



# Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Atlanta Civil War Round Table  
 Founded 1949

*PROMOTING THE SERIOUS STUDY OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR*

## Blue & Gray BBQ

*At the History Center*

*Sunday, August 8, 5-8:30 p.m.  
 Tickets \$35*

## Dues are Due

Tim Whalen is accepting dues for our new Campaign Season, 2021-2022. Please pay \$75 annual dues online at [www.atlantacwrt.org](http://www.atlantacwrt.org) or mail a check to Tim at:

**Tim Whalen P.O. Box 2355  
 Griffin, GA 30224**

Tim is also accepting payments of \$35 for Barbecue Tickets.

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This wood engraving, published in Harper's Weekly, circa 1866, depicts a Southern barbecue. (Library of Congress)

## '21-22 Campaign Year Begins

**J**oin us **Sunday, August 8** to kick off the new campaign year with our annual Blue & Gray Barbecue at the Atlanta History Center. We will enjoy cocktails from 5-6 p.m. Supper and a brief program beginning at 6 p.m. will follow. Members will elect our new board. Then, until 8:30 p.m., we will enjoy the opportunity to catch up with each other and to visit the many worthwhile exhibits at the History Center, including the Cyclorama and Turning Points.

## ***Our 2021-22 Campaign Year Speakers:***

### ***Civil War Medicine in Afghanistan: What a Long, Strange trip it's been***

**C**ivil War Medicine was more sophisticated than most realize. Current triage and emergency medicine owe much to experience and insight gained through the war. George Wunderlich, our first speaker for the new campaign year, will provide a fascinating look at the innovations of Civil War Medicine on September 14. George is the Director of the United States



Army Medical Department Museum at Joint Base San Antonio Fort Sam Houston. 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. In 2011 he 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.

### ***Mead at Gettysburg: A Study in Command***

**L**ongtime members will remember when Kent Masterson Brown spoke to us of Lee's retreat from Gettysburg, the topic of his 2011 book *Retreat from Gettysburg: Lee, Logistics, and the Pennsylvania Campaign*. On October 12, Kent will tell the rest of the story as analyzed in his new book *Meade at Gettysburg: A Study in*

*Command*. A Lexington, Kentucky native, Kent has practiced constitutional and administrative law for 47 years in Lexington, Kentucky and served as counsel in Washington, DC for 26 years. Kent helped form the Perryville Battlefield Association and chaired the Perryville Battlefield Commission and the Gettysburg National Military Park Advisory Commission. He also served on the Board of the Gettysburg Foundation. A scholar, educator and documentary film maker, Kent created the national magazine, "The Civil War," and has authored six books, all of which have been selections of the History Book Club and Military Book Club. Since 2007, Kent has produced eight award-winning historical documentary films for public and cable television.



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## *Our 2021-22 Campaign Year Speakers:*

### *Two Magnificent Foredoomed Attacks: Lee's Charge at Gettysburg, Hood's Charge at Franklin: A Comparison*

**A**tlanta native **Steve Davis**, always one of our most engaging speakers, will join us November 9 to receive the 2021 Harwell Book Award for his outstanding **Into Tennessee and Failure: John Bell Hood**, the second in his two-book series on the generalship of John Bell Hood. We look forward to his comparison of General Robert E. Lee's charge at Gettysburg with Hood's tragic march to defeat at Franklin. Steve has studied John Bell Hood for years. At our February 2017 meeting he presented the talk "Neither Great Nor Genius: John Bell Hood in 1864" and in January of last year he presented a talk based on the first of his John Bell Hood Books, **Texas Brigadier to the Fall of Atlanta: John Bell Hood**. Steve serves as Emerging Civil War book review editor. Steve's book reviews have appeared in Civil War Times, the Georgia Historical Quarterly and other popular and scholarly publications. From 1985 to 2006 he served as Book Review Editor for Blue & Gray Magazine. Steve is author of hundreds of articles, including "Far Better in the Present Emergency: John Bell Hood Replaces Joseph E. Johnston" in Chris Mackowski and Kristopher D. White, eds., **Turning Points of the American Civil War**, 2017. Steve has also been lauded with the Fletcher Pratt Award and the Douglas Southall Freeman Award.



