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MEETING NOTICE

IN PERSON
FOURTH Wednesday of the month

Jan. 25, 2022
7:30-10:00 PM

Thomas Edison High School
5801 Franconia Road
Alexandria, VA
Room E-112

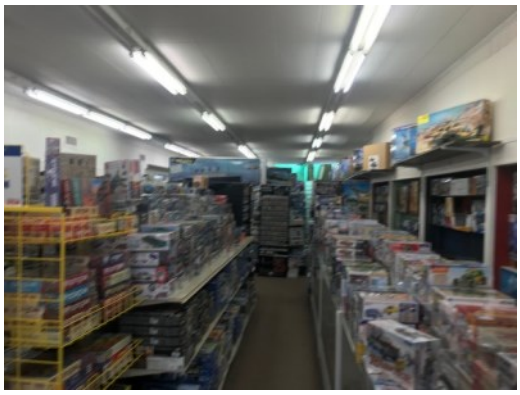
COMMANDER'S CALL

Greetings to the entire NCMSS team!

Hope you enjoy this November/December issue of *The Dispatch*. Again, thanks to the tireless efforts of Dave and Darci, and the many content contributors who make our monthly *Dispatch* possible!

We had a very nice club Christmas party in December, it was great seeing everyone, enjoying the Parade Ground, and just spending time with friends talking about our great hobby!

I know many of us order our kits and supplies online, but I recently dropped by Frontline Model Kits & Hobbies in Staunton, VA and I must say I was very impressed with this store. Christian Vames, the Proprietor, is a very sharp young man. I really enjoyed meeting and talking with him and several other shoppers about the hobby. I have included a few



COMMANDER'S CALL (CONTINUED)

pictures of the shop which is full of great kits, paints, glue, and modelling tools of all types. He even has a small selection of figures – some older VLS 120mm kits. He works hard to keep the latest kits on the shelf and he also does mail order, his Online Store is https://frontline-model-kits.square.site/ they are also on Instagram and Facebook, the address is: https://www.facebook.com/Frontlinehobbies/

As you all know there is nothing like holding one of these kits in your hands. I appreciate Christian's efforts at keeping one of the few brick and mortar shops open for business. If you are in the area please stop by and give him some business, I did! I invited him to our annual show and will stay in touch with him as we get closer to September. The store address is: 18 West Beverly Street, Staunton, VA 24401 and the phone number is: (540) 569-2903.

Well that is it for now, I hope to see you all soon, especially our new teammates, at one of our monthly meetings. Until then stay healthy, stay happy, talk care of each other and of course - Paint On!

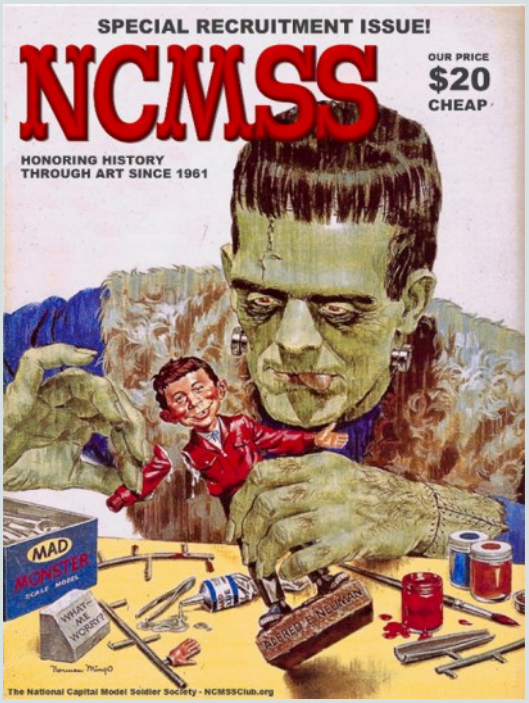
Burt

CHEAP AT TWICE THE PRICE!

It's that time of year again to renew your NCMSS Club membership. Your dues help make what we do possible. The funds go to club activities, state fees, yearly insurance costs, printing & mailing expenses, maintenance of our website, sponsorships of awards at figure competitions, promoting and executing our own yearly show, funding special projects, and overall promotion of our beloved hobby. We can't do any of these things without your continued support.

Renewing your membership is easy! You can use the membership form on the last page of *The Dispatch* or use PayPal on our club's website. Thank you for helping to keep our club finances even healthier.

Darci *"What—Me Worry?"* Hoffman



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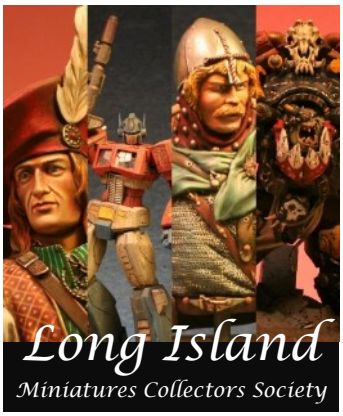

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...and to the NCMSS friends and members who have generously donated their time and/or funds to the cause...

Michael Pierce, Jim Richey, Bob & Kyle Prokop, Grant Berry, Nick Strocchia, Joe Bles, Burt Thompson, James Pratt, Jennifer Young , Peter Estrada, Zachariah & Patricia Becker family, Scott Sheltz, Mike Dutcher, John Espey, David & Darci Hoffman

November MOTM

"Mug-of-the-Month"

Lock and Load 3D Print
Bob Prokop

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CLUB NEWS

NCMSS In-Person Meeting — November 16, 2022

Pre-meeting "chit-chat" [19:30-19:50]
With our meeting date change because of Thanksgiving attendance was light. Dave & Darci showed up late due to traffic.

Call to Order & Presentation [19:50-20:15]
1. Dave officially started the meeting and welcomed new/returning member Curt Clinton accompanied by Shirley. (Great to have you both onboard!)
Thank you to Curt who accepted a lot of the plastic kits for the IPMS NoVA club donated by Joe Bles. Also, thanks to Curt for helping to sell a ton of Osprey books for our club at our show in October.
2. Dave mentioned the Christmas party would be on December 21
3. Burt was not able to attend due to a "lawncare incident."
4. Zach was unable to attend but mentioned that he was madly working on finishing a piece for the upcoming Long Island show.
5. Dave displayed the plaque from our club for the Long Island show. NCMSS sponsored the award for Best Revolutionary War Figure. The Long Island club did the same for our show.
6. Dave said the club sold Joe Bles's remaining Osprey books for $2k. We'll also be taking a bunch of Joe Bles's kits up to the Long Island show to sell for the club. Thank you Joe!
7. Dave reminded the club about the Artist Preservation Group Gettysburg show in August.

Parade Ground [20:15-20:25]
Bob Prokop brought in a huge model that he had printed with his new larger printer. Impressive!

Meeting Presentation [20:25-21:05]
Dave showed some slides from our visit to Joe Bles on the Marine Corps Birthday on November 10. Thanks to Jim Richey & Jim Pratt for making it a special day. Dave also included slide highlights from our NCMSS show in October. Attendees made some good suggestions on improving next year's show, including thoughts on the next show figure.

