

THE ATLANTA CAMPAIGN

SEPT. 17-21, 2025 BASED IN MARIETTA, GA



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ABOUT US

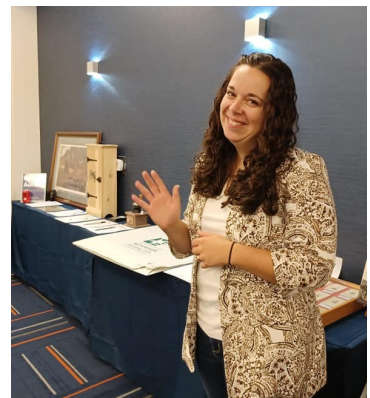
Chambersburg Civil War Seminars & Tours was co-founded in 1988 with Ted Alexander and the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce. We have been hosting Civil War Tours for more than 30 years.

MEET OUR TEAM

Lark Kennedy started with the Chamber in 2013, and Karen Lowry joined our Civil War Seminars team in 2019. We are here to help you have a fantastic tour experiencing our Civil War history. Please remember to fill out the evaluation sheets so we can improve! *Don't forget to stop by the raffle table *wink wink**



Karen Lowry pictured presenting a \$1,466 check to Mifflin Historic House & Farm—funds were raised during one of our conferences!



Lark Kennedy helping with the Silent Auction/Raffles during a Civil War conference.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

CONFERENCE LOCATION:

HAMPTON INN

2136 Kingston CT
Marietta, GA 30067
678-460-1160

All participants responsible for arranging hotel accommodations, which is not included in tour price.

\$154/night double occupancy plus tax. Special pricing for participants based on room availability. When making reservations, mention Civil War Tours.

Booking link:

<https://group.hamptoninn.com/ppua7g>

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Conference based at Hampton Inn at 2136 Kingston CT, Marietta, GA 30067
- Deluxe continental breakfast for Hampton Inn guests each morning.
- Check-In will be in the hotel lobby about 1 hour before the day's activities begin. You only need to check-in once.
- Each participant will receive a packet of tactical maps and a name badge at check-in
- Bus tours will leave from the Hampton Inn parking lot at the specified time.

Wednesday, Sept. 17

- Bus leaves from Hampton Inn
- Lunch provided
- Return by 6 p.m.
- Dinner on your own

8 a.m. - 6 p.m. PART I: Dalton, Resaca, and Cassville: The First Chapter in the Atlanta Campaign, May 7-19, 1864 Bus Tour led by Bob Jenkins

Sites to visit:

- Mill Creek Gap Battlefield Park

- Tunnel Hill—museum, Western & Atlantic Railroad Tunnel, Clisby Austin House
- Rocky Face Ridge Battlefield Park (America's newest battlefield park)
- Historic Huff House (Johnston's HQ)
- Johnston Statue
- Patrick Cleburne's Proposal
- Dug Gap Mountain Battlefield Park (May 8 Battle Site)
- Snake Creek Gap (May 9)
- Resaca Battlefield Historic Site (May 13-15 Battle)
- Van Den Corput Battery Capture Site (May 15)
- Confederate Cemetery
- Cassville (May 19)

Return to hotel by 6 p.m. Dinner on your own.

Thursday, Sept. 18

- Bus leaves from Hampton Inn
- Lunch included
- Return by 6 p.m.
- Dinner on your own

8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bus Tour led by Bob Jenkins

PART II: New Hope, Pickett's Mill, and Dallas: A New Type of War Emerges - The Hell Hole! (with 175,000 opposing troops), May 25—June 4, 1864

Sites to visit:

- Pickett's Mill Battlefield State Historic Site: (May 27 Battle) *some hiking
- New Hope Church Battlefield site (May 25 battle)

- Battle of Dallas earthworks (May 28 battle)

PART III: Pine Mountain, Kolb's Farm, and Kennesaw: The Campaign Continues!

June 5 - July 2, 1864

Sites to visit:

- Living Hope Church 5th Indiana Battery works — the shot that killed Leonidas Polk
- Pine Mountain (June 14 site of Polk's death)
- Kolb's Farm (June 22 battle)
- Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park (visitor center)

Return to Hotel by 6pm. Dinner on your own.

Friday, Sept. 19

8:30 a.m.—12 p.m. Morning Lectures

- Lectures held at Hampton Inn's Conference Room

Lectures include:

- **Welcome & Overview of Civil War Preservation Project by Karen Lowry**

General Joseph Wheeler and the Army of Tennessee's Cavalry Corps in the Atlanta Campaign by Keith Bohannon

The talk will examine Wheeler's background and the operations of his command from May-September 1864. During much of this time, Wheeler's command guarded the flanks of the army and protected vital railroads from Union cavalry raids. Wheeler's decisive defeat of Union cavalry forces during the McCook-Stoneman Raid is arguably the high point of his career.

Storming Kennesaw—Union Assault Tactics on June 27 by David Powell

The Federal brigade assaults against the Confederate line atop Kennesaw Mountain,

delivered on June 27th, 1864, have long been considered an example of Sherman resorting to outdated column tactics to achieve a breakthrough of the Rebel defenses — which resulted in utter failure. Sherman then returned to flanking, and leveraged the Confederate Army of Tennessee out of their “impregnable” position five days later.

The real assaults were much more nuanced. The tactics were not mandated by Sherman but instead represented a mix of choices by the Union corps, divisional, and brigade commanders involved. Each of the eight brigades involved in the primary assaults were uniquely formed and deployed as each commander struggled to find the best formation for the mandated attack. They were, in effect, forward-looking tactical experiments; not a throwback to outmoded formations of an earlier era.

