

# Colorado Military Historians

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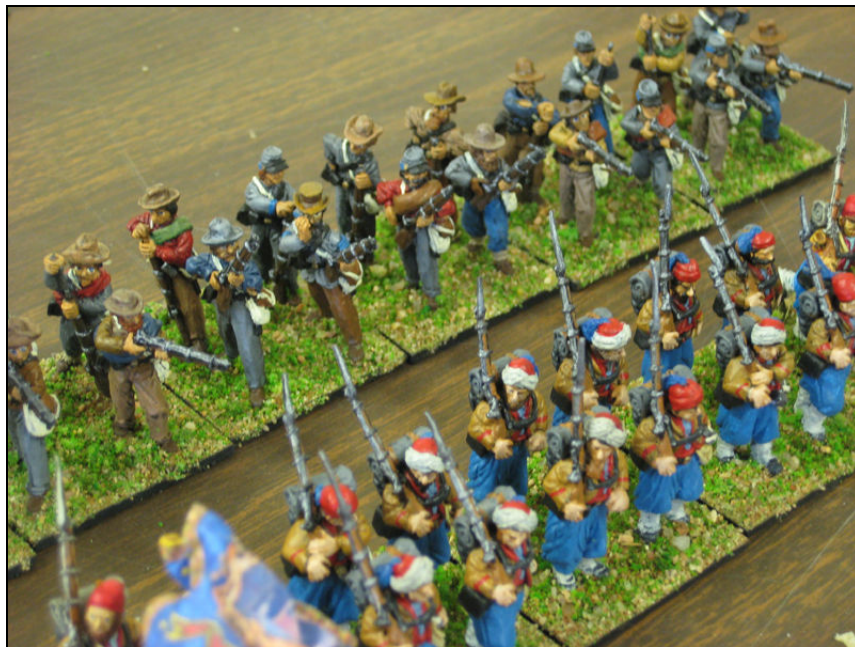
# Club Happenings

*Message from CMH President*

*Binhan Lin*

Now as fall has officially started, the cooler weather has set in and more indoor activities are happening. Make miniature gaming one of those events.

A reminder that the Board has come to the decision that members should be encouraged to pay their dues, and for non-members attending FNF's at Baker, a voluntary donation to help defray the cost of the rental. We will not be requesting donations for Sunday meetings or FNF's at Valhallas. 2011 dues will be collected starting November, with members who are paid in full by January receiving schwag dice.



The historical miniature events at Tacticon were few in number but well attended. We would like to see an increased presence of historical miniatures at future conventions. If you are interested in organizing a CMH effort to host games, please contact me.

Veterans Wars will be November 12-14 and will again be held at Baker Community Center. Contact Dan Gurule ([dagurule@gmail.com](mailto:dagurule@gmail.com)) if you are interested in running games or assisting with the planning or running of the convention. Keep an eye on the newsletter and website for updates on games and events for the weekend. The weekend is free to paid CMH members and \$5 for non-members for the weekend.

I will probably be hosting a terrain workshop at the November meeting – possible features include roads, rivers, and solid forests. Watch next month's newsletter for updated info.

# Alaska and Tacticon

*Message from CMH Secretary*

*Eric Elder*

Happy October! Hope everyone is doing well and still enjoying the warm weather here in Colorado, or if you are somewhere cold and wet, wishing you were in Colorado. I was fortunate to enjoy a few days of sunny days on my honeymoon in Alaska in September for a week. We did have a wet day in Seattle and one in Ketchikan. We did not take in any military related sites, but I did watch part of a video on some of the WWII military history of Skagway while we visited the Skagway museum. We did see the HMCS Calgary that was docked in Seattle. The Canadian frigate was commissioned in 1995.



What can I say about Tacticon 2010? There were a great group of gamers there. Good turn out of players. But, where were all the historical miniature games? There were probably half the number of historical miniature games there normally are. This was surprising, even with Todd pulling out of his games. I guess one benefit was those of us running games enjoyed the high player turn out. This turned out to be too good of thing with my game. Denver Gamers overbooked my game. I had eight people turn up pre-registered for my four player game. That is a new one; I have never had that before. Unfortunately I could not accommodate three of the players. I guess I should not be surprised as Tacticon and Genghis Con have always had issues. I certainly see no improvement and I certainly hope the low turn out of historical miniature games is not indicative of future conventions. I will continue to work on supporting the local convention scene. After the initial confusion with players, it ended being a pretty good game. After playtesting it a couple times with limited appeal, the scenario played out really well at the convention.



