

# Colorado Military Historians

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Iraq game at West Wars 2010.

# Passing the Torch

*Message from outgoing CMH President  
Binhan Lin*

This is my last column as president as I will be stepping down come May. I would like to thank the current board for their time, effort and contributions towards making the club a successful and enjoyable social gathering.

The club still faces significant issues, such as finances and membership numbers, but I feel that members will step up to help overcome these obstacles. The incoming board will need the support and assistance of the membership to be successful.

A reminder that the May meeting is deferred to the third Sunday due to Mother's Day. This is also when the club swap meet and club elections occur. Only paid members are eligible to vote in the election, so make sure your dues are paid up before the election.

Dan Gurule is organizing West Wars 2011 and has organized an interesting slate of games, please support our home-grown event by participating or just stopping by.

Viva la gaming!

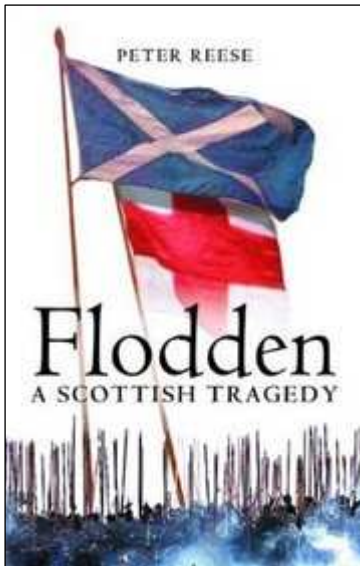




# Flodden

*Message by CMH Secretary  
Eric Elder*

We have an article drought this month. Unfortunately I did not receive any articles for the newsletter. Maybe that means everyone is feverously getting ready for West Wars. I know I need to get busy for my game. I am looking forward to the convention. I hope to see a big crowd this year.



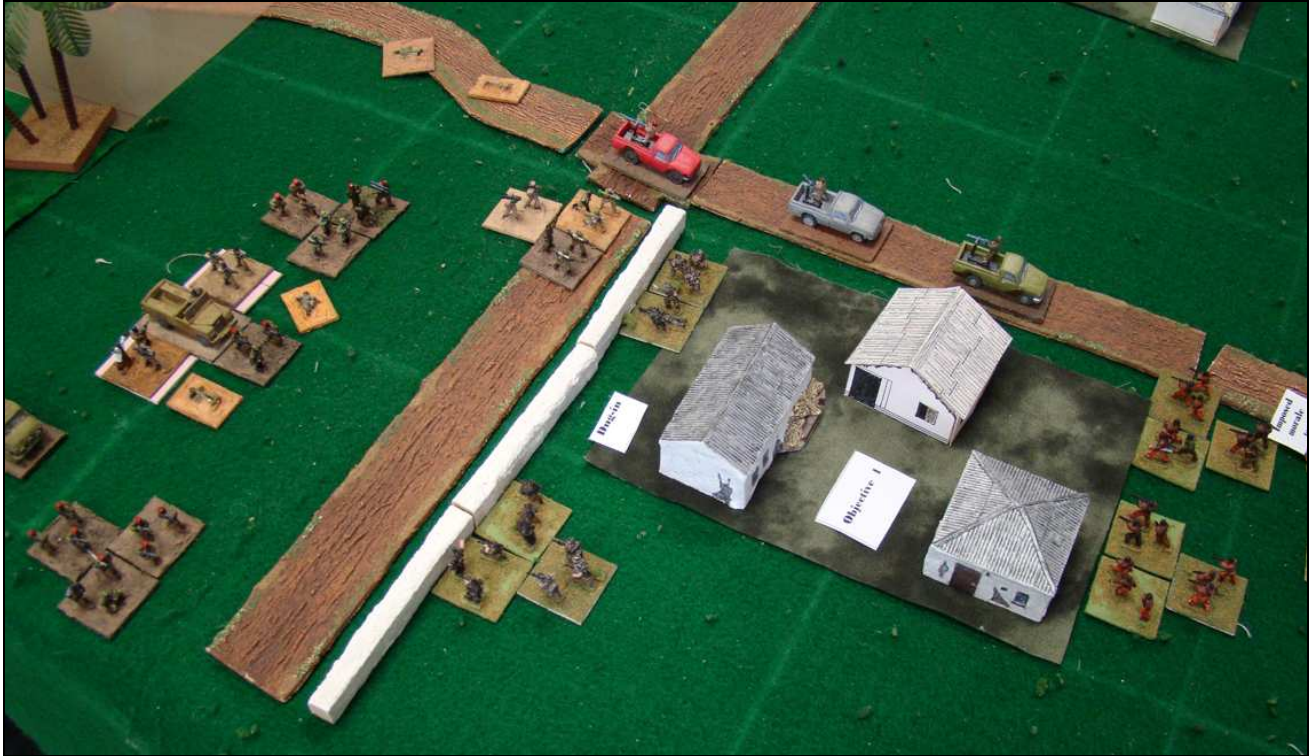
I have been researching the 1513 Battle of Flodden for a future wargame scenario. I recently finished reading a book entitled “Flodden: A Scottish Tragedy” by Peter Reese. Only about a third of the book was about the battle itself. I guess there is not enough content to write a book just about the battle. The back story focused mainly on most of the previous Scottish Kings and English Kings. There was good coverage of the various commanders in the battle as well. For some reason the author felt he had to include a good discussion of the navies of Scotland and England. This was definitely padding the book, but interesting to read. There are good maps and orders of battle included. I suspect the Osprey book “Flodden 1513: Scotland’s Greatest Defeat” pulled most of its contents from this book. If you want to read about the two Kings leading up to the battle and their fathers, then I recommend this book. For the campaign and battle this is also a good book. I guess I was not that interested in the back story. Is this book the current definitive book on the Battle of Flodden? If it is not, I would be surprised.



