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HMGS East Presents . . .

The 2009 Slate of Legion of Honor Inductees and the 2009 Jack Scruby Award Winner



## TODD FISHER, SCRUBY AWARD WINNER



**Todd Fisher:** There has been broad (if not universal) agreement from the earliest days of the Legion of Honor (LoH), that Legion membership was awarded based on outstanding contribution in one (or perhaps several) fields, but that the Scruby ought to go to individuals who had made substantial contributions to the hobby in a variety of areas. Todd Fisher epitomizes that renaissance-man ideal of excellence across a broad range of activities. In fact, there might not be anyone in the legion who has contributed in so many different fields as Todd – Duke Seifried perhaps, but certainly no one else.

Todd is, of course, an avid wargamer and dedicated Napoleonic scholar. He organized or assisted in organizing a number of game conventions, the most notable of which is Little Wars, which continues as a very successful historical show to this day and is the flagship of HMGS Midwest chapter (which Todd was also instrumental in organizing). He has also served on the HMGS East Board of Directors, so his convention organizing and society service credentials are considerable.

Perhaps Todd's most famous achievement was the Emperor's Headquarters (EHQ) that he started in 1990; a wargaming super-shop that gamers drove hundreds of miles to visit, and which undoubtedly inspired many of the successful historical shops in the country today. At about the same time, Todd formed the Emperor's Press, which published not only wargaming rules, but also many serious scholarly works by respected historians, such as Christopher Duffy. Todd was also editor and publisher of *Napoleon Magazine*, probably one of the most physically beautiful magazines ever seen, and one that was packed with terrific articles and book excerpts.

Since he was also producing a number of historical figure lines under license, Todd served as a retailer, a publisher, and a manufacturer, which is about as complete a resume for the business end of the historical miniature gaming hobby as one could find. But Todd has also been involved in the artistic end of the hobby – not fine art or sculpture – but the art of game design. He's always been closely involved with the various editions of *Empire*, and was central to the development of the new *Revolution* and *Empire* rules. He was also the designer of the popular medieval rule set *Revenge*.

Todd is the Executive Director of the Napoleonic Historical Society, and in that capacity he has led tours of the Napoleonic Sights of Europe for over thirty years (he was one of six original inductees in the International Napoleonic Society). He has authored several books on the Napoleonic period including *The Napoleonic Wars*, which is used as the textbook for many graduate courses, has written many articles that have appeared in a half dozen international

journals. He has been a featured speaker at the Consortium on Revolutionary Europe, and was the chief historical advisor on the Peabody award winning Napoleon for Public Broadcast System (PBS). He is currently planning a convention devoted entirely to Napoleonic Gaming for August 2010.

With his broad range of accomplishments, Todd certainly qualifies as a welcome addition to the ranks of the Scruby Award recipients.

## DON PERRIN, LEGION OF HONOR INDUCTEE



**Don Perrin:** Is the Publisher of *Historical Miniature Gamer* magazine and President of True North Miniatures. Don's been in the hobby industry for a while now, starting miniature gaming at the age of 10 with Gavin Lyall's *Operation Warboard: Wargaming World War II Battles in 20-25mm Scale*. He was the publisher and editor for James Manto's *Men-at-Arms* medieval wargame in 1990, and has been publishing ever since.

Don graduated from the Royal Military College of Canada with a double major in Mathematics and Physics. He served with the Canadian Army for 10 years, retiring as a Captain in the Corps of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. He worked as a software engineering consultant for two years, and then moved to Wisconsin to write science fiction and fantasy novels.

Currently, Don works with the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre of Canada to train Corps Headquarters in NATO, the European Union and the African Union for peacekeeping operations. He has supported exercises helping UN officials deal with the scourge of children in armed conflict, and how to operate peacekeeping forces in a failed state environment (without becoming the problem!)

He is published with eight novels, and has either authored or edited a host of card games, miniatures games and role-playing games, including the *Dragonlance d20 Campaign Setting*, the *Star Trek Original Series Collectible Card Game*, *Uncle Duke's Napoleonette Rules* for 15mm Napoleonics and the *Sovereign Stone Role Playing Game*. Don served a term as the President of the adventure game industry's trade organization GAMA, and has consulted for games and toys with Hasbro, Mattel, Origin Systems and Scenario.

Currently, Don devotes his time to printing other peoples fine miniatures games (such as Test of Battle Games' *Command Decision: Test of Battle*, LMW's *G.A.S.L.I.G.H.T* and *Holy Hack*, Sam Mustafa's *Might & Reason* and OGDW's *General Quarters*, through his company Quality Print-On-Demand. He has been the Publications Manager for the HISTORICON Convention Committee since 2006, a Little Wars committee member, publisher of North America's only historical miniatures magazine, and continues to promote and play historical miniature games.

Accomplishments in the Miniatures Industry:

- Convention Director, REDCON (Royal Military College's first and continuing miniatures convention), 1987
- Publisher, *Men at Arms* Medieval miniatures rules, 1990
- Owner, Game Guild (retail store in Lake Geneva, WI), 1995-2001
- Began working with TSR, Inc. on *Battle System III* (never published), 1996

