



# **COLORADO MILITARY HISTORIANS**

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## **CMH VICTORIOUS IN SMACKDOWN 2015!**



**Doug Rains of CSGA reads the results**

## OF MEN AND ARMS I SPEAK

Many years ago John Carter began a section of the newsletter using our motto from the coat of arms. After a request from a member of the club it is being renewed. Hopefully it lives up to the tradition begun many years ago. It will be a reflection from me of some aspect of military life, experiences, or general items related to military history. In advance, thanks for reading it. Terry Shockey

On a recent trip to Oregon I wondered if there would be anything related to military history in the Klamath Falls area where we were vacationing. I was not disappointed. The downtown area of Klamath Falls is a mix of old long in the tooth buildings in need of repair and those who have been lovingly restored, as well as some newer structures. In the center of the downtown is a memorial to the fallen in WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and the Middle East Conflicts. What struck me was the very large number of names from WWII. I do not know the population of Klamath Falls during WWII. But I doubt it was not much more than the 22,000 presently there. If that were the case that community was dramatically effected by this war. There are 185 names on that monument. Having come from a small town in Colorado, when a resident dies it effects the entire community. I believe the loss of these people effected Klamath Falls for many years after.

Later in the week, we traveled to Lava Beds National Monument, in northern California. Not only was it a extraordinary geological site, it had been a battlefield during the Modoc War of 1872-73. The highlight was Captain Jack's Stronghold within lava caves and tubes. Captain Jack was the leader of 60 Modoc warriors who held off a U.S. Army force 20 times its size for 5 months. Ultimately the army cut off their source of water and forced the Modoc surrender. Captain Jack and other leaders were tried and hung for their actions. Surprisingly, this area was also the only time in the western wars between natives and the army in which an army general was killed. General E.R.S. Canby, of Glorieta fame, was killed in a surprise attack at a peace parley.

In closing, you never know where you will find a piece of military history. But it is worth looking to see Of Men and Arms.



## CMH Triumphs in 2015 Smack Down!

### CSGA Forces Tough Fight!

The Fifth Annual Colorado Military Historians versus Colorado Springs Gamers Association DBx Smack Down proved breathtakingly close! The margin teetered between victory and defeat all the way to the last minute. Graciously hosted by CSGA in the community room of the Falcon Police Station on 25 July, the Smack Down for the first time featured each of the major DBx gaming systems: *De Bellis Antiquitatus* (DBA 3.0), *De Bellis Renationis* (DBR), *De Bellis Napoleonicus* (DBN), *De Bellis Magistrorum Militum* (DBMM2) and Hordes of the Things (HOTT). Colorful armies from all of the major DBx periods battled across the table-tops. Tension was palpable, the atmosphere electric, and cheers and moans accompanied each roll of the dice. When the dust finally settled, the overall score was a remarkably close 293 for CMH and 263 for CSGA.

Scheduling dilemmas had led to an 11 July prequel for DBMM2. In this John Brown, Pat Harvey and Matt Vigil of CMH played 500 points of Nikephorian Byzantines against 500 AP of Beja with a Fatamid ally played by Dick Fickes and Art Hayes of CSGA. A proliferation of desert dunes narrowed the Nikephorians to a perilously narrow axis of attack, but this provided just enough space to enable them to edge out their less heavily armored adversaries. The result was a 15 to 10 victory for the Nikephorians, giving CMH a small but encouraging lead going into the Smack Down.

The DBA 3.0 events featured the best two out of three rounds with historically matched pairs. Contestants played both armies, with the “guest” choosing the army if it went to a third round. CSGA’s Bernie Santucci bested CMH’s Dan Gurule 32 to 18 playing Egyptians (I/22b) and Hittites (I/24b) out of DBA 3.0 Book I. CMH’s Greg Rold bested CSGA’s Mike Garland 47 to 3 playing Camillan Romans (II/10) and Pyrrhics (II/27b) out of DBA 3.0 Book II. CSGA’s Art Hayes bested CMH’s Terry Shockey 44 to 31 playing Lombards (III/21b) and Carolingians (III/28) out of DBA 3.0 Book III. CSGA’s Brian Cummings bested CMH’s Larry Irons 35 to 15 playing Medieval Germans (IV/13b) and Medieval French (IV/64c) out of DBA 3.0 Book IV. The historically matched pairs format proved popular, and avoided some of the anomalous match ups we have seen in the past. We think it’s a keeper!

