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3 Deep in the Yard - The Pivotal Battle of Jonesboro

Jonesboro, GA - On August, 30, 2014 costumed storyteller, Peter Bonner of Historical and Hysterical Tours, Inc. will be at the Patrick R. Cleburne Confederate Cemetery telling Civil War stories in commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Jonesboro.

Bonner will describe a more personal side of the Battle of Jonesboro through researched stories of people involved and affected by the Civil War. The Battle of Jonesboro, even though small compared to other battles, was pivotal because the Confederate defeat led to the supply rail lines being cut and the fall of Atlanta. The battle waged for two days close to the Warren House, which was the Union Hospital at the time. Soldiers recounted that the fighting continued until bodies were stacked three deep in the yard.

"Our history is about the actions of people and so the stories told will concentrate on the soldiers, North and South, and the population of Jonesboro (200 strong) who had to endure the arrival of over 100,000 in a two-day fight that changed the course of history," explains Bonner. "This is not a glorification of war, but an acknowledgement of the human spirit and all its great and not so great moments." As Peter Bonner says, "this program is free because your ticket was paid for in blood long ago."

The program, "**3 Deep in the Yard - The Pivotal Battle of Jonesboro**" will take place at the Patrick R. Cleburne Confederate Cemetery located at the intersection of McDonough and Johnson streets on August 30th. This free event is being held from 10:00 am until 11:30 am. It is recommended that attendees bring a blanket or lawn chair.

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