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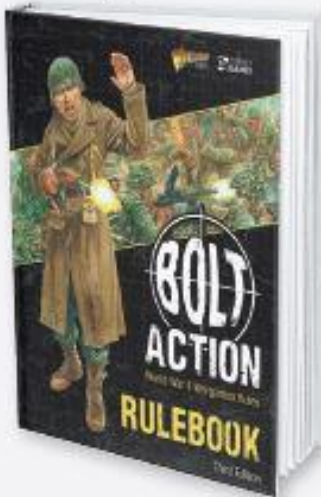
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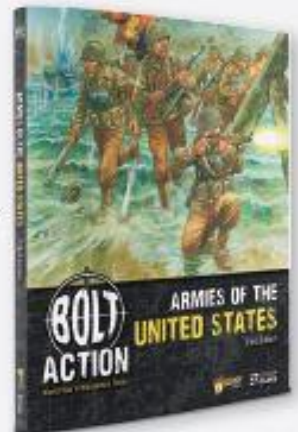
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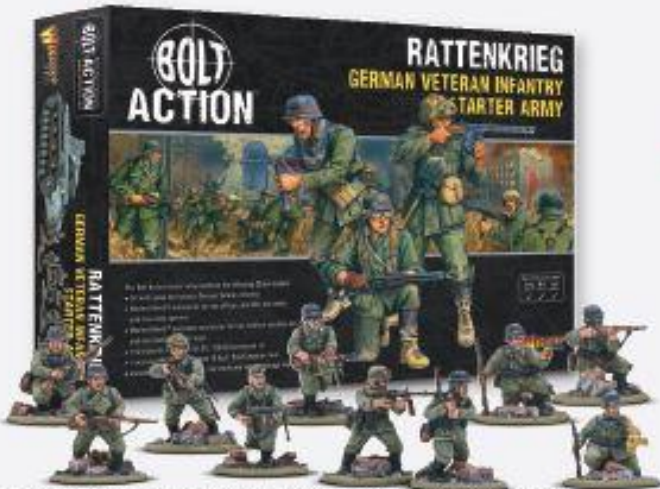
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Release Date: 24th April 2025



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RRP / MSRP - £104 / €125 / \$166



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CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 24	Registration Gaming Hall Vendors Flea Market	4pm – 9pm 6pm – 1am Setup 6pm – 9pm
Friday, April 25	Registration Opening Ceremonies – (Parking Lot) Gaming Hall Vendors	8am – 7pm 8:30am 9am – 1am 9am – 6pm
Saturday, April 26	Registration Gaming Hall Vendors Painting Contest Awards Awards Ceremony Wounded Warrior Raffle Little Wars After Dark	8am – 7pm 9am – 12am 9am – 6pm 5:30pm 6pm 9pm 11pm-2am
Sunday, April 27	HMGS MW Annual Member Meeting Registration Gaming Hall Flea Market Vendors	8am – 9am 9am – 10am 9am – 3pm 9am – 12pm 9am – 1pm

SPECIAL THANKS TO STANDFORD'S BATTERY

based in Lombard, Illinois, for firing their American Civil War Cannon at our Opening Ceremonies. The group will be hosting the **Lombard Civil War Reenactment on July 26 -27, 2025.**

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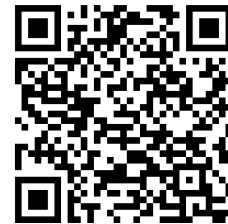
Look for their menus as they are offering **FREE DELIVERY RIGHT TO YOUR GAMING TABLE** here at Little Wars 2025.

**Grab and Go Food available in the
Gaming Hall
11AM – 7PM
FRIDAY and SATURDAY**

EVENT LISTING

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

<https://tabletop.events/conventions/little-wars-2025/events>



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EVENTS

Inaugural Event – Memoir '44 Tournament

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8am – 4pm
Saturday & Sunday



Table Awards for Gamemasters 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 – “The Shot Heard Round the World!”

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.

