

ON WARGAMING, SECOND EDITION

OVERVIEW, WHAT'S NEW, WHAT'S NEEDED

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WHY ASK FOR HELP?

- “Only the Dead Know Brooklyn”
- Each of you know something about wargaming that I do not
 - Some of you know many, many things I do not
 - A few of you know things I think I know, but ain't so

WHY SHOULD BE INTERESTED IN ON WARGAMING, ESPECIALLY THE 2ND EDITION

- Only book that seeks to provide a comprehensive view of wargame history
 - Ancient to the current year
 - Allies and adversaries
 - Defense, academic, popular
- That history can:
 - Provide data for hypothesis testing
 - Strengthen a sense of community
 - Recognize those who earned recognition
 - **Demonstrate the value of wargaming**
- Also, volume 2 provides a “How to” guide for wargaming a broad range of applications

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 - Chapter 2 Wargaming and the World Wars
 - Chapter 3 Wargaming During the Cold War
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 - Chapter 7 Post Invasion of Ukraine Wargaming
- Conclusion: Where Have We Been/Where are we now/Where We Should Be Going

VOLUME I, HISTORY

- Chapters
 - Chapter I The Rise of Modern Wargaming
 - Importance
 - Shows the universal need to develop “down board thinking”
 - New
 - Aztec wargaming
 - Fix/clarify wargaming going operational

VOLUME I, HISTORY

- Chapters
 - Chapter 2 Wargaming and the World Wars
 - Importance
 - Much relevant data for wargame application as well as capabilities and limitations
 - More people who deserve to be remembered
 - New
 - WATU
 - Japan – corrections and new information

VOLUME I, HISTORY

- Chapters
 - Chapter 3 Wargaming During the Cold War
 - Importance
 - Insights on relative strengths and weaknesses of Soviet and Western wargaming methods
 - New
 - More on RAND and other FFRDC
 - Rise of popular wargaming

VOLUME I, HISTORY

- Chapters
 - Chapter 4 Post Cold War Wargaming
 - Importance
 - Cross currents in wargaming
 - New
 - Founding of Connections

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- Chapters
 - Chapter 5 Post 9/11 Wargaming
 - Importance
 - Clarify importance of wargaming beyond kinetics
 - New
 - Connections UK
 - Turn around of popular wargaming & explosion of recreational software

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- Chapters
 - Chapter 6 Post "Memos" Wargaming
 - Importance
 - Impact of leadership – across alliance
 - New
 - Spread of Connections

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 - Apparent demonstration of dangers of Soviet and kinetics only wargaming
 - New
 - China's new insights

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 - Peace Gaming
 - New
 - Promise and dangers of AI

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- Appendixes
 - A Chronology
 - B Key Contributors
 - C Key Organizations
 - D Key Wargames
 - E Key Documents

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- Chapter 8 The Utility of Wargaming
- Chapter 9 The Vocabulary of Wargaming, It's Taxonomy And Why It Matters
- Chapter 10 Military Wargaming, What Leaders Need to Know
- Chapter 11 Military Wargaming, Becoming an Effective Wargame Action Officer
- Chapter 12 Military Wargaming, Preparing Participants for Success
- Chapter 13 Military Wargaming, Executing the Wargame Cycle
- Chapter 14 Civilian Applications of Wargaming
- Conclusion: Toward The Next Generation of Wargaming; Peace Gaming and More

VOLUME 2, APPLICATION

- Appendixes
 - A Guide to Continuous Wargaming Professional Development
 - B Wargame Checklists

WHAT IS STILL MISSING

- VERY little now on academic wargaming
- Very little on wargaming by US Army (ground and air) during WWII
 - I suspect there is more on USN as well
- Very little on post USSR/Russian wargaming
- Your story

CONCLUSION

- On Wargaming is the work of the wargaming community, it will only be as complete as the members of that community make it.
- Don't assume I know what you know, please email me at:

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TO BUY A COPY OF VOLUME 2

1. Create a free account at the Wargame Vault (www.wargamevault.com)
2. Go to <https://www.wargamevault.com/product/509376/On-Wargaming-second-edition-Vol-2>

Same process for Volume I and full set when out.