

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 Charlie Torok (Board Member)

Welcome to the start of summer!! The MillenniumCon planning committee held its first meeting on 1 May. We are once again looking to provide you with the best gaming convention in Texas. MillenniumCon will again be held in Round Rock, Texas at the Wingate hotel and convention center. This year's convention falls on Veteran's Weekend: 11-13 November 2016.

We will be looking for volunteers to help out with running this event. We will need Game Masters (GMs) who can run some great games. We also need volunteers to help set-up and tear-down and help with the front desk. We are just about 6 months away, so plenty of time to plan for attending and helping out!

Lots of great upcoming events both this month and over the summer, get out and join in on some great gaming. No matter what you like to game there are plenty of events planned. For example we have a Bolt Action event in May, Lord of the Rings in June, and upcoming FOWSA in July. Also scheduled is our annual Summer Muster (#3) at the end of July.

Packed in this issue of the LSHM newsletter are all the upcoming events, past games played with results, lots of vendor and supporter information, and member gaming projects.

We also need your input for future issues of the newsletter, just write one of the board members with your information.

We also need your membership to keep our group moving forward. Additionally please share this newsletter with any and all – we are a great group here in Texas!!!

See you at the gaming table.

Charlie Torok



Upcoming Events for 2016

Mark your calendar now!!



BOLT ACTION Pacific Tournament

Where: Tabletop Gaming in San Antonio

Why: To fight for prizes, promote the game and venue, and to have FUN!...

1,000, 750, and 500 PTs battle.

When: **14 May 2016**. The doors open at 09:00 am.

Contact Joe Wicker



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

Contact Ian Straus



First Ever Bolt Action Tournament Battle Field Games (BFG)

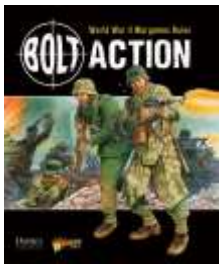
July 23rd- Event at BFG at Ft. Hood/Killeen

Contact **Tyler Buenaflor** (ty.buenaflor@yahoo.com)

(More details to come)

Address: 701 W Elms Rd #210, Killeen, TX 76542

Phone:(254) 554-5596



San Antonio Muster III Historical Miniatures Games Day

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

Contact **Charlie Torok** for details



Texas Bolt Action Group

Operation Market Garden Tournament

Saturday, August 13th

Details TBD

Contact **Joe Wicker**



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

Contact **Ian Straus**

For FoWSA tournament and San Antonio Flames of War events information
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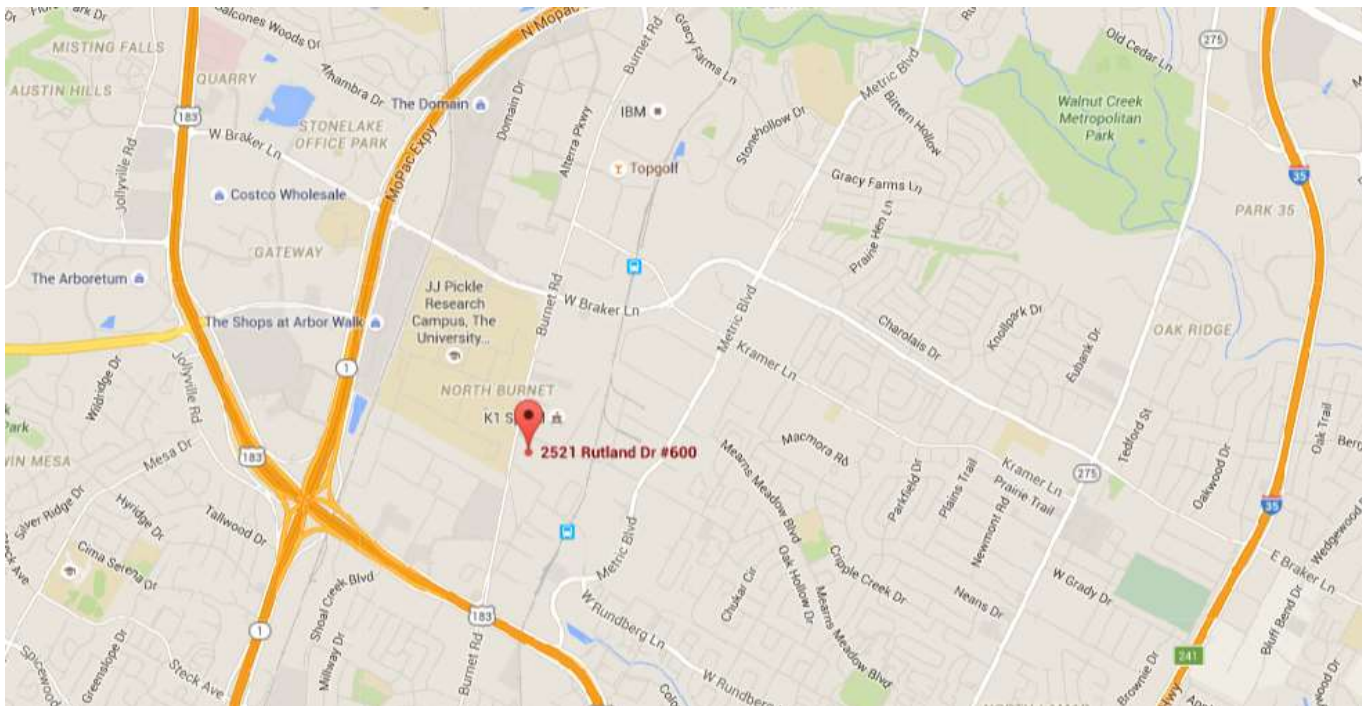
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Past Events