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LITTLE WARS GAME CONVENTION

Little Wars is the Chicagoland Area's top miniatures wargaming convention and has been running for 40 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

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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS (Membership Cards are not issued or required)

- 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 (watch your email for announcements)
- The joy of extending our hobby to many others across all generations

IN MEMORIAM



JEFF HAMMERLUND

On July 29, 2024 we lost Jeff Hammerlund. Jeff was an HMGS-Midwest legend. He served on the Board as Newsletter Editor (bringing it back), then as Secretary, and finally as Vice President and Convention Director. He wrote the HMGS Midwest and HMGS National Bylaws and served on the Board for 15 years. Jeff continued working as a volunteer and in 2021 he was honored with the Todd Fisher Award.

Jeff's gaming ranged from minis, to board games to RPGs. He was an early member of the Castle and Crusade Society and was involved in the production of the IFW gaming zine. He attended GenCon 2 through GenCon 50, both running games and as a mainstay of the Charity Auction. He was also involved with the start up of GaryCon and Nexus. Much of his time was spent play-testing for TSR, Game Designer's Workshop and Mayfair Games, along with representing several game companies as an attorney. Not only a friend to our organization, he was a friend to anyone who had the opportunity to meet him.



DOUG DEARTH

It is with a sad heart that we note the passing of Doug Dearth. Doug was an accomplished artist, cartoonist and designer and did work for HMGS-Midwest. He donated the Wounded Warrior print several times and also designed program book covers and mini posters.

In addition to his own company "Dearthco", Doug worked with Britains and various others including Michigan Toy Soldier. Doug began his career over 20 years ago, creating toy soldier websites, graphic design, sculpting, and more. He was a man of many talents, a gentleman, and a friend. If you had the chance to meet him at Little Wars, you always walked away with a smile. (And some of his great prints!)

Thank You to our Sponsors!!!



Your Vendor Lineup at Little Wars 2025

PLEASE PURCHASE EARLY AND OFTEN!

Abby Normal
Badger Games
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Dayton Painting Consortium
Dead Man's Figures
Enterprise Games
Gamecraft Miniatures
Games Plus
Griffons Lair Game Shop

Grognard Games
Huscarl Miniatures
I-94 Enterprises
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Knuckleduster Miniatures
Lee Barnes' Estate
1/72 Legions in Plastic Depot
Lost Battalion Games
Noble Knight Games

Pirate Pat's Games
Sea Dog Studios
Seven Years War Assoc.
St Paul Irregulars Press
Sword & Scabbard
The Nafziger Collection
Talon Games
Treasures
Wargamer US
Warlord Games

