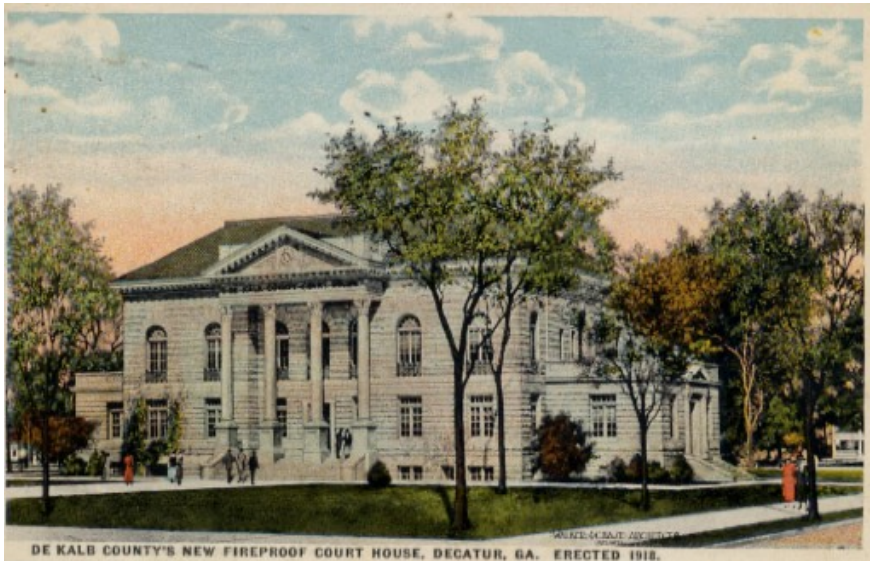


Charlie Crawford's Map shows the site of the Battle of Utoy Creek, 6 August, 1864, in the lower left hand corner. Troop positions are marked.

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**R**egistration for the **May 7 Battle of Decatur tour** with author David Allison will open in late March or early April. This will be an especially interesting examination of this underreported aspect of the larger Battle of Atlanta which was taking place a relatively short distance to the west. Much of McPherson's logistic support was at great risk, and, but for the determination of some very resolved soldiers, the course of the Atlanta campaign may have been altered. We will commence at Agnes Scott college and walk the advance of Joseph Wheeler's dismounted cavalry northward through the city. In addition to our regular sponsorship with the Cobb County Round Table and the Georgia Battlefields Association, this tour will be co-hosted by the Dekalb History Center. It will include a tour of the old courthouse and its most recent exhibits.



The historic DeKalb County courthouse square was the site of fighting during the Battle of Decatur, July 22, 1864. Wheelers' Cavalry captured a battery of Federal artillery with officers and men on the site. The Civil War era courthouse survived but was demolished to build DeKalb's 1898 courthouse. The DeKalb History Center is housed in the historic courthouse. (Image: DeKalb History Center)

David Allison published *Attacked On All Sides: The Civil War Battle of Decatur, Georgia, the Untold Story of the Battle of Atlanta* in 2018. Many Union soldiers captured at the battle wound up at the infamous Andersonville prison. A number of survivors of the imprisonment died later in the Sultana disaster, near Memphis. Be prepared for walking over uneven terrain and wear appropriate clothing for inclement weather. For lunch, we will enjoy our own bag lunches inside the Old Dekalb County Courthouse. Again, please check for this May 7 tour on the ACWRT Facebook page beginning in late March: <https://www.facebook.com/Atlanta-Civil-War-Round-Table-107640215948022>.

**John Miller, At Large Executive Committee Second Year**



## Battlefields Assn to Host a Middle Georgia Tour



L. Stebbins: Sherman's March to the Sea, circa 1868. (Library of Congress)

**T**he Georgia Battlefields Association will host a Middle Georgia tour based in Macon from March 31 through April 2022. ACWRT friend Jim Ogden will be the primary tour guide for this survey of the opening weeks of Sherman's March to the Sea and some of the additional events of Stoneman's Raid in July 1864. On Friday, the tour will follow the Left Wing of the U.S. Army's advance through Eatonton, the Howell Cobb Plantation and Milledgeville. Returning to Macon, the tour will stop at the Ocmulgee National Historical Park to discuss the cavalry actions of July and November 1864. On Saturday, tour members will follow the Right Wing through Old Clinton, the town of Griswoldville, the Griswoldville battlefield, the town of Gordon and Ball's Ferry. On Sunday, the tour will visit Macon's Rose Hill Cemetery and walk an historic section of downtown Macon. Cost for the tour is \$430 per person. It will be based at the Springhill Suites at 4630 Sheraton Drive, just off I-75 exit 17. Phone the hotel at 478-803-9100. Note: Do NOT press 1 for reservations. Instead, wait for one of the hotel staff to pick up, then ask for the Georgia Battlefields Association rate of \$99 per night (\$119 when taxes are included). Membership in GBA ranges from \$25 for an individual to \$1,000 for patrons. Membership information is posted here: <http://www.georgiabattlefields.org/membership.aspx>. For more information about the spring tour visit: <http://www.georgiabattlefields.org/tours.aspx>



