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Gettysburg National Military Park (National Park Service)

West Wars 2013 and Battle of Gettysburg 150th

*Message from CMH Secretary
Binhan Lin*

July is filled with various military related events. First is the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, with commemoration events starting June 29th and continuing through the rest of the year. July will also see West Wars, our very own convention, during the weekend of July 12-14th. Historicon will be in Fredricksburg, VA the weekend of July 18-21. Planning is also well underway for Tacticon with several club members running games at the fall convention.



DBxx practice games

Battle of Gettysburg 150th Anniversary

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The battle of Gettysburg occurred July 1-3 in 1863. This year marks the 150th anniversary of this watershed battle. The Gettysburg National Military Park is holding a series of special programs and events to commemorate the anniversary.

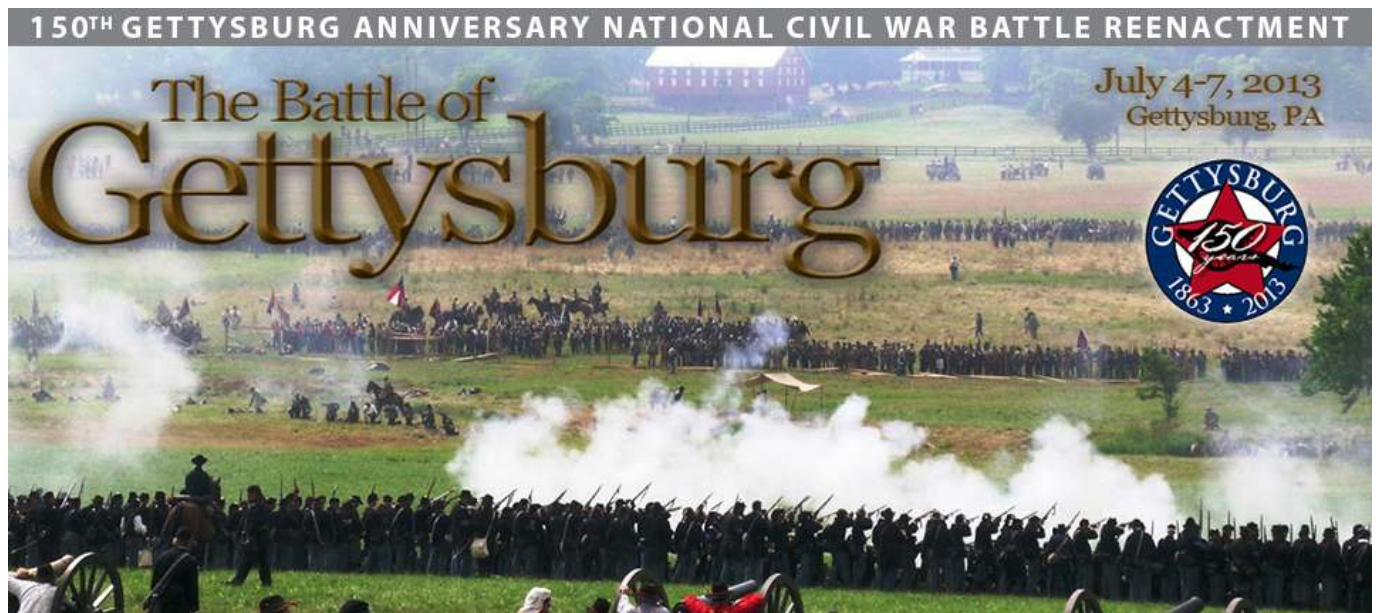
<http://www.nps.gov/gett/index.htm>

The Smithsonian has used new technology to recreate a virtual battlefield giving viewers a ground-eye view of the battlefield, as it would have appeared to the commanders of the day, perhaps offering new insight into why General Lee would commit his forces in the face of such difficult terrain and opposition.

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history-archaeology/A-Cutting-Edge-Second-Look-at-the-Battle-of-Gettysburg.html>

Historical re-enactors have gone into high gear for this special anniversary of the battle:

<http://www.gettysburgreenactment.com/>



The Gettysburg Address

*President Abraham Lincoln
November 19, 1863*

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

West Wars 2013

Nate Forte and Dan Gurule

WEST WARS 2013 GAME LISTINGS
JULY 12 THRU JULY 14, 2013
BAKER RECREATION CENTER
6751 IRVING ST
DENVER CO 80221

(FR = Friday, SM = Saturday Morning, SA = Saturday Afternoon, SE = Saturday Evening, SU = Sunday)

SATURDAY Morning July 13 - 9am to 1 pm

Event #: *SM1*

Title: ?

Description:?

Rules:?

Scale:

Players:?

Notes: Something with a Grain Elevator

Playing Area required:?

