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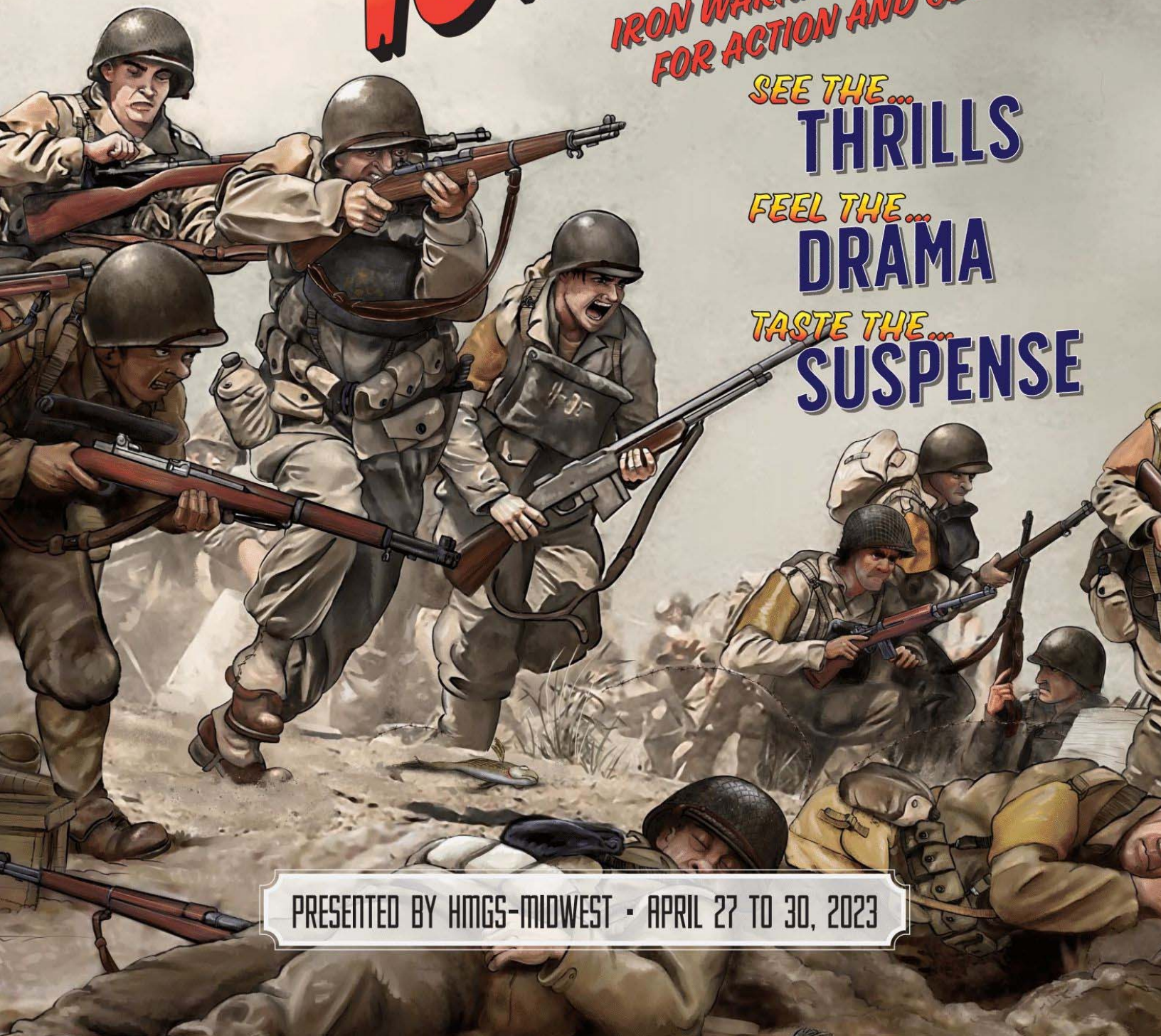


