



# Colorado Military Historians

Newsletter

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*Americans advance in Haiti (1915)*

## **CMH President's Column**

*Message from CMH President*

*Doug Wildfong*

On Saturday, September 15th, 2012 many of our CMH membership volunteered and participated in a painting project for a Veteran of World War II residing in Brighton CO. The project was in part organized by [Rick Stockton](#) and Dianna Stockton, working with a local Brighton Business for the supplies and gathering help in the way of volunteers to complete the project. The volunteers gathered in the morning at the residence and set to work promptly preparing the exterior of the house for painting. Work progressed quickly due to the numerous volunteers and excellent coordination of the leaders and workers. The entire exterior was scraped, primed, caulked and finish coat painted between 8:30 am and 3:30 pm.

The house for the project is the property of Florence Becker, a 92 year old Veteran of World War II, serving in a Cavalry Recon unit attached to the 4th Armored Division during that conflict. During the project several of our members took a few moments to talk with Mr. Becker and were very impressed with his recollections of actions he described and particulars of his unit. They also viewed an album being composed by his daughter of photos and memorabilia of Mr. Becker's time with his unit in France, Belgium and Luxembourg during the Summer of 1944 and into 1945.

I extend a special thanks to Rick and Dianna for bringing the project to our club to volunteer and give effort and work back to our community. Thanks also goes to the volunteers (and please forgive me if I have overlooked any of our volunteer members in this listing). Among the participants for CMH were Tony Fryer and Robin Fryer along with Tony's eldest daughter, Dan Gurule, Kevin Dykman and his two Sons, David Minor, Rick Stockton and Dianna Stockton along with Rick's son and myself. I also want to credit Mr. Becker's family and friends and their contribution to the work party.

There is an article in the Denver Post about this outing along with a couple of photos of the participants and home. I include an excerpt from Dianna Stockton's follow up email, below.

"Hi Doug-

I received a call from the Becker's this morning about an article in the Denver Post about our painting project. I thought you might want to somehow publish the link or the actual article in your newsletter. Unfortunately, all of the pictures included were of people out in the front yard so the historian club didn't get their pictures in but it does make mention of your group. Rick and I are still both so grateful for all of the help everyone provided so we could get it done so fast. It's amazing how beautiful it looks and they are so pleased with the outcome.

To find the article go to: [yourhub.denverpost.com](http://yourhub.denverpost.com) published on Sept. 27th and search for the Adams County Hub. There are 2 different pictures along with a 2 page article."

We are also trying to arrange for Mr. Becker to come to a future meeting and thank us personally and talk to us about his experience with his unit in Europe. I will alert the membership when we can set a date, hopefully soon.



*Legion vs. Horde and Patrols in the Sudan Games*



*CMH October meeting*

## CMH Fall News

*Message from CMH Secretary  
Binhan Lin*

This month on November 9 through 11 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 Doug Wildfong (Dwwildfong (at) Comcast.net). A preliminary schedule and game listing is included in this month's issue.

Schwag for the coming year will be green CMH dice. As always members will receive four free dice with their paid 2013 membership. We will be accepting dues for 2013 starting in November.

Currently there is one Friday Night Fight hosted a Baker Community Center per month. There has been discussion of hosting additional Friday Night Fights at various shops around the Denver Metro Area on a rotating basis. Potential locations include Above and Beyond in Northglenn, Dark Matter Games in Lakewood, and CollectorMania in Parker. If you know of a local game store that would be interested in hosting one Friday a month or perhaps one Saturday a month for a demo game or are interested in helping to organize games at these locations, please contact a board member.



*DBMM 3.0 – Punic Wars*

## Veteran Wars 2012

Veteran Wars is a CMH run mini-convention during the weekend of November 9-11<sup>th</sup>. Veterans Wars is hosted at the Baker Community Center (6751 Irving Street, Denver CO). A preliminary listing of games is as follows:

### Friday Night 7 pm to 11 pm

Seven Years War Naval Sail

Hughes and Suffren battle for control of the Indian Ocean and the sub Continent.

Scale 1/ 600 scale ships provided

Rules: Fighting Instructions ;Dice version

Players = 6-10

Game Master: Doug Wildfong

### Saturday 9am to 1 pm

Battle of the Komandorski Islands

March 1943 The Japanese Aleutian garrisons on Kiska and Attu Islands are being slowly strangled by the American Naval Blockade. Imperial General Headquarters has assembled a large relief task force. Who will decide the fate of the islands?

Rules: Homegrown; Rules taught / beginner

Players = 4-6

Miniatures are provided

Game Master John F. Owen

Fighter sweep over the South Pacific. -Wildcats vs Zero's

Rules: Knight's Cross / Pacific Theater

1/144<sup>th</sup> scale aircraft

Players – 6-8 youngsters welcome from 7 yrs or older.

