

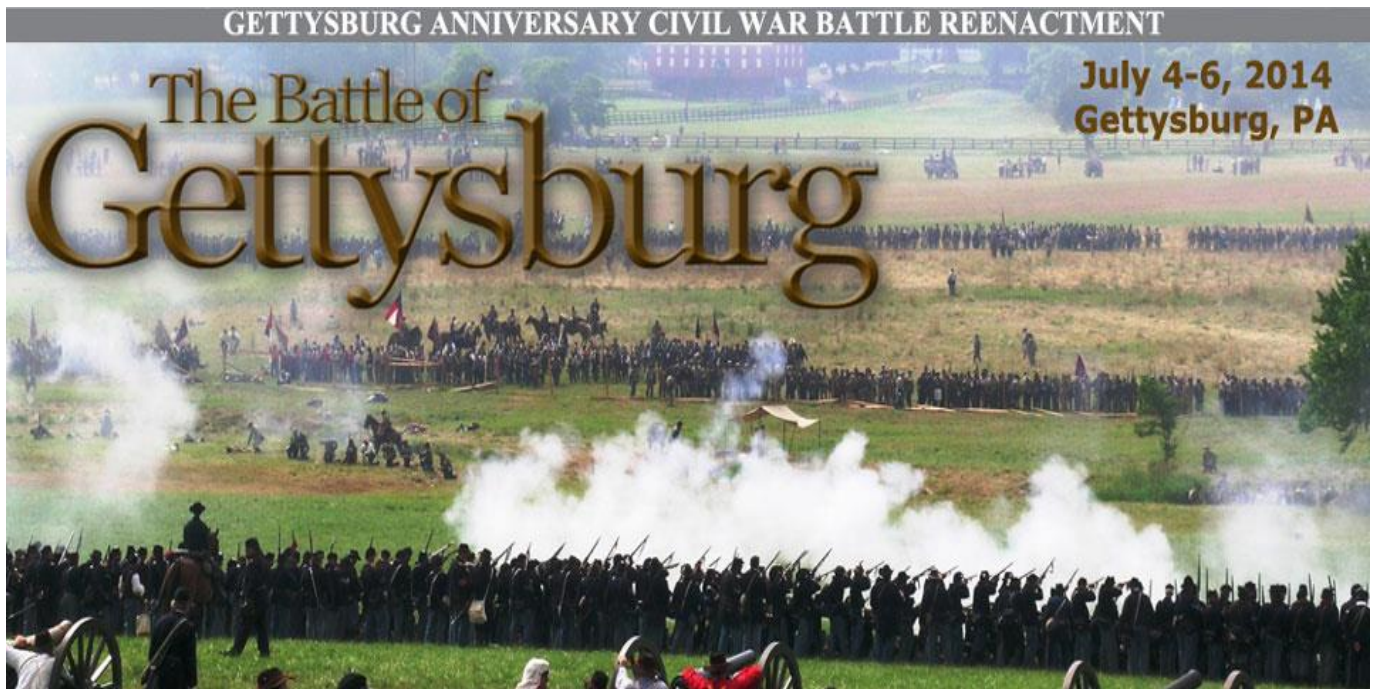


# Colorado Military Historians

**Newsletter**

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Re-enactment of the Battle of Gettysburg (Gettysburg Anniversary Committee)

# Club Happenings

*Message from CMH Secretary*

*Natale (Nate) Forte*

2014 Historicon will be held in Fredericksburg, VA on July 17 through the 20<sup>th</sup>. Several of our members will be traveling to this great venue. We will look forward to their report on this event in next month's newsletter.

Conclave of Gamers convention is happening on July 25<sup>th</sup> through July 27<sup>th</sup> at the DIA Crowne Plaza. This event is in its second year, and we will look forward to this annual event in the next years.. Several members will be hosting games at this event, and FNF will be moved there to help support them.

DBX Smackdown will also be held at the Conclave of Gamers convention in Denver on July 25-27, come support your CMH brothers in this annual competition with our comrades from Colorado Springs.

2014 Tacticon is coming up fast. This event is held every year during the Labor Day weekend. CMH members will again be hosting several miniature games so check the website or event journal found at local hobby stores for times and dates for those events and come and support your CMH members.

From Vice-President Binhlan Lin: "Next year will be CMH's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We will be forming an Anniversary Committee this fall to help co-ordinate events, advertising and schweg for this momentous anniversary. If you are interested in assisting with this project, please contact me."

