

## Deep South Region Skirmish Results



### *14th Mississippi Infantry*

April 23-25, 2021

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They say April showers and that turned out to be true for the third skirmish of the 2021 Deep South Region, hosted by the 14<sup>th</sup> Mississippi. But once again the weather turned out better than the doom and gloom that was forecast the week running up to the event, as we only had to contend with rain during actual shooting during Individuals Saturday morning. Alabama's Covid-19 numbers have plummeted, and as such our Governor's mask order had expired on April 9<sup>th</sup>. That allowed us all to enjoy the unfiltered aroma of black powder for the first time this year!



*Colonel of the 14<sup>th</sup> MS, William E. Baldwin, promoted as Brigadier-General October 4, 1862*

The sky was already overcast on Friday when shooters hurried to the line to get as many Individual entries done as possible before the inevitable rain that was forecast for much of Saturday set in. Fortunately, the weather pushed in earlier than expected, and the sky let go Friday night with heavy rain most of the night. The roof of my old RV sounded like a skirmish line all night long, which didn't make for very good sleeping for me!

By Saturday morning the rain had mostly tapered off, at least long enough for the Can't Miss 'Em revolver match to get squared away.



*Everything looks bigger when the revolver match is at 15 yards!*

Only three teams managed to muster for the early morning Revolver match. When it was all over Forrest's Escort took first place, the 4<sup>th</sup> Louisiana took second, and the 20<sup>th</sup> Georgia came in third. Light rain came back to haunt us again during the remainder of the morning, which made for some soggy targets turned in, but thanks to our nice covered range, spirits were not dampened too much. The 14<sup>th</sup> Mississippi got everyone fed for lunch, and then the skies cleared and it was a perfect, cool spring day – just in time for Team competitions to get started!

The first team event of the weekend was the Carbine match. Five teams came to the line with their cavalry long arms, and when the smoke cleared Forrest's Escort took first place, followed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Georgia, with the 44<sup>th</sup> Georgia taking third place.



*The 3<sup>rd</sup> Georgia (with a 4<sup>th</sup> LA pickup) busy taking second place in the Carbine match.*

With the conclusion of the Carbine match came the Smoothbore match. Five teams slung round balls downrange, including one B team. Forrest's Escort took first place, the 44<sup>th</sup> Georgia took 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Georgia took third place.



*Forrest's Escort B team (left) and the 44<sup>th</sup> GA (right) drawing down on some clay pigeons!*

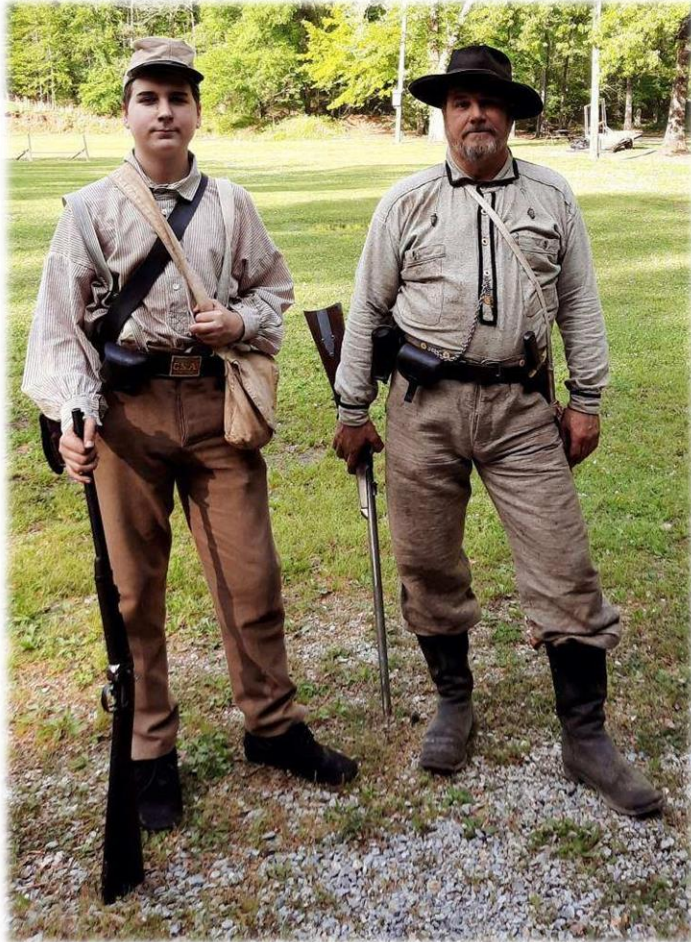


*Forrest's Escort A team turning tiles into dust!*

Sadly, there was no traditional 14<sup>th</sup> Mississippi fish fry Saturday night out of an abundance of caution due to Covid. Hopefully next year we will be back together in fellowship enjoying good eats!