Supporting Vendors

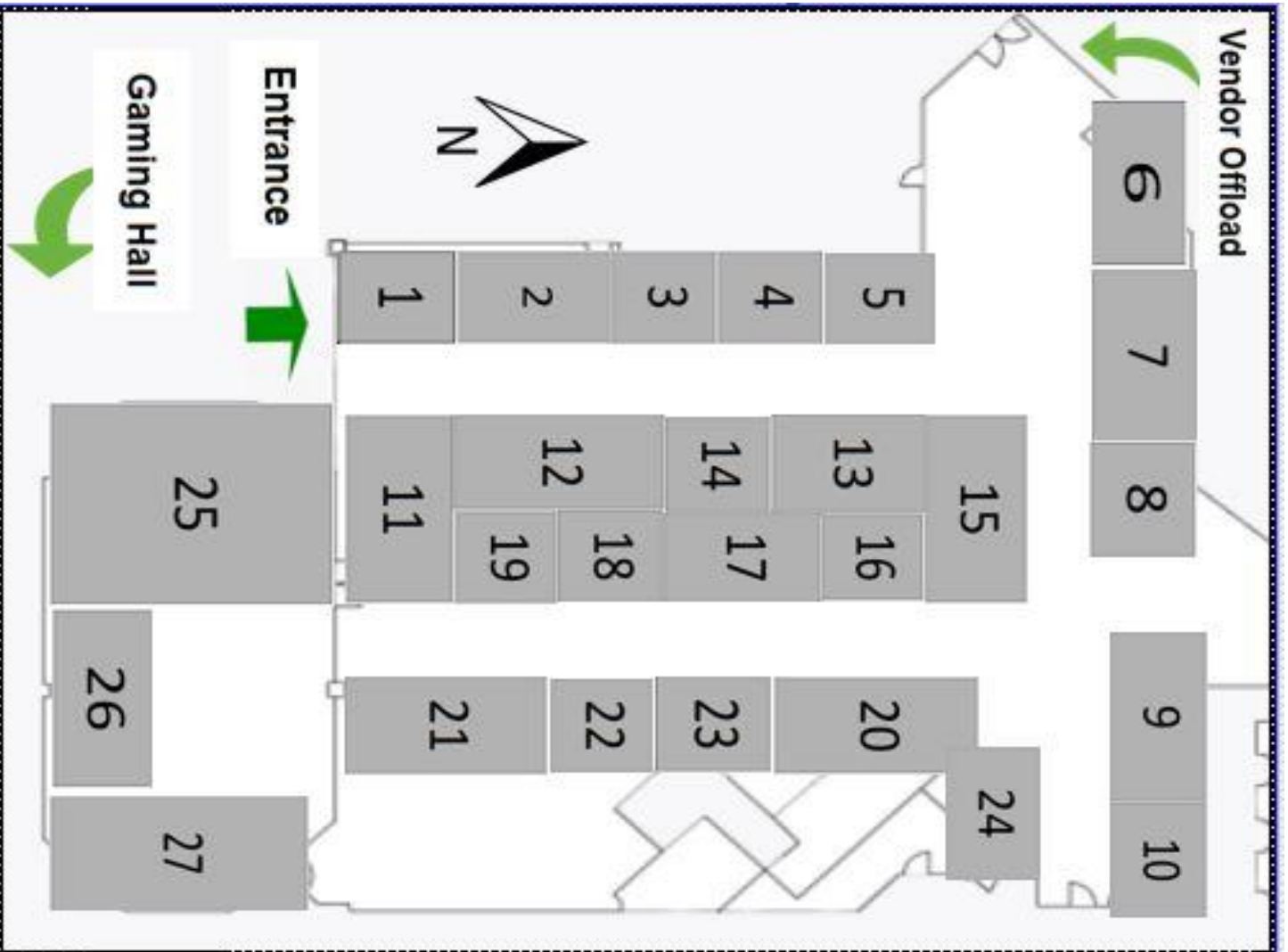
Not all of our vendors could make it to Little Wars this year, but some have graciously donated prizes for our events and giveaways in general. Please help support them online and in person to further OUR hobby.