This year's Veteran's Wars is still looking for a coordinator. If you would like to coordinate this event, please contact one of the club officers.

Finally, I would like to thank the membership for giving me the privilege to serve the Club as its Secretary. This will be my first CMH newsletter, and I hope to continue the great work that Binahn and others have done with it.



*Game of the Month Entry New World.*

# Military History of July

*By CMH Secretary*

*Nate Forte*

- July 1-3, 1864 - "The Battle of Gettysburg" occurred between the Union forces under General Meade and the Confederate forces under General Lee. Confederate casualties in dead, wounded and missing were 28,000 out of 75,000. Union casualties were 23,000 out of 88,000. These were the largest casualty numbers of any battle since.
- July 4, 1863 - "Vicksburg", the last Confederate stronghold on the Mississippi River, surrendered to General Grant and the Army of the West after a six week siege.
- July 10, 1943 - "The Allied invasion of Italy" began with an attack on the island of Sicily.
- July 12, 1943 - "The Battle of Kursk", the largest tank battle in history took place outside the small village of Prohorovka, Russia in WW2. About nine hundred Russian tanks were attacked by an equal number of German tanks fighting at close range. When Hitler ordered a cease-fire, 300 German tanks remained strewn over the battlefield.
- July 14, 1789 - "The Fall of the Bastille" occurred marking the beginning of the French Revolution.
- July 15, 1918 - "The Battle of the Marne in World War I", German General Erich Ludendorff launched Germany's fifth, and last, offensive to break through the Chateau-Thierry salient. However, the Germans were stopped by American, British and Italian divisions. On July 18, General Foch, Commander-in-Chief of the Allied troops, launched a massive counter-offensive. The Germans began a retreat lasting four months until they requested an armistice in November.
- July 16, 1945 - The experimental Atomic bomb "Fat Boy" was set off at 5:30 a.m. in the desert of New Mexico, creating a mushroom cloud rising 41,000 ft. The bomb emitted heat three times the temperature of the interior of the sun and wiped out all plant and animal life within a mile.
- July 19, 1863 - During the American Civil War, Union troops made a second attempt to capture Fort Wagner near Charleston, South Carolina. The attack was led by the 54th Massachusetts Colored Infantry, commanded by Colonel Robert Gould Shaw, who was killed along with half of the 600 men in the regiment. This battle marked the first use of black Union troops in the war.
- July 24, 1943 - During World War II in Europe, the Royal Air Force conducted Operation Gomorrah, raiding Hamburg, while tossing bales of aluminum foil strips overboard to cause German radar screens to see a blizzard of false echoes. As a result, only twelve of 791 Allied bombers involved were shot down.
- July 25, 1943 - Mussolini was deposed just two weeks after the Allied attack on Sicily. The Fascist Grand Council met for the first time since December of 1939 then took a confidence vote resulting in Mussolini being ousted from office and placed under arrest. King Victor Emmanuel of Italy then ordered Marshal Pietro Badoglio to form a new government.
- July 27, 1953 - The Korean War ended with the signing of an armistice by U.S. and North Korean delegates at Panmunjom, Korea. The war had lasted just over three years.
- July 28, 1943 - During World War II, a firestorm killed 42,000 civilians in Hamburg, Germany. The firestorm occurred after 2,326 tons of bombs and incendiaries were dropped by the Allies.

# **DBx Smack Down Team Shapes Up CMH vs CSGA Clash Set for 26 July**

*By John Brown*

The long awaited and much anticipated annual clash of arms between the Colorado Military Historians and the Colorado Springs Gamers Association is racing towards us. The venue is set at the DIA Crowne Plaza amidst the surrounding excitement of Conclave 2014, a three-day event (25-27 July) dedicated to war gaming and the general furtherance of geek-dom. The time will be High Noon on 26 July. Come support your team as it battles for your honor!

Our champions have been selected, and a fine lot they are:

DBA 15mm Book I: Pat Harvey

DBA 15mm Book II: Larry Irons

DBA 15mm Book III: Terry Shockey

DBA 15mm Book IV: Jim Rairdon

DBA 28mm Demo (Achaeans versus Trojans): Greg Rold

BBDDBA (Our East Patrician Romans versus their West Patrician Romans): Matt Vigil and Tony Fryer

DBMM2 (Our Middle Imperial Romans versus their Desert Blemmye): John Brown

DBN 15mm Peninsula Meeting Engagement: Dan Garule, Doug Wildfong and Nate Forte (with one given a Decree of Absolution and called upon to play for CSGA).

