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Artistic representation of CMH members in DBA show down.

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Message from CMH President

Dan Gurule

Another month into summer and we have some great events coming up. I do not know about you but these coming months are my favorite to game. Sure you should be outside getting some sun, fresh air and exercise, but there is always time for that between battles right?

Anyway, the first event coming up is Historicon on July 7 – 10. Unfortunately I will not be able to get there this year. This is another event where the darn job just gets in the way. For those of us that have been there, I think it is safe to say that every Wargamer should try to make this once in their lives. It is really a grand event! I look forward to John Mumby's report (with Pictures) on the Con when he returns.

We also have the first annual CMH vs CSGA DBA show down coming up on July 30. We have plenty of "Commanders" ready to invade our Southern neighbors. Please see the Generals article in this issue of the CMH Newsletter. Thanks again General for leading the charge, its going to be a fun event and a new CMH tradition. Bring home the trophy!

Tacticon is coming up September 1-4. Thanks for those that are putting on games. Mike Garland of CSGA has really taken the helm and doing a great job coordinating the events. The miniature schedule has been released (<http://www.denvergamers.org>).

I would also like to bring some attention to Larry Brom's first Colonial Barracks 2011 Convention on November 4 -6 in New Orleans. I have always been a fan of The Sword and the Flame since I was young so I plan on not missing that one.

Look for a special article in the next newsletter that will feature some of our local hobby shops. I plan on making a tour of some shops and interviewing the owners, taking some photos and featuring them in our newsletter. I am already planning on putting on some CMH Demonstration games in order to support our local hobby shops, drum up more Historical gamers and possibly increase our membership. I have more ideas and looking for suggestions from all of you.

And last but not least our CMH Survey is shaping up. We have about a third of our paid members that have completed survey. I hope we can get to a 100%. Let's stay on it! And just a reminder to any new members it is only \$25 to join CMH at this mid-year point. That is all I have, see you next month.

Canada Day

Message by CMH Secretary

Eric Elder



I would like to thank Ed and John for their newsletter submissions. Ed continues to bring us up-to-date on his ACW campaign. I am not too sure how I am on top of the point total. I thought the Union was not great at the beginning of the war. John Brown fills us in on DBA meeting between CMH and CSGA. It sounds like a fun event. Larry is currently researching military radios for an upcoming article.

This year Liz and I are off to visit Ottawa again. We will be there for Canada Day (July 1). Canada became a country in 1867 and every year since then on July 1 Canada celebrates. It should be a fun trip. We get to see family and hopefully it will not be too hot and humid. I do not think I will drag Liz through the war museum, but maybe I can make a stop into the gift shop. Growing up in Ottawa, there are always lots of fun museums to visit. Course, I am biased towards the war and aviation museums.

The Canadian military always has a role in activities on Canada Day. The Changing of the Guard takes place on Parliament Hill that day (See photo of the month on the second last page of this newsletter). The Snowbirds (Canadian Forces Air Demonstration Squadron) fly overhead (like in the above photo). They are the equivalent of the Blue Angles. This year there will be a wreath laying ceremony at the National War Memorial for the 95th anniversary of the Battles of the Somme and Beaumont-Hamel in World War I. There are also two regimental Pipes and Drums bands playing.

Next issue, I will work on reducing the Canadian content.

