

The Lone Star Dispatch December 2015



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"Officers Mess - a note from the LSHM Board"

By Mark Leroux (MillenniumCon Director)

Greetings Fellow Gamers!



MillenniumCon 18 is a wrap! The staff had a blast this past MillenniumCon and we are happy to say we had a successful event! Now it is time to rest up and recover! Whew!

Thanks go out all our excellent vendors and GM's. It your hard work and inspiration that really made this convention great!

We already have a date for next year. MillenniumCon 19 will be held at the same location on November 11th-13th, 2016! Hope to see everyone again!

Check back here for more information or follow us at:

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

Mark Leroux

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.

MILLENNIUM 18

Pivotal Battles of History - 200th Anniversary of Waterloo

Hello Gamers!

MillenniumCon is a wrap!!!!

MillenniumCon was a great success, thanks to all who attended and especially thanks to those who helped out. We survived the weather and rain damage to the upstairs gaming rooms. Thanks much for your patience and understanding. The Hotel staff promised us great weather next year!!! See you at MillenniumCon #19 next year: 11-13 November 2016 – so plan to attend, run a game and have fun.



- Joe Shaffer - Millennium Convention Director
- Ian Straus - Registration Coordinator
- Mark Leroux - Webmaster, Vendor Coordinator
- Charlie Torok - Game/GM Coordinator
- Mike Gomez - Convention Treasurer

Thanks to the many volunteers who help make MillenniumCon a success.

Attendance was up for 2015

The attendance numbers for MillenniumCon were up from last year – thanks to all who attended.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Total</u>
3 Day pass	100
Friday only	8
Saturday only	25
Sunday only	3
GM admission	40
Youth pass	4
Non-Participation	15
Vendor pass	26
Staff	7

Total attendance 228

*Lets make 2016 even bigger!!! Start planning now to attend (11-13 November 2016)

Thanks to our many MillenniumCon18 vendors
(see you next year)

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Flames of War: Arab-Israeli War update

By Chris Lisanti



Christopher Lisanti

November 17 at 9:35pm

Arab-Israeli War on the West Bank. Chris (the few--Pic #1) playing Israeli P'lugah Tan'kim Tank Company against Michael (the many--Pic #2) playing Jordanian Armored Squadron. The mission was "No Retreat" with the Jordanian on defense due to their always defends rule. It was classic tank on tank combat with each side supplementing their tanks with an anti-tank jeep unit each with the Jordanians fielding two M42 anti-aircraft armored vehicles and the Israelis a paratrooper platoon. The shooting wasn't the best for the Jordanians early on with their 3 Centurions only able to kill one Isherman from ambush. The three Sho't tanks fired back killing 2 of the 3 offending Centurions and finding the last one deserting the battlefield (that was a common theme for all the Jordanian platoon morale)--Pic#4. The Ishermans on the left flank swung out and killed a single Patton (Pic#3) however the Pattons stormed back the next turn hitting and killing both of the Ishermans on the left flank (Pic#5) while the anti-tank jeeps knocked out the remaining Isherman on the right flank. The remainder of the battle was a race for killing the remaining 3 Sho't tanks (Pic#6) or stalling the paratroopers from getting to the objective while the Israelis continued to pass 3 company morale checks in a row (the anti-tank jeeps were killed on turn 3 by withering fire from the anti-aircraft vehicles). In the end, the paratroopers stormed the objective, assaulted the Jordanian company commander who was defending the objective and killed him (Pic#7). A last ditch effort to contest the objective by the anti-aircraft vehicles proved lethal as the Israeli company commander Sho't landed a hit each with the main gun resulting in one dead and one bailed, and then the Jordanians failed the platoon morale and subsequent company morale. 4-3 victory for the Israelis.



MILLENNIUM 18

Pivotal Battles of History - 200th Anniversary of Waterloo

SAGA Tournament Results

Fellow Warlords : Many thanks for rallying your Warbands and joining the chaos and mayhem of honorable battle! The Central Texas SAGA Championship was a great success and saw the second straight year of 16 participants.



Players fought through 4 rounds over the Sacred Ground, The Challenge, and Champions of God scenarios. A mix of forces composed of Anglo-Danes (2

players), Vikings (6 players), Spanish, Rus Princes, Crusaders, Normans, Saracens (2 players), Byzantines, and Peasants led by Peter the Hermit crisscrossed the tables in search of glory, victory, bragging rights, or whatever cool prize lurked on the back table.

