



# COLORADO MILITARY HISTORIANS

**NEWSLETTER**

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## VETERANS WARS 2016



**After a one year hiatus of Veterans Wars, CMH held the event November 12 & 13 2016. There were varied games presented including a western train robbery, Ancients, WWI air combat, ACW, Nicaragua 1930, WWII, and the First Annual HOTTs Tournament. Additionally there was a garage sale and food. Below are pictures from the festivities.**



**Larry preparing food.**

## **WWI AIR COMBAT**







## ANCIENTS



## WWII



## NICARAGUA 1930



## WESTERN TRAIN ROBBERY



## ACW



# The HOTTs (Hordes of the Things) Tournament





**The awarding of the “coveted”  
Raven of Doom**



**Doug Raines from CSGA presenting the Rocky Mountain  
Smackdown plaque to CMH for our CMH victories 4 of 6 years  
with DBx games**

## **From the Desk of the CMH President**

***By Nate Forte***

Hello and congratulations all on a much fulfilled year. Our year was filled with our normal monthly meetings at the Baker Center, followed by our West Wars event in May and our Veterans Wars event in November, which following a short hiatus the last few years, was offered again this year. To that we added the annual DBx smack down, which this year was hosted by CMH at our Baker Center. At our Veterans Wars event Doug Raines, the official Potentate of DBx affairs CSGA announced the official results of the DBx smack down, which I am happy to say was won by your fellow club member's for CMH. In addition, due to the fact that the DBx Victories Trophy plaque is now full, and which I may add contains 4 CMH victories plaques vs 2 CSGA victory plaques (John Brown please correct me if I am wrong here), was officially retired and placed in my hands as the current CMH club president. The trophy plaque was given in care to hold and display to our current potentate of DBx affairs CMH, John Brown. If you would like to see it, and missed the November monthly meeting, please talk to John.

All three events mentioned were very well attended; lots of club members and some non-members showed up to either host or partake in games offered. Thank you all who helped with those events and who also hosted games at the events. I also want to thank all CMH members who donated to the general fund, and who also bought Polo shirts and concessions we offered. Your monetary help is much appreciated and sorely needed.

That leads me into a segway regarding our club finances. In your December monthly newsletter Terry our secretary will provide the lease from Highlands Ranch that Larry Irons our Treasurer negotiated for next year 2017. That lease is what the club officers have preapproved to bring to the full membership for final approval. Please carefully review it and what I would like for all to take from it is the expense of maintaining our club venue at the Baker Center. Having said that, for the year 2018, we may run into issues getting enough finances for submitting the same lease with similar dates for our venues, particularly if Hyland Hills increases our rate from 2017. This per our Treasurer report which Larry our Treasurer will provide the membership at our next monthly meeting in December.

With that potential shortage looming, the club officers are coming up with solutions that we will bring to the membership for any final approval. The

reasons for our potential shortfall are mainly due to a shortage of new dues paying members that has not been sufficient to offset the numbers of past members who have left the club and are no longer paying dues. At last check and Larry correct me if I misstate, there are approximately 33 dues paying members currently (and if this number is incorrect I will correct it in the next newsletter and at our monthly meeting.). Obviously at the current membership dues rate, that is not enough to sustain us once you do the math.

Much as we the board members have tried with different approaches to get new members for the club, be it social media, new improved website, CMH sponsored events at local Hobby stores, etc. etc...And the small successes that we have had in recruiting new members, those new members have not been sufficient to offset the members that we have lost. So the leadership board will be asking the full membership at the next monthly meeting, for a small increase of you monthly dues for next year, from \$35 monthly to \$40. A small increase that I hope will not be too much of a burden, but that will help the Club general fund to reach the financial goal to meet our obligations for 2018. But with even this small increase in your dues, we will still need additional revenue, and that we hope will come from door donations at our two yearly venues, concession sales, and other fundraisers such as some kind of clothing with our embroidered logo, (i.e. Hat's, polo's or other items). There are additional things that we the board have been looking at, such as finding a different location, centrally located like the Baker Center, that might not cost as much to host our venues and monthly meetings. We will inform the members if these are even viable options for us to pursue.