Meeting Adjourned [21:05

Attendees
Curt Clinton, Shirley Clinton, Jim Richey, Dave Hoffman, Darci Hoffman, Mike Dutcher, Bob Prokop, Jim Pratt

NCMSS Virtual Meeting — December 17, 2022

Pre-meeting Chat [13:54-14:15]
Bob H. talked about living in TN and mentioned all the Civil War history in his area. Several people talked about their family connections to the war.

Call to Order & Club Business [14:20-14:40]
Dave officially opened the meeting.
1. Dave said that **Bob P.** had talked to several people researching options on the next show figure. (As of January 2023 the club has found a sculptor! More info to follow in future *Dispatch* issues.)
2. Dave announced the upcoming APG show in Gettysburg in August. After the success of the Philadelphia show at the Museum of the American Revolution we can't wait for August. Darci suggested staying at the Baladerry Inn.
3. Dave reminded everyone of the upcoming NCMSS Christmas pot luck on Dec. 21.
4. Dave talked about how Joe Bles has donated to the club by giving us his books and kits for sale. Thank you Joe!
5. Dave said Jim P will be bringing boxes of books donated to the club by Rodger Spahr. Rodger also donated a collection of kits that we will inventory for distribution and/or selling at future figure shows.
6. Burt said he would try to make it to the Richmond ODO coming up. He's also looking forward to starting work on our next show!
7. Darci suggested that we start sending out the NCMSS roster with club member names and emails. She said she's working on the year-end financial report.
8. Darci said that we received our copy of *Modelling and Painting World War I Allied Figures* by Mike Butler. If you weren't able to attend the last virtual meeting check out the write-up in last month's issue on page 23.

Parade Ground [14:45-15:30]

Meeting adjourned [15:30]

Attendees
Mike Pierce, Dave Hoffman, Darci Hoffman, Bob Huettner, Rick Sanders, Burt Thompson, Dick Perry, Brian Ford

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Pre-meeting book give-away [19:15-19:40]
A special thank-you to Jim Pratt for hauling 13+ boxes of books to our meeting. The books were donated to the club by Rodger Spahr.

Call to Order & New Business [19:40-20:10]
1. Dave officially started the meeting. He thanked Rodger Spahr for donating books and kits to the club. We're in the process of sorting the items for sale on behalf of the club.
2. Darci noted that the club made almost $1k selling kits at the Long Island show.
3. Dave said that the theme for our 2023 show is still under discussion. Bob updated the club on discussions he's had with various vendors on creating a show figure. (As of January 2023 the club has found a sculptor! More info to follow in future *Dispatch* issues.)
4. Dave noted that the show figure did not necessarily have to match the show's theme.
5. Dave said that Mike Fleckenstein has said he could be available to photograph our next show! The club can cover Mike's expenses.
6. Grant B. discussed a recent club audit that he had reviewed. (Thank you Grant!)
7. Scott S. said that he had talked to the Washington Armor Club and they might be interested in a painting seminar.
8. Angel provided the club with a list of shows that he will be attending. Thank you Angel for adding to the shows in our calendar!

Parade Ground and Gift Exchange [20:10-20:25]

Pot Luck [20:25-21:05]
Thank you to everyone who brought tasty treats!

Meeting Adjourned [21:05]

Attendees
Curt Clinton, Shirley Clinton, Jim Richey, Dave Hoffman, Darci Hoffman, Bob Prokop, Jim Pratt, Greg Paspatis, Zach Becker, Scott Sheltz, Luis Andres, Mike Dutcher, Burt Thompson, Grant Berry, Angel Garcia

CLUB NEWS (CONTINUED)

Happy 247th Birthday USMC! — November 10, 2022

Several of us visited fellow NCMSS club member Joe Bles in Annapolis to celebrate the 247th Marine Corps Birthday on November 10. Thank you to James Pratt who brought a beautiful cake along with a USMC Ka-bar knife to cut it. Jim Richey was on hand to take pictures along with Dave and Darci Hoffman.

Joe, in NCMSS tradition, gave a presentation on two U.S. Chaplains, one Army and one Navy, who have been nominated for sainthood. Joe gave us an inspirational account of Emil Kapaun, who served during both WWII and the Korean War, and Vincent Capodanno who served in Vietnam.

We discussed club and hobby events, including news from our 61st Annual Show. Ginger ale and the cake were enjoyed by all. Joe said he really enjoyed the visit (as did we) and he sends his best wishes to all his friends in the NCMSS!

PASSING OF RODGER SPAHR

Sadly, we were notified by member Dick Perry that another Marine and a longtime friend of the club, Rodger Spahr passed away in January in Richmond after a long illness. Dick was an old friend of Rodger going back to the 1970s when he first got into the hobby. Dick said that Rodger did not hesitate passing on his hard learned tips and techniques to anyone. Rodger stayed in contact with Dick over the years as well as with other members such as fellow Marine Mike Stelzel. Although not currently an active NCMSS member, Rodger was up to speed with all the developments in the hobby and he had displayed at past shows.

As many are aware Rodger Spahr recently donated to the club many of his books and model kits before he passed. Working through his daughter Giselle and with member Jim Pratt (also a Marine) we were able to gather much of his collection. Dick talked to him shortly before he passed and Rodger said he was grateful that his friends in the hobby would benefit from his donations.

Rodger's service in the USMC and to our nation is very much appreciated. Our thoughts and heartfelt condolences go out to his family and many friends. —**D. Hoffman**

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Events and Places

Protecting The Past For The Future

August 2023

The Artist Preservation Group in conjuction with Scale 75 will host an American Civil War exhibition at the Gettysburg Battlefield Visitors Center next year.

Visit the APG website for more information and how to sign up for the painting class featuring Julio Cabos!

Atlanta Military Figure Society

2023 Atlanta Model Figure Show

The Hilton Hotel, Atlanta Northeast

February 17-19, 2023

Events and Places (Continued...)

Listening to Paint Dry with Mike & Dan Podcast

Episode 56: Lots of News

"Hello painters! This week we're back with a shorter episode to make a few announcements. First, check out our Instagram for the KTO Giveaway. Second, we're going to Adepticon this year. Thirds, we're launching a Patreon in January. More details are in the episode.

We'll be back soon! Like, subscribe or follow wherever you get your podcasts. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook at Listening To Paint Dry. Our YouTube handle is Listening To Paint Dry. Send us an email at listeningtopaintdry@gmail.com.

It's almost a new year which means it's a great time to work towards becoming a Better, Braver, Happier painters!

Until next time..

