

# *HISTORICON 2013 18-21 July 2013*

Second Year at the Fredericksburg Expo Center

Theme: 1863 The Year Of Decision



## Signing Up A Day Early

As usual things started to move early. There were even a few games on Wednesday, but things didn't officially start until Thursday. And while dealers were not open before noon, the games started at 9am. At least that's what the program says. I was unable to make the drive from my son's place in Woodbridge quite that early.

My first impression was that Napoleonics were making a comeback after years of decline. But that impression was given by the fact that some of the Napoleonic games were large and very colorful. Many seemed to harken back to the golden age of Column Line and Square (Slaughter.) In fact, unlike last year, when a 25mm Russian Campaign dominated at least one session, there was nothing quite that large this time around. Of the 435 scheduled games I was able to glean from the Program less than 10% reflected the campaigns of "The Corsican Ogre." Theme games, or at least overall depictions of The "War Between The States" dominated (after all, we were at Fredericksburg) and World War II was not far behind.



Napoleon's Grand Duchy of Warsaw Troops-Good Figures, Great Painting



Meanwhile the Battlefront Corporation Rallied The FOW Clans





Miniature Building Authority Supports Gnome Wars



The War Of Northern Aggression Draws Its Fair Share And More





Major Panzeri, USA (ret) Brandishes His Yardstick Like a Saber



Scenarios Like This Battle of the Rosebud Won Him This Year's "Uncle Duke" Award



Pterosaurs Attack-Said To Be Pulp But Looks Like Sci-Fi To Me



More Dark Side-Like H.G. Wells War of Worlds But We Are Taking It To them



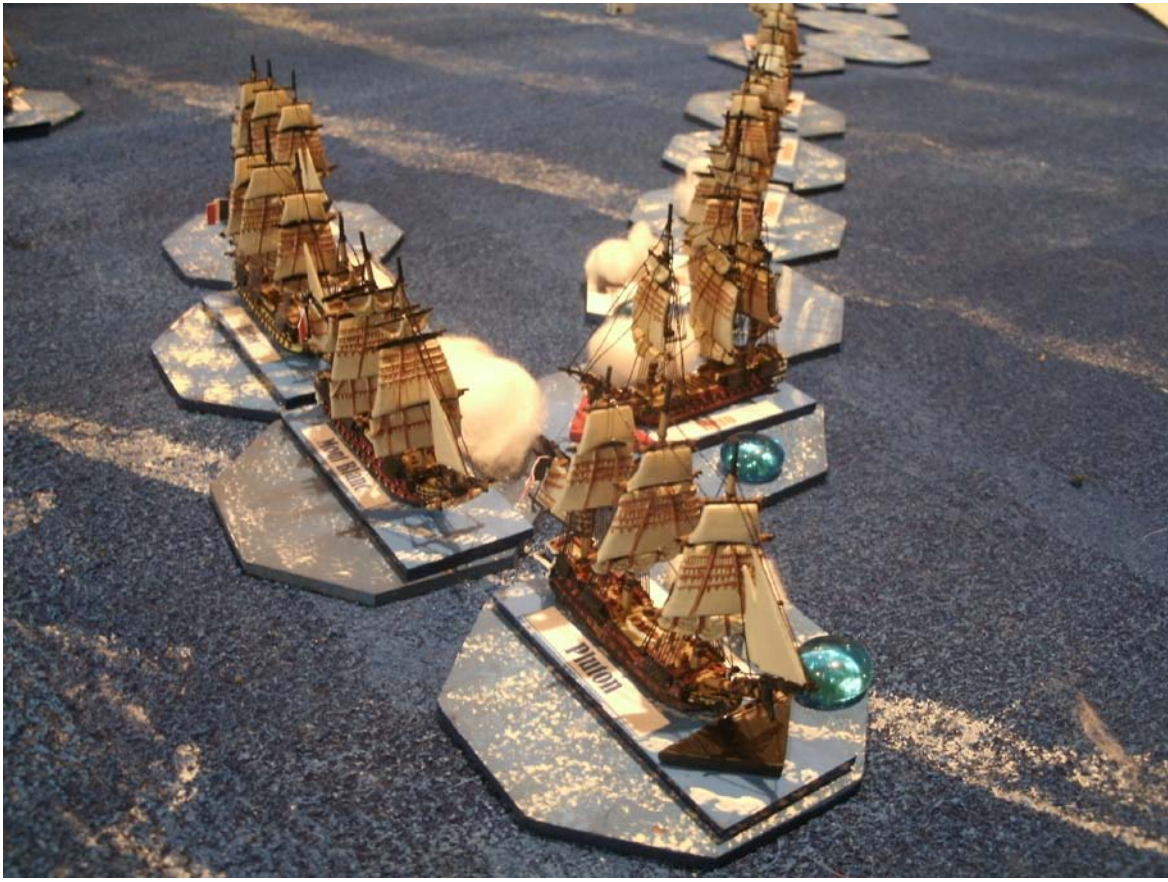


Horsa Bridge Takes The Brits Towards Their Bridge Too Far



I Don't Recognize This, But The Figures And Terrain Were Great!