Special kudos go to Terry Shockey for co-chairing preparations and to Tony Fryer for shepherding the arrangements through the Conclave of Gamers. Special kudos also go to all of the members of CMH for voting to pay the adjusted Conclave entry fees – making participation free to the players. Come see what your money has bought!

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*DBX DBMM2.2 Smackdown Prep Game of the Month entry*






*Game of the Month Entry New World.*

### DBx Smackdown! 2014

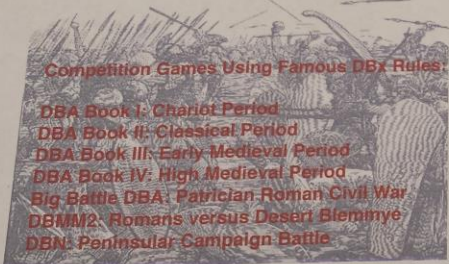


**Colorado Military  
Historians**

VS




**Colorado Springs  
Gamers Association**




**Competition Games Using Famous DBx Rules:**

DBA Book I: Chariot Period  
 DBA Book II: Classical Period  
 DBA Book III: Early Medieval Period  
 DBA Book IV: High Medieval Period  
 Big Battle DBA: Patrician-Roman Civil War  
 DBMM2: Romans versus Desert Blemmye  
 DBN: Peninsular Campaign Battle




**CONCLAVE OF GAMERS CONVENTION**  
 JULY 26, 2014 1200 to 1600 Hours  
 Crowne Plaza I-70 and Chambers



**COLORADO  
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HISTORIANS**



- \* Dedicated to Historical War gaming
- \* Meets 2nd Sunday each month.  
(3rd Sunday in May)
- \* Meets at Baker Community Center  
(6751 Irving Street, Westminster)
- \* Hosts 2 mini-conventions: West Wars  
and Veterans Wars each year
- \* Also Hosts Friday Night Fights
- \* Visitors Welcome!
- \* For additional information:  
[cmhweb.org](http://cmhweb.org) add Yahoo Group

*DBX Smackdown fliers for the Conclave of Gamers Convention.*

## June Monthly Meeting

### Unit of the Month – Not sponsored

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
<b>No Entries</b>	-	-	-	-

Unit of the Month Winner is highlighted in **RED**.

## June Monthly Meeting

### Game of the Month



– Total Escape Games Sponsor

Each month CMH members host games at the monthly meeting. This award is for the effort put out by the host.

CMH Member	Scale	Era	Rules	Description
<b>Bill Daniels</b>	Board Game	Medieval	Carcassonne: Area Control/ Area influence Tile Placement	New World
John S. Brown	15mm	Various Ancient/Medieval	DBMM 2.0	Smack Down Prep
Dan Gurule	15mm	1812	DBN 2.2	Smack Down Prep- French vs Spanish/English

Game of the Month Winner is highlighted in **RED**.





*DBN Smackdown Prep Game of the Month entry.*



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## 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
July 11	FNF	TBD	TBD
July 13	MM	Baker	Noon
July 18	FNF	TBD	TBD
July 25	FNF	TBD	TBD
July 25-27	CoG	See Below	6PM

CoG – Conclave of Gamers Convention  
Crowne Plaza Hotel and Convention Center (DIA)  
15500 E. 40<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Denver CO 80239  
[www.conclaveofgamers.org](http://www.conclaveofgamers.org)

TEG – Total Escape Games  
6831 W 120th Ave  
Suite C  
Broomfield, CO 80020  
[www.totalescapegames.com](http://www.totalescapegames.com)

FNF (TBD) may or may not occur these months due to a lack of a scheduled host/location.





## 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 at least one Friday night a month, called "Friday Night Fights" (FNF) at 7:00 p.m. Friday meetings will be held at a future determined location. See website for latest information.

CMH maintains ties with numerous local, regional and national groups to help promote the hobby. CMH is governed by member-elected officers who serve 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 \$35.00 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: \$35.00

Half year Adult Membership: \$25.00

(For NEW members who join after June 30)

Family Membership: \$35.00 (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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