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Hobby Calendar 2023

FEB	• *Feb 4-5 — Great Scale Model Train and Railroad Collectors Show, Timonium, MD* • *Feb 10-11 — Jaxcon 2023, IPMS First Coast, Jacksonville, FL* • *Feb 17-19 — 2023 Atlanta Model Figure Show, AMFS, Peachtree Corners, GA* • *Feb 25 — Old Dominion Open, Richmond IPMS, Richmond VA*
MAR	• *Mar 10-12 — Cold Wars 2023, HMGS, Valley Forge Casino Resort, King of Prussia, PA* • *Mar 22-26 — Adepticon 2023, Schaumburg, IL* • *Mar 25 — BeachCon2023, Grand Strand Scale Modelers IPMS, Myrtle Beach, SC*
APR	• *Apr 1 — MosquitoCon 31, IPMS New Jersey, Wayne, NJ* • *Apr 8 — Scrum Con, Silver Spring, MD* • *Apr 15 — NoVA IPMS Model Classic 2023, Northern Virginia Modelers IPMS, Fairfax, VA* • *Apr 29 — NorEastCon 2023, IPMS NorthEast New York, Albany, NY*
MAY	• *May 4-6 — AMPS 2023 International Convention, AMPS, Camp Hill, PA* • *May 5-6 — MFCA 80th Annual Show & Mart, MFCA, Trevose, PA*
JUN	• *Jun 10 — Maryland Toy Expo, Timonium, MD* • *Jun 10-11 — WonderFest 2023, Louisville, KY*
JUL	• *Jul 15 (tentative) — ScottCon 2023, Gen. R.L. Scott IPMS, Warner Robins, GA* • *Jul 19-23 — Historicon 2023, Historical Miniatures Gaming Society, Lancaster, PA* • *Jul 24-28 — HobbyTown Convention, Kissimmee, FL*
AUG	• *Aug 2-5 — IPMS National Convention 2023, San Marcos, TX* • *Aug 17-20 — Back to Gettysburg - American Civil War Exhibit, Artist Preservation Group* • *Aug 30-Sep 3 — NOVA Open, Crystal City, VA*
SEP	• *Sep 22-24 — JerseyFest Model Kit & Statue Fair, Newark, NJ* • *Sep 30 — NCMSS 62nd Annual Washington Show, NCMSS, Springfield, VA*
OCT	• *Oct 7 — PaxCon 2023, Southern Maryland Scale Modelers, Hollywood, MD* • *Oct 13-14 — ArmorCon 2023, AMPS Northeast Military Modelers Assoc., Southbury, CT* • *Oct 20-21 — MMSI Chicago Show 2023, Military Miniature Society of IL, Shaumburg, IL* • *Oct 23 — HMGS Historicon National War Gaming Show, Lancaster, PA*
NOV	• *Nov 17-18 — Long Island Miniature Model Show, LIMMS, Freeport, NY*

If you know of any upcoming events that you would like people to know about, please contact Adjutant David Hoffman at bpchasseur@comcast.net and we'll add the date to our calendar.

PARADE GROUND

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Due to light attendance at this meeting we did not hold an official "Mug of the Month" competition. Instead we were treated to a look at Bob Prokop's latest 3-D printed project!

ROBERT PROKOP

Bob lugged in with his handcart a massive 200mm 3D print of the full figure of the popular CA.Sculpts "Lock n Load" bust seen at many shows recently. Quite a few hours to print out with a lot of resin but looking forward to seeing it painted. An awesome project!

PARADE GROUND

Virtual Meeting
December 17, 2022
Parade Ground Participants

Mike Thomas, Robert Huettner, Mike Pierce, Dick Perry, Rick Sanders, Brian Ford, Luis Ugarte, Lorenzo Staltari

MIKE THOMAS

Mike was unable to attend the meeting but wanted to share some pictures of his very extensive Roman figure collection that he has collected and painted over the years. Quite an amount of quality figures and would love to appreciate his artistry in person someday. Looks like he has built most that are on the market both in full figures, including lots sculpted by Laruccia I am sure, not to mention just about every Roman bust out there.

PARADE GROUND

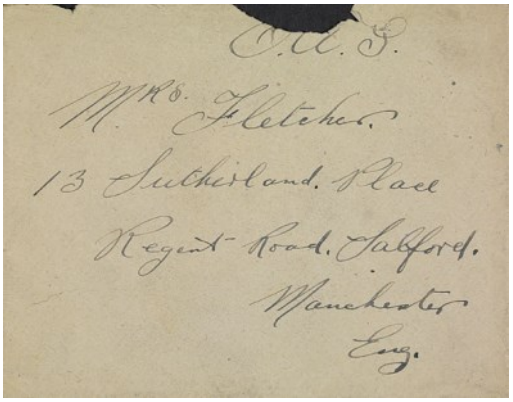
MIKE THOMAS *(CONTINUED)*

Roman Aquilifer, Legio XXVV, Britannia, AD 61, FeR, 1/12th scale. Mike did a kit review of this bust which we'll feature in the January issue.

This is one of the first times we've had the same piece show up in our Parade Ground at the same time. Bob Huettner also finished this bust which you can see on page 13 below.

PARADE GROUND

ROBERT HUETTNER



Letter to an Unknown Soldier, Life Miniatures 1/1. Based on the statue based on Platform One of Paddington Station in London of an unknown soldier reading a letter.

Bob took this figure, previously discussed, to the Chicago Show where it garnered a Bronze medal. In Bob's version the letter is a photo of an actual letter written to her soldier/fiancé. The soldier/fiancé did not survive the battle of Loos. His body was never found.

One of Bob's more creative pieces, he used bronze to make the figure part human, part statue. Painted in acrylics, Bob used a Bronze paint he got from Lowe's and buffed it a bit. The tears were from a jar of "Water Effects" from a hobby store. Well done!

PARADE GROUND

ROBERT HUETTNER (CONTINUED)

Roman Aquilifer , FeR 1/12, same as Mike's. Bob painted in acrylics, including the armor, but used several different shades. He also overcoated the armor with Future Floor Wax and did a final Satin overcoat to tone it down. The eagle was painted with Gold enamel.

Bob avoided doing the always difficult "Wings of Victory" motif on many Roman shiels by doing that of the 10th legion. He joyed the challenge of doing armor and the lion skin.

Although difficult to see, he inscribed on the inside of the shiel "Win battle, get women". Clever, something I never saw in my Latin classes!

PARADE GROUND

ROBERT HUETTNER (CONTINUED)

The mounted piece is a Union Cavalryman by Valkyrie in 75mm that he bought at the Chicago Show. He bought two as this one is a commission and the other for himself. He described issues with the horse in that it has some very confused movements, with back legs going backward and front going forward, along with the head turning right. Some modifications were made, including the ears moving back instead of forward. He plans to do more in the second kit. The soldier is well animated but he modified the arm.

The bust is a Union 1st Sergeant where he worked on the blending and leather textures. Despite being Infantry instead of his beloved cavalry, Bob really enjoyed painting this one.

PARADE GROUND

Mike Pierce

Work In progress of York, the third member of the Lewis and Clark Discovery Corps. The Lewis, Clark Families and Thomas Jefferson were from Albemarle County VA, where Mike lives. York, the enslaved property of the Clark Family, may have been born south of Fredericksburg VA or in Charlottesville VA.. Mike portrayed him as a confident person, although enslaved he has a weapon and he is off to explore. He has a Historex head and the rifle is of unknown origin. The rest is sculpted and Mike described his practice of using a mixture of Magic sculpt and Zero sculpt putties with hand lotion for lubrication. The figure will be portrayed in buckskins.

