

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 Joe Shaffer

With Millennium Con 18 about 2 months in our future, we're looking forward more and more to seeing familiar faces around the tables, and we're working bring new ones in as well. Charles Torok, Mark LeRoux are once more doing the yeoman's work for this event with the willing assistance of many volunteers already. In the coming weeks they will put out requests for volunteer commitments for the many tasks essential to this con; everything from concessions to security to set up and tear down. Please sign up to provide a couple hours of support if you can.

One of the board's priorities this year is to reengage more Texas gamers in LSHM. The club system is still there but each group has steadily, and understandably, drifted in different paths. There is nothing really wrong with that, but we want LSHM and Millennium Con to represent the Great State of Texas effectively. One move in that direction has been the creation of an at-large seat on the LSHM Board of Directors. We want to begin building representation outside of San Antonio and we want to use the opportunity presented by Millennium to offer a voice to LSHM members in electing representation to the board. This year, we will hold a short membership meeting on Saturday Afternoon at the con. It will be a chance to introduce current board members, seek a little input from the membership and most importantly hold an election for the at large board seat for 2016.

Only those attending the con will be eligible to vote, but you do not necessarily have to attend the meeting to do so. We will accept nominations for the new seat until the end of the meeting. Official ballots will be available after that and votes will be accepted until the con closes on Sunday.

If you are interested in the seat or know someone who is, advance nominations are welcome. An email to me, Mark or Charlie will suffice to enter a nomination. Here's looking forward to great event in 2015. I hope to see you there!

Joe Shaffer

Upcoming Events



FoWSA, the Flames of War San Antonio tournament, was founded ten years ago by Biff Coon. We collaborated to invent its current format of four rounds, two at half list strength, because we saw that with three rounds people sometimes won 1st and 2nd who had not played one another and we felt that a championship should include a playoff between the best. I also began the practice of having a table contest. When Biff moved to Austin in 2013, Biff was good enough to let me take FoWSA over, and in 2014 I started Early FoWSA, the early war tournament in spring.

The 10th FoWSA is a late-war tournament, to be held Sept. 12th, 2015 at Dragon's Lair. Tournament information is on the FoWSA blog <http://fowsa.blogspot.com/> and the FoWSA facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/fowsa/>

As I write this, we have 17 players with their lists in and I would like to see all 22 player positions filled.

I would like lists in by Sept. 2nd, but after that date I will take stand-by.

Ian Straus





Hello Gamers!

Upcoming Events

MillenniumCon is only two months away and the staff is working hard to make this another great convention! Here are some of the details you will need to know. MillenniumCon will be held on Nov 6th-8th at the Wingate Hotel and Convention Center in Round Rock.

Game Submissions

We are currently accepting game submissions from GM's. The registration website is <http://millenniumcon.gamecon.us/reg>. We currently have 36 games submitted and are looking for more!

To view the current list of games, please go to <http://millenniumcon.gamecon.us/reg/AllEvents.asp>

Some GM's have asked for some suggestions for games to run. Here is a brief list of ideas that haven't been submitted:

- Wings of War and other aerial combat games
- Flames of War: Vietnam (or other time periods)
- Naval battles from any time periods
- American Civil War
- Wild West Gunslingers



Important dates

- Oct 15th - We will stop online game submissions, please get your game in before this date!
- Oct 17th - We will open the online player registration and online game signup. 3-Day passes are available for purchase online. Single day passes can be purchased at the door.
- Nov 3rd 12:00am - online registration and game signup will close. You can still buy a pass and signup for games at the convention, but some games may fill up early.

