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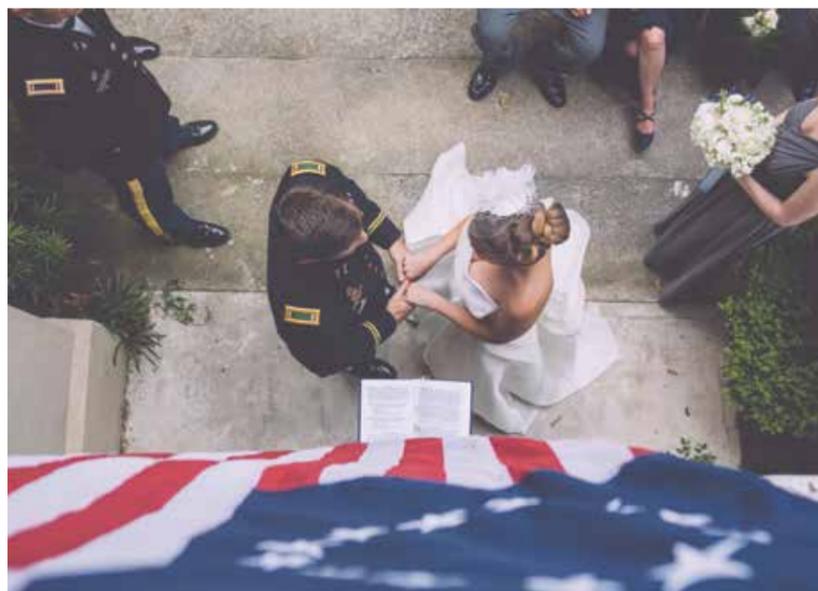
Savannah's military tradition shines as two Army officers wed in a memorable muster at historic Brockington Hall. By Leah Bell | Photography by Mackensy Alexander

"PARTY LIKE IT'S 1776," urged the red, white and blue favors at the Memorial Day weekend wedding of 1st Lts. Jennifer Tedder and Karl Rauch. The playful yet patriotic pair tied the knot outside of Brockington Hall on May 25—just eight months after their Forsyth Park fountain proposal in September 2013.

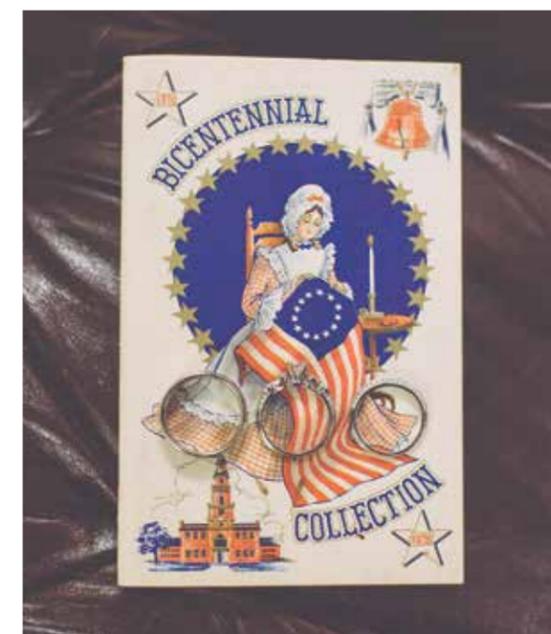
"(The wedding) was very much us," Jennifer says with pride. "We love this country, and wanted to be authentic to ourselves."

A freelance wedding coordinator in her spare time, Jennifer designed the Americana-inspired event—but she also knew firsthand the value of a day-of coordinator. She turned to Alysse Sweeney at Design Studio South to ensure that her big day went as planned.

"I have a sense of humor about weddings," the bride chuckles. "I've been working in the industry for so long on really formal events—what with all of the draping orchids and the sit-down dinners—and I just knew I wanted the more relaxed, cocktail-party vibe, with everyone up and mingling and having a good time."

