

SIEGE OF AUGUSTA 2010



By Friday evening the gamers were arriving and coming into action

For me, as usual, the convention season got started in January with SIEGE OF AUGUSTA. The Gainesville contingent was recovering from an over active season the year before, but Dr. Dunn joined me from Valdosta State University, and we arrived in late afternoon with the convention in progress. A delayed departure on my part and the need to paint some pikes prevented me from raising a quorum for my Boyne game. But there was plenty of action. We had spread the word in shops and clubs from Southern Virginia to Northern Florida. As usual, several of the most impressive games were from the Jacksonville Garrison.

Next to my booth a "BLACKHAWK DOWN" scenario was set up in advance for the morning. Dwight Jones' Darkest Africa stuff was also in evidence. Bob Moon ran another of his 28mm ACW spectacles which seemed to have Yankees and Confederates emerging from unusual directions in the course of the battle.

I don't have a list of vendors. But they included Rudy Nelson, from whom I acquired (then misplaced) a book on the Turkish Army, Splintered Light Miniatures from Chattanooga (last seen at SOUTHERN FRONT in October), Jeff Kinner of Morningstar, and the Dayton Painting Consortium from far off Ohio. Regular SIEGE dealers, a couple of about my age selling Little Metal Men, regaled me with tales of the old days in the hobby and such legendary figures as Uncle Duke Seifried. I was able to assure them that rumors of his demise were somewhat exaggerated-and that he is preparing a grand finale for HISTORICON this year.



Bob Moon orchestrates another ACW Epic



The ACW Epic Up Close and Personal



Dwight Jones's Darkest Africa



A familiar sight to gamers at RAPIER and points south



By Saturday the crowds were picking up



Next door the tournament room was busy with Warrior, FOW, and more



Crimean Turks-Not something you see every day



Mogadishu off and on through the weekend



Down to the wire on Sunday-Column Line and Slaughter



And a few Pirates for variety

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