

This is an after action report on the RCACN Eastern Regional Battleday at Danville November 16-18, 2007

Summery:

This was the 18th Battleday held at Danville, VA.

The Battleday was sponsored and hosted by the following clubs;
East PAC, AGE, HEAT, VAD.

The event officially started on Friday with some historical battles and general battles.

The battles continued Saturday and had additional structured Battles along Axis vs Allied lines plus the competition, and night battles. Saturday morning an award ceremony was held.

Sunday had additional battles along Axis vs Allied lines plus additional competition battles in the morning and some experimental battles held were all tanks were set to light.

This made for fast paced battles and quick turnarounds as batteries were not depleted.

We had a total of 17 active tankers registered at the event.

The following clubs had members in attendance;

AGE

East PAC

HEAT

VAD

Competition battles detailed:

Saturdays Historical Platoon/Team Competition Battles;

Allied Platoons/teams: Stonewall Brigade.

Axis Platoons/teams: Das Reich, Totenkopf, & 506th "Willing".

Round 1.

Allied: Stonewall Brig. versus Axis: Das Reich victor: Das Reich (Axis)

Axis: Totenkopf versus Axis: 506th Willing victor: 506th Willing (Axis)

Round 2.

Axis: Das Reich versus Axis: 506th Willing victor: Das Reich (Axis)

Das Reich and the Axis forces were the winners of the Historical Platoon/Team Competition Battles.

Saturday 2 Grand Historical Competition Battles were held.

1st Grand Battle (6 vs 6):

Allied: (6 AFVs)

4- M26 "Pershing"
1- M4A3E2 "Jumbo"
1- M4 Sherman

versus

Axis: (6 AFVs)
1- King Tiger
3- Tiger I
1- Panther
1- Pz III-L

Victor: Axis forces

2nd Grand Battle (6 vs 6):

Allied: (6 AFVs)
5- M26 "Pershing"
1- M4A3E2 "Jumbo"

versus

Axis: (6 AFVs)
2- King Tiger
3- Tiger I
1- Panther

Victor: Allied forces

Sunday 2 Grand Historical Competition Battles were held.

3rd Grand Battle (5 vs 5):

Allied: (5 AFVs)
4- M26 "Pershing"
1- Panther (Captured, operated under Russian flag)

versus

Axis: (5 AFVs)
3- Tiger I
1- Panther
1- Pz III L

Victor: Axis forces

4th Grand Battle (4 vs 4):

Allied: (4 AFVs)
3- M26 "Pershing"

1- Panther (Captured, operated under Russian flag)

versus

Axis: (4 AFVs)

2- Tiger I

1- Panther

1- Pz III-L

Victor: Axis forces

Note: For those that think you have to have heavy tanks to win, take note of the last Grand Battle. It was an Allied force comprised solely of heavy tanks versus an Axis force comprised with a majority of medium tanks.

Results of the Grand Historical Competition Battles;

Allied Victories: 1

Axis Victories: 3

Awards ceremony detailed:

Allied Awards:

After achieving sufficient victories; Dana Lowell was awarded his 3rd Bronze Star, James Stewart Newman was awarded his 2nd Bronze Star, John Sprouse was awarded his 1st Bronze Star. After participating in sufficient battles; James Stewart Newman was awarded the Assault Badge for 25 battles, Dale Lawson, Scott Hinshaw, & Carolyn Lawson was awarded the basic Assault Badge.

Axis Awards:

After achieving sufficient victories; Michael Davidson & Scott Hinshaw was awarded the Iron Cross 2nd class. After participating in sufficient battles; Mike Gregoris, Doug Gasser, Dick Bernier, & Kevin Rimrodt was awarded the Assault Badge for 50 battles, Michael Davidson, Dana Lowell, Stuart Davis, & Chris Wolf was awarded the basic Assault Badge.

Current top kill status:

Axis:

Mike Gregoris is the current top ace and Axis ace with 72.5 kills (German).

Kevin Rimrodt is the second top Axis ace with 62 kills (German).

Doug Gasser is the third top Axis ace with 61.5 kills (German).

Allied:

Dana Lowell is the current top Allied ace with 36.5 kills (American).

Randy Frank is tied as second top Allied ace with 19 kills (American).

James Stewart Newman is tied as second top Allied ace with 19 kills (American).

AFV roster detailed:

The following is a list of 1/16 scale R/C battle unit capable tanks/AFVs present;

W.W. II, Axis- Qty ~ (22 total)

German: Qty ~ (22 total)

JadgTiger	1
Pz VI-B “King Tiger”	3
Pz VI-E “Tiger I” (Early)	10
Pz VI-E “Tiger I” (Mid)	2
Pz VI-E “Tiger I” (Late)	1
Pz V-G “Panther”	2
Pz III-L	2
(Captured) T-34/76	1 (operated under German colors)

W.W. II, Allied- Qty ~ (11 total)

American: Qty ~ (11 total)

M26 “Pershing”	7
Shermans	
M4A3E2 “Jumbo”	2
M4 (105) HVSS	1
M18 “Hellcat”	1

Russian: Qty~ (0 total)

Post W.W. II- Qty ~ (0 total)

Grand total of AFVs = 33

I would also like to thank all of those that volunteered to be Speakers, Referees, Judges, Event Organizers, Monitors and the Battlefield Committee for all their hard work. The Battledays are a direct result of all the hard volunteer work from all of these people.

Also, I wish to give thanks to Impact for the samples of their products that were displayed.

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