June Monthly Meeting

Unit of the Month

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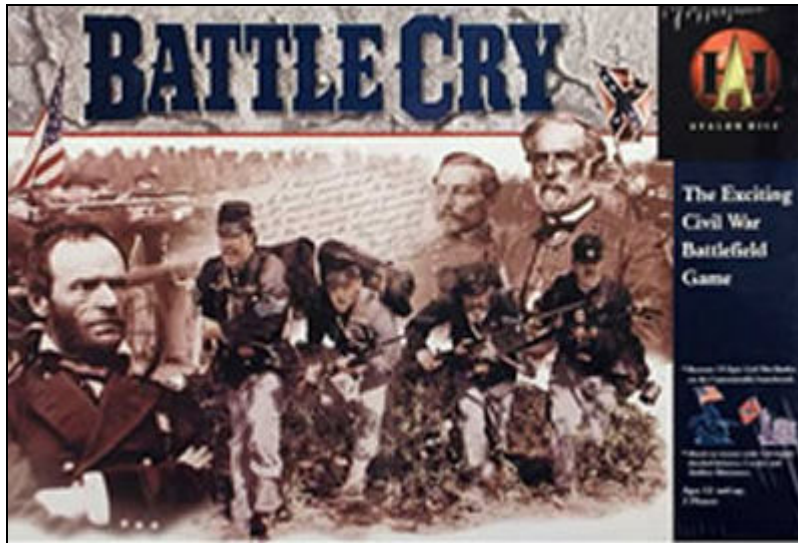


Each month CMH members bring their latest painted figures and models to the meeting to display their latest efforts and compete for Unit of the Month. The owner of the winning unit receives a gift certificate from Attactix in Aurora, Colorado. We thank Attactix for its continued support.

CMH Member	Scale	Manufacturer	Era	Unit
Pat Harvey	15mm	Essex/Minifigs	SYW	Prussian Generals
John Mumby	?	Handmade	Ancients	490 BC Greeks
SCOTT MCKENZIE	28mm	Foundry, etc	Vikings	Viking Warband
John Wharrier	20/28mm	Handmade	Any	Native Buildings

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

Battle Cry Campaign of Tournaments



April Report

The following April Report failed to get in the CMH Newsletter due to CSA raiding party cutting the telegraph lines.

ONCE AGAIN, THE UNION IS VICTORIOUS! On to Richmond !!

Union Forces continue to push the Rebellious South away from victory. It was not the total domination of Round Two but Col. Roger Wohletz (USA) outlasted Col. Jeff Goss (CSA) in a very hotly contested Championship Game. Major Bill Daniel (USA) turned around a mediocre Tournament performance with final Flag to secure a razor-thin win for the Union.

The Confederates stumbled right out of the gate. Major John Mumby (CSA) suffered from laryngitis and failed to inspire his troops with whispered commands and croaking encouragements. Lt. Col. Matt Vigil (CSA) recovered from his First Round loss to finish strong. But it was Col. Jeff Goss (CSA) carried the team (3-0) before seeing the Championship Game slip away.

The Union was inspired by Col. Roger Wohletz (USA) when he arrived just as the First Round started. He had hurried from his pulpit to support the Cause of the Lord with action on the field of battle. He fell victim at Ft. Donelson to Lt. Col. Goss (CSA) but won the re-match in the Championship when it counted. Major Nathan Wohletz (USA)---youngest Field Officer so far to do battle---displayed his innocence being the most courteous and pleasant to his opponents. He did not even say "Darn" after a loss. (Note: He prefers the manly moniker "Nathan" rather than the diminutive: "Nate")

With The Confederacy staggering, it is imperative that a turn-around must come soon.

Tournament Standing: CSA: 0 USA: 3

June Report

The South gains its first Campaign victory! It was a victory upon which the "stars" fell - three Brigadier Generals rose from its glory. Led by Brig. Gen. Larry Irons (CSA), who brilliantly chose a Championship scenario, and then issued the orders to Brig. Gen. Binhan Lin (CSA) who crushed the inexperienced Major Brandon Kabelman (USA). Major Patrick Harvey (CSA), in a losing struggle of his own, contributed the winning Flag for Brig. Gen. Irons' stunning victory! Being the only West Pointer (last in the Class of 1857) on the field, Brig. Gen. Irons (CSA) had resigned as a Captain from The Regular Army: USA, stationed at Ft. Lupton in Colorado Territory, to join his fellow patriots in the struggle for the rights of his beloved South Carolina. The South now has its first HERO! His capable subordinate, Brig. Gen. Lin (CSA), came from Korea via China, the California and Colorado gold fields, to Georgia where he built a lucrative business producing canned, rotten cabbage which he called "Kimchi." Southerners loved it. They said that it finally gave grits some flavor!