Alcohol Policy

Alcoholic beverages are allowed at the convention during the Friday Evening and Saturday Evening sessions. All alcoholic beverages MUST be purchased from the hotel bar and carried into the convention center. Drinks purchased from liquor stores, convenience stores, grocery stores or brought from home ARE NOT ALLOWED! Anyone found with drinks from outside vendors will be asked to pack up their games and will be escorted off the convention site without refund. Hotel employees and convention staff will be watching.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

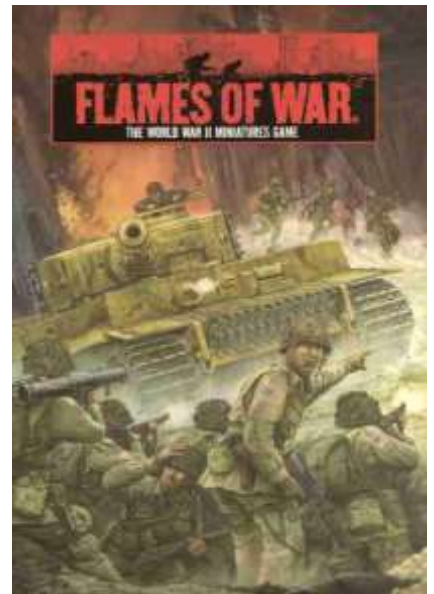
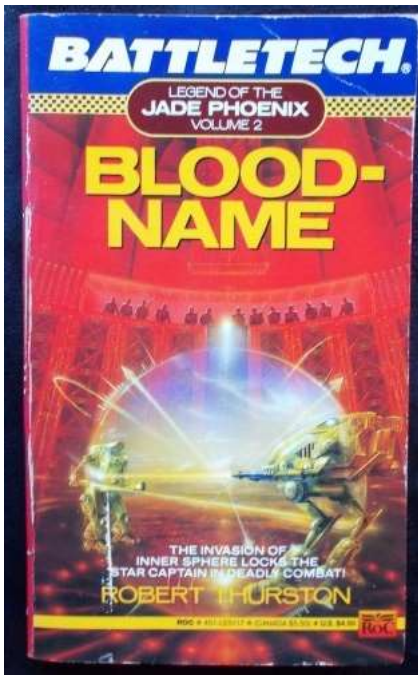
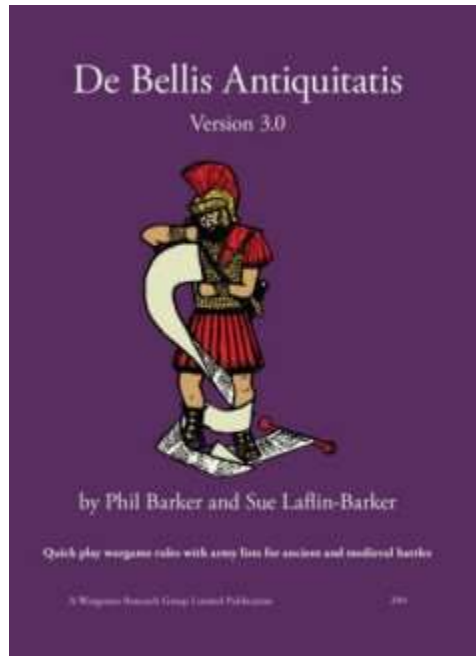
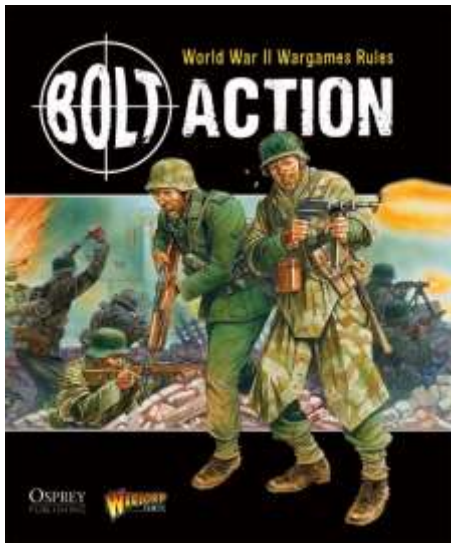
--Mark Leroux



MILLENNIUM 18

Pivotal Battles of History - 200th Anniversary of Waterloo

Planned Tournaments





MillenniumCon18 Update!

GAME SUBMISSIONS

Late Summer is here! Which means MillenniumCon18 is coming soon! We are now accepting game submissions from GM's. Some early birds have already submitted their games. Also, the dealer's room still has booths available.