San Antonio Springtime Muster

By Joe Schaffer

On 9 April LSHM invaded TableTop Games of San Antonio for its first Springtime Muster. A number of players met up and enjoyed some great tabletop gaming. Ian Straus ran a game of WWI air combat using the Wings of War system. Joe Shaffer ran an American Civil War game using Johnny Reb rules and Ed Youngstrom put on a WWII game.



The next San Antonio Muster will be held 30 July at Dragon's Lair. This will be the 3rd summer Muster – the concept of the Muster is to play some games we normally do not, involve some new gamers and have a great time rolling dice and playing.

San Antonio Muster (continued)

By Joe Schaffer



Come join us on the 30th of July
For the next Muster game day.



Thanks again to TableTop games
For allowing us to use your
Great store and facilities for
This event, we hope to make
This a yearly event at TableTop.





San Antonio Muster III

Historical Miniatures Games Day

When: 30 July 2016

Where: Dragon's Lair SA

Time: 11am – 3pm

Cost: Free

This event is open to all interested in Historical Miniatures War Gaming

Contact: Charlie Torok and sign up for one of the games – first come / first serve at

torokc@hotmail.com



2-4 players per game, games planned:

28mm Ancients - Hail Caesar by Warlords

28mm Napoleonic's

6mm Micro Armor WWII

WWI Air Combat - Wings of War

WWII Air Combat – Wings of War

15mm FOW: Arab-Israeli Wars

28mm French and Indian War

28mm Colonial – the Sword and the Flame



The Lone Star Historical Miniatures group made the paper here in San Antonio!!

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HISTORY BUFFS GET THEIR GAME ON



Photos by Marlin Phillips / San Antonio Express-News

World War II British Chindits with binoculars sit atop a hand-painted M5 Stuart reconnaissance vehicle as members of the Lone Star Historical Miniatures group play war games with historically accurate troops from across history at Dragon's Lair Comics & Fantasy.

WARGAMING REVISITS HISTORIC BATTLES

Miniature figures, weaponry used in tabletop warfare

By Ben A. Guzman
STAFF WRITER

Charlie Torok and Mike Gomez couldn't have asked for a better theater of tabletop war.

As storm clouds gathered outside the Dragon's Lair Comics & Fantasy store in San Antonio, the two men lorded over their respective battalions of tiny Moors and Spaniards from the Dark Ages, colorful inch-high warriors armed with teeny swords and spears on a green felt battlefield with tiny plastic trees. Think miniature soldiers from the "Night at the Museum" movies, only with handfuls of dice rattling around them and two very big kids with gray hair commanding their every move.

Or as Torok likes to put it: "Just grown men playing with toys."

Make that playing with Lone Star Historical Miniatures (LSHM), a gaming group that takes its toy soldiers very, very seriously.

LSHM members wage war with painstakingly detailed miniature troops, tanks and other ephemera



Mike Gomez (left) marks the distance for moving pieces of his Spanish Christian army against Charlie Torok's (right) army of Moors.

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Lifestyle



See historical wargaming in action.

from historic battles across the centuries, including the Viking Age in the game Saga (which Torok and Gomez were playing) and World War II in the game Bolt Action.

Historical miniature gaming, also called wargaming, is a sophisticated intersection between strategy games such as chess and Risk and the dynamic realism of military models and dioramas. Players use rulers and tape measures to deploy their mostly pewter and plastic soldiers a few inches at a time, often across elaborate model terrains, and roll dice to determine what damage they inflict or incur with each attack.

Some wargaming enthusiasts, such as Torok and Gomez, immerse themselves in war history, researching a particular conflict's warriors and weapons to re-create their skin-

Wargaming continues on D6

WARGAMING

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mishes with an extra level of realism. Others are happy just assembling and painting those 15 mm- and 28 mm-scale soldiers and vehicles to collect and display.

It's the kind of attention to detail wargamers such as Nate Culver can relate if not aspire to.

One of the group's newest members, Culver made his own replica desert village buildings out of cork. The pieces look so realistic you'd swear he plucked them right out of a Google Maps Street View of North Africa. They even come with removable roofs to place his little troops inside at the windows.

"I didn't detail the insides," Culver said with unnecessary embarrassment. "That's for later."

Culver also hasn't painted his World War II-era German army. Nevertheless, he placed his model buildings on a nearby table blanketed with sandy felt, the perfect setting for a Bolt Action game of Axis vs. Allies in the desert.

