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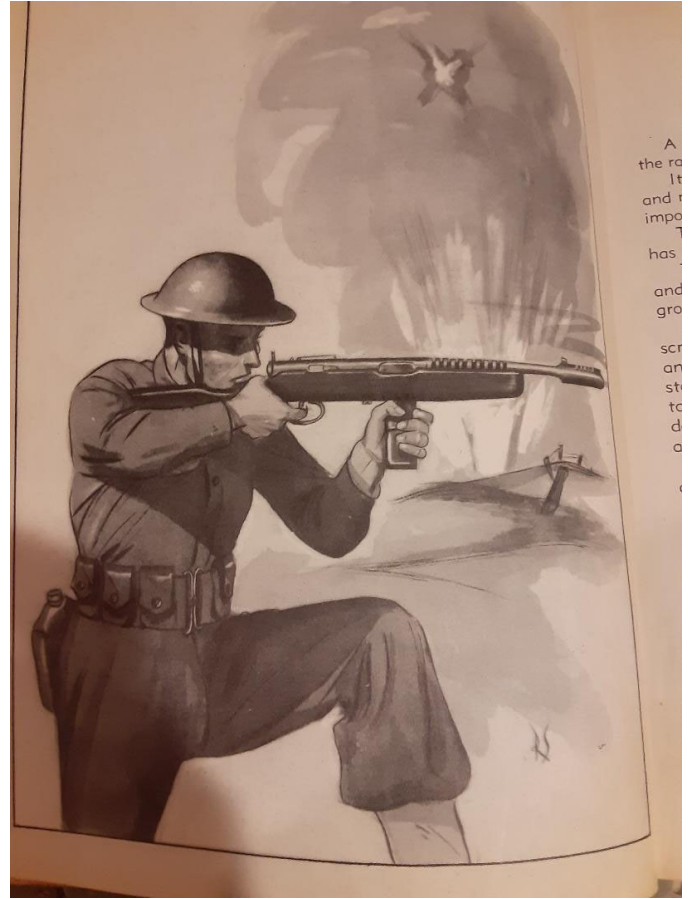
HMGS-PSW is an Educational non-profit organization committed to the preservation and expansion of historical miniature gaming and teaching history from the tabletop. Our future plans include an expanded role in military historical research and publications.

We are only able to maintain a robust program from our membership and contributions from people like you. \$20/year is our standard membership, however, there is also a link for donations if so you wish.

2020 has been a hard year because of COVID-19, but it has allowed us to plan and develop an exciting program that you can help to build

Please go to our Join Now button on our website and join at whatever level works for you. If your dues are all paid up, check out the website anyway. There are a lot of updates.

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Meeting Minutes 9/9/2020

Agenda:

1. Report on Data – Theron Rohr
2. Painting Contest—Harmon Ward
3. Membership Mailing—Dana Hohn
4. Mini-Wars – John Harrel
5. Essay Contest—Dana Hohn

Attendees: Harry Dudrow, Mark Wells, Theron Rohr, Dana Hohn, Harmon Ward, Christian Sorenson, Stephen Phenow, John Harrell (Voting Members).

Data Report:

1. There is a file account on Google in Gmail. Right now the access is limited to Theron, Harmon, Paul Say and Dana Hohn. When the bug are worked out of the system access will be expanded.
2. Dana wants us to develop a search capability so that people can go to our website to find an opponent (Dana and Theron are working on figuring it out).

Painting Contest:

1. There will be a contest for member for painting Captain Keennon. Pictures of the models need to be sent on-line, judges will judge painting, The winner will receive \$100 prize.
2. Motion #1 – non-members can be awarded \$75 for their participation. The breakdown of the \$75 TBD. Motion Passed 4-0
3. Deadlines – the pic of the painted model must be received within 30 days of the next mailing.
4. Judges: Dana Hohn, Jim Murphy Judges to be recruited: John Rayburn, Mark Deliduca, Jacob Shober,

Membership Mailing:

1. Dana and Harmon will work on the mailing and we will have a mailing part at Dana's Sunday 9/13 Everyone is invited but call to confirm first 818-219-9942 While everyone is invited social distancing will limit the number of participants.
2. Motion # 2 HMGS approves the expenditure of \$200 maximum for dedicated envelope/badge printer (Harmon On Point) Motion passes 3-0

Mini Wars:

1. John Harrell explained why holding the event at CSUF or the Knights of Columbus could cause legal problems because of COVID-19
2. Motion #3 Mini Was to be Cancelled this year. Vote passes 2-1 abstention.

