

Thursday

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

“The History of War Gaming”

Speaker: Paul Westermeyer

Location: Conestoga Room

Description: Come learn about the history of war gaming from its earliest days in the ancient world through computer simulations, focusing on the ways commercial wargames and military training wargames have inspired each other.

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

“Conquerors Not Liberators: The 4th Canadian Armoured Division in Germany, 1945”

Speaker: Stephen Connor, PhD.

Location: Conestoga Room

Description: In early April 1945, the 4th Canadian Armoured Division pushed into Germany. In the aftermath of the bitter fighting around Kalkar, Hochwald and Veen, the Canadians understood that a skilled enemy defending nearly impassable terrain promised more of the same. Whatever the reality of inevitable German defeat, Canadians at the sharp end expressed both grim determination to bring the war to an end and a growing frustration with continued resistance, whether military or civilian.

Throughout April 1945, in this context of overwhelming violence in which the population was not to be liberated but rather conquered, units of 4th CAD pushed to the North Sea. In daily contact with the last, desperate defenders cobbled together from all branches of the German military, the Canadians fought their way across bog lands, canals and heavily defended towns. This talk considers a range of operations with an emphasis on three key engagements to shed new light on Canada’s role in the destruction of the Third Reich.

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

“Let’s Talk Tiger Tanks!”

Speaker: Dr. Steve R. Waddell

Location: Conestoga Room

Description: When I was asked to give a seminar and decided to share my research my first thought was that I might need a bodyguard. It isn’t every day that one walks into a game convention and takes on the Tiger fans. In the interest of promoting some historical discussion and having some fun; Let’s talk about Tiger tanks! A good tank is easy to manufacture; easy to transport on existing transportation systems such as ships, railways, bridges, and roads; is easy to operate and maintain, has a balanced armor, firepower, and mobility profile, and is produced in sufficient quantities to contribute to not only victory on a given battlefield but overall victory in the war. The Tiger tank lacked all these characteristics. Why the fascination with Tiger Tanks!

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

“Hannibal and the Second Punic War”

Speaker: Nikolas Lloyd

Location: Conestoga Room

Description: The Second Punic War perhaps could have been a victory for Carthage, and today, church services and degree certificates would be in Punic and not in Latin. Hannibal is considered by many historians to be the greatest ever general, and his methods are still studied in officer-training schools today, and modern historians and ancient ones alike marvel at how it was possible for a man with so little backing could keep an army made up of mercenaries from many nations in the field for so long in Rome’s back yard. Again and again he defeated the Romans, until the Romans gave up trying to fight him. But who was he really? How much do we really know? Was he the cruel invader, the gallant liberator, or the military obsessive? In the end, why did he lose?

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

“Ethical War gaming: A Discussion”

Moderator: Paul Westermeyer

Location: Conestoga Room

Description: Come discuss how best to deal with ethical ‘landmines’, such as running groups like the SS or when is it ‘too soon’ to wargame a conflict? This won’t be a lecture, but a discussion with full audience participation.

Friday

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

“Ardennes 1914”

Speaker: Jessee Scarborough Sponsored by Test of Battle Games

Location: Conestoga Room

Description: The presentation will provide a historical overview of the Battle of the Frontiers in the Ardennes in 1914. The focus will be on the collision of the French 4th Army and the German IV Army on August 19 to 22. The action will subsequently be played on the tabletop on Friday evening at 7pm.

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

“Firepower & Mobility: Archery in Ancient Warfare”

Speaker: by Paul Westermeyer

Location: Conestoga Room

Description: Examining the role of archery in ancient warfare in the Mediterranean and Europe, including the factors that encouraged, and discouraged, missile warfare in societies.

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

“2008 Battle of Sadr City and Urban Warfare in Counter Insurgency”

Speakers: COL (Ret) Bob Hatcher former 64th Brigade Support Battalion Commander and COL (Ret) Mike Pappal former 1-68 Armor Battalion Commander; both part of 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division.

Location: Conestoga Room

Description: We will discuss the situation, conduct, and lessons learned in tactics and leadership from the 2008 Battle of Sadr City. The Rand Description is a good summary of its significance: “...a Shi'a uprising in Baghdad's Sadr City district challenged the authority of the Government of Iraq (Gol) at its heart. The Jaish al Mahdi (JAM) overran Gol outposts in the district and barraged the International Zone with short-range rockets. The eruption of violence threatened to draw U.S. forces into a battle in a closely packed urban area inhabited by an estimated 2.4 million people, many of whom strongly supported the Gol's main antagonist, Moqtada al-Sadr. U.S. casualties and collateral damage could have been substantial. Instead, through innovative tactics combining high-technology airborne surveillance and strike, elements of siege warfare and vigorous exploitation through civil military operations, coalition forces managed to subdue the uprising with minimum loss to U.S. forces and the civilian population.”