PARADE GROUND

MIKE PIERCE (CONTINUED)

First three photos are from Master Box's two kits from the French and Indian War. Mike praised the detail of the MB kits, but in one figure he had to pin the arms and do some filling along with some re-sculpting. The final photo is another WIP of a Hessian at White Plains NY, where he will be holding his musket and cartridge box up to avoid the fire he is running through. You can really see his sculpting process here with the armature in brass and much work done sculpting. He relies on Magic Sculpt for the main elements and the Zero putty for fine details, along with using a mixture of both with hand lotion as a lubricant.

PARADE GROUND

DICK PERRY

Directly below is an Itlian Sapper from Historex. He first did this kit in 2006 and someone liked it so much they bought it. He decided to do another one because he enjoyed it so much. Napoleon is also a Hisrorex kit.

The gunner is a tribute and gift for a good friend and WWII veteran who Dick first met playing golf in Florida. He passed away not long ago and his widow returned the figure to him in appreciation of their friendship.

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Rick Sanders

This is a 30mm flat by Heinz Tappert, painted with oils. From Russia, it portrays a 13th Regiment "Lagovshin" of the Moscow Streltzi ("Shooters") circa 1550.
Rick is completing his collection of Streltzi figures, which are an important component of the Russian army being the "Praetorian Guard" of the Tsars. They were banished by Peter the Great who rightly recognized the threat to his power as the Praetorians were to the Caesars.

Brian Ford

Brian was not able to provide a description before the meeting of the Celt but the painting is certainly up to his high standard,.

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Luis Ugarte

1/12 Fer Miniatures bust of the Conqueror Pizarro, painted with acrylics.

Beautifully done!

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Lorenzo Staltari

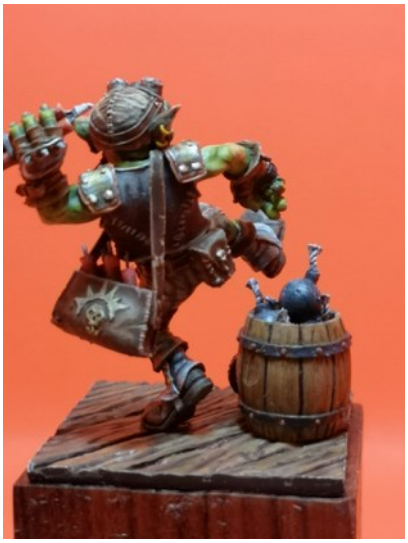
This charming 54mm fantasy piece is called Crooks of London. The concept was by Jean-Baptiste Monge, the sculptor was Valentin Zak, and it was cast by GRX Créations. Nicely done!

PARADE GROUND

LORENZO STALTARI

Lorenzo did not include a description of the Gundam below, but I believe it's a MS-06F-2 Zaku II F2 1/144 Scale in progress.

The bomb-throwing gnome to the right is by Scale 75. It's called Jynz the Scoundrel and is a 75mm resin kit.



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December "Mug-of-the-Month"

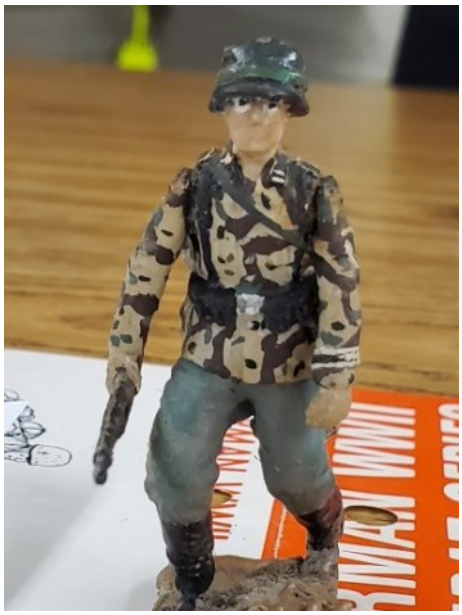
WINNER

"Werner Mölders"

Zachariah Becker

Greg Paspatis

In recognition of the anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge, Greg brought an Imrie Risley figure he completed about 50 years ago. Time flies! Greg touched it up recently to make it more accurate.



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JIM RICHEY

"The Lion Hunter" is a United Empire Miniatures bust in 1/9 scale based on the character of Alan Quartermain from the 1880s novels by H. Rider Haggard. Jim enjoyed putting this together and was impressed by the fine Henry rifle over his shoulder as well. Excellent job, particularly on the fur and the shield.

The other bust portrays a soldier of the 60th Royal American Rifles, 1/10 scale from Frank Miniatures and sculpted by Carl Reid.

Both pieces were painted in acrylics.

★★★ PARADE GROUND ★★★

Luis Fernando Andres

Luis brought a couple of versions of Grogu from the Mandalorian printed for him by member Bob Prokop. Both are works in progress and Luis talked about how painting in acrylics in a larger scale was new to him. He asked for advice on shading and blending techniques from those present. The ensuing discussion was very informative for everyone!

Someone mentioned that he needed to do the Mandalorian himself next.

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PARADE GROUND

MIKE DUTCHER

This very large Lord of the Rings Warhammer figure is "the commander of the Mûmak cohort upon the Pelennor, The Mûmak War Leader led the charge of the Mûmakil against the Rohirrim, seeing numerous Riders of Rohan trampled underfoot before meeting his end at the tip of Éomer's spear."

A commission piece, Mike mentioned this kit had some of the worst gaps he has worked with and had to fill them multiple times. He also wished they had cast some of the parts separately as many surfaces were hard to reach and may remain unpainted. Still a very impressive figure and we look forward to seeing it completed.

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MIKE DUTCHER (CONTINUED)

Also commissions and wargaming figures from Wargames Workshop, these are from the football game "Blood Bowl", one is a Khorne Berserker and the other a Lizard Man.

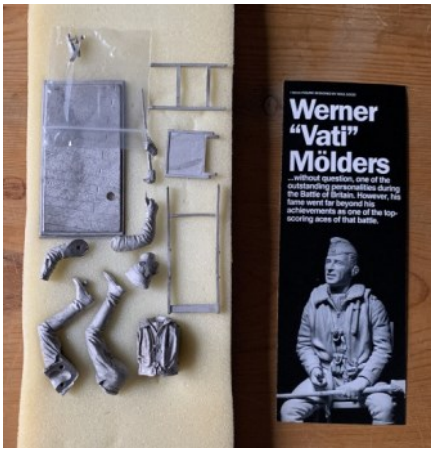
Mike talked about using Citadel's Contrast Paints and the comparable Instant Color from Scale 75 for "punchier" colors, a good subject for future discussion. Need to give them a try!

PARADE GROUND

Zacharia Becker

This is Zach's Werner Mölders figure by Poste Militaire that he got from Joe Bles' collection. A wing commander, and the leading German fighter ace in the Spanish Civil War, he became the first pilot in aviation history to shoot down 100 enemy aircraft and was highly decorated for his achievements.