- Started Perrin Miniatures (beginning with 10mm WWII armor and infantry), 1997
- Started manufacturing and mould-making for Perrin Miniatures in-house, 2000
- Origins Award for Best Historical Miniature (10mm Tiger I, Ausf E), 2001
- Merged Perrin Miniatures into Noble Miniatures and Regal Distribution, 2002
- Began manufacturing and mould making for all Noble Miniatures lines, and a mould-making service for other miniatures companies (FAA, Knuckleduster, Uncle Duke, RLBPS), 2002
- Convention Director, RockCon (Rockford, IL), 2002-03
- Split from Noble Miniatures; purchased True North Productions (now True North Miniatures), 2004
- Helped with HMGS East newsletter (layout/printing), 2004-07
- Publications Manager, HMGS-Midwest Little Wars, 2004-09
- Purchased *MWAN Magazine* (ran for 6 more issues), 2005
- President (1-year term), Game Manufacturer's Association (GAMA), 2005
- Purchased *Courier* magazine; closed it and started Historical Miniature Gamer magazine, 2005
- Origins Award for Best Publication (*Historical Miniature Gamer* magazine), 2005
- Started Quality Print-on-Demand (printing miniatures rules for other publishers), 2006
- Publications Manager, HMGS-East HISTORICON, 2006-09
- Publications Manager, HMGS-East FALL IN!, 2008-09
- Member, HMGS-East Awards Committee, 2008-09

## PHILIP VIVERITO, LEGION OF HONOR INDUCTEE



**Philip Viverito:** Phil is nothing short of amazing as a prolific writer, historian, game-rules author, gamemaster, figure painter, master terrain maker, event organizer, and HMGS supporter. He is truly an HMGS “Star” by his own rights. His long list of publications (below) speaks for itself. And if this is not enough, you can see more on him in Wikipedia.

Phil is 59 years old, from Niagara Falls, New York. He began his model making in junior high school where he would create model buildings and relief maps focusing on various historical periods from Classical times to modern times. He was so successful at this that while in High School he was invited to lecture on historical topics to other classes.

After attending Niagara University, he began building larger dioramic presentations for gaming conventions. Many of these displays were for modeling conventions as well winning various show awards. These early displays were multiple models depicting the development of the many different buildings in a particular period (on display at Crossed Swords in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.)

Before joining a large Western New York utility, he was contracted to do an architectural display for Amherst Historical Museum. Prior to becoming a staff photographer Viverito created a series of seven miniature buildings depicting the development of The French Castle for The Old Fort Niagara Association (the focal point of the Barracks, Blockhouses and Buildings Display). In addition to this he assisted cataloging photographs for the Association's librarian. This led to other photographic assignments under the watchful eye of the Fort's Director. Following this he was responsible for the care and preservation of the Canadian Power Company's photographic archives and collections creating a photographic history of the Company. This collection was eventually turned over to the Canadian Government for its collections.

His wife Lynne cashed in her IRA to help him start LMW Works sixteen years ago. Today it is an LCC, hosting about twenty titles by various authors besides him. For a decade he developed a sales network based on us publishing, traveling promoting their game systems and then funneling sales through distributors. As time passed they signed up a number of authors and have published their work.

See below the list of achievements is enormous. Phil is often quoted as saying: "The purpose of building these things and doing the figures and game systems is for one thing: To promote the hobby of miniature gaming and getting people of all ages into gaming."

#### **Authored and co-Authored rules systems**

- Knight Hack, 1987
- Classical Hack I, 1989
- Classical Hack II, 1990
- Fantasy Hack First Edition, 1991
- Classical Hack III, 1993
- Knight Hack Second Edition, 1993/95
- Classical Hack III Second Edition, 1995
- Holy Hack Hacking By the Book First Edition, 1996
- Classical Hack First Edition, 1997 (compilation of Classical Hack I, II & III)
- Classical Hack Scenarios Rome, 1998
- Classical Hack Second Edition, 2002
- Classical Hack Scenarios Macedonia, 2003
- Homeric Hack Warfare in the Age of Heroes, 2004
- Knight Hack Third Edition, 2006
- Holy Hack Hacking By the Book Second Edition, 2008
- Hack in the Dark, 2009

#### **Convention Organizing**

- 1976 Great Lakes Convention (Lockport/Buffalo); attendance 5000 people

#### **Other Events**

- Best of Show (display - Unexpected Assault), Buffalo Wargame Club, 1975
- Guest of Honor (castle displays), Fredonia State College S.C.A., 1980
- Presenter, Medieval History Displays & Lectures, Nichols Private School (Buffalo), 1985
- Buffalo School System Water Front School, 1984 (Medieval history displays)
- Presenter, Medieval history Displays & Lectures, Buffalo School System D'Vinci High School-Deville College Campus, 1993
- Speaker, "The Legacy of Hannibal", Georgetown Center for Living History sponsored by the Smithsonian at the Tunisian Embassy, 2004

#### **Awards, Shows & Honors**

- Best of Show & Best Ancients Game Awards, Hot Lead (Canada), 1998
- Best of Session Award, Cowpens, 1998
- Guest of Honor, Siege of Augusta (Augusta, Georgia), 1998
- Guest of Honor, Warfair (Atlanta, Georgia), 1998 & 2001 (?)
- Best of Show Award, COLD WARS 2000
- Guest of Honor, Origins 2002 or 2003? (Siege of Tyre)
- Fourth Place, Best Non-Theme Game, HISTORICON 2003
- Guest of Honor, Mini Wars Glendale, California, 2003
- Guest of Honor, COLD WARS 2006 (City of Carthage Display lectures & games)
- Guest of Honor, Hurricon, Orlando, Florida, 2007 (Scottish castle and figures)
- Award for Encouraging Others, FALL IN! 2008
- Guest of Honor, Origins 2008 (displays of Roman Fortifications, seminars & games)

- Plus recipient of numerous Battle Streamers and Game Awards at HMGS-East conventions

**These distinguished award winners will be honored at an Awards Banquet Friday night at Historicon 2009. Please visit the Historicon Website at <http://www.historicon.org> for more details, and for more information on the Legion of Honor, please visit <http://www.hmgs.org/legion.htm> .**