### *Gunboats on the Hooch!*

**Y**ankees in Georgia and gunboats on Hooch! How on Earth did they ever get in? As Director of History and Collections at the National Civil War Naval Museum in Columbus, Jeffery Seymour knows better than anyone else. Come learn about the brown water navy in our own backyard at our December 14 meeting. Originally from LaGrange, GA, Jeffery has worked as an archivist at the National Civil War Naval Museum since 2004 and he has been the Historian and Curator there since 2006. He also teaches as an adjunct at Columbus State University. Jeffery is a noted speaker. He has delivered videos talks on C-Span and Georgia Public Broadcasting.



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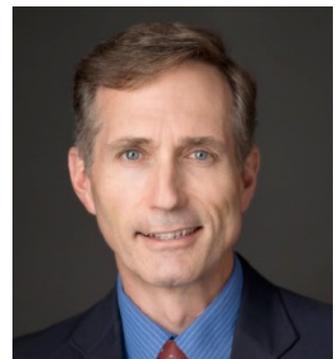
### ***The Rise, Fall and Resurrection of Civil War Atlanta, 1860-1867***

**H**ow did Atlanta fare during the War? What was it like to live here? Most particularly, how did science and technology meet in the contest for Atlanta, a city created from the technology of the railroads? We look forward to answers from our own Sy Goodman, Professor at Georgia Tech's Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, for our first program of 2022 on January 1. Sy's research interests include international technological development and related public policy issues; the study of the global diffusion of the Internet, the security and resilience of national and international infrastructures and the impact of technologies on the conduct and outcomes of large-scale conflicts. Sy has served on many academic and government, advisory, study, and editorial committees, consulting in all seven continents for about 100 countries. He is Co-Director of the Center for International Strategy, Technology, and Policy, Director Emeritus of the Sam Nunn Security Program, and a lifetime National Affiliate of the National Research Council of the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine.



### ***Faith and Religion among Civil War Soldiers***

**F**aith is a topic that was profoundly important to the vast majority of Americans and soldiers during the War, but its role is often overlooked and ignored by scholars today. Can we understand the people who fought and endured unless we understand them on their own terms? So we look forward to the return of Round Table speaker Steve Woodworth on February 8, 2022. Steve will give witness to this profound motivator for people on both sides of the conflict. At Texas Christian University since 1997, Steve is now a professor of history there. Over the years he has authored, co-authored, or edited more than thirty books, including *While God Is Marching On: The Religious World of Civil War Soldiers* (2001), *Manifest Destinies: America's Westward Expansion and the Road to Civil War* (2010), *Nothing but Victory: The Army of the Tennessee, 1861-1865* (2006), and *Jefferson Davis and His Generals: The Failure of Confederate Command in the West* (1990).



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## ***Our 2021-22 Campaign Year Speakers:***

### ***Grander in Her Daughters: Florida's Women During the Civil War***

**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*. The author of three Sherlock Holmes novels, Tracy might even answer a question about her other passion, Arthur Conan Doyle's Victorian detective. Join us for her fascinating presentation in March — the game's afoot!



### ***1861-1865: America's First Modern Intelligence War* April 12**

**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 at Antietam, Gettysburg, Manassas/ Bull Run (both battles), Fredericksburg, Chantilly/Ox Hill and Petersburg. A frequent public speaker, David 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.

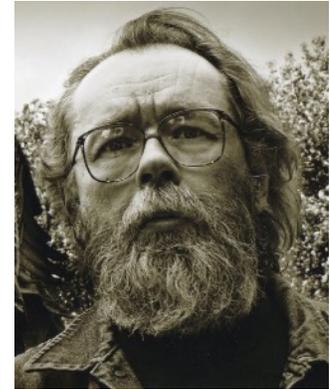


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## ***Our 2021-22 Campaign Year Speakers:***

