



**THE FOG OF WAR**  
**HMGS·MIDWEST**  
21-24 APRIL, 2022 · LISLE, ILLINOIS



**COME CHECK OUT OUR BOOTH AT LITTLE WARS AND GET A  
CHANCE TO PLAY AND SEE THESE AMAZING GAMES!**



**BLACK + POWDER**  
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**BLACK + POWDER**  
EPIC BATTLES

**BLOOD RED SKIES**

**AMERICAN CIVIL WAR**

DECIDE THE FATE OF A NATION AS NORTH AND SOUTH COLLIDE IN MASSES BATTLE!

**PIKE &  
SHOTTE**

**WARLORDS  
OF  
EREHWON**

**VICTORY AT SEA**

**SPQR**

**THE  
WATERLOO CAMPAIGN**

**JUDGE  
DREDD**



## CONVENTION SCHEDULE

### OPENING MANEUVERS

Thursday, April 21

Registration  
Gaming Hall  
Vendors (Atrium)

5pm – 9pm  
6pm – 1am  
Setup

### LITTLE WARS LEGACY DAY

Friday, April 22

Registration  
Gaming Hall  
Vendors

8am – 8pm  
9am – 1am  
Noon – 8pm

### D-DAY SATURDAY

Saturday, April 23

Registration  
HMGS Annual Meeting  
Gaming Hall  
Vendors  
Painting Contest Awards  
Awards Ceremony  
Wounded Warrior Raffle

8am – 6pm  
8am – 9am  
9am – 1am  
9am – 6pm  
3pm  
6pm  
9pm

### ARMISTICE

Sunday, April 24

Registration  
Gaming Hall  
Vendors

8am - Noon  
9am – 5pm  
9am – 12pm

## EVENT LISTING

See the up to date event listing on your phone, laptop or tablet at

<https://tabletop.events/conventions/little-wars-2022>



# Show Highlights

Kids  
Korner  
Games

Wounded  
Warrior  
Raffle—9pm  
Saturday

Todd Fisher  
and Table  
Awards—6pm  
Saturday

Little Kings  
of War  
Tournament  
9am Saturday

Military  
Re-enactors—  
All Day  
Saturday

Little  
Armadas  
Tournament  
10am Sunday

Painting  
Contest—  
Submit by  
12 Noon  
Saturday

Kings of War  
Tournament  
1pm Friday

Member  
Annual  
Meeting  
8am  
Saturday

Bolt Action  
Tournament  
8am Friday

Frank  
Chadwick—  
Guest of  
Honor

New HMGS  
and Little  
Wars Merch!  
Dice, Pins,  
Tape  
measures,  
Shirts

NEW!

## THEME DAYS AT LITTLE WARS 2022

Let's create a little community this year at Little Wars 2022! Participate along with us on each day!

### **OPENING MANEUVERS – Thursday, April 21**

*Wear your favorite camouflage apparel – and get ready for a wild mission!*

### **LITTLE WARS LEGACY DAY – Friday, April 22**

*Wear your favorite Little Wars convention T shirt from the past – picture in the lobby at 5:30pm!*

### **D-DAY SATURDAY – Saturday, April 23**

*Visit our events desk to write a thank you card to a veteran and add a name to our memory wall!*

### **ARMISTICE – Sunday, April 24**

*Relax and enjoy some final time with friends – share some feedback with Little Wars staff!*

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### LITTLE WARS GAME CONVENTION

*Little Wars is the Chicagoland Area's top miniatures wargaming convention and has been running for more than 35 years! Sponsored by HMGS Midwest - a not for profit society committed to educational programming promoting historical miniatures wargaming and military history.*

#### HMGS-Midwest Board of Directors

HMGS-Midwest President:	Kevin Cabai
HMGS Midwest Membership VP:	Tom Kuczak
HMGS Midwest Treasurer:	CW Moellenkamp
HMGS Midwest Secretary:	Tibor Ipavic
HMGS Midwest Board Member at Large:	Brandon Musler
HMGS Midwest Legal Counsel:	Jon Michal



#### MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS (membership card required for most benefits)

- Discounts on certain days at select game stores
- Free admission to select events put on by HMGS Midwest such as Warchest and Naval Wars
- Discounts on admissions to other HMGS events worldwide
- Voting for the Board of Directors of HMGS Midwest every two years
- The joy of extending our hobby to many others across all generations

#### A Word from Our President – Kevin Cabai

I am catching a breather after a full schedule of attending both Gary Con and Adepticon conventions over the last weekend. Your HMGS GMs were at each convention, promoting our hobby and putting on some very impressive games while there. This Little Wars will be our third con during the time of Covid and as evidenced by last weekend, things are starting to reset to earlier times.

This year, come and see the goods and wares from our 27 vendors and participate in over 160 impressive games. We will have something of interest for every player. There are a number of added attractions too! A Kids Korner, with games running all day Friday and Saturday and prizes for the younger crowd. SITREP Podcasts are back again broadcasting live and interviewing attendees throughout the con. We will also be hosting some Living History groups representing a variety of time periods.

The lads from the Seven Years War Con and Military Modeling Society of Illinois are back again and will set up camp. Make sure to visit their booths and see what great events they have to offer. Returning as always is our Wounded Warrior Raffle - can we beat last year's \$1,303 donation? The challenge has been made! Display your skills in our annual Painting Contest and be sure to meet this year's Guest of Honor-Frank Chadwick. Our Awards Ceremony is on Saturday night at 6 PM where we will announce the painting and table contest winners and honor three Todd Fisher Award recipients. This will be a slap-free event.