To submit a game, go directly to our registration website <http://millenniumcon.gamecon.us/reg/> . You can logon with the account you created for last year's convention. If you didn't register for MillenniumCon last year you must create an account.

For detailed information about being a Game Master at MillenniumCon, please go to our information website <http://www.millenniumcon.info/gm.html> or you can email Charlie at torokc@hotmail.com

This year we will have a theme. "Decisive Battles in History"! However, GM's can submit games from ANY GENRE. You are NOT required to run a game associated with the theme. We just think it's cool to have a theme!

VENDOR REGISTRATION

Vendors who are interested in participating in MillenniumCon18 can fill out the registration form online at <http://www.millenniumcon.info/vendors.html> or send an email to vendor@millenniumcon.info



Volunteers Needed

- Game Masters
- Front Desk – Hospitality
- Concessions
- Table setup and teardown
- Prize donations

We are looking for individuals or groups to work 2 hour shifts during the convention. Contact Charlie Torok: torokc@hotmail.com for more information.

We have a Truck – just need a Trailer!!



Truck and Trailer needed:

Art Douglas has volunteered his truck, now all we need is someone to loan us their trailer!!! We will need this to haul our folding tables from San Antonio to Round Rock on The morning of 6 November, then Take them back Sunday afternoon. We will provide The labor to load and unload.

If you have a trailer we would very much Appreciate the assistance.

Contact Charlie Torok or Mark Leroux for details.

More Future Events



Want to run an event at GaME Expo and get in free just run 12 hours of events all weekend and get your Weekend pass for FREE?! October 9-11

<https://docs.google.com/.../1-HNGzh6TRWxrgJ-xn6SFvUq.../viewform>



GameExpo San Antonio

October 9-11th there is a new con in San Antonio, GaME Expo



SAGA – Houston Texas

When: 1 October 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



October 9 - 11, 2015

<http://texasbroadside.webs.com/>

More Future Events???

We need your event listed here!

Austin, Great Hall Games SAGA group



29 August Tournament

Past Events

Hi Everyone - first let me say thank you to Great Hall Games for hosting our Summer SAGA Tournament. Second - thank you to everyone who showed up! Turnout was the best yet, with 16 players from Austin and San Antonio.

A wide variety of warbands gave players great chances to face a diverse set of opponents : Anglo-Saxons, Vikings, Spanish, Anglo-Danes, Rus Princes, Saracens, Byzantines, Jomsvikings, Welsh, Strathclyde Welsh, and Crusaders all took to the field of battle.



Austin, SAGA Tournament 29 August



By the end of the day, 6 warlords walked away with a share of fame worthy of a bard's tale!

1st Place Albert DiMarco - Saxons
2d Place Charlie Torok - Saracens
3d Place Jacob Mayer - Jomsvikings
4th Place Dave Beeson - Vikings
1st in Slaughtering VPs Roman Torok - Byzantines
2d in Slaughtering VPs Adam Rios - Spanish

Prize support included 2 gift cards from Great Hall, a Crescent and Crusades rulebook, a starter box of Scots, and two 4Ground buildings.

Thanks again to everyone who participated and I look forward to topping the 16 player number at Millennium Con in November!

Pete Atack

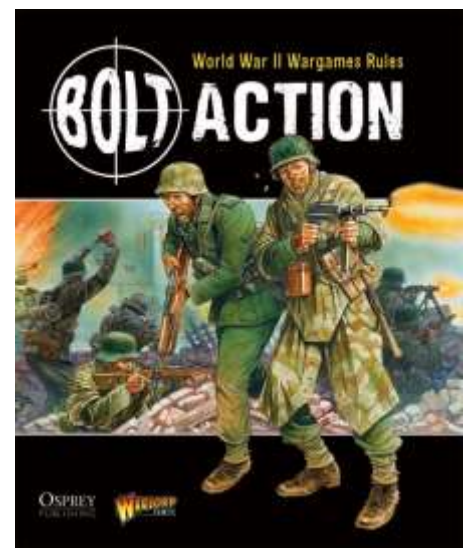


Past Events

Bolt Action Tournament - 22 August

Nine of us met up at Dragon's Lair on Saturday to play an early war tournament:

Oscar - Spanish
Tyler - Japanese
Roman - Greeks
Art - Germans
Charlie - Italians
Jacob - Russians
Nathan - Germans
Donovan – Americans



*San Antonio
Bolt Action Group (BAG)*

Will Easton - Officiating and overall great guy!!!
Some great games were played and excellent competition.
We played a total of 3 games and everyone had a great time.
Prizes were provided by the Dragon's Lair - thanks much to you guys for your great venue and support!!



