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*Enola Gay at the National Air and Space Museum-Udvar-Hazy ([aafradio.org](http://aafradio.org))*

## **Swap Meet, Tacticon, Veterans Wars and DBx Smackdown!**

*Message from CMH Secretary  
Binhan Lin*

West Wars in July was cut short by a plumbing issue at Baker Recreation Center. This caused the cancellation of the Saturday night games and Sunday events, including the swap meet and the monthly meeting. The swap meet has been rescheduled for the August meeting with setup around 9:30AM. If you have items that you want to display, please contact Doug Wildfong to arrange for table space.

Tacticon will be over the Labor Day weekend (August 29-September 2) at the Red Lion Hotel in Aurora (<http://www.denvergamers.org/>). Several club members are running games at the con, please check them out and support historical miniatures and the local convention scene as well.

Veterans Wars will be November 8-10, we are looking for a co-ordinator to quickly organize the event and line up games. If you are interested, please contact a club officer.

Dan Gurule posted an after action report on the annual DBx Smackdown. This year the contest was hosted by CSGA on their home turf.

August 6<sup>th</sup> was the anniversary of the dropping of the Little Boy atomic bomb on Hiroshima by the Enola Gay.

**DBx SMACKDOWN 2013**  
Colorado Springs Gamers Association (CSGA)  
and the Colorado Military Historians (CMH) SMACKDOWN!

*After action report by CMH Member Dan Gurule*



Well another smackdown is almost in the books. Last Saturday CSGA hosted our annual DBx smackdown at their club in Colorado Springs. Of course everyone had a blast but due to a scheduling problem we have one more Doubles BBDBA event to complete. General John Brown has coordinated this last pivotal battle in September. It will be Greg and Matt going against the Evil Hayes Brothers Art and Roy. Over the last two years of this competition the score is 1 to 1! Go CMH

This year we added a new Dbx event by way of throwing down some DBN. We chose to play the Prussian attack on Plancenoit. The French VI Corps trying to hold back some of the angered Prussian IV Corps. It was Doug Raines and Nate Forte playing the French and Doug Wildfong and myself playing the Prussians. Note that Nate is from CMH and was granted a special Presidential pardon for playing for CSGA. Here are a few pictures.



*DBMM Pat and Dick fought this one out.*



*CSGA and CMH duking it out!*



*DBA Commanders - Bernie, Doug, Terry and Greg*



*Our CMH CinC General John Brown going against Rob*



*DBN Commanders Doug W., Prussian right, Doug R., French left, Nate Forte, French right and I was the Prussian left*

So the DBN battle was a very close run action. We modified the scoring system and scale to provide us a better historical feel. That meant that the whoever solely held Plancenot received 2 points. But ala, Drums and Shako Large Battle (DSL B) we awarded a side one (1) point that had penetrated the enemies Zone 1 (6 inch from centerline). And if you got Infantry into their Zone 2 (rear 6 inches) then the side would be given 2 points. One additional condition was if

you got Cavalry in Zone 2 you could score another point. This provided us with a very desperate battle where the Prussians are pushing into the French Right Flank and trying to punch through into Napoleon's rear.



*Prussian right on the attack!*



*My Prussian siege at Plancenoit, man those French line were stubborn!*

Two French Brigades were rushed in to await the Prussian IV Corps attack. And as the Prussian's pushed into the area the Young Guard were ordered to close up and gaps with the Old Guard on standby.



*You can tell this is fourth turn, the Young Guard arrived Turn 3 and they are on the outskirts! My columns were pushing them hard.*

It got to the end where both the French and Prussians scored one (1) point for having infantry in each others Zones. Plancenoit had enough units in there to contest the village so no points there. So it was 1 to 1 so we went to the units destroyed to break the tie. The Prussians were down 5 to 8, damn! This being a DBx throwdown tournament we had to convert that to DBA scoring so we agreed on a 60 to 40 score in favor of the French Dogs.



*You can see Doug on our fight flank secured a point by getting across the road into the French lines. I was eventually repulsed except for one Battalion that can be seen in the near corner of Plancenoit. That was enough to deny the 2 points for either side.*

Great fun, I would like to fight this again next year in the competition and add Quatre Bras as an additional battle. Let's see if we can get more players next year for our DBN event.

Thanks CSGA for your hospitality providing food and a great playing environment. I wanted to also add safe, well, it is in the Police Station.

Dan

## **July Monthly Meeting Unit of the Month**

There was no UOM for July due to the cancellation of the monthly meeting.

## **July Monthly Meeting Game of the Month**

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## **CMH August/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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Start Time</b>
August 2	FNF	Baker	7PM
August 9	FNF	TBD	TBD
August 11	MM/Swap Meet	Baker	10AM
August 16	FNF	TBD	TBD
August 23	FNF	TBD	TBD
Aug. 29-Sep 2	Tacticon	Red Lion Inn, Aurora	
August 30	FNF	TBD	TBD
September 6	FNF	Baker	7PM
September 8	MM	Baker	Noon
September 13	FNF	TBD	TBD
September 20	FNF	TBD	TBD
September 27	FNF	TBD	TBD

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



# 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.

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(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)

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