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

"Eyes on the YAMATO: U.S. Intelligence and the Japanese Superbattleship"

Speaker: Dr. John Prados

Location: Conestoga Room

Description: Come join award winning wargame designer, author and historian Dr. John Prados as he speaks on the Japanese Superbattleship YAMATO in World War II. Dr. Prados is the author of "Storm Over Leyte: The Philippine Invasion and the Destruction of the Japanese Navy" and "Combined Fleet Decoded: The Secret History of U.S. Intelligence and the Japanese Navy in WWII." For further details, please go to www.johnprados.com.

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

“Military Tactical Psychology”

Speaker: Nikolas Lloyd

Location: Conestoga Room

Description: In order to win a war, one has to persuade the enemy to stop fighting. Small groups of men have to do this to other small groups of men, on the battlefield. Killing the enemy is not the objective. Winning the war is. To understand how best to win, therefore, we need to know why men fight, and why they stop fighting. Why do soldiers in battle decide to fight to the last man, or run away, or surrender? What goes on in a man's mind on the battlefield?

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

“No Great War, No Great Peace; Kilmichael, Ireland, 1920”

Speaker: Robert Mosher

Location: Conestoga Room

Description: Tom Barry's West Cork Flying Column versus the Black and Tans, based upon a personal battlefield walk and an actual tactical analysis of the battle published by an officer of today's Irish defense forces.

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

“War by Numbers: Understanding Conventional Combat”

Speaker: Christopher A. Lawrence

Location: Conestoga Room

Description: War by Numbers assesses the nature of conventional warfare through the analysis of historical combat. Christopher A. Lawrence establishes what we know about conventional combat and why we know it. By demonstrating the impact a variety of factors have on combat he moves such analysis beyond the work of Carl von Clausewitz and into modern data and interpretation.

Saturday

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

“Historical Gaming in the School Classroom: A How to Guide from both the Teacher and Student Perspective”

Speaker: Jared Fishman

Location: Conestoga Room

Description: Since 2008, the Hackley School in Tarrytown, NY has been a model and leader in terms of historical gaming both inside and outside the classroom. This seminar will focus on how the game club started, why it is valuable, and more importantly, the benefits of other schools adopting a similar model. Teacher Jared Fishman and student Dillon Schaevitz will share their experiences and run a game based around the Franco-Prussian War later in the day.

11:00 AM – 12:00 AM

"Perilous Spaces: Jungle Warfare in the South Pacific"

Speaker: Dr. John Prados

Location: Conestoga Room

Description: Come join award winning wargame designer, author and historian Dr. John Prados as he speaks on jungle warfare in WWII. Dr. Prados is the author of "Islands of Destiny: The Solomons Campaign and the Eclipse of the Rising Sun." For further details, please go to www.johnprados.com.

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“The Role of Precedence at the Battle of Jena- October 14, 1806”

Speaker: Dr. Alexander Stavropoulos

Location: Conestoga Room

Description: While military historians have noted the persistence of the practice of Precedence in armies (like the British) that fought in a linear manner during the Napoleonic Wars, most have ignored the fact that the French armies also followed Precedence in their deployment and Grand Tactics. The Battle of Jena reflects this, and brings up interesting questions as to why an army that had abandoned linear grand tactics for impulse tactics continued to deploy by Precedence. The facts also show that the failure of the Saxon-Prussian Army to adhere to Precedence at Jena, contributed to its defeat. What was Precedence and how did it work? What advantages did one get from following Precedence, and how did armies fight in adherence to Precedence?

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

“Training For Combat In The Cold War: The Real Story Behind First Clash”

Speaker: Dr. Christopher Ankersen

Location: Conestoga Room

Description: Before there was Team Yankee, before there was Red Storm Rising, there was First Clash, written by Kenneth Macksey for the Canadian Army during the Cold War as NATO prepared to fight Soviet tanks in Germany. Come find out all about this classic book that was a training aid from a former Canadian officer and expert on the subject, joined by a panel of veteran microarmor wargamers who grew up reading the book.

First Clash has inspired past wargames at HMGS conventions. If you play Team Yankee or are a fan of Harry Coyle or Tom Clancy, this seminar is for you.

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

“The ABDA Defense of Java”

Speaker: Jeff Schultz

Location: Conestoga Room

Description: Come learn about the short-lived Allied coalition effort to stop the Imperial Japanese onrush in the Dutch East Indies in 1942 where American, British, Dutch and Australian forces fought side by side to valiantly delay the advance of a more powerful enemy and buy time for reinforcements to arrive.