Game Master John Warrior

### Saturday 2 pm to finished

Fall of Rome Medley. 240 AP Roman, German, Sassanid and Hun armies, organized into a Roman and a "Barbarian" team, will battle in multiple rounds. Armies will be provided, although players are welcome to bring figures of their own if have them. Hosted by Larry Irons and John Brown."

Rules: DBMM 2.0

Players = 12 with 6 already committed to play.

Game Master : John Brown and Larry Irons

### Saturday 2 pm to 6 pm

Actions around Lutzen

Command one of the 2 French Divisions against the Prussian and Russian divisions on the attack. We are simulating some of the fighting on the French right center outside of Lutzen.

Rules are Song of Drums Large Battle

Players = 4

Game Masters Dan Gurule and Matt Vigil

### **Saturday 2 pm to 6 pm continued**

#### WWI Square Bashing

Will the Russians rise to stem the German Tide? 1916 Eastern Front , Russians and Germans ; The Russians have been pushed back so often that the Germans don't believe that there will be much of a chance for a counterattack. They might just be wrong.

Limit of 6 players.

Rules: New Square Bashing rules from RFCM.

Game Master: Terry Shockey.

#### Ambush Z

A hunt for the survivors before the Zombies can get to them. Lots of fun and shoot 'em up.

20 mm scale troops

Rules: Ambush Alley

Players – 4 to 6 easy rules to lean and pick up.

Game Master: John Warrior

### **Saturday Night 7 pm to 11 pm**

Banana Wars in Haiti circa 1915.

Send in the Marines to restore order and profits to the United Fruit Company. The Rebels will be put down. ..Rifles, Tommy Guns, B.A.R.'s and Lewis Guns Ohh My!!

The modern equivalent to Song of Drums and Shakos.

Scale 28mm

Players 4 (maybe 6 if I get enough figures painted)

Game Master: Jeff Caruso

#### Song of Drums Large Battle.

Once again French forces square off against British, and Spanish forces in the Peninsula.

Scale 25-28mm

Rules: Song of Drums Large Battle

Number of players = 4

Game Master: Doug Wildfong

### **Sunday 12 pm to 6 pm**

DBA 3.0 is arriving! Get into it early! If you liked DBA 2.2, you will love DBA 3.0 even better!

Tournament play will be preceded by a tutorial and discussion highlighting the changes from DBA 2.2 in the improved version. 12 element DBA 2.2 armies will be honored, or contact John S. Brown

([jsandmbrown@msn.com](mailto:jsandmbrown@msn.com)) for more current army lists. Copies of the rules of play will be distributed, and are available on line as well. Tournament will be played in three rounds on a 24" square field. Be the first on your block to master DBA 3.0 – the wave of the future!"

Game Master = John Brown

#### Seven Years War; Prussians vs. French

Fredric will battle the French in a recreation of a portion of Rossbach

Scale 25-28mm  
 Rules: Lace Wars  
 Number of players = 6  
 Game Master: Doug Wildfong

## October 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	Manufacturer	Era	Unit
David Newport	15mm	Old Glory 15's	Ancients	Babylonian Archers and Spearmen
<b>Steve Schultz</b>	1/144	Big Bird	WW2	B-17G's and Do-217's
Eric Elder	28mm	Knuckleduster	War of 1812	Upper Canada Militia

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



*Unit of the Month entries – Babylonians and Canadians*



*Unit of the Month entries – B-17G's and Do-217's*

## October 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>Dave Newport</b>	28mm	Ancients	Legion vs. Horde	Romans vs. Gaul
Pat Harvey & Matt Vigil	15mm	Ancients	DBMM 3.0	Punic Wars
Terry Shockey & John Mumby	15mm	Colonial	Patrols in the Sudan	British Scouting Expedition
Aaron Bailey	28mm	Sci-Fi	Warhammer 40K	Orcs vs. Marines
Jeff Caruso	28mm	1915	Flying Lead	US Marines in Haiti

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*“Miniature” wargamers—playing 40K*



## CMH November 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
November 2	FNF	TBD	7:00 pm
November 9	Veteran Wars	Baker	7:00 pm
November 10	Veteran Wars	Baker	9:00 am
November 11	Veteran Wars/MM	Baker	9:00 am
November 16	FNF	TBD	7:00 pm
November 30	FNF	TBD	7:00 pm
December 7	FNF	TBD	7:00 pm
December 9	Monthly Meeting	Baker	Noon
December 14	FNF	TBD	7:00 pm
December 21	FNF	Baker	7:00 pm

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



*Happy natives defy the British*



## 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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