Once again, I would like to thank our intrepid Board and selfless volunteers whose hard work has made all this possible. Also thank you to each GM, attendee, vendor, member and shopper who have given us so much needed support.

Thank you for joining us, and see you around the tables!

### Little Wars Convention Committee and Staff

It takes hundreds of hours of planning and hard work to organize an HMGS-Midwest convention. Please take a moment to offer a special “Thank you” to past, future – and especially the present – convention staff and volunteers. If you would like to work as a planner, an on-site volunteer or a judge for next year’s Little Wars convention, please tell a staff member at the desk, and we will contact you for next year’s convention.

#### Onsite Convention Director

#### Tom Kuczak

##### Vendor Manager

##### Vendor Support Staff

Kevin Cabai

Scott Douglas

Dennis Bullawa

Josh Kosteca

Mitch Payne

Steve Reist

Matt Adami

Greg Gawron

Larry Pankonin

Tom Plummer

##### Registration Manager

##### Registration Staff

Tom Kuczak

Jeff Hammerlund

Brett Gniadek

Bob Madir

Pat O’Tool

Scott Siebold

Pat Connaughton

Darrell Hartsig

Brandon Musler

Alex Sewielski

CW Moellenkamp

GM Support Bag/Medals...

Vince and Janet Onoroto

Logistics.....

Brendgol Majewski

Photographer.....

Mark Mrzeny

Financials/Program Book...

CW Moellenkamp

Kids Korner.....

Kevin Kuster

Painting Contest.....

Jon Michal

Reenactors.....

Alex Sewielski

Raffle Manager.....

Tibor Ipavic

### Little Wars Charities

As we enjoy the games at Little Wars we should not forget the many sacrifices that those that serve our country have endured. It is with that in mind that we are partnering again with Wounded Warrior Project

## Wounded Warrior Raffle

Drawing at 9:00pm Saturday Night, April 23rd



Participate with HMGS Midwest members to beat the record set last year of \$1,303!



This year, we are raffling off a 20" x30" print entitled “The Final Redoubt”, a depiction of the incident at Rorke’s Drift in 1879 by Doug Dearth. A copy of the 1964 movie ZULU! is also included.

A great way to honor those true heroes that we emulate on the gaming table.

Raffle tickets are only \$5 for this worthy cause.

**THANK YOU!**

## **Commemorate Your Convention Experience!**

### **Official Little Wars T-Shirts**

We will have a limited supply of official Little Wars T-Shirts available at the Registration Desk.

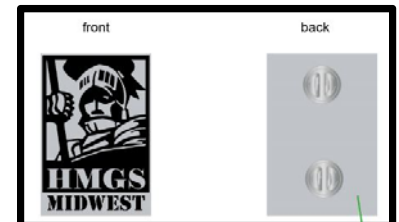
Shirt sizes available: Small, Medium, Large, X-Large, 2-XL, 3-XL, 4-XL

*Be sure to get yours before they sell out!*

### **Little Wars Swag List**

2022 Little Wars Dice -	\$3.00 per pair/\$12.00 for a set of ten
2022 Little Wars T-Shirts -	\$25.00 each
HMGS Midwest Enamel Pin	\$7.00 each
HMGS Midwest 10' Tape Measure	\$9.00 each
Wounded Warrior Raffle Ticket -	\$5.00 each

*Support HMGS MW by purchasing some merch today!  
All net proceeds are used to improve future  
conventions and to support new gaming and military  
history events.  
Thank You!*



**Thank You For Your Service!**

**DuWayne “Dewey” Klapper**



**From: Nick, Doug, Joan, and Mitch**

**Donations to HMGS Midwest are Tax Deductible!**

*Did you know that HMGS MW is a charitable 501(c)3 organization which is exempt from federal income taxes?*

*And your donations are tax deductible to you as well!*

## **Greetings from the Onsite Convention Director and VP for Membership – Tom Kuczak**

Welcome to Little Wars 2022 – The Sheraton Lisle Naperville will be our home for this year and the next and we hope you find the staff just as accommodating as the previous team in Lombard. I am fortunate enough to once again taking point on running Little Wars. Our system through TableTop.Events continues to be streamlined and is hopefully easier for everyone to utilize as we all get more comfortable with the system.

There has been a big change this year; we are no longer using physical tickets in any sort of capacity. Please take advantage of the online e-ticketing system from TableTop.Events from your phone with our complementary wifi and skip the event desk registration line! If you are unable to do so, our staff will be more than happy to assist you. Last year we were able to get Little Wars back up and running and hope to see more familiar faces and new ones! With Covid still being present, please respect other attendees' wishes to distance themselves and/or wear a mask if they so choose.

We have simplified our membership process this year, a purchase of any gamer badge will make you a member of HMGS. The benefits of membership continue to grow as we are putting on more HMGS sponsored events each year! There are still a lot of people I haven't met within the organization and I would really like to meet more this year. Please look me up at the registration desk or out on the gaming floor and say hello! Thank you for all of your support and I hope you all have a fantastic time at Little Wars 2022!

## **Little Wars Convention - General Rules and Policies**

### **Attendee Conduct**

Everyone knows that historical miniature gamers are among the most responsible and polite people in the world. But we think it is prudent to remind convention attendees that they are expected to abide by the rules of the convention, as well as any directions given by convention staff and/or the convention site, and, of course, by federal, state and local laws.

### **Convention Badges**

You need an attendee badge! Your badge serves as your ticket of admission to Little Wars, and it is a non-transferable and revocable license. HMGS-Midwest reserves the right to terminate this license at any time, without refund of an attendee's admission, and require that person to leave the premises. No reasons need or may be given.