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

“19th Century Kriegsspiel: A History of the Technology of Wargaming”

Speaker: Robert Mosher

Location: Conestoga Room

Description: A survey of innovation in 19th Century Wargaming in Europe and the U.S.

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

“The Greatest JUNGLE BATTLE in History? A Panel Debate”

Panel: Pete Panzeri, Paul Westermeyer, Brian Beal, Chris King, Scott Hanson

Location: Conestoga Room

Description: Please join us for this Panel discussion and debate. First our combat veterans will speak and give some “serious real world perspectives” on Jungle warfare experience. Then our moderators will define the parameters of “the greatest” or “the largest” and/or “the most decisive” examples in world history. Then our each speaker make a case “The Greatest Jungle Battle in History.” The audience will ask questions and vote on the most compelling case. Sponsored by The MINIATURE BUILDING AUTHORITY.

8:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Speaker Bios



Paul Westermeyer

Paul Westermeyer is a military historian who earned Bachelor of Arts, History and Master of Arts, Military History degrees from The Ohio State University. He is the recipient of Marine Corps Heritage Foundation's Brigadier General Edwin Simmons-Henry I. Shaw Award in 2015

for his book *U.S. Marines in the Gulf War, 1990–1991: Liberating Kuwait*. His most recent works include *The Legacy of Belleau Wood: 100 years of making Marines and winning battles*, and *The Legacy of American Naval Power: Reinvigorating Maritime Strategic Thought*.

Jessee Scarborough

Mr. Scarborough is a veteran wargamer, HMGS Life Member, and author of "The Death of Glory - France 1914" in 2011, and "Great War East - 1914" in 2014. Both books provided tactical scenarios for "Command Decision - Test of Battle," and were published by Test of Battle Games. Both books available at Historicon.



Jared Fishman

Jared Fishman has been a history teacher for over 13 years, most of it at the Hackley School in Tarrytown, NY. He was the recipient of both The Mary Lambos Award in teaching and the Davidson Family History Chair. A lifelong member of HMGS (Historical Miniature Gaming Society), Jared has helped to integrate gaming

culture into the Hackley community, running numerous game clubs for both MS and US students and founding the NYSGA organization in 2016 (New York Student Gamer's Association). Most recently, Jared helped pen an article for *Wargames Illustrated*, and continues

to explore new possibilities for the expansion of NYSGA into more schools, and ran a NYSAIS conference in 2017 (New York State Association of Independent Schools) entitled, "Roleplaying, Games, and Simulations in the Classroom".

Christopher Lawrence

Christopher A. Lawrence is a professional historian and military analyst. He is the Executive Director and President of The Dupuy Institute, an organization dedicated to scholarly research and objective analysis of historical data related to armed conflict and the resolution of armed conflict. The Dupuy Institute provides independent, historically-based analyses of lessons learned from modern military experience.

His published works include papers and monographs for the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment and the Vietnam Veterans of American Foundation, in addition to over 40 articles written for limited-distribution newsletters and over 60 analytical reports prepared for the Department of Defense. He is the author of *Kursk: The Battle of Prokhorovka* (Aberdeen Books, Sheridan, CO., 2015), *America's Modern Wars: Understanding Iraq, Afghanistan and Vietnam* (Casemate Publishers, Philadelphia & Oxford, 2015), *War by Numbers: Understanding Conventional Combat* (Potomac Books, Lincoln, NE., 2017), and *The Battle of Prokhorovka* (Stackpole Books, Mechanicsburg, PA., 2019).



Pete Panzeri

Author and decorated combat veteran, Pete Panzeri most recently published book is *Killing bin Laden: Operation Neptune Spear*. He's best known for his first award winning book *Little Big Horn 1876: Custer's Last Stand*, recipient of

the Editor's Choice Award from the Military Book Club, "The Order of the Indian Wars" and reprinted 13 times since 1996 by Osprey, Praeger Press and Military Book Club Publishing.

Pete was keynote speaker for Little Big Horn 125th Anniversary and documentary advisor and speaker.

As a military professional, Panzeri's 30-year U.S. Army career included service as a Drill Sergeant, 82nd Airborne Paratrooper, infantry company and battalion command assignments and multiple overseas deployments. His decorations include The Bronze Star, the Combat Infantryman's Badge and the "Order of Saint Maurice."

He is a graduate of the US Army Command and General Staff College, earned a Bachelor's Degree from Old Dominion University, VA, and Graduate School Degree on Military History at The Ohio State University. His instructor assignments included Chief of Military History at the US Army Infantry School, Tactics Chief at the Military Intelligence School, and three years teaching while assigned to the U.S. Military Academy, West Point Prep.