The Russians led by Jacob (came down from Austin to play) finished first, followed by Tyler and his Japanese, then Nathan and his Germans followed by Roman and the Greeks.

Congratulations and thanks again to Will for putting on the event and Dragon's Lair for hosting. See you next time.



Past Events

Bolt Action Battle Report

By Tyler Buenaflor

Situation: Battle on the Eastern Front

The Germans launched a furious tank assault against the city. Sturmfuher Casey needed to take the city for supply reasons. He launched an assault assuming the Soviets already deserted the city. The Soviets were waiting for him with the mixed tank unit consisting of the new su-76 and the new lend lease M3 Lee. The battle was bloody due to the Germans used the Tiger for the first time. The Russians were no match to his panzer fist and resulted in a loss.



The second battle ensued with the infantry trying to save the day for the Soviet Union. The Germans captured a Soviet deserter and was told of information in a BA64. The Germans launched a clean up assault on the city. The Soviets wanted to capture a knocked out panzer III for the moral of the country to show that fascist monsters are not invincible! The Germans were merciless and killed most of the surviving units. In the battle a Soviet soldier was awarded the hero of the Soviet Union. Nina Stroganoff was a medic and was assaulted by a unit of Waffen SS. She survived the assault and pushed to take the objective. She was gunned down in the street trying to continue the mission and trying to save the men under her care.

Thanks Casey for a great game and for taking the amazing pictures!



Napoleon at War Battle Report

Dallas TX,

Past Events

[Steve Miller](#) [August 16, 2015.](#)

We had a great game on Saturday! 5 players. French and Westfalian vs. British and Brunswickers. We played the "Hot Pursuit" scenario from the book. It was a tough game for the defender with the reserve/replacement rules in place. We did have a good game. If you missed it, you shoulda' showed up!





Join LSHM

These new members signed up in August:

Joseph Runyon

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

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!



Gamers Workbench



Bolt Action Projects

Oscar Barela

More projects from Oscar's workbench!

Another lend lease half track to add to my soviet army Assault Engineers

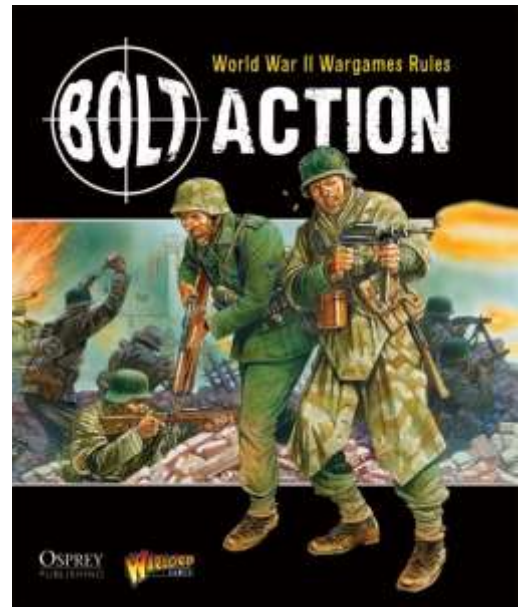
Future Events



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



Gamers Workbench

Bolt Action Projects

Oscar Barela

"Vive le France"!!! "Vive le Resistance"!!!
The first addition to my French Partisans
Army!!! The Forces Francaises l interieur
(F.F.I.) A recaptured Char B1 bis
Flammpanzer!!!!



Oscar has been busy building
His Bolt Action armies – join
Us on Friday nights at Dragons
Lair as the B.A.G. gets together
For some Friday night gaming.