Convention staff (identified by special "STAFF" badges/shirts) also may deny you entry to the convention area or request that you leave if you are without your badge – so please wear it in a clearly visible place ABOVE your waist during the convention. If you lose your badge, please come to the Registration Desk and after confirmation, we may be able to print a new badge for you.

### **Refunds**

Due to the high cost of conducting registration for a convention as large as Little Wars, it is not possible for HMGS Midwest staff to issue refunds of any type for any reason without HMGS Midwest Board approval.

### **Appropriate Use of Language**

We want to remind our attendees that we are in a very public setting that includes families. Please remember to be civil in our interactions and refrain from using vulgar language.

### **Costumes and Weapons**

All costumes that depict aspects or uniforms of the 20th and 21st centuries are prohibited unless prior permission is granted by HMGS-Midwest. The reenactors and living historians invited by the Board have received prior permission to wear and bring their kit for educational purposes. Firearms [gunpowder] from any era, are prohibited, including items for "display" purposes. Attendees are not allowed to carry or display weapons of any type. Active-duty military, police, emergency services, or other similar personnel are exempt from this prohibition when in the act of performing their official duties.

### **Lost or Damaged Materials**

HMGS-Midwest and the Sheraton Hotel assume no responsibility for lost or damaged items or possessions, including, but not limited to, Little Wars badges and gaming items. The registration desk will maintain a lost-and-found department. If you lose any items, please notify registration personnel immediately. Property found on the convention site at the end of the weekend will be returned to the owner if possible, with non-returnable items becoming the property of HMGS-Midwest. HMGS-Midwest strongly encourages you to leave nothing unattended.

### **Trash**

Receptacles have been provided. Please use them!

***Please also note that by purchasing a badge, you agree to follow all provisions of our Code of Conduct at [hmgsmidwest.com](http://hmgsmidwest.com)***

# Living History Re-enactors

*Be on the lookout for several re-enactment troops as they storm Little Wars 2022. If you keep your eyes open, you might see:*



Greek Hoplite Warriors – 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Century BC - Classic Greek helmets!

Napoleonic 6eme regiment d'infanterie légère - Early 19th century French Grenadiers

USS Steppingstones Civil War Group – Climb on board for some US Naval History

WW1 German 353rd. Inf. Reg./88<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div.- Formed in 1914, Landwehr Troops

WW2 US 90<sup>th</sup> Infantry 60<sup>th</sup> Inf. Reg. "Go Devils"- In Active Service in March 1942

*Be sure to check out these amazing displays while enjoying your time at Little Wars 2022!*



## Your Vendor Lineup at Little Wars 2022

***PLEASE PURCHASE EARLY AND OFTEN!***

**Academy Games  
Dad's Impudent Armies  
Enterprise Games  
Games Plus  
Jadeco Hobby  
Lee Barnes Estate  
Mantic Games  
St Paul Irregular Press  
Terrain Station  
Warlord**

**Badger Games  
Dayton Painting Consortium  
Gaddis Gaming  
Griffons Lair Game Shop  
Julio's Woodshop  
LOD Enterprises  
Pirate Pat  
Sea Dog Game Studios  
The Nafziger Collection**

**Blue Panther,  
Elrik's Hobbies  
Game Mats and More  
I-94 Enterprises  
Knuckleduster Miniatures  
Lost Battalion Games  
Rick Carlile Military Books  
Talon Games  
Wargamer US**

### Supporting Vendors

Not all of our vendors could make it to Little Wars this year, but some have graciously donated prizes for our events and the Wounded Warrior Raffle. Please help support them online and in person to further OUR hobby.

**Battlefront Miniatures  
Gailforce Nine  
Laser Craft  
Michigan Toy Soldier  
Noble Knight  
Recreational Conflict**

**Death Ray Designs  
Game Craft Miniatures  
Last Square  
Military Miniatures Magazine  
On Military Matters  
Scale Creep Miniatures**

**Firelock Games  
Kenzer and Company  
MBA  
MSD Games  
Raven Banner Games  
Winged Hussar**

## **Little Wars Events Policies**

### **A Note to Parents and Guardians**

We would like to remind parents and guardians that the safety of their children is their responsibility. You are also responsible for the supervision of all minors, as well as for their behavior at the convention site. Please make certain that minors are appropriately supervised by an adult companion at all times, especially during nighttime hours, when playing in an event, or when back in their hotel rooms.

The venue is responsible for security at their facility (not HMGS-Midwest), and officials from the venue have the right to eject those determined to have caused problems. HMGS-Midwest is not required to offer a refund if your children are removed from the premises. So please, properly supervise minors. They are the future of the hobby. We want them to have an enjoyable – and safe – convention experience.

### **Event Tickets and Registration**

Each event at Little Wars is described on the tabletop.events website (see below) including its starting time, location, period of history represented, figure scale and the rules that will be used. All events have Little Wars “Medal of Honor” awards to be given out by the judge. Electronic tickets are used to manage available space in games however all events are FREE!

You may register for as many events as you can play each day. In other words, you are not allowed to register for two simultaneous events. All events are open for registration at any time. You can also return an electronic ticket on tabletop.events so that another person can use it to sign up. If you are having trouble registering, please visit the events desk.

### **A Badge is Required to Play or Shop**

Many people will be roaming through the game hall without badges. The public is invited to see what we are about so they might add to our numbers. Some will have a visitor pass. All Game Judges need to help us make sure that all players have an official badge showing that they have paid for the convention to help HMGS-Midwest cover the costs of playing in this wonderful facility. Those who want to shop and not play may purchase a Shopper’s Badge at a reduced price per day.