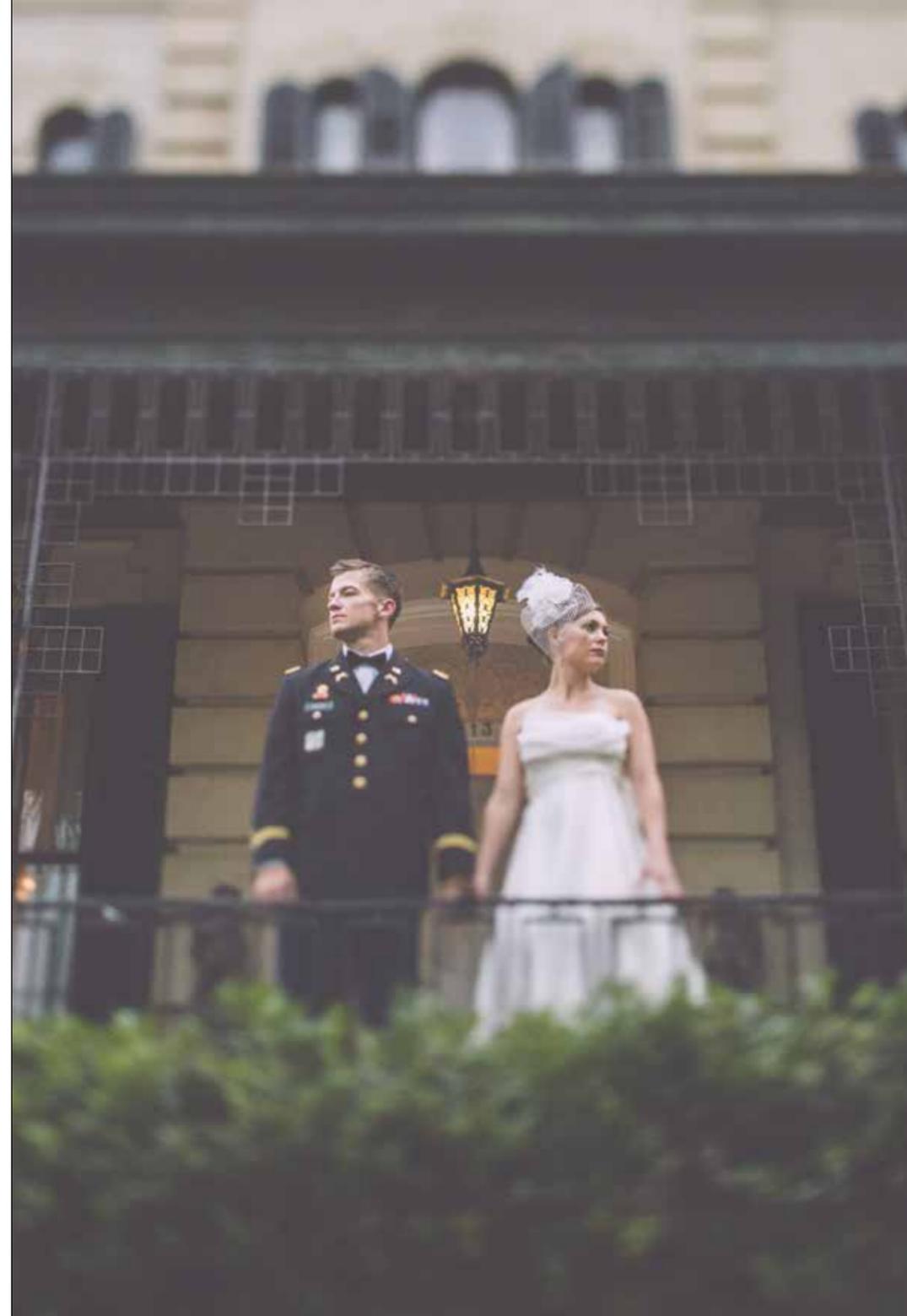
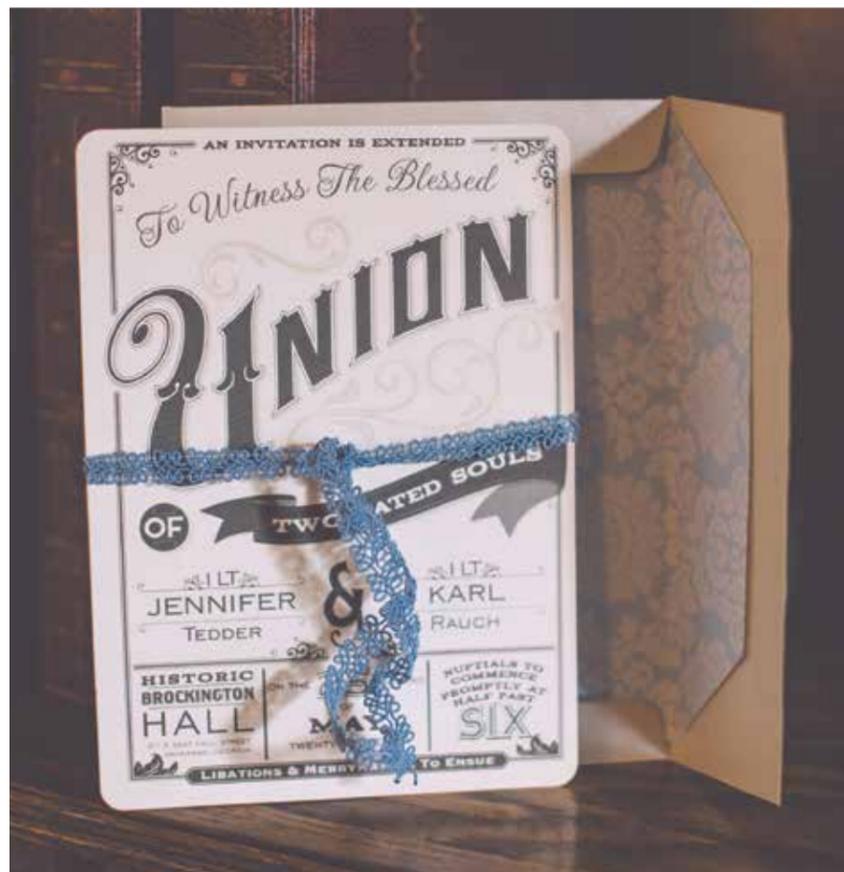


