



# Colorado Military Historians

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*Boeing B-29 Superfortress – “Peachy”*

## **CMH Fall News**

*Message from CMH Secretary  
Binhan Lin*

We are now beginning the fall gaming season which was kicked off with our local convention Tacticon. I look forward to a slew of articles on the games, exploits and events of the convention. Upcoming in November will be our own Veterans Wars convention during the Veterans Day weekend. If you are interested in running a game or assisting with the convention, please contact Dan Gurule. I received articles this month from Terry Shockey on his trip to Historicon and an article from myself about my visit to the Pueblo Air Museum earlier this summer. As always, additional articles, tidbits and photos are welcome.

## **Pueblo Weisbrod Aircraft Museum**

*By CMH Secretary*

*Binhan Lin*

In May, I had the opportunity to visit the Weisbrod Aircraft Museum in Pueblo. This museum is notable for several reasons. First, they have one of the few remaining B-29's on display, second it is the home of the International B-24 Memorial Museum, and finally, it provides a historical repository of aviation in Colorado.

In 1972, Pueblo City Manager, Fred Weisbrod began collecting historical aircraft at the Pueblo Municipal Airport, on the grounds of the former WW2-era Army Air Force base. In 1985 a group of veterans formed the Pueblo Historical Aircraft Society for the purpose of raising funds to restore and protect the aircraft. In 2001, a hangar was constructed that would contain half of the collection and in 2010 a second hangar was added.

The museum houses more than two dozen aircraft ranging from the B-29 "Peachy" to a C-130 Hercules nose-section. In addition, there is an extensive exhibit of WW2 women's armed force uniforms, the uniform and memorabilia of Carl Sitter, a Congressional Medal of Honor winner, and a wide collection of informational panels, equipment, and photographs that form the International B-24 Memorial Museum.

The museum also houses an extensive library of over 6,000 volumes and 1500 military videos, which is available to the public. There is also a small gift shop with a variety of aviation themed books, models, clothing and other items.

The museum is located at 31001 Magnuson Ave. next to the Pueblo Municipal Airport.

### **Museum Hours:**

Open 7 days a week:

Daily 10AM –4PM

Saturday 10AM – 4PM

Sunday 1PM – 4PM

Closed New Years, Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

### **Admission:**

\$7.00 for age 10+, Active Military – Free.



## **HISTORICON 2012**

*By CMH Member*

*Terry Shockey*

Historicon 2012 took place in Fredericksburg Virginia. The initial apprehension by many over the choice of this location was misplaced. The convention center was roomy and well lighted and air-conditioned. There were problems with crowd noise and the bathroom quantity. But the games were plentiful and well presented.

John Mumby and I flew into Newport News on a direct flight with Frontier. Nice small convenient airport close to Williamsburg, Yorktown and Jamestown. After walking around old Williamsburg on a very sultry evening we knew we were in for a very uncomfortable weather day at Yorktown Battlefield the following day before heading to Fredericksburg for the con. The heat index was 115 by noon so ranger presentation outdoors were curtailed. We got in on the only one outside in the morning. It is a battlefield well worth seeing for AWI fans.

The Fredericksburg Convention Center is situated in the middle of a huge shopping and restaurant area. There is no lack of choices of food. The food at the convention center was also not bad. Parking was good as well.

This was the best Historicon for me in terms of games played. Each game was well presented and the Gms prepared. My first game was the Battle of Puebla. Eric Burgess of Guns of Liberty Rules and several Piquet supplements was the GM. I played on the French side attacking the fortress of Guadalupe. Needless to say that we did not change the course of history and Cinco de Mayo would be celebrated in years to come. Piquet Din of Battle rules was used for that. Thursday night John Mumby and I played in an 1812 game presented by Duncan Adams of the HAWKS group. They always present excellent games for adults and children. Swash and Saber rules were used with the result that John and I were able to push the British from their defensive position and force a bridge crossing successfully.

