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C-47 Flight in Colorado Springs

C-47 Flight

*Message by CMH Secretary
Eric Elder*

I would like to thank Larry, Ed and John Brown for their newsletter submissions. Ed updates us about his ACW Campaign of Tournaments. Only one more tournament left. John Brown describes how the latest DBA tournament went at Tacticon. Larry has submitted a Wild West Campaign After Action Report.

September started out with the Tacticon convention. It looked like another good one, even though attendance seemed low. I did not play or run any games this year. I guess I was just a CMH Press photographer. Maybe next year I'll be ready to put on a game. Our club members put on a number of good games. Sounds like everyone had a good time. Mike Garland (Genghis Con / Tacticon Miniature Coordinator) is looking for volunteers to run games for Genghis Con. Contact me if you want his email address. I learned at the convention that a new game store was moving into the Attactix location, but unfortunately that news was a bit optimistic as the new store had not secured enough funding and they are now not opening the store.

Dan posted a poll question to membership on our Yahoo Group site. The question was should we move one Friday Night Fight from Baker a month to a nearby game store location instead. The response has been in favor of that option.

I recently placed an order to The Viking Forge. I have never dealt with this company before and I was impressed with the quick turn around. The 15mm figures look pretty good. I see another order going in soon. I recommend this company.

On September 17 my wife and I took a vintage flight on a C-47 plane built in 1941. This was an online deal we (mainly I) had to try out. I've never been on a vintage flight before and figured I would give it a try. Liz was a bit apprehensive mainly due to the age of the plane. It was in the air for about 30 minutes and was a lot of fun. I really enjoyed getting out the seats in the flight and watching the action from the door of the cockpit. Sure the plane has been slightly modified (i.e. GPS compass display in cockpit), but it does take you back to WWII. A fun loud plane to fly on. I need to try out flying in a bomber next.



September 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
MATT VIGIL	15mm	Essex	SYW	Prussians
John Mumby	10mm	Pendraken	SYW	Russian Obs. Corps
Steve Preston	20mm	Brittania	WW2	Paras at Arnhem
Scott McKenzie	15mm	Battlefront	WW2	US – Cassino, Italy

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

Battle Cry Campaign of Tournaments

Union Forfeits 9/11/11 Tournament!



Due to being out of town, playing in other games, and just plain AWOL, the Union failed to field a team and had to forfeit to the Confederate Command who stood ready to defend their Homeland. All was not lost, however, as battles were conducted in, and around, Fredericksburg, Va. and Prairie Grove, Ark. The Irish Brigade had special elan capabilities but still failed to crack Marye's Heights. The CSA 10th Tenn. (Irish) wept as they cut their fellow countrymen to pieces. There is speculation that Union Command was indifferent to the slaughter as wave after wave broke on the

rock of the Southern defenses. After all, they were just "foreigners" and it just might work! But, Meagher's Division may never be the same.

The Stars continued to come out as Major General Jeff Goss (CSA) worked his brilliance. He won both his battles and now stands at the top of the Officers' Rating List with 76 points. Brigadier General Reto Schulthess (USA) showed equal deftness at times, to gain his star and Brigadier General Gary Stribling (CSA) slugged his way to promotion. Colonel John Wharrier (CSA) now has the rank to be given the respect that goes with it. Remember, it is a salute to the forehead, not fingers in your ears!

Now, for some startling news. The October Tournament has been postponed until November due to G.O.D.'s (Game-Organizing-Director) exhaustion.

"I thought I'd be guiding a herd of stallions," Ed explained. "Instead, I feel like I'm herding cats! I need a break." The November Tournament will be the 4-4 tie-breaker and Final for The Battle-Cry! Campaign of Tournaments. It will feature two Gettysburg scenarios, aptly so, and the top-ranking, available Officers of the CSA and USA forces. The Tournament is scheduled for Friday, 11th Nov., 7:00 pm at Veteran's Wars. The same scenarios will be available on Sat. and Sun. for individual play that can be used for Officer Ranking or just for fun.

