



# COLORADO MILITARY HISTORIANS

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## REMEMBERING LARRY BROM



In November Larry Brom, the author of The very popular rules The Sword and the Flame passed away just days before the annual Sword and Flame soirée in Louisiana. Here are some remembrances of Larry and his influential rules set.

Eric Elder wrote:

Here are my thoughts:

Larry was the reason historical miniature wargaming became my main hobby. Thirty years ago this year I was introduced to The Sword and the Flame rules from my Dad's coworkers son. He setup a small Zulu war scenario and we ended up playing it twice in one sitting. It captured my interest and I was off into the hobby. Larry was able to capture the fun and the history in the rules.

John Mumby wrote:

My first experience with Larry's The Sword and the Flame was in 1980 when I bought it at Bonnie Brae Hobby Shop. With my third game that year, Terry and I started a Zulu campaign which has lasted 35 years (the historical one lasted 1 1/2 years). I started writing to Larry asking him questioned about TSatF rules. He even sent me some pictures of a few of his games. I formally met Larry at Origins in Baltimore in 1982. He was playing in a colonial game, but not referring it. When he started to unload a British unit off of a riverboat, he just turned the riverboat upside down with the figures all over the river bank. The referee told him to roll a die. Now remember, Larry wrote the rules and questioned why he should roll a die. Larry finally gave in and rolled. The ref told him that his men were OK and none had twisted an ankle ;) Everybody got a kick out of that, especially Larry. Stone Mountain Miniatures, which I was a part of, picked up some Arab and French Foreign Legion masters. We asked Larry to write a TSatF addendum for our new figures. He not only wrote the set for the Arabs and the French, he also included a fort and sent to us the directions so we could sell it, too. In 2004 or so, I was able to introduce Larry to Terry, and we played with Larry in a Sword in Gaul ancients game. When a player picked up a cavalry figure to move it, he looked at Larry said it was Airfix plastic!!! Larry took a lot of grief for that one ;) Larry gave me a business card which he wrote that I could reroll two failed morale rolls. I was able to use it years later at Historicon when a Mexican unit failed, then passed its morale roll in an Alamo game using TSatF rules. So Dan,

watch out! I still have one reroll left!! Larry was a great guy, and I will cherish the memories of him.

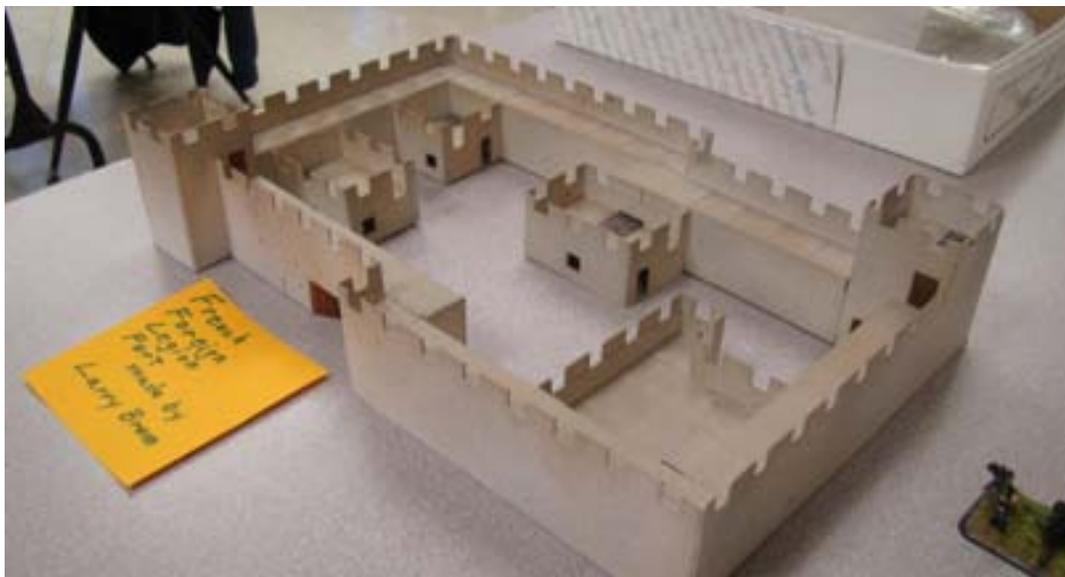
Dan Gurule wrote:

I just wanted to say a few things about Larry Brom and how he has always had an influence on my gaming over many, many years.

