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## Leader

Salute has come and gone and has left a certain trail of controversy in its wake. Some have said that it's less welcoming than Crystal Palace, others that there was too much fantasy and too little historical presence, others that the painting competition was very dull... Since this was my first time at the fair, it's hard, if not impossible, for me to compare it to previous years so I'm not going to get into these issues. What did I think of it? It was huge and buzzing with people! I confess that it was tough for me to get my bearings and to not go crazy amidst the scores of things being offered: books, figures, scenery, games... To tell you the truth, I was like a kid in a candy store. But, next year (I'll be back!) I'll plan my movements with Napoleonic precision so as not to miss out on anything.

This month we offer you an analysis on one of the bloodiest campaigns of the American Civil War: Grant's invasion of Virginia in 1864. Despite having been checked by Lee time and time again, the persistent Union general did not give up and hounded his opponent until he had him surrounded at Petersburg. Grant was one of those people who never realises they've been defeated and keep on fighting until their victorious.

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# News

## COMPANION MINIATURES CHANGE HANDS

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red some transformations remastered by Brian Phillips, though they have not been very active as far as releases are concerned. According to what we have found out, Companion now wants to make up for lost time. In the next few months they are going to release new models to complete their Punic Wars and Caesarian Romans ranges as well as a new line of 28mm miniatures of the Peninsular British in campaign uniforms -designed by Steve Saleh, one of the sculptors that worked for Foundry. Find out more on their web site: [www.companionminiatures.com](http://www.companionminiatures.com)



## TESTUDO BACK ON ITS FEET

The Italian company Testudo has also changed hands, and hopefully it is for the better. They have been acquired by Military Art, another Italian company dedicated to the production of high-quality military plates. In Spain, Testudo is distributed by Campaign Games in Barcelona and, as all aficionados know, they have

an excellent catalogue of 18mm miniatures, especially their range for the Thirty Years' War.

To celebrate Testudo's new start, they have released 23 new figures of Teutonic and Polish-Lithuanian knights to complete their line of 28mm models for the Battle of Tannenberg.

## BLACK HAT MINIATURES ON-LINE

Up until April 2006, Black was distributed by Ian Marsh at Fighting 15s. Since its start in November 2004 with a small range of Victorian science fiction miniatures -which reminded more than one of us of the good old days of Space 1889 from GDW- Mike Lewis' company has added on to its catalogue with the help of Ian Marsh -see comments on their references for Na-

oleon's expedition in Egypt in this month's Miniatures Review section. Black Hat has taken yet another step forward and will no longer depend on Fighting 15s to distribute their products. Even though their figures are now sold on their web page ([www.blackhat.co.uk](http://www.blackhat.co.uk)), they will still share a stand with Fighting 15s at wargame shows. We wish them the best.



## HISTORICON 2006

From 20 to 23 of July, one of the most important annual historical miniature gaming conventions will be held in Lancaster, Pennsylvania...just a bit out of the way for us fans on this side of the Atlantic! This year's convention theme is *Africa's Wars: the Wars of Africa 1905-2006* and all demonstration and participation games will be dedicated to this period -see *Wargames S&S 12 and 15* for an introduction on the WWI campaigns in Africa.

If you can, we highly recommend you go because it is sure to be spectacular event. [www.historicon.org/index.htm](http://www.historicon.org/index.htm)

## MINIATURES FOR SUBSCRIBERS

The new miniatures we are going to give our subscribers have been modelled by Peter Fitzgerald exclusively for our magazine.

The three different models represent the soldiers of the Prussian landwehr in 1813. Are you going to let them get away?

