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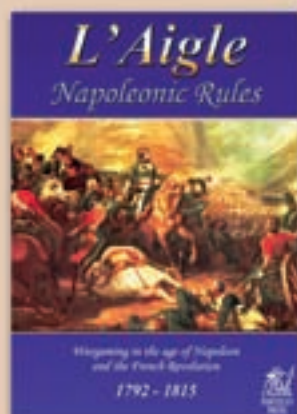


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# Leader

**F**riends, May is a special time of year in the wargaming calendar – it is the time of the Salute show in London when all the best games and new products are displayed. For the first time also we had our own stand there. We will showcase a special Salute feature in a future issue. Some very enterprising manufacturers have started selling plastic figures in 28mm scale. Of course this has been very common in the 20mm scale in the past. Their idea is similar to those in the fantasy and science fiction areas of the hobby. The core troops are made in plastic and the command and special troops are made in metal. It is an exciting development and we will see how it works in the future. One clear benefit will be to permit beginners and others to take part in this exciting hobby of ours. For our hobby to grow and sustain into the future we need to encourage new people to join in. WSS will also do this starting next issue we will have a special series for beginners on starting with Roman and Celt armies using the new plastic figures. Even if you are a Napoleonic fan here is a chance to begin again!  
As usual, congratulations to George, Guy, Wayne, Graham and the UK staff, GOOG JOB IN SALUTE FRIENDS!!!!!!!!!!!!

WSS Staff

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# News

## TACTICA 2008 - HAMBURG

Historical wargaming is still an uncommon hobby in Germany. Fantasy and Sci Fi games are much more popular here. Therefore shows or tournaments are rare here. An exception is the Tactica show in Hamburg. One of the few German forums dedicated to historical wargaming is das Sweetwater-Forum. In 2005 the wish was made to organise a meeting of the members once a year. The Wargaming Club Hamburg took up the idea and the first Tactica show was presented in February 2006. The first show was a small one, but a great success, the aim was to present only high standard games (no felt on the table please!).

I arrived with great expectations in Hamburg for the Tactica show. Compa-

red with British shows it is still a small thing with 4 German traders, a few workshops, twenty-something games with most of them participation games. Small, but enough to lure more than 300 people from all over Germany and one Finnish gamer, into a community center on the outskirts of Hamburg. Included in the entry fee was a lovely miniature of St. Ansgar, the bishop of Hamburg from 831 - 865 A.D. The games presented ranged from well established systems to home grown rules and through all ages from Greek sea-battles to WWII. A popular subject was Pulp adventure or near-Pulp historical setting. Despite the historical preference, the popular Sci Fi and Fantasy games were also represented.

There is not enough room to mention all of the games, but two of them must be mentioned. The unrivaled highlight of the show was a large scratch-built Mordheim table. Nearly every building and ruin could be entered; every room could be accessed from the dungeons and sewers to the attic of the highest tower. The most entertaining game was a Lost World table with dinosaurs, cavemen, King Kong, camera teams, zombie pygmies and blonde women!

After spending two days shopping, playing and chatting, everybody left satisfied. The show will go to a larger location next year, its not yet Salute, but it will grow! Check out the photos at: [www.uni-miskatonic.de/tactica2008/](http://www.uni-miskatonic.de/tactica2008/)



## HAVOC 30TH MARCH 2008

Havoc was the latest in the series of excellent one day WAB events hosted by Gripping Beast at their Great Hall in Evesham. This time the action was from the medieval period with each player fighting three engagements with the added excitement of a jousting competition between rounds. Honours on the day went to Duncan MacFarlane who led the Hungarians to victory whilst Wayne Richards Reconquista King triumphed on the tourney field.



## MORE FIELDS OF GLORY

Even more Field of Glory Compendiums are promised for the near future. Immortal Fire, the Compendium covering the Greek, Persian and Macedonian Wars is now released. Two further Compendiums have been announced, Eternal Empire covering the Ottoman Empire and Decline and Fall: Byzantium at War. Further details on [www.fieldofglory.com](http://www.fieldofglory.com)

## RETURN TO PLASTICS

Perry Miniatures, Wargames Factory and Warlord Games have all launched 28mm plastic ranges with more releases to follow. Perry Miniatures offer 36 American Civil War infantry in a box with three figures that can be converted into a standard bearer, drummer or



infantryman. Included with the box are simple beginner's rules and pre-printed flags. ACW cavalry will be their next release. Wargames Factory and Warlord Games have opted for Ancients ranges. Warlord will start with Romans and Celts and will expand this with metal figures as well. They have also launched a very comprehensive website with newsletter and forum at [www.warlordgames.co.uk](http://www.warlordgames.co.uk)



## RAMPAGE 2008

The annual wargames show hosted by Ilford Wargames Club in East London will be held on the 28th and 29th June 2008 at the All Saints Catholic School, Terling Road, Dagenham Essex RM81JT. The event will feature a 15mm DBM and DBR tournament and for the first time a 28mm Field of Glory competition as well.

## FEBRUARY COMPETITION OSPREY WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners in our Osprey Charles the Bold competition who are Wim Van den Berghe in Belgium, Martin Penneck and Frank Jesmont. Look out for our ACW one in the June issue!

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