Culver's unpainted German army soon was joined by the painted German infantry of 14-year-old Michael Lisanti, with the two facing off against the unpainted Scots of Michael Iturria and the mostly painted Soviets of Michael's older brother, 17-year-old Nathaniel. The Lisanti brothers' 10-year-old sister Lisa looked on.

Meanwhile at an adjacent table, Josh Escalera and Marcelino Martinez scattered their Japanese troops across a verdant Pacific jungle terrain teeming with miniature huts and brush, while on the Allies' side, Jesse Bell's U.S. Marines nestled behind tiny plastic trees to support to Oscar Barela's British Chindits.

Whatever their level of dedication, wargaming buffs such as the LSHM members love taking charge of their literal figures of history.

"(With) historical miniature games, you get to display history," said LSHM president Joe Shaffer. "You get to be General Patton or General Rommel or General Lee or Julius Caesar. You get to see the stuff that's in the movies or in the history books, and you can put it in front of you and you can see it happen. And you can make it



Photos by Marvin Pfeiffer / San Antonio Express-News

Marcelino Martinez (from left), Josh Escalera, Jesse Bell and Oscar Barela set up their World War II battle between U.S. Marines and Japanese soldiers in the Pacific Theater.



Mike Gomez's crusader knights overwhelm Charlie Torok's warlord (left) to win the game for Gomez's Spanish Christian army in a 12th century battle during a gathering of the Lone Star Historical Miniatures gaming group.

happen."

Shaffer specializes in Civil War and World War II pieces. He said modern wargaming began essentially with chess, and later took shape with Napoleon placing figures on a tabletop map to train generals for battle tactics, a technique Shaffer saw while in the Army in the 1980s.

LSHM's founding members go back to the '60s and '70s, Shaffer said, with chapters in major Texas cities. Today, the

group boasts nearly 200 members, half from San Antonio and half from cities throughout Texas, including a large contingent from Austin and connections in Dallas, Houston, Midland and El Paso. There are even a handful from New Orleans and Oklahoma.

Shaffer credits Torok's aggressive recruiting with swelling those ranks. Too bad he didn't have such numbers on his side for his battle with Gomez.

Despite Torok unleashing

dynamic moves with names like "Fury of Swords" and "Impaling Spears," Gomez ultimately won their Saga game by surrounding and slaying Torok's warlord with his Spanish crusader knights on horseback.

"He had me," Gomez said with a smile. "He got a little too flamboyant and he attacked. He should have stayed where he was."

That gleam in Gomez's eye shines whether or not he's engaged in pretend combat. He proudly commands thousands more troops at home (he stopped counting at 40,000) which include Civil War troops as well as biblical armies and World War II soldiers.

"And I'm not a hoarder," Gomez said.

He is, like most wargamers, an obsessive artist.

Gomez paints his figures with old-master skill and assembly-line speed, completing as many as eight to 12 pieces in just four hours. He often customizes them to the most minute detail, such as drilling tiny holes in his soldiers' hands so they can hold piano wire for spears and printed banners he paints and glues on paper.

And if the young Lisanti brothers' enthusiasm is any indication, such hands-on passion for wargaming isn't just for

Free wargaming

Lone Star Historical Miniatures will host an afternoon of free tabletop wargaming.

When: Noon-midnight Saturday

Where: Tabletop Gaming Center, 16111 San Pedro Ave., No. 113

More information: Contact LSHM president Joe Shaffer at 210-632-4845 or Tabletop Gaming Center at 210-462-7947.

the big (read: older) boys.

"Historical gaming does skew to a slightly older demographic, but we are starting to see the next generation come in," said Greg Young, manager at Tabletop Gaming Center, a San Antonio hobby store armed with historical as well as sci-fi/fantasy miniatures, plus tabletop battlegrounds for them to fight on.

Young said historical wargaming usually draws players around age 35, including military and history lovers, though he has noticed that next generation of kids and fresh privates march into the hobby, too. Likewise, fans of other tabletop miniature games such as Warhammer 40,000 and World War II-inspired video games such as War Thunder turn to historical wargaming as a new kind of imaginative combat.

Not that you need be a military or gaming geek to get in on the action, though you should expect to invest some money as well as time in your personal armies. For instance, a two-player Bolt Action starter set with 30 troops will set you back \$12 at Tabletop Gaming Center, while the average Bolt Action army of a tank and 50 soldiers runs between \$200 and \$250.

"The games are really built that you don't have to know anything but you can learn as you go," Shaffer said. "If there's one piece of advice it's (newcomers) should not be intimidated by it."

Besides, you won't fight with those tiny troops alone. Ultimately, the joy of wargaming comes down to the bonds you make in the trenches — even when the battlefield is no bigger than a kitchen table.

"Some of the best friends that I've ever met," Young said, "I've met through gaming."

