

# Colorado Military Historians

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# Club Happenings

*Message from CMH President*

*Dan Gurule*

I was able to host my first offsite CMH board meeting this last weekend. We had a very good discussion about our club issues. The issues on the table were; preparation for Veteran Wars, using Vet Wars for a membership drive, should we do something different with using Baker for Friday night fights, member sponsorship (donations), and other ways to increase membership and offset our financial issues. Details around those issues will be presented at the next club meeting.



So far we have 18 members that have reply to our survey. I will be handing out paper copies at the next meeting in an attempt to improve on that number. We have some very important issues under discussion and your input is important to us. If you have not received an email or lost the email providing you the link, please let Eric or myself know and we will set you up.

And last but not least the first CSGA/CMH DBA competition has been completed. I will leave the results and the details to our DBx Division commander. Thanks to all of the road team that went down for this great event.

# **Wargame Man Cave Setup**

*Message by CMH Secretary*

*Eric Elder*

I would like to thank Ed, John Brown and John Mumby for their newsletter submissions. Ed's ACW campaign continues to charge on. There are only four more sessions to go for the campaign. John Brown describes the DBA foray to Colorado Springs. It looked like a good afternoon was had by all. Most of the photos in this newsletter are from the event. John Mumby gives us his impressions of his visit to Historicon this year. Thanks to all who provided photos.

As Dan mentioned we had our CMH Board meeting last month. We covered the usual topics and continue to need to solve the deficit issue and increase our membership. We are currently at only 32 paid members. We have been in the 40s the last couple years. A motion was put forward that would offer amnesty to those members who have not paid yet this year from paying the full membership dues. Dues would only be \$25.00 for those members. We understand some are having financial difficulties. This would apply only for 2011. The motion was passed. The Board continues to look for more fundraising ideas and volunteers to help in raising club funds beyond just membership dues. Also, any members that wish to sponsor other members dues are welcome to do so. We also may do a 2012 membership drive at Veterans Wars. Details of Veterans Wars in November still have to be worked out.

My wife and I continue to move from our Littleton rental townhouse to our new house in Highlands Ranch. We are both looking forward to living there. We are getting more space and I am actually getting the basement...my Man Cave. Having seen a number of different wargaming Man Caves, I am still working on figuring out how to layout the space. I do not have to have the perfect layout yet, but I think there are some simple guidelines to follow. The walls must be covered in shelves or military art work. A painting area must be setup. A desk with computer must be close by. A table or two setup for wargame testing and actual hosted games with chairs for all the players. File cabinet for folders of past scenarios. Did I mention book shelves for all the military books? I am not sure if the lighting will be good in the basement, but will not know until everything is setup. Also, a bathroom nearby is helpful. Players do not want to miss much of the action. I have seen some impressive wargame Man Caves. An example is a custom wargame table with built in dice towers. I doubt I will ever have a table with built in dice towers, but wow, talk about cool. First, I will be happy just to fit everything into the space and have everything nearby not all over the house.

# July Monthly Meeting

## Unit of the Month

Sponsored by Attactix



CMH Militia (left to right): Larry Irons, John Wharrier, Ed Meyers

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
Jim Rairdon	15mm	-	Ancient	Mongols
Scott McKenzie	25/28mm	-	ACW	Sharpshooters
Terry Shockey	15mm	-	Ancient	Medieval German Gen.
<b>GREG SKELLY</b>	25mm	-	Modern	CMH Militia

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



## Battle Cry Campaign of Tournaments



The Confederacy pulled off their second victory in the closest Campaign yet, 12 to 11! It was the "Battle of the 'boy-generals.'" In a most unusual setting, a father/son connection was represented on both sides: Lt. Col. Scott McKenzie (CSA)/Lt. Col. Colin McKenzie (CSA) and Maj. Gen. Roger Wohletz (USA)/Col. Nathan Wohletz (USA). Both boys are only 10 years old! Lt. Col. Colin McKenzie (CSA) won the Championship by defeating the highest ranking general in the War: Maj. Gen. Roger Wohletz (USA). Lt. Col. John Wharrier (CSA), stepping in for AWOL Maj. Lincoln Graves (CSA) and roared into Col. Doug Wildfong (USA) with complete abandonment, in the Championship Game, to build the foundation for victory. Even Colin's inept father (he has yet to win a single game!) contributed just enough for the victory. "Dad is just too nice of a player," said young Colin. "He's always helping the other guy. He just can't pass up a good move, even if it's not his own."

The Union was no beaten so much as they just ran out of time. Losing commander Maj. Gen. Roger Wohletz (USA), retreating into his theology, summed up the loss by quoting Scripture: "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the Name of the LORD!"

The 14 August Campaign is shaping up as a most unique one. The South will have a true veteran general, aptly named, John Brown (ret., US Army) and the North will have all Majors who have not yet ----"seen the Elephant!"

