

The Lone Star Dispatch

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The Lone Star Historical Miniatures (LSHM).

We promote miniatures wargaming in primarily historical periods but also fantasy/sci-fi. We are not dedicated to one rule set or scale. We promote miniatures wargaming by running events, helping local conventions, and assisting with tournaments, financial backing and run demo games. We will also run gaming classes at schools. We encourage all gamers to be a part of our group to help support our common hobby.

"Officers Mess - a note from the LSHM Board"

By Casey Pittman (Board Member)

Lone Star Historical Miniatures would like to welcome you to another edition of our newsletter. We have a packed issue of upcoming events, battle reports, product reviews, and great hobby talk. In case you do not know me I am Casey Pittman, one of the newer LSHM board members and the smiling face behind Texas Bolt Action. LSHM had a fantastic 2015 year with record attendance at MilleniumCon18 and quite a few new members as well. Speaking of members I would like to welcome and congratulate **Joseph Wicker** and **Oscar Barela** as LSHM's two newest directors. 2016 is going to be another fantastic year for LSHM with not only plenty of events, spreading into even more cities, but also our pride and joy..MilleniumCon19 which will be better then ever.

I would like take a moment to talk about my pride and joy "Texas Bolt Action". Bolt Action is a World War 2 skirmish game system developed by Warlord Games. It is easy to get into and inexpensive to build up your armies. The Texas Bolt Action scene has skyrocketed to the point we are now the largest physical and fan group in the United States. We have members in 16 different cities across Texas that come together to play at events or meet up for pick up games. If you have ever been on the fence about trying this game then do not hesitate to join our facebook group or email myself or another member to schedule a demo game. If you find yourself in the Austin area on February 6th, then come by the Armed Forces Museum at Camp Mabry from 11am-6pm and watch as 16 players battle it out in front of actual World War 2 tanks and equipment. I might try also have some gifts for those that wish to stop by and see what all the noise is about!

Greetings Fellow Gamers and Happy New Year 2016!

Casey Pittman

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Past Events

BANE OF WAR



I want to thank everyone for coming again. I got some great pictures and have updated the website at www.baneofwar.com with pictures and such and will continue to do so as new pictures come in from you. I have sent in the results to WWPD already but have yet to hear back from Eric.

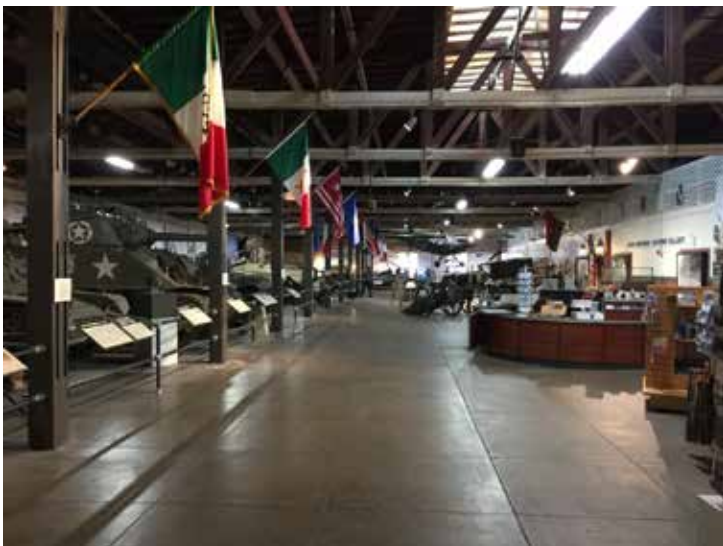
I would love your feedback and things I can improve for next year, I hope you come back!

If anyone has requests for info on the upcoming Team tournament or local Texas tournaments let me know.

Thank You again!

Mark Bane

Bane of War VI was run in Austin, Texas at the Camp Mabry Texas Military Museum, over two days and 24 tables of interesting and challenging terrain setup by the players themselves.