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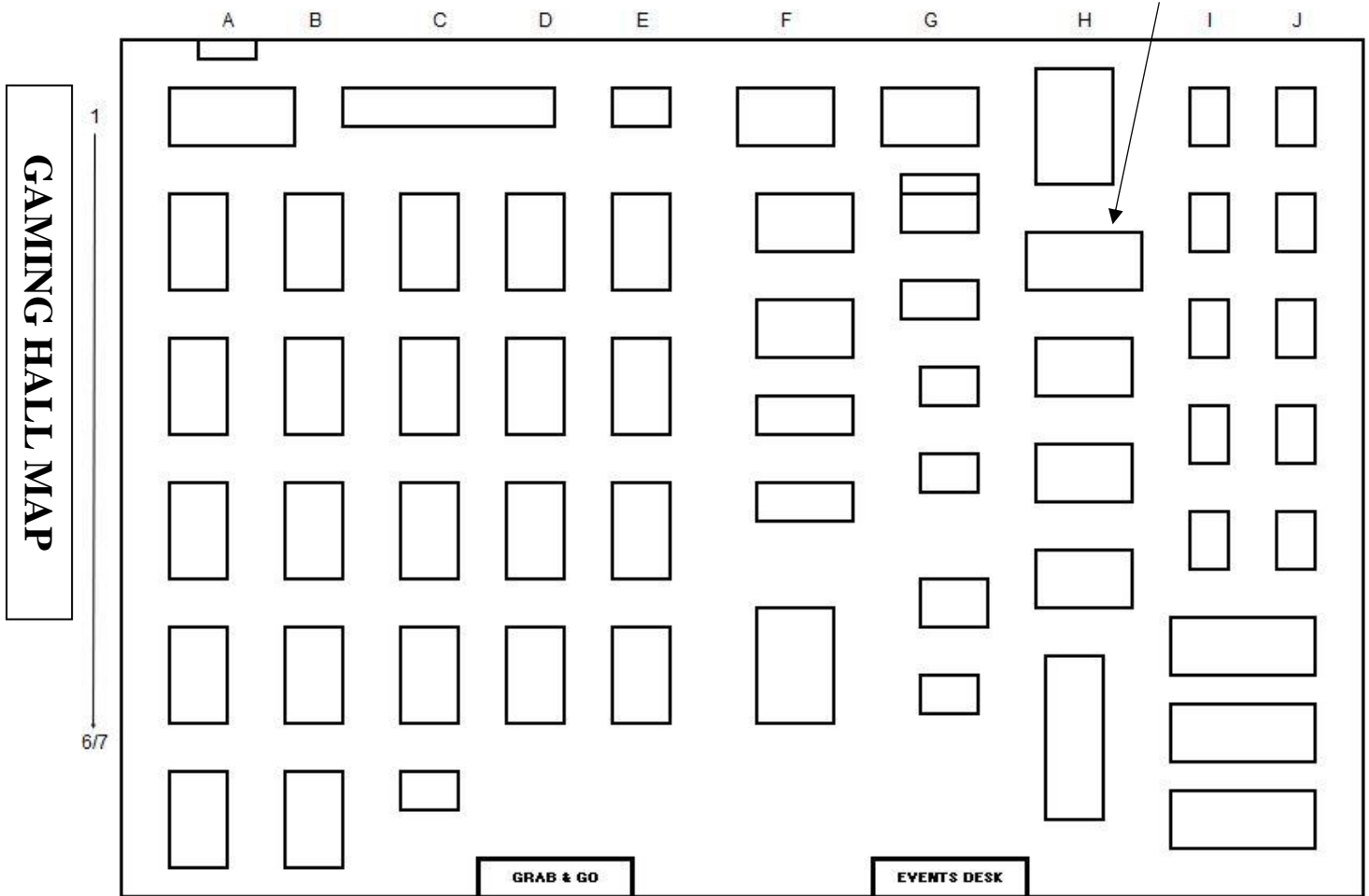
Mantic Games
Michigan Toy Soldier
MSD Games
Old Glory/Blue Moon
Pico Armor
Old Glory/Blue Moon
Raven Banner Games
Scale Creep Miniatures
Trenchworx
Allgame Terrain/Woodland Scenic

