DELTA RIFLE'S DISPATCH

March 2013

March Madness the Brierfield Way

The 4th Louisiana "Delta Rifles" participated in the Deep South Skirmish at Brierfield during the weekend of March 15th through the 17th. The weekend's weather was as good as it gets with temperatures in the high 60's and the skies mostly clear. This event was hosted by the 20th Georgia Volunteer Infantry. The turnout for this event was good. Teams from the Deep South Region that participated was the 4th Louisiana Infantry, Forrest Escort, the 3rd Georgia Infantry, the 44th Georgia Infantry, the 37th Georgia, and the 14th Mississippi Infantry, Also in attendance from outside the region was Terry's Texas Rangers.

The team field by the 4th Louisiana's team was composed of Jim Wood, Chuck Garvey, Ron Harbin, John Cox, and Mike Langston. Our team participated and performed well in all team events. By the end of the skirmish, we had taken 2nd place in the Smooth Bore and another 2nd place in the Revolver competitions.

In individual competition events, the Delta rifles were well represented in the final medal count.

John Cox distinguished himself with his revolver skills by winning first place medals in the 25 yd, 50 yd, and revolver aggregate. OUTSTANDING!!!

Chuck Garvey had himself a field day by winning metals in several shooting categories. In the revolver, Chuck took 2nd place in the 25 yd revolver, 3rd place in the 50 yd revolver, and 2nd place in the revolver aggregate. In the smooth bore (SB) musket, Chuck took 2nd place in both the 25 & 50 yd events and 3rd place in the SB aggregate. In carbine individual competition, Chuck got it done by placing 1st in 100 yd and 2nd in the carbine aggregate. With the musket, Chuck again showed his sharp shooting skill by taking 1st place in 50 yd, 3rd at 100 yd, and 1st in the musket aggregate. Finally, Chuck took 1st place in the Grand Aggregate. TRULY AWESOME – GREAT JOB!!!

Jim Wood had himself a good day earning individual metals. Jim took 3rd in the 50 yd carbine and 3rd in the carbine aggregate. Also, he took 3rd place in the Musket/Carbine aggregate

Civil War Trivia and Facts?

1. How much was an enlisted man paid for providing his own horse in the war?
2. *What order did Union Maj. Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock give at Fredericksburg which was believed to save many lives?*
3. *Something happened in 1864 which was the "turning point" for the re-election of President Lincoln. What was it?*
4. *What was so unique about the 39th New York Garibaldi Guard?*
5. *Name the war's most striking victory in consideration of lost resources?*

Answers on the last page

More than three million men fought in the Civil War about 900,000 for the Confederacy and 2.1 million for the Union.

An estimated 300 women disguised themselves as men and fought in the ranks.

More than 620,000 people, or two percent of the population, died in the Civil War.

Approximately 6,000 battles, skirmishes, and engagements were fought during the Civil War.

There were over 2,000 boys who were 14 years-old or younger in the Union ranks. Three hundred were 13 years or less, while there were 200,000 no older than 16 years.

Upcoming SKIRMISHES

Host Team	Location	Date
14th MS	Brierfield, AL	April 26-28, 2013
Spring Nationals	Winchester, VA	May 15-19, 2013
4th TN	Smokey Bottom, TN	JunE 7-9, 2013
3rd GA	Brierfield, AL	August 24-25, 2013
Fall Nationals	Winchester, VA	October 2-6, 2013
Forest Escort	Eva, TN	November 1-3, 2013

Travel Reminder – never too earlier to reserve a hotel if you are planning on participating in June's skirmish at Smokey Bottom, TN.

Trivia Answers: 1. Fifty cents per day, 2 *"Stay off your horses!", 3. The fall of Atlanta? . 4. Its colonel was Hungarian; its Lt. Col. an Italian; its surgeon, German. The ranks were filled with Bavarians, Cossacks, Germans, Algerian Zouaves of the French Foreign Legion and most all had European war experience. 5. The Confederate victory at Sabine Pass, Texas. Capt. Richard W. Dowling, defending with 43 men and six cannon, drove off a Federal force of 15,000 men attempting to land. Capt. Dowling never lost a man!*