More Past Events



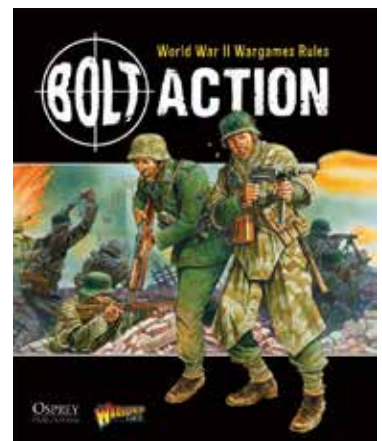
Bolt Action Tournament By Joe Wicker

Bolt Action Duo Tournament report from 16 January at Tabletop Gaming, San Antonio, TX

On Saturday, 16 JAN 2016, Twelve commanders met across the battlefield and duelled for victory and bragging rights for who was the best dynamic duo of central Texas Bolt Action. It has been almost a year since the Texas group had done a Duo Tournament, and so the turnout was spectacular (we did miss the Lisanti's though). The theme was Axis vs Allies, and historical points were added for teams that kept their units historically aligned. I happily awarded all teams a historical point and I think they had as much fun creating their armies as I had inspecting them.



There were 6 teams on 3 tables. We were scheduled for two rounds but we only played one complete round because time ran out. The situation was this: Both sides were elements of a Battalion that was conducting an offensive. As the Allies massed their artillery, and quietly moved out of their staging areas to their start point positions, they were unaware that the Axis were doing the same thing just across no-man's land. As dawn began, and each side accelerated their vehicles engines to start the offensive, they unexpectedly discovered their nemesis emerging from the mist directly in front of them; a simultaneous engagement had just begun!



Bolt Action Tournament (Continued)

The objective was to capture markers with hidden values (3pts, 2pts, 2pts, 1pt, 1pt equaling 5 markers) for a total of 9 points. The team in control of the majority of points at the end of the game (7 turns) wins the battle. Objective values remained hidden until the end of the game. Units controlled the objective by having one or more infantry units within 6 inches of the objective and no enemy infantry within 6 inches of it. Any other result = no control. No Out Flanking was allowed in the scenario.

On 2 of the 3 tables it was a clear Axis victory, and the last table was super close but the Russians pulled off a victory for the allies. Kampfgruppe 3 (with Carlos Sierra and Oscar Barella) led the Axis followed closely by Kampfgruppe 5 (Brandon and Marclino). Battlegroup 2 (Casey Pittman and Tyler Goodflower) for the allies squeaked by Kampfgruppe 1 (Arthur and Nathaniel Douglas) for the only allied victory of the day. When the smoke had cleared and the commanders walked the remains on the battlefield, the Axis had a clear victory.



Everyone claimed they had a great time. Tabletop Games provided an excellent venue with plenty to drink and snack on. The table space was more than adequate and more than a few spectators watched the battles unfold. 3 TVs blazed with war movies that provided additional battle sounds in the background. The next event is at Camp Mabry on 6 Feb in Austin, then at Dragons Lair in SA on 12 MAR 16 for a Mediterranean theme, followed by Pacific theme back at Tabletop games in May 16. We have some AWESOME sponsors for these events (thanks to Casey Pittman). In between these dates, there is a tank war campaign starting, scenario battles to be fought, and just plain old pick-up games to be done. It is a great time for the Texas Bolt Action team to come together (in conjunction with LSHM club) and enjoy some friendly gaming in the World War Two era Bolt Action style!

Join LSHM on Facebook



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lonestarthistoryminis/>

The LSHM Facebook page is one of the ways we get information out to the membership on what is going on around Texas.

Its also a way for you to share your gaming projects, what events you are having in your group, or general information on the hobby. So register today and join the discussion.

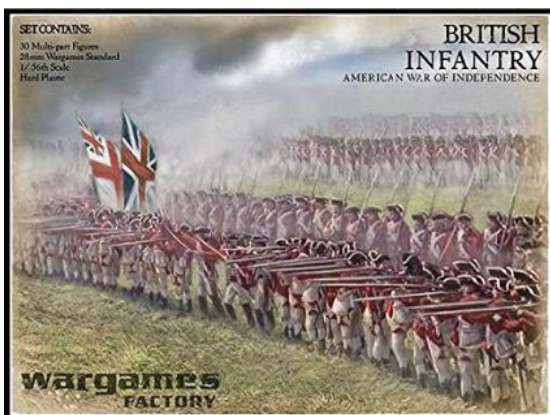
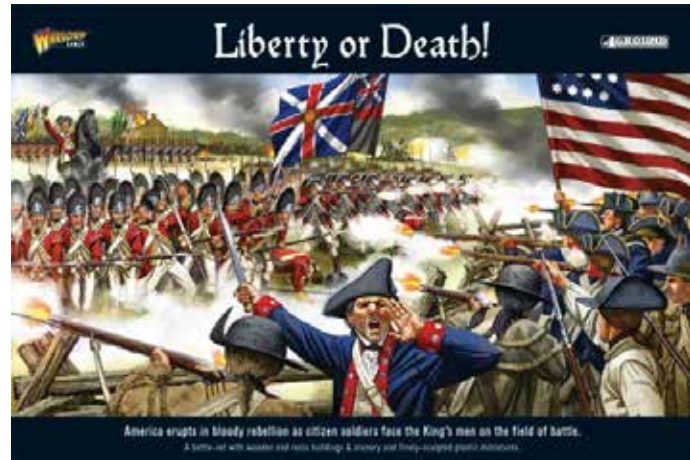
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Gamers Workbench