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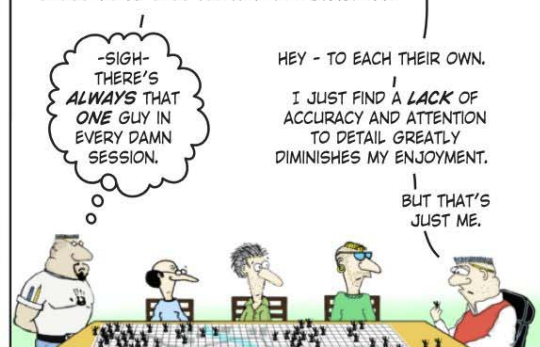
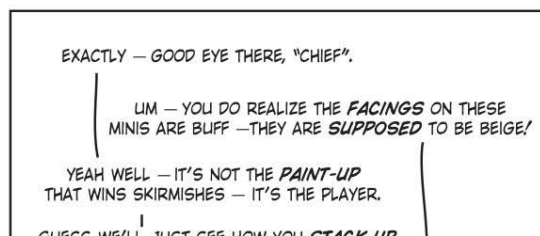
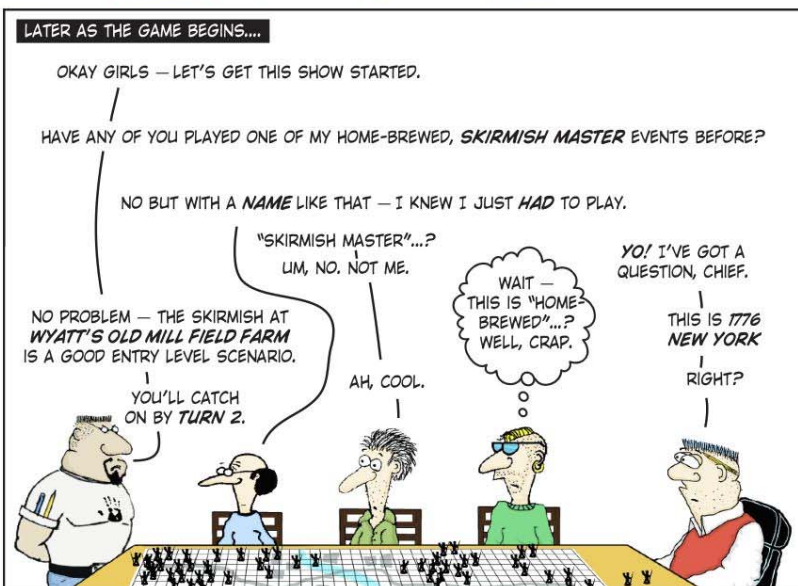
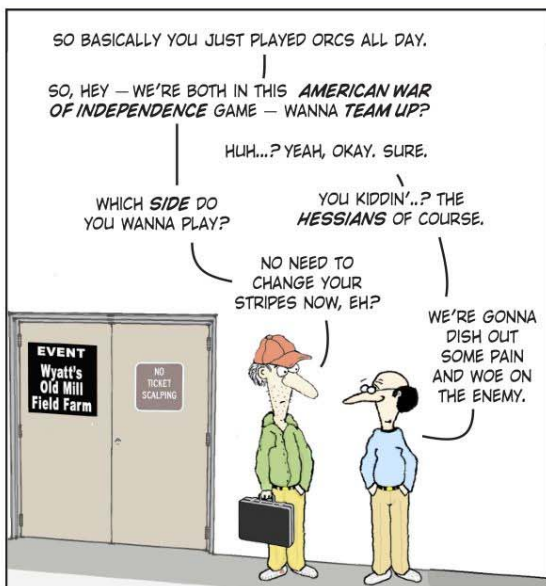
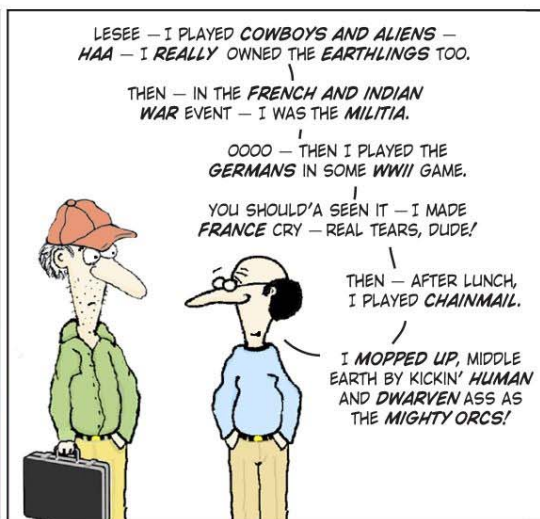


