

Colorado Military Historians

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Attactix Closed



Club Happenings

Message from CMH President

Dan Gurule



September is already upon us. We have accomplished quite a few things this year and we have a lot coming up. We are closing out our 2011 Survey and those results will be released this month. We have received the quote for the use of Baker Center for 2012 and we will be making some decisions on that very soon. At the request of club members and reviewing some of the club surveys we immediately started to build out preset games for Club events. We are trying to get commitments at least two months in advance. I have assigned Tony Fryer and John Brown as our Horse/Musket and DBX Coordinators so you will be seeing plenty of requests for games from them. We have also designated Doug Wildfong as the overall Veterans Wars Coordinator and he has already started building out the time slots for new games. I continue to engage our friends at CSGA which has been quite a success in bringing us closer together. Tony Fryer, Nate Forte and I just came back from the CSGA club meeting and helped Dick Fickes with a DBN demonstration game. We had a very good time and we will be posting some pictures and after action reports very soon. I want to say thanks to all of our volunteers for our events and projects. And a very big thank you for our members updating their memberships and we also welcomed two new members Jon Zahourek and John Owen.

Attactix

Message by CMH Secretary

Eric Elder

I would like to thank Ed and John Brown for their newsletter submissions. Ed describes the latest ACW tournament results. John Brown describes his new Ancients and Medieval director role and upcoming games. Doug Wildfong is requesting games for Veterans Wars in November.

It looks like September is going to be a busy month. First off is Tacticon, which I am not running a game in this year. I am just too busy with the move to the new house to even get at my miniatures or even paint. But we are definitely more settled now. Lots of club members putting on games at Tacticon. Our monthly meeting looks to be jammed pack with scheduled games.



On August 3rd I learned that our local well known gaming store Attactix closed its doors. It appears that Attactix was forced to close due to failure to pay Colorado State Taxes totaling \$17,818.77. I think all of us saw the closure coming. For years shelves were either not being restocked or barely restocked. I found this disappointing because I wanted to buy something there, but had a hard time finding anything I wanted to buy. Lately I would walk out empty handed. The store was in operation for about 18 years and when I first discovered Attactix in 1999/2000 I was really impressed. This was the largest store I had been in before and it had

a great selection. For me, this was the store to visit for our hobby in the Denver area. One of my first miniature wargames played in Colorado was at Attactix. Having our club and Attactix in Denver has certainly helped feed my interest in military history and miniature wargaming. I see the closure of Attactix as a sign of the times rather than specific to this store in particular. I used to put in some orders through Attactix, but these days it is done through the internet mostly directly with the manufacturer. The loss of the store is a hit to the gaming community, but in talking with club members it sounds like Denver has gone through many gaming stores over the years. I will miss the good old days of Attactix. I wish all the best to Bill Winski (owner of Attactix).

Excellent blog posting about Bill and Attactix:

<http://jdglasco.wordpress.com/2011/08/04/a-special-thanks-to-bill-winski/>

August Monthly Meeting

Unit of the Month

Temporarily no current sponsor



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.

CMH Member	Scale	Manufacturer	Era	Unit
Terry Shockey	15mm	Peter Pig	AWI	Br. 16 th C. Infantry
ERIC ELDER	15mm	Freikorps	Ren	Scottish

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

Battle Cry Campaign of Tournaments

The South Surges---Smashes the North: 12-8



Brigadier General John Mumby (CSA) brilliantly managed the August Championship Game in Campaign VII in defeating Colonel Dan Gurule (USA). Once again, the "cloaked-colonel" slipped into the game when Lt. Col. Stan (Ben) Stratton (USA) replaced Col. Dan Gurule (USA) who left the Field for a social engagement !? The "c-c" skillfully slashed into Lt. Col. John Brown's (CSA) pressing attack on the Union's Right Flank. Using a reformed battery, the "c-c" blew away Confederate cavalry in a vain attempt to snatch victory for the Union. It was not to be. Brig. Gen. Tony Fryer (CSA) picked up the final flag for the victory. Lt. Col. John Brown (CSA) performed admirably in his 'baptism of fire' with just one loss. However, he will have to master the use of cavalry and at least another campaign if he hopes to gain he rank of Brig. Gen. in the Regular Army (US).

Brig. Gen. Fryer (CSA) and Brig. Gen. Mumby (CSA), in true Cavalier fashion, fought a duel for the Command of the Confederate Forces massing for the Championship. Back-to-back, they faced each other, turned and, on the 3rd shot, Mumby's p-a-p-e-r covered Fryer's r-o-c-k! Brig. Gen. Fryer (CSA) reluctantly returned to the Confederate Left-Wing, with a sleight 'paper-cut' over his left eyebrow, to lead it to victory over Major Jon Zahourek (USA). He refused to shake hands with the C-n-C after the battle. Apparently, the feud is not over. This was so Southern.

Not much more can be said for the Union performance. They proved to be worthy adversaries but the glory has departed. The South is on the rise!! Put a Buchon in it!