Treasurers Report:

After the refund from CSUF our balance is \$6,264,39

COVID-19 Cancels Mini-Wars 2020

Harmon Ward HMGS-PSW Convention Manager

Earlier this month, California State University Fullerton informed us that the Student Union building will not be opening this semester. We had been expecting this announcement for a while as the decision to keep the University itself closed had been made some time ago. This of course trashed a year of planning that had gone into our Historical Essay Contest, History Lecture Series and of course our games and the terrain that everyone has been working on. I want to personally thank Jeff Ballard who put so much work into the Essay Contest and History Lecture Series. It is difficult to see your work ruined by circumstances beyond your control. When things allow our conventions in the future, please consider volunteering to help him with this endeavor.

The Board of Directors originally hoped to stage a much smaller event in Anaheim to show the flag until next year. Legal research by John Harrel revealed that this might cause us some liability issues. The Board agreed to cancel the entire event. (Please see the meeting minutes posted on this page.)

So where do we go from here? As most of you know, I joined the HMGS-PSW to meet people who play historical games. I started working a long time ago to host conventions that were exciting enough to bring in non-members and help the decide to join. That effort wasn't wasted, but we have lost a lot of steam. Please continue to talk to your friends about your projects. Connect with other historical gamers via social media and do what you can to expand our ranks. No one knows as many people as all of us know together. The HMGS-PSW has not surrendered, so let's keep marching.



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Miniature Painting Contest

Harmon Ward

HMGS-PSW Convention Manager

By now most of you would be familiar with our Captain Keennon figure. He was sculpted for us by Faron Betchley and cast for us by Askari Miniatures for Mini-Wars 2017. We figure three years is long enough to get one miniature painted, so we need you to bring them out! There will be an HMGS-PSW Miniature Painting contest this fall. Among the awards will be a \$100 Cash Prize for the best Captain Keennon figure. It would be great to see a full squad of them on display at our next convention.

Rules Overview:

Categories—The Captain Keennon Category is only open to HMGS-PSW members who were awarded the miniature at one of our previous conventions. Grand Prize \$100.

The other categories will be open to members and non-members.

Best Historical Individual

Best Historical Unit

Best Historical Vehicle

Best Science Fiction

Best Fantasy

To enter the contest email 3 photographs of the miniature to the HMGS-PSW for Judging. Entries must arrive by October 31st. Include your name, address, city, state and zip and telephone number. Include a description of the miniature that includes:

Name, Historical Year Depicted, Scale, Manufacturer and a Description of the miniature. This information will not be revealed to the judges.

Email Address: hmgspsw2018@gmail.com

We haven't had a miniature painting contest since I joined the HMGS-PSW years ago. Honoring the art and craft of painting miniatures is something that gives a broader base and greater appeal. I wish you all could have seen the hundreds and hundreds of people who paraded past the ship model and wargame exhibit that we hosted at Bower's Museum in Santa Ana. Who knows how many future members we impressed that day?

December / January Demonstrations

Harmon Ward HMGS-PSW Convention Manager

We did not slow down after Mini-Wars 2019. In December Former HMGS-PSW President Steve Phenow was asked to setup a Pearl Harbor display for the City of Los Angeles Memorial. It was an outstanding success. The Marine Corps Color Guard noticed our display and station themselves next to it.

In January we started with the Beaumont Gallery Exhibit at Bowers Museum. This was a combined exhibit featuring a demonstration game of Second Savo Island and a static ship display by the Ship Modelers Association.

At the end of January we went to the Game School Convention and taught dozens of students what table top wargaming is all about.

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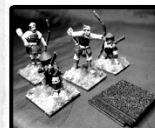
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