The Age Of Sail Was Represented



The Wednesday Night Gamers of Alexandria Brought Back The Middle East





The\_Same\_Terrain\_Served\_From\_Saladin\_To\_Al\_Khaida



Elsewhere\_The\_Romans\_Faced\_The\_Seleucids





The Gray Mass At The Right Are Zombies, Faced By BLACKWATER INC (the real horrors) And the A-Team Among Others, Personally I Think Vampires Have More Class



But Other Masses In Gray Were Better Represented Over The Weekend



THE REGULAR FEATURES OF OF HISTORICON WERE IN STRENGTH



The Painting University Was Larger And Better Attended







Wally's Basement Was Well Attended, And Featured The Sale of Veteran Wargamer (and Convention Director from the 60s) Ed Miller's Collection







Both Open And National FOW Events Were Well Attended



Game In Progress



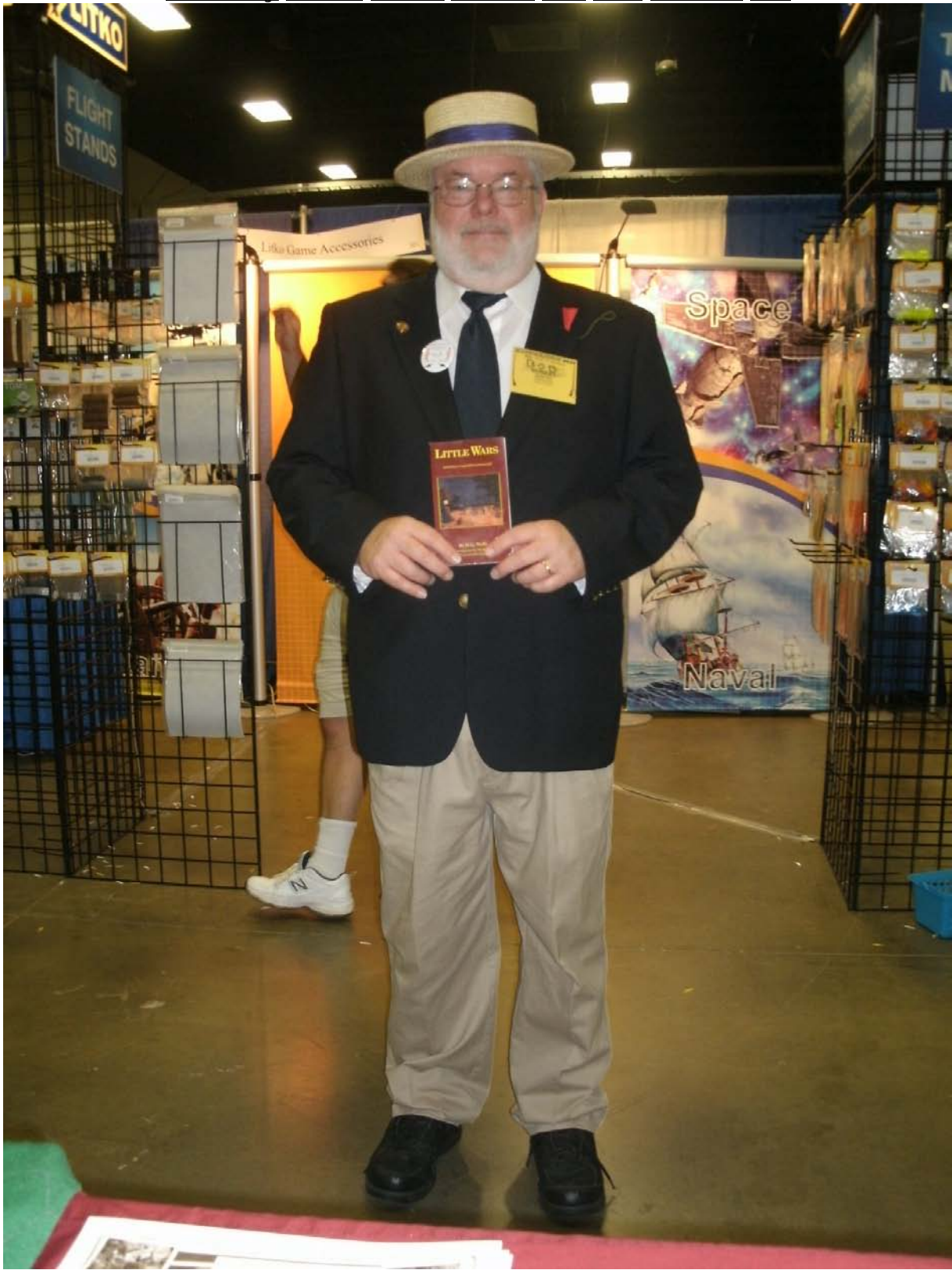


Across The Way WRG And Other Ancients Tournaments Were Ongoing





THIS HAPPENS TO BE THE 100<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Of H. G. Wells First  
Publication of LITTLE WARS  
Officially HMGS Didn't Notice But Bob Beattie Did



Bob Beattie As Herbert George Wells Circa 1913





So He Brought Back Little Wars With The Help Of Someone Dressed as JKJ



David Sweet, At Right, Was Raised On Shooting Canons And H.G. Wells' Rules





Of Course There Were The Complicated Naval Games Favored By My Son



And Some Rather Larger Vessels





In Various Scales And Periods







The Occasional Airplanes







Fire And Fury Games by Col. Bill Gray Span From The Great Northern War



To The Austro Prussian War And Beyond





The Occasional Pike And Shot



The Usual HAWKS 40mm Half Rounds In Action





Dealer Games Including This Pacific Battle



The Monday Night Adventurers Brought Back "EAT HITLER"





More Remarkably, An Unscheduled Mass 25mm Showed Up Sunday

While most gamers cleared out on Sunday there was still some activity and even more in the dealer area. And while there were as usual many games, the proportion from the dark side was not abnormal. However there seemed to be more dark side vendors than usual. To my left was a booth selling collectible card games (Historical Conquest), and around the corner from them there was a really slick computer game company (Matrix Games.)

There goes the neighborhood.