Scoring was by Win, Loss, or Draw, with Scenario driven Bonus points for killing warlords, terrain points, and slaughtering points.

In the end, 6 players excelled:

- First Place: Jacob Meyer; Vikings; 17 points
- Second Place: Dave Beeson; Vikings; 14 points
- Third Place: Grant Hopwood; Spanish; 14 points
- Fourth Place: Charlie Torok; Saracens; 13 points
- Fifth Place: Adam Rios; Peter the Hermit; 11 points
- Slaughtering Points: Jason; Normans



SAGA continued

We were very lucky to have some great prize support from **Gripping Beast**, **Krakenskulls**, and **Karwansaray Publishers** which allowed all players to walk away with something in hand. Please support them all in the future as it only helps the community at large!

To the balance of the Warlords, revenge is only a tabletop away!

7. Hunter Radetsky. 8. Dave Robinson. 9. James Hughes. 10. Brady Severns. 11. Blake Radetsky. 12. Stephen Leopard. 13. Tom Primrose. 14. Jando Diez. 15. Matt Kibbe. 16. Ted Settlemire.

Lastly... Thanks to the **Lone Star Historical Miniatures** team for making Millennium Con and the Tournament possible! RAGNAR APPROVES!

Regards! Pete Atack



The Alamo game at Dragon's Lair – San Antonio. By Dennis Castillo

Dennis Castillo and crew ran an Alamo game in non other than San Antonio on 23 November. The Alamo model was saved from the Fort Sam Houston museum as they had planned to throw it out.

Travis drew the line in the sand (played by Johnny Rodriguez). Santa Anna (played by Scott Davis) had enough of not being invited to the fiestas so he threw one of his own. Many more players dropped in and out of the game and had a great time.

The Mexicans assaulted the Alamo de Bejar in 5 columns and a reserve. The main assault was to come from the east of the chapel with a smaller assault led by zapadores on the southeast toward the makeshift palisade. The defenders shifted to the convent. The fighting went room to room, rooftop to cattle pen. the Mexican casualties would slow the advance and surge back and forth from the walls. Generals Morales and Duque both were wounded in the advance to be carried away. The Mexican advance shifted directions on the east walls unable to carry a breakthrough. The shift in pressure turned into a tactical mistake as the defenders were able to rally. the cavalry attack against the north wall Crockett and Travis were able to consolidate uncommitted defenders and form up to meet the attackers. Dawn over the Alamo and the attackers were unable to continue. Cannon and musket fire almost never ceased. The cries of the wounded everywhere would drown out the roar of the cannon. It became apparent the reserves would have to be called in or a withdraw was in order to continue the siege. this is where the game ended. The Texan defenders were able to claim a posthumous victory and have several all star cast movies made about them with some tiny, slight major embellishments.



Past Events

The Alamo game at Dragon's Lair – (continued)

Scott Davis in his bloodthirsty portrayal of Santa Anna will probably be long remembered of the tyrant that knows no meaning of "mercy" even though his subordinate officers could often be heard shouting the battle cry "oh, mercy, mercy, mercy...". We are sure they will print T-shirts with his image and sell them at the gift shop with CD's with his ballads like his top hit "another one bites the dust". Casualties would mean nothing to the man because in his foresight he knew cloning was a future possibility even in the 1830's. Viva! Mexico! Viva Santana! Oye Commo Va!!! a great time was had by all.



I used a modified version of the skirmish rules The Sword and the Flame. The Texan were only able to move or fire figures within 6" of the leaders and up to 12" in the daylight turns. Bowie was randomly rolled for availability and he turned out to be sick/wounded/incapacitated/inebriated otherwise unavailable. Leadership is the key to successful Alamo defense. Secret preplanning of the attacker entry zones was used by a series of placements etc.

Alamo Layout Cont.