Tournament Standing: CSA: 4 USA: 4

Respectfully submitted this 25th of September 1861

Officer Ranking

General	State	Points
Brig. Gen. Jeff Goss	CSA	76
Maj. Gen. Roger Wohletz	USA	61
Brig. Gen. Eric Elder	USA	60
Brig. Gen. Greg Rold	USA	58
Brig. Gen. Larry Irons	CSA	55
Brig. Gen. Tony Fryer	CSA	53
Col. Gary Stribling	CSA	50
Brig. Gen. John Mumby	CSA	47
Brig. Gen. Binhan Lin	CSA	44
Brig. Gen. Reto Schulthess	USA	44
Brig. Gen. Jeff Lambert	USA	41
Col. Nathan Wohletz	USA	37
Col. Doug Wildfong	USA	36
Col. Nate Forte	USA	33
Col. Dan Gurule	USA	30
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

	Scenarios	Date
November 11	Murfreesboro, TN	Jan 2, 1863
	Gettysburg, PA	July 1-3, 1863
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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	15mm	DBA	Round Robin
Matt Vigil	15mm	DBA	BBDBA
DAN GURULE	15mm	R. F&F	Fire and Fury Civil War

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

Mudd, Shockey Lead CMH

*Tacticon DBA Tournament Report by CMH Member
General (ret.) John Brown*

Tacticon was a grand affair this year, and no event within it presented a finer showing of colorful armies and tactical skill than the DBA Tournament on 4 September. Play went to four rounds. DBA 2.2 rules were used, as was the NASAMW scoring system wherein a total victory without losses yields 20 points. All armies from all books were welcome. Rising above the bloodshed, challenge and tumult, Colorado Military Historian's Doug Mudd captured 43 points with his Nikephorian Byzantines, and our Terry Shockey captured 40 points with his Medieval Germans. Doug Mudd's guest from Phoenix, David Ray, captured 56 points with his formidable Hussites.



The top seven contenders (which is to say, the top half) were: Art Hayes of CSGA, who won 75 points with his Anglo-Normans; Bernie Santucci of CSGA, who won 58 points with his Medieval Portuguese; David Ray, a guest of CMH who won 56 points with his Hussites; David Clapper, an independent who won 49 points with his Hussites; Doug Mudd of CMH who won 43 points with his Nikephorian Byzantines, Roy Hayes of CSGA who won 43 points with his Classical Indians; and Terry Shockey of CMH who won 40 points with his Medieval Germans. Powerful performances and good sportsmanship were also displayed by (in alphabetical order) John Brown of CMH with his Trojans, Jeff Caruso of CMH with his Eastern Patrician Romans, Doug Raines of CSGA with his Medieval French, Jim Rairdon of CMH with his Later Hoplite Greeks, Greg Rold of CMH with his Achaeans, Brent Santucci of CSGA with his Medieval Spanish, and Stan Stratton of CMH with his Early Imperial Romans. A wonderful time was had by all!

Art Hayes walked away with the grand prize. Roy Hayes won the prize for the highest scoring Book I or Book II Army, and Bernie Santucci the prize for the highest scoring Book III or Book IV Army (less the tournament winner). The infamous Pink Dice Award went to Greg Rold for the spectacular accomplishment of rolling four “ones” in a row when under critical duress. Stan Stratton won the aptly named book History’s Worst Decisions for pointing out to his opponent the move that won the game (for his opponent). Ed Meyers did a wonderful job keeping score and administering the tournament, and for this he was awarded with the succinct but eye-catching Prince of Persia, which comes with 3D glasses to heighten one’s sense of wonder. Our beloved CMH Pharaoh Dan Gurule, musing over the results, did announce an upcoming award. Whoever beats one of Art Hayes’ ubiquitous dismounting medieval knight armies in tournament play with a Book I or Book II army will receive a unique Pharaonic Bounty. Success will, at one stroke, break the stranglehold CSGA has too long enjoyed over the top brackets of DBx play, and will restore the Ancients to their rightful glory. Gurule warned of the expanding grasp of the “Med-EVIL-ists!”