Col. Reto Schlthess (USA) came out of the West to replace AWOL Lt. Col. Doug Wildfong (USA). Col. Schlthess (USA) had fled Germany after the 1848 Revolution and joined The Regular Army: USA. With the rank of Captain, he was stationed in the mining districts of Nevada and Colorado but soon resigned his commission to go into business - mining the miners. His 'House of Happiness' made him a very wealthy entrepreneur but his moral outrage against those who would exploit other people's dignity and labor caused him to offer his services again to the USA Army. "In my business, I have a lot of experience working with the likes of Army Officers," he said. "I knew Brig. Gen. Irons (CSA) in our Colorado days from a very professional point of view!" Brig. Gen. Greg Rold (USA) stumbled to his first defeat of the War but convincingly blasted his way through his next three battles. As a Subordinate Commander, even though he carried the Right Wing of the Championship Battle, he could not recover his slow start to make up enough time for a Union victory. "I c-c-c-c-ouldn't g-g-g-et my c-c-c-c-ommands to c-c-c-c-ome out so I j-j-j-j-ust used v-v-v-v-owels!" he stammered. But, Brig. Gen. Rold did get his 'star.'

Tournament Standing: CSA: 1 USA: 4





Officer Ranking

General	State	Points
Brig. Gen. Eric Elder	USA	60
Brig. Gen. Greg Rold	USA	58
Brig. Gen. Larry Irons	CSA	55
Brig. Gen. Jeff Goss	CSA	54
Brig. Gen. Binhlan Lin	CSA	44
Brig. Gen. Jeff Lambert	USA	41
Col. Gary Stribling	CSA	34
Col. Nate Forte	USA	33
Col. Tony Fryer	CSA	29
Lt. Col. Roger Wohlez	USA	27
Lt. Col. Reto Schlthess	USA	26
Lt. Col. Joel Caruso	USA	24
Lt. Col. Matt Vigil	CSA	23
Lt. Col. Doug Wildfong	USA	23
Major John Mumby	CSA	19
Major Bill Daniel	CSA	16
Major Nathan Wohletz	USA	15
Major Lincoln Graves	CSA	12
Major Scott McKenzie	CSA	11
Major John Wharrier	CSA	9
Major Pat Harvey	CSA	8

Respectfully submitted this 4th of June 1861

Tournament Schedule

Monthly Meeting	Scenarios	Date
July	Gaines Mill, VA	June 27, 1862
	Cedar Mountain, VA	Aug 9, 1862
	Second Bull Run, VA	Aug 28, 1862
August	Richmond, KY	Aug 30, 1862
	Ox Hill, VA	Sept 1, 1862
	Antietam, MD	Sept 17, 1862
September	Perryville, KY	Oct 8, 1862
	Prairie Grove, AR	Dec 7, 1862
	Fredericksburg, VA	Dec 13, 1862
October	Murfreesboro, TN	Jan 2, 1863
	Gettysburg, PA	July 1-3, 1863
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November	Chickamauga, GA	Sept 19/20, 1863
	New Market, VA	May 15, 1864
	New Hope Church, GA	May 25, 1864



June 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
Matt Vigil	15mm	Hail Caesar	Rome vs Guals
John Brown	15mm	DBM	Medley
John Wharrier	1:144	Knights Cross	Midway
JOHN MUMBY	10mm	BC Rumble	Fun Ancients

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

Gurule to Lead DBA Foray to Colorado Springs

Chevauchee Slate Solidifying

*Article by CMH Member
General (ret.) John Brown*



In last month's newsletter ("Shockey Sweeps West Wars BBDBA") we mentioned the undue winnings of Colorado Springs players in recent DBA events. Terry Shockey may have won West Wars BBDBA, but the next four places went to Colorado Springs players. Colorado Springs virtually swept Genghis Con. Not one to suffer Springs' smugness supinely, our President (a.k.a. Pharaoh) Dan Gurule strode directly into the very midst of the Colorado Springs Gamers Association (CSGA) and challenged them to a DBA Smack-Down between the two clubs. Reflecting extreme Hubris, a dozen Colorado Springs denizens have accepted the challenge. Happily, a dozen of our own players have risen to the occasion to bring them to justice.