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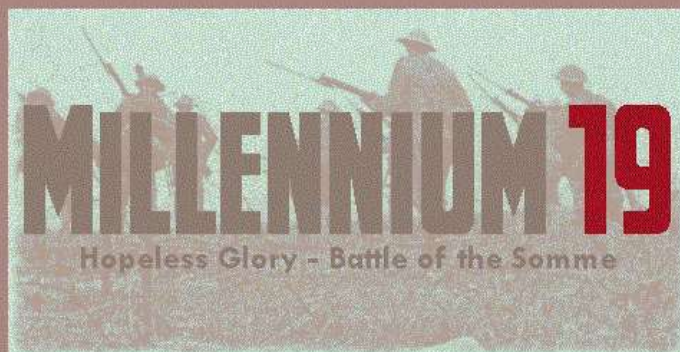
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Drums and Tomahawks

By Martin Zamarippa

Building Wargaming Terrain

Lately, I have been on a terrain building kick. Why? Maybe a little bit was because Oscar ridiculed the terrain layout during our last game of SAGA, but primarily it was due to my recent discovery of a You Tube channel called Tabletop Workshop.



The channel provides dozens of videos describing how to scratch build miniature terrain for war gaming. Typically, the guys in the video use scrap they find lying around the house making the projects quite cheap to produce. It's amazing what they can do with a bit of foam insulation, bamboo skewers and a cereal box.

See the game report in this issue of the LSHM newsletter

Their video on how to build a dark age "Außenposten" inspired me to build the frontier log stockade in the accompanying pictures. Oh yeah, did I mention that these guys are German. Not a problem! The videos are so well produced that it is stupid simple to follow along with what is going on even if you don't understand a word they are saying. Now, follow the link below and make your battlefields look as good as your troops.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnLu5I4fTj1OHtKrNotFKxA>

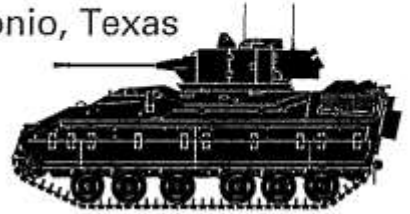
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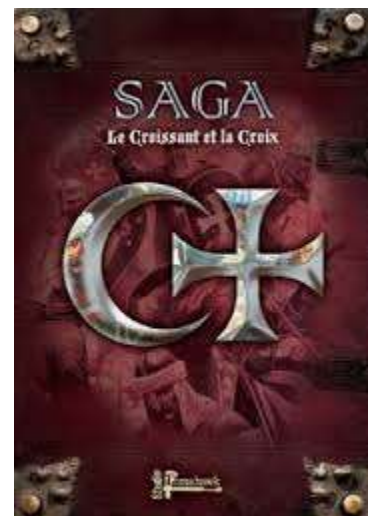
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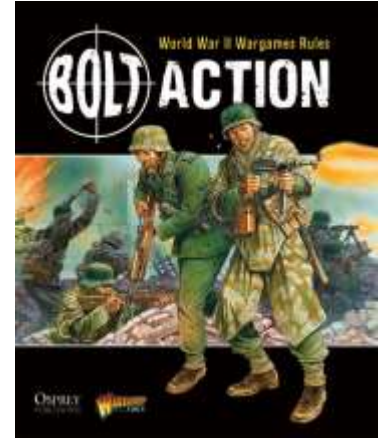


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Texas Bolt Action Tournament:

By Joe Wicker

On 16 Apr the Texas Bolt Action Group conducted a 13 man Mediterranean tournament at Dragon's Lair in San Antonio. Participants came from Austin and the surrounding country side to re-enact 28mm battles from Tunisia, Sevastopol, and Italy.



The tournament was setup for three rounds. Each round was fewer in points with the 1st round being 1000 points, the 2d was 750 points, and the 3d was 500 points. Each participant was grouped to an Axis or Allied side. Prizes included best Axis General, best Allied General, and the person with the most "FUBARs" rolled. Patch Adams, a popular painter with the assembly from Australia, provided the grand prize of a beautifully painted M3 Lee tank. 7 tables were established with 3 being of North Africa, 2 of the city of Sevastopol Russia (on the Black Sea), and 1 of the rocky mountains of Italy.



Participants were awarded extra points for developing a theme for their force. Two individuals ended up tying for the grand prize because one didn't turn in a historical theme for his army. A winner was determined by an old fashion die roll. In keeping with the battles of the day, the dice roll off ended in a spectacular 4 turn roll as each person rolled the same number 4 times in a row! The tournament lasted about 7 hours with the following results:



Texas Bolt Action Tournament (continued):

Best Allied General and Grand Prize winner of the Patch Adams Tank was Jacob Mayer

Best Axis General was Tyler Goodflower

Most FUBARs rolled was Andrew Carlson

In order of points awarded was:

Jacob Mayer (Allied)

Seth Longoria (Allied)

Casey Pittman (Allied)

Oscar Barela (Allied)

Tyler Goodflower (Axis)

Nate Culver (Axis)

Charlie Torok (Axis)

Art Douglas (Axis)

Marcelino Martinez (Axis)

Seth Longoria (Axis)

Brandon Escalara (Allied)

Andrew Carlson (Axis)

Jeremy Randell (Allied)



Texas Bolt Action Tournament (continued):



Join the Texas Bolt Action group today!