Brian Beal

Brian Beal has degrees in Military History & Archaeology, as well as a lifetime of achievement in designing and presenting historical miniature wargames. He has been the Convention Director of Heart of America HMGS Borderwars and Call to Arms game conventions

in Kansas City as far back as anyone can remember. And is a frequent lecturer at events such as the Origins War College and various HMGS-East War Colleges. Last year, he played the role of the first successful defense attorney (and co-producer giving much research and insight) in the dramatic Custer Court Martial production at HMGS FALL-IN 2017.

He is the co-designer, with Richard Nance, of S.U.T.I.C. (Small Unit Tactical Infantry Combat) WWII Skirmish rules, U.S. Army Napoleonic and another new release of Napoleonic rules.

Chris King

As a Military History scholar, wargame designer, award winning game master, speaker and actor, Chris King has enhanced seminars, films, and Historical Miniatures Gaming conventions for over 25 years. He is most known for his role as the successful defense attorney (and co-producer) in the dramatic "General Patton Court Martial" production, and for his research and insight in producing "The Greatest Tank Battles in History" program.

Chris was also a key event organizer and game-master for "BLACK HAWK DOWN" events for the MINIATURE BUILDING AUTHORITY, as well as the HMGS-South Sponsored WATERLOO 200th Anniversary Commemoration. Chris also played a key role in game design and development development of multiple Origins Award recognized Wargame systems.



Dr. Steve R. Waddell

Dr. Steve R. Waddell is Professor of History at the United States Military Academy. He earned his Ph.D. in history from Texas A&M University. His works include *United States Army Logistics: The Normandy Campaign, 1944* and *United*

States Army Logistics From the American Revolution to 9/11. His interest in World War II began when his grandfather told him stories of driving a Sherman tank in the 5th Armored Division in Europe in the final months of World War 2. He is a lifelong wargamer beginning with SPI and Avalon Hill games in the 1970s and more recently historical miniatures.



Jeff Schultz

Jeff Schultz is an Associate Professor of History at Luzerne County Community College in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania and avid wargamer. He earned an M.A. in History and an M.A. in Political Science from Central Michigan University. He has presented a number of military history papers at

various conferences such as the McMullen Naval History Symposium and the 86th Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History about a variety of topics ranging from World War I to Vietnam and authored book reviews for the *Michigan War Studies Review* and Naval Historical Foundation websites.



Bob Hatcher

Bob Hatcher is a retired Army officer who served on active duty for 26 years in command and staff positions in the United States, Germany, Korea, Norway and the Middle East. Bob deployed on a number of occasions in operations and combat serving in mechanized,

light, and special operations units. His publications include professional and game related range of topics. Bob is a game developer and editor for Historical Board Gaming including several stand-alone games. He is a game tester for Slitherine Ltd. and Fury Software; a reviewer for Victory Point Games, Omega Games; and a writer for *War Diary Magazine*; *Compass Games* and *Paper Wars Magazine*.



Robert Mosher

A thirty year veteran of the US Foreign Service with postings in Vietnam, Zaire (Congo), Northern Ireland, and Russia. He served two years as

Country Director for the UK, Ireland, Portugal, and Cyprus in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and later spent four years as Chief of the Political-Military Section at US Embassy Moscow. Trained as an Armored Scout/Observer Course at Fort Knox, he later attended the Command and Staff Course at the Navy War College. Languages include French and Russian (and a smattering of Vietnamese, German, and Irish). He has worked as a Subject Matter Expert/Role Player in US Army, Navy, and Marine training exercises at several installations including the National Training Center (NTC) at Fort Irwin. In addition to the National Security Decision Making Game as Game Director, Game Controller, Scenario Control, and Facilitator, he has lectured with NSDM, at the Origins War College, and at the Gen Con Writers' Seminar. A living historian since 2002, he has portrayed a soldier of the Irish Brigade, a Civil War journalist, a 1916 Irish Volunteer, a 1944 Franc-Tireur et Partisan (FTP) of the French Maquis. He blogs as The Military Philosopher. A Lifetime Member of HMGS, he began wargaming with AH Gettysburg (hex) in 1962 and with wargame conventions at Horticultural Hall in Lake Geneva in 1975.