We typically start around 5/6
PM for some gaming. If you
Would like to try out Bolt Action
Just come out and jump right
In.



Finally got my 2 PaK 36 light
antitank guns and my heavy mortar
painted and based!!! Man they look
great!!! Got my first kills with them
too!!!



Gamers Workbench

Flames of War (FOW)

Dirk Brower

Volksgrenadiers ready for the 12th of September FOWSA 10 gaming Tournament at Dragon's Lair. This will be my first FOW tournament.



Gamers Workbench

Bolt Action Projects

Oscar Barela

More projects from Oscar's workbench!

PaK 40 complete!!!



Houston SAGA group

Past Events

The logo for the SAGA group, featuring the word "SAGA" in a stylized, golden, serif font on a dark, textured background.

Houston SAGA tournament
1 August 2015
By Russell Helms

We had a poor showing from our Houston crowd but still had eight players thanks to the Austin and San Antonio lads. Everyone seemed to have great time.

The SAGA tournament at Fat Ogre went very well this past Saturday! We had eight players. Six of whom were an invading contingent from Austin and San Antonio! Local hero, [Jimmy Garrett](#), was able to defend Houston's honor (but, being outnumbered 3:1, not its dignity!) by taking top prize!



Jimmy Garret's Irish and Albert's Anglo-Saxons in Escort Scenario



Jimmy Garret and Joseph in Clash of Warlords scenario



Albert's Anglo-Saxons versus Hunter's Vikings in the Battle at the Ford scenario



Hunter Radetsky playing Vikings (left) and Pete Attack playing Crusaders

Houston SAGA group

Past Events



Jimmy's Irish and Joseph's Vikings in Clash of Warlords scenario



Albert's Anglo-Saxons versus Hunter's Vikings in the Battle at the Ford scenario



Jimmy's Irish



Joseph's Vikings

Stalingrad Campaign 2015

By Chris Lisanti

Stalingrad Campaign Phase 3 Battle Update: The Soviets were looking to stem the German Wehrmacht onslaught and they stopped them dead in their tracks. My game against Michael pitted my Confident Veteran Panzergrenadiers against his Fearless Conscript Strelkovy.



The Germans were reinforced with priority Stukas while the Soviets had 6 additional T-34s. The mission was Hasty Attack with the Germans attacking. The hinges of this battle were 3: 1 the inability of the Germans... to take out both T-34 units that occupied the middle of the battlefield--getting only a single Stuka the first 2 turns and then the inability of the Germans to effectively kill the reinforcement T-34 unit and subsequent loss of all Panzer IVs (Pic #7 shows 3 losses in a single turn) was devastating; 2) the problems of #1 were further compounded by the poor effectiveness of indirect fire first by a 6 gun equivalent Panzerwerfer unit subsequently augmented by a 2 gun SiG battery and then 4 mortars that were unable to kill many units of the large Soviet infantry unit sitting on one of the two objectives with an assault by the pioneers that resulted in the entire German pioneer platoon destroyed with only the company commander surviving, and although they drove the Soviets off the objective, the company commander left the next turn trying to keep the last Panzer IV on the battlefield; and 3) the inability to move the German Panzergrenadiers on the left flank forward after they were pinned by heavy mortar fire. They did not move for 2 turns which allowed the Soviet reinforcements to help occupy the more central objective thus denying the Germans a victory. Soviet 5-2 victory. In the other game played the same day, Nathanael's Soviets scored a 4-3 victory over Justin's Germans.



Past Events

Bolt Action Battle Report

By Joe Wicker

From: 1/1/486 INF BN (German)

To: Oberstleutnant Goeden, BN CDR

Date 28 AUG...Location: 1 KM North of Metz, France

(Note: This game was Ed Youngstrom's first time playing Bolt Action, thanks Joe for pulling Ed into this great game system!!!)

Orders-of-Battle

Friendly: 1 PZ IV, 2 INF squads, 1 Flame thrower from BN, and 1 MMG.