# April Monthly Meeting

## Unit of the Month

Sponsored by Attactix



Each month CMH members bring their latest painted figures and models to the meeting to display their latest efforts and compete for Unit of the Month. The owner of the winning unit receives a gift certificate from Attactix in Aurora, Colorado. We thank Attactix for its continued support.

CMH Member	Scale	Manufacturer	Era	Unit
Eric Elder	N	Jerry's Hobby Junction	WWII	French Normandy
David Newport	15mm	Old Glory	WWII	Japanese
David Newport	15mm	Old Glory	WWII	Marines
<b>JEFF CARUSO</b>	28mm	Crusade	WWII	German MG
Terry Shockey	15mm	Splintered Light	Ancient/Medieval	Sub-Roman Brits Auxilia
Greg Skelly	28mm	Bold Action	WWII	Italian Paras & Support
Greg Skelly	28mm	Eureka	WWII	American Personality

**Table: Unit of the Month (WINNER)**

# Battle Cry Campaign of Tournaments



*April tournament participants*



## Tournament Schedule

<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Scenarios</b>	<b>Date</b>
May	Kernstown, VA	March 23, 1862
	Shiloh, TN	Apr 6/7, 1862
	Williamsburg, VA	May 5, 1862
June	McDowell, VA	May 8, 1862
	Winchester, VA	May 25, 1862
	Oak Grove, VA	June 25, 1862
July	Gaines Mill, VA	June 27, 1862
	Cedar Mountain, VA	Aug 9, 1862
	Second Bull Run, VA	Aug 28, 1862
August	Richmond, KY	Aug 30, 1862
	Ox Hill, VA	Sept 1, 1862
	Antietam, MD	Sept 17, 1862
September	Perryville, KY	Oct 8, 1862
	Prairie Grove, AR	Dec 7, 1862
	Fredericksburg, VA	Dec 13, 1862
October	Murfreesboro, TN	Jan 2, 1863
	Gettysburg, PA	July 1-3, 1863
	Gettysburg, PA	July 1-3, 1863
November	Chickamauga, GA	Sept 19/20, 1863
	New Market, VA	May 15, 1864
	New Hope Church, GA	May 25, 1864

## Interesting Web Link of the Month

From Larry Irons:

General George S. Patton was assassinated to silence his criticism of allied war leaders claims new book  
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/northamerica/usa/3869117/General-George-S.-Patton-was-assassinated-to-silence-his-criticism-of-allied-war-leaders-claims-new-book.html>