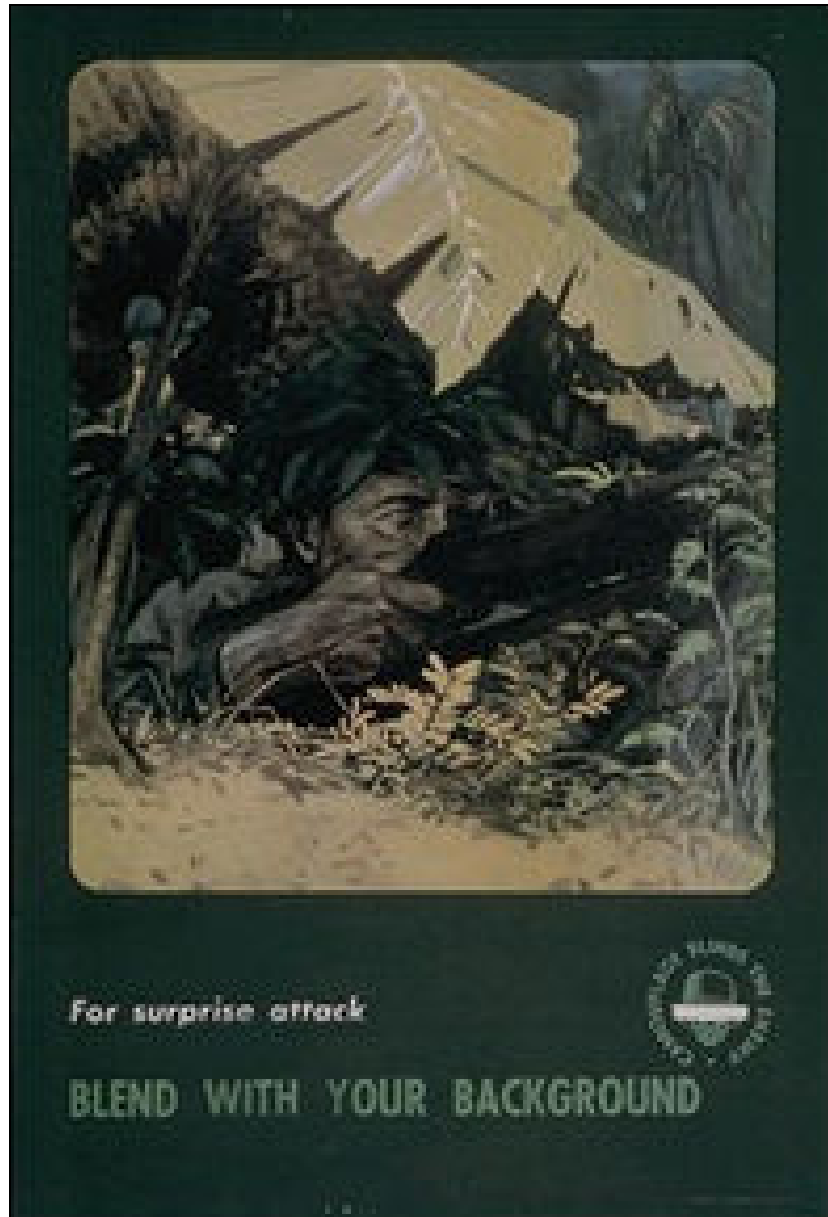
Our next big DBA foray will be at Veterans Wars 11-13 November. On 12 November Jeff Caruso will host his famous Grand Potentate of the Rockies DBA Tournament. All Books and all Armies will be welcome. On 13 November John Brown and Terry Shockey will host two side-by-side DBA Campaign Games. The 1200 BC Campaign will feature Trojans, Achaeans, New Kingdom Egyptians, Mitanni, Hittites and Assyrians. The 270 BC Campaign will feature Romans, Carthaginians, Syracusans, Seleucids, Ptolemaics and Macedonians. In both cases additional powers may be dealt in, as may barbarian incursions in the hands of rouge players. Do not miss these DBA Events – they will be spectacular!

While on the subject of DBx, DBN has become increasingly popular among our CMH players. It offers an exciting and quickly resolved alternative to the eye-glazing rule sets that too often infect Napoleonic Era games. Ever-popular DBA has been ably adjusted to accommodate the period, and victory or defeat generally comes in an hour. Dan Gurule will be hosting the Battle of Lundy’s Lane at the 9 October CMH meeting and providing the armies and if necessary, explaining the rules. There may be room for a player or two.

DBx Rules!

Tactical Training Poster of the Month

1943 U.S. Posters from Canadian War Museum Collection



THE HILL VALLEY GAZETTE

September 30, 1881

SHOOT OUT IN HILL VALLEY

Hill Valley (September 24, 1881) – A shootout took place in Hill Valley, New Mexico Territory on September 23rd in which one person was killed, and two arrests were made by local citizens. Witnesses reported that a Mr. Steven Leicester of Dunham, England was seen running down Main Street brandishing his .38-caliber revolver. Witnesses became alarmed and pulled out their own handguns in preparation for self-defense. Mr. Casey Dykman was reported to have fired three shots at Mr. Leicester, all missing. Mr. Leicester returned fire shooting all 6 shots from his revolver, wounding Mr. Dykman. Mr. Jeff Caruso, a reported gun-for-hire, fired two shots at Leicester killing him with a shot between the eyes. Nigel Leceister, Steven's brother, ran out and attempted to fight with Dykman. Leicester was subdued by local passerby's.

DOUBLE ROBBERY IN HILL VALLEY

The same day saw a double robbery of the local Chinese laundry and the local gunsmith. One suspect was arrested after being chased by Mr. Greg Skelly of Chicago, Illinois. The stolen money was recovered. Another suspect escaped with two shot guns stolen from the gunsmith's shop.