Since I started Wargaming I have always owned a copy of Larry's, The Sword and the Flame (TSAF) rule set including all of the iterations.

TSAF was one of the first rule sets that I understood due to the simplicity of them. Again, I was pretty young so simplicity was always welcome. Larry's rule sets allowed me over the years to recreate those battles in Zululand, the Transvaal, Sahara and of course my favorite period the Sudan. My childish imagination ran wild recreating scenes from all of those classic movies.

I met Larry several times at Historicon(s) and learned more about him each time. It wasn't until Larry and his Daughters started the Colonial Barracks event in Metairie did I feel a revival of my colonial gaming. So when I learned of Larry's failing health I was not going to miss seeing him one more time at this years Colonial Barracks V. Unfortunately, Larry passed away during my drive down to Metairie. He will be missed but always remembered.



## **OF MEN AND ARMS I SPEAK**

I am writing this column on Pearl Harbor Day. With that in mind I had the pleasure to talk with my father-in-law yesterday about his thoughts this time of year. He was in the 2nd Marines in the Pacific and took part in a number of island fights. Among them was his experience in the first wave onto Tarawa. He does not talk about it much so I did not press him on that subject. We had recently looked at some pictures of him taken with his cousins on Saipan.

In many wars the phrase “home by Christmas” rang hollow year after year. Often the only real relief from this disappointment was either a letter or a package from home. In my father-in-laws case one year an even better surprise occurred. He found that two of his cousins were on Saipan at the same time. With a little luck they were able to meet and have pictures taken together. What better way to spend some down time than with those you are fond of but did not believe you would see in the Pacific Theater. So my father-in-law, Charles Cummings enjoyed some family time with Harvey Murray (Army Corps of Engineers) and Bobby Wilson (U.S. Navy).

To all of those in CMH who served in the armed forces and those of us who supported and continue to support them have a wonderful holiday season.



## FRANK OKOVICH LIBRARY SILENT AUCTION ENDING

**As of 12/7/2015 the following individuals have won the following books in the CMH silent auction. The books will be available at the December meeting for pickup. All other books still available will be there for purchase at \$1 each. All proceeds will go to CMH.**

### SILENT AUCTION STANDINGS (As of 12/7/15)

Richard Kaston:	\$14	
Osprey Campaign Series: #69 Lutzen 1632		\$1
Osprey Warrior Series: #81 Hungarian Hussars 1756-1815		\$1
Osprey Men-At-Arms Series: #366 Colonial American Troops (1)		\$1.50
Osprey Men-At-Arms Series: #372 Colonial American Troops (2)		\$1.50
Osprey Men-At-Arms Series: #462 Imperial Troops 30Yrs War (2)		\$1
Osprey Men-At-Arms Series: #481 Spanish Tercios 1536-1704		\$1
A Battlefield Atlas of the ACW		\$5
Queen Victoria's Little Wars		\$2
Osprey Warrior Series: #12 German Stormtrooper		(\$1)
Jeff Hunt:	\$12	
A History of Prussia		\$2
The End of Prussia		\$2
The Marne		\$3
Muller and SMS Emden		\$3
On War		\$1
Flintlock & Tomahawk		\$1
Binhan Lin:		
Arms of Krupp		(\$3)
Bill Daniel:	\$5	
Janes Ships 1914		\$5
Jim Rairdon:	\$5	
Robert Rogers Of the Rangers		\$5
Matt Vigil:	\$12	
Age of Reason (Duffy)		\$5
Men At Arms: #296 Louis XV's (1) Cavalry & Dragoons		\$1
Men At Arms: #302 Louis XV's (2) French infantry		\$1
Men At Arms: #304 Louis XV's (3) Foreign Troops		\$1
Men At Arms: #308 Louis XV's (4) Lt. Troops & Specialists		\$1
Men At Arms: #313 Louis XV's (5) Colonial & Naval Troops		\$1
Men At Arms: #413 Austrian Frontier Troops 1740-98		\$1
Men At Arms: #140 Armies of Ottoman Turks 1300-1774		\$1