### ***Marching with Sherman Through Georgia and the Carolinas with the 154th New York***

**H**ow many of us began our interest in the War remembering an ancestor who served in it? Mark H. Dunkelman descends from a soldier in the 154<sup>th</sup> New York Volunteer Infantry, the "Hardtack Regiment," which marched through Georgia. His unique approach to the study of Civil War history dates from childhood, when his father and aunt passed along stories and relics of their grandfather. The tales and mementoes of Corporal John Langhans gripped Mark with a passion to learn more about his great-grandfather's regiment. Through a lifetime of study this has never abated. Mark has connected with more than 1,300 descendants of members of the 154<sup>th</sup> New York. He has located and copied more than 1,700 wartime letters, 27 diaries, portraits of 281 members of the regiment, and a mass of other material. These have served as the basis for his six well-received books and dozens of articles. Mark's talk to the Atlanta Civil War Round Table on May 10, 2022 will focus on his fifth book, *Marching with Sherman*.



### ***Stonewall and Old Jube in the Valley: Comparing the Shenandoah Campaigns of 1862 and 1864***

**T**o say that Gary Gallagher is the John L. Nau III Professor in the History of the American Civil War at the University of Virginia just doesn't fully convey his stature. What can one say of one of the world's preeminent scholars on the War? Come cap off our year July 14, 2022 with this engaging speaker. The campaigns waged in the Shenandoah Valley by Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson and Jubal A. Early inspire dramatically different images. Perceptions of the two Valley campaigns remain highly favorable to Jackson and more critical of Early. The ultimate results are beyond debate--Jackson emerged victorious and Early did not. Gary will examine available resources, quality of Federal opponents, tactical efficiency, and the degree to which each man accomplished his strategic goals to assess how Early's effort stands up against Jackson's. Gary is the author or editor of more than forty books, including *The Confederate War*, 1997, *Causes Won, Lost, and Forgotten: How Hollywood and Popular Art Shape What We Know About the Civil War*, 2008, *The Union War*, 2011, *The American War: A History of the Civil War Era*, co-authored with Joan Waugh, 2015; revised edition 2019, and *The Enduring Civil War: Reflections on the Great American Crisis*, 2020.



## Looking toward the 2021-22 Campaign Year:

**I**n September, we look forward to resuming our in-person speaker programs, every second Tuesday at the Capital City Club downtown. The Executive Committee of the Atlanta Civil War Round Table is pleased to present this slate of officers submitted by the Nominating Committee, chaired by Past President John Dietrichs:



Past President John Dietrichs presides at the 671st meeting in March of 2020. This was our last in-person meeting. President Carlton Mullis conducted meetings remotely through the 2020-2021 campaign year.

### Officers:

Mary-Elizabeth Ellard—President  
 Loran Crabtree—First Vice President  
 Bill Dodd—Second Vice President  
 Carlton Mullis—Immediate Past President

### At Large Executive Committee 2nd Year:

Robert Fugate  
 John Miller

### At Large Executive Committee First Year:

John Ottley  
 Sy Goodman

**T**he Executive Committee voted to accept and present this slate at its most recent board meeting on June 22. Members will vote for our new campaign year officers at the annual Blue & Gray Barbecue, August 8. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted. We are excited as this election represents an important step toward our Round Table's return to our traditional format. We all

look forward to a great new year together with a great range of speakers and tours.

An educational institution dedicated to the serious study of the American Civil War, The Atlanta Civil War Round Table is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All donations to ACWRT are tax deductible as provided by the IRS. The 501(c)(3) designation supports our goals to build reserves for a rainy day, to enhance our operating fund, to attract speakers currently beyond our means and to strengthen the Harwell Award.



## *Mill Ruins Mark the End of a Way of Life*

**T**he conflagration was swift that July 9, 1864. Union Major Haviland Tompkins told Henry Lovern, head of the carding room at the New Manchester Mill, that the factory would be burned. His detail of eight men set to work. “Large cans of kerosene were carried to each of the five floors of the building and each was thoroughly saturated. The mill was then torched,” recalled Sherrod Causey, a 17 year-old factory worker who witnessed the dousing of the mill and the fire that followed. <sup>1</sup> With the lint that naturally accumulated in the building from processing cotton fibers and weaving fabric, the mill burned quickly, noted Sarah Kelehear of Sweetwater State Park, the Interpretive Ranger who led our June tour. Mill workers were given 15 minutes to gather all of their belongings as the factory burned. Forty-three men including mill workers, the postmaster, local cobblers and several wounded Confederate soldiers, who were recovering with family in the area, were arrested as “political prisoners.” Another 150 to 200 women and children were captured. All were charged with treason; their factory was producing cloth for the Confederacy. Suddenly, the 25-year presence of powerful new technology at Sweetwater Creek and the way of life it supported was over.



