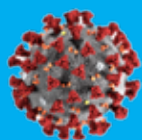


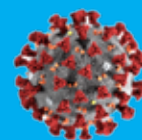
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# PRESIDENT'S SOAPBOX

BY IAN LATHAM



Dear members,

Happy May!

Welcome, again, to the collaborative newsletter of The Austin Scale Modeler's Society. Rick has once again brought together interesting, insightful and thought provoking ruminations in an entertaining format for you to enjoy. Go ahead and clap if you want, we won't judge.

Things are finally opening up and I'm excited to get back to some semblance of normality, whatever that may look like.

Houston had a show at the beginning of May and more shows are on the way.

I would like to let everyone know that the Capitol Classic will be happening on October 2, 2021 at the Travis County Expo Center. The theme will be 'Strange Times' - any model that is unique, oddball and one of a kind. As always, if you are unsure if your entry will fit the description you will be able to ask the head judge on the day of the competition. Look for flyers to start showing up in hobby shops and our web page in the next month.

Get building and good luck!

-Ian

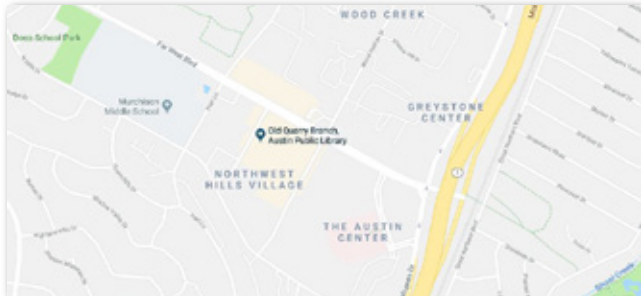




# HOUSE CLEANING



## ASMS MEETING



**Third Thursday each month  
7:00 pm - 8:45 pm  
at the  
Old Quarry Branch Library  
7051 Village Center Dr.**

***Meetings suspended due to Covid-19***

**No Reservations Neccessary!**



***Break the ice at parties!  
Don't miss out on the new name  
badges for dues paying members.  
Contact [latham.ian@yahoo.com](mailto:latham.ian@yahoo.com) for  
more information.***



### Events

#### ***ASMS Club Dues Are Due!***

Annual ASMS club dues are \$25.00/individual  
or \$30.00/family.

You may bring your dues to a club meeting or remit  
same to ASMS, 111620 Via Grande Drive, Austin, TX  
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### Club Quarterly Contests

