

RAPIER 2014-THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY

20-22 JUNE 2014

AT THE JACKSONVILLE AIRPORT HOTEL

No Longer the Clarion, But Not Yet the Doubletree By Hilton



The Usual Array Of Raffle Prizes Welcomes The Crowd

This year was the tenth anniversary of the Jacksonville Garrison's RAPIER convention. It began as a "Game Day" at BORDERLANDS Hobby Shop in Jacksonville, and for many years it has been held and the CLARION AIRPORT HOTEL at the Jacksonville International Airport.

At first practically everything was in the large room to the right of the lobby. Then over time the convention picked up the main ball room, the old restaurant area, and lots of meeting space on the 6th Floor and elsewhere. This year a high school 50th Anniversary got the old restaurant. Most of the miniatures went to the main ballroom, FOW took the original wing, and board and RPG rallied to the 6th floor-as well, of course, as SEEKRIEG. And the hotel, now the JACKSONVILLE AIRPORT HOTEL continues to morph into the DOUBLETREE BY HILTON.



Last Year's Board Games In The Restaurant Area



This Year's Largest Board Game Area on the 6th Floor



Down The Hall



And All Over The 6th Floor



Some Of The Board Games Were Colorful And Original





Of Course My Favorites Were The Traditional Historical Minis



And You Can't Get More Traditional Than Column Line And Slaughter



An Epic CLS Game Ran For Most Of RAPIER 2014





A More Modern Napoleonic Epic Featured New Hard Plastic Models



Boyd Bruce's Napoleonic Quickie Rules in 28mm



Modern Ukraine In 3 mm



Pretty Good for 3mm Models



One of Several WWII Air War Games-Battle of Britain



And DB Of One Kind Or Another Continued



Meanwhile The FOW Tournament Was Held In The Original Site



FOW Action At RAPIER 2014



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U.S. Tank Destroyers In Action



British 25pdrs in Action



Time Out For The Saturday Night Raffles



Meanwhile Nick Zizo's Take Off On Roark's Drift Plays Our



Relief Of Roark's Drift



While Upstairs the Board Gamers Played Well Into The Night



Sunday Morning The Games Went On



But It Was Mostly Dark Side Stuff-Including These Guys Who Forgot To Paint Their Toys



Sunday Morning On The 6th Floor

The 10th Anniversary of RAPIER has come and gone. It was a lively convention with enough gamers for the games and games for the gamers. There were events for most facets of the hobby. But attendance was less than it had been, and almost certainly less than we will see next year.

Work continues to prepare the facility to become a “Doubletree by Hilton. Last year there was more space, but a section of the lobby roof collapsed, and room keys were erratic at best. The latter problem persisted, the pool and sauna were dry as a bone. But work was progressing steadily. Next year we should have a sound facility with some of the frills. Probably more expensive-as was the Doubletree by Hilton where SIEGE OF AUGUSTA was held. But worth it.

See you next year for the 11th RAPIER.