The BBDBA scenario pitted CMH’s John Brown with Lithuanians (IV/18) and a Hussite (IV/80) ally against CSGA’s Rob Scholtz and Brent Sustatia with Teutonic Knights (IV/30). The Lithuanians and Hussites pulled off a 46 to 4 victory. The DBR scenario pitted CMH’s Pat Harvey and Matt Vigil with Thirty Years War Imperials against CSGA’s Doug Mudd and Steve Lewis with Thirty Years War Swedes. The game was called on time, with the Swedes being awarded 60 points to the Imperial’s 40 at that point. The DBN scenario reconstructed the Battle of Marengo, with CMH’s Nate Forte and Doug Wildfong playing the French against CSGA’s Dick Fickes and Doc Langensderfer playing the Austrians. The game was called on time, with the French being awarded 60 points to the Austrian’s 40 to that point. HOTT went to a fiercely contested three rounds, with CSGA’s Doug Rains and his Dreadful Macarena Trolls finally besting CMH’s Joel Tompkins with his Stalwart Lizardmen 35 to 21. The fact that Doug hangs around with “dreadful” trolls tells us a lot!

Special kudos go to CSGA for being such gracious hosts. The game set-up was flawless, they coordinated in advance for our parking, and they served us a delicious meal. We truly felt welcome. They did comment on the psychological advantages we accrued by showing up in the black shirts with club logo Nate procured for us. Nothing impresses like a man in uniform! Doug Rains coordinated CSGA participation as the CSGA Impotentate of DBx Affairs, and John Brown coordinated CMH participation as CMH Grand Vizier for DBx Affairs. Please refer questions to John at [jsandmbbrowne@msn.com](mailto:jsandmbbrowne@msn.com).





**DBA PERIOD 1**



**DBA PERIOD 2**



**DBA PERIOD 4**



**HOTT**



**DBR**



**BDBA**



## DBN



## DBA PERIOD 3

Scores for the participants are as follows:

DBMM Special Prequel – July 11 500AP

Dick Fickes, Art Hayes Beja w/ Fatamid Ally 10 VP

John Brown, Matt Vigil, Pat Harvey Nikephorian Byzantine 15 VP

DBA Period I Egyptians (I/22a or b) vs. Hittites (I/24b)

Bernie Santucci 16 16 32 VP

Dan Gurule 9 9 18 VP

DBA Period II Camillan Roman (II/10) vs. Pyrrhic (II/27b)

Mike Garland 0 3 3 VP

Greg Rold 25 22 47 VP

DBA Period III Carolingians (III/28) vs. Lombards (III/21a or b)

Art Hayes 19 9 16 44 VP

Terry Shockey 6 16 9 31 VP

DBA Period IV Medieval French (IV/64c) vs. Medieval German (IV/13b)

Brian Cummings 19 16 35 VP

Larry Irons 6 9 15 VP

BBDBA

Rob Scholtz, Brent Sustatia 4 VP Teutonic Knights (IV/30)

John Brown 46 VP Medieval Lithuanians (IV/18) w/ Hussite Ally (IV/80)

DBR 400AP

Doug Mudd, Steve Lewis 60 VP TYW Swedish

Matt Vigil, Pat Harvey 40 VP TYW Imperial

DBN Battle of Marengo

Dick Fickes, Doc Langensderfer 40 VP

Nate Forte, Doug Wildfong 60 VP

HOTT

Doug Rains 8 25 2 35 VP Dreadful Macarena Trolls

Joel Tompkins 17 0 4 21 VP Something equally dreadful (Lizardmen)

**CSGA Total: 263 VP**

**CMH Total: 293 VP**

In conclusion, all that can be said to CMH is watch out next year. You ain't the only folks that can dress pretty.