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

Thanks to Dragon's Lair and Warlord Games for sponsoring this VERY enjoyable event. The Texas Bolt Action assembly will conduct a Pacific themed tournament at Tabletop Games in San Antonio on 14 May 2016 which will be sponsored by Tabletop Games, Lone Star Historical Miniatures, and Warlord Games.



Voted the best picture of the Tournament!!

Bolt Action Group (BAG) News

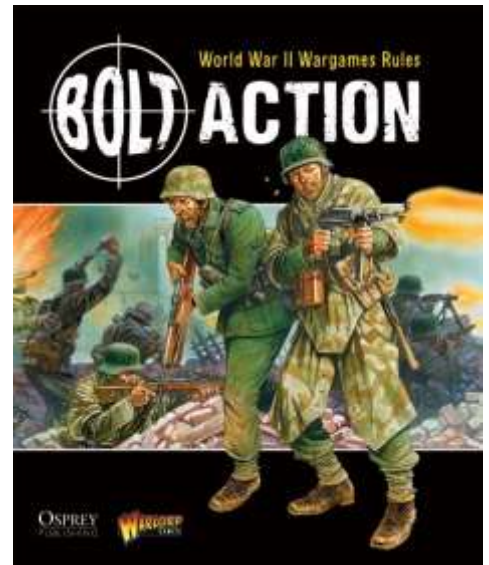
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Texas Bolt Action Events

Just a heads up on events for the next few months so you can prepare!

- ❖ May 14th- Pacific event at Tabletop in San Antonio
- ❖ June 17th to 19th- Warlord Games Day in Oklahoma City
(Many of us will be attending and playing in the tournament, only 20 spots so sign up soon!)
- ❖ June 23rd to the 26th- Texicon convention Fort Worth area
(40 man BA tournament and one of the first primers for 2017 Nationals, also quite a few of us attending)
- ❖ July 23rd- Event at BFG at Ft. Hood/Killeen
(More details to come)
- ❖ July 30th- World at War event - Chicago
(these guys know how to throw an event)
- ❖ MillenniumCon- Texas Bolt Action championships!
Round Rock - November 11-13 (Also a Primer)



Contact Casey Pittman
if you have any questions:
casey.pittman1@gmail.com

Past Events

Bolt Action Gaming



Paul Buchholz

April 22 at 10:08am · Pontiac, MI

Played an invasion of Crete scenario using the air drop and warplane rules last night. 1200 pts of FJ versus 1200 British with Jeff McCoy and Jeff Luptowski

Objectives were airfield control tower, sandbag emplacements and town and Maleme. Once the airfield was taken British could bring in reinforcements and FJ could air land reinforcements on a random section of the runway.

Did an optional rule where the weapons pod for each unit dropped within 2d6 of the initial intended air drop point it worked very well and made for an interesting game.

Highlight reel:

Stuka dropped a bomb on the Matilda

Free arty observer got one pin and went down every activation for the rest of the game (you get what you pay for I guess)

Lots of veteran FJ failing order tests with one pin.



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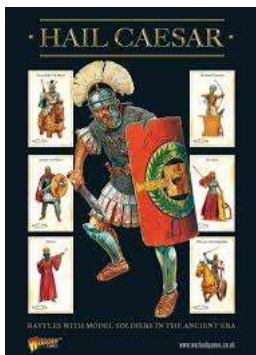
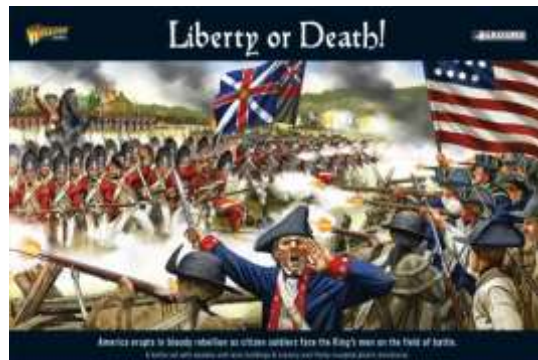
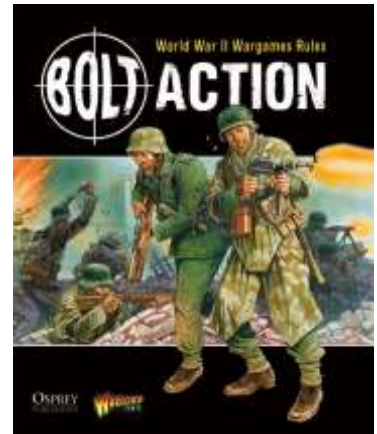
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Lion Rampant

A Tuesday night LSHM game at Dragon's Lair SA

In tonight's episode of Lion Rampant.

By Grant Hopwood

A quick run through of a 24pt game. The rules are quick and easy. There's just enough here to provide some simple tactical decisions. The numbers required to roll like activations, to hits, morale, armor, cover modifiers, etc, are well balanced. Elite units will generally fight to the last man, while non elites will flee after suffering 50% losses.

It was fun. It can generally scale out to large table games without getting bogged down. Home rules for siege weapons, scaling battlements, etc, can easily be added using the same game system for simplicity.