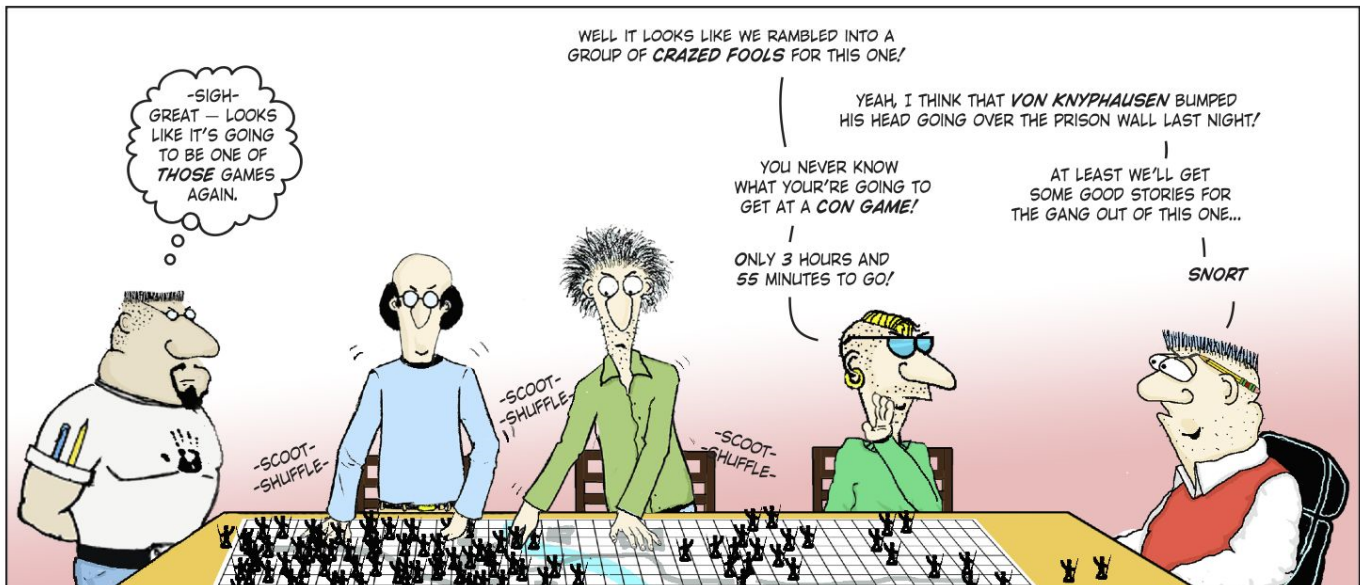
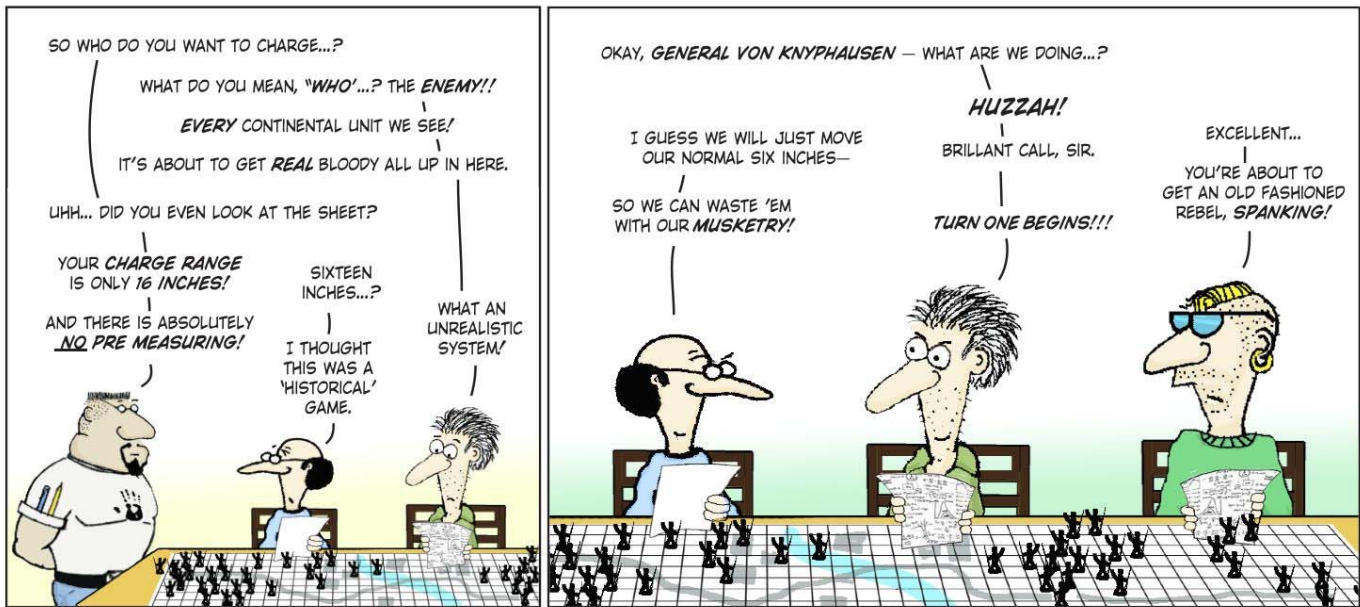
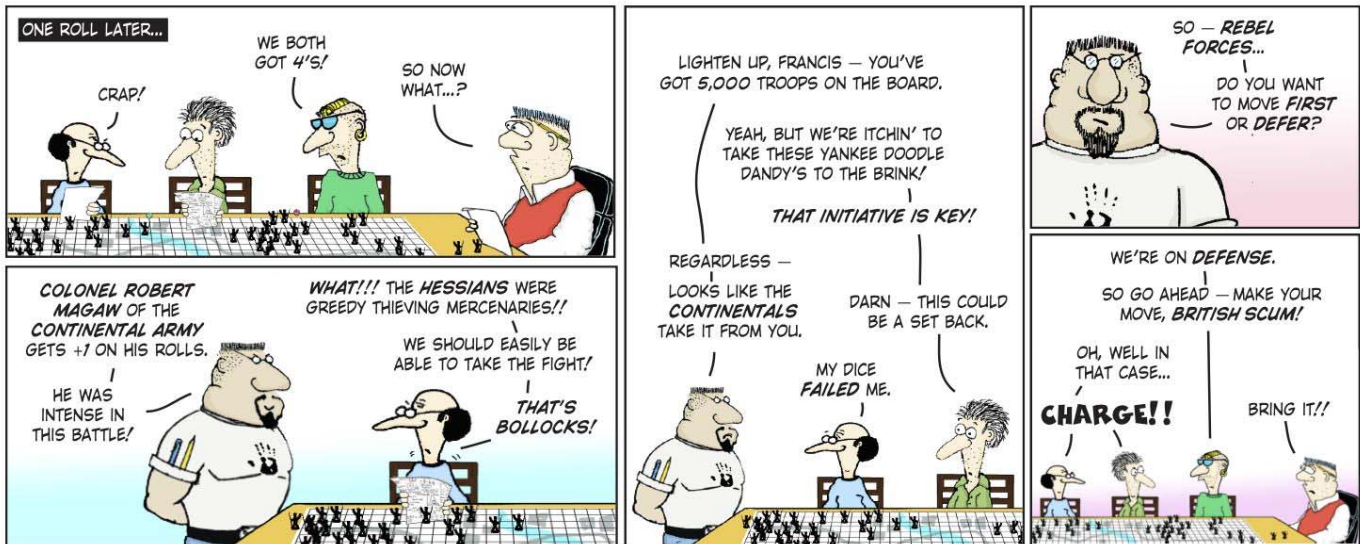
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CONVENTION SCHEDULE

