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A Southern Heritage and Historical Society



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*Hiram P. Bell*

## OUR NEXT MEETING

Monday, February 24th

At 7:00 PM

Social time starts early around

6:30 PM

Bell Research Center

101 School St. Cumming GA

678-455-7216

Everyone is Welcome! Call for

Directions

## COMMANDER'S TENT

Fellow Compatriots,

The AJC reported on their front page this week that the revised design of the SCV specialty license plate is "inflaming civil rights advocates and renewing a debate on what images should appear on state-issued materials." The new design places the St. Andrew's flag in the background across the entire flag. The SCV's press release about the new tag is at <http://gascv.org/new-georgia-license-plate-celebrates-southern-heritage/>. Ray McBerry, the spokesman for the Georgia Division, is quoted by the newspaper as saying that people have a right to commemorate their heritage, and the state would be discriminating if it had rejected the group's application. Currently North Carolina, Alabama, and Mississippi have SCV specialty tags. The Texas SCV Division is currently suing their motors vehicle agency for refusing their application. I feel that once the dust settles here in Georgia the new tag design will prove popular and will raise a lot of money for the Georgia Division of our heritage organization.

Deo Vindice!

*Cliff Roberts*



## ***UPCOMING EVENTS:***

Feb 24 – February Camp Meeting – Brad Butkovich, author of *The Battle of Pickett's Mill; Along the Dead-Line*, will speak.

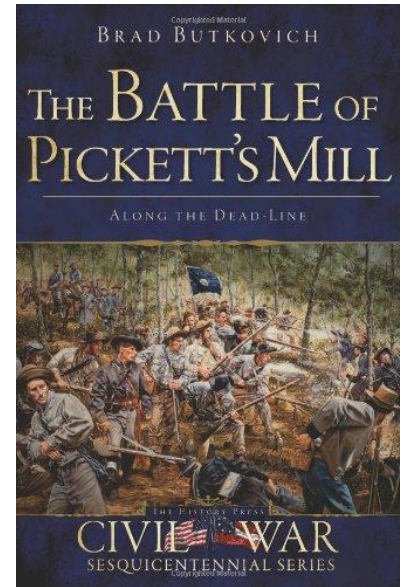
March 24 – March Camp Meeting - Author Mark Lemon tells the story of Capt James L. Lemon, one of only two recipients of the SCV's Confederate Medal of Honor from Georgia. Civil War editor Keith Bohannon calls Marks book *Feed Them the Steel* one of the finest war narratives from a Confederate company-grade officer he has ever read.

April 26 – Col. H.P. Bell UDC Confederate Memorial Day

April 28 – April Camp Meeting – Rick Joslyn will be speaking on the History of the Georgia Military Institute

June 13-14 – 117<sup>th</sup> Georgia Division State Reunion, Columbus Trade Center, Columbus, Georgia

July 16-19 - Sons of Confederate Veterans 119th National Reunion North Charleston, SC. Observing the sesquicentennial of the C.S.S. H.L. Hunley



## ***Camp Hardtack***



At our January meeting, camp officers were installed for 2014. Brad Quinlin was a remarkable speaker and gave us a true appreciation for his work in the Marietta Union and Confederate Cemeteries. I am looking forward to the publishing of his book on Dr. Samuel Stout and Georgia hospitals of the Army of Tennessee.



Frank Clark has completed the entire transcription of the papers of Col. Lovick Pierce Thomas (right). His work includes an index with more than 3,500 names and place names. Frank has also completed an index on the Hightower "Frogtown" 1851 Store Ledger used by store owner Harrison Summerour (1814-1888).



I had the pleasure of participating in the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Re-enactment of the Battle of Olustee near Lake City, Florida. Several SCV members from our camp and other North Georgia camps were in the ranks of Georgia troops. On February 20, 1864, Confederate soldiers turned back a Union thrust through Florida in the state's largest battle. Union General Truman Seymour with a force of approximately 5,000 soldiers, including a large number of U.S. Colored Troops, moved west from Jacksonville in mid-February with the aim of disrupting supplies from Florida to the Confederate armies and returning Florida to the Union in time for the 1864 Presidential election. They were met by a combined force of Florida and Georgia regiments.



The Georgia troops were under the command of General Alfred Colquitt. The Federals were drawn into a narrow pine barren along the Florida, Atlantic, & Gulf Railroad that was located between a natural lake known as Ocean Pond and a dense swamp. The 27<sup>th</sup> Georgia, veterans of the Army of Northern Virginia, broke the battle open with a 4 P.M. charge into the Federal center. The rout was so complete that the Federal division left their dead and wounded on the field. General Colquitt would forever be honored as the “Hero of Olustee.”



What was the most active and successful Southern port for blockade running?

Wilmington, North Carolina



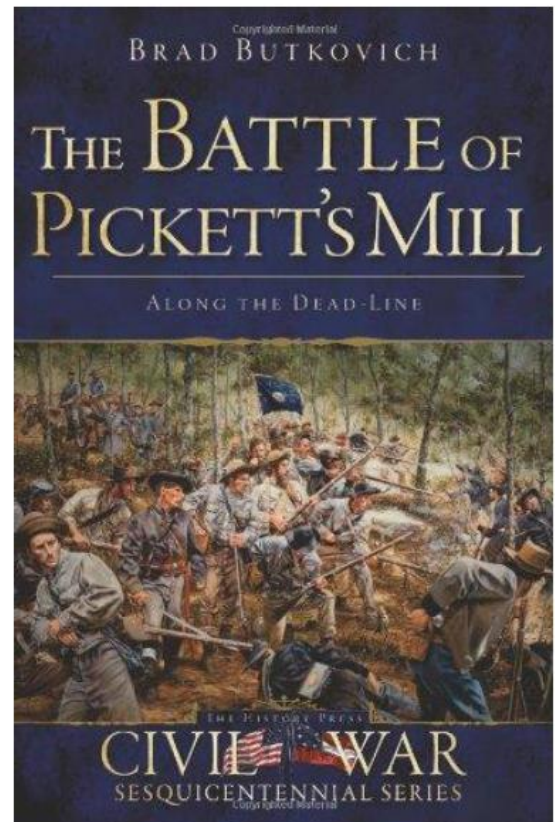


## Camp #1642 Sons of Confederate Veterans continuing series of programs on the Civil War and the South

We are honored to have author  
**Brad Butkovich**  
discuss  
**The Battle of Pickett's Mill**

**Monday, February 24, 2014 at 7:00 PM, at the Bell Research Center,  
101 School Street, Cumming**

On May 27, 1864, Union forces under the command of William Tecumseh Sherman attacked Confederate general Joseph E. Johnston and his men at Pickett's Mill in Paulding County, Georgia. Following his defeat at New Hope Church, Sherman ordered Major General Oliver Howard to attack Johnston's flank, which Sherman believed to be exposed. But the Confederate soldiers were ready. What ensued was a battle that cost 2,100 lives and a defeat that Sherman left completely out of his memoirs.



Brad Butkovich has a Bachelor of Arts in History from Georgia Southern University. A member of the Northeast Georgia Civil War Round Table and the Civil War Trust, he has published several books on American Civil War miniature gaming, and enjoys painting historic miniatures and plastic models. His keen interest in Civil War history, photography, and cartography recently came together in the publication of the website Civil War Virtual Tours, providing detailed views of several battles and engagements. His first full length book, *The Battle of Pickett's Mill: Along the Dead-Line* was published in 2013.