### **Event Cancellation & Additions**

A white board near the event desk will show added and cancelled events. You can register for added events just as with any scheduled event. Cancelled events will be marked on the board as soon as they are known. If you discover a judge has not shown up for a game that has not yet been cancelled, please contact the events desk. The convention staff has no control over judges actually showing up to run their games. The occasional cancelled game is a risk of playing at cons!

### **Event Standby – “Alternates”**

Judges must first accommodate players holding electronic tickets. Accommodation of additional, non-ticket-holding players (especially beyond the advertised maximum number of players) is at the judge’s discretion. Judges are asked to do this on a first-come basis. Judges who allow someone to play without a ticket must ensure that the player has a badge that covers the convention day in question, as everyone else does.

### **Open Gaming**

Did you bring terrain and figures to setup a game at the convention? Would you like to run your already-scheduled event additional times? We may have some space available. Inquire at the events desk. Available space is allocated on a first-come basis.

### **Judges and Volunteers – We Need You!**

As with any volunteer organization, we live or die by the efforts of our volunteers (judges, desk workers, etc.) Our principal planners donate literally hundreds of hours of their time to planning this convention before it begins. A couple of hours of your time judging or helping attendees while on-site are necessary to help the convention finish well. If you wish to be added to the Judge or Volunteer mailing list for next year, please notify the registration desk.

### **Special Prizes for Judges at Little Wars**

Of course all Judges deserve our thanks for the time and effort put into their wonderful offerings. Two prizes will be awarded this year – *Non-historical games are ineligible:*

#### **The Theme Prize - “Fog of War”**

Evaluated by a selected panel of judges on how well the subject matter, execution and experience of the game reflect this year’s theme.

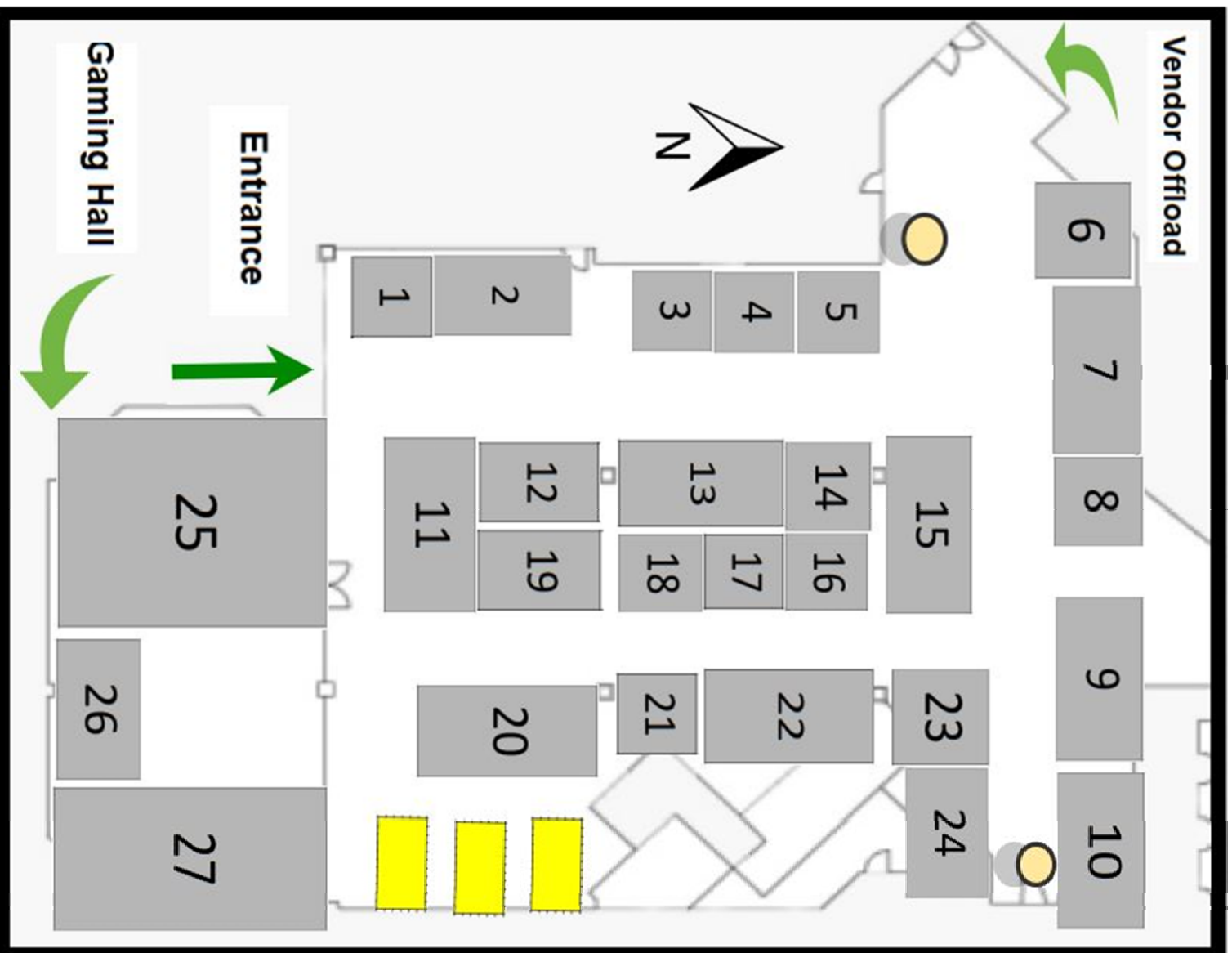
#### **The Best Of Show Presentation – The Duke Seifried Award Prize**

In honor of Duke Seifried, a “force of nature” in the miniatures gaming hobby for decades, this award will be presented to the historical game based on the votes of Little Wars attendees. All those buying a gaming badge for Little Wars may cast a single vote for the game that they feel is the Best Visual Presentation. Votes may be cast at the Event Registration Desk.