OPENING MANEUVERS

Thursday, April 27

Registration
Gaming Hall
Vendors (Atrium)

4pm – 9pm
6pm – 1am
Setup

LITTLE WARS LEGACY

DAY

Friday, April 28

Registration
Gaming Hall
Vendors

8am – 7pm
9am – 1am
Noon – 8pm

MEMORIAL SATURDAY

Saturday, April 29

Registration
HMGS Annual Meeting
Gaming Hall
Vendors
Painting Contest Awards
Awards Ceremony
Wounded Warrior Raffle
Little Wars After Dark

8am – 7pm
8am – 9am
9am – 11pm
9am – 6pm
5:30pm
6pm
9pm
11pm-2am

ARMISTICE

Sunday, April 30

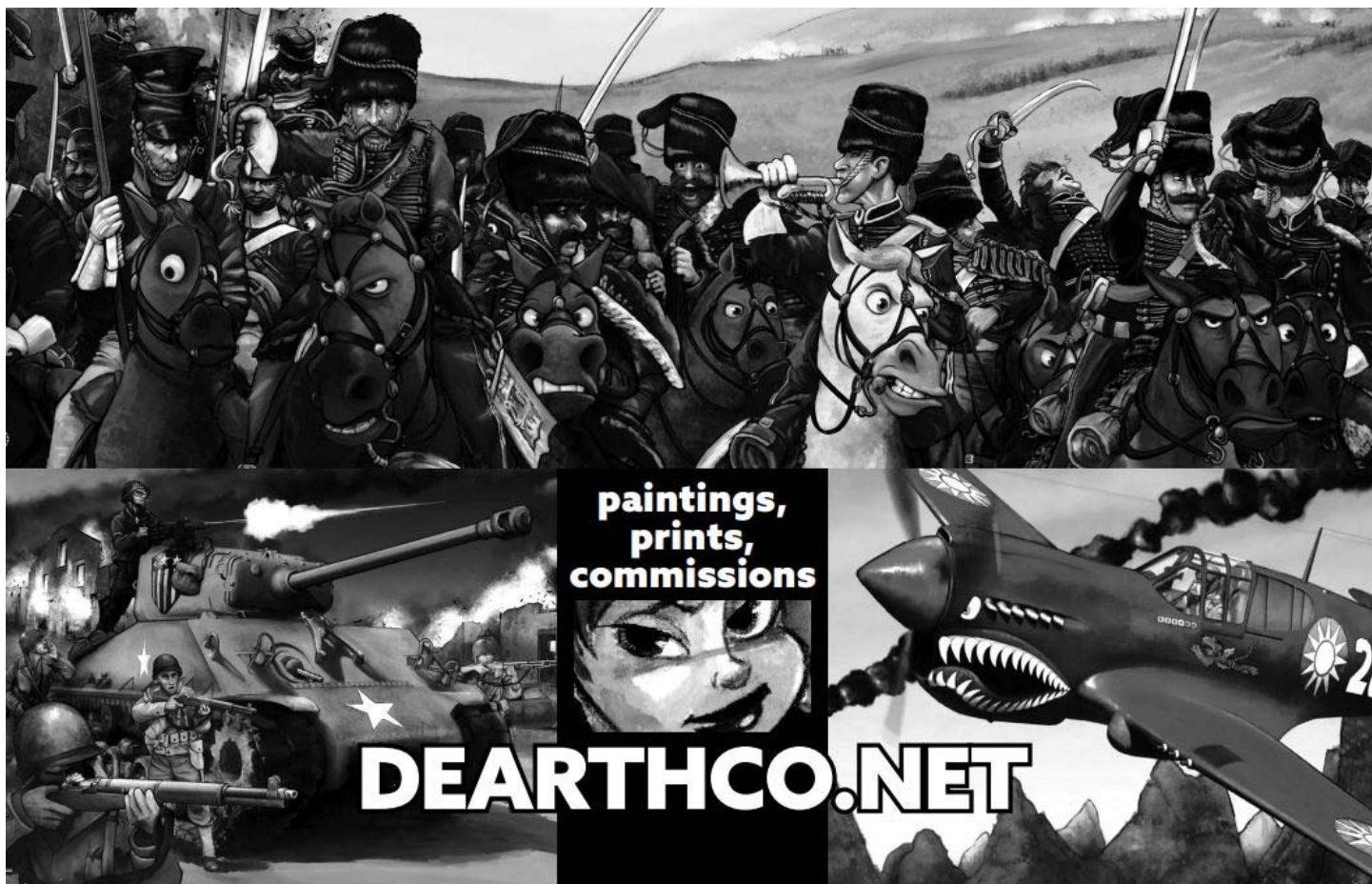
Registration
Gaming Hall
Vendors

9am – 10am
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-2023/events](https://tabletop.events/conventions/little-wars-2023/events)



SHOW HIGHLIGHTS



THEME DAYS AT LITTLE WARS 2023

Let's create a little community this year at Little Wars 2023! Participate along with us on each day!

