

# Legion of Honor

## Historicon 2008

### Eastern Chapter, Historical Miniatures Gaming Society



**Jean Lochet, Inductee – HMGS Legion of Honor:** Jean Lochet is the founder, chief cook and bottle washer of Empires, Eagles and Lions and an avowed expert on the French army of the Revolution and First Empire. This magazine was the among the first, if not the first, to stress the use of primary source research in the field of wargame history. For twenty years he ran this magazine with little help from others. He is respected throughout the world for his work and has helped elevate wargaming to a new level of respect amongst the academic world. He is still active in the field working as a chief historian for the Napoleonic Alliance Gazette. Jean has given frequent seminars at HMGS events throughout the years, and this year will be no exception when he will present a lecture on French Dragoons – Medium Cavalry or Just Dragoons. Such expertise and

dedication within two distinct worlds – hobby and academia - has more than qualified this gentleman for acceptance into the HMGS East Legion of Honor.

**Bob Giglio, Inductee – HMGS Legion of Honor:** For over thirty years, Bob has given positive influence to the hobby of Historical Miniature Gaming demonstrating himself as both a colorful HMGS personality and a productive team player. Bob's historical miniatures gaming accomplishments, convention achievements, and many decades of selfless service, exceed all possible prerequisites for induction into the HMGS Legion of Honor.

As a promoter of the Hobby, he's participated and served as a Game Master since 1976, often featured at major national conventions including ORIGINS, GENCON, Atlanticon, and always faithfully supporting HMGS East conventions. Bob has always produced very large showcase affairs, with creative terrain and scenarios, and fun to play; he received a "Best of Show" award at GENCON for an historical game, and several from HMGS East, and was the Historical Miniatures Guest of Honor at ORIGINS 2002, with his Prohibition Wars events. Duke Seifried stated publicly that, "Bob Giglio is the next GM in line to fill my Showman's shoes".

In the area of researching, game-design and publishing, Bob has worked successfully with many of the most dynamic individuals and organizations within the hobby and historical gaming industry. Bob redesigned a second edition of Frank Chadwick's *Soldier's Companion* colonial rules for future publication. He served as US Editor of *Battlefields* magazine (Partizan Press), and is currently



Assistant Editor of *Historical Miniature Gamer* magazine, for which he has contributed articles, and to its predecessor *MWAN*. Bob has also published two English Civil War Gaming Scenario books produced by Partizan Press (with a third awaiting publication later this year), receiving excellent reviews for historical accuracy and scenario playability. As a private contractor for TSR, Inc. (1997-2000), he built various terrain pieces, and due to winning various hobby (and Toy Soldier Society) awards for miniature painting, is currently a free-lance painter doing display figures for MSD Games/Kryomek, USA.

In service to HMGS East, Bob served on the HMGS East Board of Directors (BoD) for six years (1995-2001), as Vice President for Convention Operations, and was selected by his peer BoD members as Chapter President for three years. During that time, he also strove to train convention personnel and future managers/directors, and established the initial SOPs for coordinating all three conventions.

It was Bob's personal effort to found the HMGS East FALL IN! convention in Gettysburg, PA, and he served as its first Convention Director (1997-2001). With the success of FALL-IN!, Bob together with his Convention Committee demonstrated the full professionalism and potential available for an all-volunteer organization with set resources. Many of the innovations, promotional and management techniques he employed for FALL IN! were then adapted for use at other HMGS conventions around the USA (such as HMGS Midwest's Little Wars.) Bob also served for two years as the Miniatures Director for ORIGINS (2004-2005), with an eye on helping ensure historical miniatures were exhibited at "center stage" under his watch.

Bob returned to HMGS East in 2006 to become the HISTORICON Convention Director. In the summer of 2006, we saw inflated gas prices that inflicted a 20% decrease in convention attendance across the USA, including smaller HMGS Chapter conventions, ORIGINS, GENCON, and even the cancellation of GENCON SOCAL. However, during this bleak period, HISTORICON 2006 and 2007 were both not only successful, but thrived with clear growth over previous years.

With HISTORICON, Bob together with his Convention Committee has demonstrated effective and efficient convention management, planning and promotions ability. He's introduced fresh programming to HMGS East's premier convention including Armchair General, Casemate Publishing and Osprey Publishing sponsorships, re-establishing the Military Seminar Series to support HMGS's educational goals, and working closely with the HMGS East BoD to enhance Tournaments, Paint-n-Take, Exhibitor coordination, Events management, GM Awards and several other Programs.

As testimony to Bob's achievement, and the impact of his leadership as the HISTORICON Convention Director, you are urged to read the November 2007 issue of *Miniature Wargames* magazine (#295) radiant review of HISTORICON 2007. This international magazine, on their first ever trip to HISTORICON, stated: "Historicon ... is managed by Convention Director ... and human dynamo, Bob Giglio and a huge team of volunteer[s] ... "

Decades of committed service as an award winning GM, enduring accomplishment as a wargaming author and unsurpassed success as a dedicated Convention Director, undeniably and overwhelmingly has qualified Bob Giglio for induction into the HMGS Legion of Honor.