Michael F. Pappal, US Army, Colonel (retired)

Michael F. Pappal retired from the US Army after 30 years of active duty service as an Armor Officer achieving the rank of Colonel. He has extensive experience in planning and executing military operations having

commanded at all echelons from platoon through brigade. He spent 3-1/2 years conducting operations in Iraq as a battalion operations Officer (OIF1, Jun 2003 – Feb 2004), brigade Executive Officer (OIF3,

Dec 2004 – Jan 2006), Battalion Commander (OIF6, Dec 2007 – Feb 2009), and Brigade Commander (OND, Mar 2011 – Oct 2011). Mike led his combined arms battalion, 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment, in the fighting in and around Sadr City and northeast Baghdad in the spring of 2008. in northeast Baghdad that the fighting in Sadr City. Mike earned Master's Degrees in National Security Strategy and Policy from the Naval War College and Military Operational Arts and Sciences from the Army's School for Advanced Military Studies (SAMS).



Dr. Christopher Ankersen

Dr. Christopher Ankersen is Clinical Associate Professor at the Center for Global Affairs at the School of Professional Studies at New York University where he teaches in the Transnational Security concentration. From 1988 to 2000, Dr. Ankersen was an officer in the Canadian Forces, serving in Princess Patricia's

Canadian Light Infantry, including on overseas missions with the U.N. and NATO. He holds a BA (Hons) in International Politics and History from Royal Roads Military College (Canada) and an MSc and PhD in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Dr. Alexander Stavropoulos

Dr. Alexander Stavropoulos obtained his PhD in History from the Graduate Center of the City University of New York in 2013. He specializes in the Diplomatic History of the First French Empire, dealing with how the Empire used French diplomats to govern the satellite states of the Empire.



Dr. Stephen Connor

Stephen Connor holds a BA from the University of Windsor and MA, Ph.D. from Wilfrid Laurier University. Dr. Connor is a recipient of a SSHRC fellowship, the Holocaust Educational Foundation's Christopher Browning Research Fellowship and the Revson Foundation Research Fellowship at Center for

Advanced Holocaust Studies. He is also the recipient of the Wilfrid Laurier University Teaching Award of Excellence and the Nipissing University Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Dr. Connor's most recent publications include "Bringing in the Harvest: The German Civil Administration and Occupation Management in Brest-Litovsk, 1942-1944" in *Global War Studies*, "War and Terrorism" in *Routledge History of War and Society* and "The Public Safety Division and the National Police Field Force in Vietnam, 1964-1971" in *Police Advising and Assistance*.

The basis for Dr. Connor's discussion of 4th CAD is drawn from his forthcoming study of the Division's final drive into Germany in April 1945. Dr. Connor is currently an Assistant Professor of History and Associate Director at the Centre for the Study of War, Atrocity and Genocide at Nipissing University. He also serves as Unit Historian with The Algonquin Regiment.



Dr. John Prados

Dr. John Prados is an author and analyst of national security issues based in Washington, DC. He is the author of about 30 books and many articles on intelligence and military history. He holds a Ph. D. from Columbia University in Political Science (International Relations) and is a Senior Fellow and Project Director with the National Security Archive at George Washington University in Washington, DC. He is also an award winning designer of strategy and war games for numerous publishers. For further details, please go to www.johnprados.com.



Nikolas Lloyd

Nikolas Lloyd will be known to some as 'Lindybeige', for this is the name of his YouTube channel, which started in 2008 and now has over three quarters of a million subscribers. Much of his content deals with military history, as well as the nuts and bolts of how men in various periods fought.

He started wargaming aged six, with Airfix toy soldiers, and made his first film - a super-8 animation - when he was thirteen. He has written several sets of wargame rules, and started many more! At school he studied warfare in the ancient Greek world, and then read archaeology at university while being a keen participant in military re-enactments. He was the organiser and scenario designer of World Crossfire Day and Operation Crossfire, two WW2 tabletop wargaming events played in real-time by many participants around the world. He is currently working on a graphic novel about the Second Punic War, called In Search of Hannibal.



Scott Hansen

Scott Hansen has excelled as a Military History researcher, lecturer, game-designer and award winning game master for over 30 years.

Scott is recognized as a frequent HMGS War College speaker for over 20 years. He's enhanced the Kansas military history programs with his excellent topics and keen insight. He has always given avid support for Historical Miniatures Gaming Society conventions. He is recently most known for his role in the dramatic "Custer Court Martial" debate at HMGS Cold Wars 2017.

As a historical wargame designer, Scott has been instrumental in the research, development and publishing of multiple innovative wargame systems including K.I.S.S. ROMMEL, SUTIC Skirmish Rules, Duke Seifried's Napoleonette's and many others.

Scott was also selected as an "A TEAM" Game Master for the late Duke Seifried's Retrospective Events, and served with Duke for many years as a Feature Game Master at HISTORICON, ORIGINS, GENCON, LITTLE WARS and many other conventions across the USA.