Thursday

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
“Destiny Can Wait - The Polish Air Force in WWII” — Theme
Speaker: Gregory Dryanski
Sponsor: None
Period: World War II
Location: Magnolia
Description: The Polish Air Force's contributions in WWII have been neglected and even ridiculed in past decades. The actual history, however, tells a significantly different tale of a group of elite individuals, whose accomplishments are out of proportion to their small size. This presentation will follow the Polish Air Force from its formation in 1919, through the end of the war in 1945, and will feature some remarkable personalities from surprising origins.
Bio: Dr. Greg Dryanski, a retired medical professional with a distinguished record of caring for our veterans, has a passion for Polish military history. His previous talks ranged from topics such as the medieval Battle of Grunwald to detailed accounts of the Russo-Polish War and the Polish forces fighting in the West in World War II. He speaks and reads Polish and has an an extensive library of both Polish and English language sources.

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Speaker: David Bonk
Sponsor: None
Period: American War for Independence
Location: Magnolia
Description: Nothing is more frustrating than trying to read military history without the benefit of appropriate maps. We'll provide a preview of the Military Atlas of the American Revolution, to be published by Hellenon by the end of the year.
Bio: David Bonk is a lifelong student of military history and wargamer. He is a veteran gamemaster and author of several books on the AWI and WWI.

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“Killing Bin Laden: 10th Anniversary” — Theme
Speaker: Pete Panzeri
Sponsor: Miniature Building Authority
Period: Modern
Location: Magnolia
Description: Join KILLING BIN LADEN author Pete Panzeri on this step by step account of the most unprecedented Air Assault raid of all time. DON'T MISS THIS!!! Note: Presentation followed at 8pm by an exciting massive Bin Laden raid wargame. Lecture and game sponsored by The Miniature Building Authority.
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Friday

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
“What Happened To The B-58 Bomber?” — Theme
Speaker: Dr. John Prados
Sponsor: HMGS War College
Period: Modern
Location: Magnolia
Description: Come join award winning wargame designer, author and historian Dr. John Prados as he discusses the history of the U.S. Air Force's B-58 bomber. Dr. Prados is the author of numerous books and articles on military history, including "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.
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11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
“Alexander Was Not "the Great" to Everyone” — Theme
Speaker: Mark Mclaughlin
Sponsor: None
Period: Ancients
Location: Magnolia
Description: Alexander was not "the Great" to everyone - especially not to most Greeks, few Persians, and even fewer Indians - all of whom stood up against him. There is no better proof of the adage that "history is written by the victors" than how he has been presented in the West for the last 23 centuries. While his side of the story has been polished and taught, that of the civilizations he destroyed and the peoples he slaughtered and enslaved has been tucked away if not altogether ignored. This seminar will present their side of the story.
Bio: Mark G. McLaughlin is a miniatures gamer who has been designing historical board games, writing books, and working as a journalist for nearly half a century. HMGS members likely remember him best for running "Princess Ryan's Space Marines" for kids on Sunday mornings at cons. He is also well-known as the designer of over two-dozen war games, such as War and Peace, The Napoleonic Wars, and, Ancient Civilizations of the Inner Sea, among many others. Mark's seven published books include the Throne of Darius series of novels, which tell the story of Alexander the Great from the point of view of those who fought AGAINST the Macedonian king.

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
“Loved By Few, Hated by Most: Brewster Goes to War!” — Theme
Speaker: Jeff Schultz
Sponsor: None
Period: World War II
Location: Magnolia
Description: Join us for a look at the strange odyssey of the much maligned Brewster Buffalo fighter of World War II. Flown by many and hated by most, it found a home in the freezing climes of Finland where it played an important role against the Red Air Force. How could what some called the "Flying Coffin" also gain the nickname of "Sky Pearl"? This and more will be discussed in this lecture.
Bio: An avid wargamer, Jeff Schultz teaches history and political science to undergraduates at Luzerne County Community College.

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
“Youth Gaming Best Practices” — Theme
Speaker: Paul Lawson
Sponsor: None
Period: General (for all periods)
Location: Magnolia
Description: In response to the long-term concern of historical gamers with the "graying of the hobby" and how to recruit the next generation to our beloved hobby, I have collected the experiences from six adult historical gamers (the "hive mind"), from New England to Ontario to the Midwest, experienced in planning and running youth tabletop game events and clubs:

- Rod Cain, Flintcon organizer and Triumph! rules co-author, Flint, MI
- Jared Fishman, HMGS Next Gen co-founder/director and teacher, Tarrytown, NY
- Duane Fleck, Recruits Gaming Con founder/director and teacher, Blue Springs, MO
- Barnaby Ore, Hamilton Tabletop Gaming Society and Broadsword con founder/director, Hamilton, ON
- Jeffrey Russ, Central Ohio Gamers Association, HMGS, and middle school gamemaster, Cambridge, OH
- Jim Stanton, HMGS Board - Education, Teacher, and works with New England League of Middle Schools, Stamford, CT

THE RESULT: Provide us a set of youth gaming best practices and resources to:
1. Get Youth in the Door
2. Run a Welcoming Game
3. Retain Youth!

Question/discussion time after the presentation.
Bio: Paul is a volunteer at Antietam National Battlefield in Maryland and Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum in Pittsburgh, PA. He is a former Project Manager (civilian) for the U.S. Navy, and his military lineage traces back to a 27th Kentucky Infantry (US) sergeant in the Civil War. Paul has volunteered with youth groups as a leader and mentor for more than 30 years, including 14 years as a recreational soccer coach and 2 years judging at the International Science & Engineering Fair. You can find his history alter-ego “Pitthistoryguy” on Boardgamegeek, Facebook and YouTube.