Gamers Workbench

By Michael Lisanti

I think that I (Michael) just got the biggest project done in the quickest time that I'll have done this year. 40 Japanese that Mr. [Oscar](#) gave me to paint up for him done in 12 days. Since there are SO MANY, I'm only going to get big group pics and a couple pics of my favorite models that I painted up in this batch. Also, I'll be at dragon's lair San Antonio tonight looking for a game (or two if I'm lucky).

A monthly featured article by the young Mr. Michael and his "painting adventures"!



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Return to Middle Earth
Lord of the Rings (LoTR) / Hobbit
Strategy Battle Game (SBG) group
Annual Tournament



When: Saturday 25 June
Where: Dragon's Lair SA
Time: 10am – 5pm
Cost: \$5



600 point tournament
Three games
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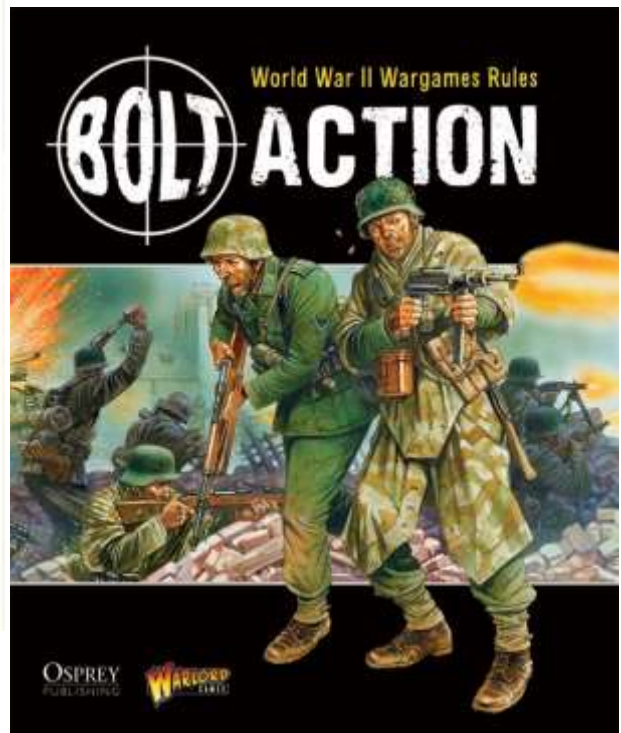


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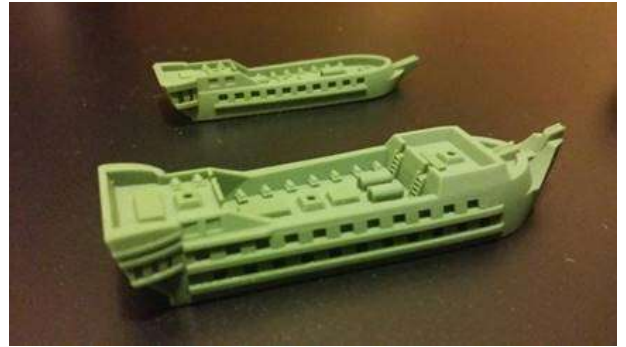
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I have been shaming my group for not taking pictures and notes from our games of late so we could contribute. Which explains why I did not do the same...wait, not it does not. ☹️. Saturday we will be running Russians vs Turks on the High Seas...Medium High Seas. I promise you pictures and an article from that battle.

Now as you may have heard I am just a few weeks, I hope, away from all new ships. As soon as I have some and get them painted up I will write up an article on the new ships. But for now I have nothing. ☹️ Unless you want me to put in a tease with these pictures. You tell me, Problem is I do not know when the new ships will be in production.



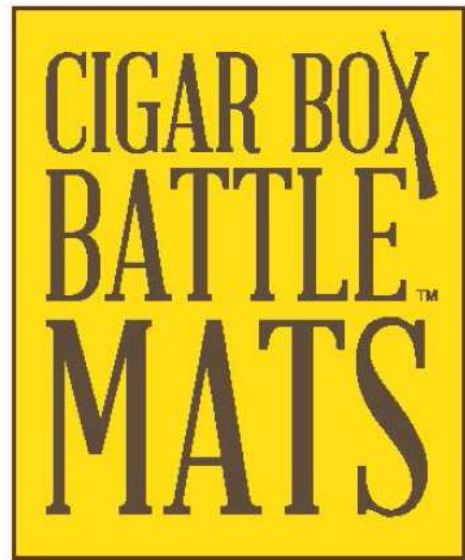
Gamers Workbench



Nate Edmund continues to build his Deutsches Afrika Korps (DAK) army to go along with his beautifully built terrain.



LSHM Game Vendors



Chris Ward and Cigar Box Battle Mats provides some great gaming mats, a number of LSHM members use these in setting up their tabletop battlefields! Here are some newer announcements from Cigar Box Battle and our webstore link:

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My best,
Chris Ward



Joe Wicker used the European Fields Battle Mat for his WWI Wings of War game at the SA Muster last year.

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Contact Grant Hopwood on the LSHM Facebook page for details.

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**LSHM Tuesday Night
Gaming at
Dragon's Lair SA**

Drums and Tomahawks

By Grant Hopwood



In tonites episode of Drum's n Tomahawks!