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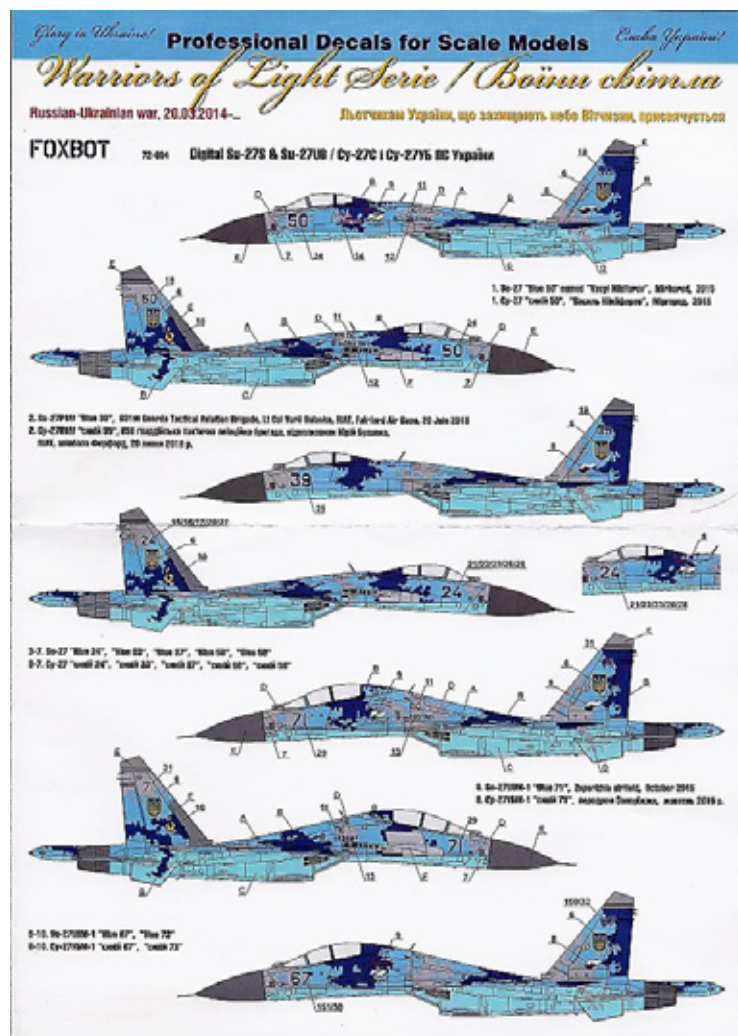
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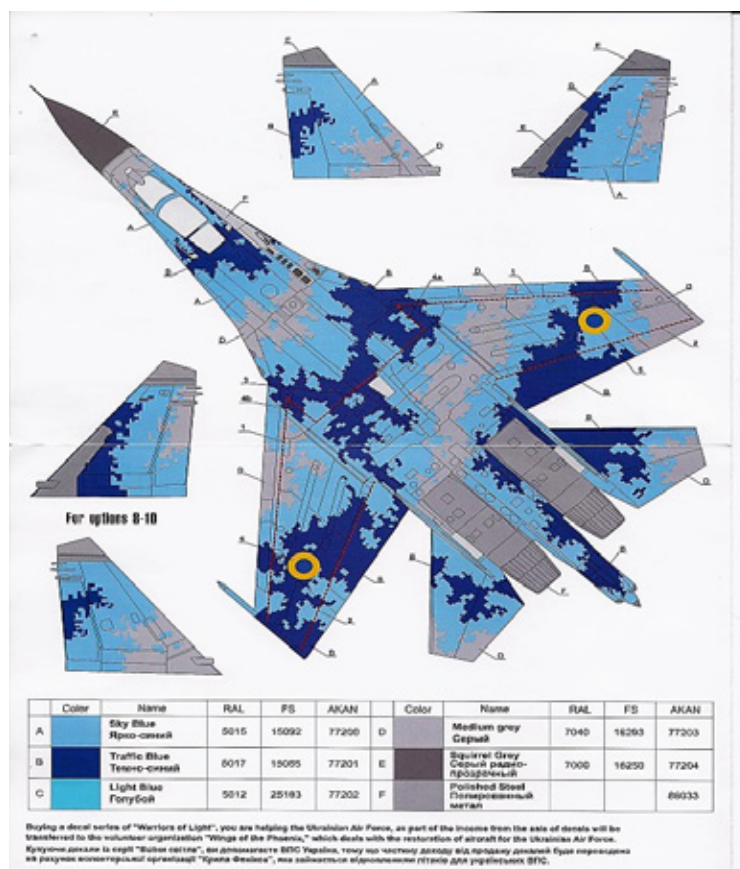
# Warriors of Light: Digital Su-27S & Su-27UB

By Ben Morton



The Warriors of Light 1/72nd scale decal series from Foxbot is a collection of aircraft numbers for ten Su-27s with a complete data and stencil set for a single example. All of the Su-27's were assigned to the Ukrainian Air Force. Most Su-27s in Ukrainian service carried a digital, tri-color camouflage pattern on the upper surfaces and vertical stabilizers. The colored instructions are printed on thick paper with marking and stencil placement instructions.

There is also a placement and color guide for the paint masks that are sold separately.



Color call-outs are provided with 'paint chip' facsimiles of the aircraft colors. The colors are referenced to RAL, FS or AKAN colors. Locating the AKAN paints may prove to be problematic as those are from a Russian company and not widely distributed in the U.S. The RAL is the European color matching system and FS (Federal Standard) is, of course, the U.S. color matching system. [Fun Fact: RAL stands for Reichs-Ausschuß für Lieferbedingungen.]

