



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

**We are honored to have historian
Rick Joslyn
Speak on
The Cadets of
The Georgia Military Institute**

**Monday, April 28, 2014 at 7:00 PM, at
The Bell Research Center
101 School Street, Cumming**

Founded in 1851, the citizens of Marietta were following the prevailing martial sentiment in providing higher education within a military cadet life-style. The school became 100% funded by the State of Georgia in 1858.

When war came to the campus in 1864, the cadets served with other State Troops in the Atlanta Campaign and Sherman's March to the Sea.



Were the Cadets rich kids, now that War had begun, sent to GMI to avoid the draft? "... those young men, now eighteen years of age, who have taken refuge in the State Military School at Marietta, as a mere pretext to avoid duty."
(Editor, Macon Telegraph)



Was GMI a hotbed to southern militarism? "A nursery of treason established to prepare for the war finally begun against the North." (Indianapolis Daily Journal)

Rick Joslyn has degrees from the Virginia Military Institute and Virginia Tech. He was commissioned in the US Air Force and served as a navigator on C-130 air transport aircraft. He is a soil scientist, and manages his own private consulting firm. And he is a life-long researcher and historian of the War Between the States. He is married to Mauriel Joslyn, an accomplished author of six books on the Civil War. In 1991, they purchased a ca.1821 house in Sparta, which they have slowly been restoring ever since.



In 2008, the Joslyn's were commissioned by the Historical Society to study Sherman's March to the Sea, and Jefferson Davis' Flight, through Washington County. Rick also researched the 1861 Georgia Secession Convention and participated in its recreation in 2011. He is currently preparing a biographical roster of GMI Cadets for future publication. He is President of the Sparta-Hancock County Historical Society, Vice-Commander of the Sparta Post of the America Legion and Past-Commander of Old Capitol Camp, No.688, CSV.