VENDOR MAP

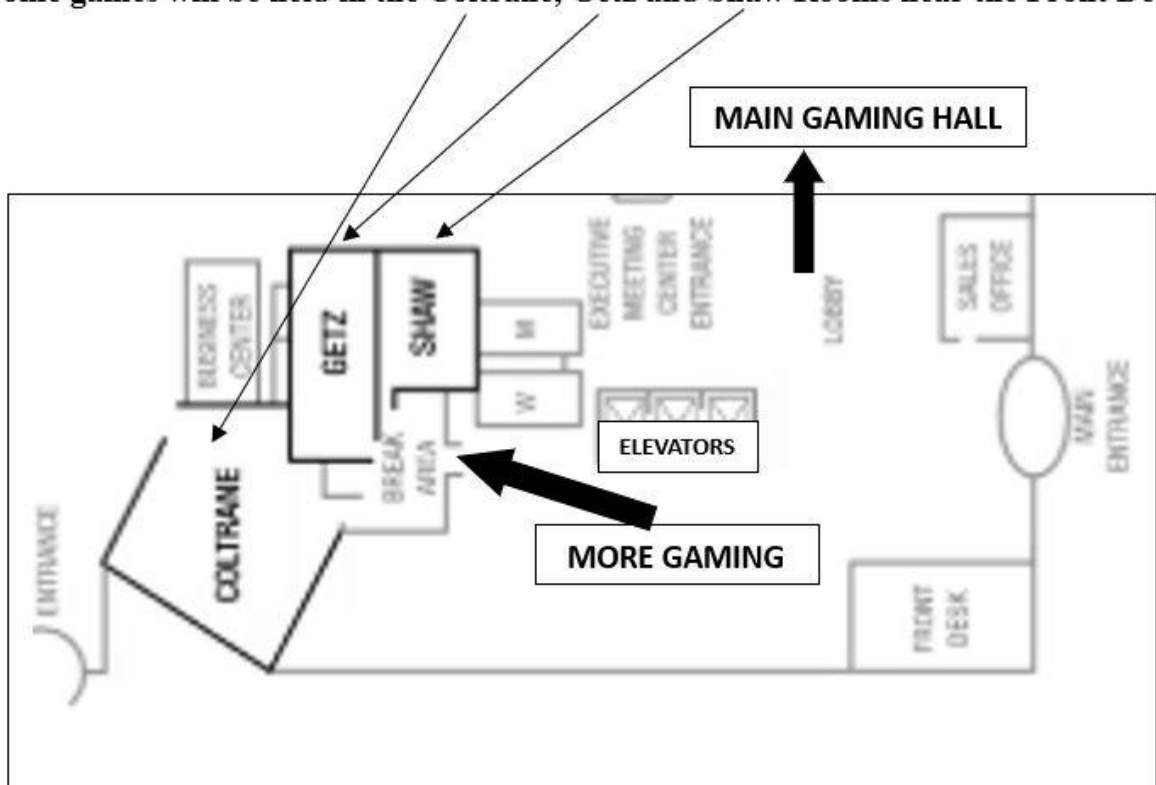


1	The Nafziger Collection
2	Knuckleduster Miniatures
3	Legions in 1/72
4	Gamecraft Miniatures
5	Dayton Painting Consortium
6	Treasures
7	Talon
8	Seven Years War Assc.
9	Battle Bricks
10	St Paul Irregulars Press
11	Sea Dog Game Studios
12	Griffons Lair Game Shop
13	Sword and Scabbard
14	Abby Normal
15	Lost Battalion Games
16	Pirate Pat
17	InCountry
18	Grognard Games
19	Wargamer US
20	Enterprise Games
21	1-94 Enterprises
22	Lee Barnes Estate
23	Huscarl Miniatures
24	Dead Man Figs
25	Badger Games
26	Warlord
27	Games Plus

Tables are numbered using Column and Row labels below (i.e. Table H2 is here)



Some games will be held in the Coltrane, Getz and Shaw Rooms near the Front Desk



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!

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 the Wounded Warrior Project

Wounded Warrior Raffle

Drawing on Saturday Night, April 26th



Participate with HMGS Midwest members to beat the record donation from last year!



This year, we are raffling off a 36" x 24" framed print entitled "The First Fight for Independence, Lexington Common, April 19th, 1775" by William Barnes Wollen.

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!

Living History Re-Enactors

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

Warbirds Living History Group– WWI Luftstreitkräfte Imperial German Air Service

USS Civil War Union Navy Landing Party – Damn the Torpedoes! Full Speed Ahead!

Brigade Napoleon – La Victoire est a nous!

Capt. Andrew Bradt's Co'y. Butler's Corps of Rangers – Loyal to King George!

1st American Regiment (Simcoe's Queens's Rangers) - Operating on the flanks and in advance of Crown forces

Brigade of Guards, Grenadier Co'y - With a tow, row, row, row, row, row, to the British Grenadiers!

4th Continental Rgt. Of Light Dragons - The shock was so sudden and violent, they could not stand it!

Lauzon's Legion - The Original French Foreign Legion

Wayne's Light Infantry Corps. Ashmead's Company - Formed the Light Infantry under Genl Anthony Wayne

Hamilton's Continental Artillery - Only US Military unit with unbroken line of service from AWI to the present!