By Charlie Torok

I just finished painting the 1st Battalion, 21st British Infantry Regiment from the Battle of Saratoga during the American Revolutionary War. I have been painting for Mr. Bill Neivens out of NYC for about 8 years now. I paint in units of 36 figures. It continues to feed my PayPal account balance so I can buy more figures for me!! These are 28mm Wargames Factory figures - they have just been acquired by Warlord Games and are being sold on their website. These are excellent figures and come in a wide range of types.



January Tournaments



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SAGA Tournament - Dragon's Lair San Antonio 23 January 2016:

Twelve of us came together along with our warbands to participate in a SAGA tournament. Some beautiful armies, great players and friendly competition were the highlights.

Players and Armies:

| | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Ted Settlemire | Milite Christi |
| Mike Gomez | Milite Christi |
| Albert Dimarco | Anglo-Saxons |
| Martin Zamarrippa | Anglo-Saxons |
| Brady Severans | Vikings |
| Pete Atack | Moors |
| Blake Radetsky | Vikings |
| Charlie Torok | Moors |
| Jacob Mayer | Jonsvikings |
| Grant Hopwood | Crusaders |
| Cameron Radetsky | Vikings |



Congratulations to Jacob Mayer, Mike Gomez and Martin Zamarrippa on placing as the top 3.



All players received a Dragon's Lair giftcard (thanks Dragon's Lair for that and a great venue!!). Also sponsoring the event were Gripping Beast (makers of the great SAGA game system and miniatures), Black Tree Design (producer of 28mm metal miniatures) and LSHM for donating prizes.

It was also great to have a number of players from the Austin SAGA group.

Upcoming Gaming Events

By Andy Bouffard

OwlCon Wants You for GM in 2016!! OwlCon, Houston's largest and longest running game convention, needs miniature wargamers to step up and volunteer to GM historical and non-historical wargames.

Run two 4-hour game sessions over the course of the weekend and get free weekend admittance and a free t-shirt for your effort.



Convention dates: February 19-21, 2016

Welcome to OwlCon! You are welcome to look around without an account, but you will need an account to sign up as an attendee, volunteer, or exhibitor.

OwlCon's Days and Hours

| Day | Convention Doors Open | Front Desk Open | Events Running |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Fri (Feb 19, 2016) | 6:00 PM - 1:00 AM | 6:00 PM - 12:00 AM | 8:00 PM - 4:00 AM |
| Sat (Feb 20, 2016) | 8:00 AM - 1:00 AM | 9:00 AM - 12:00 AM | 10:00 AM - 4:00 AM |
| Sun (Feb 21, 2016) | 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM | 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM |

Our Convention

OwlCon is an annual gaming convention hosted by FastWarp, the student gaming club, at Rice University, Houston, Texas, dating back to 1980. We feature role playing games (both tabletop and live action), miniatures games and events, board games, card games, exhibitors and more. Gaming events include feature tournaments, celebrity GMs, and hordes of official demo folks for various game systems.

Our Attendees

OwlCon attracts around 750 people each year. The attendees are a mixed bunch, ranging from pre-teens to senior citizens. Income and education levels for OwlCon attendees fall all across the spectrum for the region; the only common denominator is a love of games!

Our Venue

OwlCon occurs on the Rice University campus. Most events are hosted in the Student Center, but some events occur in other buildings within short walking distance of each other. OwlCon's priority is providing space for gaming; space for exhibitors is limited with this in mind. The Exhibitor Hall has many tables for gaming as well as exhibitors, guaranteeing traffic.