# September Monthly Meeting

## Unit of the Month

Sponsored by Attactix



Each month CMH members bring their latest painted figures and models to the meeting to display their latest efforts and compete for Unit of the Month. The owner of the winning unit receives a gift certificate from Attactix in Aurora, Colorado. We thank Attactix for its continued support.

CMH Member	Scale	Manufacturer	Era	Unit
<b>DOUG WILDFONG</b>	28mm	Homemade	Any	Jungle Palm Trees
Jeff Caruso	1/600	Thoroughbred	ACW	Confederate and Union ships
Matt Vigil	15mm		SYW	Prussians
David Newport	15mm	Old Glory	Ancients	Gaul Infantry and Cavalry
Dave Manley	25mm	Redoubt	ACW	5 <sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry
Dave Manley	25mm	Redoubt	ACW	10 <sup>th</sup> New York Infantry

Table: Unit of the Month (**WINNER**)

# Veteran Wars Convention

*Preliminary game list as of September 16*

## Friday

### 7pm - midnight

***Fighting Instructions (Napoleonic Naval Sail)*** Scale: 1/1200

Players: (6 to 8)

Note: I am going to try a "Dice" version of the rules for gunnery

Battle Master: Doug Wildfong

## Saturday

### 8am - noon

***De Bellis Napoleonicis (DBN) 2.1 Tournament - Napoleonic's*** Scale: 15mm

Players: Unlimited (10 Opponents at a time)

Note: DBN 2.1 Tourney Rules/Information will be sent out next week

Battle Master: Dan Gurule

### 1pm – 7pm

***Column Line and Square (Slaughter)*** Napoleonic's Scale: 25mm

Players: (6 to 8)

Note: There will be some "Fog of War" based on weather issues.

Battle Master: Doug Wildfong

### 1pm – 9pm

***Flames of War Tournament (FOW) – WWII*** Scale: 15mm

Players: Unlimited

CMH Entry Fee: \$10

Non CMH Members: \$15

Note: Stan is working with FOW; prizes will be awarded hence the entry Fee.

Battle Master: Stan Stratton

### 2pm – 9pm

***ACW First Bull Run using Metal Men with Minie Balls*** Scale: 15mm

Players: 6

Battle Master: Dave Newport

## Sunday

9am to 1pm

**Vietnam Battle of Dai Do, April 30, 1968. *Cold War Commander* Rules. Scale: 12mm**

Players: (4 to 5)

Battle Master: Eric Elder

1pm to 5pm

***Black Powder* – American Civil War Scale: 25mm**

Players: (Up to 6)

Battle Master: David Manley

**Russian Front 1941 Scale: 15mm**

Can the panzers push through penal battalions, regular infantry, guards, light tanks, and even T-34's to clear the road to Moscow?

Players: 6

Battle Master: Dave Newport



In November of 1919 in honor of the armistice and to celebrate the Allies victory in Europe, a parade made its way through downtown Nashville. The parade included soldiers recently returned from the War as well as veterans of the Civil War and of the Spanish American War. The soldiers in the foreground are Confederate veterans. ([http://nashvillepastandpresent.blogspot.com/2008\\_11\\_01\\_archive.html](http://nashvillepastandpresent.blogspot.com/2008_11_01_archive.html))

# September Monthly Meeting

## Game of the Month

Sponsored by Valhalla's Gaming Center



Each month CMH members host games at the monthly meeting. This award is for the effort put out by the host. The winning host receives a gift certificate from Valhalla's Gaming Center in Wheat Ridge, Colorado. We thank Valhalla's Gaming Center for its support.

