# DRAFT (5-2-17) 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL BARTON AND STOVALL HISTORY/HERITAGE ASSOCIATION CONGRESS

#### VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI

#### **AGENDA**

August 30 – September 2, 2018

Hampton Inn and Suites, 3330 Clay Street, Vicksburg, MS 39183 (601) 636-6100 (Take Exit 4B from I-20. Hotel ¼ mile on left, across from entrance to Vicksburg National Military Park)

#### August 30, 2018 Thursday

Complete travel to Vicksburg, MS

12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM Registration Lobby of Hampton Inn – Vicksburg Meet with other G.B.S.H.H.A. members, new members and guests and receive printed details of upcoming events. Board Meeting 3:00 PM

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Welcome /Mixer/Silent Auction Old members meet new members and guests. Refreshments.

### August 31, 2018 Friday

8:00 AM -10:00 AM Travel by car convoy along South Confederate Avenue to Barton's sector of the Vicksburg defenses. Visit each section defended by 40<sup>th</sup> Georgia, 41<sup>st</sup> Georgia, 42<sup>nd</sup> Georgia, 43<sup>rd</sup> Georgia and 52<sup>nd</sup> Georgia. Hallowed Ground.

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM Return to Hampton Inn for brief rest stop. There are no restrooms along South Confederate Avenue.

10:30 AM – 12 Noon Travel by car convoy to Georgia Memorial Monument off South Confederate Avenue. Accessed via Railroad Redoubt Road in the Military Park.

Noon -1:00 PM Lunch at Cracker Barrel, Exit 4B from I-20.

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Visit Museum at Vicksburg National Military Park Visitor's Center Clay Street (U.S. 80) This is an extensive museum with many exhibits and audio – visual programs to explain the campaign and siege of Vicksburg.

4:00 PM -5:00 PM Visit Balfour House and General Pemberton's Headquarters

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Regimental Historians Session Hampton Inn-Vicksburg Display of pictures, letters, and other artifacts plus new research.

#### September 1, 2018 Saturday

8:00 AM – Noon Travel by car along 17-mile Vicksburg defense line on Union Avenue and then Confederate Avenue. Numerous statues, forts, terrain features to stop and see. Use Park Service Vicksburg Brochure Map to pace your travels. This route will give the Big Picture of the Siege.

Noon – 1:00 PM Lunch at.....

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Travel by car to U.S.S. Cairo Museum located near Vicksburg National Cemetery. The remains of this ironclad gunboat and the artifacts recovered from it and the displays explain the naval aspect of the Vicksburg Campaign.

NOTE: The tours have been designed to be under air conditioning during the heat of the day and outside during the cooler part of the mornings.

7:00 PM to 10:00 PM Banquet dinner and Guest Speaker Awards Door Prizes. Enjoy "No Host" buffet dinner, featuring keynote After Dinner speaker. Dinner will be in a room at Vicksburg Convention Center, 1600 Mulberry Street, Vicksburg.

## September 2, 2018

8:00 AM to 9:00 AM Visit Cedar Hills Cemetery (Confederate Section) and Confederate statue. Place flags and remember the 81 officers and men of Barton's Brigade who died in the Vicksburg Siege from sickness and wounds. Many others lost on the field of battle. Buried here are: 23 men 40<sup>th</sup> Georgia; 7 men 41<sup>st</sup> Georgia; 29 men 42<sup>nd</sup> Georgia; 15 men 43<sup>rd</sup> Georgia and 7 men 52<sup>nd</sup> Georgia.

This concludes the formal GBSHHA 2018 Congress tours.

Travel home safely.

Please plan to attend our Nineteenth Annual Congress in Chattanooga, TN to visit Battles of Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Ringgold and Dalton.

Thank you for your continuing support and interest in the General Barton and Stovall History/Heritage Association which was founded and organized January 1, 2002.

W. Michael Griggs President