



Colorado Military Historians

Newsletter

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Members posing for a photo c.1982

News and Views

*Message from CMH Secretary
Eric Elder*

The latest news from our club is about our West Wars convention we had in May. After weak attendance last year, this year was back to normal. We had 23 attendees on Saturday and similar numbers Sunday. We had a good variety of games. Our swap event on Sunday morning had plenty of items for sale. I think I ended up with the same amount of stuff as I came with. Thanks to Doug for volunteering to be the convention organizer, and thanks to those who ran games and attended. A very successful convention and I look forward to our Veterans War convention in November.



At our May Sunday meeting we thanked Larry Irons for his service as Treasurer. Larry is moving to North Dakota this summer. His club presence will be missed. At the meeting we had our annual Board election. All current members on the Board apart from Larry were voted in for another term. Dave Manley was nominated to be the new Treasurer and was elected.



This month I did not receive any articles, just the announcement from Dave. I am sharing a page from the February 1984 newsletter. I'm sure you'll recognize some member names mentioned.

2024 Summer of Plunder is Here!

*Announcement from CMH Treasurer
Dave Manley*

Summer of Plunder is a 9-week program of playing Blood & Plunder; the best pirate/privateer game I have played that handles land, amphibious and naval sail scenarios with one rule system. This is a skirmish level game with anywhere from 4-8 units per side or a fleet of several ships or boats.

Each player joins one of the six “nations” in the game; Spain, England, France, The Netherlands, Natives and of course Pirates! Then they participate in a game once a week and report back to the organizers with the outcome of their game and that influences actions on the full-scale Caribbean Sea map and the success or failure of each “nation” to accomplish their goals. By reporting results each player is eligible for prizes (Plunder) throughout the summer as well as at the end of the campaign. I might also be able to swing some prizes if we have sufficient participation!

Note that there is no requirement to report games or play every week. That said, I will be working up a game each week and putting it on either at Hobby Town Westminster or at the club meeting in June and July. If you are interested in playing, please contact Dave Manley with questions or to ask direction. Last summer was a fun experience for several of us and I wanted to open it up to more players if they are interested. The game schedule is:

June 7: Hobby Town, “Scouting Party” with 75-point forces equaling about 4 units per side. This will be a learning, refresher game.

June 9: Club meeting, “There’s a storm brewing”, weather is a factor in this game

June 21: Hobby Town, Special National Objectives determined later

June 28: Hobby Town, “Dangerous Waters”, naval game with two+ shoal areas

July 5: Hobby Town, “Local Help”, playing with hostages and advisors

July 12: Hobby Town, “The Quick and the Dead”, playing with special attributes

July 14: Club meeting, “The More the Merrier”, this will be a multi-player game; perfect for the club meeting.

July 26: Hobby Town, “Run out the Guns”, Include at least six cannons in a naval game

August 2: Hobby Town, “Down the Home Stretch”, another national objective scenario

The campaign is over, national objectives decided and a national winner crowned along with awarding PLUNDER to those that played!

May

Unit of the Month

Sponsored by Hobbytown Westminster

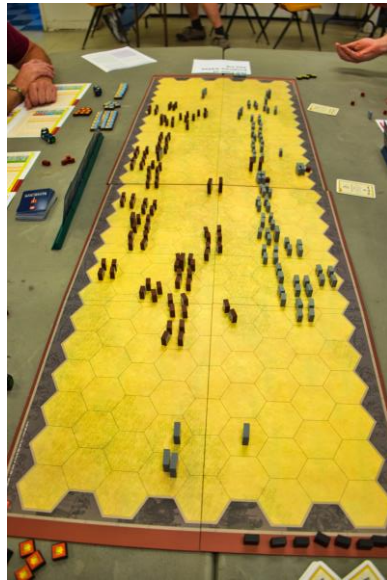
Each month, at the monthly meeting, CMH members bring their latest painted figures and models to the meeting to display their latest efforts.