OPENING MANEUVERS – Thursday, April 27

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

LITTLE WARS LEGACY DAY – Friday, April 28

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

MEMORIAL SATURDAY – Saturday, April 29

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

ARMISTICE – Sunday, April 30

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.

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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, Naval Wars and Wars in Woodstock
- 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

Welcome all, to your convention. Yes - Little Wars is YOUR convention. The Board along with scores of volunteers have worked hard this past year to make this opportunity happen. But it is you, the GMs, Gamers, Attendees, Vendors and Shoppers that make this event a reality. Your support of this and other HMGS-Midwest's events help enrich and grow the hobby we that we are drawn to.

And grow indeed. We can see new game stores being forged and existing shops expanding. Convention attendance is snowballing and a myriad of new smaller shows are popping up everywhere. New and younger gamers are joining the ranks. As stewards of this hobby, this is our chance to be a part of this rebirth. So try your hand at running a game, get those troops painted (then get some more and support our vendors), and most importantly, bring someone into the fold. Show your friends, family, students and co-workers what they are missing. Teach them to game!

As long as I am on the subject of involvement. I want to say thank you to all of those who have shared their ideas and volunteered time with us. Using your input and help, we can continue to enhance your HMGS-Midwest and gaming experiences. Please keep your input and feedback coming.

Have a great gaming weekend!

HMGS MIDWEST DONOR APPRECIATION

Thank you to the many gamers and their families who have donated miniatures and gaming supplies to HMGS Midwest! HMGS Midwest has been able to offer these items to other gamers who are excited to use them in new adventures and they have helped fund many new activities for the members of HMGS Midwest – what a Win-Win! If you are interested in donating some of your unused gaming supplies AND receiving a tax deduction, please contact us at bod@hmgsmidwest.com.

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!

Recent Donors – Thank you!

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Eric Hogan

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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://sitrepodcast.podbean.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>



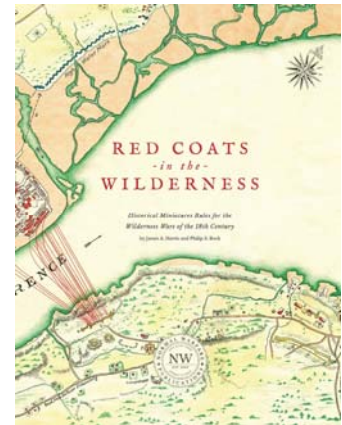
The Military Miniature Society of Illinois

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>

Little Wars 2023 – Guests of Honor

JAMES HARRIS & PHIL BOCK

Jim & Phil
Little Wars
2004



Jim Harris and Phil Bock met in college in 1989 at ISU in Normal, Illinois where Jim got his Masters in History with honors and Phil a degree in Criminal Justice Administration.

Jim introduced Phil to historical miniature war gaming in 1992 at Winter Wars in Champaign, Illinois. Inspired by attending the Last Square Invitationals in Madison, Wisconsin, they decided to write a ruleset. They created *Wilderness Wars*, designed for gaming the French and Indian War and the American War of Independence. Established in 2002, they called their business Normal Warfare as they both went to college in Normal.

Writing a wargaming ruleset is a delicate balance. Too much history and the game drags out and becomes boring. Too much fun and the game becomes fantasy. With this game mechanism, Jim and Phil feel they have struck that balance.

This is one of the few rulesets for the company and battalion level of this era. It is historically accurate and though easy to learn, it is not simplistic and strategy is the key to success. Many rulesets are designed to have a game played over many hours. *Redcoats* is described as fast and bloody, with even a large scale battle taken to completion in one evening or one convention game slot, 4 hours.

The ruleset was successful and after years of surveying and listening to the feedback from fans of the game, they decided to split the ruleset out, creating one for just the French and Indian War and another for the American War of Independence. In 2019, they created the French and Indian War edition of the ruleset titled with a new name, *Redcoats in the Wilderness*. The rules were debuted successfully at Little Wars that year. In 2022, Jim and Phil won the award for Best Theme Table at Little Wars.



This year, Jim and Phil are debuting their latest in the series: *Redcoats in the Wilderness: American War of Independence Edition* here at Little Wars. Though not yet in print, due to Covid, the soon to be published rules will be gamed here as well as the French and Indian War Edition. Normal Warfare extends to you an invitation to join them for warfare in the wilderness.

Greetings from the Onsite Convention Directors – Tom Kuczak & CW Moellenkamp

Welcome to Little Wars 2023! We are so proud to be here and to plan a special weekend that will provide memories for all of us. As we move forward, it is always comforting to remember the great days of our youth when we were able to game for hours and even days on end, playing toy soldiers in new ways that made us think, grow and realize the great joy in seeing a plan come to fruition.