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
“From War and Peace to Princess Ryan’s Star Marines - and Back Again” — Theme
Speaker: Mark Mclaughlin
Sponsor: None
Period: Napoleonic
Location: Magnolia
Description: How a miniatures gamer came to design board games. The story behind War and Peace, Princess Ryan’s Star Marines, The Napoleonic Wars, Ancient Civilizations of the Inner Sea and so many others (with a primary focus on my Napoleonic titles.) How a miniatures gamer came to design board games. The story behind War and Peace, Princess Ryan’s Star Marines, The Napoleonic Wars, Ancient Civilizations of the Inner Sea and so many others (with a primary focus on my Napoleonic titles.)
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**“Defending Japan’s Pacific Bastion: The Battle For Saipan Through Japanese Eyes” — Theme**

**Speaker:** Dr. Theodore F. Cook, Jr.  
**Sponsor:** HMGS War College  
**Period:** World War II  
**Location:** Magnolia

**Description:** Come join author and historian Dr. Theodore F. Cook, Jr. as he discusses Japan’s defense of the island of Saipan during the Second World War. Dr. Cook is the author of numerous books and articles on military history, with emphasis on Japanese military and naval history. He is a Professor of History and the Director of Asian Studies at William Patterson University of New Jersey. Dr. Cook holds a Ph.D. in History from Princeton University.

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### 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
**“The Vietnam Air Campaign” — Theme**

**Speaker:** Dr. John Prados  
**Sponsor:** HMGS War College  
**Period:** Modern  
**Location:** Magnolia

**Description:** Come join award winning wargame designer, author and historian Dr. John Prados as he discusses the history of air operations during the Vietnam War. Dr. Prados is the author of numerous books and articles on military history, including "Vietnam: The History of an Unwinnable War 1945–1975." For further details, please go to www.johnprados.com.

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**Speaker:** Pete Panzeri  
**Sponsor:** Miniature Building Authority  
**Period:** Other  
**Location:** Magnolia

**Description:** Join decorated combat veteran Pete Panzeri for his in depth coverage of the largest armored battle in history...and what might be THE most significant armored battle of all time. DON'T MISS THIS!!! Note: Presentation is followed at 8pm by an exciting wargame of this massive tank battle. Lecture and game sponsored by The Miniature Building Authority.

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### Saturday

### 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
**“Fire Control in Harpoon V” — Theme**

**Speaker:** Christopher Carlson  
**Sponsor:** None  
**Period:** Modern  
**Location:** Magnolia

**Description:** One of the major additions to the fifth edition of Harpoon is the fire control process. Within the modern concept of the “Kill Chain”, fire control would be the Fix, Track, and Target steps that are often ignored by manual wargames. Join Larry Bond and Chris Carlson as they discuss fire control, how it affects naval tactics, and how ATG implements this concept in Harpoon V. Following the seminar, they will also answer any questions about Admiralty Trilogy games or products.
Bio: Christopher Carlson (Editor) is a retired U.S. Navy Reserve officer and Department of Defense naval systems engineer. He began his navy career as a submariner, and transitioned to the scientific and technical intelligence field in both his reserve capacity and in his civilian job. He is one of the co-designers, with Larry Bond, of the Admiralalty Trilogy series of tactical naval wargames “” Harpoon V, Command at Sea, Fear God & Dread Nought, and Dawn of the Battleship. He has also authored numerous articles in the Admiralalty Trilogy’s bi-annual journal, The Naval SITREP, on naval technology and combat modeling.

“Great War Logistics: East Africa Style, 1914-1918” — Theme

Speaker: Jeff Schultz
Sponsor: None
Period: World War I
Location: Magnolia

Description: "Great War Logistics: East Africa Style, 1914-1918" is a historical scenario and rules book derived from original German sources: official histories, first-person accounts, and original maps. In 2015, Dr. Jones released the first essay to present and analyze German casualty rates “” i.e., the percentage of the total force that was killed or wounded “” for the individual Herero War battles. He is currently working on a follow-on rules and scenario book on the Nama Wars. Dr. Jones has won multiple 'Pour Encourager Les Autres' (PELA) Awards for his German colonial games. Roy Jones received his bachelor's degree in physics from Columbia University and his PhD in physics from Rutgers University. Dr. Jones has more than twenty-five years of experience in the development and validation of high-fidelity physics-based models and advanced sensors and signal analysis for defense. He lives in Arlington, Virginia.

“What does it mean to Wargame with the Space Force?” — Theme

Speaker: Scott Landis
Sponsor: None
Period: Modern
Location: Magnolia

Description: With the stand up of the new US Space Force a new world of wargaming opportunities for us, but what does it mean, and what can you do in a wargaming sense? There are no phasers or light sabers (yet) but what really is the US Space Force of today focused on and what does it mean to wargaming. We will delve into a bit of Rocket Science, and talk about Space Policy and what is happening today. And no, we will not talk about what series is more accurate Star Wars or Star Trek, they are all for fun. Phew, Phew. This briefing will be Unclassified.

Bio: Scott Landis, CAPT USN-RET has an extensive background both in the Aerospace industry and in the Military Service associated with space and space related activities.

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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“History’s Greatest Airborne Operation: A Debate” — *Theme*

**Speaker:** Pete Panzeri  
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**Period:** Other  
**Location:** Magnolia

**Description:** Join 82nd Airborne Division veteran and KILLING BIN LADEN author Pete Panzeri and speakers on THE most significant Airborne Operation of all time. Which of the Top Ten aerial insertion engagements is Number One? The audience will vote to decide the best case given. Enlightening speakers and spirited debate. DON'T MISS THIS!!! Note: Presentation is followed at 8pm by an exciting massive AIRBORNE wargame. Lecture and game sponsored by The Miniature Building Authority.

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