Dan designated John Brown as his Lesser Vizier for DBx Affairs, and directed him to work out details with his CSGA counterpart. This would be Doug Raines, the CSGA ImPotentate of DBx Affairs appointed by their club president Andy Oertig. The place is set as the Falcon Police Station in Colorado Springs, and the time is set as High Noon on 30 July. We are agreed to a core of six events (a

DBA from each of four the books, an open BBDBA doubles scenario, and an historical BBDBA doubles scenario), and further events as necessary to accommodate all who show. All who show will be afforded the opportunity to defend their club's honor in a point-winning match. Scoring will be in accordance with NASAMW usages, with DBA matches counting for 20 points and BBDBA matches for 100.

Our slate is still solidifying, but to this point it looks like this:

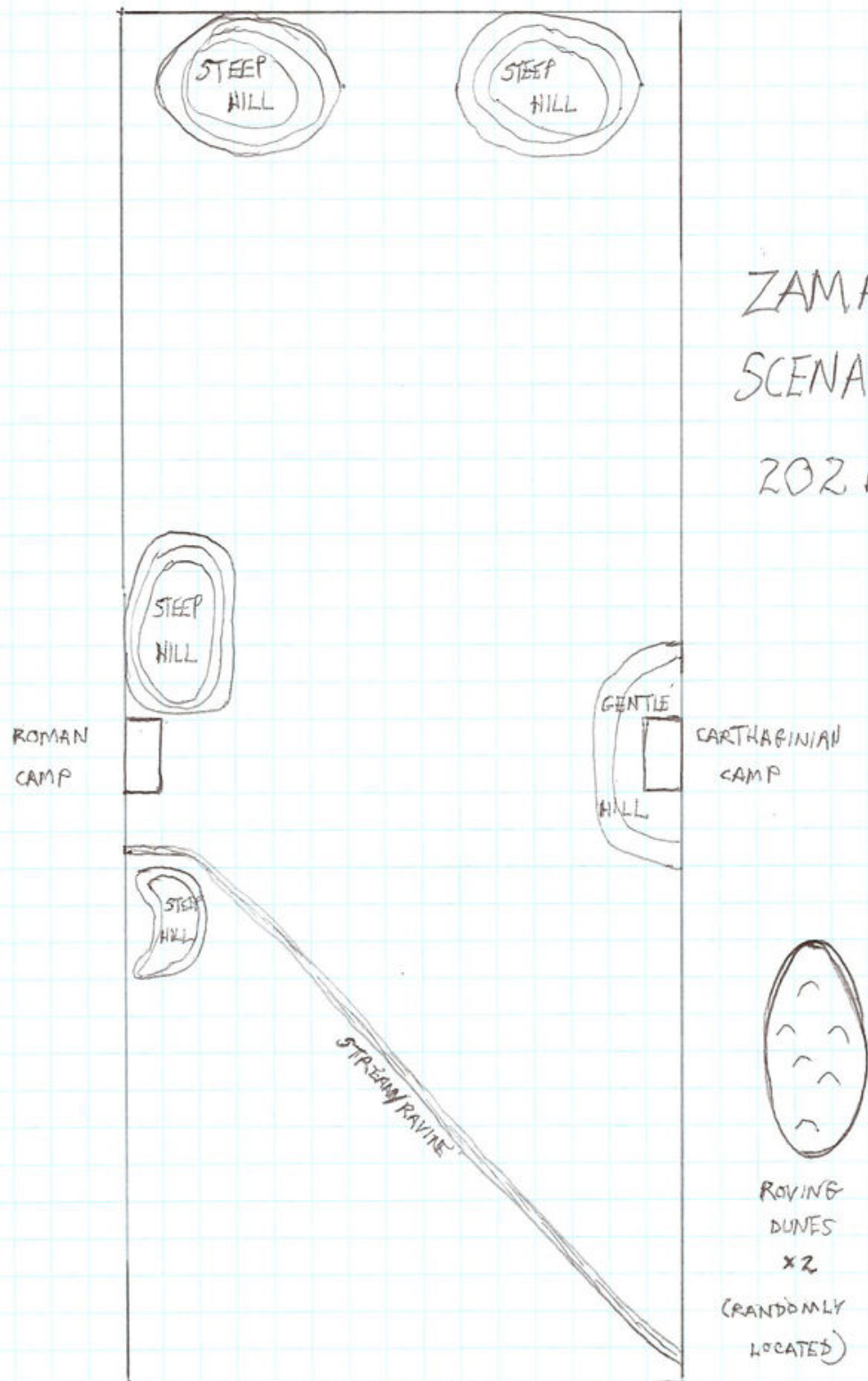
- Event I: DBA Book I two out of three match starring Dan Gurule with a top secret army.
- Event II: DBA Book II two out of three match starring Jim Rairdon with a top secret army.
- Event III: DBA Book III two out of three match starring Pat Harvey with a top secret army.
- Event IV: DBA Book IV two out of three starring Jeff Lambert with a top secret army.
- Event V: Open BBDBA Doubles match starring Terry Shockey and Matt Vigil with a top secret army.
- Event VI: Battle of Zama (202 BC) BBDBA Doubles scenario starring Greg Rold and James Pierce Jr. (TBC) reversing the course of history as Carthaginian commanders.
- Event VII: Battle of the Hydaspes (326 BC) BBDBA Doubles scenario starring Indian Elephantarchs Jeff Goss and John Brown repelling Macedonian invaders.
- Events VIII and up: TBD as necessary.