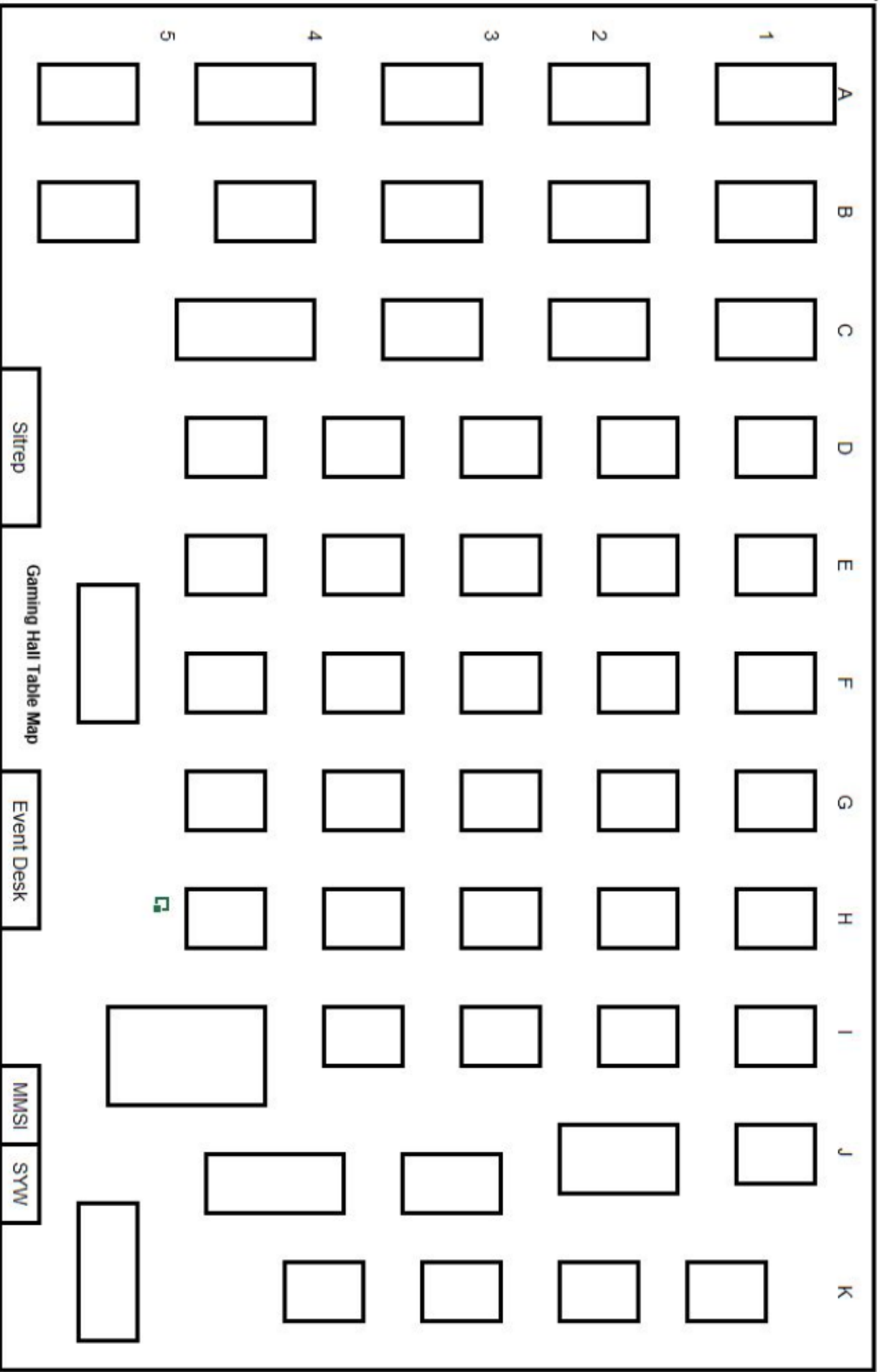
**You can view the entire Event Schedule on Table Top Events at**

**<https://tabletop.events/conventions/little-wars-2022>**





1	Knuckleduster Miniatures
2	The Nafziger Collection
3	Game Mats and More LLC
4	Mantic Games
5	Rick Carlie Military Books
6	Jadeco Hobby
7	TALON GAMES
8	Blue Panther LLC
9	Dayton Painting Consortium, Ltd.
10	Griffons Lair Game Shop, LLC
11	Warlord
12	Enterprise Games
13	Sea Dog Game Studios
14	Gaddis Gaming
15	Academy Games
16	Pirate Pat
17	LOD Enterprises
18	Wargamer US
19	Dad's Impudent Armies
20	I-94 Enterprises
21	Lee Barnes Estate
22	Lost Battalion Games
23	St Paul Irregulars Press
24	Terrain Station
25	Badger Games
26	Elriks Hobbies
27	Games Plus



# Little Wars 2022 – Guest of Honor

## FRANK CHADWICK



Frank founded Game Designers Workshop in 1973 and served as president and chief designer throughout its existence. Frank has also worked as a miniatures rules writer for Old Glory and Wargames Foundry. He has designed over 100 published games (board games, roleplaying, and miniatures rules), written eight novels and about a dozen non-fiction military history books, with the Desert Shield Fact Book reaching number one on the New York Times bestseller list. Frank is currently working on a five-game boardgame project for GMT (Frank Chadwick's ETO), a WW II miniatures rule set for Test of Battle Games (Breakthrough!) and a historical fiction trilogy set in the last decade of Achaemenid Persia (Persian Twilight).

