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The North-South Skirmish Association held its 147th National Competition May 19-21, 2023 at Fort Shenandoah near Winchester, Virginia. Member units competed in live-fire matches with original or authentic reproduction Civil War period muskets, carbines, breech-loading rifles, revolvers, mortars and cannons. It is the largest Civil War event of its kind.

It was a big weekend for one of the N-SSA's founding units, the Washington Blue Rifles. They won medals in five of the seven small arms team matches. They won the musket team match with a time of 514.9 seconds for the five-event program and 48.5 seconds ahead of the second place team. One hundred fifty-five teams participated in this N-SSA signature competition. The 2nd Maryland Artillery (CSA) triumphed in the carbine team match over 121 other sun-drenched teams. The Nansemond Guards won the smoothbore musket match, defeating 123 other four-member teams. The Iredell Blues bested 63 other teams to win the four-event revolver team match by a whopping 77.6 seconds. The Washington Blue Rifles scored another gold medal in the single shot rifle match, the 1st Maryland Cavalry (CSA) won the Spencer class match and the 2nd Maryland Artillery (CSA) won the breech-loading rifle match. In the artillery competition, the warm spring weather brought out 44 guns to compete. The winners included the 1st Virginia Cavalry in the smoothbore class; the 1st Valley Rangers in the rifled class; Hardaway's Alabama Battery in the howitzer class and the 1st Maryland Cavalry in the rifled howitzer class. The Cockade Rifles was the best of the 49 competitors in the mortar match taking the gold medal by a slim margin of four feet-five inches.

The N-SSA is the country's oldest and largest Civil War shooting sports organization with 3,000 individuals that make up its 200 member units. Each represents a particular unit or regiment and proudly wears the uniform they wore over 160 years ago.

The 148th National Competition is scheduled for October 6-8, 2023 at Fort Shenandoah, just north of Winchester, Virginia. For more information about the N-SSA, contact Public Information Officer, Bruce Miller, at (248) 258-9007 or spartan70@sbcglobal.net or visit our web site at www.n-ssa.org.

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N-SSA Photo by Ericka Hoffman Curley

Two mortars of Hardaway's Alabama Battery fire simultaneously during the Mortar Team Match at the N-SSA 147th National Competition held in May. Forty-nine teams competed in this live-fire match. The 148th National will be held October 6-8, 2023 at the Association's home range, Fort Shenandoah, near Winchester, Virginia. For more information, visit www.n-ssa.org.

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