Upcoming Events for 2016

Mark your calendar now!!



Bolt Action Tournament

Winter Steel Bolt Action event

Saturday February 6th 2016

Camp Mabry Armed Forces Museum

Austin, Texas

12pm to 8pm - More details to come soon!

Please contact casey.pittman1@gmail.com



DFW Irregulars

2/21-Bolt Action 28mm Axis vs. Allies

All at the Rat Palace Redux in Red Oak. RSVP via:

<http://www.meetup.com/DFW-Irregulars-Southern-Front-Wargaming-Meet-Up/>



Early FoWSA III – The early war tournament...

March 12th, the second Saturday in March

1500 points, single list. Deadline to get lists in:

March 5th at noon, central time. Fee: \$15.



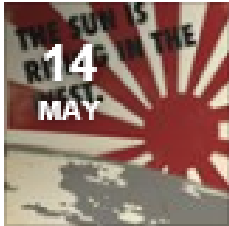
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Continued Events for 2016



Pacific Theme Tourney

Saturday, May 14 at 11 AM

Tabletop Gaming Center

Joseph Wicker invited you to an event for Texas Bolt Action



Return to Middle Earth – Lord of the Rings Battle Strategy Game Tournament

– Join us on 25 June 2016 at Dragon's Lair San Antonio for our annual LoTR/Hobbit SBG tournament. Contact Charlie Torok.



Flames of War San Antonio

Middle FoWSA – The mid war tournament

July 9th, the second Saturday in July
1700 points, special 2nd list criteria.

Deadline to get lists in: July 2nd at noon, central time. Fee: \$15



San Antonio Muster III Historical Miniatures Games Day

Join us for the 3rd annual San Antonio Muster on 30 July 2016

FoWSA 11 - The late war tournament

September 10th, the second Saturday in September
1420 points, special 2nd list criteria. Deadline to get lists in: September 3rd at noon. Fee: \$20



For FoWSA tournament and San Antonio Flames of War events information see our blog <http://fowsa.blogspot.com/>

Or the facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/fowsa/>

Houston, TX gaming

Bolt Action Gaming

28mm World War II

By Jim Johnson

Fat Ogre Games & Comics

Some pictures from the Battle of The Bulge event at Fat Ogre. Bolt Action rules set. 12 armies at 1250 points. Generous prize support provided by Fat Ogre. Narrow allied victory with Bastogne line breached. British armored relief force arriving on the flank of the Germans just as they were on the verge of capturing one of the objectives. Many cinematic moments. At one time we had 15 players.



More Houston, TX gaming

Flames of War
15mm World War II
By Jim Johnson



Fat Ogre Games & Comics



Flames of War San Antonio (FOWSA) 2016



Flames of War San Antonio

Events planned for 2016 by Ian Straus



The 2016 FoWSA Tournaments

In 2016 we will not just have FoWSA11, the eleventh Flames of War San Antonio tournament; and Early FoWSA III, the third early war Flames of War San Antonio tournament.

We will have three FoWSAs: early, middle and late war!

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All three tournaments will be held in the Annex at Dragon's Lair Comics, 7959 Fredericksburg Rd # 129 San Antonio, Texas (Fredericksburg Rd and Medical Dr.). Space is limited, so first pre-registered, first served, after a point I'm taking stand-bys. Details on the FoWSA facebook group and blog.

Missions will be announced at sign-in.

Email lists to ian.straus@att.net with subject line "2016 FoWSA list".

Lists must be from Army books and official PDF lists available on line as of one month before each tournament. You must ask to use a PDF, there will be screening for balance. Heroes may be used, however when a specific Hero is killed, all lists using that hero immediately lose the hero in question for that round.

\$5 discount for LSHM members who pre-register. Tournament fees will be payable on the day of event at the door. Lunch (pizza) is included in the entry fee. On the day of the event, registration opens at 09:00 AM, pairing at 10:00 AM, and play begins at 10:15 AM. Expect play to continue until after 7PM.

Terrain will be appreciated, and in each tournament I will give a prize for the best table. (We provide the table, you provide everything on top of it.) Please tell me if you intend to participate in the terrain table contest, so that I may send you table criteria and forms.