We encourage you to continue using the Tabletop.Events website on your phone to sign up for events and to see what new things we are providing at Little Wars 2023. Wifi is complimentary so take advantage and sign up for some games that you have never played before! Of course, if you are unable to do so, our staff will be more than happy to assist you.

We continue to provide a membership to HMGS Midwest with any non-shopper badge that you purchase. The benefits of membership continue to grow as we are putting on more HMGS sponsored events each year! This year we have added even more events at Little Wars 2023 to be social and make great memories – events like our Kids Korner on Saturday, Little Wars After Dark, our exclusive Gamemaster Gathering, and our Theme Days....come out on Saturday to take a great picture showing off your favorite Little Wars Convention T Shirt....enter an exciting figure in the Painting Contest...volunteer to check people in and share your excitement for some of your favorite games....the sky is the limit when you put in just a little effort to show others what we love.

In the end, we are all gamers and historians. Let's find new ways to share our joy and excitement for history with our younger attendees and make a long term investment in the future of this great hobby! Thank you so much and we hope you will look us up this weekend and introduce yourself! Huzzah!!

Board of Directors Elections

Every two years, the members of HMGS-Midwest elect five (5) members to the Board of Directors to manage the affairs of the organization. HMGS Midwest runs the Little Wars conventions as well as other events throughout the year. The election is governed by the organization's recently amended bylaws which include procedures for presenting a slate of candidates and allowing at least 30 days for each member to submit a vote for or against each director presented. The Board members take office on the day after the previous Board members' terms expire or immediately if they have already expired. The current Board members' terms will expire on July 31st, however, this date may be different depending on when the voting can be finalized in any given year.

The deadline in 2023 for members to let the current Board know of their intentions of running for a Board position is May 21, 2023. Interested members can submit a picture and paragraph explaining their interest in the position to bod@hmgsmidwest.com. Voting will be electronic via a voting software application and will be open from approximately June 1 through July 1, 2023. Results of the election will be delivered to members and posted on our website. For further information, please visit hmgsmidwest.com.

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 29th



Participate with HMGS Midwest members to beat the record set last year of \$1,700!



This year, we are raffling off a 20" x30" print entitled "A Walk on the Beach", a depiction of the Allies storming the beach on D-Day by Doug Deearth.

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!

Thank you to our Sponsors!!!



Your Vendor Lineup at Little Wars 2023

PLEASE PURCHASE EARLY AND OFTEN!

**Academy Games
Dearthco
Games Plus
I-94 Enterprises
Lee Barnes Estate
Noble Knight
Rick Carlile Military Books
Terrain Station
Warlord**

**Affinity for Gaming
Dayton Painting Consortium
Griffons Lair Game Shop
Julio's Woodshop
Lost Battalion Games
Pirate Pat
St Paul Irregular Press
The Nafziger Collection**

**Badger Games
Enterprise Games
Grogard Games
Knuckleduster Miniatures
Mantic Games
Recreational Conflict
Sea Dog Games Studios
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.

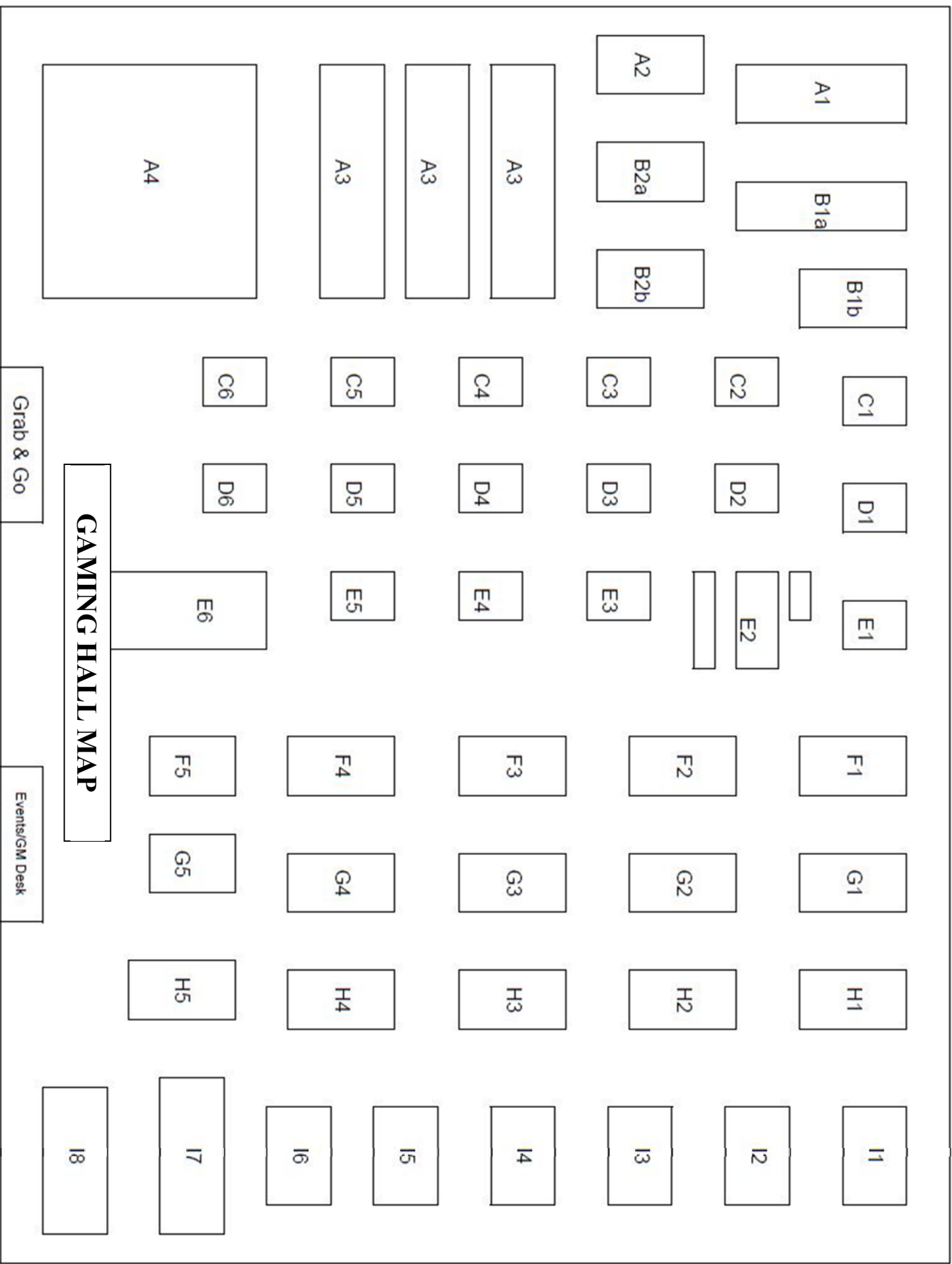
**Ares Games
Crescent Root Studio
Gailforce Nine
Laser Craft
Michigan Toy Soldier
On Military Matters**