We play tested [Martin Zamarripa](#) French n Indian game that he intends to run at the July Muster.

Alas he forgot his Blockhouse, but we did have some walls to scale. The British inside were outnumbered two to one by the French and their Indian allies. The British had two units of Line Infantry, a unit of Rangers, and a rag tag unit of Frontiersman looking for shelter. The French had two units of Marines, a unit of couriers, and two large units of Huron.

The French had a number of ladders to carry in order to scale the walls. At first it was slow going running across the open ground while under musket fire. It took a little longer to get the ladders in position and push the defenders back from the ladder tops. But once the attackers made their way into the fort it was bayonets and tomahawks to the last man!

The French and their allies eventually won. While the Huron did little but die in the face of musket fire the first half of the game, the second half saw them redeem themselves as they claimed many many white hair scalps.



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!

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.~~

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

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

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

For FoWSA tournament and San Antonio Flames of War events information see our blog

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

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- [Saga Tournament](#)
- [BattleTech Bloodname](#)
- [Classic Battletech Gunslinger and BT Open Tournaments](#)
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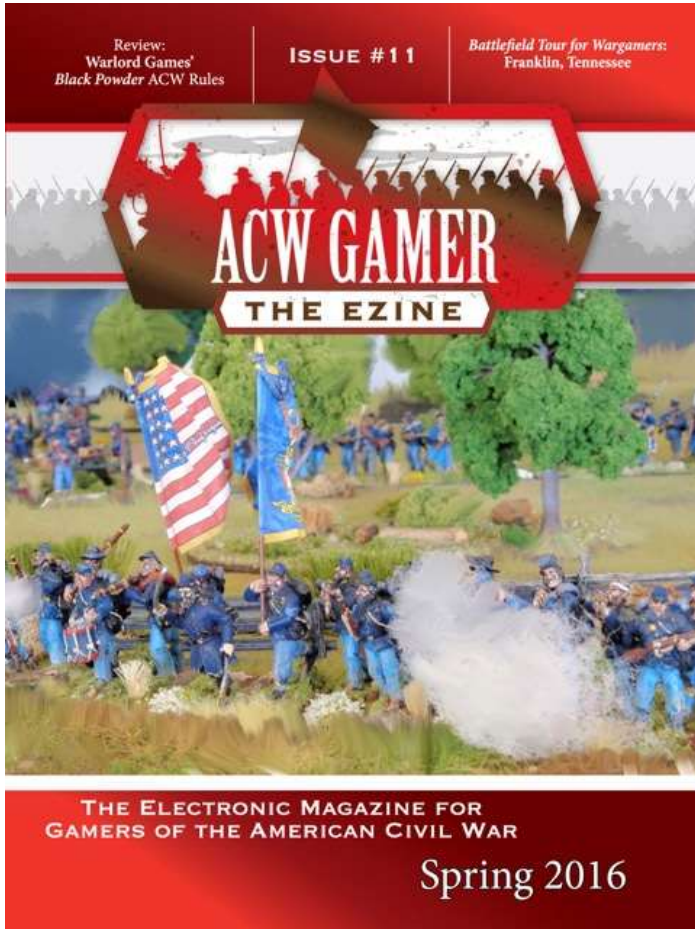
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Warlord Games Day Info



Warlord Games Open Games Day
Reed Conference Center
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
17 – 18 June 2016

Open Games Day is a showcase for all of the tabletop miniature wargames that come out of Warlord Games in Nottingham England, from Bolt Action to Hail Caesar and even the new games such as Project Z and Konflikt '47. All the miniatures are provided along with terrain and we have table bosses that will be happy to introduce you to whichever games you want to try. And you can try as many as you like.

The game tables will have varying levels of play, from beginner to advanced, for Hail Caesar, Black Powder, Bolt Action, and Beyond the Gates of Antares. Additionally there will be tables for Judge Dredd, Terminator: Genisys, Project Z and Konflikt '47. No previous knowledge of the rules is needed. Just jump in and start playing.



If you have a painted army and you would like to display your skills as a tabletop general why not sign up for one of our tournaments. We are running both a Bolt Action and a Beyond the Gates of Antares tournament. We are also having a painting contest. Prizes will be awarded for the tournaments and for the painting contest.

We are less than two months away from Open Games Day in OKC and things are rapidly falling into place with vendors and contributors to the swag bag that will be given to attendees. Geek Nation, Fantasy Arc, and Secret Weapon are just three of the current twelve swag bag sponsors and more coming on board. For vendors we have Whistle Stop (terrain), Kernals and Kandies, My Favorite Jerky by Jerky Direct and Top Deck Games of Tulsa.

Warlord Games Day Info (Continued)



Open Games Day kicks off at 5 p.m. on Friday, 17 June at the 45th Infantry Division Museum. The museum will be open to Games Day attendees only, allowing them to view weapons, uniforms, vehicles and other unit memorabilia as well as see what the 45th has accomplished while in service to our nation over the past century. The museum will have representatives on hand to answer any questions about the 45th that attendees might have.