Here is your chance to join Frank and Tom Harris as he tests his newest game "Breakthrough", at Little Wars. This will be a 15mm Operational level game and is still under development.

"Rommel's breakthrough across the Meuse in May of 1940 was one of the decisive battles of World War Two, and is exactly the sort of action BREAKTHROUGH! was designed to recreate on the tabletop. The tank-heavy German panzer divisions with strong air support have to smash through a multi-division French infantry and cavalry force, well-positioned entrenched, but hampered by a sluggish command system. With a deceptively lean game system, players have to play to the particular strengths and weaknesses of the different combat arms."

## Past Convention Directors

Organizing and putting on Little Wars is almost like a half-time job! Here is a list of the Little Wars Directors from the past. We salute their efforts and willingness to take on the task. Some of these folks will be with us this year - if you see them, remember to thank them for all the hard work they put in to carry on the Little Wars tradition!

1984	Todd Fisher, Tim Fisher, Tom Tuck, Neil Zimmerer	Triton College
1985	Todd Fisher, Tim Fisher	Triton College
1986	Todd Fisher, Tim Fisher, Ken Kaufman	Triton College
1987	Bob Bigelow [now under auspices of HMGS-MW]	U of Wisconsin, Parkside
1988-1990	Bob Bigelow	Zion Sports Center
1991-1998	Jeff Hammerlund	Ramada Hotel, O'Hare
1999	Jeff Hammerlund	Rochelle
2000	Mike Consentino, William Krieg	Lincolnshire Marriott
2001-2003	Mike Consentino, Dave Herman	Lincolnshire Marriott
2004	Mike Consentino, Dave Herman, Rodger Kruse	Lincolnshire Marriott
2005-2008	Rodger Kruse, Dave Herman	Lincolnshire Marriott
2009	Rodger Kruse	Lincolnshire Marriott
2010	Rodger Kruse, Steve Rysemus	Lincolnshire Marriott
2011	Jeff Cohen, John Barsanti	DuPage Expo, St. Charles
2012-2014	John Barsanti	DuPage Expo, St. Charles
2015	Jeff Cohen	DuPage Expo, St. Charles
2016	Jeff Cohen	Westin Hotel, Lombard
2017	Antina Richards-Pennock, Steve Fratt	Westin Hotel, Lombard
2018	Steve Fratt, Paul Dayton	Westin Hotel, Lombard
2019	Steve Fratt, Tom Kuczak	Westin Hotel, Lombard
2020	<i>Little Wars 2020 was unable to be held due to the COVID 19 Pandemic</i>	
2021	Tom Kuczak	Westin Hotel, Lombard

## **SITREP Podcast Live at Little Wars Again!**



The SITREP team will be streaming live throughout the convention – maybe you will be interviewed! Be sure to visit their website and listen to some of their previous shows and battle reports: <https://sitreppodcast.podbean.com>.

## **The Military Miniature Society of Illinois**

The MMSI is an organization based in the Chicago area dedicated to the art of painting and sculpting military miniatures and toy soldiers as well as collecting these scale works of military and fantasy art. They publish a quarterly journal called *The Scabbard* that includes articles on history, uniforms, miniatures, and much more, and it is included as part of the annual membership dues. Learn more about their events at their booth in the game room or on their website. <http://www.military-miniature-society-of-illinois.com>



## **Seven Years War Association**

The Seven Years' War Association is an organization dedicated to the study and preservation of the history of the Seven Years' War and other conflicts in the middle third of the eighteenth century. The Association publishes the *Journal of the Seven Years War Association* in order to disseminate knowledge of the period. Stop by their booth in the gaming room and check out their website at <http://www.sevenyearswarassn.org>



## **Todd Fisher Award Recipients**

The HMGS-Midwest Todd Fisher Award was established by the Chapter Board in 2011 specifically to provide a means to recognize those individuals that have been instrumental to HMGS-Midwest through distinguished service at its gaming conventions and related events. In keeping with the mission of HMGS-Midwest, individuals may also be recognized for their use of miniature gaming to aid in the teaching of history in an educational setting. It is the hope that award recipients will serve as a source of inspiration to others who might volunteer their time and efforts towards our hobby through HMGS-Midwest. Recommendations for each award category must come from a current member of HMGS Midwest using the procedure noted below.

**The Prior Service Award** – (Minimum length of service of 3+ years) The recipient would be an individual whose prior service was exemplary and honorable to the HMGS-Midwest organization. (BOD/Staff/Volunteer/GM etc.) A committee consisting of the current Medal Holders would vote on appropriately recommended candidates.

**The Active Service Award** – (Minimum length of service of 3+ years) The recipient would be an individual whose active service is exemplary to the HMGS-Midwest organization. (BOD/Staff/Volunteer/Educator, etc.) A committee consisting of the current Board of Directors would vote on appropriately recommended candidates. Current Board members are exempt from receiving the award.

**The Posthumous Service Award** – (Minimum length of service of 3+ years) The recipient would be an individual whose prior works and service are exemplary and honorable to the HMGS-Midwest organization. (BOD/Staff/Volunteer/GM/Education/Publications/Creations etc.) A combined committee consisting of the current Board of Directors and Medal Holders would vote on appropriately recommended candidates.