A 110mm figure, Zach got frustrated assembling and re-assembling the complex chair so decided to have him lean on some scratch built cinder blocks and sitting on the base with some anti-Nazi graffiti added. Much more effective display we think! Painted in acrylics including Golden Soflat with inks added, Zach primed this in black but did a light airbrush spray of white to determine highlights ("a zenithal highlight is the painting technique of adding a highlight color over a dark painted model. The word "zenith" refers to an astronomy term of a point in the sky or a celestial sphere directly above an observer. You can apply zenithal highlights with an airbrush or other spray device".) Who knew? Great tip.



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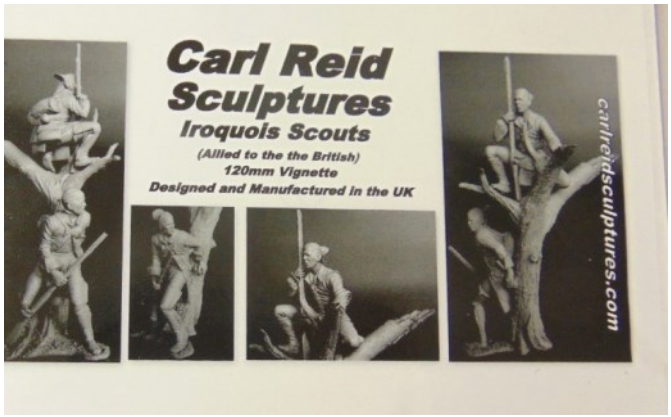

Scott had some very nice recent acquisitions. The Wizard of Oz Flat he ordered from Jack Muldoon after seeing Jim Richey's splendid rendition recently. The Iroquois Scout Party by Carl Reid is another great sculpt and should be an excellent vignette in 120mm. Looking forward to seeing it.

Finally, the 1/16 M4E3 kit by Andy's Hobbies he got from Angel Garcia, present at the meeting. A lot of discussion on this larger scale models, including that it is harder to lose parts and you use a lot of paint!

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PARADE GROUND

DARCI HOFFMAN

Darci brought in some more flats she obtained at the Long Island Show from Jack & Jan Muldoon of The Little Tin Shoulder. Jack donated these figures to the club to give away to members at our Christmas Party.

Thanks very much Jack! We appreciate all you do for the hobby.

Dispatches from Across the Pond

Courtesy of Robin J. Howard

Robin Recommends...

Masters of the Air

The Steven Spielberg/Tom Hanks mini-series "Masters of the Air" has taken some time to complete. They have B17s to match the original planes and like *Band of Brothers*, actors play the real airmen involved. Sadly, unlike Band of Brothers, there are few veterans left now. The most difficult and time-consuming work is to recreate 300 to 600 B17s in their boxes (combat formations) and show ariel combat with ME109s and FW190s. The makers wish to get it correct and not look like a video game. The show is based on Donald L. Miller's book. Word is the show will premiere in early 2023.

"Do look up links to the Sopwith 1½ Strutter being built in London by the Air Preservation Society of Scotland. This is a re-build that has been ongoing for about 10 years. They were waiting on the propeller, then got it ready to fly. It will have a certificate so it can fly at air shows. A real labour of love!" — Robin

The APSS and their plane has been featured on several recent BBC broadcasts, notably on the BBC Six O'clock News on December 29, 2022. Check out the APSS Facebook page for more into.

Bronze gods shed light on ancient Italy

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November 9, 2022

THE DISCOVERY of two dozen preserved bronze statues in an Italian thermal spring could rewrite parts of history—and in one of the Mediterranean's most important finds—experts said

Inscriptions in both Etruscan and Latin were found on the 2,000-year-old sculptures of humans or gods, and body parts.

They show that Etruscan and Roman families prayed together to deities in the Tuscan spring, despite conflict raging between the civilisations. "While there were social and civil wars being fought outside... Inside the sanctuary the elite Etruscan and Roman families prayed together in a context of peace," said dig coordinatior Jacopo Tabolii.❖

Further Reading ...

- Discovery of ancient bronze statues in Italy may rewrite Etruscan and Roman history *NPR/WVTF*
- 'Exceptional' trove of 24 ancient statues found immersed in Tuscan spa *The Guardian*

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Worthy Reads

from the Hoffman Family library

Painting Miniatures

by **Danilo Cartacci,** 125pp, Auriga Publishing Intl., Genoa, Italy, 2007

From the Publisher

The famous modeller Danilo Cartacci describes how to paint historic figures in an easy and effective way. Topics are divided in chapters, starting from the materials to the creation of complex figures, which require different techniques. This volume represents a milestone for historic figure painters, and is rich with hints and tips, addressing to both the experienced modeler and to the beginner. Painting rosy complexions, badges, textures, armors, flags and bases will be much easier after reading this book. ***—Auriga Publishing***

Book Introduction

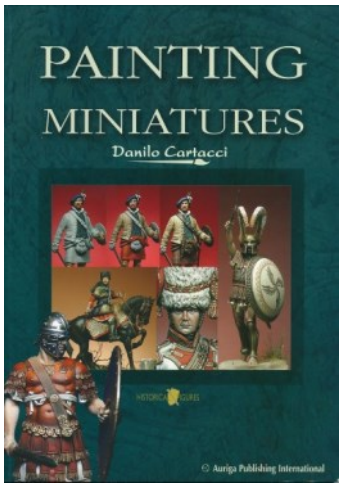
"It took two years for Danilo to answer the simple question on how to paint miniature figures. As soon as I saw the first draft of this volume, I was immediately enthusiastic about it. Observing all the parts — texts, photos and captions — blending in a coherent and organic whole during the editing and paging process, gave me the exciting sensation of something really well done. Transforming a manual process such as miniature painting into an exhaustive and useful book is a delicate task, that implies both the skill to summarize and an even greater ability to shoot high quality pictures in neat manner. Danilo proved to have these giftas at a high level and you can see it clearly in the figures that he paints." **— Thomas Abbondi**

About the Author

Even if you're new to the hobby, you've probably seen the work of Danilo Cartacci. While a comprehensive biography of Mr. Cartacci isn't available online, you need only visit his Instagram page to discover who he is. He describes himself as a "Figures Painter, World Master of the world Model Soldiers Federation, World Expo Best of Show Winner, and Box Art painter."

Online Comments

Painting Miniatures has been a topic of discussion since it was published. Perhaps the website with the most comments on the book over time has been planetFigure.com. If you search their website for "Painting Miniatures by Danilo Cartacci" you'll find no less than 24 threads on the topic. Back in 2012, five years after its publishing date, modeler Patrick Kamsma posted a comprehensive review of the book. Patrick said the book was filled with photos and his only "small point of criticism" of the book was that "a bit of extra explanation was desirable." He went on to say, '...this book is for the more experienced painter. And it's for the "fan" of Danilo Cartacci's work. You will get this book just for the models. It's not just a how-to-book, it's also the portfolio of a great artist. You put it on your nightstand and browse through it before you go to sleep. Just to get some inspiration or to check that one last thing so you can carry on with your model the next day.' Patrick closed by highly recommending the book.