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

<u>Vendor Manager</u>	<u>Scott Douglas</u>		<u>Registration Manager</u>	<u>CW Moellenkamp</u>	
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Flea Market.....	Jon Michal	Paint & Take Managers....	Kris & Paul Wellner

*Many volunteers above helped out in multiple areas beyond their listing 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	<i>Little Wars 2020 was unable to be held due to the COVID 19 Pandemic</i>	
2021	Tom Kuczak	Westin Hotel, Lombard
2022	Tom Kuczak	Sheraton Lisle Naperville
2023	Tom Kuczak, CW Moellenkamp	Sheraton Lisle Naperville
2024	Tom Kuczak	Westin Hotel, Lombard

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GUEST OF HONOR – JIM DIETZ

Jim Dietz has spent his life in schools and education as well as within the business of board-games. Dietz has taught at four-year colleges; two-year colleges; and at the secondary level. In addition to teaching, Dietz has been a volleyball coach for more than thirty years, working with young athletes as well as with Big 10/12 schools and USA Volleyball. In 2022, he was enshrined in the NJCAA Hall of Fame. In gaming, Dietz is a former retailer and owner of Jolly Roger Games, running that from 1996-2015, before it was purchased by Ultra Pro. In 2018, the Foundation was started as the world's only not-for-profit game publisher. In addition to managing a game company and coaching, Dietz has written several novels and two books on coaching youth sports.



HMGS MIDWEST LIST OF ANNUAL EVENTS

A CIVIL WAR GAMING WEEKEND	February 22-23
	March 5 th
Little Wars	April 24-27
AIR-CON ...2025	May 16-17
NAVAL WARS	July 12 th
Wars in Woodstock	July 12 th
Autumn Wars	September 26-28
The War Chest	September 26-28
	October 1 st
	November 26-30

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	Steve Fratt
Rodger Kruse	Ken Kaufman	Jeffery Hammerlund	Tony Adams	
Dave Hermann	Michael Mays	Duke Seifried	Tod Kershner	
Anne Hermann	Tim Fisher	Harold Johnson	Greg Novak	
Mike Consentino	Steve Rysemus	Ray Runge	Paul Dayton	

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.



2026



April 23 – 26, 2026



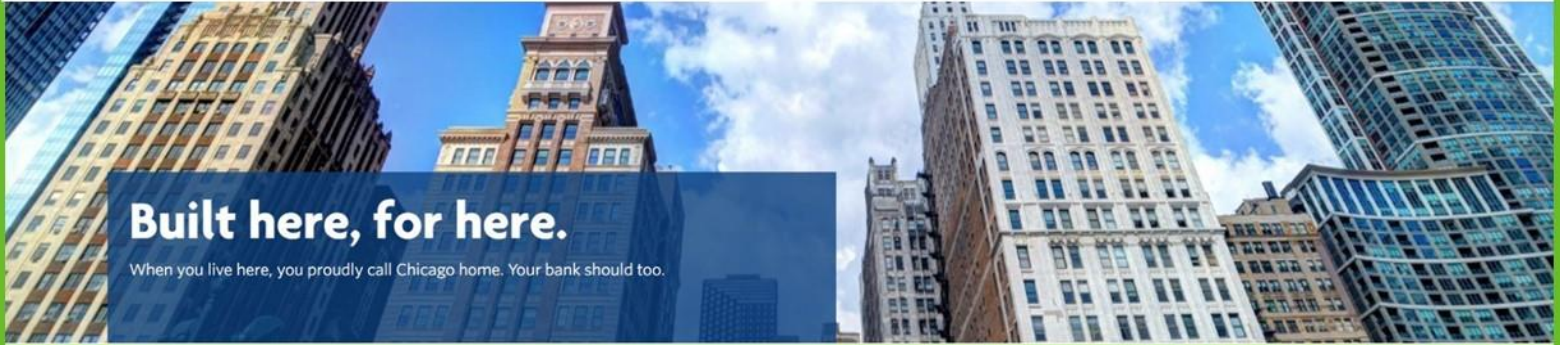
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