## **Todd Fisher Award Recipients :**

Todd Fisher	John Barsanti	Yonan Badel
Rodger Kruse	Ken Kaufman	Jeffery Hammerlund
Dave Hermann	Michael Mays	Duke Seifried
Anne Hermann	Tim Fisher	
Mike Consentino	Steve Rysemus	

## **Todd Fisher**

Todd Fisher is recognized as one of the founders of HMGS-Midwest and was the Little Wars Convention Director during its infancy. Serving for 10 years in that position he had to face the rigors of running the convention, snow storms, contracts and cancellations. Most importantly building a solid foundation for others to work with in making the convention what it is today. He served on the HMGS-Midwest BOD for 14 years and on the HMGS-East BOD for 5 years. He was also a prominent figure in the fight against the lead ban aimed at our hobby. This work was successfully concluded when the New York State Health Commission's ban on lead figures was overturned.

## **The Past Service Award Winner – Harold Johnson**

Harold is a wargamer and miniature gamer by choice and has been a part of Midwest wargaming for over 4 decades, but he began like many of us. As a child, Harold began gaming in the 1960's, beginning with favorite strategy games such as Checkers, Backgammon, and Chess taught to him by his uncles and adult family friends. His favorites among popular board games included BATTLESHIP, STRATEGO, RISK, and CIVIL WAR. A member of Chess Club in high school, he participated in the creation of a naval war game on an early plotting computer. He also helped found a Star Trek Fan Club/Science Club, which was really an excuse to play games on a regular basis at the public library. During college at Northwestern University, he was a member of the North Shore General Staff, a frequent player of Fletcher Pratt, Tractics, Wooden Ships and Iron Men, and massive fantasy miniature battles.

Harold also had a passion for conventions, organizing and running his first state convention in Nebraska in 1972. Since then he has volunteered, managed, and grown many game conventions from their nascent years and established industry standards for conventions across the nation. His love of event planning lead to him participate in over 200 conventions locally and internationally as a volunteer, event provider, celebrity, organizer, manager and owner.

In 1986, while attending his first LITTLE WARS™, the HMGS Midwest flagship convention, he was nominated to the Board of Directors by a friend and was elected to serve as the HMGS Midwest President. Harold would go on to serve on the Board of Directors for nearly a decade and a half often as the face of HMGS Midwest.

During his years of service, Harold made many contributions to the support and growth of the HMGS Midwest to become recognized as a major support of the miniature gaming industry for decades. Some of his accomplishments include beginning the first newsletter, helping to select the "Knight" emblem/logo of HMGS, and running the Little Wars convention from 1987 – 1999. Harold also has worked on many other conventions including GEN-CON®, TWIN CON™, GARY CON®, and NEXUS over many decades.

## **The Active Service Award Winner – Ray Runge**

Ray Runge has been a part of the Midwest gaming scene for many years. Ray first attended Little Wars in 1986 at the Rosemont location and since then he has spent many hours driving to Chicagoland from his home in St Louis. Ray started volunteering at Little Wars helping out with badge registration. He and 3 other friends would come up from St. Louis to specifically work during the day at the registration desk and then GM at night. Over the years under their management the stalwart team ran a smooth and efficient operation.

Ray notes that over the years, he has seen a lot of changes: rules sets come and go but generally improve, the scale of minis changes from 15mm to 25mm and back again, and games have changed for the better....but it is the people that keep him coming back.

Ray continued to volunteer throughout the years and when asked why, he would say, "Because if I can, then I should." Finally it was time to pass the torch, and many of the Grogards relinquished their duties in 2017. Some kept on supporting Little Wars and Ray stands out among many others, still continuously running his games - even running 6 events at last year's Little Wars! One of Ray's favorite memories is the time that he presented an elaborate Pearl Harbor game and no one played because they thought it was a display!

Over the last 36 years, Ray has been a solid contribution to the hobby, the organization, and the Little Wars convention. He has GM'd over 150 events ranging from Starfleet Battles to 15mm fantasy and air games to ships of sail. This year he will be running a modern submarine warfare game of his own design.

Ray certainly deserves this award and our thanks for his long term and continued service.

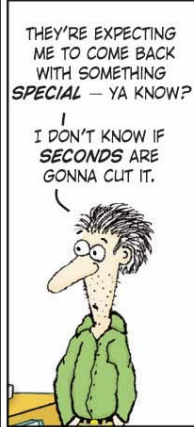
## **The Posthumous Service Award Winner – Neil Zimmerer**

Neil was a key figure in Chicago Wargaming for his entire life. He was the creator of many board games, including many best sellers for Avalon Hill. He founded Mayfair games and designed many of their titles.

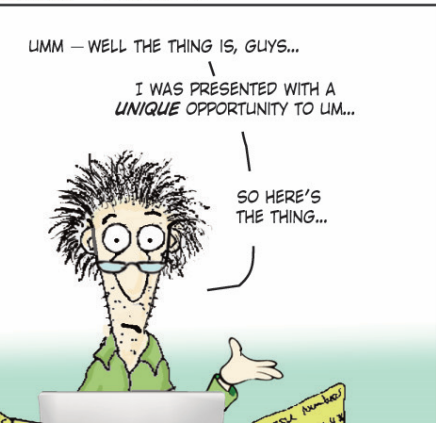
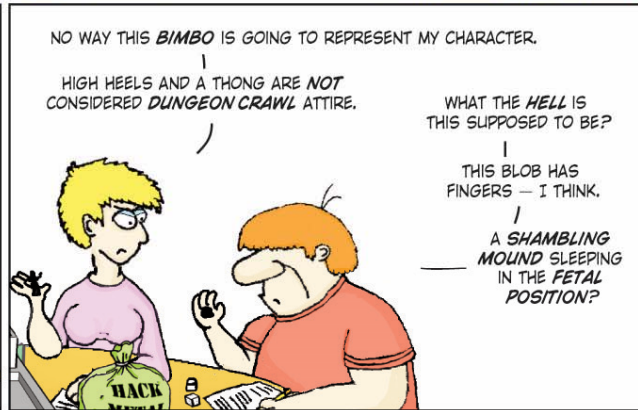
While his contributions to the hobby in general were massive, in our field he was crucial. Not only did he open his house to gaming every Friday and Saturday night, but allowed it to be used for organizational meetings, including the formation of HMGS-Midwest and the organization of Little Wars. While he never sought to lead, he was always there to facilitate. He ran several departments of Little Wars and put in long hours doing the grunt work before we had organized the volunteer crew. He did most of the design and layout of the program, ran the ticket booth and was the guy who was always there to be called upon when something had to be done, laboring in this role for at least seven years.