Overall Impressions

Painting Miniatures is one of those "How To" books that is a welcome addition to our library. It looks as nice as it is helpful. The section on painting tartans alone was worth the purchase price.

It's difficult not to be a fan of Mr. Cartacci, even if you're only familiar with his box art pieces. While I've always admired his work, I wasn't aware of this book until recently. Very glad to have picked it up!

—David H.

Dear fellow collectors,

A new book featuring Zinnfiguren or 'flat tin figures' is being publishing and will be available for purchase starting this July and which you can pre-order now. It is available in German or English, the pictures here are from the English edition, titled **"Banners of the Teutonic Order and the Polish-Lithuanian Army and Their Allies at Tannenberg in 1410: Illustrated with Flat Tin Figures"**.

This new book is about the "banners" (divisions) and flags of the armies at that historic 1410 Battle of Tannenberg - or Grunwald as it is called in Poland - and the *Zinnfiguren* representing the more than 100 different flags. The book contains over 100 color photos of *Zinnfiguren* with the flags of the Teutonic Order, the Polish-Lithuanian Army and their allies' standard-bearers painted by a number of collectors. It also presents plates with the flags of both armies and of the Polish and Lithuanian coats of arms. The book includes images from the *Codex Bergshammar*, a 15th century armorial that appears to have not been known to previous authors on this subject, giving new insight into Polish flags and coats of arms.

The book is 104 pages in A4 format, softbound and contains more than 200 color images. It will be available at the August 2022 *Kulmbacher Zinnfiguren Börse* (Fair) for €35.00.

If you are going to the Börse/Fair, stop by the Levec/Heiß-Hasala/Sanders stand (D-1) in the *"Bierstadl"* (big beer tent) to purchase your copy of the German or English edition, but It would be best to reserve a copy now.

If you are not attending the event, contact Rick Sanders to order your copy and please indicate your name, email address, mailing address, and whether you want the English or German edition. For purchasers outside the EU and in the UK and US wanting a copy mailed, there will be an additional cost of € 9.00 to cover packaging and shipping, for a total price of €44.00 ($46.19 / £37.80). Mailing of the book would be from Germany and should begin in early July.

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The Morgans and the Crimean War

By Dr. Mike Thomas

The Morgan family have been a part of the town of Newport since the 14th century (at least). One of them, William Morgan, had the good luck to have backed the man who eventually became King Henry VII – the first of the Tudor dynasty of monarchs. For his support, William was gifted considerable lands in the county of Monmouthshire and amounting to several tens of thousands of acres. Although not known at the time, these lands held enormous coal reserves beneath the ground that eventually came to drive the Industrial Revolution in Britain.

Tredegar House, frontal aspect and main entrance

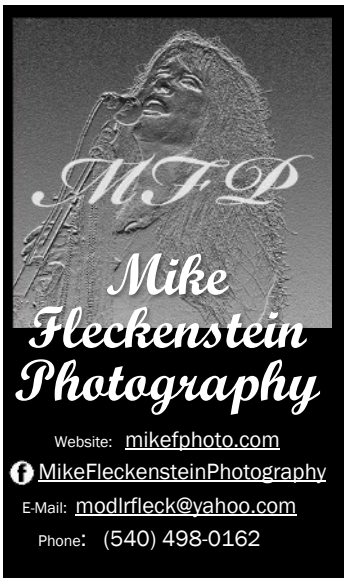
Another (and later) William had the good fortune to marry into money. The original Morgan family seat was technically what is known as a 'defended manor house' and a part of this house, dating from the late 16th century, still exists. However, by the late 17th century this wasn't 'posh' enough for William and he used his wife's dowery to knock down most of the Tudor mansion and replace it with a brick 'Italianate' building, which is largely what we have today.

By the middle of the 19th century the Morgan family had been ennobled and the eldest male child now carried the title of "Lord Tredegar" and the family seat became known as 'Tredegar House'. In this period there were three brothers. The eldest (George) was, however, disinherited and the title devolved to the next brother, Godfrey. Both he and his younger brother (Frederick) became army officers, Godfrey in the 17th Lancers and Frederick in the Rifles. When war broke out with Russia in what became known as the Crimean War, both brothers found themselves serving on campaign.

Probably the most well-known incident of the war was the infamous "Charge of the Light Brigade". There isn't room here to go into what

Sir Godfrey Charles Morgan (1831–1913), 2nd Baron, 1st Viscount Tredegar, Lord Lieutenant of Monmouth by Hugh Goldwin Riviere

Colonel Frederic Courtenay Morgan, in front of Ruperra Castle with His Daughter, the Honourable Violet Wilhelmina Morgan by John Charlton



THE MORGANS AND THE CRIMEAN WAR

(CONTINUED)

The Charge of the Light Brigade, the Battle of Balaclava, 25th October 1854 with Godfrey Charles Morgan, 1st Viscount Tredegar (1831 - 1913) astride his Horse, 'Sir Briggs', oil on canvas by John Charlton, dated 1905. On display at Tredegar House.

happened in detail but, through a mistaken, poorly worded, order and a bunch of incompetent staff officers, the Light Brigade, numbering some 675 horsemen, charged up a valley where the Russians had massed canon ahead and on both sides. The losses were inevitably frightful. The dead from the five regiments involved numbered 113 officers & men, with 134 wounded or captured. The more serious loss in a way, however, was the horses, with 475 being killed or having to be destroyed. Fortunately, Lord Tredegar (and his horse – named Sir Briggs) emerged without a scratch. Indeed, the horse eventually made it back to Britain and he lived for more than 20 years. He is buried in the grounds of the house in the cedar garden. For the remainder of the war, the survivors of the Charge served as infantrymen in the trenches.

One of the downstairs rooms of the house has a very spirited painting of the climax of the charge, with Lord Tredegar and Sir Briggs holding the central place — which certainly overdoes the part played by the Noble Lord. It turns out that the horse wasn't Tredegar's mount but was that of his brother Frederick, whose horse he 'borrowed' for the charge! The many artifacts on display at Tredegar House include Sir Briggs' shabraque and numerous medals belonging to the Morgan family. **—MT**

For more information on touring the Tredegar House and the collections on display, visit the National Trust website.

A shabraque of an officer of the 17tth Lancers carried by the horse Sir Briggs during the Battle of Balaclava.

The medals of the Morgan family. Top left Godfrey; top right, Frederick; bottom left, Courtney. Courtney was the son of Godfrey. He served in the Boer War and the 1st World War.

MMSI Chicago Show

October 21-22 Marriott Schaumburg

Photos by Bob Sarnowski

The Military Miniature Society of Illinois hosted yet another successful Chicago Show with plenty of great work from U.S. and international artists. Perhaps due to the lingering effects of Covid, the general impression was that modelers submitted higher numbers of entries in many categories.

Per the MMSI Scabbard (a members only publication), many figures, vehicles, vignettes, and dioramas were present in the Fantasy, Historical, and Ordnance categories. All the categories were well filled, with the exception of the usual recent paucity of Juniors and Basic (Beginners), along with Wargaming.

