



THE LOCAL  
NEWSLETTER  
FOR THE  
MINIATURE  
WARGAMING  
ENTHUSIAST



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## Little Wars 2007—April 13-15th!

Mark your calendars - Little Wars 2007 is scheduled for the weekend of April 13 to 15th. As you have grown to expect, the venue will be the same—the Marriott Lincolnshire in Lincolnshire, Illinois.

The 2007 con theme is “The Seven Year’s War”. This includes the fighting that occurred in America (called the French and Indian War), the Caribbean as well as the rest of the world.



### Coming for 2007— Seven Years War

The Seven Year’s War is considered by many as the truly first “World War” since it was a true global conflict involv-

ing the world’s major powers at that time.

Of course, Little Wars will also have many non-theme related games to choose from as well as the quality dealers you rely on to “stock up” for the year.

As we get closer to 2007 and to April, more information on Little Wars will be provided in the newsletter and on the Little Wars web site at [www.little-wars.com](http://www.little-wars.com).

## From the Front ... by Michael Cosentino

Greeting my fellow lead heads. It has been a few years since I have had the privilege of serving you on the Board of Directors for HMGS-Midwest. I first want to thank the membership for electing me and second to our outgoing BoD members for their excellent service and stewardship to our great organization. Especially Richard Pinelli and Keith Bochus. Richard had

given his heart and soul to our organization and it showed by our membership numbers and Keith has put this society on great financial footing full compliance with our governmental paperwork. These two gentlemen deserve our thanks and admiration.

As your president it is my job to set forth the goals and objectives for our organization. My motto for my term is 2

fold. 1. Back to Basics and 2. I am putting the band back together.

1. Back to Basics: What I mean by this is we need to focus on the things we need to do and do them well. We are committed to bringing you the best gaming convention in the Midwest with Little Wars. The BoD and I are confident in Rodger and his staff to continue to make Little Wars the

## From the Front... cont.



premier gaming convention it is. Also we are committed to bring you a newsletter to inform our membership of society business, convention updates, and other gaming events in our area. Putting the Band Back Together: On this I have been busy enlisting some of my past BoD members and other previous volunteers to help us out. This

even started out before the election when I enlisted Michael Mays to join me in running for the BoD. Michael was a previous VP for membership who I served with before on the BoD. Jim Minnick a former BoD member has answered the call also by volunteering to do our newsletter. We are very confident that Jim will make us proud and do an excellent job as editor. Anne Herman has also stepped up to join the BoD. She has been a longtime face at Little Wars running our registration desk. I am sure all our members know and respect Anne. It was only logical that she become our VP for Membership. Also we have Mark Pawelski returning as Secretary.

I have worked with Mark before and he is an excellent manager with great organization skills. We also have Rodger Kruse returning as Executive Vice President. Rodger will be the Director of Little Wars. He worked with me when I was the Director and he has done an outstanding job since taking over 2 years ago. I am very excited about our team. We have a few more people to bring into the fold but all in due time. Well, that's it for now. See you across the gaming tables!

*"The BoD and I are confident in Rodger and his staff to continue to make Little Wars the premier gaming convention it is. "*

## Gaming Opportunities...

### WOLFCON II - GAMING CONVENTION

November 24 & 25, 2006  
 Holy Innocents Church  
 Fr. Pajack Hall  
 1460 W. Superior  
 Chicago, Illinois 60622  
<http://www.wolfpackgamers.org>

Gametable Online Website:  
<http://gametableonline.com/>

### WINTERCON GAMEFEST 2006 +2

Metro Detroit Gamers (MDG),  
 Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>  
 8:00 am to 10:30 pm.  
 Macomb County Community College's South Campus  
 John Lewis Student Center  
 Warren, Michigan  
 (12 Mile & Hayes; a mile north of I-696).