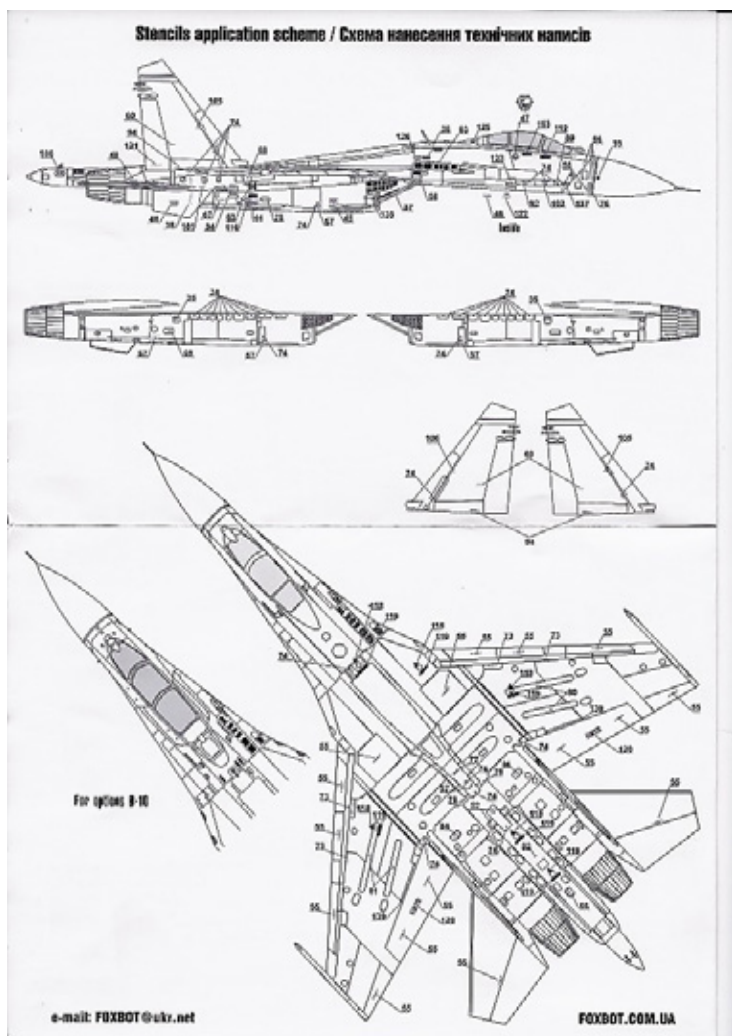
The updated marking options (this decal set was available previously) are provided for aircraft of the Ukrainian Air Force from 2015-2019.

- Su-27 "Blue 50" named "Vasyl Nikiforov", Mirhorod, 2015.
- Su-27 "Blue 39" 831st Guards Tactical Aviation Brigade, Lt. Yuri Bulavka, RIAT, Fairford Air Base, 20 July 2019.
- Su-27 "Blue 24", "Blue 33", "Blue 37", "Blue 56", "Blue 58".
- Su-27UBM-1 "Blue 71", Zaporizhia airfield, October 2015.
- Su-27UBM-1 "Blue 67", Blue 73