C S A  
Major John Brown  
Colonel Tony Fryer  
Major John Mumby

U S A  
Major Dan Gurule  
Major Stan Stratten  
Major Jon Zahourek

Tournament Standing:      CSA: 2      USA: 4

Respectfully submitted this 25th of July 1861

### Officer Ranking

General	State	Points
Maj. Gen. Roger Wohlez	USA	61
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. Nathan Wohletz	USA	37
Col. Doug Wildfong	USA	36
Col. Gary Stribling	CSA	34
Col. Nate Forte	USA	33
Col. Tony Fryer	CSA	29
Lt. Col. Reto Schlthess	USA	26
Lt. Col. Joel Caruso	USA	24
Lt. Col. Colin McKenzie	CSA	24
Lt. Col. Scott McKenzie	CSA	23
Lt. Col. Matt Vigil	CSA	23
Lt. Col. John Wharrier	CSA	21
Major John Mumby	CSA	19
Major Bill Daniel	CSA	16
Brandon Kabelman	USA	13
Major Lincoln Graves	CSA	12
Major Pat Harvey	CSA	8

### Tournament Schedule

Monthly Meeting	Scenarios	Date
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

# July 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
Ed Meyer	20mm	Battle Cry	Civil War Tournament
<b>JOHN BROWN</b>	15mm	DBA	Ancients

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



# **CMH Tops 250 Points in Colorado Springs DBx Foray**

## **Gurule Congratulates Troops on Superb Performance**

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



The long anticipated DBx Smack-Down Challenge Match raged through the Colorado Springs Falcon Police Station starting at High Noon on Saturday, 30 July. Pharaoh Dan Gurule led eleven daring players into the heart of enemy territory, ably supported by Ed Meyers as Score Meister. In four hours of fierce battle the CMH Team accumulated an astonishing 251 points. The only team to score more was the Colorado Springs Gaming Association, which achieved 321.

By event breakdowns were as follows:

1. In the Book I DBA Match, CSGA's Bernie Santucci's Early Macedonians smote CMH's Dan Gurule's New Kingdom Egyptians.
2. In the Book II DBA Match, CSGA's Mike Garland's Pyrrhic Army smote CMH's Jim Rairdon's Macedonians.
3. In the Book III DBA Match, CMH's Pat Harvey's Ghaznavids smote CSGA's Roy Hayes' Burmese. This match went into a nail-biting third round that earned it the Most Exciting Game of the Day Award, a handsome history of the Art of War.
4. In the Book IV DBA Match, CMH's Jeff Lambert's Burgundians smote Rob Scholtz's Medieval Germans.
5. In the Open Doubles BBDBA Match, CSGA's Brent Sustaita's and Dick Fikes' Later Poles smote CMH's Terry Shockey's and Matt Vigil's Medieval Germans.
6. In the Zama Scenario BBDBA Doubles Match, CSGA's Art Hayes' and Mike Adams' Polybian Romans with a Numidian ally smote CMH's Greg Rold's and James Pirc's Later Carthaginians.
7. In the Hydaspes Scenario BBDBA Doubles Match, CMH's Tony Fryer's and John Brown's Classical Indians smote CSGA's Doug Rains' and Dave Kuklin's Alexandrian Imperial Army. However, Kuklin did win the Play of the Day Award – a provocative statuette of Cleopatra superbly painted by Roy Hayes -- for killing two elephants in two turns with a single artillery piece.
8. In the 28mm DBA Multi-Army Match, CMH's Doug Mudd's Burgundians and Trojans smote CSGA's Lamont Anderson's War of the Roses English and Mycenaeans. These gloriously painted armies came in as a closely matched first and second for the Best Presented Army Award, a book on military modeling. Mudd's Trojans and Mycenaeans won by a narrow margin.



In fourteen hotly contested battles, not a single camp on either side fell to the enemy. This is ample testimony to determination in defense, but also meant that no one won the Camp Pillaging Award, a can of beans. The Pink Dice Award, won by the person with the most whine-worthy tale of woe about die rolls, went to Lamont Anderson. It seems he had four consecutive opportunities to destroy the enemy commander at a great advantage, and his dice wimped out on each one.

After a further exchange of awards, pleasantries, banter and insults, the event broke up about 1700. CSGA had graciously provided a wonderful lunch, much appreciated by all contestants. Our hats go off to Andy Oertig and all of his CSGA associates for this extremely generous treatment. The next annual DBx Smack –Down will be hosted by CMH. Dan Gurule boldly noted that CSGA would not get off so easily next time. Revenge will be sweet!

