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CMH NEEDS YOU!

AWI CAMPAIGN NEWS! by David Manley

Years ago the club used to run themes throughout the year that encouraged people to paint up units and learn the rules to play during the upcoming battles. This is what I plan to do in July, August and September. The theme will be 1777 during the Philadelphia Campaign of the American War for Independence.

The first battle will be at the club meeting in July and will be a generic battle using Black Powder, the intended rules for the campaign. Anyone interested in participating in the campaign is encouraged to play in this game, bring painted figures you want to use and learn the rules.

Thereafter, the outcome of each battle will have an impact on the future battles in the series. The first battle will be a hypothetical preliminary battle to Brandywine on August 4th at Total Escape Games (TEG). [The game will continue with the battle of Brandywine at the club meeting on August 13th, another battle at TEG on 8/18 and conclude with a battle based on Germantown at the club meeting on September 10th.](#) Anyone that is interested in playing is encouraged to contact me, tell me what units you have or plan to paint and which side you want to play on. I plan on having three primary Generals for each side and other players representing commanders within their command. I encourage anyone to paint up units and plan to play in these battles and do some research on the campaign, units and commanders involved.

We will be playing in 28mm with figures generally mounted 4 figures to a 40mmx40mm base. Many people have 3 figures per base in one rank on a 50mmx25mm base and these will be fine to play. Generally speaking, average size units will have 12-15 figures in the unit, large units will have 16-24 figures and small units will have 8 figures. I have a OOB for each battle but generally speaking British, Hessian and American line units are

12-15 figures; the British Grenadiers and Lights, as well as American Militia are 16 figures or more. There are some dragoons on the British side, both mounted and dismounted and they will be 8 figure units.

I am planning to write an article on the upcoming battles for each newsletter with historical background and general information on the scenario. After we get started I will also plan to write after action reports if I can get support from the primary generals in the game. Hopefully we can make this a fun and enjoyable three months, completing our AWI units and learning about the campaign.



WWI game announcement from Bill Daniel

I will be doing my final run of my Historicon game. I need 8-10 players and 3 Judges

S-568 Battle of Cambrai November 20, 1917 Theme World War I; 9 AM; Length: 4 hrs; Hosted by: Bill Daniel; Scale: 1/285; Rules: Special Order 6; Sponsor: WNPG; No. of Players: 10. It is November 1917, Allied Command proposes using tanks in mass to break the Hindenburg line and capture the Town of Cambrai in Northern France. Using a concentrated attack across a narrow front between the Canal du Nord and St Quentin canal, this force will encircle Cambrai and then capture it. The game will pit the players against a team of hardened German NPC's. We will be using 300 tanks models on a huge 12 ft 3D table modeling the terrain surrounding Cambrai. Sponsored by TrenchX

Battle of Cambrai November 20, 1917

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SIX DAYS WAR GAME ANNOUNCEMENT!

from Jeff Lambert

Sunday July 9. I'm putting on the Battle for Jenin on the West Bank of the Jordan River, June 1967.



Latest report from the WWI Air combat by Jeff Lambert

The SE5a has arrived at the front a little earlier than hoped for, which has had a big impact on the fortunes of the Royal Flying Corps. Using its phenomenal speed and two machine-guns, Lt. Forte and Lt. Hunt are forcing the Germans to pay a high price for crossing their lines-- it is doubtful that they will be taking the initiative again anytime soon. The Huns did cause some damage with a trench-strafting raid on the 23rd June, but their victory was rather pyrrhic: Lambert, Marston and Herschel were all shot down KIA, and Caver-Boyd was forced to land in British territory with severe wounds. Only Wharrier returned to the German aerodrome, with critical damage to the Mercedes engine of his Albatros. On the British side, only Manley was lost; witnesses say that his Triplane unluckily fell to friendly ground fire. Have the Germans any answer to the superior machinery the British industry is now producing? Time will tell!

The current rankings:

SKELLY 13-1/2 victories, 938 points (521 adjusted)

FORTE 5-1/2, 516(293)

HUNT 5, 475(398)

IRONS 2-1/2, 398(132)

LAMBERT 2-1/2, 394(131)

MARTINEZ 1-1/2, 335(243)

MANLEY 4, 274(91)

CAVER-BOYD 3-1/2, 263(88)

WHARRIER 2, 234(219)

FRAKES 2-1/2, 178(59)

BEAUGARIN 1, 124(41)

MARSTON 0, 122(41)

STUART 0, 65(15)

WAITE 1, 56(56)

WILEY 1/2, 47(47)

HERSCH 0, 38(13)

WEBER 0, 36(36)

Next mission will be July 14 at Total Escape Games. Join us!