Jennifer & Karl
Season: Summer
Palette: Red, White, Blue and Gray
Planning time: 7 months
Guests: 75
Rehearsal dinner: Vic's on the River
Ceremony and reception: Brockington Hall



Behind the Veil

The big day: Sunday, May 25, 2014
Coordinator: Design Studio South
Dinner: Vic's on the River (Dieter's Den)
Ceremony and reception: Brockington Hall
Officiant: Chaplain Bryan Hensely
Ceremony music: Violinist Chris Dooley
Gown: "Mulberry" by Carol Hannah, from The Sentimentalist in Atlanta
Hair and makeup: Cherry on Top and Dollface by Jules
Bridesmaids' dresses: BHLDN, Jenny Yoo, Amsale, and David's Bridal
Groom/groomsmen's attire: Army service uniforms and Jos. A Bank
Catering: Chef Nick Mueller and Co.
Reception music: All About You Entertainment
Florist: Kato Floral Designs
Cake: Small cutting cake and mini cheesecakes from LuluCakes; Groom's cake from Coldstone Creamery
Photography: Mackensey Alexander, Mackensey Alexander Photography, mackenseyalexander.com



At Ease

This fuss-free bride let her maids choose both their dresses and their bouquets. The gray frocks came from BHLDN, Jenny Yoo, Amsale and David's Bridal designs. Kato Floral Designs fashioned individual white bouquets from the favorite flowers chosen by each attendant.

Color Me Happy

Jennifer's vision of an all-American affair made the planning process easy and fun. "I wanted a theme that carried through without being painfully 'theme-y,'" Jennifer jokes. "I'm tired of burlap, I'm tired of chevron patterns. I just wanted something different."

Sounding Taps

This particular weekend presented a unique challenge to the soldiers, who wanted to host a respectful celebration. "We didn't do anything specific for Memorial Day itself because it's actually a very solemn time to remember the people who have died in the service to their country," Jennifer points out.

Indivisible...

"On our save-the-date, one side has Betsy Ross sewing the flag," says the bride. It was a prelude to the backdrop for the ceremony: the Betsy Ross flag that now hangs in their living room. "On the back, it says, 'Join us as North meets South, Memorial Day Weekend 2014.'" S

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