DBx is surging in popularity all along the Front Range, and more big events are planned. Responding to participant surveys, there will be a DBA Tournament at Tacticon, a DBA Campaign (or campaigns, depending upon demand) at Veterans Wars, and a BBDBA Tournament at Genghis Con. More will follow. If you have further questions, please consult John Brown, the CMH Lesser Vizier for DBx Affairs ([jsandmbrown@msn.com](mailto:jsandmbrown@msn.com)). If you live on the wrong side of Castle Rock, you might also consult the CSGA ImPotentate for DBx Affairs, Doug Rains.





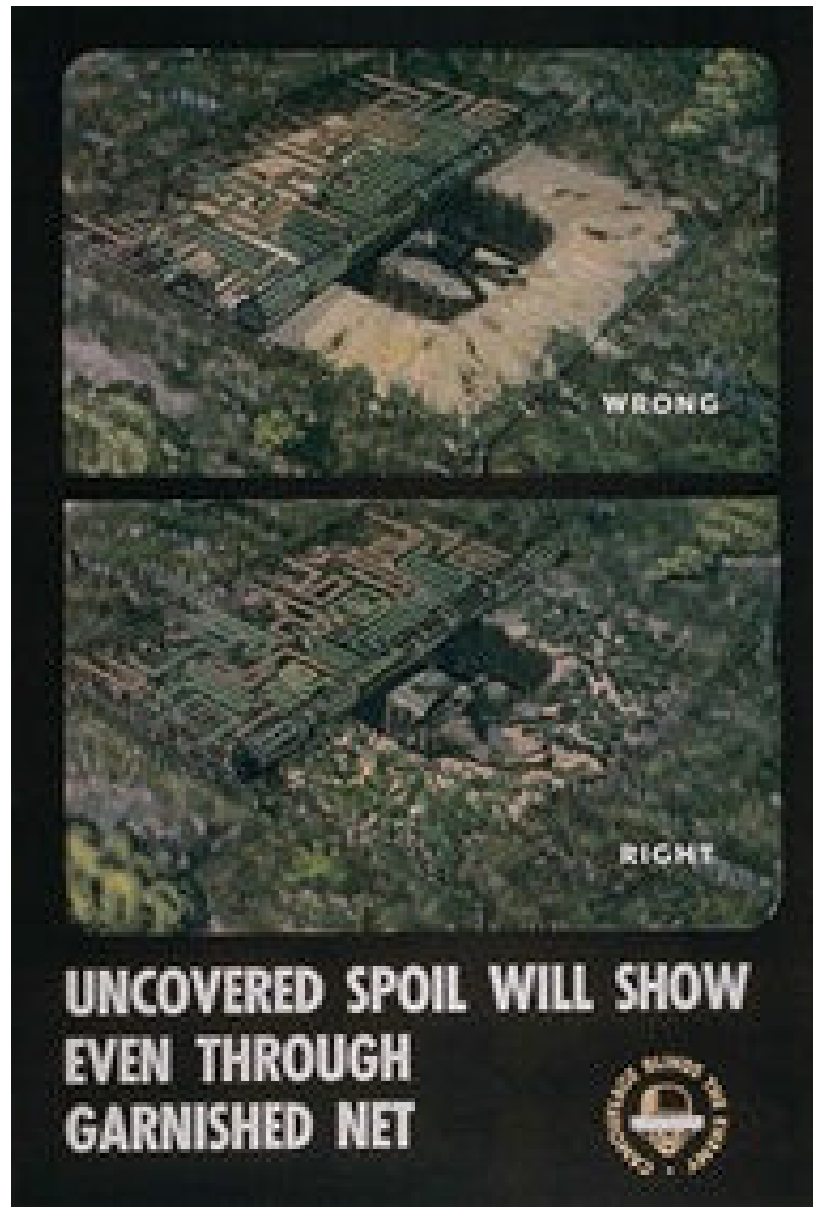
Award presentation by Dan Gurule.

Tony's blog has a posting on the DBA event:

<http://wargamebayou.blogspot.com/2011/07/first-annual-csga-cmh-dba-tournament.html>