# April Monthly Meeting

## Game of the Month

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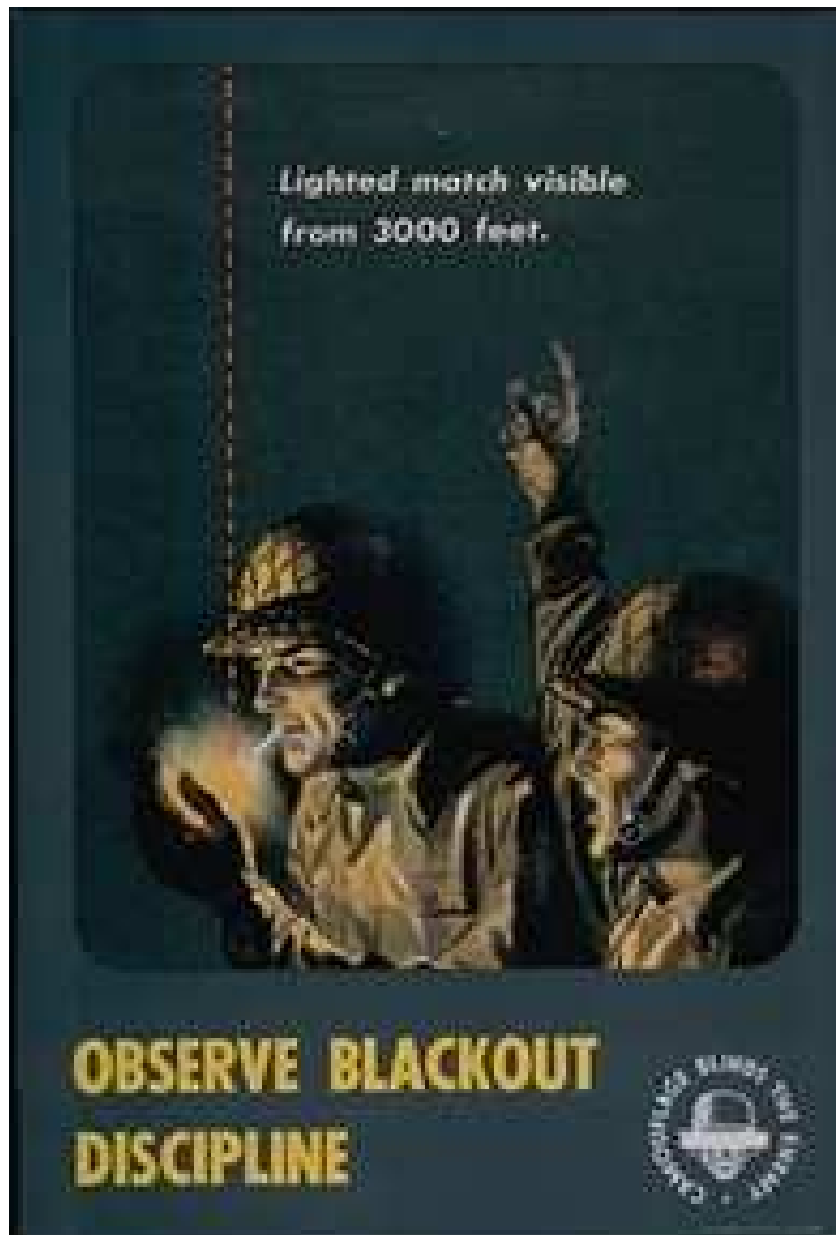
Each month CMH members host games at the monthly meeting. This award is for the effort put out by the host. The winning host receives a gift certificate from Valhalla's Gaming Center in Wheat Ridge, Colorado. We thank Valhalla's Gaming Center for its support.