Tournament Standing: CSA: 23 USA: 4

Respectfully submitted this 25th of August 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. Tony Fryer	CSA	53
Brig. Gen. John Mumby	CSA	47
Brig. Gen. Binhan 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. Dan Gurule	USA	30
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
Lt. Col. Stan (Ben) Stratton	USA	19
Major John Brown	CSA	17
Major Bill Daniel	CSA	16
Major Brandon Kabelman	USA	13
Major Lincoln Graves	CSA	12
Major Pat Harvey	CSA	8
Major Jon Zahourek	USA	6

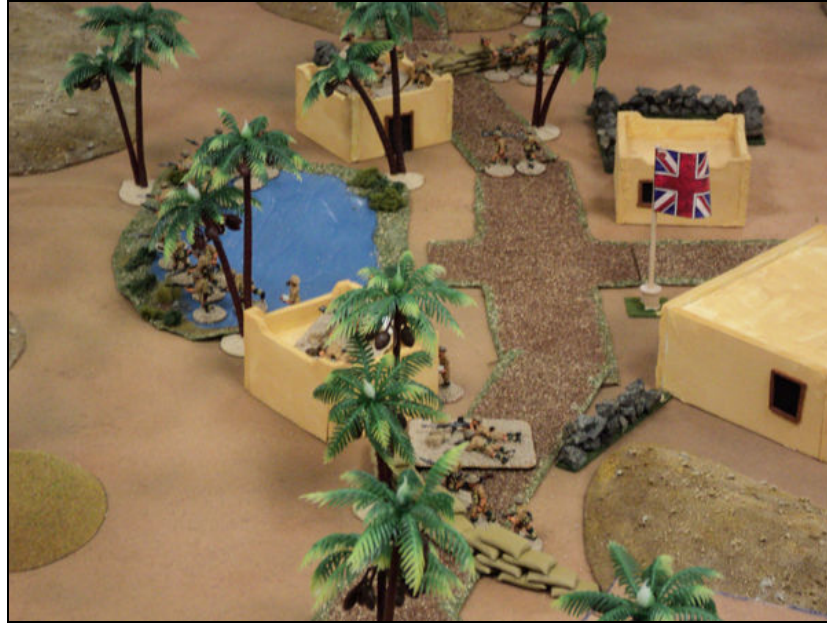
Tournament Schedule

Monthly Meeting	Scenarios	Date
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

August 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
Terry Shockey	15mm	Guns of Liberty	Panel Wars
HUGH THOMPSON	25mm	Disposable Heroes	Ancients
Ed Meyer	20mm	Battle Cry	Campaign of Tournaments

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

Upcoming Ancients: Spears and Sandals Stride Again!

Announcement from CMH Member

General (ret.) John Brown

Our revered President Dan Gurule has decided to appoint period representatives to assist in coordinating and advertising period-themed events. The redoubtable Tony Fryer has been handed “Horses and Muskets” – the era of Marlboro and Napoleon – as a portfolio. Yours truly, formerly the Lesser Vizier for DBx Affairs, is now the Lesser Vizier for Ancient and Medieval Affairs. My mission is to help game hosts advertise and coordinate events they choose to put on at CMH monthly meetings and conventions. Gird your loins, the battlefield awaits!



First up for Ancients and Medievals is the De Bellis Antiquitas (DBA) 2.2 Tournament at Tacticon. It will run Sunday September 4th from 9AM to 4PM in the Red Lion Hotel: Denver Southeast. Fifteen stalwarts have already signed up, and more are always welcome. There can never be too many for DBA! All armies from all books are welcome. Rounds will be one hour and fifteen minutes, and scoring will be in accordance with North American Society of Ancient and Medieval Wargamers (NASAMW) usages. Loaner armies will be available. Prizes will be awarded – to include the much dreaded Pink Dice Award.

At the September 11th CMH club meeting Matt Vigil will host a Big Battle DBA pitting Medieval Germans against Later Poles. This will allow him to relive the glories of the Challenge DBx Smack-Down with Colorado Springs, reported in last month's newsletter, wherein he and Terry Shockey battled against the Poles with the best troops the Emperor Barbarossa had to offer. Matt can accommodate up to four players. Also at the September 11th CMH club meeting, we will be hosting our customary quarterly De Bellis Multitudinis (DBM) Medley. The rule set will be DBM3.1. All books and all armies are welcome. Army size is 200AP, as explained on the NASAMW web site. CINCs are free, and loaner armies will be available.

At the October 9th CMH club meeting Dave Newport will muster his magnificent array of 28mm warriors for two rounds of his home-grown Legion versus Hordes game. Rules are posted on the CMH web site, and earlier battles under these rules have gotten great reviews. Dave can accommodate up to six players, and will start out with Romans fighting Carthaginians. One of those armies will then take on the Macedonians in a second round. Dave's 192 figure Macedonian phalanx is an awesome sight to see! Also at the October 9th meeting, John Brown and Tony Fryer will experiment with playing Command and Colors Ancients with 15mm miniatures rather than with the counters provided in the game. In this they are inspired by Ed Meyers' spectacularly successful Battle Cry Civil War campaign. The two gaming systems are essentially the same, adjusted for period. John and Tony can accommodate two additional players, preferably veterans of Ed Meyers' hard school of war.