Ian Straus

Tournament director

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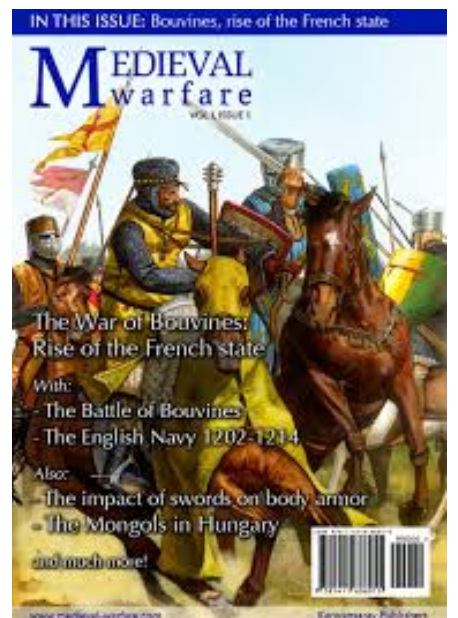
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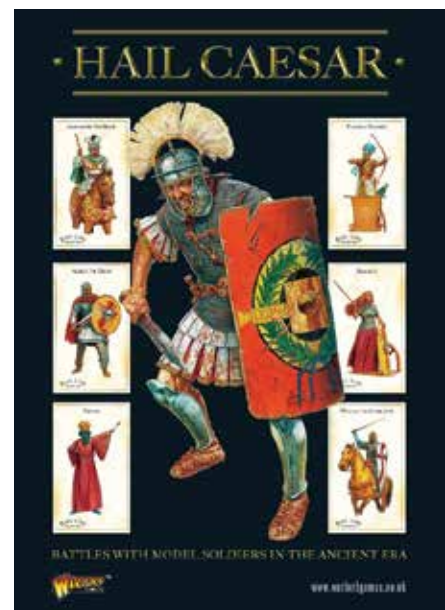
By Jeff Lawrence

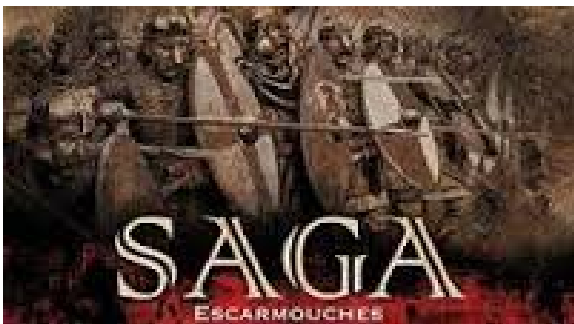
Hail Caesar & Beyond the Gates of Antares

I ran 4 demos total 29th-30th @ two stores in San Antonio, TX. They were very well received, and I expect orders this week.



A number of the players had experience with Bolt Action; so picking up the game mechanics was easy. To start out the Ghar had the best of Concord, but as the games wore on the C-Men started playing smarter (using cover, Grenades, and their Lt. Support Drones) to pick off one Ghar trooper after another. Another comment was in favor of the D10 system. I personally like that too. Finally, there were many compliments on the models. It was a good start in SA.





Gamers Workbench

SAGA News Armies being built

By Mike Callahan

(Houston, Texas)

Byzantine assembly line cranking up!



By Grant Hopwood

(San Antonio, Texas)

Crusader Army is completed



By Charlie Torok

(San Antonio, Texas)

I was able to finish my Moors in time for the San Antonio SAGA tournament held on 23 January.



By Jesse Seals

(Houston, Texas)

Speaking of SAGA another Jesse project nearing completion a little base work and the second half of my 8 points of Welsh man is ready. Less one figure who appears to have deserted.



Song of Drums and Tomahawks

The French and Indian War

Tuesdays French and Indian slaughter!

A new game battle report
By Grant Hopwood

We used the rules Song of Drums and Tomahawks. It uses the same activation system as various other skirmish level games that we like to play, Song of Blades and Heroes, Song of Drums and Shakos, Flying Lead, and Drums and Shakos: Divisional. At the core, each model has a Quality value (1-6) and a Combat value (0-6). A model with Q4C2 rolls to activate on a 4+ with a d6, and has a +2 to his die roll when attacking.



When its a players turn, the player nominates a model, and chooses to roll between one and three dice. For every success rolled against the Q value, the model gets an action. The model may perform as many actions as it received. (Moving, shooting, wailing, and gnashing of teeth.) Then the next model is nominated and so on. If during any activation roll two failures are rolled, the players turn is over. Sometimes you'd just love to have those actions needed to reload a musket, and sometimes you just can't chance gambling on a turnover.