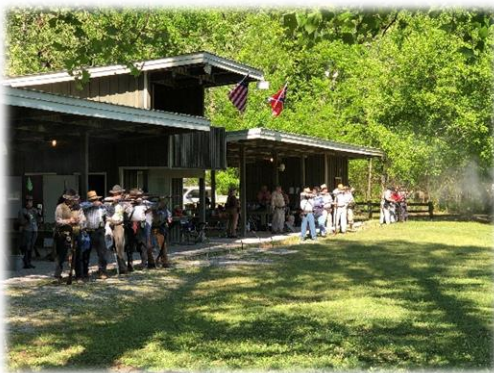
Sunday morning found a picture-perfect spring morning, with cool temperatures and clear skies as teams formed on the 25 yard line for Opening Ceremonies. The anthems were played while troops and colors stood to attention, hats were uncovered for the invocation, and announcements were made to remind folks of next month's skirmish on Memorial Day weekend. Then everyone made ready for the Musket match.





Cody Broome at his first skirmish, age 14 (left). Cody and Roger Hansen (right).

6 Musket teams took to the field. When the weekend's shooting was done, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Georgia took first place, Forrest's Escort took second, and the 44<sup>th</sup> Georgia took third place.



*Musket teams on a perfect spring morning!*



*The 4<sup>th</sup> Louisiana Delta Rifles laying down the musket fire with a flaming first hit by Steve Wells!*

With the Musket Match concluded, teams pitched in with cleaning up the debris, and then packed their gear, said their goodbyes, and headed home, where muskets will be cleaned and sleep until they bark again next month.

The next Deep South Skirmish will be May 28-30 at [Brierfield Ironworks State Park](#), hosted by the 4<sup>th</sup> Tennessee.

## Team Event Results

	Smoothbore	Carbine	Musket	Revolver
1 <sup>st</sup>	Forrest's Escort A	Forrest's Escort A	3 <sup>rd</sup> Georgia	Forrest's Escort
2 <sup>nd</sup>	44 <sup>th</sup> Georgia	3 <sup>rd</sup> Georgia	Forrest's Escort A	4 <sup>th</sup> Louisiana
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Georgia	44 <sup>th</sup> Georgia	44 <sup>th</sup> Georgia	20 <sup>th</sup> Georgia

## Individual Event Results

Revolver	25 Yard		50 Yard		Aggregate	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Bob Peloquin	47	Steve Sheldon	42	Steve Sheldon	82
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lannie Harrison	45X	Bob Peloquin	45	Bob Peloquin	82

Smoothbore	25 Yard		50 Yard		Aggregate	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Steve Sheldon	47X	Steve Sheldon	44X	Steve Sheldon	91XX
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Eddie Lawley	46X	Eddie Lawley	44	Eddie Lawley	90X
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bob Peloquin	46X	Charlie Bondurant	43	Charlie Bondurant	87X

Carbine	50 Yard		100 Yard		Aggregate	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Hal Davis	46XX	Steve Sheldon	45	Michael Maroney	89X
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Michael Maroney	45X	Michael Maroney	44	Rod Harbin	87
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rod Harbin	45	Rod Harbin	42	Steve Sheldon	85

Musket	50 Yard		100 Yard		Aggregate	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Rod Harbin	46XX	Lannie Harrison	43X	Rod Harbin	88XXXX
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Steve Sheldon	44X	Joe Schreck	43	William Noize	86
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Michael Maroney	44	Jim Koch	43	Michael Maroney	86

Musket / Carbine Agg		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Rod Harbin	175XXXX
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Michael Maroney	175X

Breechloader	50 Yard		100 Yard		Aggregate	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Eddie Lawley	42	Eddie Lawley	41	Eddie Lawley	83
2 <sup>nd</sup>	William Noize	41	William Noize	39	William Noize	80

Grand Agg		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Steve Sheldon	251X
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bob Peloquin	244
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lannie Harrison	241XX

Senior Skirmisher: William Noize

Junior Skirmisher: Cody Broome