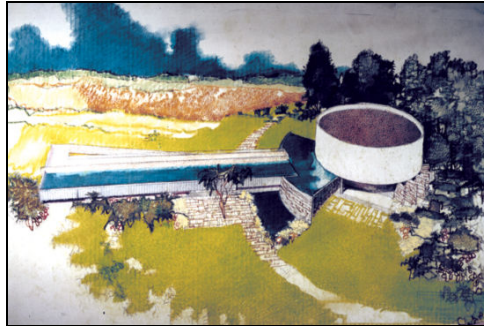
CMH Member	Scale	Rules	Description
Jeff Caruso	1/600	Beer & Pretzels Ironclads	ACW Ironclad – Break the Blockade
<b>DAVE MANLEY</b>	25mm	Black Powder	ACW Skirmish at East Woods, Antietam
Terry Shockey	15mm	Square Bashing v.2	WWI Playtest of new rules

**Table 1 Game of the Month (WINNER)**

# Gettysburg Cyclorama Debate

*Message from CMH Secretary*

*Eric Elder*



It was brought to my attention by Dave Manley that the Civil War Preservation Trust wants to have the Cyclorama removed from the park. The Cyclorama has been closed since 2008 pending a decision to the future of the building. I have not been in the building, and missed seeing it when I visited Gettysburg a couple years ago. It looks like an interesting building designed by Richard Neutra, which served as the visitor center from 1961 to 1972. From 1972 it was known as the Cyclorama Center. There are people who want to preserve the building due to its architectural significance.

I understand both sides of the issue. I have seen many battlefields completely changed by urbanization. I do think the Battle of Gettysburg does invoke more feelings than a 1961 visitor center. I have been shown the importance of historic buildings by my father who was a restoration architect with the Canadian Federal Government, and if a building is of historic significance then we should work to preserve the building.

I guess my philosophy is a visitor center should never be more important than why people are visiting a location. Potentially the building could be moved off the site and rebuilt somewhere else. This has been done with many historic buildings. I guess this even happened with a lot of buildings I recently saw in the town of Skagway, Alaska.

The park is seeking all comments by Oct. 1, 2010.

Written comments may be submitted via mail to:

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via the Internet at [www.nps.gov/gett](http://www.nps.gov/gett)  
by e-mail to [gett\\_superintendent@nps.gov](mailto:gett_superintendent@nps.gov)  
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## CMH September Scheduled Events



This table shows what scheduled CMH events are coming up. Next months Friday Night Fights (FNF) and the monthly meeting (MM) are listed. It is recommended to schedule your game for future meetings and will appear on this page.

Date	Meeting	Location	Start Time	End Time
October 1	FNF	Baker	7:00 pm	midnight
October 8	FNF	Valhallas	7:00 pm	midnight
October 10	MM	Baker	12:00 pm	5:00 pm
October 15	FNF	Baker	7:00 pm	midnight
October 22	FNF	Valhallas	7:00 pm	midnight
October 29	FNF	Valhallas	7:00 pm	midnight

## Photo of the Month



This helicopter is the largest helicopter ever built. It is the Soviet Mil V-12. It was developed in the 1960s. The distance from the edge of one of rotor disk to the other was 220 feet, which is wider than a Boeing 747. Two V-12 prototypes were built, but the design was too big and difficult to maneuver to be practical.

# Colorado Military Historians, Inc.

Colorado Military Historians (CMH) is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote historical wargaming and the study of military history. Founded in 1965, CMH meets monthly on the second Sunday of the month, except in May when the meeting is deferred to the third Sunday. The meeting starts at noon at the Baker Recreation Center, 6751 Irving Street (just a few blocks west of Federal Blvd), Denver, Colorado. The club also hosts gaming every Friday night, called "Friday Night Fights" (FNF) at 7:00 p.m. The first and third Friday of the month, these meetings will be held at the Baker Community Center. The second and fourth Friday of the month, the meetings will be at Valhalla's Gaming Center, 6161 W. 44<sup>th</sup> Ave., Wheatridge, Colorado.



CMH maintains ties with numerous local, regional and national groups to help promote the hobby. CMH is governed by member-elected officers serving on the Board of Directors (executive board). Terms of office are one year, with elections held at the May meeting. New members are accepted after attending three CMH functions and a vote of the membership. Dues are \$50.00 per year, payable in January. Members wishing to receive a snail-mailed newsletter subscription must pay an additional fee of \$15.00 per year. Authors retain ownership of articles and graphics published. CMH reserves the right to edit or reject submissions to the newsletter.

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Half year Adult Membership: \$25.00

(for NEW members who join after June 30)

Family Membership: \$50.00 (one Adult and any number of offspring)

Student Membership: \$20.00 (16 to 22 years old)

Children: free (younger than 16 accompanied by member)

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