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Mohammed receiving the submission of the Banu Nadir, 625.



Mohammed forces at the Battle of Uhud in 625.

News and Views

*Message from CMH Secretary
Eric Elder*

Thank you to John Carter and Dave Manley for your articles this month. John shares a book review of a book written by Patrick O'Donnel. Dave shares information about his upcoming 2025 summer Blood and Plunder campaign.

This month we are having our West Wars convention (May 17-18). We still have event spaces available for those that want to run a game. Saturday can use more games. This newsletter has the list of games, but to see the latest updates to the convention, please visit our club website (<https://cmhweb.org>). The convention page on the site will be updated right up to May 17. Deborah Schouten (chnlng@hotmail.com) is our convention organizer. Please contact her regarding your interest in running a game at the convention. She will need this information:

- Game title
- A short description of the game
- Game rules
- Game scale
- Time slot requested (Sat 9-1, Sat 2-6, Sun 1-5)
- Table size needed (5' X 6') (5' X 8') (6' X 7.5') (10' X 6')
- Number of players you can accommodate
- Name of the Game Master

A reminder we that we will have our annual Board Member election on Sunday at the convention. Please consider becoming President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary. If you want details of any of the positions the current Board can pass along the information. If you have not heard, Nate is not seeking another term as President.

I recently scanned about 300 old club newsletters, but I still need more to scan. I have included an article about our old club newsletters. I hope to soon figure out where to place the scanned files so everyone can see these new scanned versions. I admit I did not get a chance to read them, but I'm sure they are a good read.

April

Unit of the Month

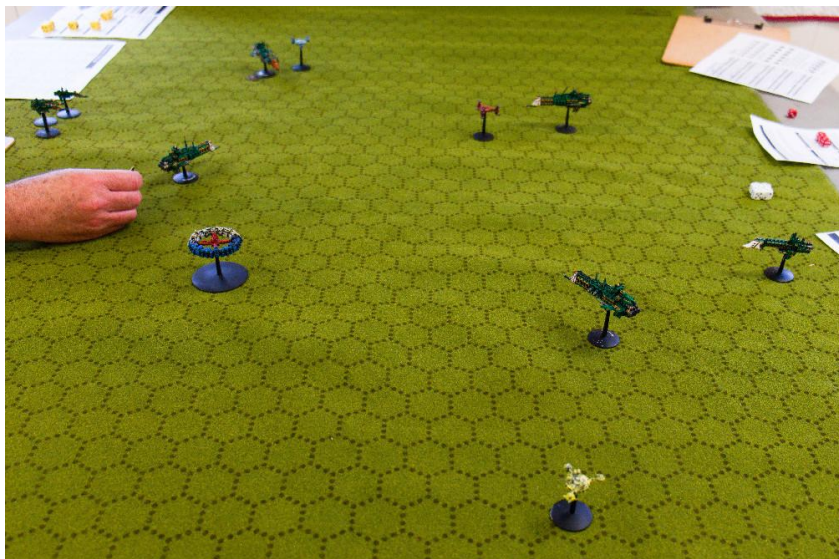
Sponsored by Tom Dye



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 |
|--------------------|-------|---------------|---------|------------------------|
| DAVE MANLEY | 28mm | Warlord Games | WWII | Marines and Airborne |
| Bill Daniel | - | Homemade | - | Volcano Dice Tower |
| Don Cygan | 3mm | Pico Armor | Vietnam | F4/F8 vs Mig-17-Mig-21 |

Winner in **RED**



West Wars 2025

Below is the event listing for West Wars as of April 30. To keep up to date with event changes up to the start of the convention, please check our West Wars web page:

