HURRICON 2014

25-28 September 2014

AT THE INTERNATIONAL PALMS RESORT ORLANDO FLORIDA



Guest of Honor Bob Moon Presides Over His Famous 15mm Gettysburg

HURRICON 2014 featured Bob Moon, a nationally famous Game Master, as GOH. However the convention offered an All Star cast. Bill Moreno, a previous GOH, hit WW I pretty hard, but more 1918 than 1914 in honor of the 100th Anniversary. Stanley Kubiak of California presented a succession of his famous AIRDROME games beginning with the Thursday night Jacksonville Garrison/South Florida Gamers match. Jeff Baumall brought back his WIND AND THE LION game by popular demand. Pete Panzeri again demonstrated his extensive Napoleonic hordes in advance of next year's WATERLOO theme for RECON. And those were only a few of the outstanding games in the historical miniatures genre. And beyond that, there was a full program of Pathfinder RPG, some board games, Sci-Fi and fantasy miniatures.



Earlier Bob Moon Had Run His Favorite 28mm Troops



But For The Gettysburg Epic He Reverted to His Old 15mm Armies



Beginning With The Thursday Night Jacksonville/South Florida Match



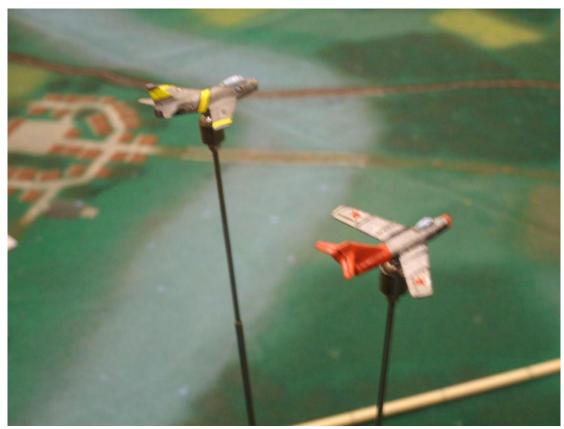
Stanley Kubiak Ran His Famous Aerodrome Games



There Were A Number Of Air War Games-Including This Battle of Britain Game



And This One Based On The Attack On Yamamoto



And Eventually The Korean War In The Air



By Friday The Crowds In The Main Gaming Area Had Picked Up



Across The Hall Pathfinder RPG Games Went On All Convention Long



Board Gamers Played On Next To The Lobby





Meanwhile In The Main Hall There Was Sci-Fi



Is This The Millennium Falcon?
And Zombies-Which Are Becoming Unavoidable





Undead On The March



To Me The Lord Of The Rings Characters Have More Class



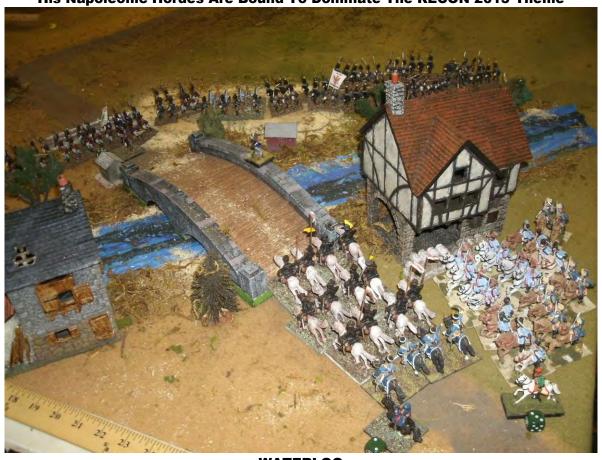
Pete Panzeri Demonstrates Zvezda's Modern War On His Big Battlefields



But His Napoleonic Extravaganzas Are More Influential



His Napoleonic Hordes Are Bound To Dominate The RECON 2015 Theme



WATERLOO



Meanwhile 15mm Napoleonics Using "COMMIT THE GUARD" Rules



Runs For Most Of The Convention



The Dark Ages Were Well Represented In Continuing SAGA Games



They Told Me These Were Generic Step Warriors Or Some Such



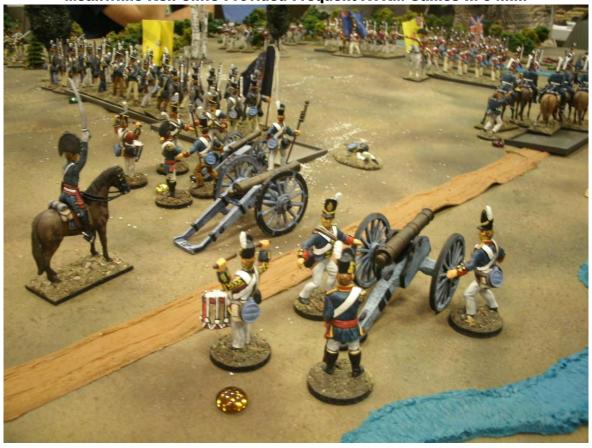
There Was Even A Viking Raid-When A Tour Guide in Scotland Last May Told Us That



There Were Vi-Queens As Well AS Vikings I Thought He Was Kidding



Meanwhile Ken Cliffe Provided Frequent ATKM Games In 54mm





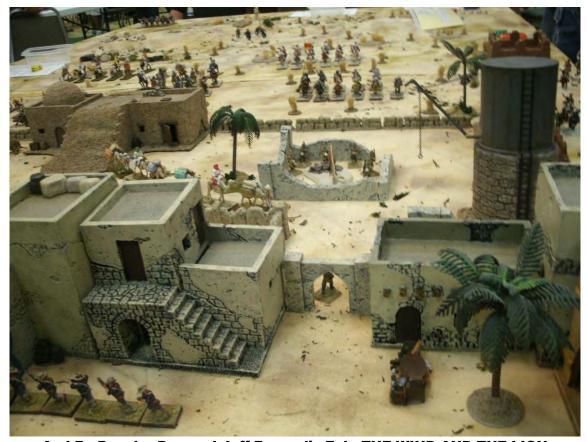
The Colonial Era Was Well Represented By This Darkest Africa Epic By Dwight Jones











And By Popular Demand-Jeff Baumal's Epic THE WIND AND THE LION





Of Course There Is Always Room For A Rerun of Rourke's Drift



And De Bellis This And That Was With Us For Most Of The Convention



But Compared To Recent Conventions WWII Seemed To Get Short Shrift



There Were A Number Of Skirmishes, A Small FOW Tournament



An Epic 15mm Game Featuring Pzkw 38T Resisting Masses Of Early War Red Armor



But Even If You Add My "Interwar" (SCW) Game WWII Remained Heavily Outnumbered



By Numerous WWI Epics-Many By Bill Moreno And Friends



Highlanders on the Warpath









To Break The Deadlock They Turn To Tanks, And Even Cavalry



But To Breakthrough The Cavalry Will Need Whippets-Mark I's Will Slow Them To Infantry Pace

HURRICON 2014 was not our largest convention. But it was active, lively, and a good time was had by all. There seemed to be a lot going on at all times, and the tone was friendly and cheerful. And the figures on average seemed well painted. The convention staff was pleasant and competent. I heard of some major cancellations at the last minute, but re-alignments absorbed the changes. The major game hall was active for much of the convention.

However, it must be admitted that on Sunday, led by the vendors and major GMs, the venue cleared quickly. What began as a hasty retreat rapidly turned into a rout. Most were gone by 2pm Sunday.



The Last Contingent To Maintain Order And Discipline Were The Pathfinders