



Colorado Military Historians

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WEST WARS 2014



KMS Bismarck after battle in Denmark Straits (Wikimedia)

West Wars, Club Officer Elections, and FNF gaming.

*Message from CMH Secretary
Binhan Lin*

2014 Membership dues are due and can be paid at the monthly meeting. Rates remain unchanged from last year - \$35.00 for adult full year memberships with reduced rates for students, children and families. Schwag this year will be remainder CMH dice from previous years, which will be available at the monthly meeting.

Club Elections will be held on Sunday, May 18 at the club meeting during West Wars. Positions available are President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. If you are interested in running for a club office, please contact a club officer.

West Wars is May 16-18. Nate Forte is co-ordinating the effort. If you are interested in running a game or assisting with our con, please contact him (nat@miaforte.com). A reminder that the annual Swap Meet will be before the club meeting on Sunday. Bring your stuff, bring your cash and trade, sell and buy more stuff that you won't have time to paint.

Nate has also negotiated a sponsor for Game of the month. Steven Higgins of Total Escape Games has agreed to donate a prize for each month this year for the winner of Game of the Month.

DBX Smackdown will be held at the Conclave of Gamers convention in Denver on July 25-27, come support your CMH brothers in this annual competition with our comrades from Colorado Springs.



Game of the Month entries – The Sword and the Flame: Sudan Throwdown and Egyptian Relief

Military History of May

*By CMH Secretary
Binhan Lin*

- May 1
1960, US U-2 spy plane shot down over Russia, pilot Gary Powers captured.
- May 2
73, Romans finally capture Jewish fortress of Masada
- May 5
1862, Cinco de Mayo, Mexican forces defeat the French at Puebla
- May 8
1945, V-E Day as Germany signs unconditional surrender.
- May 13
1912, Britain creates the Royal Flying Corps.
- May 15
1479 BCE, Thutmose III defeats King of Kadesh at the Battle of Meggido.
- May 16
1986, The movie “Topgun” premieres.
- May 23
1775, Patrick Henry says “Give me Liberty or give me Death.”
- May 24
1941, KMS Bismarck sinks the HMS Hood in the Denmark Straits.
- May 28
861, Vikings burn Paris



Game of the Month entry – Canvas Eagles

April 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
Dave Manley	28mm	Perry and Black Tree	Colonial	42 nd Highlanders, 9 th Bengal Lancers, Gatling Gun and crew, King's Royal Rifle Co.
Doug Wildfong	28mm	Hinchcliff	Colonial	Supply Camel train and burros
Terry Shockey	28mm	Reaper	Wild West	Mad Jock Warrior

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



Game of the Month entries – Avalon Hill's Napoleon and DBx

April 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
Eris Caver	1/144	WWI	Canvas Eagles	German Recon/Escort
Nate Forte	Board	Nap.	Napoleon (Avalon Hill)	Napoleonic battles with wooden blocks
John S. Brown/Matt Vigil	15mm	Medieval	DBA	Teutonic Knights vs. Scandinavians
Dan Gurule	28mm	Colonial	TSATF	Sudan Campaign
Dave Manley	28mm	Colonial	TSATF	Sudan Relief of Egyptian Garrison

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

West Wars 2014

By Nate Forte

Hello CMH club members. This year will mark my second time as the West Wars venue planner for our club. As you all know last year though we started the event with strong showing, and had a very full weekend of gaming planned, including games hosted by our friends at the CSGH club, it was not meant to be. The Baker center suffered a series of unfortunate Toilet failures and the venue had to be shut down Saturday afternoon and cancel all Sunday events.

This year the event will run in May and we hope that the Monsoon season will not be upon us to ruin our event. This year will mark the 100th anniversary of World War I, the Great War and I would like to host as many period games as we can fit in our three days of gaming.

I would like to call upon the members to bring forth your games and let us remember this great historical event.

Of course any games are welcome and I expect John Brown to set up a DBA/ DBMM event. I will have a Wings of War/Glory tournament and I hope to set up a canvas eagle game or two as well.

This period is well represented in the miniatures hobby world and I hope that our members will share their favorite miniatures games from this time.



WEST WARS

2014 GAME LISTINGS
MAY 16 THRU MAY 18, 2014
BAKER RECREATION CENTER
6751 IRVING ST
DENVER CO 80221

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

FRIDAY Evening May 16 - 7 pm to 12 Midnight

Event #: FR1

Title: Raid on England

Description: Some high flying Gotha's are on their way to bomb the British mainland. Can you as the British player stop this menace?

Rules: Wings of War (not Wings of Glory) - Altitude rules included.

Scale: 1/144

Players: 4 but up to 6 can be accommodated.

Notes: Figures provided, rules taught.

Playing Area required: 2 Tables.