12 - 1 p.m. Lunch provided at Hampton Inn

1 - 4:30 p.m. Afternoon Lectures at Hampton Inn Conference room

The Battle of Bald Hill by Stewart Bennett

We will examine the battle, its importance to the fighting on July 21, and what became of this important historical landscape.

“A Human Hurricane on Horseback: Black Jack Logan's Atlanta Campaign” by Gary Ecelbarger via Zoom

John Logan is the most significant historical figure of the 19th Century who has escaped the notice of the 20th and 21st Century. His biographer will discuss and analyze six months of Logan's influence during the Atlanta Campaign and the subsequent Presidential election of 1864 to illustrate that he not only ranks among most dominant political generals

in American history, but his battle record as a corps and army commander in one campaign places him in the highest pantheon of the Civil War.

The General in the Jar: Current Military Status of Joseph E. Johnston by Richard McMurry

4:30—7p.m. Dinner on your own

7 p.m. To the Gates of Atlanta, July 1-19, 1864 by Robert Jenkins

To The Gates of Atlanta covers the period from the Confederate victory at Kennesaw Mountain, 27 June 1864, to the eve of the Battle of Peach Tree Creek, 20 July 1864, the first of four major battles for Atlanta which culminated in the Battle of Jonesboro, 31 August and 1 September 1864, and sealed the fate of Atlanta and the Confederacy.

Known as “The Gate City,” Atlanta became central to the War during the long summer of 1864 as the opposing armies slugged it out along the Georgia countryside. For General William Tecumseh Sherman and his blue legions, Atlanta had to be taken. For the Confederate forces, and its Commander in Chief, President Jefferson Davis, the city had to be saved. However, the second principal army of the South’s commander, General Joseph E. Johnston, had given little confidence that he would fight to save Atlanta and turn back the blue horde which threatened to capture the Confederacy’s second principal, and arguably her most important city.

Saturday, Sept. 20

- Bus leaves from Hampton Inn
- Lunch included
- Return by 6 p.m.
- Dinner on your own

8 a.m. to 6 p.m. PART IV: The Battles of Atlanta: Hood takes Command and New Strategy Emerges, July 3 - Aug. 25, 1864, Bus Tour led by Bob Jenkins

Sites to visit:

- Shoupade Park: Chattahoochee River defenses
- Peach Tree Creek (old Bobby Jones Clubhouse—walking tour
- Atlanta History Center
 - ◇ Turning Point, The Atlanta Campaign of 1864 Exhibit (Dubose Gallery) (site of world’s largest Civil War artifacts collection)
 - ◇ The Texas locomotive (famous from the Great Locomotive Chase)
 - ◇ Battle of Atlanta Cyclorama
- Ezra Church (July 28), Westview Cemetery & Mozley Park
- Utoy Creek (August 6-7) - Cascade Springs Nature Preserve

Return to hotel by 6pm. Dinner on your own.

Sunday, Sept. 21

- Bus leaves from Hampton Inn
- Lunch included
- Return by 1 p.m.
- Lunch on your own

8 a.m. to 1 p.m. PART V: Cavalry Operations and Jonesboro: Sherman Closes the Door and Atlanta Falls, Aug. 25—Sept. 2, 1864 Bus Tour led by Bob Jenkins

Sites to visit:

- Nash Farm Battlefield Park (Aug. site of Lovejoy Station/Kilpatrick Raid)
- Battle of Jonesboro (Dept and Confederate Cemetery)

Return to hotel by 1 p.m.

Conference Completion

Thank you for your patronage!

SPEAKERS & GUIDES

Stewart Bennett received his doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Maine. He is the author of *The Battle of Brice's Crossroads* and is a contributing author in Steven Woodworth's *The Chattanooga Campaign* and *The Tennessee Campaign of 1864*.

Keith Bohannon is professor of history at the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, GA. He is the author of numerous published essays and has worked for several U.S. National Parks as a historian and exhibits planner.

Gary Ecelbarger is the award-winning author of seven books on the Civil War era, including *Black Jack Logan*, *The Day Dixie Died: The Battle of Atlanta* and *Three Days in the Shenandoah: Stonewall Jackson at Front Royal and Winchester*, and is coauthor of three others. He has served as a historical consultant for battlefield interpretation in the Shenandoah Valley and has worked for 25 years as a symposium speaker and historical tour guide throughout the country.



Robert D. ("Bob") Jenkins, Sr., is an attorney based in Dalton, GA, where he has practiced general and civil trial law since 1990. A native of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and a graduate of Georgia Southern

University and Mercer University, Bob developed a lifelong passion for Civil War history in his youth. His meticulous research into the Western Theater has uncovered numerous previously unpublished letters, diaries, and accounts, leading to several acclaimed works, including *The Battle of Peach Tree Creek* and *To the Gates of Atlanta*. His latest book, *The Cassville Affairs*, reexamines key events of the Atlanta Campaign.

Richard M. McMurry, a historian who lives and works in Roanoke, VA. He specializes in the history of the Civil War in the West. His books include *John Bell Hood and the War for Southern Independence*.

David A. Powell, a 1983 Virginia Military Institute graduate with a BA in history, is a renowned historian specializing in Civil War battles. He is best known for his six books on the Battle of Chickamauga, including *The Chickamauga Campaign Trilogy* (2016). Powell has also authored works on the New Market and Tullahoma campaigns and *The Impulse of Victory: Ulysses S. Grant at Chattanooga* (2020). Currently, he is working on a five-volume study of the Atlanta Campaign, with the first volume published in July 2024.

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