

SUNCOAST SKIRMISHES GAME DAY

May 15 2010 At St. Catherine's Episcopal Church in Temple Terrace

Some Tampa Bay area gamers operating as SunCoast Skirmishers have run several Game Days at the University of Tampa in downtown Tampa. The numbers had grown, and they were looking for a more spacious venue. St. Catherine's Episcopal Church seemed to offer ample space, on the premises food service, and convenience of a pleasant location. Temple Terrace is a pleasant residential area with tree shaded streets and calm traffic. It is convenient to I-75, and to someone like me who lives in a Salt Marsh, much less forbidding a drive than something in downtown Tampa. It was the first of these Game Days I had attended.



Under Cover of Darkness, Drop into Normandy. Andy Thrulow's 28mm WWII

Unfortunately the combination of a new and unfamiliar venue, and schedule conflicts for some of the regulars left the Game Day a bit shorthanded. But while some scheduled games were cancelled, others were improvised. When I arrived a bit late for morning set up there were several games in progress. A 28mm WWII game seemed to be going strong. And perhaps the most intriguing action was a return to early Florida with U.S. troops and artillery probing the swamps for Seminoles. I don't know how the game turned out. But to this day the Seminole Tribe remains fiercely independent and clings strongly to its gambling casinos and other tourist traps.

The next Game Day, scheduled for the 21st of August, should pick up attendance. It is an excellent venue, and it isn't downtown.

The Seminole Wars game was attended by, among others, HMGS SOUTH President Marty Schmidt and what I took to be his son. It was a long way from DBA, but he said he tries to get a little variety into his gaming.



The Seminole War Game-Above, Overview, Below Up Close and Personal





My own game was supposed to have been repeated with different rules. But The GM who was to run it with PANZERKORPS couldn't make it. Brihuega wouldn't be fought with PANZERKORPS until HISTORICON 2010.



Russian Bomber Attacks Italian Trenches at Brihuega



This Game was based on the storming of Fort Fisher, which resulted in the capture of Wilmington NC, the last of the Confederacy's Atlantic Ports. I think David Glenn was the Game Master





Although you can't make out the aircraft from here, this was an Air Combat Game. That's Marty up front. A very long way from DBA. Below Pat Mullen's 6mm are small, but up close they are quite visible.



The 6mm ACW Battle was titled Pleasant Hill



Like Pat Mullen's 6mm Gettysburg, This stylish French Colonial Game was a last minute volunteer.



Islamic Terrorists/Freedom Fighters storm positions held by Turcos and what appear to be Foreign Legionnaires in Fatigues. Game presented by Ed Wade