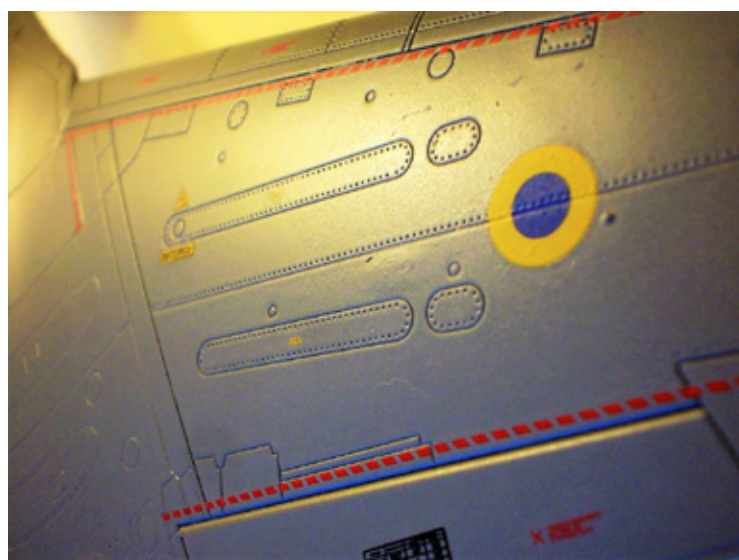
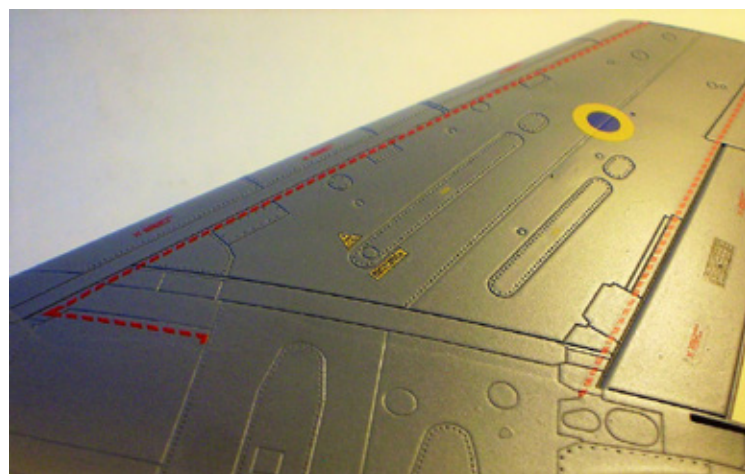
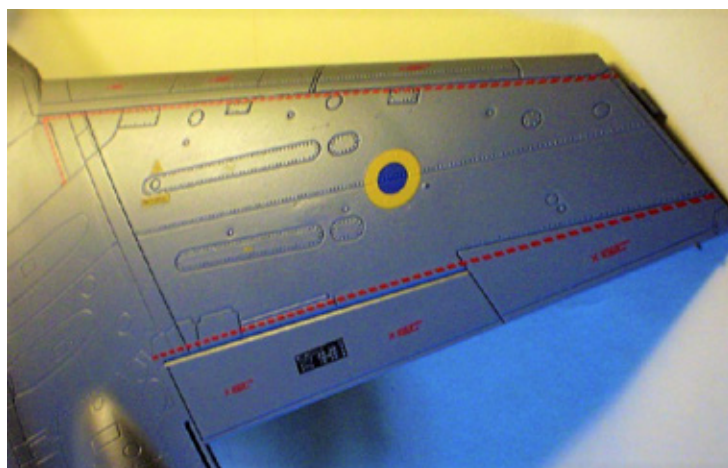
The marking options are presented in profile whereas the stenciling guide has full, four view drawings with supplemental drawings for the air intakes, vertical stabilizers and landing gear. The last guide is for the national insignia on the upper wings and the wing walk areas.



The decals are printed in Ukraine by Decography and have very good registry and a minimal amount of thin, carrier film. The data blocks and warning stencils have outstanding definition with decipherable script and line spacing.

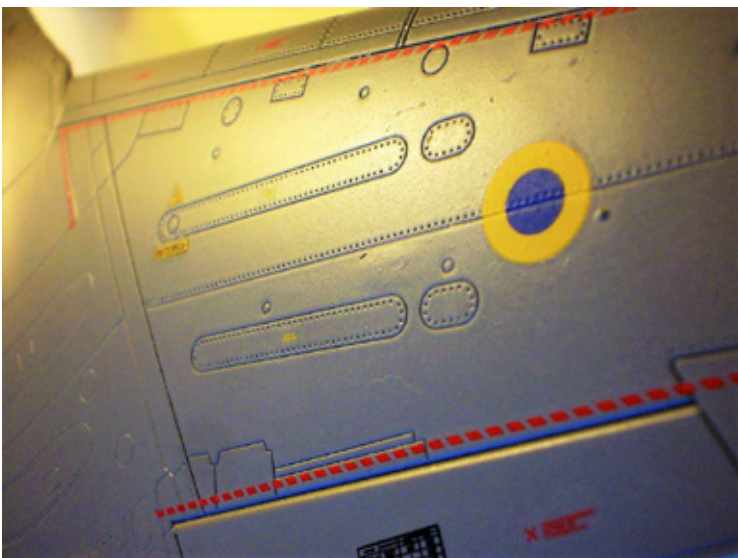
This decal set is only for the aircraft stencils and markings. I do have some digital camo decals 'on order' and hope to do a follow-on article using those in combination with these Foxbot markings.

While we wait for that pending event, I have a reasonable facsimile to show these decals 'in their natural environment', namely on the wing of Trumpeters 1/72nd scale Su-27.