DENNIS CASTILLO



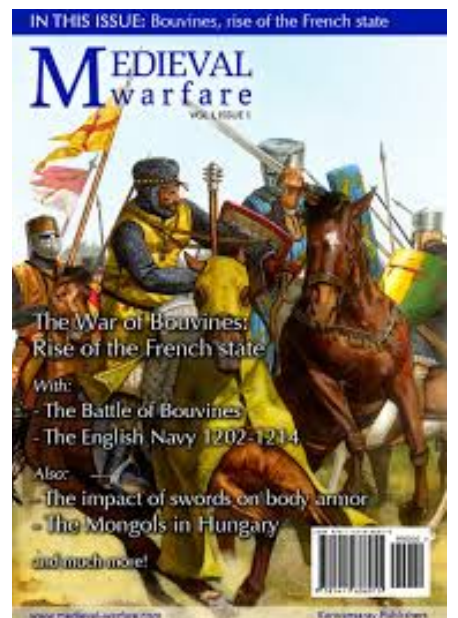
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Another SAGA Army

Gamers Workbench

Steppe tribes ride to battle!

I've just recently gotten into saga, my first army is the steppe tribes! The process of building the models went smoothly but basing was challenging, with the raised bases molded on the model I had to find a way to level the base, my solution, wood putty, it doesn't crack and is water soluble.

I used a mold line remover as my tool to get the putty onto the model then I sanded it smooth and used PVA glue and sand to finish it off, then the process was pretty normal of priming and basing. I was very impressed with the sculpts. There's not a lot of reference material on painting so it was kinda just guessing for what looks correct. The horses are smaller in stature then the warhorses of Europe.

They were a blast to paint up. So far I've gotten in two games with them, my next additions will be 1 point of levies and 1 point of warriors. I have 2 points of hearthguard and the warlord painted up and I have 2 points of warriors that I need to finish basing and painting.

More to come in the future. I'm located in Richmond/Katy Texas If anyone would like to get a game in! Cheers!



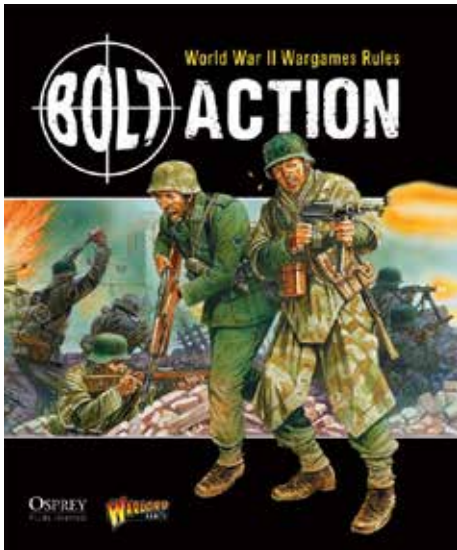
Gunnar Sorem



MILLENNIUM 18

BOLT ACTION SHOWDOWN

Tournament results



Top General- Larry Suino
Top Axis- Oscar Barela
Top Allied- John Lipscomb
Top Minor- Tyler Buenaflor
Best Painted- Casey Burns
Most Historical- Shane Pegram
Worst Luck- Rene Fournier

BOOM...Day of the event. Cool and rainy so could not ask for a better day to be inside throwing dice with friends. I had four guys have to cancel last minute so I ended up with 16 players, which was a far cry from last years four. The tables were setup with different themes I had N. Africa, Russian country side, Normandy style city, swamp, train yard, and many others. No expense was spared on the tables as I believe a good looking table draws in people and gets them interested in what you are doing. The final line up 6 USA, 5 Germans, 1 Hungarian, 1 Soviet, 1 Japanese, and 2 British.



Bolt Action continued



[Mcon 18 Bolt Action AAR and musings](#)

This past weekend saw myself hosting and coordinating a Bolt Action tournament here in Austin, Texas. The tournament was part of a much larger convention (MillenniumCon18) which hosted dozens of different historical wargames for attendees to play.

I finished the weekend with a new respect for tournament/event organizers and a deep admiration for the community as a whole...so go ahead and download your weapon and take off your boots while I discuss my first time as a tournament organizer...

I had prize support secured and a member of our group donated nine tables worth of terrain because he would not be able to make it (Thanks Rob!!!). Now I just needed players! I advertised on the Bolt Action Facebook page, wwpd, and Warlord Forums. I wanted something professionally done so I made sure to have a sign/poster done up.

This was the final product, I was only able to fit a few sponsors on it and these were the first five that got back to me. I had multiple sizes of posters and table cards done up with this image to put around the convention.