Two Former CMH members remembered:



John Edward Koontz

August 4th, 1953 — May 19th, 2017

A Celebration of Life Memorial event for John will be held at Skylark Lounge, 140 South Broadway, Denver, starting at 2 pm on Sunday, July 16 and going into the evening. More information will be available in June.

John Edward Koontz, 63, of Lafayette, passed away on Friday, May 19, 2017 in Denver. An avid photographer of Denver surf and rock bands, he was doing what he loved - chronicling bands - when he died.

Born Aug. 4, 1953 in Annapolis, MD to Louis Donald and Alma Gertrude Koontz, John spent his formative years in Glen Burnie, MD; Detroit, MI and Littleton, CO. He was a graduate of Littleton High School and Colorado State University and had earned Master's degrees in both Computer Science and Linguistics from the University of Colorado. While working on an advanced degree in Linguistics, he conducted fieldwork on Siouan dialects which resulted in an Omaha/Ponca dictionary believed to be unique in the field of linguistics.

He is survived by his daughters, Samantha (Zach) Gross and Leah Koontz of Philadelphia, his sister Charlotte (Dave) Minor of Lafayette, his brother Carl (Joanne) Koontz of Oregon City, OR, his father Don Koontz of Lafayette, nephew Joel Minor of Denver and granddaughter Devorah Gross of Philadelphia.

John was employed as a Mathematician at National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in Boulder for 40 years.

In lieu of cards and flowers we ask those interested to donate to Colorado Public Radio, one of John's favorite causes: <http://www.cpr.org/>

Bill McHarg



William K. McHarg, 64, of Severance, CO. passed away June 27, 2017. Memorial service Monday, July 3, 2017 at 2:00 pm at the Allnutt Drake Chapel, Fort Collins, followed by a reception. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Bill's name to the National Alliance on on Mental Illness, NAMI Colorado, 2280 S. Albion Street, Denver, CO 80222. or Heifer International, www.heifer.org/gift-catalog/give-where-needed-most-donation.html?isource=hihbj13dn0001

UNIT OF THE MONTH (Not Sponsored)

Member Name	Scale	Manufacturer	Era	Unit
Dave Manley	28mm	Firelock Games	Pirates	Blood & Plunder Spanish Militia with 2 leaders
Tim Parker	28mm	3D printing	Various	Shack
Jim Rairdon	15mm	Essex & Musket Miniatures	Ancients	Egyptian command chariots, Light horse, Blades, Boats, Hussite War Wagon
Jim Rairdon	15mm	15mm.co.uk & Legio Historicals	Fantasy/Ancients	Flyers (2 eagles, 1 Lizzard) / Swiss Blades & Chain Obstacles



GAME OF THE MONTH

Total Escape Games Sponsor



Member Name	Scale	Era	Rules	Description
Bill Daniel	6mm	WWI	Homegrown	Cambrai Playtest
Jeff Hunt	15mm	6 Day War	Flames of War V. 3	Rafah Junction , 5 June
Matt Vigil	15mm	Ancients	DBMM2	Romans vs Seleucids
Doug Wildfong*	28mm	ACW	Fire & Fury Regt/	Honey Hill S.C. 1864

***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 July 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
July 7	FNF	TEG	7PM
July 9	MM	Baker Rec Center	12PM to 5PM
July 14	FNF	TEG	7PM
July 21	FNF	TBD	7PM
July 28	FNF	TBD	7PM

TEG - Total Escape Games
6831 W. 120th Ave.
Suite C

Broomfield CO 80020 www.totalescapesgames.com

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

Upcoming Events:

July 12-16: Historicon Fredericksburg VA

August 11-12: Maneuvercon Tulsa OK

August 17-20: GenCon 50 Columbus OH

August 25-27: Recruits Lee's Summit MO

Sept. 1-3: BenCon & Conclave of Gamers Crown Plaza Denver

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 \$40.00 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.

One year Adult Membership: \$40.00
Half year Adult Membership: \$25.00
(For NEW members who join after June 30)
Family Membership: \$40.00 (one Adult and any
number of offspring)
Student Membership: \$20.00 (16 to 22 years old)



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