GOLD DISCOVERED NEAR HILL VALLEY!

Dr. Sven Treitel formerly of Norway discovered gold outside Hill Valley while prospecting. He filed his claim with the Hill Valley claim office. Mr. Treitel indicated a desire to raise money from investors to mine his prospect. He has named the mine, Lucky Gold, or LG for short. Dr. Treitel announced that he has hired Mr. Jeff Caruso as a gold shipment guard for the yet to be named mining company. Dr. Treitel said that the mine will bring jobs and prosperity to the Hill Valley area. Dr. Treitel stated that the only way to create jobs is to develop the wealth from the God's Earth.

OBITUARIES

Mr. Steven Leiscester, Dunham, England. Survived by his brother Nigel. The local undertaker is handling the remains.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Judge Butcher held a hearing into the shooting incident on Main Street in Hill Valley. After hearing the witnesses, murder charges were dropped against Mr. Jeff Caruso. Mr. Casey Dykman was charged with disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, attempted murder, and robbery of the Chinese Laundry. Mr. Dykman was offered a plea bargain and sentenced to 10 days in jail in return for his guilty plea.

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
Oct 7	FNF	Baker	7:00 pm	midnight
Oct 9	MM	Baker	12:00 pm	5:00 pm
Oct 14	FNF	Baker	7:00 pm	midnight
Oct 21	FNF	Valhallas	7:00 pm	midnight
Oct 28	FNF	Valhallas	7:00 pm	midnight

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.
- Napoleonic – DBN – Battle of Lundy’s Lane - 4 Players - by Dan Gurule.

November 11-13, Veterans Wars

2011 Club Survey Results Summary

Survey Results Summary compiled by CMH Secretary

Eric Elder

What are your interest level in each Wargaming era?

- Least interest in Renaissance (33%)
- Most interest in Medieval and Napoleonic both at 60%
- Most members main focus is WWII (36%)
- Interesting comment: “Anything but Blue vs Grey”

Which miniature scales do you own?

- Top 3:
- 15mm: 24%
- 25/28mm: 18%
- 1:1200: 9%

What is your largest miniature collection for a war and scale?

- We have a huge collection of 25/28mm Napoleonic totaling over 4000 figures.
- Other large collections are in the 3000s (WWII 15mm, ACW 15mm, Napoleonic 15mm)
- Those of us with smaller scale figures, how do we count our figures?

What do you like about CMH?

- Most like the members, variety of games, history, and the atmosphere.
- Good club for kids to get into the hobby.
- Make new friends.

What don't you like about CMH?

- The bickering
- Lack of a listing of upcoming games

What would you like to see changed?

- Need more members
- Long range schedules of upcoming games

How to cut the deficit?

- Drop one Friday a month at Baker.
- Club fund raiser
- Grow membership
- Concessions
- Cheaper club location

Do you feel our club dues are too high, too low, or just right?

- 50% just right
- 40% too high

Are you familiar with the CMH Charter?

- 52% no
- 28% yes

Value of the newsletter?

- 76% good value or very valuable

Value of the website?

- 63% good value or very valuable.

Are you a Friday night gamer?

- 54% no

How important is having Friday Night Fight at Baker?

- This was split about 50/50 in importance.

Does the monthly meeting work well for you?

- 100% yes

What is your convention attendance to run games?

	Every Year	Occasionally	Never Been
Genghis Con	40%	45%	15%
West Wars	58%	32%	11%
Historicon	10%	30%	60%
Tacticon	32%	53%	16%
Veterans Wars	37%	47%	16%

What is your convention attendance to play in games?

	Every Year	Occasionally	Never Been
Genghis Con	45%	40%	15%
West Wars	71%	24%	5%
Historicon	10%	57%	33%
Tacticon	40%	45%	15%
Veterans Wars	55%	30%	5%

Comments on improving our club conventions:

- Door prizes
- Get the word out and more advertising
- More/better games
- Need a setting for tournaments
- Larger venue, maybe closer to Colorado Springs
- Our current cons are good

Reasons you would not attend a local convention regularly (i.e. Genghis Con):

- Lack of historical games
- Entry fee high
- Dealer hall lacking historical products
- Work or family events

Are you a veteran?

- 40% yes
- Airborne, Marine Corps, Army, Navy, Air Force
- Arabic translator, radio operator, weapons officer, tank battalion commander, cadet, instructor
- 44% willing to share stories from service

Do you have any family members serving overseas at the time of the survey?

- 24% yes



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.

One year Adult Membership: \$50.00

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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