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Darn Snow

Washington's Continentals Approach Trenton

News and Views

*Message from CMH Secretary
Eric Elder*

Upcoming at our December monthly meeting, John Brown is hosting a D3H2 playtest. Details of this can be found in an article in this newsletter. Also in this newsletter Jeff Lambert has shared more photos from his trip back East. Thanks for the content John and Jeff.

Yahoo Groups is going away around the middle of December. We have created a new Group similar to Yahoo Groups over on Groups.io. The link to it is on the last page of this newsletter. I recommend stop posting on our Yahoo Group and just post on the new Groups.io location.



We are hosting our Veteran's Wars convention November 9-10 at our regular monthly meeting location (Baker community center). Hope to see everyone there. Latest info is in this newsletter. Further updates will be provided by Doug Wildfong via email

Genghis Con in February is opening the vendor room to the public. This means you do not need a convention badge to visit the vendor room. Two key vendors are [Badger Games](#) and Warlord Games.

I'll mention this again, the Hexacon Convention (January 18-21) is a go at the Radisson in Aurora. Contact me if you want to run a game at the convention. I will get a convention badge for you. There is a deadline of January 3rd to submit events.

October Monthly Meeting

Unit of the Month

Temporarily no sponsor

Each month CMH members bring their latest painted figures and models to the meeting to display their latest efforts.

| CMH Member | Scale | Manufacturer | Era | Unit |
|--------------------|-------|-----------------|----------|---------------------------|
| Jeff Lambert | 15mm | Battlefront | WWII | Italian Sem. 90, Ger. Pz. |
| Doug Wildfong | 28mm | Old Glory, etc | Pirates | Pirates |
| Doug Wildfong | 28mm | Gold Glory, etc | Medieval | Indian Medieval Elephants |
| LARRY IRONS | 25mm | Essex | Medieval | Scandinavian Union |



December D3H2 Playtest

Upcoming Playtest from CMH Member

John Brown

De Bellis Antiquitatis (DBA) and Hordes of the Things (HOTT) have brought great gaming pleasure to many of us. Developed by Phil Barker, Richard Bodley Scott and Sue Laflin-Barker, they feature relatively simple rules, speedy play, and colorful army lists. DBA pits historical ancient and medieval armies against each other, whereas HOTT the world of fantasy. The two games were essentially the same for many years, with the presence or absence of fantasy figures being the item that distinguished them. That changed with the comprehensive, thoughtful, and widely play tested arrival of DBA Version 3.0.

HOTT 2.1 has been enough of an upgrade over earlier versions to keep HOTT wildly popular among fantasy players, but those familiar with DBA 3.0 have long wondered if HOTT could not become even better. What if the remarkably improved and smoothly playable game mechanics of DBA 3.0 were wedded to the imaginative world of fantasy combat? What if the rich mix of unit options in DBA 3.0 were made even richer by adding in the heroes, magicians, incredible beasts and other denizens of HOTT? Tom Thomas, a prominent member of the DBA Revising Committee acknowledged by Phil Barker in De Bellis Antiquitatis Version 3.0, has attempted precisely such a hybridization. Blessed by Phil Barker as a supplement to DBA 3.0, Tom calls this hybridization D3H2.

Tom has carried D3H2 through several rounds of play testing and has hosted demonstrations and tournaments with it as well. It has been well received and led to lively encounters and exchanges. Tom has encouraged others to play test D3H2, and CMH wants to take him up on that offer. On 8 December John Brown and Terry Shockey will host a session play testing D3H2 at the regular monthly meeting in the Baker Recreation Center. Ten DBx enthusiasts from CMH and CSGA have already signed up, and all are welcome. If you want to play or know others who do, please let us know.

We will play test in a tournament format in two rounds to generate banter and interest, with prizes (perhaps home-baked cookies) for the winners at the December monthly meeting. We'll go with 72 AP armies to encourage the largest possible mix of different unit types, and will play on 30" by 48" mats. Participants can play individually or as teams, as they prefer. Most armies will be 15mm, but by request Doug Rains and Doug Mudd from CSGA are going to go at each other in 28mm. Why anyone would want to use such clunky outsize miniatures we'll never know – but we do want to see Doug Rains' gigantic Oliphant! Terrain pieces and loaner armies will be available. At the end of game play, play testers will be asked to fill out a brief survey to assess reactions to key differences among D3H2, DBA 3.0, and HOTT 2.1.

We look forward to seeing you there! What army will you bring? How will it measure up against Terry's Orland Raiders or John's Shamaness Synchronized Sauromen? What other armies will be there? As you know, fantasy's possibilities are only bounded by the limits of imagination.

October Monthly Meeting

Game of the Month

Sponsored by Total Escape Games

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

| CMH Member | Scale | Rules | Description |
|---------------------|-------|--------------|----------------------------|
| John Warrior | 28mm | Last Samurai | The Men Who Would be Kings |
| Dick Fickes | 15mm | DBN | |
| JEFF LAMBERT | 15mm | FOW | Sicily Campaign - GELA |

Winner in **RED**



Historic Location of the Month

Yorktown Theater



I have never been to Yorktown in Virginia, but noticed this theater there looks very interesting. I'm sure some of you have sat through this theater presentation. My Revolutionary War knowledge is pretty low, but I do want to tour around Virginia and need to add Yorktown to my list of sites to visit.



Veteran's Wars 2019

Saturday November 9

0900-1300

- Operation Pedestal
 - WWII Naval
- Medieval Tournament
 - Art de la Guerre
- Sudan Beach Holiday
 - The Sword and The Flame
- Zulu
 - Homegrown rules

1400-1800

- Medieval Tournament, cont'd
 - Art de la Guerre
- GMT Panzer with miniatures
- Rain on the Plain in Spain.
 - Napoleonic
- Enemy of my enemy
 - American War of Independence

Sunday November 10

0900-1130

- Member Swap Meet

1300-1700

- Thirty Years War
 - Art de la Guerre, Renaissance
- Where's the Front?
 - Combat Patrol
- Escape from Booty Island
 - Blood and Plunder
- Napoleonic Peninsular action
 - Homegrown rules
- Old West
 - Fistful of Lead

Duxbury

*Photos from CMH Member
Jeff Lambert*

Here are some photos from my trip back East, in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. The scene is my ancestral home in Duxbury, Mass. at the Alden House National Historic site. In addition to stumbling onto a family reunion, there were re-enactors with matchlocks performing drill, and the drawing-room was the site of Washington's first council of war in 1775.



Last Month Club Photos



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 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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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: \$25.00 (16 to 22 years old)

Children: free (younger than 16 accompanied by member)

Club Links:

Web Site: <https://cmhweb.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cmhgamers/>

Groups.io Group: <https://groups.io/g/cmhweb>

Meetup: <https://www.meetup.com/Colorado-Military-Historians-Meetup/>

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