



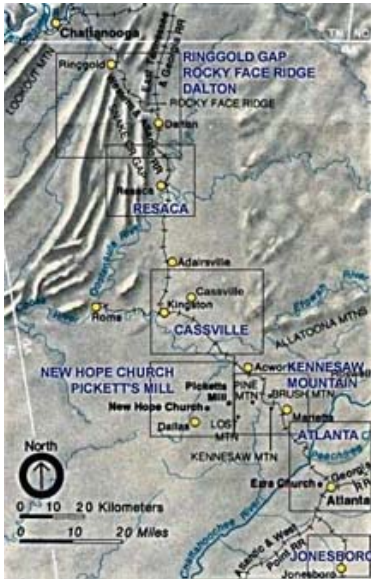
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Battlefields Tour On Track



Our tour of GA's Civil War battlefields is in the final planning stages. Recall from our last issue that we're going to start at the Chickamauga battlefield near Chattanooga and do a "hands-on

history" tour all the way down to Atlanta. We'll get to ATL in time for the regional Org of American Historians Conference. And on Friday night you'll get a chance to meet Kathy Cox (school Supe) and Bill Cranshaw from Waycross, our new state social studies director. We've got a very nice 57 passenger tour bus and this will be a chance to spend some informal time with your compatriots from all over south GA. Remember, the tour is from 7-11 July and spouses are welcome.

Study Material

Those of you making the tour described above will receive study handouts and a full travel agenda when you attend Dr Minor's COMP workshop in June. The handouts will be an abbreviated description of the places we'll travel to and a copy of "Company Aytch" by

Sam Watkins, a vet of the battles who walked the ground you'll get to ride in comfort over. It will help your understanding a great deal if you take some time to read this material before the tour and presentations.

Teaching American History Grant

Dr Walsh and I have just returned from DC where we attended the yearly TAH Directors meeting for grant administrators.



DAR HQ, Conn. Ave

Our grant is alive and well and although it started in Fall 2002 with a 3 year shelf life, we have the funds to extend it another year. So instead of expiration in 2005, the current grant will expire in Sep 2006.

What Are the Other Grants Like?

There are almost 300 grants currently in force in the TAH program, with about 1/3rd expiring every year and another 1/3rd being awarded. Most grants apply to only one or two school districts; our grant is unusual because it covers so many districts and such a large geographic area. In GA, there are grants expiring this year in Dekalb, Chatham and Richmond counties. Cobb/Gwinnett/Henry counties were just awarded a grant and Chatham/Savannah has just gotten another as well. As you can see, we're the only grant around trying to cover rural counties.



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The National WWII Memorial

is about to be dedicated on Memorial Day. Fortunately, it had just opened so I could get a few camera



shots to pass along to you. It's very

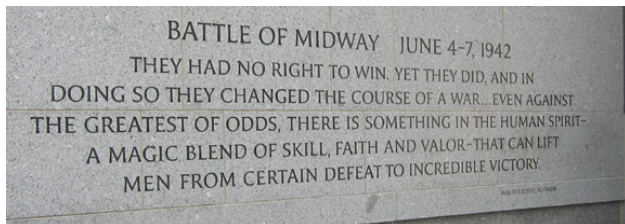


impressive and lies halfway between the Lincoln and Washington monuments, at the eastern edge of the

Reflecting Pool and adjacent to Connecticut Ave. But it was constructed in such a way that the view down the Mall is completely unobstructed.

Teaching WWII

There's a very good downloadable teacher resource book at the WWII Memorial website - <http://www.wwiimemorial.com/> - that will provide just about everything you might need to teach that subject.



And finally.....

The Vietnam Wall isn't too far away and I couldn't leave without saying hello to some old friends. Recently I've been doing class presentations on Vietnam for several of you and I'm always surprised at the level of interest in Vietnam the students show. The picture you see shows two Citadel friends -



Bob Woodhouse (upper left) and Rick Repole (lower right), killed a day apart and on The Wall together. Welcome home, guys.