

PAASL (PALATINE AREA ADVANCED SQUAD LEADER 'S) NEWSLETTER #15

Hello Squad Leader Fanatic type persons,

Our **first session** (June, hello summer!) had 5 people in attendance. It was supposed to be 6 but one person "forgot" to come. I won't mention any names....(Chris). Jon F. and I played against Rick Hollander and stopped his Americans from taking 25 building hexes of a village in Aachen, Germany. In fact he didn't even get across the first street. He played well but his opponents laid down row after row of well placed residual fire (they must have read the article on residual in the last newsletter). The scenario was titled Simple Equation. We had a new player named **Joe Pellam** who joined us for an evening of die rolling fun. He played Dave T. in the same scenario. Dave's Americans did cross the street and may break through the flank to gain a lot of those required 25 buildings. We don't know if they will yet because Dave and Joe need to finish the game. We are holding it on the side and they will finish it next month. There's a first (holding the game till later)! I just couldn't bring myself to call the game in either players favor. It looks close.

The **second session** also had five people in attendance. We played a miniature ASL scenario called Breaking Brokruisk. Greg Haas and David Kleinschmidt played the Germans (they had to, with good German names like that). The attacking Soviet pigs had to capture 4 of 5 large buildings. The roles of the Soviet pigs were played by Dave T., Jon F. and Rick H. They easily crossed the street through Dave's firelane, they made tons of moral checks, they blasted away with a 152 mm assault gun, and they routed the German defenders from the first two buildings. The Germans rolled a ton of boxcars and couldn't even fall back to a safe rallying place and so, the German's lost. Dave and Joe will have to finish that game left over from session one later. since we did a group game this month.

A miniatures game was played for our **third session**. We played a scenario called Bad Luck, and it ended up being bad luck for the German's. Dave T and Joe (the new guy who missed the second session because Dave K. messed up his email address, and didn't notify him. Good thing he checked in to see why he was missed in July) led a German assault against Dave K and Jon F.'s Americans. This game ended after three turns (the Germans lost the 19 V.P.'s while attacking, *that* resulted in a loss). Dave T couldn't make a morale check. The Germans forgot to place smoke with their tanks against the big firepower U.S. positions. A couple of critical U.S. snake-eyes helped stop the assault. It was really cool to see everything in miniature. We debated whether or not the game was balanced as the German's had to cross some ground covered only by some terrain that was a hindrance, not an obstacle. Most of us thought the scenario was balanced and came down to the previously mentioned factors. Joe and Jon sure love their tanks!

And now for the awards

Best Shot Taken during a Non -Official PAASL Game- **Jim Poffenberger's Hero** , who shot down Dave K's Berserk squad after the enemy squad failed to stop it, on some much better odds 1st and subsequent fire shots. The 1-2 shot resulted in a MC, which the berserkers failed on a boxcars roll (half-squaded for failure, and again for boxcars).

The Accidentally Left Off the Email List Award - **Rob Arrieta and Joe Pellam** (how's that for an introduction to our club?)

Best Attendance Out of Everyone- **Jon Fujiu**

Dave K. 80%	Well at least he has to earn it by doing a lot of set up for the games. Maybe the members will attend more often and really make him earn his pay.
Jon Fujiu 57%	What a jump!
Dave T. 51%	Looks like the competition has overtaken you.
Rick H. 47%	Put a challenge on Dave T. for our next session.
Greg H. 42%	Just a slight drop from last time. <i>Get back in the ring!</i>
Dan S. 42%	When will we see you again?
Chris W. 33%	Missed three sessions in a row? We need your expertise to help train these rookies. Hey, maybe you could get some easy wins. We miss you.
Jim P. 26%	No longer in last place, by <i>two</i> positions.
Rob Arrieta 0%	We'll welcome you back as we begin boardgame play again (as opposed to miniatures), for the duration of the year.
Joe Pellam 0%	Welcome to the club. With your dedication you won't be in the basement for very long. Hey, maybe you can beat up on Rob (or maybe you'll beat Dave T. in that game you have to finish from session #1).

The article attached is possibly the last one. Unless I get up off my lazy butt and copy (steal) some new articles. It deals with an advanced topic. Wire.

Roll low and may the dice be with you.
Dave K.

(PLAY MORE ASL, DRINK MILK)