Game Master: Nate Forte

SATURDAY Morning May 17 - 9am to 1 pm

Event #: SM1

Title: Wings of Glory – Tournament

Description: A point based tournament. Ace cards provided. We will be dogfighting over France for the Ace of Aces Title.

Rules: Wings of War

Scale: 1/144

Players: up to 8 players

Notes: I will be offering some prize support (do not know if this will be in the form of a gift card or Miniatures.) Bring your figures or use my own. Rules will be taught.

Playing Area required: 2 -3 tables max

Game Master: Nate Forte

SATURDAY Afternoon May 17 - 2 pm to 6 pm

Event #: SA1

Title: WW I Battle of Gumbinnen 1914

Description: Will the Russians be able to push into East Prussia with resulting humiliation to the Germans? Will the Germans successfully defend their homeland?

Rules: New Square Bashing rules from RFCM.

Scale: 15mm

Players: Limit 6 players

Notes: Figures provided, rules taught.

Playing Area Required: 2 Tables

Game Master: Terry Shockey

Event #: SA2

Title: Tora Tora Tora! 1/1800th scale world war two Air

Description: It Sunday Dec 7th and you command the Japanese and American forces in this grand game of the start of World War two

Rules: Homegrown

Scale: 1/1800th

Players: 2-6

Notes: Figures provided, rules taught.

Playing Area required: 8' x 8' (2 Tables)

Game Master: Bill Daniels

Event #: SA3

Title: Metal Men with Minie Balls

Description:

Rules: Homegrown

Scale: 15mm

Players: 6

Notes: Figures provided, rules taught.

Playing Area required: 2 tables

Game Master: David Newport

SATURDAY Evening May 17 - 7 pm to Midnight

No events listed.

SUNDAY (Swap Meet) May 18 – 09:30 to 11:30 (Note: I will have the doors open at 9 for setup. Please clean up prior to the monthly meeting to allow for games to be set up.)

Bring your new/used miniatures, games, terrain, books etc... One man's discards is another man's treasure.

SUNDAY (Club Meeting) May 18– 12- 12:30pm

The election of CMH officers will be held. Members who have paid their dues will vote.

SUNDAY (Games) Afternoon May 18 – 12:30- 5:00pm

Event #: SU1

Title: Battle of Dogger Bank

Description: WW I dreadnought battle between the British and German fleets.

Rules: Homegrown

Scale: 1/2400

Players: 6

Notes: Historical encounter between British and German battle cruiser squadrons January 1915. Will the superior armor and gunnery of the Germans prevail or will the greater speed and heavier armament of the Royal Navy triumph? Figures provided, rules taught.

Playing Area: 2 4'x6' or 5'x7' (2 Tables)

Game Masters: Doug Wildfong & John F. Owen

Event #: SU2

Title: War of 1812 Skirmish "Raid on Black Rock".

Description: British troops are raiding the village of Black Rock. American reinforcements have arrived from Buffalo to push the British out.

Rules: Chosen Men

Scale: 28mm

Players: 4 Players

Notes: Figures provided, rules taught.

Playing Area: 6'x5' (1 table)

Game Master: Eric Elder

Event #: SU3

Title: Red Chicken Stalingrad

Description: WW II skirmish battle in the ruins of Stalingrad.

Rules: Homegrown

Scale: 28mm

Players: 6

Notes: Figures provided, rules taught.

Playing Area: 2 tables

Game Master: David Newport

Event #: SU4

Title: Rome versus the Seleucids 500AP DBMM2

Description: Explore the classic match-up of Romans versus the Seleucids. We will use DBMM2 rules, 500AP armies, and a 48" by 72" battlefield. Will Rome rise to rule the known world again, or will she be cut short in her career of conquest by the mighty Seleucids? Pit the Polybian Roman Legions against Seleucid pikes, cataphracts and elephants! Co-hosted by Matt Vigil and John Brown. For more information, contact John Brown at jsandmbrown@msn.com.

Rules: DBMM2

Scale: 15mm

Players: Up to 6

Notes: Armies will be provided

Playing Area: 48"by72"

Game Master: John Brown and Matt Vigil

CMH May/June 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
May 9	FNF	TEG	7PM
May 16	WW	Baker	7PM
May 17	WW	Baker	10AM
May 18	WW/MM	Baker	Noon
May 23	FNF	TEG	7PM
May 30	FNF	TEG	7PM
June 6	FNF	TBD	TBD
June 8	MM	Baker	Noon
June 13	FNF	TBD	TBD
June 20	FNF	TBD	TBD
June 27	FNF	TBD	TBD

WW – West Wars (May 16-18) Baker Community Center
 6751 Irving St.
 Denver, CO

TEG – Total Escape Games
 6831 W 120th Ave
 Suite C
 Broomfield, CO 80020
www.totalescapegames.com

FNF (TBD) may or may not occur these months due to a lack of a scheduled host/location.



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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