**Battlefront Miniatures
Death Ray Designs
Game Craft Miniatures
Last Square
MSD Games
Shieldwall**

**Black Oak Workshop
Firelock Games
Kenzer and Company
MBA
Noble Knight
Winged Hussar**



1	The Natziger Collection
2	Knuckleduster Miniatures
3	Mantic Games
4	Rick Carille Military Books
5	Dearthco
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15	Grognard Games
16	WargamerUS
17	I-94 Enterprises
18	Lee Barnes estate
19	Enterprise Games
20	Terrain Station
21	Badger Games
22	Warlord
23	Games Plus
24	Julio's Woodshop



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 requires 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

Living History Re-enactors

Be on the lookout for several re-enactment troops as they storm Little Wars 2023

Athenian 1st AD Roman Naval Superpower – 4th/5th Century BC- Classic Greek helmets!

USS Civil War Union Landing Party – Climb on board for some US Naval History

WW2 Warbirds – 1943 – 1944 US Naval Aviators

WW2 US Marines - Semper Fi!

Be sure to check out these amazing displays while enjoying your time at Little Wars 2023!



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

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 - “Damn The Torpedoes!”

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 that the judges panel deems to have the most creative table setup including criteria such as originality and overall appearance.

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

<https://tabletop.events/conventions/little-wars-2023/events>



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	Neil Zimmerer
Rodger Kruse	Ken Kaufman	Jeffery Hammerlund	
Dave Hermann	Michael Mays	Duke Seifried	
Anne Hermann	Tim Fisher	Harold Johnson	
Mike Consentino	Steve Rysemus	Ray Runge	

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 – Tony Adams

Tony Adams was instrumental in establishing the miniatures hobby in the Chicagoland area 40+ years ago. He was the main driver behind miniatures in the Chicago Wargamers Association and the Chicago Wargamers Incorporation. He did this work for years. Tony was the straw that stirred the drink for gaming in Chicagoland for the ten years before Little Wars. It was a conversation that Todd Fisher had with him following a disappointing CWI Con that ultimately led to the formation of Little Wars. He helped form the organization that eventually became HMGS-MW and named the convention Little Wars after the HG Wells book. He continued to be a presence within the hobby and managed the Emperor's Headquarters for several years. He ran excellent games at Little Wars after the formation of the convention.

