

## NEWSLETTER - JANUARY, 2007

### **Membership Dues**

Membership Dues for 2007 are now due. For each family unit the dues are \$35.00. Please make the checks payable to "Generals Barton and Stovall Association " and send them to me at 4110 Holly Beach Court, Bremerton, WA 98312. ( The bank's system does not allow the full name of our organization.)

Our oldest member, William P. Griggs, of West Monroe, LA was the first to pay for this year's dues back in November. Thank you to those of you who have already sent your 2007 dues.

### **Ed Bearss Tour**

The Georgia Battlefields organization is conducting a fund raising tour which will be held March 15-18, 2007 and will feature retired Chief Historian of the National Park Service Ed Bearss as tour guide. The cost is \$395 per person not including lodging. For more details contact [www.georgiabattlefields.org](http://www.georgiabattlefields.org) Ed Bearss wrote the three volume series on the Vicksburg Campaign, and many other articles during his career.

I mention this item in our Newsletter because Stovall's brigade fought in the battles that will be toured. The focus will be on the Atlanta Campaign of 1864. Also, many of our members live within driving distance of the tour headquarters.

There are many events, reenactments, books, speakers and present day conflicts regarding the War Between the States. It is impossible and beyond the scope of what we do to stay abreast of all of them. I am trying to highlight those that have some direct bearing on Barton and Stovall's brigade.

### **Friends of Civil War Paulding County**

Friends of Civil War Paulding County, GA, Inc. produces a newsletter. Membership costs \$10.00 per year. Many of you know that elements of the 40th Georgia and 41st Georgia Infantry regiments were raised in Paulding County.

Membership allows free admission to the Pickett's Mill Battlefield Historic Park for the member and one guest. It also allows for free tours, lectures, and /or information about access to tours, lectures, symposiums, books, etc. concerning the Civil War.

Stovall's brigade fought at New Hope Church in May, 1864 and fought along the line near Dallas, which both are in Paulding County. Much of the fighting was daily and in small, deadly fights that did not qualify for a battle name. They were deadly to those involved just the same as a big battle.

If you would like to join or want more information , please contact them at : P.O. Box 861, Hiram, GA 30141.

### **Jeff M. Shaara Quote**

Jeff M. Shaara is the author of *Gods and Generals*, *The Last Full Measure*, *Gone for Soldiers*, *Rise to Rebellion*, *The Glorious Cause* and *To the Last Man*.

He recently wrote, "With every book I have written, the research is the energy behind the story, and the energy behind the research has come from walking in the footsteps of the characters." He has also found, like us, that often the footsteps are difficult to find.

In talking about the battlefields, "If we *erase the ground, the hillsides and valleys, the creek beds and rivers, the trench lines and earthworks, then we lose the spirit of our history. We lose the ability to walk in the footsteps, to see what the world looked like to those people who changed our history. No writer can give that to us with as much poignancy as we will find when we walk the ground and see it for ourselves.*"

That is the essence of what we try to do during each year's Congress. We try to walk the ground and see it for ourselves. We want to walk in the footsteps and see what happened, at least in our mind's eye. I liked what he wrote and wanted to share it with you.

### **Officer and Historian Election**

Officers and Historians serve for a three year term. The current set of officers and historians were elected in August, 2004 and they will leave office on December 31, 2007. The next set will serve from January 1, 2008 until December 31, 2010. It is already time to be thinking about the nominations and elections.

All present and past members of the GBSHHA can : (a) Volunteer to run in the September, 2007 election for any position (b) Be nominated to run by any current or past GBSHHA member and accepting the nomination to stand for that office.

All volunteer candidates and nominated candidates names must be submitted to me by either mail, phone or e-mail at least seven days before Labor Day weekend. All past and current GBSHHA members are eligible to vote by mail or personal attendance at the 6th Congress in Danville, KY. The new GBSHHA Historian Board will assume office on January 1, 2008 and shall serve a three year term.

### **Danville, KY Information**

The Danville-Boyle County Convention and Visitors Bureau has a number of brochures and information concerning lodging in Danville. They can be reached by mail at 304 South Fourth Street, Danville, KY 40422. E-mail is [tourbc@bellsouth.net](mailto:tourbc@bellsouth.net) The website is [www.danvillekentucky.com](http://www.danvillekentucky.com) Phone numbers are : (800) 755-0076 (859)236-7794

### **General Robert E. Lee**

General Robert Edward Lee will have his 200th birthday on January 19. Did you know that one of the things that past President Gerald Ford did was to restore General Lee's citizenship in 1976 ?

In all of your reading over the years you have become aware of his Civil War actions.

He also had a distinguished record at Veracruz, Cerro Gordo, Churubusco, and Chapultepec in the Mexican War. In 1852 he was appointed Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy. He was commissioned as an engineer officer in 1829 and in 1838, when the first known portrait of him was painted, he was still a lieutenant. He was the only cadet to graduate without any demerits during his four years at West Point.

That is all for now. Next report in mid- February.

Mike Griggs  
President