In conclusion, I want to thank each of our dues paying club members for your support, both financial, and participatory. We could not provide the good times at our events if it wasn't for you all. I want to leave you with a call to recruit new members next year. If we could get a dozen new dues paying members for next year and not lose any, our club will be able to contain our finances and continue providing the same venues that we have in the past. Egrederere, et vincet.

Nate Forte

CMH Club President

## AIR COMBAT REPORT FROM JEFF LAMBERT

First, a short note about the campaign: We are honoring the 100th anniversary of the Great War in the air by playing Canvas Eagles using 1/144 Wings of War or similar models representing the contestants of 100 years ago. Each player's experience points are kept track of, no matter which side they fly on in a particular game, and no matter what happens to their character in the game. If their character is "KIA", they still keep all of the points they earned, but only 1/3 of the points earned up to his "death" will count toward Special Abilities. One point is earned for each turn flying on the board, 2 points for each Red damage chit given to an enemy, and the Point Value of any plane shot down; 5 bonus points are awarded to all the surviving players on the winning side of a mission.

We have worked our way up to December, 1916. We will play one more game in December, on the 16th, at Total Escape for Friday Night Fights. January marks the transition to the Late War period (better and more deadly planes!). Watch for announcements, anyone is welcome to join whenever we have a game. There are no penalties for being a novice, but watch your back!

Last night we had a balloon-busting mission. Lt. Forte and Martinez in Nieuport 17's, joined by Lt. Marston in a DeHavilland DH2, escorted Lt. Lambert flying a rocket-armed Nieuport 16 in an attack on a German "sausage" balloon. As soon as the Allies, having avoided the "Archie" below, opened up on the Drachen (Lt. Martinez and Forte both scored hits, but didn't start any fires), the German pilots sortied to the rescue: Lt. Irons and Bugarin flew Albatros D.I and D.II fighters, while Lt. Skelly mounted a Halberstadt D.II. Although "green", Lt. Bugarin showed real promise and shot down Lt. Martinez, whose Nieuport broke up in the air. Lt. Lambert dodged the German fighters and lined up the Drachen in his sights-- he missed with the rockets, but poured incendiary bullets into the fat target until it exploded. Like everyone says, it burned beautifully! He paid the price, though, as Lt. Skelly stitched Lambert's Nieuport with his Spandau, wounding the balloon-buster and puncturing

his fuel tank. Lambert kept his plane under control, however, so Skelly got no credit for his kill. But Lambert was captured as his plane crashed near the German trenches and the Hun infantry pulled him from the wreckage!

After a short respite, Martinez and Lambert returned to the fight while the Germans sought revenge on the British audacity. Nearing the end of their fuel, Skelly got Lambert lined up again and this time watched with satisfaction as the fragile wings of the Nieuport fell off under Skelly's steady firing-- Lambert's survival this time was out of the question! Fuel for both sides reached critical, and all turned for home. All of the Germans survived, only Bugarin returning unscathed. But the balloon was lost, so victory went to the British. The British lost 2 Nieuports, Martinez and Lambert were KIA, but Forte and Marston returned safely to report a successful mission.

The Leader Board so far:

IRONS, 140 points, 1 kill

SKELLY, 118 points, 1-1/2 kills

FORTE, 89 points, 0 kills

LAMBERT, 84 points, 1 kill

MANLEY, 74 points, 1 kill

BUGARIN, 58 points, 1 kill

MARTINEZ, 48 points, 0 kills

HUNT, 38 points, 0 kills

WEBER, 36 points, 0 kills

MARSTON, 30 points, 0 kills

Come and join us on the 16th! Bring a plane if you have one, I can provide one for you if you don't.