In this game shooting and hacking at someone with a tomahawk is easy. Finding the time to reload a musket (requires two actions on the same turn) in the middle of a giant melee not so much.



Song of Drums and Tomahawks

The French and Indian War

(Continued)



Models fall into the following general troop classes, but individual models (like those with the Leadership abilities) can be customized with a variety of traits to make them stand out:

Indians - Good woodsman, usually better at hand to hand combat, can be given group movement if in an Indian File.

Rangers/Scouts - Good woodsman, usually better at shooting, can be give group movement if in a skirmish line.

Infantry Regulars - Don't do well in the woods. If shoulder to shoulder, can be ordered by an officer to volley fire. Can be given group movement if in column.

Settlers/Frontiersmen - Good woodsman and that's about it.

Civilians - Suck at everything they do.

Tonight's scenario found a column of British soldiers with a few scouts as skirmishers on their way back to their fort along a grass clearing. Their objective was to make it from one end of the table to the other.

An Indian war band waited in ambush. Their objective was to collect 50% of the British scalps. The French love to trade scalps for muskets you see....



Bolt Action Leader showcase

[Tyler Wallace](#)



[Joseph Wicker](#)



[Charles Torok](#)

[Oscar Barela](#)



[Casey Pittman](#)



[Tyler Goodflower](#)



Future Events

TWISTERCON March 25-26, 2016 "Last Stands, and Against The Odds"

A number of you have suggested a theme for this year's Convention, so I went out and "borrowed" one from our friends @ Wargames Illustrated. To kick this off I am running both Little Big Horn and Thermopylae. Gary States is presenting Corunna. The challenge glove is down!!!!

www.twistercon.com

THE REED CENTER/Sheraton 140E Oklahoma City, OK 405-455-1800 ROOM RATE- 92.00 Dbl Queen/King which includes a HOT breakfast. If you call in, mention "TwisterCon/Tornado Alley" for this rate. Or go the website and follow the registration link (hint, it is so easy).

CONVENTION FEE - 10.00 per day at the door. Preregister on the website @ 17.00 for the weekend. We can process PayPal, MC, Visa, Amex, and Discover by mail and at the door. Checks or MO need to be made Payable to Jeff Lawrence, Treasurer.

POC - "Jeff Lawrence" <jlw2424@gmail.com>, Jeff Massey RebelJAG@aol.com, "Jonathan Keepers" <jonathankeepers@yahoo.com>, Web Master is Jeff Hunt.

GAMEMASTERS – Easy registration of your game(s) can happen on the website. All games must use painted miniatures, be a board game you supply, or be an approved RPG. The site is now open for Game Master registration. As usual GMs for TwisterCon do not pay to run their games. When you arrive see a staff member for table assignments.

By Michael Lisanti



Gamers Workbench

Yesterday, I (Michael) got six Chasseurs Ardennais, which in my list are veterans and tough fighters, done for my Belgian army. Two of the models are for my sniper team, another model has a shovel, and the fourth has a sword which I got from my extra GW parts. The fifth model is Mr. [Casey](#), and the last model is Mr. [Oscar](#)! Really had fun putting that one together! I painted on his arm the Spanish Blue division symbol because I figured it would compliment the Mr. Oscar Model. These models will be showing up for the February Winter Steel tournament and will be ready to do their work!

News from the Master Hobbyist: All Things Wargaming! Dallas TX,

[By Mr. Steve Miller](#)

Napoleon at War 15mm game played at the Rat Palace in Dallas. Steve and crew fought an impressive 4,000 points per side game.





Join LSHM



If you are not a member of LSHM please think about joining now. This would be a great time to join. We hope to see everyone at the gaming table!!!

