The Commission continued the expansion of our educational outreach efforts through attendance at expos where we spoke with attendees about the Commission, our heritage preservation efforts, and how we partner with parents, educators, and the larger community.

We will continue to work with the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker of the House to fill the vacancies on the Commission. We anticipate a fully-staffed Commission as the Georgia General Assembly and State leadership identifies future Commissioners.

Our voice and impact is not impeded by our numbers. We have maintained a presence at the Capitol during the legislative sessions and locally at municipal and county meetings.

The Georgia Civil War Commission has strengthened and built relationships with affiliate heritage preservation organizations, groups, and researchers.

We are grateful for the resources provided by the Georgia taxpayers and are excited about the progress we have made toward our mission as outlined by the Georgia General Assembly.

We invite you to explore our progress over the past year and to learn more about us, visit www.georgiacivilwar.org.

Sincerely,

John Culpepper, Chairman
Kelly Barrow, Vice Chairman
Highlights

- Field Trip Fund monies available to educators
- Annual art & essay contests
- Commissioner appointment & vacancies
- Presence at the Capitol during the legislative session
- Johnston River Line Park renaming in Cobb County
- Battle of Atlanta
Field Trip Fund: 
CT Walker Traditional Magnet School (Augusta)

- The Commission offers up to $250 per K-12 class, school club, and home school funds to assist with field trips to visit Georgia Civil War monuments and sites. A total of $1,000 is set aside.
  - CT Walker Traditional Magnet School in Richmond County is the first recipient of these funds.
  - Over 100 CT Walker School students enjoyed a trip to the Augusta Canal where they learned about Augusta’s role in the Civil War.
  - This is the first field trip for some of the students. The field trip helped solidify their in-class teaching.
  - The class submitted “thank you” notes and a video in response to the gift.
  - Thank you to Ms. Carroll for allowing us to support your educational efforts.
Art Contest

- **Topic:** Georgia’s Locomotive Chase
- **Grades:** K-12
  - Categories: K-2\textsuperscript{nd}, 3-5\textsuperscript{th}, 6-8\textsuperscript{th}, 9-12\textsuperscript{th}
- **Prizes:**
  - $200, $150, $100 prizes in each category
  - Certificate & Georgia State House Resolution
  - On display at Kennesaw State University’s Collectors Showcase & Symposium
  - Featured in the Commission’s 2019 calendar and distributed to Civil War historians, enthusiasts, expo attendees, and the Georgia General Assembly.

D. Armstrong secured first place in the 9th-12th grade category.

C. Rickerson placed 1st in the Kindergarten to 2nd grade category.
Essay Contest

- Topic: What happened to the Women of Roswell and/or New Manchester Mill’s workers during the Civil War

- Winners:
  - 5-6th grade
    - 1st place: Nadia Cerdas
    - 2nd place: Andrew Fleming, Shelby Gwinn, Naomi Thompson
  - 7-8th grade:
    - 1st place: Samuel Klemm
  - 9-12th grade:
    - 1st place: Ashley Klemm
    - 2nd place: David Osborne
    - 3rd place: David King

- Prizes:
  - $250, $200, $150 in each category
  - Certificate & Georgia State House resolution
  - Essays are printed in a booklet & distributed at the Collectors Showcase at Kennesaw State University and throughout the state
Presence at the Capitol

- Chief of Staff Cassie Barrow educated legislators and supported bills to protect military monuments in Georgia. SB77 was signed into law on April 26, 2019 and became effective July 1.
- Each legislator received a copy of our annual report and quarterly newsletter.
Renaming Johnston’s River Line Park

- Located on Discovery Blvd. in Cobb County on over 100 acres
- Named in honor of Confederate General Johnston
- Contains a variety of well-preserved and unique Civil War earthenworks known as shoupades
- Cobb County has the only shoupades in the world
- Listed on the National Register of Historic Places
- Some Cobb County residents want the Park renamed to Mableton Discovery Park
- The Commission crafted a resolution and presented it to the Board of Commissioners keep the name of the park as Johnston’s River Line Park. The video is available on the Commission’s Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/120462404685199/videos/1800853663312723/
- There has been no final resolution.
We spoke to thousands about the Commission’s offerings and how we support their educational efforts at the:

- Southeast Home School Expo
- Georgia Council for the Social Studies
- EPIC (Experience, Participate, Inspire, Connect) Home School Network Expo

- Donated Charged with Treason: Ordeal of 400 mill workers during military operations in Roswell, Georgia 1864-1865 by Michael Hitt to local libraries to fill a resource gap & in honor of essay contest winners
- Purchased the remaining copies of the Crossroads of Conflict books to donate and use as giveaways
We engaged and enhanced relationships with heritage preservation groups and supported research to uncover mysteries about those who lived during the Civil War era.

- Key sponsors of the 17th Annual Symposium and the Collectors Showcase at Kennesaw State University
- Greetings to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic & the Daughters of the Union Veterans National Convention
- Letters to support the preservation of Camp Letterman General Hospital in Gettysburg
- Funding for Brad Quinlan’s research to document all men of African descent that served in Sherman’s army in the Summer/Fall of 1864 & Winter/Spring of 1865 to Include the men of the 136th and 138th United States Colored Troops
- Battle of Atlanta Commemoration Organization (BATL) grant to restore & renovate the Walker and McPherson monuments
## Budget vs. Expenses: 2018-2019

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| **Total**                    | **$35,079.00** | **$30,279.32** | **$4,799.68****

** Reserve funds were used specifically to purchase the Crossroads of Conflict books which is a Commission publication
What’s ahead for 2019-2020

- Website update (www.georgiacivilwar.org)
- Art & Essay contests
- Educational expos
- Field trip funding assistance
- Appointment of additional Commissioners
- Relationship-building & research support
Structure

- 15 Commissioners
  - 9 members (6 vacancies) from across Georgia
- Appointed by:
  - Governor
  - Lt. Governor
  - Speaker of the House
- Chief of Staff
- Quarterly meetings
- $25,000 annual budget appropriated from the Georgia General Assembly
Commissioners

- Kelly Barrow, Vice Chair
- Curt Collier
- John Culpepper, Chair
- Inger Eberhart, Treasurer
- Ken Griffiths
- Karen Ledford
- Hank Segars
- Brian Wills, Ph.D.
- James Yancey, Secretary
- Chief of Staff: Cassie Barrow
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