JL

**Colorado Military Historians  
Treasurer's Report  
By Larry Irons  
November 25, 2016**

**Account Balances as of November 25, 2016**

Checking - \$ 787.32  
Savings - \$ 1,809.02  
Petty Cash - \$ 110.65  
**Cash Total \$ 2,706.99**

**Other Assets**

Accounts Receivable \$ 35.00  
Inventory Food 9.24  
Inventory Shirts \$ 331.51  
**Asset Total \$ 375.75**

**Expenses**

Rent for Baker \$ 2240.00

We need 40 members to pay \$60 per person to cover our costs for 2017. Currently dues are \$35 per member. To keep dues at \$35 per year, we need to ensure that we get 40 members to also contribute during the year. This includes:

- Donations for WestWars and Veterans Wars
- Buying Shirts
- Buying concessions at WestWars and Veterans Wars
- Whatever else is needed to keep the club going

This club has been around for more than 50 years and if we want to enjoy the comradery and place of meeting, we need to support the club. The club has survived successfully because of its continued ability to find a suitable and consistent place to meet. Hobby stores are great venues to recruit new members and showcase our club, but hobby stores come and go. I can name many hobby and gaming stores that have come and gone but CMH is still here. But if you don't help support the club it won't be here. So, please, support your club!

Larry Irons  
Treasurer  
Colorado Military Historian

## UNIT OF THE MONTH (Not Sponsored)

Member Name	Scale	Manufacturer	Era	Unit
Eric Elder	1:1200	Pithead Miniatures	1860's	Brazilian Navy
Larry Irons	28mm	Black Tree Design	Ancients	German Axemen
Joe Martinez	28mm	Warlord Games	WWII	German SS & Fallschirmjager



# GAME OF THE MONTH

Total Escape Games Sponsor



Member Name	Scale	Era	Rules	Description
John Brown	15mm	Fantasy	HOTTs	HOTTs Tournament
Nate Forte	1/144	WWI	Wings of Glory/ War	Burning Draakens
Jeff Lambert*	1/144	WWI	Canvas Eagles	1917 Bloody April
John Mumby	10mm	ACW	Altar of Freedom	Seven Pines May 1862

\*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.



Bill Daniel hawking his wares at the CMH garage sale

# 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 2	FNF	TBD	7PM
December 9	FNF	TBD	7PM
December 11	MM@	Baker Rec Center	12PM
December 16	FNF*	TEG	7PM
December 23	FNF	TBD	7PM
December 30	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.

@ From Eric Elder

**Heads up. I will be running the Battle of Riachuelo naval battle at the monthly meeting in December. This is a steam ship battle between Brazil and Paraguay during the War of the Triple Alliance in 1865. I have a couple players interested so we'll see how it plays out. No ironclads in this one, just a bunch of screw and side paddlewheel wooden steam ships on a river. Actually one of the ships was steel, but did not have armor.**

**1:1200**

**Iron and Fire rules**

**I'm thinking a 4 player game**

**\* Jeff Lambert is presenting a Canvas Eagles game at Total Escape Games on the date noted above. It will be Canvas Eagles focused on Planes utilized December 1916. Either bring your own plane or come and use what is available.**

## A VERY SPECIAL INVITATION!

The nation's largest gathering of historians comes to Denver, January 5-8, 2017. We welcome historians of all interests and professions. I hope you will extend this invitation to all members of the Colorado Military History society. [Of the many events of interest](#), we hold the George C. Marshall Lecture in Military History. This year, Craig L. Symonds of the US Naval Academy will deliver "For Want of a Nail: The Impact of Shipping on Grand Strategy in World War II." The lecture is followed by a reception sponsored by the Society for Military History.

To share with your members:

Attend lectures and panel discussions on a full range of military history topics at the 2017 annual meeting of the American Historical Association, with sessions sponsored by the Society for Military History. [This 4-day event is January 5-8, 2017 in downtown Denver.](#)

Military history sessions: <https://guidebook.com/guide/78488/schedule/#date/01-05-2017/track/248256>

[Be sure to attend the George C. Marshall Lecture in Military History on Saturday, January 7.](#) This year, Craig L. Symonds of the US Naval Academy will deliver "For Want of a Nail: The Impact of Shipping on Grand Strategy in World War II." The lecture is followed by a reception sponsored by the Society for Military History.

Registration information: <https://www.historians.org/annual-meeting/registration>

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# 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 and any number of offspring)  
Student Membership: \$20.00 (16 to 22 years old)



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