<https://cmhweb.org/cmhconvention/>

MAY 17

9AM – 1PM

- **BATTLE OF MIDWAY**
 - rules: Halsey
 - scale: 1:3000 & 1:700
 - players: 4
 - GM: Eric Elder
- **ASPERN-ESSLING**
 - May 21, 1809, Archduke Charles hands Napoleon his First Defeat!
 - rules: Command and Colors: Epic Napoleonics
 - scale: block boardgame
 - players: 4
 - GM: Matt Vigil
- **WAR ROOM**
 - World War II Global Strategic Level.
 - rules: War Room board game
 - scale: board game
 - players: 6
 - GM: Kurt Strein
- **BATTLE OF BRITAIN**
 - Allied players: Can you stop the German bombers from going through to bomb British cities including London. Will your Spitfires and Hurricanes help stop the Hun?
 - Axis players: can you defend the bombers against the British Spitfires and Hurricanes with your Me109's?
 - We will try several versions of the same scenarios using German Fighter Command orders escorting bombers in flexible formations and going after enemy fighters at will and then using Herman Goering Orders (you will NOT leave the bombers side and will defend them at all cost) the fighters will perform very close escort with the bombers until attacked...
 - rules: Avalon Hill Mustangs
 - scale: 1:200
 - players: 6
 - GM: Nate Forte
- **GAME 5**

2PM – 6PM

- **WAR ROOM**
 - World War II Global Strategic Level.
 - rules: War Room board game
 - scale: board game
 - players: 6
 - GM: Kurt Strein
- **WWII BATTLE**
 - World War Two action using Battalion stands for Corps size action
 - rules: Eisenhower
 - scale:
 - players: 6
 - GM: Michael Brown

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MAY 18

9AM – 11:30AM

- **SWAP AND SELL MEET**

12PM – ~1:00PM

- **CLUB MEETING**

~1:00PM – 5:00PM

- **ADLG TOURNAMENT LATE MIDDLE AGES**
 - The theme this time will be Late Middle Ages (Army Lists 230-282). We will play with 200 Point armies on 80cm by 120cm mats. Loaner armies and terrain will be available.
 - rules: L'Art de la Guerre
 - scale: 15mm
 - players: 8
 - GM: John Brown
- **LEGION VS PHALANX**
 - This game uses Dave's one page rules to pit Alexander's Macedonian Phalanx against a Roman Republican Legion. Will the Invincible Beast triumph over the more flexible legion?
 - rules: Legion vs Horde
 - scale: 28mm
 - players: 6
 - GM: Dave Newport
- **ACW IN 6MM**
 - Action in the north of Gettysburg. Units depicted are Regiments, Brigades and Divisions within a Corp structure.
 - rules: Cohesion. It's the Name of the Game
 - scale: 6mm
 - players: 6
 - GM: Tom Dye
- **BLOOD AND PLUNDER: PIRATES IN THE CARIBBEAN**
 - Use the force builder on the Firelock Games website and build a 150 point force of English, French, Spanish, Dutch, Pirate or Natives and get into the game. This will get everyone up to speed for the upcoming "Summer of Plunder" nine week campaign. Each player should get in two games during the event.
 - rules: Blood and Plunder
 - scale: 28mm

- players: 8
- GM: Dave Manley
- **BATTLE OF CAPE BON, DEC 13, 1941**
 - The struggle for control of the Med goes on. The Axis forces in North Africa are hurting for petrol, and the Italians are trying to run supply convoys, but have been stymied by the British. In desperation, two Regia Marina cruisers have been dragooned into carrying aviation fuel to the Afrika Korps. British intelligence is aware of this and has dispatched a destroyer squadron to intercept. Can the Italians hold off the Royal Navy and deliver their cargoes, or will the British frustrate them again?
 - rules: General Quarters 3.3
 - scale: 1:2400
 - players: 4
 - GM: John Carter & John Owen



Historic Newsletters

1966-2005 Scans

CMH Secretary
Eric Elder

I was busy for two weeks in April scanning old paper newsletters between the dates of 1969 and 2001. Thank you to Greg Skelly for the majority of the newsletters. Our newsletters have been published monthly, with only a few two-month combined issues. I need to look into the post 2005 which I have. We have gaps in our newsletters, so those of you who were with the club pre-2001, please look to see if you have some at home and can fill in the gaps. The 1966-2005 coverage is outlined below on the next two pages. The months that are not highlighted below shows which issues I need. If you have some at home, I'd like to scan them and return them to you.