Doug Rains

## MINUTES FROM AUGUST CMH BOARD MEETING

Meeting was held at Larry Irons. Present were Larry Irons, Terry Shockey, and Doug Wildfong. Meeting began at 7PM

### Old Business:

The membership list requested at the last meeting is pending.

Congrats to CMH participants in the annual Smackdown with CSGA.

Yahoo group preparation for culling is still in progress. We will need a list of members and then cull the Yahoo group of those non-members and members not current with dues. They will be informed ahead of time to respond.

Friday Night Fights still needs to be twice a month.

Treasurer report: Checking \$1,873.96 Savings \$1,390.52

### New Business:

The secretary needs to bring back the newsletter section "Of Men and Arms I Speak."

Members need to announce upcoming games early enough to be in the newsletter and to be posted at the Yahoo and CMH website. Also, more members need to put on games.

Members need to support the local cons as well as Total Escape Games by attending and/or putting on games.

West Wars 2016 discussion occurred about the possibility of putting on a multi-day event of WWI naval, land and air combats. One specific event could be in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Jutland. That event weekend would be May 13-15, 2016. We need someone(s) to coordinate this event.

The meeting ended at 8PM.

Submitted by Terry Shockey, CMH Secretary



## HISTORICON 2015 By John Mumby

Historicon 2015 was another success in my book. This was my 12th straight journey to the East coast for this con. I have made a number of friends from Scotland to Hawaii that I relish to talk shop and see how they are doing since last year. This year I met Brian and his wife whom Terry had met last year. Brian is ranked among the top 5 leaders in the field of assisted living. His wife is a kick to game with or against. I look forward to seeing them again next year. Now to the games I played. I helped the French barely get a marginal victory at Marengo. As the Carthaginians left flank cavalry at Cannae, even though I had a unit in the Roman rear area, the Romans were too strong for us in the end. These two games were hosted by the same guy who will be publishing the rules in the near future. Terry and I actually played on the Russian side vs the Austrians in a WW 1 game. All's Quiet on the Martian Front which was very fun!! The guys who put it on had a campaign map where all 4 time slots showed how the battles were progressing. The most fun I had game-wise was playing Zama 3 times. Jeff Grein hosted Zama using Command and Colors Ancients which I had not played before. We got in two games within the allotted 4 hours!! Later, Jeff hosted Zama using Brent Oman's Pulse of Battle which Ed Meyers, Eric Elder, Greg Rold, Terry Shockey, and myself playtested. In all three games, I was the right Carthaginian cavalry commander. As I remember, we won two or all three games. Great fun to see a game we worked on being very successful. We stopped at Bull Run (Manassas) to take pictures of the Stone House and Henry House. I am looking forward to Historicon, July 14-17, 2016, Fredericksburg, VA.



## HISTORICON 2015 PHOTOS







## UNIT OF THE MONTH (Not Sponsored)

Member Name	Scale	Manufacturer	Era	Unit
Dave Manley	28mm		30 Years War	Dutch

# GAME OF THE MONTH

## Total Escape Games Sponsor



Member Name	Scale	Era	Rules	Description
John Brown*	15mm	Ancients	DBMM2	
Jeff Lambert	Boardgame	AWI		
Dave Manley	28mm	30 Years War	Renaissance Warfare	

\*Denotes this month's winner

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

## CMH September Scheduled Events

This table shows what events are scheduled for CMH. 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
September 11	FNF	TBD	7PM
September 13	MM	Baker Rec Center	12 Noon
September 18	FNF	TBD	7PM
September 25	FNF	TBD	7PM

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FNF (TBD) may or may not occur 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 it is deferred to the third Sunday. The meeting starts at noon at the Baker Recreational Center, 6751 Irving Street (just a few blocks west of Federal Blvd), Denver CO. The club also hosts gaming at least one Friday night a month, called "Friday Night Fights" (FNF) at 7 PM. FNF will be held at several various locations. See previous schedule or view the website for latest information.

CMH maintains ties with numbers 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 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-mail 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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