Friday saw me playing on the French side in a Field of Battle FPW scenario run by Tim Couper, a charming erudite Englishman from near London. We have known Tim for several years through our mutual enjoyment of Piquet rules sets. Unbelievably the French side actually won the game. One of our opponents we discovered is responsible for the coordination of events celebrating the anniversary of the War of 1812 in Ontario province in Canada. That afternoon I reconnected with Martin Goddard, Mr. Peter Pig himself. His lovely wife, Julie, and his daughters were present to help him with his Patrols In The Sudan demonstration. These were an updated version of a fine set of RFCM rules. John Mumby has a copy of the new rules and the figures to go with it. So maybe he will present a game in the near future. Very fun set of rules.

Saturday was a rare treat for me. Mike Dunn, a simulation trainer at the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center at Ft. Leavenworth Kansas, ran Kriegspiel, the original wargame. I acted as a field officer who knew only what he saw in his area of the battlefield and acted on information from an umpire. I was a very interesting experience and stimulated thoughts of presenting it at a future CMH meeting. That was followed by our final game of the convention. Yes, John and I played in two games together at the convention. That was a first. We played in a Napoleonic scenario on the Russian side. The rules were a set of rules in development by Buck Surdu, of the HAWKS entitled Look Sarge, No Charts: Napoleonic



Wars. Although still in completed the rules were enjoyable. By the way the Russians lost this one when I lost the town were defending.

On Sunday John and I headed the two-hour drive back down to Newport News with a side trip to Jamestown. It was not as hot and muggy and the Jamestown settlement and fort were well worth the time. All in all it was a very successful convention. CMH was well represented with Jeff Caruso, Bill Daniel, Kevin Dykmann, Dan Gurule, Larry Irons, Todd Pressley, Greg Skelly, as well as John and myself.



*Terry strategizing at Kriegsspiel*

## August Monthly Meeting Unit of the Month

Each month CMH members bring their latest painted figures and models to the meeting to display their latest efforts and compete for Unit of the Month.

CMH Member	Scale	Era	Unit
Eric Elder	15mm	Renaissance	Scottish Siege Guns
<b>Steve Schultz</b>	1/144	WW2	Hurricanes and He-111's

Unit of the Month Winner is highlighted in **RED**.



*CMH members at Historicon*

## August Monthly Meeting Game of the Month

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

CMH Member	Scale	Era	Rules	Description
<b>Matt Vigil</b>	15mm	Ancients	DBMM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Punic War in Spain
Jeff Caruso	15mm	Ancients	DBA 2.2+	Intro to DBA 2.2+
Terry Shockey	25mm	French & Indian War	FIW Naval rules, mod.	Trappers escaping Iroquois
Doug Wilfong	28mm	WW2/Alt	Dust Warfare	Germans vs. Sino-Soviets
Larry Irons	1/300	Ancients	Roman Seas	Romans vs. Carthaginians

**Game of the Month Winner is highlighted in RED.**



*Middle Eastern terrain at Historicon*

## CMH September Scheduled Events

This table shows what scheduled CMH events are coming up. 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	End Time
September 7	FNF	Baker	7:00 pm	11:00 pm
September 9	MM	Baker	12:00pm	5:00pm
September 14	FNF	TBD (Greg)	7:00 pm	11:00 pm
September 21	FNF	TBD (Greg)	7:00 pm	11:00 pm
September 28	FNF	TBD (Greg)	7:00 pm	11:00 pm

Contact Greg Skelly ([gjskelly@comcast.net](mailto:gjskelly@comcast.net)) if you would like to attend and to get directions to his house.



*Present and past CMH members at Historicon*





## 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. One Friday of the month will be held at the Baker Community Center. The other 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 \$35.00 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: \$35.00

Half year Adult Membership: \$25.00

(For NEW members who join after June 30)

Family Membership: \$35.00 (one Adult and any number of offspring)

Student Membership: \$20.00 (16 to 22 years old)

Children: free (younger than 16 accompanied by member)

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