Neil was a prolific painter and game master as well. Noteworthy in this regard were his efforts to run games for beginners and youngsters, well before this became a popular thing. He saw that the more advanced rules sets held no attraction for a ten-year-old and yet when they won one of Neil's games, they proudly wore the Little Wars medal. Some of those kids are the young gamers today. Young as in 35-year-olds. Because he never sought the limelight, Neil had not won acclaim until now. Better late than never.

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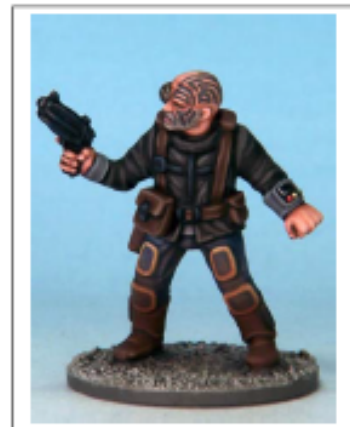
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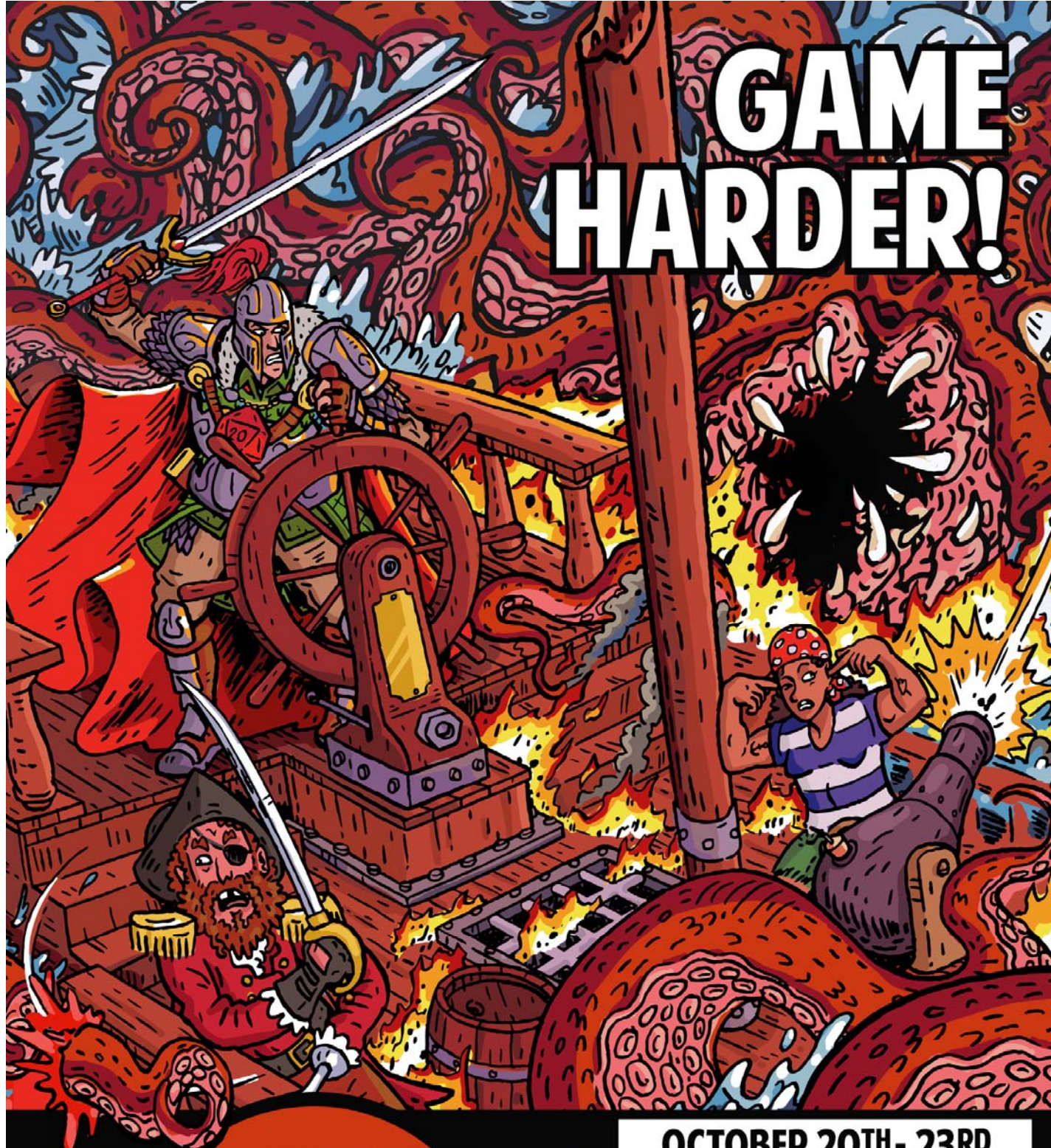


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