Top: ACWRT members gathered inside the mill ruins for a specially sanctioned State Park tour. (Photo John, Miller)  
Above: Sweetwater Creek’s coursing waters fueled the energy for the New Manchester Mill. (Photo, Bill Dodd)

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<sup>1</sup> Civil War Round Table Guided Tour Sweetwater Creek State Park



**T**hough the New Manchester Mill had a contract with the Confederacy from 1861 until its capture in 1864, the surrounding community was hardly a Confederate stronghold, said Sarah: “Many of the citizens of New Manchester professed Union sympathies.” Though several local families opposed the Confederate cause, a good portion of their sons enlisted in local companies when the war began. Some families severed ties to avoid associating with their Confederate sons while others aided them, sending supplies and financial aid. When local Unionists fled to the surrounding woods to avoid service in the Confederacy, many in the community were supportive and aided them. Local men joined the Confederate Campbell Sharpshooters and the Campbell Salt Spring Guards. Of the those enrolled in the Sharpshooters, nearly a third were killed by the end of the War. Notably, many local men of the Salt Spring Guards were casualties of the Battle of Perryville. Another Confederate company, Alexander’s infantry, formed briefly to defend New Manchester Mill and other mills on Sweetwater Creek.



**Top: Interpretive Ranger Sarah Kelehear led us through parkland to the ruins. Above: Artist’s rendering of the mill before the War. (Photos, Bill Dodd)**

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We were specially sanctioned to enter the ruins within the fenced in area. (Photo Bill Dodd)

### *Mill Ruins Mark the End of a Way of Life* (from Page 9)

**B**y summer of 1864 there were reports of Union forces in the area and of raiding parties even closer. Farms were the first to be raided for their livestock as well as any stored goods or crops they might possess. By July 1, General Sherman ordered the cavalry brigades of Generals Stoneman and McCook to nearby Kennesaw Mountain to oppose General Joseph Johnston's Confederate forces. Union cavalry began moving toward Sweetwater Creek.

**F**actory superintendent **Joshua Welch prepared to save what he could.** He ordered the final finished goods delivered four miles from the mill at Baker's Ferry and left with the company books and cash a week before the arrival of the Federals. He placed Chief Spinner Cicero Tippins in charge with instructions to work the Mill to the "last extremity." The millworkers remained while a detachment of Stoneman's cavalry, led by Colonel Silas Adams advanced to Sweetwater Creek. Adams and his troops entered the factory July 2, stopped production and ordered employees out. Adams then set up headquarters at Maroney's farm nearby on the old Tallapoosa Road.

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At the Ruins, the archway marks the place where a great wheel transformed the movement of flowing water into the energy that fueled the mill. (Photo Bill Dodd)

**A**fter the mill was incinerated on July 9, at least 200 of the mill workers and mill town residents were rounded up at Ferguson's bridge upstream from the factory. The men and women were separated. A number were loaded into oxen-drawn wagons, the rest walked the 16 miles to Marietta beside the wagons. At Marietta they were held at the Georgia Military Institute; from there, the captives were shipped north on trains. They spent hours in dark, stifling boxcars headed to Louisville where they were detained until they signed an oath of allegiance to the United States. Those who did not sign were imprisoned. Those who signed the oath were released but required to remain north of the Ohio River. It was difficult for the displaced to fend for themselves in strange cities without food, money or resources. Many died of disease, starvation and exposure.

**S**ome returned to New Manchester after the war but few of these stayed as their homes and their livelihoods were gone. For a generation, families had lived in the community that formed around the mill, said to be the highest structure of Atlanta's environs. At New Manchester's heyday from 40 to 60 worked in the mill and an approximate 250 lived within a mile of the mill town. The ruins bear witness to the lives that so radically changed with war as does the wonderful small museum in the park Visitor's Center. We left fascinated and awed.