CMH Member	Scale	Rules	Description
John Brown	15mm	DBA	BBDBA Ancients
<b>TERRY SHOCKEY</b>	15mm	AK47	Modern Africa
Tony Fryer & Binhan Lin	25mm	Nuts/ATZ	WWII Zombies
Ed Meyers	15mm	Battlecry	Civil War Campaigns

**Table 1 Game of the Month (WINNER)**

# Tactical Training Poster of the Month

*1943 U.S. Posters from Canadian War Museum Collection*





## CMH May Scheduled Events



This table shows what scheduled CMH events are coming up. Next months Friday Night Fights (FNF) and the monthly meeting (MM) are listed. West Wars (WW) is included this month. It is recommended to schedule your game for future meetings and will appear on this page.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>End Time</b>
May 6	FNF	Valhallas	7:00 pm	midnight
May 13	WW/FNF	Baker	7:00 pm	midnight
May 14	WW	Baker	9:00 am	11:00 pm
May 15	WW/MM	Baker	10:00 am	5:00 pm
May 20	FNF	Baker	7:00 pm	midnight
May 27	FNF	Valhallas	7:00 pm	midnight

## West Wars Schedule Current as of March 30

Friday	7pm to 12am	Black Powder (Napoleonic)
Friday	7pm to 12am	Fighting Instructions (Napoleonic)
Saturday	9am to 12pm	Force on Force Rules (WWII)
Saturday	9am to 12pm	Flames of War Rules (WWII)
Saturday	1pm to 5pm	Lace War Rules (SYW)
Saturday	1pm to 7pm	Big Battle DBA Tournament (Ancient/Medieval)
Saturday	1pm to 10pm	Tactical Combat Rules (WWII)
Saturday	6pm to 10pm	Blitzkrieg Commander II Rules (WWII)
Sunday	10am to 12pm	Swap Meet
Sunday	12pm to 1pm	CMH Club Meeting and Board Election
Sunday	1pm to 5pm	Battle Cry Tournament (Civil War)
Sunday	1pm to 5pm	Regimental Fire and Fury (Civil War)
Sunday	1pm to 5pm	Pieces of Eight Rules (Pirates)

### Events

Friday, May 13

*7pm - Midnight*

Breakout at Cadiz, by Dan Gurule

Period: Napoleonic  
 Rules: Black Powder  
 Scale: 15mm  
 Players: 4

Description: It is 1812 Spain and the British are attempting to breakout into the Spanish Country side.  
 Note: So far this battle has been played about 4 times with interesting results. Two large British Brigades are on the attack, the French are caught un-prepared and scattered. They are desperately organizing a defense to hold the line until they can start feeding in reinforcements which are on the way. So far the history of this scenario is British 1/1/2 and French 2/1/1 (Won/Tied/loss).

Wooden Ships, by Doug Wildfong

Period: Napoleonic  
 Rules: Fighting Instruction Rules (Dice Gunnery Variant)  
 Scale: 1/600  
 Players: 8

Description: Villanueva is engaging to save the grain convoy which is desperately needed to save Le Republique from famine. Rodney must break through to destroy or capture the convoy.

Saturday, May 14

*9am - 12pm*

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Eastern Front Skirmish, by Dan Gurule

Period: WWII

Rules: Force on Force Combat Rules

Scale: 15mm

Players: 4

Description: This will be an Eastern Front Skirmish. Scale is 1 to 1 with a Motorized German Platoon attacking a Russian reinforced Platoon.

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Flames of War Demonstration Game, by Stan Stratton

Period: WWII

Rules: Flames of War

Scale: 15mm

Players: 4

Description: Stan will be running a demonstration game for those of you wanting to learn the FOW system. Stan will answer any questions you may have regarding Army Lists, tournaments and where to meet other FOW Players. 1500 Point Armies, not provided.

*1pm - 5pm*

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Seven Years War, by Doug Wildfong

Period: Seven Years War

Rules: Lace Wars

Scale: 28mm

Players: 6

Description: French vs Prussians. Feel bring to bring your own figures.



*1pm - 7pm*

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Ancient/Medieval Tournament, by Gen. (ret.) John Brown and Jeff Caruso

Period: Ancient/Medieval

Rules: DBA 2.2/BBDBA

Scale: 15mm

Players: 12

Description: Bring your own favorite army or borrow from the ones available on site. All eras welcome! DBA Version 2.2 rules will be played. Two and one half hour rounds, 24" by 60" boards. Scoring and tournament usages as they appear on the North American Society of Ancient and Medieval Wargamers (NASAMW) web site at [www.nasamw.org](http://www.nasamw.org). Brought to you by Colorado Military Historians. Intermediate. Limit 16 players. For further information: [potn@comcast.net](mailto:potn@comcast.net) or [jsandmbrown@msn.com](mailto:jsandmbrown@msn.com).