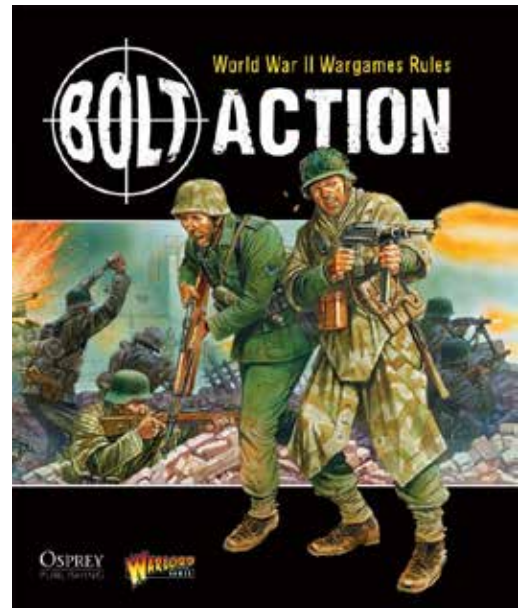
Welcome to our two newest members:
Brady Severns
Albert Dimarco

The cost of membership is \$5 and this goes towards promotion and prizes for our many events state-wide. This low cost membership helps us to promote the hobby through running tournaments and events in order to get gamers out gaming!! Please consider joining the group and helping promote our hobby.



Friday Night is Bolt Action Night At Dragon's Lair San Antonio!!

Come out to Dragon's Lair just about every Friday Night for some Bolt Action – both regulars and new Players welcome! We usually start around 5/6pm



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Past Events



[By Joe Wicker](#)

Bolt Action gaming: Oscar vs Joe

Oscar and Joe met up for an epic fight – Oscar's Spanish vs Joe's newly fielded Americans! The battlefield on turn two. Joe's objective is in the bldg.

[Oscar Barela](#) After squashing a veteran squad on the Spanish left flank the panzer II pumps rounds into the rear of the greyhound and incinerating the helpless crew



Hand to hand combat with the krauts as they try to destroy the oil drums. The "Rangers" of the 16th INF Regiment gave them a taste of American close combat and whooped 'em good. The LT got the sole survivor of the other kraut squad in the top of the picture. This was just before the KS came in and destroyed the drums.

Gamers Workbench

[By Oscar Barela](#)

Medium Japanese howitzer is finished and based.



[By Tyler Wallace](#)

I decided to take an M10 in my winter list. I already have one but was scared I would mess it up by painting it up in winter dress...but then I said YOLO!



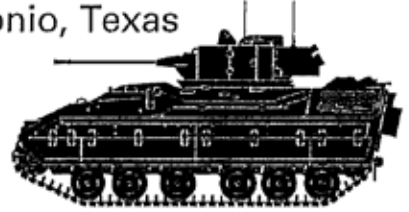
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Gamers Workbench

[By Michael Lisanti](#)

I Just got a fair amount of stuff for bolt action done. I (Michael) got a cart shed with piggery, a lean to, five Belgians done, and bases to make the FT-17's closer to the 28mm size since they weren't originally the 28mm scale. I really liked the 4ground buildings and especially the lean to, which I believe people should get to match their 4ground buildings (sort of what I did with the lean to and cart shed with piggery). I took a picture of the outside and inside since 4ground doesn't show the inside. I also liked painting my Belgian commander since he had a tie, and cigar.



[By Oscar Barela](#)

I finished my M5 Recce Stuart from Rubicon. GREAT KIT!!! Went together ever so smoothly!!! Did some decals and weathering on it. Need to do up some stowage next. Had to do some conversion work and build a tank crew with some left over commandos a bunch of US Marine arms and bits and the Chindits head kit. I used the US marine arms with the sleeves rolled up to give the Chindits a more hot jungle feel. Loved how they turned out let me know what you think!



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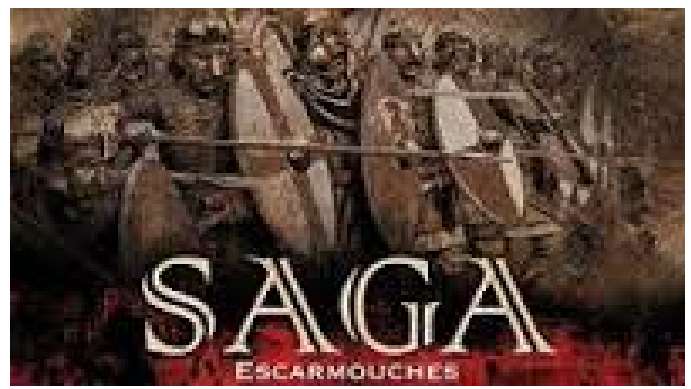
Store Hours:

2-10 Sunday - Thursday

2-12 am Friday and Saturday

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Future Events



SAGA every 3rd Friday at
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