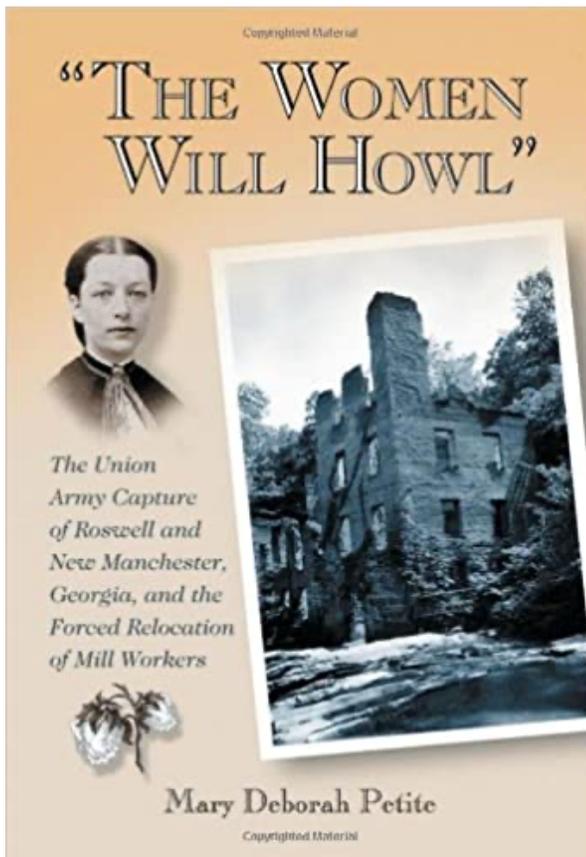


**R**emnants of the grand mill structure, first known as the Sweetwater Manufacturing Company in 1849, bear silent witness to the lives of the people who worked beside roaring Sweetwater Creek. A community supported by a mill town with housing for many of the workers and a company store once thrived where only the ruins of the factory remain. New Manchester was unique for combining industrial and rural life. Many of the workers were from farm families. The ruins, above and right, retain the bricks made on site and charred wood at the juncture of the floors. Photos: Bill Dodd.





**A**bove: Our group at the factory site with Ranger Sarah, third from right. Sarah prepared a marvelous five-page handout with an extensive background dating back to prehistoric times in what is now Douglas County. Her sources are Henderson, R (n.d.) *A Self-Guided Driving Tour of Historic Sites in Douglas County*, Douglas County Historic Commission, Pages 1-5; and Petite, Mary Deborah. *The Women Will Howl: The Union Army Capture of Roswell and New Manchester, Georgia, and the Forced Relocation of Mill Workers*. Jefferson, NC. McFarland Publishing, November 30, 2007. About 400 workers and children were relocated from the combined New Manchester and Roswell Mills. Jerome Hunter and his aunt Nelda Berry were tour members. They are descendants of John Cicero Alexander, one of the “political” prisoners charged with treason and exiled. Photo: Bill Dodd.



## Atlanta Civil War Round Table Tours for Fall

**W**e have two ACWRT tours lined up for the fall. On September 18 Michael Shaffer will lead us on a Kennesaw Mountain walking and driving tour. Then on November 20 Jim Ogden will facilitate our participation in the 158th Anniversary of the Battles for Chattanooga. We are not scheduling any tours for October because the Georgia Battlefields Association will be hosting its tour of middle Georgia "March to the Sea" sites. If you are not already a member of GBA, please join and register for the tour, but step lively because it will quickly fill. Here's the link: <http://www.georgiabattlefields.org/tours.aspx>

**H**ere are the signup details for Mike's Cheatham Hill tour. Look for the registration for the Missionary Ridge/Chattanooga tour later this fall: Saturday September 18 at 10am we will join Michael Shaffer for a tour of the Cheatham Hill battlefield, site of some of the bloodiest fighting for 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 (GPS coordinates 33.9889682, -84.6451876)