## Tactical Training Poster of the Month

*1943 U.S. Posters from Canadian War Museum Collection*





# Historicon 2011

*Message by CMH Member*

*John Mumby*



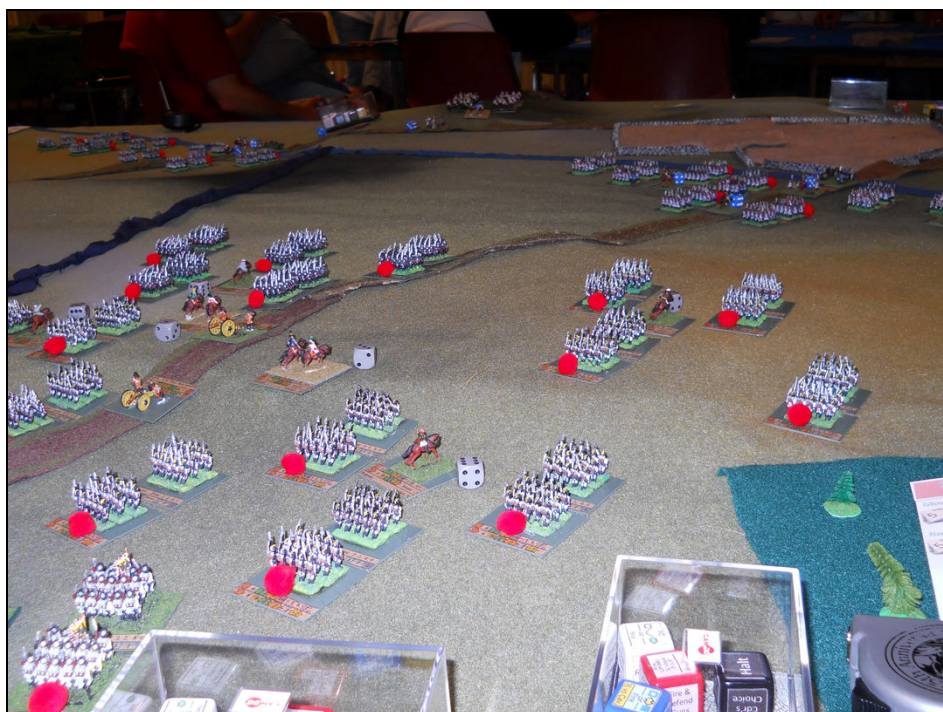
Historicon 2011 was held at the Valley Forge Convention Center on July 7-10. I had a great time renewing friendships and meeting new gamers. Fortunately I was able to get into all 6 games that I wanted to play. If I would have had the time, there were 4-5 other games that the GM asked me if I wanted to play as I walked by. There were a few less vendors than last year, and I have seen on TMP that the attendance was down a few hundred. That still left us with roughly 65 vendors and over 2,500 gamers. There were over 700 games to choose from!

In the ECW game I played in, the GM was a representative of GAMA. I had never played Shako before, so I got into a game. The smack talk of the gamers (half of them knew each other) was better than the game! Buck Surdu is working on a playtest of Look Sarge, It's Napoleon! rules. They still were developing the SK rules, so the red puff balls they were using as skirmishers was interesting. This was only their 3<sup>rd</sup> game and the first time for a convention. I knew a few of the gamers and the GM as members of the HAWKS club which has its own gaming room at Historicon. Meeting Matt Kirkhart who makes the crafter figures was great. He put on both of the 1457 BC Megiddo games I played in. The Friday game I was part of the Pharaoh's army that beat the Syro-Cannanite Coalition. The only problem was the game only lasted an hour before the Coalition army failed an army morale test and routed off the table. There was lots of laughter and explaining of what the armies were made of by the many folks that did double takes as they walked by. Saturday's Megiddo game lasted about an hour and a half. I played the Coalition troops across from the Egyptians that I played on Friday. I was able to whip out the Egyptians in front of me and helped to eliminate the Pharaoh himself! Again, lots of fun! The last game I played in was Bob Moon's divisional Gettysburg game using his Divisional Gettysburg Fire and Fury rules. I was able to lose Culp's Hill just like the Union player did in Bob's afternoon game. When your Union troops are 6-10 stands strong vs. 15-16 stands of Confederate units, it is tough. Bob's game was great, especially since he was awarded a Union Mounted General trophy for the Best Theme Game (ACW).





I also attended John Hill's Long Range Artillery at Gettysburg. Lots of research went into his presentation at the War College. I heard part of Peter Cozzens talk about the 1862 Shenandoah Valley Campaign. My opinion of General Banks is better now that I heard this discussion. Tim Couper from London rode back with me to the airport like he did last year. We stopped at Germantown, but the Chew House was closed on Sundays. On my flight back to Denver, I sat next to an Asian Indian who was Hindu. We had some great conversation. I will miss the Valley Forge area as the convention center is putting in a casino so Historicon will be moving again. The talk on TMP among the uninformed is that Fredericksburg might be where Historicon will be next year. By our next CMH meeting, the decision should be announced. Terry, there are five ACW battlefields around Fredericksburg.



## CMH August 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
Aug 5	FNF	Baker	7:00 pm	midnight
Aug 12	FNF	Valhallas	7:00 pm	midnight
Aug 14	MM	Baker	12:00 pm	5:00 pm
Aug 19	FNF	Baker	7:00 pm	midnight
Aug 26	FNF	Valhallas	7:00 pm	midnight





## Photo of the Month



Group shot of CMH and CSGA members that competed in the first DBx smackdown.

# 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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Children: free (younger than 16 accompanied by member)

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