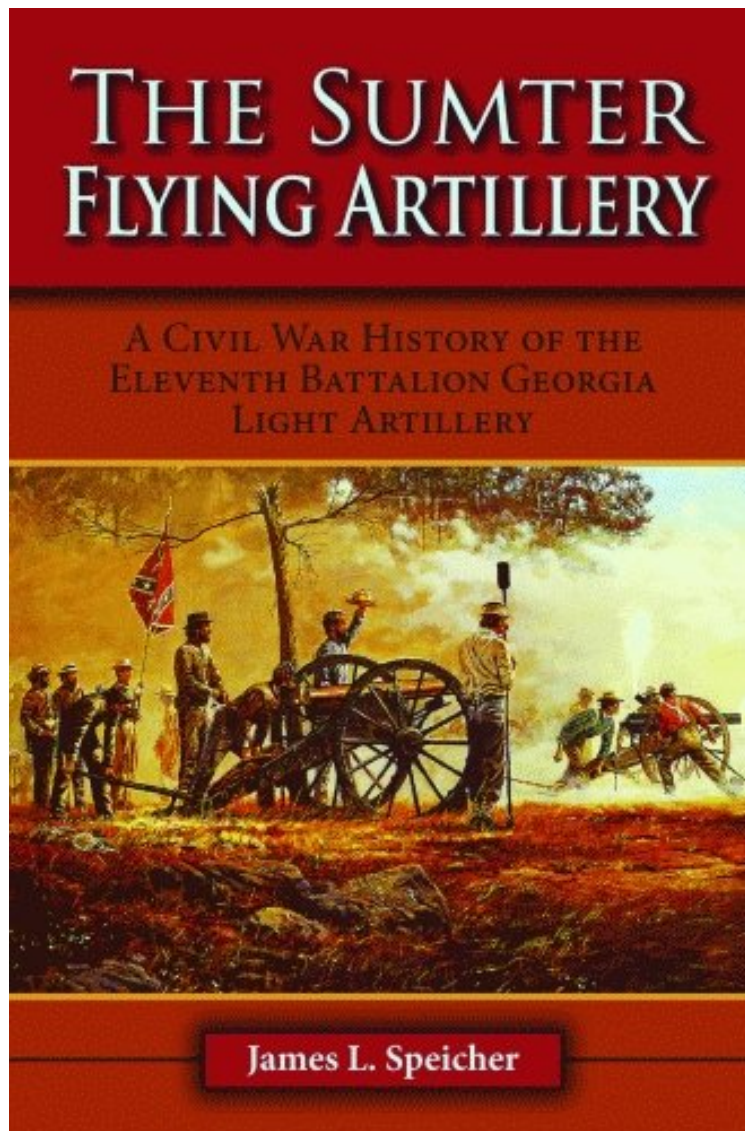


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The past is brought to present when James Speicher examines the lives of the soldiers who bravely fought for the Sumter Flying Artillery Battery during the Civil War. The original unit, which mostly consisted of men from Georgia, began as a single battery, but grew into a five-battery battalion that served under General Robert E. Lee. Speicher's book details the battles that took place from 1861 through 1865, and notes the conditions that the soldiers faced while serving in the Confederate army. Vintage letters, Civil War-era newspaper articles, and personal photographs offer insight into their lives both, on and off, the battlefield.

From the Inside Flap Flap Copy SSP 6/3 Approved by Editorial 7-22-09 Sumter Flying Artillery: A Civil War History of the Eleventh Battalion Georgia Light Artillery [Front Flap] "Not only do you see and feel what the artillerymen experienced in the fury and hell of battle, but you also gain a better appreciation of soldier life off the battlefield. . . . Speicher helps fill a large void in the study of the Army of Northern Virginia's artillery. He is doing honorable service to the Eleventh Battalion Georgia Light Artillery." -Robert Hodge, Emmy-winning producer of The Battle of Franklin: Five Hours in the Valley of Death and other Civil War documentaries Formed in July 1861 as a single battery, the Sumter Flying Artillery grew into a full five-battery battalion of 849 men before becoming the largest battalion in Gen. Robert E. Lee's army. Capt. Allen Sherrod Cutts was the driving force behind the artillery, leading a unit of mostly Georgians in every major campaign orchestrated by Lee during the Civil War. From the first deadly battle at Dranesville in December of 1861 to Fort Gregg and the final days of defeat in April of 1865, author James L. Speicher follows the Confederates through every major skirmish. Making use of dozens of pictures, portraits, and personal letters to loved ones, the book examines each battle and provides a poignant look at the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for freedom from the Union. Brig. Gen. David R. Jones, Pvt. John Vance, and sixteen-year-old Thomas LeGrande Guerry represent three of the more than eight hundred men honored in this history. A consolidated roster from the National Archives lists each officer's name, rank, and enlistment date. Maps of notable battles, such as Gettysburg and Salem Church, pinpoint the position of each battery during combat. Providing a visual reference, Speicher includes a portfolio of the soldiers in uniform as well as images of the men off the battlefield. [Back Flap] James L. Speicher served thirty-one years in the U.S. Army. A former Green Beret, he worked as a deputy professor of military science and mobilization officer for the Army Reserve Personnel Center, where he assembled hundreds of reservists for Operation Desert Storm. In addition to earning a B.A. in history from the Citadel, Speicher obtained his A.A.S. in law enforcement, which led to his becoming a SWAT team member. He has acquired advanced degrees from Wayne University and Webster University and is a certified master scuba diving instructor. Speicher lives in Kansas with his wife. From the Back Cover "The heroism of the men in the Eleventh Battalion Georgia Light Artillery is a story that needs to be told. They typify those who voluntarily left their homes in the North and South and offered their lives to support a cause in which they believed." -Jimmy Carter, former president of the United States "Speicher brings to life not only the battle activities, but also the personal and camp life [of the artillerymen]. It is like stepping back into history. The Sumter Flying Artillery would make an excellent Hollywood movie." -Dr. Donald McLellan, Walden University "James Speicher has done an outstanding job researching and chronicling the history of this unsung battalion of artillery in its service with the principal army of the Confederacy. . . . In addition,

his appendixes prove most useful for those readers who are not familiar with specifics of artillery and those who are interested in the military service of the men in the battalion."-R. W. Hatcher III, historian, Fort Sumter National Monument"Speicher weaves an interesting story while he outlines the unit's action for the duration of the war in a manner that will hold your attention throughout the entire book. . . . The unique photographs and thorough individual war service record briefs make this book valuable as a research tool for personal, school, and public libraries alike."-Ben C. Sewell III, executive director, Sons of Confederate VeteransAbout the AuthorJames L. Speicher is a Pelican Publishing author.