The final dice was thrown around 8:28pm and I tallied up the scores. The Japanese player was the clearly defined winner with British 8th and Spanish Blue Division Germans close behind. I gave out plaques for Best Overall General, Best Axis, Best Allied, Best Minor, and Best Painted. I had trophies made up for Hanoswag and a Bad Day trophy for the player who had the worst luck/dice rolls.



Bolt Action Group (BAG) News



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

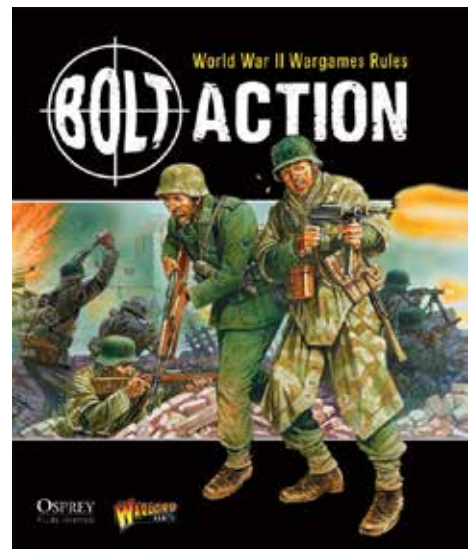


Casey Pittman

November 16 at 7:58am · Austin, TX

Hey guys just letting you know that we will be changing the name of the group to "Texas Bolt Action". It is still the same page we love sharing projects, game reports, and pictures. The change in name is to help unite our somewhat fragmented community. Also when someone searches for Bolt Action in Texas it will be the first thing that comes up! So keep up rolling those dice and posting those pics because we have a lot in store for 2016!

Join the Texas Bolt Action Group today!



Bolt Action at Texas Toy Soldier Store – Dallas TX

[Oscar Barela](#)

[NOVEMBER 5 at Texas Toy Soldier](#)

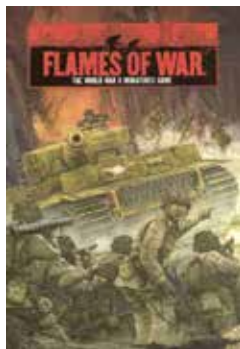
Got a great game in with Carlos at the Texas Toy Soldier store in Dallas! It was a very tough fight right to the end!!! His Germans and my French playing secret mission! In the end the tough and bloody French Colonial Senegalese made off with the secret objective with only 3 troops left and a bucket full of pins!!!!
Vive la France!!!!



Just want to put in a little positive comment. I visited the New location for the Texas Toy Soldier store in Carrollton TX. This week and was thoroughly impressed!!! It's a beautiful store that is a straight miniatures store!!! They carry everything from 40k to flames of war bolt action SAGA and a whole bunch of other great games!!! It's a very clean neat and orderly and has a huge amount of gaming tables and tons of FANTASTIC TERRAIN!!! I strongly suggest visiting it if you are ever in the Dallas area.



More Future Events



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BANE OF WAR

Welcome to the BANE OF WAR 6 tournament January 16th – 17th 2016

This year we will be playing Mid War, at 1675 points, in all theaters (all lists in the Mid War books and applicable pdfs, no MWM at all).

**50 players - Players will pre-pay and pre-register to be guaranteed a spot
(WE WILL NOT BE GOING OVER 50 PLAYERS!!)**

Where: Texas Military forces museum, 2200 West 35th Street. Camp Mabry
BoW participants play in a WWII museum, surrounded by Sherman's, halftracks and much more!
We will be moving many more of our tables out onto the floor this year.

What does this mean to you?

First, pre-register @ register@baneofwar.com in paypal @ \$25.00- Allowing 25 allied and 25 axis armies, so sign up soon! Armies should only be chosen from the MidWar War books, or PDF's that are applicable to that period.

More Future Events



SAGA – Houston Texas

When: 5 December 2015

Where: Fat Ogre, Houston TX

The Houston Area SAGA Players can be found on Facebook (under the same name). Currently we have a recurring SAGA tourney/event on the first Saturday of every even numbered month at Fat Ogre in The Woodlands.

Contact Russell Helms at:
vorthrax@gmail.com

We need your gaming event or tournament listed here!!