### COLD WARS 2006

March 16-18, 2007  
 Lancaster Host Resort, Lancaster, PA  
 Contact-Walt O'Hara  
 10730 Burr Oak Way  
 Burke, VA 22015  
 (703) 503-9833 (6-9 pm)  
[www.coldwars.org](http://www.coldwars.org)

## From the Editor... By Jim Minnick



For those who don't know me, I'm Jim Minnick, your new newsletter editor. I've been gaming since Avalon Hill brought out "Tactics II" in 1958...so you could say I've been around awhile! I've been introduced to miniatures gaming back in the mid 90's at the College of DuPage gaming group headed up by those gaming gurus, Tom Harris and Dave Hermann. And I've been miniatures gaming ever since! I joined HMGS about that time and also did two "tours of duty" with previous Boards as Treasurer. I've met some of the greatest people in this hobby and that is going to be my focus in this newsletter. My recommendation to the Board, and they agreed, was to try to inform the members about what the rest of them were doing. In other words, what games have people been playing, what they thought about new rule sets, who gamed

with who and where.

There are many great publications out there which can give you all the information you need regarding painting, rules and how-to. I don't want to try to compete with their expertise nor do I intend to. I'd like to make this newsletter just that... the news in the gaming community and not how to paint figures. So, with these lofty expectations, this is the first issue in the grand experiment!

This issue will be somewhat abbreviated as we are playing a little catch-up from last year. Hopefully, as we get up to speed and I get more input, you will see enlarged issues with much more information. I plan on having a section which will contain summaries and photos of games members have played or are currently playing. That is where you as members can help. Send me via e-mail (my address is at bottom of this article) or regular mail, a BRIEF article on your last game, who you gamed with, what rules you use, whether you liked them (the rules, that is!) or not. A few pictures would be nice too just

to illustrate what was going on. I'll try to print as many of these articles as I can so the rest of the membership can see what everyone's been doing. I think it could be a real interesting section which will give a "face" to our members as well as maybe give some others inspiration to try something different. I think we as gamers sometimes get very insular and tend to stay within our own little groups. Hopefully this vehicle will help us all see beyond our four basement walls.

You will also see a section here which will tell you what conventions and game days are going on in the gaming community. I have only included a few and I am sure there are many more out there. If you have information about an upcoming event, please be sure to mail me the info and I'll include it.

All for this issue...and remember...take time to stop and smell the paint drying!

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## Gaming In Pictures....



**Outnumbered Again!**



**Surprise!**



**Form A Square !**

# We Would Like You to Meet..... Michael Mays



Michael has been playing wargames for over twenty years, starting with games like Flat Top, Guns of August and Wooden Ships and Iron Men in the 1980's. In the mid nineties he was introduced to miniature

wargaming by a friend from Iowa. The ability to combine interests in painting, layout design and wargaming made miniature wargame his primary hobby (his wife would say obsession).

Starting out with 15mm American Civil War, Michael's primary interest is in America's wars between the early 1700's and 1900. Today, his scale preference is 28mm for skirmish level games, but there is always room for one more period and

one more figure line.....

Prior to the current Board position as Treasurer, Michael previously served on the Board as Vice President of Membership from 2001 – 2003.

Michael is looking forward to serving the membership once again by contributing something back to the hobby that he has enjoyed for over a decade.

## The Money Corner... By Michael Mays

Following my introduction above, let's get to what you are really interested in —how's our financial situation? Well, I am pleased to report that we are doing very well as you can see by the financial summary to the right. At the end of August the organization had over \$47,000 in the bank. The organization is financially secure today because

of the hard work of previous boards to be fiscally responsible while at the same time adding value to the organization and membership.

Through this financial security HMGS-Midwest has the opportunity to continue to add value to your membership and Little Wars.



HMGS- MIDWEST FINANCIAL SUMMARY	
<b>As of August 31, 2006</b>	
<b>Cash on Hand as of August 31st</b>	<b>\$ 47,892.09</b>
Checking	\$ 27,637.23
Savings	\$ 20,254.86
<b>August Expenditures:</b>	<b>-\$ 7,751.22</b>
Little Wars	-\$ 7,417.58
Newsletter	\$ -
Operational	-\$ 333.64
<b>August Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 54.54</b>
Little Wars	\$ -
Membership	\$ -
Other	\$ 54.54



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**Secretary**                    **Mark Pawelski**

**Treasurer**                   **Michael Mays**

## **Final Thought...**

**LEAD WITH CONVICTION, SHOW DECISIVENESS AND NO ONE  
WILL KNOW YOU ARE MAKING THE WHOLE THING UP—**

*unknown - and better that way*