Enemy: 1 Sherman MED tank, 1 Bazooka tm, 2 INF squads, and MMG from the 378th INF Reg, 95th INF DIV. PLT leader was Ed

Situation: While advancing West about 1 KM north of Metz, my small detachment encountered lead American elements from the 378th INF REG at a small crossroad. I took the initiative and advanced into ruins and a building east of the crossroad. My column was spread out east of the town causing my platoon to arrive piecemeal. I committed 1st and 2d squad on opposite sides of the road leading into town. I sent the flame thrower team North into the BLD covering the NE corner. The Americans boldly advanced using the available cover and with 1 Sherman in support. Their MMG and bazooka team advanced from the West and South West, and started providing suppressive fire on 2d Squad SE of the crossroad. Having the Flame thrower team and 1st Squad securing the bldg in the NE corner, I ordered the flamethrower TM to destroy the enemy squad in front of them, they attempted it with deadly precision but the Americans would not break. After a 2d attempt, the American squad broke and ran but the fuel in the flame thrower was exhausted.



My MMG and 2d Squad provided withering fire on the 2d American squad causing severe casualties; it simply disintegrated under our accurate and withering fire. After 45 minutes of intense fighting, 2 American squads were destroyed, the Bazooka team was cut in half, and the cross roads were firmly in my hands. Their Sherman had no desire to test our effective AT grenades and remained outside of town.

My losses were light: 4 men dead and the flame thrower rendered useless. I must report the PZ IV commander for cowardice as he never reported to the battle; something about a bad carburetor.....which is CLEARLY a lie.

Product Review

Gaming & Product Review

by Charlie Torok

HaT Industrie 28mm El Cid range - My latest gaming project.

I finished my Saracens just in time for the Austin Texas SAGA Tournament on 29 August. The army used all HaT 28 mm hard plastic figures.



HaT



EL CID ANDALUSIAN
LIGHT CAVALRY



I decided to do an all mounted SAGA army. I also wanted to have an ability to shoot so I included a number of bow armed units. The army was made up of: 1 x Warlord, 8 x mounted Hearthguard (elites), 8 x mounted bow, 8 x mounted bow, 8 x mounted bow, 8 x mounted Warriors, and 8 x mounted warrior, 8 x mounted warriors. Battles were fought using 8 & 6 point SAGA armies.



I included Islamic banners in each unit To provide lots of color for each unit. I Also added a large banner for my Warlord.



The army fought well in its first tournament, I ended the day finishing second out of a total Of 16 players. This army required some Modifications, I added spears, shields and Some shield transfers. The bases were flocked With sand and rocks with a mix of scrub brush Added for extra color.

Product Review

LSHM Featured Game Vendors

Product Review

by Charlie Torok

**NWS ONLINE GAMING STORE
WARGAMES & MILITARY MINIATURES
24/7 CUSTOMER SUPPORT
HTTP://WWW.NWSONLINE.NET**

NWS Online Gaming Store
Military Miniatures & Wargames
24/7 Customer Support
<http://www.nws-online.net>

Let me know if that works.. thanks

Christopher Dean
NWS Online Gaming Store

<http://www.nws-online.net>

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Some 28mm 4Ground buildings sold by
NWS online gaming store.

**We need your product review,
battle report, and gaming project here!!!**

Please contribute to your LSHM monthly newsletter.

LSHM Featured Game Vendors



BOLT-ACTION-US

Bolt-Action-US provides not only Warlords products but also much more. They have partnered with LSHM and provide a substantial discount to LSHM members. Another bonus is that they provide FREE SHIPPING on orders over \$25.

http://www.boltaction.us/store/c1/Featured_Products.html

I have had a number of very positive transactions with the owners (brothers Gavin and Jeremy Gossett) and they are excellent to work with.

If you are a current member of LSHM shoot me a note and I will provide you the discount code for ordering.
torokc@Hotmail.com

Your LSHM membership has benefits: BoltAction US has offered LSHM members a 20% discount on all Warlords product through 31 August, also free shipping, additionally they will continue the discount at 15% after the 31 August date.

Make sure to mention that you are a LSHM member when ordering.



This is a picture of a transaction I just completed with Bolt-Action-US, excellent customer service, fast delivery – HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!!