Top secret armies will be revealed on the day of the event. A deception plan is already underway to mislead CSGA as to our choices. Event VII has already caused a bit of a buzz as CSGA players were cavalierly dismissive of the scenario when it was proposed as a possibility. They smugly asserted the match-up was a sure win for the Macedonians – and that the Macedonians won the historical battle. Serious students of DBA know that the odds are even, and serious students of history know that Alexander exploited his control over PR going west to cover up for a battle that was at best a draw. His troops were certainly eager to leave India quickly after one brush with the Elephantarchs! See Sketch maps for the Zama and Hydaspes scenarios.

Several stalwart CMH volunteers have yet to be placed, depending on their interests and prospective counterparts at CSGA. More are welcome! If you come, you will play! We have a special request for a player willing to play 25mm Medievals (Book IV). The Colorado Springs 25mm enthusiast has enough figures to field both armies, if necessary. There also seems to be no lack of Book II armies in Colorado Springs. A Book II player will inevitably find an adversary. There is still the option of a HOTT (DBA with wizards and orcs, etc.) demonstration game; at the very least it would distract Doug Raines, one of CSGA's more experienced players!

The Chevauchee – The Midsummer Knight's Dream -- is on! Watch this newsletter for further news!



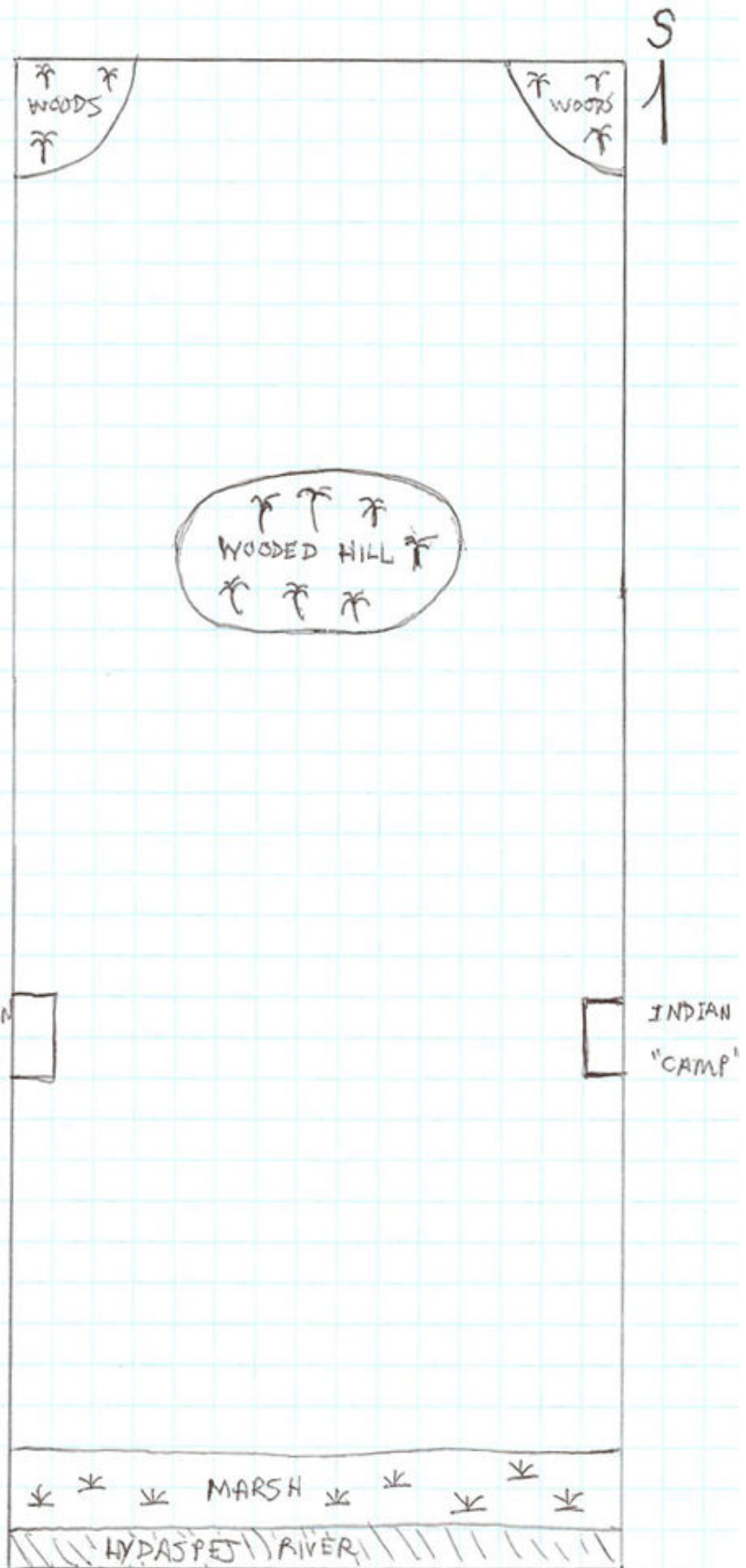


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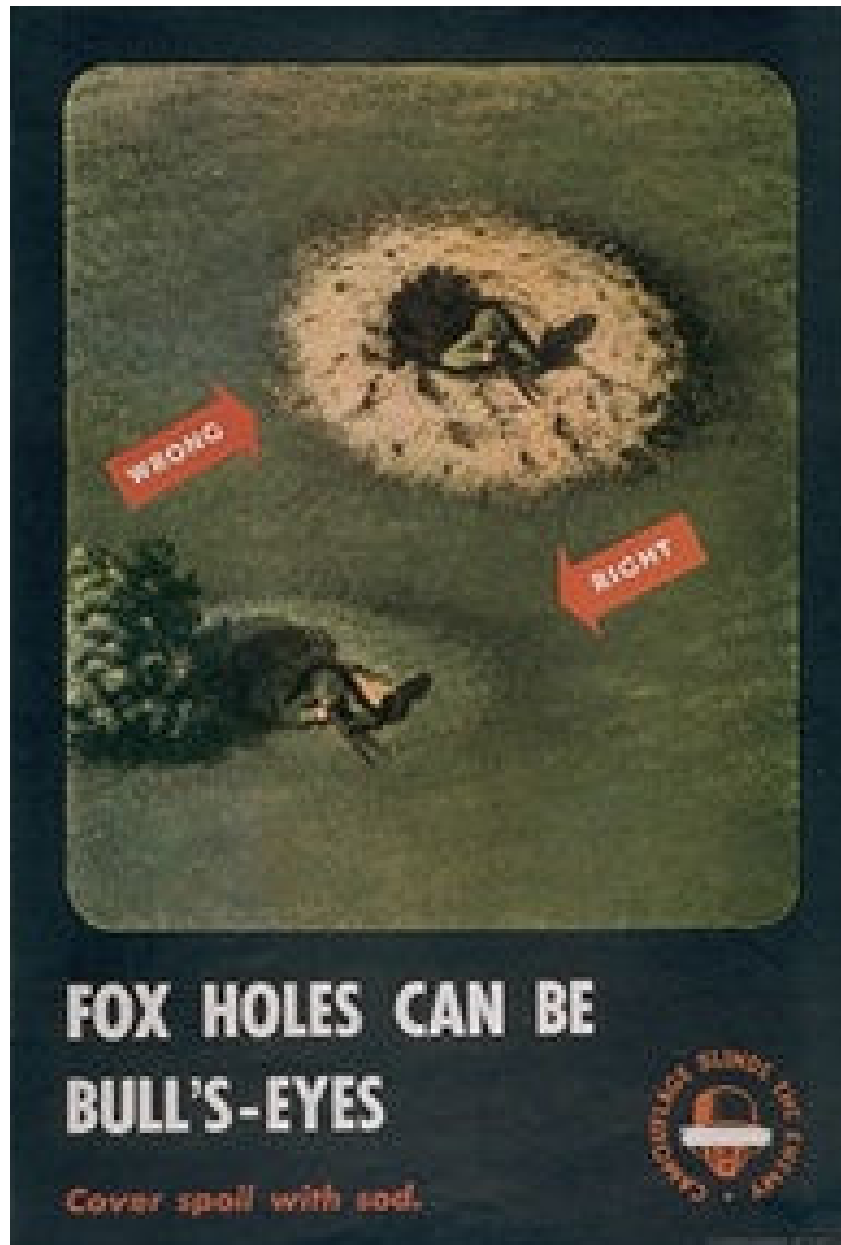
MACEDONIAN
"CAMP"

INDIAN
"CAMP"



Tactical Training Poster of the Month

1943 U.S. Posters from Canadian War Museum Collection



CMH July 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
July 1	FNF	Valhallas	7:00 pm	midnight
July 8	FNF	Baker	7:00 pm	midnight
July 10	MM	Baker	12:00 pm	5:00 pm
July 15	FNF	Baker	7:00 pm	midnight
July 22	FNF	Valhallas	7:00 pm	midnight
July 29	FNF	Valhallas	7:00 pm	midnight
July 30	DBA	Co. Springs	12:00pm	

Photo of the Month



This picture shows the Center Block of the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa, Canada. The Ceremonial Guard on the lawn is performing the Changing of the Guard. This ceremony takes place daily between June and August every year.

Web Link:

<http://www.army.forces.gc.ca/land-terre/cg-gc/guard-garde-eng.asp>

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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. 44th Ave., Wheatridge, Colorado.



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