*1pm - 10pm*

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Tarawa, by David Newport

Period: WWII

Rules: Tactical Combat Rules

Scale: 15mm

Players: 8

Description: November 20th, 1943. In a head-on amphibious assault into the face of the most heavily defended real estate on the planet, the US Marine Corps took the Tarawa atoll from the Japanese. Despite massive naval fire support for the Marines, the battle was a near-run thing and the Japanese defenses almost held. This scenario examines the battle, seeing what it takes to gain the upper hand in an attack on a fortified atoll or conversely what it takes to defend one and throw the invaders back into the sea.

*6pm - 10pm*

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Bloody Buron, by Eric Elder

Period: WWII

Rules: Blitzkrieg Commander II

Scale: N

Players: 4

Description: June 7, 1944 (D+1), Canadian troops are advancing towards their first day objective, Carpiquet Airport. The advance has been met with only light resistance. Unfortunately the advance has left their flanks open. The Germans take full advantage of this with the newly arrived elements of the 12th SS Hitlerjugend Division. German infantry and tanks attack quickly on the stretched out Canadian column.

Sunday, May 15

*10am - 12pm*

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Club Swap Meet

Club members trading or selling their wares.

*12pm - 1pm*

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Club Meeting and Club Board Election

Club business is discussed and the 2011-2012 Board is voted on.

Current Board nominations:

President: Dan Gurule

Vice-President: Doug Wildfong

Treasurer: Larry Irons

Secretary: Eric Elder

Historian: Binhan Lin

*1pm - 5pm*

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Civil War Battle Cry Tournament, by Ed Meyers

Period: American Civil War

Rules: Battle Cry

Scale: 20mm

Players: 8

Description: Continuation of Ed's Battle Cry Tournament.

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Battle of Monacacy, by Dan Gurule

Period: American Civil War

Rules: Regimental Fire and Fury

Scale: 15mm

Players: 4

Description: This battle was fought on July 9, 1864, just outside Frederick, Maryland, as part of the Valley Campaigns of 1864, in the American Civil War.

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Battle on the Coast, by Terry Shockey

Period: Age of Sail

Rules: Pieces of Eight Rules (Pirates!)

Scale:

Players: 6

Description: Can the mighty British put an end to the Pirates that have been commandeering British merchant ships off the South African Coast?



## Photo of the Month



This photo shows tornado damage to housing on the Little Rock Air Force Base (LRAFB) after a EF-2 tornado went through the base on Monday April 25. Around 100 homes on base and three C-130 planes were damaged. There were no reports of injuries. The 50th Airlift Squadron, stationed at LRAFB, began deployment to Southwest Asia three days later.

# Colorado Military Historians, Inc.

Colorado Military Historians (CMH) is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote historical wargaming and the study of military history. Founded in 1965, CMH meets monthly on the second Sunday of the month, except in May when the meeting is deferred to the third Sunday. The meeting starts at noon at the Baker Recreation Center, 6751 Irving Street (just a few blocks west of Federal Blvd), Denver, Colorado. The club also hosts gaming every Friday night, called "Friday Night Fights" (FNF) at 7:00 p.m. The first and third Friday of the month, these meetings will be held at the Baker Community Center. The second and fourth Friday of the month, the meetings will be at Valhalla's Gaming Center, 6161 W. 44<sup>th</sup> Ave., Wheatridge, Colorado.



CMH maintains ties with numerous local, regional and national groups to help promote the hobby. CMH is governed by member-elected officers serving on the Board of Directors (executive board). Terms of office are one year, with elections held at the May meeting. New members are accepted after attending three CMH functions and a vote of the membership. Dues are \$50.00 per year, payable in January. Members wishing to receive a snail-mailed newsletter subscription must pay an additional fee of \$15.00 per year. Authors retain ownership of articles and graphics published. CMH reserves the right to edit or reject submissions to the newsletter.

One year Adult Membership: \$50.00  
Half year Adult Membership: \$25.00  
(for NEW members who join after June 30)  
Family Membership: \$50.00 (one Adult and any number of offspring)  
Student Membership: \$20.00 (16 to 22 years old)  
Children: free (younger than 16 accompanied by member)

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