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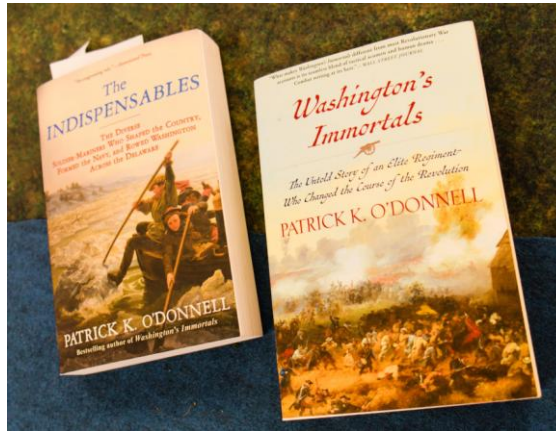
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Washington's Immortals

and

The Indispensables

By Patrick K. O'Donnell

Book(s) review by John Carter

These two books cover two different regiments in the Revolution, Smallwood's Maryland and Glover's Marbleheader's. The first book, about the Marylanders, covers one of our first units to be proficient with the bayonet who, along with Hazlett's Delaware performed yeoman service through the whole war. This book covers their career in excellent detail, from their formation and fighting on Long Island to the fighting in the last campaigns in the South. It is filled with excellent detail and makes a good read.

The second book is good, with a couple of reservations. The Marbleheaders were the fisherman who rowed Washington out of trouble from Long Island and into glory at Trenton. But, they were out of service by 1777. So, what might be covered in a monograph is stretched into a book. On the plus side, many of the same folks were involved in Washington's private navy of small schooners in 1775 and went on to serve in the Continental Navy as well as other endeavors. He makes the most of these connections, often. He also covers how integrated (About 1/3 black or Indian) the regiment was. But he kind of belabors his points. He also includes a number of "likely's, must have's, and probably's. He occasionally makes stupid blunders, misrepresenting the Boston Massacre and referring to Hugh Mercer as John Mercer. All of that said it is still a good book and will expand your knowledge especially in connecting different parts of the Revolution together. You just have to be a little careful as you read it.

April

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 |
|---------------------|-------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Jeff Lambert | 18mm | Reg. Fire and Fury | Battle of Barossa |
| Deborah Schouten | 15mm | Nap Battles 4 th ed. | Battle for Washington |
| Eric Elder | 28mm | Muskets & Tomahawks | Battle of the Windmill |
| Greg Cornell | 1:300 | Void Admiral | Space Combat |

Winner in **RED**



Summer of Plunder

2025 Campaign Event

*by CMH Treasurer
David Manley*



Okay, it's that time of year again! The SUMMER OF PLUNDER campaign event from Firelock Games using the Blood and Plunder rules begins June 1 and runs nine weeks this summer. I will host games at the June, July and August club meetings as well as several Friday nights at Hobby Town Westminster.

In preparation for the campaign, I will run a game Sunday at the club meeting using small forces to acquaint players to the system and game. Members with forces please use the force builder on the Firelock Games website to build a 150-point force. This will be a land battle and I plan on several 3x3 game surfaces for people to get at least two battles during the afternoon.