Game Master: Stan Stratton

SATURDAY Afternoon July 13 - 2 pm to 6 pm

Event #: SA1

Title: Red Rebellion

Description: The sailors of Kronstadt began a revolt against the repressive Bolshevik economy. As word spread to the countryside where the peasants were also dealing with heavy-handed Bolshevik policies the rebellion ignited. Can Trotsky's general Tukachevsky put down the revolt before the Bolsheviks lose control of power to a new socialist order? Can the rebels under Petrichenko hope to end the destructive reign of the Bolsheviks?

Rules: Squarebashing

Scale: 15mm

Players: 4

Notes: Beginner/Rules Taught

Playing Area Required: 4 x 8

Game Master: Terry Shockey

SATURDAY Evening July 13 - 7 pm to Midnight

Event #: SE1

Title: Napoleon's Battles (NB) in 28mm

Description: French vs. Russians in a scenario TBD

Rules: This is a hex map modification of "Napoleon's Battles"

Scale: 28mm

Players: 6-8 (will be determined by scenario design)

Notes: Models and equipment provided, Rules taught, but some experienced NB gamers will be a great help. I have developed a Hex Map version for NB that is being played here at CSGA and has generated much enthusiasm and would like to bring that up to Denver; the game plays faster yet retains much of the flavor of the original.

Playing Area Required: 12.5' x 6' (five 6' x 2.5' tables)

Game Master: Lamont Anderson

SUNDAY (Swap Meet) July 14 – 9- 12:00

SUNDAY (Club Meeting) July 14 – 12- 12:30pm

SUNDAY (Games) Afternoon July 14 – 12:30- 5:00pm

Event #: SU1

Title: Chalcedon 74 BC

Description: Mithridates Attacks Rome - "The Mighty Mithridates launches his Third Mithridatic War against Rome! Allied with his son-in-law Tigranes of Armenia, he over-runs Bithynia and Kappadokia, closing in on Aurelius Cotta's consular army defending Chalcedon. Marian Romans, Bithynians and Kappadokians collide with Mithridatics and Armenians in a colossal meeting engagement. History tells us that Mithridates defeats Cotta. As a Mithridatic or Armenian, can you repeat this victory? As a Roman, Bithynian or Kappadokian, can you reverse it? Giant Battle DBA 3.0 will bring this massive battle to an expedient but exciting conclusion. Armies will be provided, but players are welcome to bring their own. Co-Hosts are Terry Shockey and John Brown."

Rules: DBA 3.0

Scale: 15mm

Players: 4-6 (but will be able to accommodate over-flow)

Notes: Armies will be provided, but players are welcome to bring their own (Marian Roman, Bithynian, Kappadokian, Mithridatic or Armenian)

Playing Area: 96" by 48" (four 6' by 2.5' tables?)

Game Masters: Terry Shockey and John Brown

Event #: SU2

Title: Caesar in Gaul

Description: Marian Romans with a Numidian Ally Battle Gauls with an Iberian Ally

Rules: BBDBA 3.0

Scale: 15mm

Players: 4 (pre-selected)

Notes: First Event of the Annual CMH/CSGA DBx Smack Down

Playing Area: 48" by 30" (one 6' by 2.5' table)

Game Master: John Brown

Event #: SU3

Title: Vietnam War - Battle of Ia Drang

Description: Recent intelligence has suggested that North Vietnamese Army troops are in the Chu Pong Massif area. A reconnaissance in force has been ordered to this area. The mission has been given to the 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division led by Lieutenant Colonel Hal Moore. The 1st Cavalry Division is a helicopter mobile division. On the morning of November 14, 1965 the first two companies have landed and deployed from LZ X-Ray. Will this reconnaissance discover any NVA units?

Rules: Cold War Commander

Scale: 10mm

Players: 4

Notes: None

Playing Area: 5 x 6 (2 Tables)

Game Master: Eric Elder



Unit of the Month entries – Iroquois and Medieval Saxon army

June 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
Eric Elder	12mm	Minifigs	Vietnam	Huey Hog
Eric Elder	28mm	Conquest	War of 1812	Iroquois
Eric Elder	1/144	F-Toys	Vietnam	Skyraider and F100
Terry Shockey	10mm	Pendracken	Medieval	Saxon Army

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



Unit of the Month entries – Huey Hog and F100 Super Sabre

June 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
John Mumby	10mm	1866	Convention Rules	Austrian vs. Prussians
John Brown	15mm	ANC	DBMM 2.0 & DBA 3.0	Smack Down Prep

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



Unit of the Month entry – Skyraider

CMH July 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
July 5	FNF	TBD	TBD
July 12	West Wars	Baker	7 PM
July 13	West Wars	Baker	9 AM
July 14	West Wars/MM	Baker	9 AM/Noon
July 19	FNF	TBD	TBD
July 26	FNF	TBD	TBD
August 2	FNF	TBD	TBD
August 9	FNF	TBD	TBD
August 11	MM	Baker	Noon

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



Game of the Month entry – 1866 Austrians vs. Prussians



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 who serve 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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