CMH Member	Scale	Manufacturer	Era	Unit
Jim Rairdon	28mm	Max Mini	Fantasy	Mumified Undead, etc
JIM RAIRDON	28mm	Essex	Medieval	Cardinal, Knight, etc
Dave Manley	28mm	Firelock	Sail	Sloop of War & Brigatine

Winner in **RED**



West Wars Photos



May

Game of the Month

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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
Larry Irons	15mm	ADLG	Classical Period Tournament
DAVE MANLEY	28mm	Blood and Plunder	1700 Caribbean – Hostages
Greg Skelly	28mm	TSATF	Mission Rescue in South China Sea

Winner in **RED**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SKIRMISH FIGURES need to get painted up for the April meeting which will feature a skirmish game of the Lexington/Concord action of the American War of Independence. Paul Jaacksch and Dave Manley will be offering for sale packs of 3 of either all-american true-blue hero patriot MINUTEMEN or running-dog imperialist oppressor goon REDCOATS. Pick yourself up a pack or two and apply paintbrush.

BOERS are needed for the MARCH scenario- if you have any laying around unpainted, get 'em ready- they'll need all the people they can get. (some Confederate figures make good Boers)

A FRENCH FOREIGN LEGION and ARAB scenario will also be presented in MARCH if we can get enough figures painted in 15mm. Available from STONE MOUNTAIN.

GREG SKELLY has volunteered to be custodian of entries in the May Grand Review if you would like to enter something but can't be there. 426-5661

JOHN CARTER is putting together a group order for C-in-C stuff at a 30% price discount. 426-8690

GENGHIS CON VI is being tentatively planned by DGA and they could use our help. We should try and have a list of events we will run by MARCH. If you'd like to run an event, please contact TERRY GOTTO, 371-6177, or any board member SOON.

ESPRIT DE CORPS rules for Napoleonic by Chris Hoover in a special limited edition for CMH members is now available, complete with illustrations, pullout chart card, and hand-silkscreened cover by the illustrator. \$10.

LEAD MARKET

25mm RENAISSANCE FIGURES FOR SALE
John Mumby 451-0945

(W)- Warrior (H)- Hinchcliffe
(G)- Garrison (M)- Minifig

PAINTED UNITS

*2.00- 1 Medium gun w/crew (W)
4.00- 12 Royalist ECW pikemen (G)
6.00- 10 Roy. ECW pike (H) 10 Musk. (G)
7.00- 14 " " " (W) 13 " (H)
8.00- 12 " " " (W) 20 " (H)

12.50- 22 Spanish pike (W) 25 musk. (H)
5.00- 20 Spanish Swordsmen (W)
4.00- 10 Spanish Halberds (W)

4.00- 10 Close Order Heavy Cavalry
(mainly H)
5.00- 12 ECW Royalist Cavalry (W)
4.00- 10 Spanish Lancers (W)

