

## **COLDWARS 2011 AT THE LANCASTER HOST 11-13 March 2011**

Well, actually...this year COLDWARS officially reverted to being a three day convention after expanding to four last year. But last year it wasn't terribly active on Thursday. And this year it wasn't entirely inactive on Thursday. As usual I was there on Thursday, as were many people. And there were officially 8 Thursday events listed in the Program. All The King's Men (ATKM) was pushing its (relatively) new 1812 line, and it took a prominent location with expanding and contracting presentations in the Distlefink Ballroom.



Thursday Night ATKM 1812 Game

Although perhaps Thursday had somewhat less attendance than last year, the place was hardly deserted. And it was Thursday that I first noticed the products of another regular of the southern conventions getting a lot of attention. Richard Borg of Command and Colors fame has a new COMMAND AND COLORS ANCIENTS game out. And while the current version of BATTLE CRY, the ACW version, has replaced its all left handed infantry figures with right handers, the Ancients version is (alas) a mere board game! Instead of little plastic figures from Communist China it features wooden blocks with stamped images on them. And otherwise respectable historical miniatures gamers were playing with them! Actually in some cases it is perhaps less surprising than it might be. While Frank Chadwick is an icon of the HM gaming establishment, he is notorious for his System 7 Napoleonics back in 1980.





System 7 Ancients? No-Command and Colors Ancients!



Wertingen-A Really Neat Napoleonic Setup From Thursday Night



FRIDAY



ATKM 1812 Up Close and Personal on Friday (and All Weekend)



On Friday The Crowds Began to Arrive-At Least The Lines Were Long





Tournaments Get Started In the Lampeter



Ancients Up Close and Personal





The Harford Area Weekly Kriegspielers (HAWKS) Ran A Great Show All Weekend



My Nationalists Once Again Charge Irun-After The Dealer Area Closed



**SATURDAY**



The HAWKS Constant Great Games Are Amazing For A Relatively Small Club



Lunch Break In The Distlefink Foyer





1866-Bruce Weigl's Austro-Prussian Midgets



Austrians of 1866-Up Close and Personal





Bob and Cleo Liebl's SCW Game-Adapted to Iron Ivan Rules



Must Be A Theme Game (South American Revolutions) I Don't Recognize The Uniforms





We Won't Know The Official Attendance for some time-But Saturday Night It Had the Buzz Of a Successful Convention



Sunday Things Had Slowed Down-But the Hawks Were Still At It