To quote their write-up in *The Scabbard* newsletter, "The MMSI is 70 years old, with current membership of about 750 and hobbyists from around the country and beyond" who attend each year, along with members from the NCMSS. This year was no exception. With the MFCA it has long set the standard for large American figure shows. While we miss the days with the presence of Shepard Paine, the club continues to carry on. The 2023 Show will be at the same location October 20-21.

The show's awards list and many more pictures (with captions) can be found on their website here. If you've never attended the Chicago show I would highly recommend it. The show is enjoyable and, for me, well worth the effort of travelling there!

Best of Show FF60 Steve Hustad

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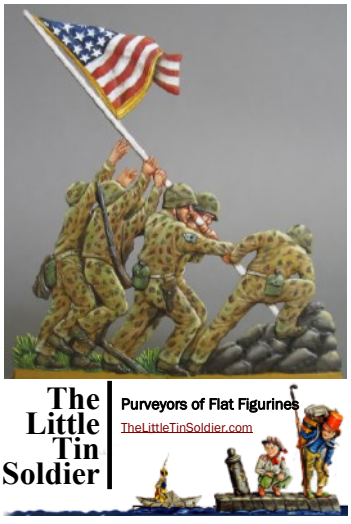

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Long Island Miniature Show

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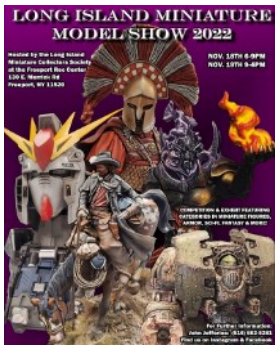

Our good friends at the Long Island Miniature Collectors Society staged another iteration of their always great annual show at the Freeport Recreation Center in New York. As usual the exhibition attracted excellent artists from the U.S. and around the world along with some enthusiastic NCMSS members. Reciprocating their support of our show, our club sponsored the Best American Revolutionary Figure Award as they did at ours (see below). We also had a couple of tables where we were able to sell many of Joe Bles' classic figure kits to attendees and the rest of Joe's Osprey collection that went to a vendor. Thanks Joe!

Highlights included many displays of great collections not in competition, including the sadly departed longtime collector and supporter of the hobby, Joel Glass. These figures, including many by giants in the hobby Bill Horan and Fletcher Clement, to name only two, were offered for sale. Penny Meyer brought much of her past work and a new piece, along with her doing an informal seminar. Ricardo Ruberti won best of show with his Siege of Vienna diorama, and had several other masterpieces seen at the recent World Expo. As usual, the competition was under the open system with gold, silver and bronze awards featuring beautifully done prints by Greg DiFranco.

Other show regulars included Rick Taylor, Kevin Townsend, Don Johnson, Jack Muldoon, John Jeffries, Ed Shaefer, John Espy and of course "Master of Ceremonies" Greg DiFranco. Congratulations to the club for putting on another great show!

More information can be found on Instagram page here and Facebook here.

Joel Glass

Best AWI figure "Best Friends" by Pete Culos

Long Island Show (Continued)

Best of Show "Like Thunder From the Sky" by Ricardo Ruberti

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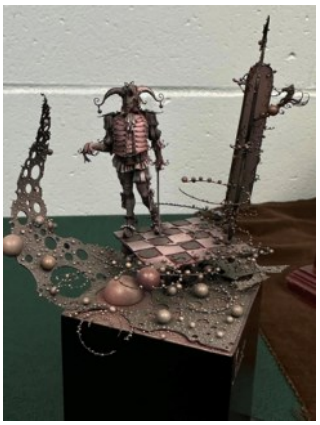
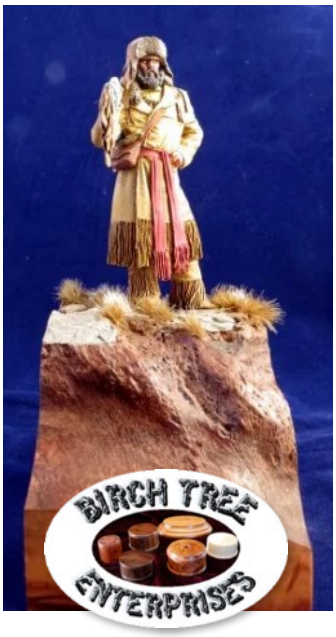




THE WILD RUN OF VICTORY BEGINS (Buk's Historical Ad Hockery, Dec 8, 2016)

A special thanks to **Bob Huettner** for suggesting we feature his friend Kevin Bukowski, who has graciously allowed us to reprint his writings.

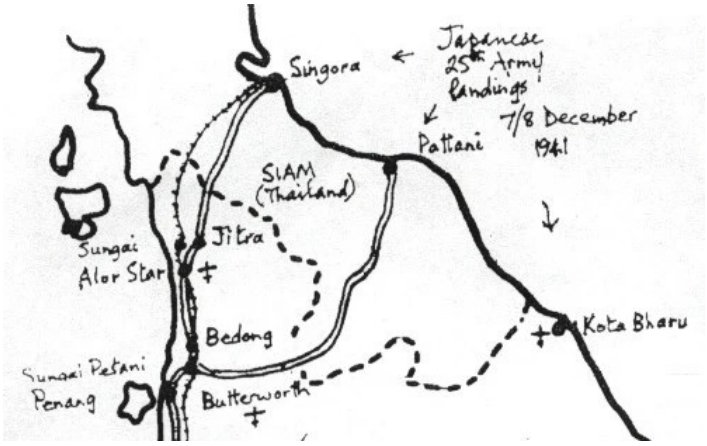
Please note: *The following text is reprinted here in full with no additions or corrections. Any questions or comments should be directed to Mr. Bukowski on his blog* ***Buk's Historical Ad Hockery****.*

Clark Field burns in the aftermath of the Japanese air raid of 8 December 1941. (Courtesy The Bataan Commemorative Research Project Scrapbook)

The Japanese struck Pearl Harbor on Sunday, 7 Dec, Hawaii time, but due to the vast distances involved and the international dateline, the strike occurred on Monday 8 Dec local time in Tokyo and across the Western and Southern Pacific Ocean. The Japanese did not actually begin their war with the Western Allies with the raid on Hawaii. It began with landings in Malaya and Thailand that occurred about 90 minutes before Fuchida dropped the first torpedo into the USS Nevada.

Just after midnight on 8 December (local time), assault units of LieutGen Tomoyuki Yamashita's 25th Army landed in Thailand and Malaya. (We will hear his name again) The Royal Thai Army gave a good account of itself (they killed more Japanese than America did on that day), but was eventually overwhelmed. Further south, bombers attacked the naval base at Singapore, and more assault units landed outside Koto Barhu in Malaya. British and Indian units stubbornly defended and counterattacked, and the battle on the beaches gave a rare glimpse of what the US amphibious forces would face in the future. But with Royal Navy nowhere in sight, and the RAF hopelessly outmatched and outnumbered, the Japanese invasion fleet landed more troops with impunity. When evening came and a fog rolled in, the fighting died down; the Japanese reinforced the small beachhead. All of the Japanese were veterans of the war in China, and had developed sophisticated night fighting techniques, and more importantly a willingness to use them (especially given the complete lack of portable night vision, a technology that wouldn't invented for another 15 years). As the Brits and Indians remained in their positions, the Japanese infiltrated. When the sun came up, the Japanese swarmed them. It was a cycle that would repeat itself for the next few weeks.