Royalist ECW army above \$36.00
1 med. gun w/ 4 crew
48 pike 33 shot 22 Cav

Spanish Army above \$24.00
10 Lancers 22 pike 25 shot
20 swordsmen 10 halberds

UNPAINTED FIGURES

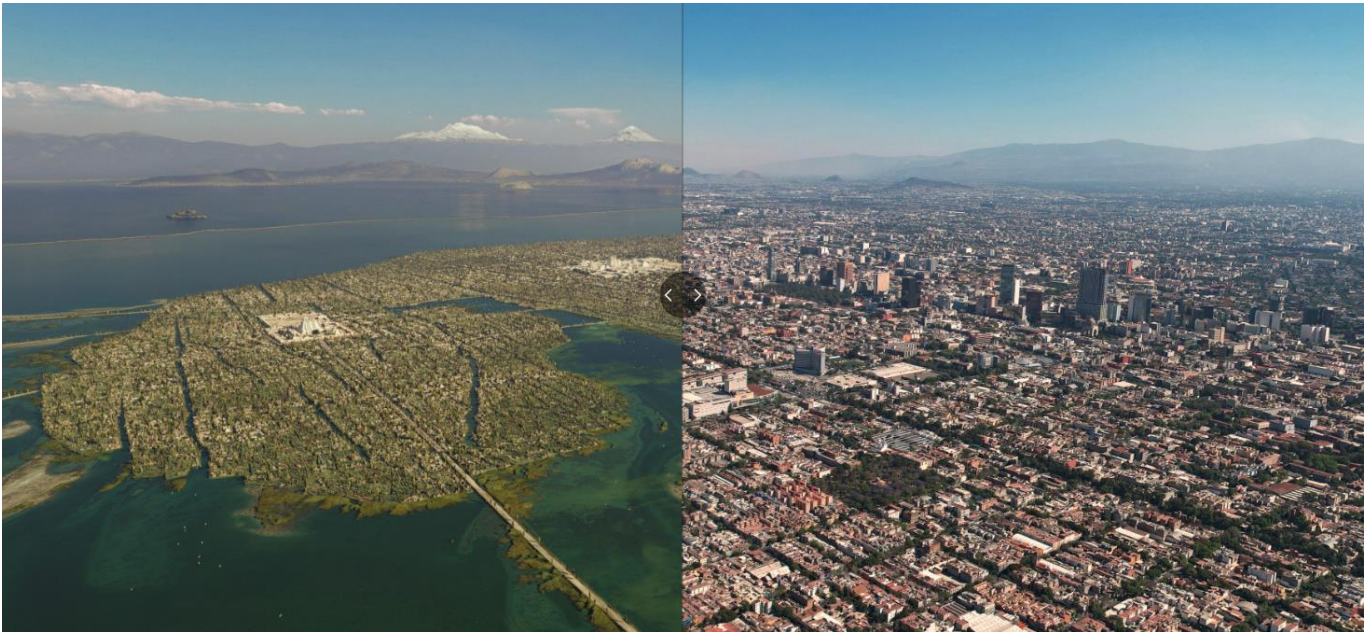
\$1.00- 3 generals
1.50- 1 heavy gun w/ 5 crew (W)
1.00- (each) 2 light guns w/3 crew (W)
3.00- 10 mounted dragoons (W)
3.00- 9 Spanish cavalry (W)
.75- 2 Spanish Lancers (M)
4.00- 12 ECW Royalist Cav. (mainly H)
4.00- 12 Burgundian Cav. (H)
2.00- 13 pike (must make own wire pike)
5.50- 39 musketeers

ALL unpainted figs. for \$26.00

Historic Location of the Month

Mexico City, Mexico

The Aztec capital of Tenochtitlan was taken by the Spanish Conquistador Hernan Cortez on August 13, 1521.



Mexico City today on the right. The original city of Tenochtitlan on the left is superimposed in the same location as today. After the Spanish conquest, the temples in Tenochtitlan were demolished and the stones were reused for other buildings. The lake was drained.

Photo from Thomas Kole web site (<https://tenochtitlan.thomaskole.nl/>)



Wargame Conventions

www.partizan.org.uk



June		
1st - 2nd June	<u>WWIII Team Yankee Tournament</u>	San Antonio, TX
7th - 9th June	<u>Bayou Wars</u>	D'Iberville, MS
14th - 16th June	<u>Napoleonic Miniatures Gaming Convention</u>	Perrysburg, OH
19th - 23rd June	<u>Origins</u>	Columbus, OH
29th - 30th June	<u>FoW Southern Nationals</u>	Conroe, TX
July		
12th - 20th July	<u>Consimworld Expo</u>	Tempe, AZ
12th - 14th July	<u>ConQuest Ventura</u>	Ventura, CA
12th - 14th July	<u>Twisted Lords Con</u>	Oklahoma City, OK
14th July	<u>Naval Wars</u>	Woodstock, IL
17th - 21st July	<u>Historicon</u>	Lancaster, PA
17th - 21st July	<u>Flames of War East Coast Nationals</u>	Lancaster, PA (At Historicon)
August		
1st - 4th August	<u>Gencon</u>	Indianapolis, IN
15th - 18th August	<u>HistoriKC Fest</u>	Overland Park, KS
15th - 18th August	<u>Nashcon</u>	Nashville, TN
xxx August	<u>Tacticon</u>	Aurora, CO
25th August	<u>Gettysburg Toy Soldier Show</u>	Gettysburg, PA
28th August - 1st September	<u>Reapercon</u>	Denton, TX
30th August - 2nd September	<u>Gateway</u>	Los Angeles, CA
30th August - 2nd September	<u>Pacificon Games Expo</u>	Santa Clara, CA

Full list available here:

[Americas Wargame Calendar](#)

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 \$60.00 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: \$60.00

Half year Adult Membership: \$30.00

(For NEW members who join after June 30)

Family Membership: \$60.00 (one Adult and any number of offspring)

Student Membership: \$30.00 (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>

Discord: <https://discord.gg/DAP2Gn>

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