More Future Events

[Jon Vandermeer](#) [Tabletop Gaming Center](#) [event](#)

Bolt Action Tournament!

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Video

The image shows a detailed miniature wargaming scene on a table-top battlefield. It features various military units, including tanks and infantry, positioned around a central building complex. A black cup with a white star logo is visible in the foreground. A 'BOLT ACTION' game box is also present. The background is a dark, stylized landscape with trees and a sky.

Flag ideas for the tabletop

By Mark McKenle

Tips to create flags waving in the breeze:

If you want your flags to have a natural appearance, try these easy steps:

Picture #1. Cut out flags. Cut thin pieces of foil (I used foil from yogurt containers) slightly smaller than one side of the flag.

Picture #2. Spread glue on both inside panels of flag EXCEPT area of fold. Leave this area clear of glue where flagpole will fit.

Picture #3. Position foil on inside panel on one side of flag, ensuring a narrow strip of the flag is visible all around the foil. Keep the foil away from the center fold area. Once in position, add more glue sparingly to top of foil. Place a temporary flagpole in the fold area.

Picture #4. Fold the flag and move the sides around until aligned. Remove the temporary pole. It was there to ensure you didn't accidentally glue the fold. When it is removed, there is a slot to insert your permanent flagpole. Add a little glue to the pole, insert, twist the pole around as you push the pole through to spread the glue inside to bond the pole and flag.

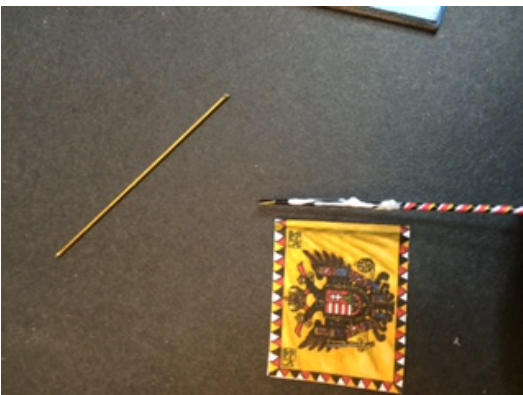
Picture #5. Adjust the edges again if needed. Trim the flag if needed. Press flat, ensuring flagpole is secure. Let dry.

Once the flag is dry, starting at the flagpole, begin crinkling and draping the flag, pulling it downward as you go to give it a natural appearance. Be creative and bend it however you want that looks good to you.

Paint the edges if desired for that finished look.

Now that you've made your flags wave naturally, consider bestowing them upon your troops with sworn oaths followed by a ceremony with plenty of beer and sausages.

Mark



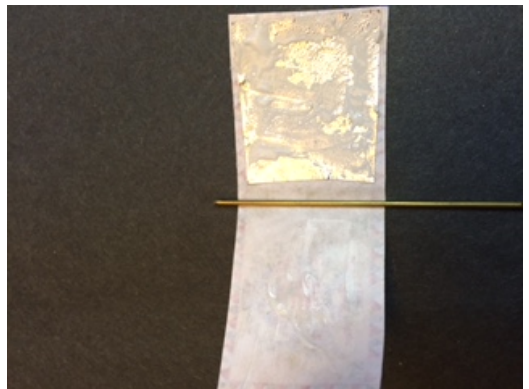
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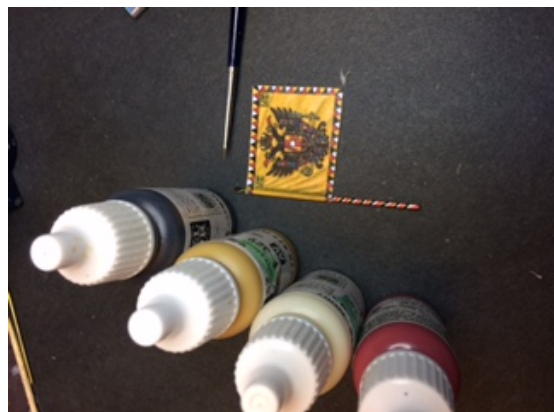
Picture #1



Picture #2



Picture #3



Picture #5

Waterloo 1815

Mega game at MillenniumCon18

"Volley & Bayonet" version of Waterloo using 28mm figures"

Lloyd (as always) put on a great show at MillenniumCon. We at LSHM have dubbed him the "*Duke Siegfried*" of LSHM!!! [You have to be an old wargamer to understand that reference]. Lloyd put on two massive games during two sessions on Saturday: **Waterloo: Hougoumont & D'Erlon's attack** followed by **Waterloo - the Revenge of the Prussians**. We look forward to what Lloyd has planned for next year – he always puts on a great show!!