After the museum tour we will all head over the Reed Center in Mid West City where registration will open at 7 p.m. so attendees can check in. The first round of the tournaments will begin at 7:30 p.m. and at 8 p.m. the beginner demo tables will start running, all to be concluded by 10 p.m.

The hall reopens at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, 18 June, with all the vendors in place and all demo tables ready to go. We will also start round two of the tournaments. Round three of the tournaments will start at 1:30 p.m., after lunch, and conclude with plenty of time for the tournament players to be able to give the demo tables a try. The hall will stay open until 11:30 p.m. so everyone will get plenty of gaming time.

Now was there a particular miniature, vehicle, army, or bit of terrain you were looking for from Warlord Games? How would you like to order it and be able to pick it up and pay for it at Open Games Day? All you have to do is send an email to WarlordDemoTeam@yahoo.com with what you want by the 23rd of May and we will have it waiting for you. No worries about shipping and handling.

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Weekend Pass with tournament play: \$40

Weekend Pass only: \$30

One Day Pass : \$25

We know not everyone can attend our Open Games Day in Oklahoma City but may still want to know what they can do to help make it happen. We have set up a GoFundMe page to allow for that help and to help offset some of the costs involved. The funds raised there will go towards the cost of the hall, the swag bags, flyers, programs and prize support for our event. And we have rewards for contribution levels. We will ship the reward to you. If you would like to help just go here: <https://www.gofundme.com/ugz4kyx6>.

If you have any questions just email us at the addresses listed above. You can also find information on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/WGDOKC/> and the event page on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1384717968494433/>.

We are looking forward to seeing you this June in OKC!!

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Houston Area SAGA Campaign:

By Russell Helms

Round II

7/11 Battles Fought

Territories Controlled

(including home territories)

Christians: 12...

Pagans: 7

Overall Team Scoreboard

Christians: 65.5

Pagans: 38.5



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

2016 HOUSTON AREA SAGA LEAGUE ROUND II : Christian Attacks

PAGANS

- 1 Hank M.
- 2 Ray S.
- 3 David D.
- 4 John B.
- 5 Steve H.
- 6 Russell H.
- 7 JP
- 8 Craig P.
- 9 Matt G.
- 10 Casey C.
- 11 John P. (Necron)

CHRISTIANS

- 1 Jimmy G.
- 2 Jeff M.
- 3 Jim M.
- 4 Dustin H.
- 5 John D.
- 6 Jeff D.
- 7 Mike C.
- 8 David H.
- 9 Philipp L.
- 10 Jerald S.
- 11 Jim J.



The current campaign map: Round #2

Houston Area SAGA Campaign:

By Russell Helms

Below are a couple of the battle reports from the ongoing SAGA campaign:

[Battle Report by Jeff
Millspaugh](#)
[Houston Area SAGA Players](#)

Bretons rode out of Germania and took Poland for the Christians. Very bloody and exhausting battle on both ends.. The pic is of the last board, Minus Rey moving the exhausted warriors a bit. Yes, those are two units with 1 man and my warlord in the back.



Win for Christ Jeff 3.5 to Rey 1

[Battle Report by Jimmy Garrett](#)
[Houston Area SAGA Players](#)

Though it pains me a bit to contribute to the runaway, the Irish prevailed against Hank's Vikings tonight in a spirited contest. It was a good game and I got a chance to play against a great guy I have never previously gamed with. Good times, good fun, I'd play against [Hank](#) anytime. We played the crazy scenario, Assault at Dawn, where every unit starts out as a secretly numbered beer cap and only gets revealed when you get within M. But at the end of the day, my Hearthgaurd were able to best his valiant warlord through sheer force of numbers and brutality, but his berserkers certainly gave me a scare.

Jimmy 3.5, Hank 1.5



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“I want to thank Ed Teixeira of TWO HOUR WARGAMES for pushing around some WW2 minis and showing me around the "NUTS" rules. Ed has many game titles under TWO HOUR WARGAMES which includes the award winning ALL THINGS ZOMBIE series. We had a great time playing against the system and "killin stuff". The THW rules are quick and fun. Ed wants to get out and game more and I just want to have time to do the same. Anyone else want to try some man-to-man skirmish rules we can try to drag Ed in on it and or get together any scale any side.”

Dennis Castillo

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

[By Mr. Steve Miller](#)

[Steve Miller](#)

[Rome vs. Gauls-Might of Arms 25/28mm.](#)

We got reacquainted with Might of Arms again after a long hiatus. This game was great as usual. MoA provides the best ancients game period. Hail Caesar, and FoG just can't do what Might of Arms does and has done for years. You shoulda' been here rolling dice with us. We got out our vintage Hinchcliffe and Gripping Beast Gauls and Romans. Take a good look at the Romans...they're from the early 80s! Great game, great friends! Thanks Grumbler, Clay, and Michael Pettyjohn for the good game.



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Contact Stephen Huckaby at:
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By Tyler Buenaflor

**“The Tyler Page”
Gamers Workbench**

Tyler B. continues to add to his beautiful Russian Army:



Tyler W. has quickly become a MASTER Painter, here are a few of his Long Range Desert Group models

By Tyler Wallace



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