Acclaimed Music Historian Bobby Horton will be part of KSU's March Symposium. Photo: [bobbyhorton.com](http://bobbyhorton.com)

## *KSU Symposium*

**K**ennesaw State University's Center for the Study of the Civil War Era will host its 19th Annual Symposium on the topic "History and Memory: A Special Tribute to Bud Robertson and Wiley Sword" on Saturday, March 19 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Featuring historian Brian Wills, an award-winning author; historian William C. Jack Davis and musician Bobby Horton, the event will be held on campus at the KSU Center/ 3333 Busbee Dr. NW/ Kennesaw, GA 30144. For further information, call Brian Wills: 470-578-2966.

## *Civil War Atlanta Walking Tour*

**J**oin the **Georgia Battlefields Association** on Saturday, March 5 from 1 through 4 p.m. for a walking tour of sites where many of the more well-known wartime photos of Atlanta were taken. This free tour, offered through the Atlanta Preservation Center, will last approximately two hours and 45 minutes and is limited to 25 participants. The meeting point is convenient to the Peachtree Center MARTA station. Register through eventbrite.com: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/phoenix-flies-2022-civil-war-atlanta-downtown-walking-tour-tickets-260311587967>

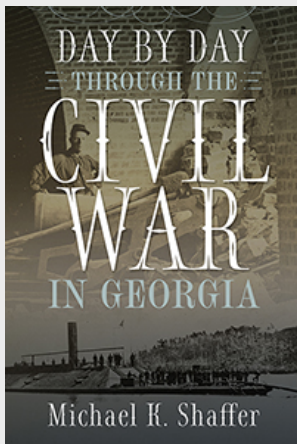


Atlanta City Hall during Sherman's occupation, George N. Bernard. (Library of Congress)

## *Civil War to Civil Rights Walking Tour*

**J**oin **B\*ATL and the Atlanta Preservation Center** on Sunday March 6 at 3 p.m. for a unique tour encompassing two important eras in the neighborhoods of Southeast Atlanta. The tour begins near I-20 at the edge of East Atlanta and Kirkwood with an overview of the Battle of Atlanta and its troop movements. As the tour crosses the historic ground it combines stories from the 1864 Battle of Atlanta with 1964 Civil Rights stories at locations where they intersect on the battlefield. Learn about the people and places that played significant roles in this dramatic history. You'll visit truly historic sites in a fairly easy walking tour that takes an hour and a half. B\*ATL is a 501(c)(3) organization. The price for the tour is \$15. Reservations should be made through the preservation center [jessie@preserveatlanta.com](mailto:jessie@preserveatlanta.com) or by calling 404.688.3353





**N**oted Civil War historian Michael Shaffer, an ACWRT member and leader of our upcoming tour of Pickett's Mill, released a new book *Day by Day Through the Civil War in Georgia* on February 1. From Mercer University Press, the book presents a detailed account of the 1,630 days of Georgia's social, political, economic and military events during the Civil War. Many reference books on the subject are too much North or too much South. Here, Michael strikes a balance between the combatants while remembering the struggles of the enslaved, ordinary folks on the home front and the merchants, clergy and others attempting to maintain daily life through the conflict. Well indexed with maps, the book is a fine reference source.

## *America's First Modern Intelligence War*

**O**ur April speaker, David A. Welker, is an historian with the CIA where he has served as an intelligence officer for over 35 years. David has written numerous books and articles on the Civil War, his most recent is *The Cornfield: Antietam's Bloody Turning Point*, published in 2020. There is a related blog "Antietam's Cornfield" at [antietamscornfield.com](http://antietamscornfield.com). David is also a battlefield guide and a frequent public speaker. He has been featured on many Civil War History podcasts and TV and radio programs. His other books are 2002's *Tempest at Ox Hill: The Battle of Chantilly*. His first book, published in 1996, is *A Keystone Rebel: The Civil War Diary of Joseph Garey, Hudson's Battery, Mississippi Volunteers*. Come join us April 12, 2022 to learn more from David about the role of intelligence in the Civil War.



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