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.

[Duncan Garcia](#)
[San Antonio, TX](#)

Well it's certainly not 16 Chindits(nicely done [Oscar Barela](#),) but I finally got some time to get my blitzkrieg Germans a bit closer. I need to have a painting party!!!!lol



Gamers Workbench



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

[Mr. Steve Miller](#)

THIS is how a wargame should be played! Great day, great friends, great food and great beer. You shoulda' been rolling dice with us! The DFW Irregulars-Southern Front does it right!

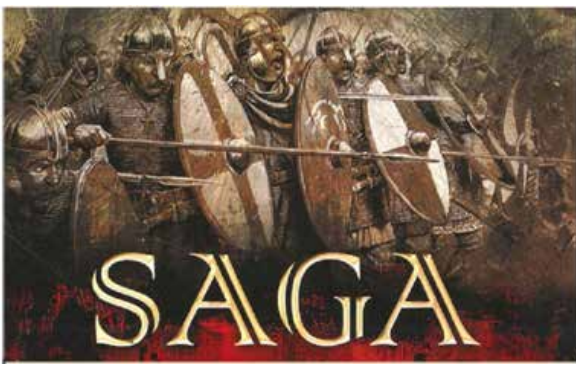


[Steve Miller](#) [Napoleonics at the Bavarian Grill in Plano Texas 11/24/2015](#)

We only do this every 6 years. We should do this on an annual basis. One page rules, 15mm classic Minifig collection, great friends, great game



Past Events



By Charlie Torok NOVEMBER 21, 2015

SAGA gaming at Dragon's Lair 20 November

A few of us met up and played some SAGA on Friday night. Great games and players. Once again my Saracens fell to the Crusaders commanded by Grant Hopwood! Rematch is always required. David and Martin battled it out with the game ending when Martin's warlord tried to get away but was felled by an arrow in the back!

Grant's Crusaders won a crushing 20-13 victory by emptying many an Arabian horse. More SAGA gaming to come. SAGA is a medieval/Crusades 28mm skirmish game where players command warbands in a fast paced game of maneuver and combat.





Join LSHM

We had 48 New and Re-new memberships at MillenniumCon this year!!!

Welcome and we look forward to lots of gaming this next year!!!

Michael McGrail **5 Year Membership

Jerry West
John (Skip) Howell
Barry Brueggeman
Paul B Kisinger
William F Broussard
Russell Canady
Richard Kropp
Braden Kropp
Nathaniel Weber
Raymond Rangel
Mark McKenzie
Bob Smith
Justo Perez
Nathan Dibbern
Larry Murphy
David Robinson

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.

Membership Matters!

Preston, Buck
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Huey, Bob
Kunstmanas, Ray
Mitchell, Ray
Derr, Gordon
Pegram, Shane
Richardson, Glen
Jackson, Warren
Forehand, Rodney
Atack, Pete
Kennemer, Andrew
Flather, Herb
Merrill, Mark
Cottrell, Brian
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Product Review

Gaming & Product Review

by Charlie Torok

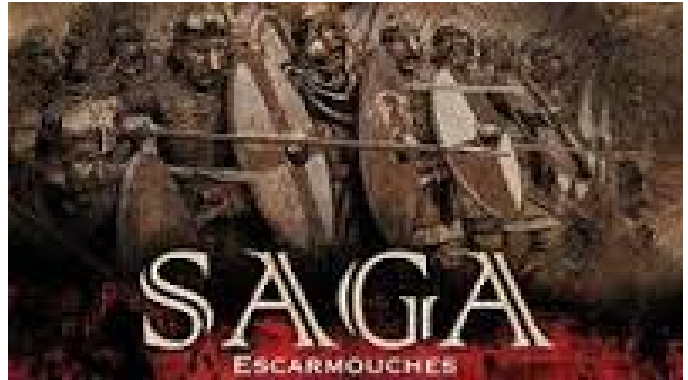
Andy and Darren of Gripping Beast are great supporters of Lone Star Historical Miniatures gaming group and MillenniumCon. They provide a great game system – SAGA.