The Illinois Monument at Cheatham Hill

We will commence at 10am on September 18 at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park's picnic area on Cheatham Hill Road. Navigating the trail to and from the monument is a relatively moderate workout for folk who regularly walk. It is somewhat hilly and is not paved. We will bring our own picnic lunches to enjoy at the picnic area and we will wrap up around 2pm. And we will proceed rain or shine so please be prepared for inclement weather. We will drive separate vehicles and participants will need to pay the \$5 per car parking fee, which can be paid online. While there will be no fee for this tour, online contributions will support the Georgia Battlefields Association. Contributions are always welcomed at this web address: <http://www.georgiabattlefields.org/donate.aspx>

Additional logistical guidance will be distributed when the registration is complete. While we are limiting registrations, as this fills we encourage others to register in standby slots. We have seen some cancellations and welcome standby registrants to join us as space becomes available.

**John Miller, ACWRT Executive Committee**



Rendering of Peace Column to be topped by a statue of Chief Tomochichi, the indigenous leader who helped found Georgia

## *Rodney Cook Sr. Peace Park Opens on the Westside*

**A** park named for **Rodney Cook Sr.**, 1963-64 Atlanta Civil War Round Table President, officially opened this month in Vine City, a neighborhood in Westside Atlanta. Rodney Sr. was prominent in Atlanta politics, serving over 20 years as an Atlanta city alderman and member of the Georgia House of Representatives. Cook Peace Park is a six-acre neighborhood park



Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms poses with former Atlanta mayor and ambassador Andrew Young at the first monument dedicated at Cook Park, April 21, 2022. (<https://www.facebook.com/RodneyCookSrPark>)

developed from a collaboration of the Atlanta Department of Parks and Recreation, the City of Atlanta Department of Watershed Management, The National Monuments Foundation, The Trust for Public Land and the City of Atlanta. Rodney Cook Jr., head of the National Monuments Foundation, made a personal commitment to his father, who died in 2013, to rebuild a former 19th century Olmstead-designed, Mims-Cook family park as a tribute to Atlanta's Civil Rights leaders. A flood devastated the property and surrounding area in 2002 so development of the park required an environmentally friendly flood control project. Now the green space is anchored by a lovely pond. A monument depicting late Congressman John Lewis by sculptor Gregory Johnson was the first to be installed in the park. It honors Lewis' pivotal role in the Civil Rights Movement, which was heartily supported by Rodney Sr.'s civic leadership in Atlanta. The monument is the first of 18 planned statues to commemorate Georgia leaders in peace. These are proposed to celebrate a 300-year narrative of peacemaking in Georgia.



**KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY**  
CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF THE CIVIL WAR ERA

**6TH ANNUAL COLLECTOR'S SHOWCASE**

**Free Admission  
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**Room 400  
KSU Center  
Sat. Aug. 7, 2021  
9:00 AM-1:00 PM**

**GEORGIA CIVIL WAR COMMISSION**  
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CIVIL WAR HERITAGE  
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## *Live Civil War History Events, Shows Resume*

**It's Summer and most of us have been medically armed against the COVID plague.** This is the perfect time to venture out for live Civil War History Events:

**The Kennesaw State University Center for the Study of the Civil War Era** will host its 6th Annual Collectors Showcase to be held at KSU Center, Room 400 on Saturday August 7 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. KSU Center is located on the Kennesaw State University campus at 3333 Busbee Dr. N.W., Kennesaw, Ga. 30144. Admission is free. Donations are welcome.

**The 43rd Southeastern Civil War and Antique Firearms Show** will be held August 14 and 15 at the Cobb County Civic Center. Hours on Saturday, August 14, are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, August 15, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The show will feature Dug Relics, Guns and Swords, Books, Historic Prints, Metal Detectors, Artillery Items, Currency and Documents. Inquiries may be addressed to NGHRA Attn: Show Chairman/ P.O. Box 503/ Marietta, Ga. 30061 or to terryraymac@hotmail.com. The Cobb Civic Center address is: 548 S. Marietta Parkway, S.E., Marietta, Ga. 30060. There is an \$8 Admission Fee but the show is free to veterans, military personnel and children under 10.