

## HURRICON 2013 AT The International Palms



**Guest of Honor Bill Moreno Rallies The Troops As He Moves  
From The Mississippi To The York For Yorktown**

Bill Moreno has routinely won best of show for his spectacular presentations. In 1999 he impressed us all with his 10mm presentation of Fredericksburg complete with the town and the Rapahannock River in scale. From there he returned early and often to Vicksburg on the Mississippi complete with the city, as well as the Union brown water navy in strength. At RECON he presented that scenario off and on during the convention.

For HURRICON Bill brought us something I hadn't seen before. The climactic battle of the American Revolution in 28 mm! Like his previous efforts the scenery and figures were works of art. But much more than formerly, since they figures were roughly three times as large I could actually see them clearly. From the quarterdecks of the French warships to the street scenes in beautiful downtown Yorktown everything was magnificent and as important, clearly visible.

I'll take a quick tour of Yorktown and Gloucester Point before going through a chronological visit to the convention overall.



**French Man o War off Yorktown**



**View from The Quarterdeck**



**British Infantry Column**



**British Trenches**



**American Siege Lines**



**Lauzun's Legion at Gloucester-Half of whom are Polish Lancers**



**Business As usual In downtown Yorktown**



**I don't know what those people were selling**



Meanwhile on Thursday-before the convention Gamers arrive



Seekrieg is off to an early start



The RPG rooms got active



I think this was Jax Garrison vs. SFG at Clontarf



Warriors approach Clontarf over the sand



And what appears to be the American Revolution in DB-Whatever





**And a Pacific WWII Air Battle unusual in that it involves the Japanese Army**



**Something to do with Starship Troopers I think**



Eutaw Springs brings out ATKM's 54mm Figures and BATTLE CRY rules



Brits up close and personal in 54mm



The Amelia Room hosts FOW and other WWII Demos - Here Soviet Motor Rifle Troops head for the Meatgrinder



Meanwhile the tournaments heat up



For most of the convention there were small demos of Bolt Action WWII Front And Center





I saw my first SCW BOLT ACTION-Rosa Luxemburgos in action



Nationalist hordes close in on town



10mm Confederates close on Gettysburg



While Ken Cliffe shows off his 54mm Rebels in another battle



For most of the convention this table saw continuous and various DBA games



And there was a lot of what looked like Napoleonic Command and Colors



**Bob Moon returned to Arkansas Post with a reinforced Confederate Navy**



**Followed by his usual spectacular 28mm ACW**





A Darkest Africa Epic





But what challenged even Moreno's Masterpiece was the Leipzig's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary game





And ATKM'S massive 54mm American Revolutionary Epic





Of course, there was as usual a touch of Fantasy





And It must Be admitted that the RPG crowd held out longer on Sunday



Though some of us took time out Sunday to remember Don Featherstone, the Grand Old Man of Anglo-American Wargaming. He was born in October of 1918, served in the Royal Tank Regiment during WWII, and was a prime mover in Miniature Wargaming (Playing with toy Soldiers) with Jack Scruby in the late 1950's editing WARGAMER'S DIGEST, his famous BATTLES WITH MODEL SOLDIERS book in 1962, WARGAMER'S NEWSLETTER 1963-79, and numerous publications. More famous over here, he would joke, than in England itself. He passed away in Southampton on 3 September 2013. He is shown above in 2003 with his last wargame room in May of 2003. We will not see his like again.