Further north, Gen MacArthur in Manila was informed of the attack on Pearl Harbor as it was happening at 0230 local time on 8 December. He met with the Philippine president, but didn't tell anyone outside of his chief of staff and small inner circle. He most definitely didn't order his troops on alert. About 1000 he ordered his bombers to prepare for a strike on Japanese airstrips on Formosa (Taiwan). However, before they could launch the Japanese struck an undefended Clark Field at noon – nearly nine hours after MacArthur was informed of the attack on



Sketch of the invasion of Thailand and Malaya

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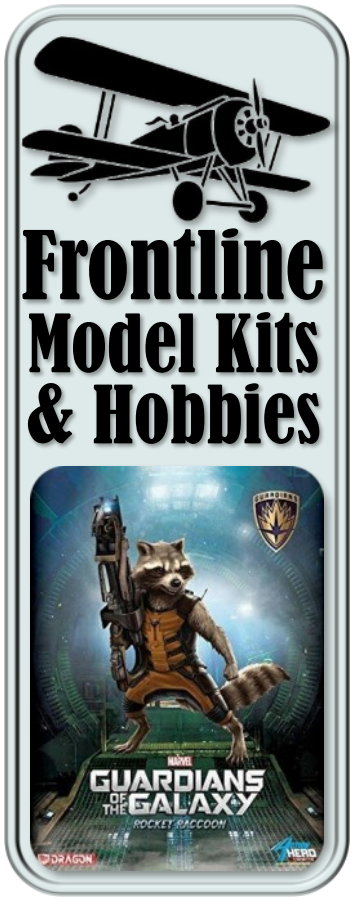


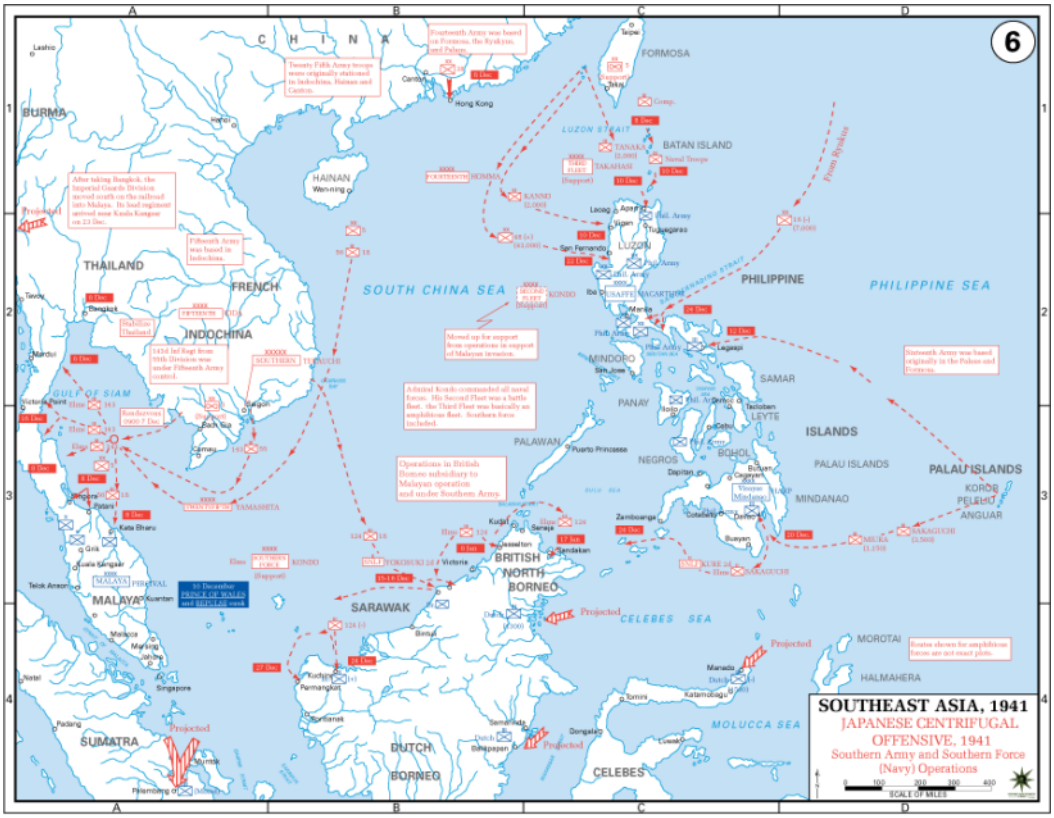
The Wild Run of Victory Begins *(continued)*

Hawaii. The Japanese nearly wiped out the entire American Far Eastern Air Force in a single blow. The only reason MacArthur wasn't fired in disgrace like Adm Kimmel and MG Short at Pearl Harbor was anyone would could testify against him was dead or captured by the Japanese by the time the inquiries began. North of Luzon, the advanced elements of LieutGen Masaharu Homma's 14th Army landed on Bataan Island (not to be confused with the Bataan Peninsula) to establish a forward base before landing on Luzon proper.

In other areas of the Pacific the Japanese attacked smaller isolated Allied bases. In China, they overran the international quarter at Shanghai, and forced their way into Hong Kong. Two destroyers caused heavy damage to the small base on the island of Midway. A landing force from Saipan captured Guam, and bombers from the Marshall Islands struck Wake Island, virtually wiping out the fighter squadron that Adm Halsey took such pains to deliver days before.

Adm Yamaoto told the Prime Minister Hidejki Tojo that, "In the first six to twelve months of a war with the United States and Great Britain I will run wild and win victory upon victory. But then, if the war continues after that, I have no expectation of success." He was off to a good start. **—KB**

Wake Island, 8 December 1941



Map of Southeast Asia, 1941, Japanese Centrifugal Offensive, 1941, Southern Army and Southern Force (Navy) Operations.

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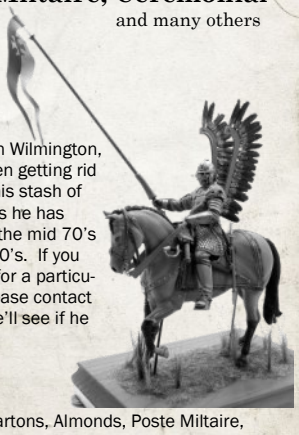

Brian Ford in Wilmington, N.C. has been getting rid of some of his stash of kits. He says he has plenty from the mid 70's to the late 90's. If you are looking for a particular kit[s], please contact Brian and he'll see if he has it.

Brian has Bartons, Almonds, Poste Miltaire, Series 77, Ceremonial, and many others. Contact him at: aford1@ec.rr.com

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