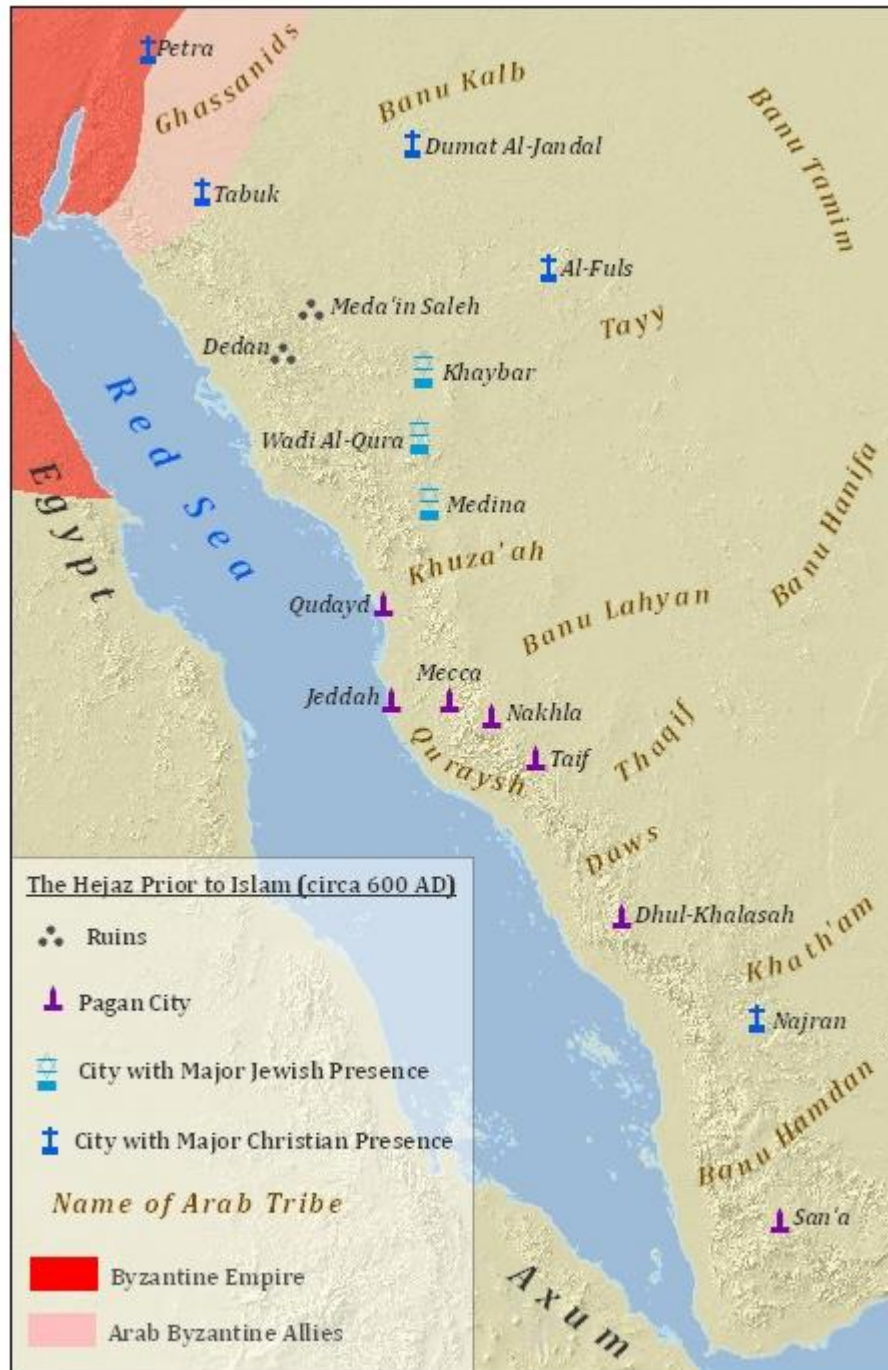
I will have a sign-up sheet at the May meeting for people that want to participate in the summer campaign. For those who do, there are weekly random drawings for prizes. Last year, Jayme and I both won something! So, to learn more and see all that's involved in the event, go to:

<https://bloodandpigment.com/summer-of-plunder-hq/>

Historic Location of the Month

Medina, Saudi Arabia

In May 625, Muhammad and his followers sieged the Jewish tribe of Banu Nadir in Medina. After 15 days, they surrendered and were forced to leave the city with all their property taken.



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 groups.io site 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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