

Greetings!

SGA's Spring Meeting is almost here. This year the meeting will be on Saturday May 13 in Savannah Georgia. As you all know, May is Archaeology Month in Georgia and the theme of both Archaeology Month and of the Spring Meeting is "*Raised from the Depths: The Archaeology of the Civil War in Georgia.*" The meeting in Savannah will focus on the Civil War in Georgia and will spotlight the recent raising of the CSS Georgia and ongoing preservation work on the Confederate warship. Our Saturday program will include a keynote talk on the C.S.S. Georgia and tours of the Cluskey Embankments, Fort Jackson, and Fort Pulaski. It should be a fun and informative program.

The Spring Meeting

The Spring Meeting in Savannah will have a morning presentation and an afternoon activity. A schedule is included below, but briefly, registration will begin at 7:30 am at the DoubleTree Inn in downtown Savannah where we have reserved a conference room and seating. At 8:00 am we will begin with an abbreviated SGA business meeting. Ms. Julie Morgan will give the keynote talk after the business meeting, the subject of which will be the recent raising and preservation of the C.S.S. Georgia. After the keynote address, the group will take a short walk down Bay Street to the Cluskey Embankments where archaeologist Blake Ayala will give a short talk on the history of the vaults and about recent archaeological investigations there in the heart of historic Savannah. We will have a break for lunch, after which we will meet at Fort Jackson at 1:30 pm for a guided tour. We will then continue on to Fort Pulaski where we will meet for a guided tour of that fort at 3 pm to end our day. Due to the fact that Fort Pulaski closes at 5pm, it is very important to keep to this schedule so that we can enjoy all the events we have scheduled.

SGA 2017 Spring Meeting Schedule

DoubleTree Inn Downtown Savannah. 411 West Bay Street, Savannah, GA 31401, 912-790-7000

7:30 – 8:00 Registration

8:00 – 8:30 SGA Abbreviated Business Meeting

8:30 – 9:30 Keynote Address. USACE Archaeologist Ms. Julie Morgan-Ryan

9:30 – 9:45 Break

9:45 – 10:00 Walk from Double Tree to Cluskey Embankment

10:00 – 11:00 Cluskey Embankments. Mr. Blake Ayala, Archaeologist

- 11:00 – 1:00 Lunch on your own downtown Savannah
- 1:00 – 1:30 Drive to Fort Jackson
- 1:30 – 2:30 We will meet at Fort Jackson for a guided tour.
- 2:30 – 3:00 Drive to Fort Pulaski
- 3:00 – 5:00 We will meet at Fort Pulaski for a guided tour.

Registration

Advance registration is strongly encouraged, but registration at the door on the day of the meeting will be available. Space is limited so we encourage members not to wait as we expect attendance to be high and we may run out of available spots. Realizing that some members may want to attend either the morning or the afternoon, but not both, we have opted to divide the registration so that members can choose to attend one or the other.

Registration for the morning keynote address is \$10.00, with funds going to pay for renting the event space, seating, and audiovisual equipment. In order to cut cost, there will not be coffee or beverages served at the morning session, but water will be available.

Registration for the afternoon tours is \$15.00, with funds going to cover admission, taxes, and gratuity for guided tours of Forts Jackson and Pulaski. In order to cut costs, the organizers decided against renting transportation and opted instead for members to provide their own transportation.

Total registration for all SGA Spring Meeting events is \$25.00. An online registration has been prepared and should be active to register for the meeting (<https://squareup.com/store/the-society-for-georgia-archaeology>). Additionally, we have included a registration form below that you can print, complete, and either return via US Mail to:

SGA Secretary
P.O. Box 80744
Atlanta, GA 30366

or you can scan and e-mail it to the SGA Secretary at lt.9ck1@gmail.com. Registrations must be received no later than May 1, 2017. Pre-registration is strongly preferred as it allows for better planning.

Lodging

Savannah is a very popular destination in May and hotel rates reflect this. The Double Tree Inn has agreed to reserve a block of twenty (20) room as a courtesy for a discounted rate of \$189.00 plus taxes and fees. They are the only hotel in the downtown area that would extend such a courtesy, with all others wanting us to sign a contract. DoubleTree will hold these rooms until 30 days out from the event so we encourage any interested individuals to make their reservations now. Reservations can be made directly by following the link below:

https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/dt/reservation/book.htm?inputModule=HOTEL&ctyhocn=SAVHTDT&spec_plan=CDTSOA&arrival=20170512&departure=20170514&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT

Room reservations may also be made by telephone by calling the hotel directly at 912-790-7000. Please tell them you are interested in a room from the SGA block. The group rate applies to Friday May 12 and Saturday May 13.

For less expensive options, Savannah offers a host of lodging alternatives out of town and budget-minded members are encouraged to explore these choices.

Parking

Parking is expected to be in high demand so members are encouraged to factor in a little extra travel time to account for parking. Do not count on the Double Tree Inn to have available parking. There are several public parking decks very close to the Double Tree Inn and meeting attendees are encouraged to seek these public areas to park. Parking in Savannah is not free so budget accordingly. Free parking will be available at Fort Jackson and Fort Pulaski.

Important Addresses and Phone Numbers

DoubleTree Inn Downtown Savannah

411 West Bay Street
Savannah, GA 31401
912-790-7000

Fort Pulaski

U.S. Highway 80
Savannah, GA 31410
912-786-5787

Fort Jackson

1 Fort Jackson Road
Savannah, GA 31404
912-232-3945



THE SOCIETY FOR GEORGIA ARCHAEOLOGY
Spring Meeting Registration
May 13, 2017 8am – 5pm
DoubleTree Inn Downtown Savannah

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone/E-Mail: _____

<u>Event</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Morning Session \$10.00.....	_____	_____
Afternoon Activity \$15.00.....	_____	_____
Total.....		_____

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