Eric Elder:	\$4	
Rise of the Spanish Empire		\$2
A Few Acres of Snow		\$2
Joel Tompkins	\$15	
Sherman: Fighting Prophet		\$5
Winfield Scott Hancock		\$5
F&I War: Borneman		\$5
John Setterlind	\$85	
The Arms of Krupp *		\$5
The Lost Valley: Diem Bien Phu		\$5
Pork Chop Hill		\$5
In the Skies of Europe		\$5
On War		\$5
From the Jaws of Victory		\$5
The Face of Battle		\$5
Osprey Warrior #12 German Stormtroopers *		\$5
Osprey New Vanguard #50 U-Boats		\$5
Tried By War		\$5
Antietam: The Soldiers Battle		\$5
Crisis At the Crossroads		\$5
The Fredericksburg Campaign		\$5
The ACW and Origin of Modern Warfare		\$5
Witness To Gettysburg		\$5
The Battle of Gettysburg		\$5
U.S. War College Gettysburg		\$5
TOTAL:		\$152

\* Denotes the present high bid for the item that has multiple bids.

( ) Denotes the previous high bid on an item with multiple bids.

Thanks to all who participated in the auction.

# CMH December Scheduled Events

This table shows what events are scheduled for CMH. 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
December 11	FNF	TBD	7PM
December 13	MM	Baker Rec Center	12PM
December 18	FNF	TBD	7PM

TEG - Total Escape Games  
6831 W. 120th Ave.  
Suite C

Broomfield CO 80020 [www.totalescapegames.com](http://www.totalescapegames.com)

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

## Announced Games for the Monthly meeting:

### Dave Manley announced:

Tim Parker and I are running a 28 mm Sharp Practice Napoleonic Skirmish Game this coming Sunday. It will include French Cavalry and Infantry, French allied Spanish manning a fort protecting the port, Spanish Guerilla's, British rifles, lights, marines and sailors. There will be room for six primary commanders.

The scenario is situated in a small fishing village on the Northern coast of Spain in 1811 and pits the French Head of Intelligence attempting to reach a ship in the port while the guerilla's and Captain Fondler are attempting to capture him and free Fondlers guerrilla girlfriend. Each of the six primary players has individual goals consistent with the factions overall goal.

# UNIT OF THE MONTH (Not Sponsored)

Member Name	Scale	Manufacturer	Era	Unit
Eric Elder	25mm	Tin Soldier	Renaissance	Aztec Novice Warriors
Jeff Hunt	15mm	Modified Battlefront	WWII	TL2 AA-Gun Section
Jeff Lambert	1/144	Shapeways	WWI	Early WWI Aircraft
Dave Manley	28mm	Warlord	Napoleonics	Napoleon's Coach & Guard



# GAME OF THE MONTH

## Total Escape Games Sponsor



Member Name	Scale	Era	Rules	Description
Greg Skelly	25mm	WWII	Disposable Heroes	Tobacco Factory Battle
John Brown*	15mm	Ancients	DBA	Battle of Ipsus
Terry Shockey	25mm	Colonial	TSATF	British-Zulu Battle

\*Denotes this month's winner

Each month CMH members host games at the monthly meeting. This award is for the effort put out by the 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 it is deferred to the third Sunday. The meeting starts at noon at the Baker Recreational Center, 6751 Irving Street ( just a few blocks west of Federal Blvd), Denver CO. The club also hosts gaming at least one Friday night a month, called "Friday Night Fights" (FNF) at 7 PM. FNF will be held at several various locations. See previous schedule or view the website for latest information.

CMH maintains ties with numbers 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 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-mail 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 an any  
number of offspring)  
Student Membership: \$20.00 (16 to 22 years old)



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