The Active Service Award Winner – Tod Kershner

When I was a little kid in the 1950s, I loved miniatures, building models and TV shows and movies featuring historical military subjects (Davy Crockett, Zorro and, of course westerns). About a year after I graduated from Michigan State University in 1972 (majored in History and Social Sciences) I played my first actual wargame: Panzerblitz. In the mid seventies I started building 1/32 scale tank models and painting the figures that came with them. In 1977 I attended, as a board game dealer (SPI), my first wargaming convention, Gencon at the Playboy club in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, where I saw my first miniature wargames set up and my addiction immediately deepened. You mean I can combine my two wonderful hobbies: painting figures and wargaming! Since then I have been in and out of the business side of gaming as a distributor, hobby store owner (Battle Creek, MI), commission figure painter and rules author. In the mid seventies I met my first two fellow wargamers in my home area: Dale Wood and John Simmons and they became my regular opponents and lifelong friends. Dale and I created a set of rules for 18th century battles, "Warfare in the Age of Reason", and began regularly playing it and running it at conventions. In 1984 I printed them off on an Atari 800 computer and a 9-pin printer and began selling it through Bill Protz's Seven Years War Journal and Hal Thinglum's Miniature Wargamers Association Newsletter (MWAN). It proved to be popular and in 1993 my friend, Todd Fisher, published a nice, professional edition for his Emperor's Press publishing company. This was voted "Best Wargaming Rules" by Duncan McFarlan's Miniature Wargames magazine. Dale and I followed it up with "Warfare at Sea in the Age of Reason" and "Warfare in the Age of Discovery". Other rule sets I have published included "Pig Wars: When Men were Men and Pigs were Money", "Warfare in the Age of Napoleon", "By the Sword Decided" (medieval), an ACW set "A Fire Bell in the Night" (with Dale Wood and John Simmons) and several others. In 1981 Dale and I attended the Little Wars convention in Chicago (might have been the first one) and ran Age of Reason games there throughout the 80s. Here I met Todd Fisher who has been a close friend ever since plus many other wonderful gamers who showed me gaming "the Chicago way". I have run games at many conventions in the Detroit and Chicago areas and at Pacificon in San Francisco, Border Wars in St. Louis, Hot Lead in Toronto, and at Historicon and Cold Wars. In 1989 Dale and I ran our first convention "Peninsula Campaigns" in Kalamazoo, Michigan and ran it annually for 17 years. In 2013 I was honored to be voted into the HMGS Legion of Honor. At 73, a dedicated and enthusiastic wargamer. I love all aspects of the hobby: miniature painting, scratch building, research, war movies and westerns, designing rules but most of all the wonderful life-long friends I have met over 5 decades in the hobby. "We don't stop playing because we grow old. We grow old because we stop playing". George Bernard Shaw.

The Posthumous Service Award Winner – Greg Novak

Greg Novak was a gamer's gamer. He was first and foremost an historian. He was cited in many historic non-fiction books for his work. He was innovative and prolific and his games were unique, educational and fun. He loved obscure parts of history and ran campaigns and megagames. He gamed in so many rules, eras and scales it is hard pin down his favorite – but those who knew him best might pick the AWI (where he gamed in 1:1 as a charter member of the North West Territory Alliance (NWTa), an American Revolutionary War reenactment organization located in the Midwest). His work in history and gaming was recognized internationally by many historians. His rules and games were also published by prominent companies. For GDW, he wrote Fire and Steel, Volley and Bayonet and the Command Decision supplement Over the Top. He edited the acclaimed Command Post Quarterly for GDW and was a play tester and contributor for many other GDW games. He wrote Charlie Company and co-wrote Rough Riders. Greg founded Winter War in the early seventies (which is still running after over 50 years). He was instrumental in building the Miniatures Gaming portion of the University of Illinois Game club and encouraging young gamers to come into the hobby. He was one of the founders of the Central Illinois Tabletop Warriors (CITW), and one offshoot of CITW was the annual Wilderness project (one of which had 116 players and judges in a single game sprawling across multiple battlefield tables and HQs all in separate rooms playing simultaneously while still interacting between rooms and bringing true "fog of war" knowledge into a massive battle). He was active in the volatile early days of HMGS Midwest and was president for almost an hour (yes, one hour). Greg also supported other HMGS Chapters and conventions, which led HMGS-East to award him the Legion of Honor. He was a Little Wars vendor as one of the owners of Ulster Imports. They imported and sold FreiKorps 15s and Ulster Import's own publications (where he originally published his Yellow Ribbon rules). His less serious publications he published with Merde Press (when asked if he knew what Merde meant he would without batting an eye he would say, "The guard dies, it does not surrender". OK he had a sense of humor too!). As a middle school librarian, he encouraged his students to play games in the library after school and invited respected fellow gamemasters to run them. His concern for the youth of Champaign continued after he retired from teaching, and he was elected to the school board. He started an innovative academy in Champaign designed to let students who had fallen behind, but were willing to volunteer to do the work to catch up in a more intense but less rigid environment. The Academy was named for Greg after he passed. It is hard to capture the impact of someone who did so much for so many without really expecting little more than friendship in return. Greg was a role model for all gamers and he is sorely missed.

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.

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Tom Kuczak, CW Moellenkamp

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Many volunteers above helped out in multiple areas beyond where they are listed above – Thank you!

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	Little Wars 2020 was unable to be held due to the COVID 19 Pandemic	
2021	Tom Kuczak	Westin Hotel, Lombard
2022	Tom Kuczak	Sheraton Lisle Naperville

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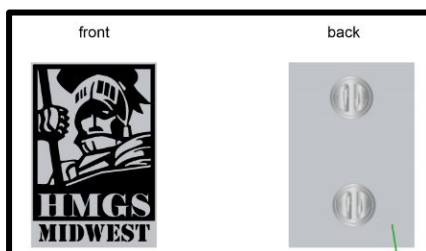
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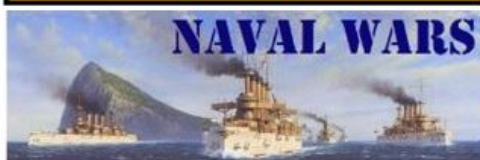


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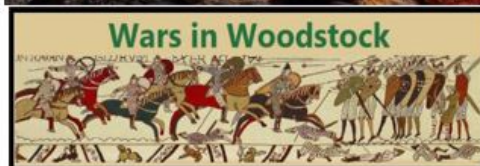
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