Speaking of veterans, do not forget the three days of Veterans Wars coming up November 11-13. On November 12th Jeff Caruso will host the annual Grand Potentate of the Rockies DBA Tournament. Past Potentate competitions have been hotly contested, and this one should be no exception! All books and all armies will be welcome, and DBA 2.2 will be played. On November 13th John Brown and Terry Shockey will be hosting a DBA 2.2 campaign game featuring the Trojan War Era (c. 1200 BC). Trojans, Achaeans, New Kingdom Egyptians, Hittites, Mitanni and Assyrians will compete for land, gold and glory. If there is an overflow of eager players, a second campaign featuring Romans, Macedonians, Seleucids, Ptolemaics, Greeks and Pergamenes circa 190 BC will rage as well, John hosting one and Terry the other.

If you have questions on any of the above, please contact John S. Brown at jsandmbbrowne@msn.com. If you would like to put on an Ancient or Medieval event at CMH, please let CMH's Lesser Vizier for Ancient and Medieval Affairs serve you. If you are trying to make up your mind what to play, think Ancient and Medieval. Remember, if it were not for the Ancients, you would not be here. If it were not for the Medievals, you would not be here either. Think about it!

Tactical Training Poster of the Month

1943 U.S. Posters from Canadian War Museum Collection



Upcoming Veterans Wars Convention

Message by CMH Vice-President

Doug Wildfong

I am getting excited about Veteran Wars. A gamefest weekend with CMH!

So far we have:

- DBA Campaign Game; First Scenario will be the Trojan War Era (c. 1200 BC), armies will be Trojan, Achaian, New Kingdom Egyptian, Hittite, Middle Assyrian and Mitanni. All figures provided and players are encouraged to bring theirs.
- The second campaign will be Rome Expands (c. 190 BC) featuring Rome, Macedonia, Greece, Pergamum, the Seleucids and Ptolemaic Egypt. Again all armies will be available to borrow, but personal armies will be welcome. Room for 12 players. Rules to be used (editions etc): De Bellis Antiquitatis (DBA) Version 2.2. Game Masters running the event: John Brown and Terry Shockey.
- DBA 2.2 Potentate of the Rocky Mountains III. 4 Rounds of 1.25 hours each. Room for 16 players. Gamemaster: Jeff Caruso.
- Napoleonic DBN Mini Tournament for 6 to 8 players – half of which are either on the “French” side or on the “Allied” side. Scores are kept through the game, with one player nominated in each game as the “best performing.” These players get +1 CAP for each nomination. Each player plays three games. All of the tournament attendees are privy to a free Cajun meal (not gumbo, something else) between the two schedule slots non-tournament players would have to contribute to the club after the registered players are fed of course looking for an “Allied Commander” and a “French Commander”, be the point person for their side. There could be some special “stratagems” in mind for each game to add some fog of war. Armies may lose elements some permanently – but could also gain some elements.

So our menu of games is shaping up and I am requesting all you intrepid leaders to grab a slot early for your game. We will have up to 5 slots for Friday based on table sizes. Eight slots possible for Saturday depending on time as there is a morning, afternoon and evening time available. Three slots available for Sunday.

We also had an offer of the "Arnhem" scenario in 15mm by Stan and Jeff in a Flames of War format, possibly two scenarios.

We will use a format like:

Day and time of game start(s)

Name and description of game

Scale of figures to be used

Rules to be used (editions etc)

Number of player slots available.

Table size (5 x 6' etc) and number of those table sizes.

Game Master running the event.

Keep those game offers coming in.

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
Sept 2	FNF	Valhallas	7:00 pm	midnight
Sept 9	FNF	Baker	7:00 pm	midnight
Sept 11	MM	Baker	12:00 pm	5:00 pm
Sept 16	FNF	Baker	7:00 pm	midnight
Sept 23	FNF	Valhallas	7:00 pm	midnight
Sept 30	FNF	Valhallas	7:00 pm	midnight

September 9, Monthly Meeting

- 200AP 15mm DBM Medley by John Brown.
- Ancients - BBDBA Game - Teutonic Knights and Medieval Poles - 4 Players - by Matt Vigil.
- Horse/Musket - Civil War - Regimental Fire and Fury - Scenario TBD - 4 Players - by Dan Gurule.
- Seven Years War – Black Powder Rules – by Doug Wildfong.

October 9, Monthly Meeting

- Two rounds of 28mm Legions vs. Hordes featuring Romans, Carthaginians and Macedonians by John Brown.
- Command and Colors Ancients using 15mm Figures by John Brown.
- Horse/Musket - Civil War - Fire and Fury - Scenario TBD - 6 players - by Matt Vigil.
- Modern - WWII - Arc of Fire (Modified) - Russian Front Scenario TBD - 4 Players - by Dan Gurule.

Photo of the Month



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. 44th 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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(for NEW members who join after June 30)

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