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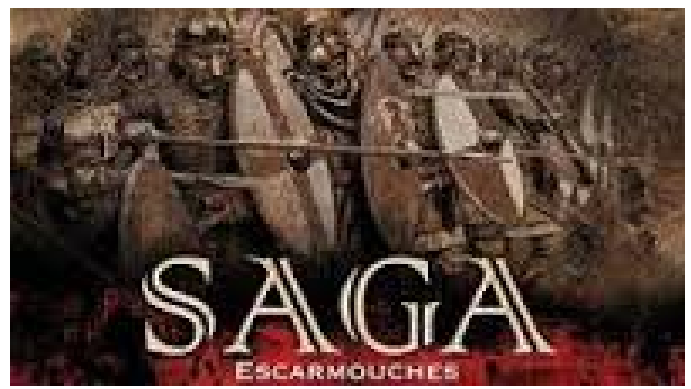
Jon Russell of Warlords is a great supporter of LSHM. His Company Warlord Games provides a great product and many game systems and figures!!



<http://us-store.warlordgames.com/>

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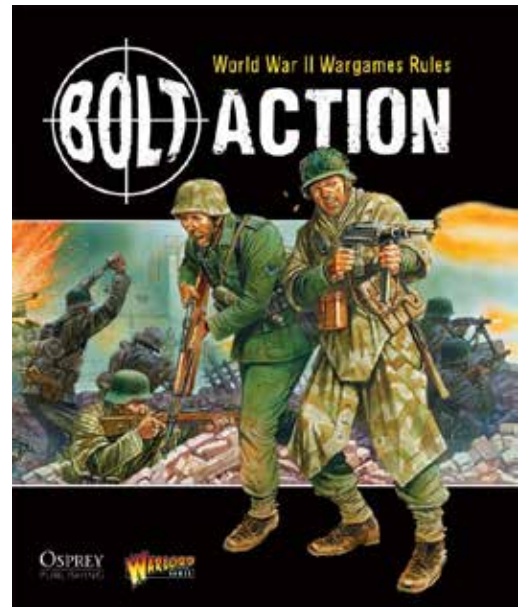
Future Events



SAGA every 3rd Friday at
Dragon's Lair San Antonio

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



First Ever San Antonio SAGA Tournament

What: SAGA tournament

When: 23 January 2016

Registration 10am

First Game 11am

Duration 10am – 5pm

Where: San Antonio – Dragons Lair

Who: All SAGA players

Why: We love the game!!

Contact Charlie Torok at:

torokc@hotmail.com



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Gamers Workbench

Building an empire

by Tyler buenaflor

I'm currently working on a Roman army for "Hail Caesar", a table top miniature game, from Warlord games. I was inspired by "The Eagles" series written by Simon Scarrow. The series is a historical fiction series following the exploits of Centurions Cato and Macro, I highly recommend these books for fans of this time period. My army is currently in the building and assembly stage. The Romans from Warlord Games, came in plastic sprues. The first thing I noticed was how detailed these plastics were; you could see the faces on the centurions' medals. They were easy to assemble and I see a lot of potential for conversions in the future. I also acquired a plastic elephant from Hobby Lobby, which I am converting into a Roman war elephant. All in all, my army is in the "crawl phase" and hopefully my mighty legion will be up and ready to crush Rome's enemies in no time!



Gamers Workbench

By Casey Pittman
NOVEMBER 23

I got some heavy guns in from mad bob miniatures in today. With a few days off over the holidays I should get them up and running.

German Grille heavy howitzer
French 155mm heavy howitzer
And the infamous katyusha

<http://www.madbobminiatures.co.uk/>



By Chris Fedor
NOVEMBER 19

Gamers Workbench

Chris picked up some Warlords Polish WWII Bolt Action Infantry and vehicles. He is building an early war Polish army To use for upcoming Texas Bolt Action Group events.



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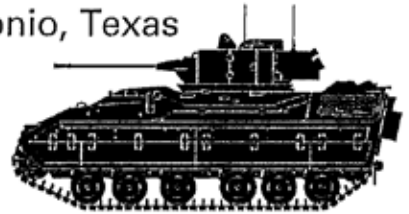
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