



Little Wars Update "D plus 7"

Another Little Wars is in the books. Thank you to everyone who made this event such a great success. This was YOUR convention, from the Board, Staff, Vendors, Re-enactors, GMs and to the Gamers.

Registered attendance was 531, which beat last year of 400 (under Covid). We had 162 events played out along with numerous demos. The quality of games and amount of players per game was phenomenal. The feeling in the gaming hall was electric, and atrium was packed with dealers. Of course there were some issues, but we will have a year to straighten them out.

Special thanks to our Convention Director Tom Kuczak for steering the ship. But please remember, we all made this happen. We will have a more comprehensive AAR after we crunch all the numbers and get the pictures

Hope to see you soon at the War Chest!
Kevin Cabai

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Gaming Awards at Little Wars

This year brought out the best of everyone. Game table feedback on social media is amazing. I do not ever remember seeing so many great works of art and passion in one place. We thank EVERYONE for their efforts.

All of this made our jobs so much the harder. It seemed very vote was different because there were so many to choose from. Finally we had to pick, and even added an additional award.

The Duke Seifried Award for Best Table

1st Place- Michael Konwinski/*Sitting on the dock on the bay*
Runner up- Joseph Eddy/*Siege of Carthage - 146 BC*
Runner up- Bill Wimbiscus/*Escape the Titanica!*

Best Theme Award (Fog of war)

1st Place- Phil Bock/*Battle of Riviera-du-Loup, May 1759*
Runner up- Richard Bliss/*Piercing the Fog: Tunisia*

Pictures will follow in the LW AAR



Little Wars 2022 Painting Contest Winners

The painting contest at Little Wars 2022 was a success, as nineteen entries were submitted this year. Thanks to all who submitted their artistry and to those who took the time to vote! Special thanks to John Russell of Warlord Games and Rich Masse of Dayton Painting for their giving of their time to decide the Best of Show winner.

The winners are:

Best of Show winner: **ADRIAN MANDZY** - War of 1812 US riflemen

Single figure: Winner - **DENNIS SMITH** - Viking lord

Runner-Up - **ALEX GLICK** - Abaddon

Unit 20mm: Winner - **GENE DECKER** - Vikings

Runner-Up - **KEVIN KELLEY** - Polish Lancers of the Guard

Unit 25mm: Winner - **ALEX SEWIELSKI** - Anglo-Zulu 28mms

Runner-Up - **JOHN REDMANN** - Hospitalers 28mm

Diorama: no submissions

Open: Winner - **KURT JEFFRIES** - Gotha G.IV German bomber aircraft

Runner-Up - **KURT JEFFRIES** - Red Baron shooting down a RAF S.E. 5a



Reissuing the New: 2022 Little Wars T-Shirts

Our complete stock sold out early Saturday morning. (Thank you!)

If you missed your chance we are going to make another order from our designer. Because of the lower run, the price will \$25 for this double printed high quality t-shirt. They will be drop shipped directly from them at a cost of \$6.50.

You have until May 15th to place your order and should get them by the end of the month. Please email your size preference, amount and mailing address. Once your order is confirmed you can pay via Cheddar-up.



Wounded Warrior

A new record of \$1660 collected.

A hearty thank you to all who contributed to our Wounded Warrior Raffle. Special thanks to Dearthco and Warlord for their generosity. Finally to Jeff, Brett and Tibor our intrepid raffle staff.



June 3-4th, 2022

10:00 am to 6:00 pm-Friday

10:00 am to 6:00 pm-Saturday

The "War Chest" is a massive gathering where you can bring, buy, trade, & sell miniatures, games and any other type of gaming related items. For \$25 each you can purchase 1 or more tables, per day and have the adventure of sending those items you don't use anymore to a good home. Set up begins, Friday morning at 8:00 am. So... start assembling the games you haven't played in years and send out the orders to those "Dusty Battalions" to prepare for redeployment.

Hosted at: The Rodine Building, Hinkson Hall at Trinity University in Bannockburn, IL

The 2nd War Chest is coming.

We are following up on last year's huge success. Once again it will be two days, and if there is an interest some games during the event.

Further details will be forth coming within 2 weeks.

- Friday:** 8 am - Dealer set up
10 am-Dealers open
12 pm-Games Begin
6 pm- Hall closes
- Saturday:** 8 am - Dealer set up
10 am-Dealers open
12 pm-Games Begin
4 pm- Hall closes

HMGS-Midwest members are **free**, nonmembers \$5
any questions email BOD@hmgsmidwest.com



Commentary on the Venue

Bringing an event the size and scope of Little Wars to a hotel is always a challenge. Many venues have not had that experience. Coupled with an unusually high turn over of staff in the hospitality, there is also dormancy many of these properties incurred during Covid.

We knew that they were not going to have microwaves and refrigerators in the room, but the BOD decided the \$99 nightly room rate, more than compensated. The lack of staff is not germane to only this hotel but across the industry.

Perhaps what you did not see was the prompt and excellent service the hotel's event staff displayed, to our onsite needs. This helped make the experience so enjoyable for all.

We are learning to work with them, as they are learning from us. We will be at this site next year and all signs point to improvement. And yes the room rate will still be \$99.



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