To keep things simple, I sprayed the upper wing/fuselage part with Tamiya primer and then clear coated that with ...well, a gloss clear coat. The wing walk markings, national insignia, and some of the data stencils were applied to the wing. These water slide decals released from the backing paper with a minimal amount of immersion in water. The result are pluperfect. All of the decals went down well. They didn't crinkle, bunch up or tear when reposition, particularly the wing walk stenciling. Another plus is that the carrier film disappeared after applying a semi-gloss clear coat over the completed decal application. [Fun Fact: pluperfect is short for plusquamperfect. Short version definition is 'more than perfect'. This will be on the test.]



There is an interesting addition to the instruction sheet that states; Buying a decal series from "Warriors of Light", you are helping the Ukrainian Air Force, as part of the income from the sale of decals will be transferred to the volunteer organization "Wings of the Phoenix", which deals with the restoration of aircraft for the Ukrainian Air Force. (?) According to Wikipedia, "Phoneix Wings" ( not "Wings of the Phoenix"): is a citizen organization started by Yury Biryukov to financially aid the armed forces of Ukraine. That aid has included purchasing bullet proof vests, helmets and other related support for the armed forces of Ukraine.

And, it would seem to the care and maintenance of the Ukrainian Air Force.

1/72nd scale digital camouflage, self-adhesive masks are available, separately, from Foxbot ( item #72-003) FOXBOT FM72-003 Masks for Su-27 Ukrainian Air Forces, digital camouflage. (Kinda makes you wonder why Foxbot doesn't include them, as a set, with the decals.)

These decals are designed for 1/72nd scale Su-27 kits from Airfix, Hasegawa, Heller, ICM, Trumpeter and Zvezda, just about any 1/72nd scale kit available.

The decal series from Foxbot is really a must if you intend to model an Su-27. The digital camo scheme that adorns these aircraft is as striking as it is impressive. With the markings for "Blue 39" (and others) of the 831st Guards Tactical Aviation Brigade you will have a stunning addition to your display case. And, a great representation of the Ukrainian Air Forces attempts at keeping those 'Russian commies' out of their country. :)







## Ryan Military Trainers

by Ron McCracken

In 1934 the Ryan Company introduced a sleek little sport monoplane having tandem cockpits, an all-metal fuselage, and wood-sparred, fabric-covered wings. The aerobatic version was given the Ryan designation of STA (Sport-Trainer, Aerobatic). It was also about this time that the Army Air Corps was considering acquiring a more up to date monoplane primary trainer. The STA seemed to fit the bill, so in 1939 the Army acquired a single example for testing, giving it the XPT-16 designation. Thus began the evolution of the series of Ryan military trainers, which were eventually used in some numbers by both the Army and Navy during WW II.

However, testing revealed shortcomings in the STA for military service. Its Menasco L-365 inverted inline engine was viewed with disfavor, the cockpits were very cramped for pilots in full military flying gear, and the fully enclosed main landing gear was less than optimum from a maintenance standpoint. The Ryan trainers went through a lengthy series of modifications (some rather subtle) to correct these deficiencies. The purpose of this article is two-fold: First, to allow the modeler to correctly identify the specific Ryan in old photographs, as the author has found mis-identification to be more the rule than the exception; and second, to discuss the inaccuracies in available kits.



The original STA featured the Menasco engine and main landing gear and wheels fully enclosed in streamlined fairings, sometimes referred to as wheel pants. It had single-panel, curved plexiglass windshields. The XPT-16, YPT-16, and PT-16 all followed this configuration. Eventually, all but one of the 15 examples of the PT-16 series were adapted to the Kinner R-440 five-cylinder radial and re-designated PT-16A.

The next modification was to enlarge the cockpits by moving the upper structural longerons in the cockpit area to the outside of the fuselage. This modification was continued through the remainder of the series. A Bendix hand-cranked inertial starter was added, along with a rollover pylon that protruded up through the front cockpit windshield. The result received the YPT-20 designation. Most of the PT-20s were equipped with the Kinner engine but were otherwise similar to the YPT-20. So, a full-panted Ryan with rounded windshields and an external longeron below the cockpit is a PT-20, regardless of the engine type. With no longeron visible, it is a PT-16.

The next set of modifications were more extensive. To get even more cockpit room the fuselage was stretched by several inches between the cockpits and the fuselage rounded out to better conform to the radial engine. To compensate for the center-of-gravity change caused by the longer fuselage, the wings were swept back by 4 degrees, 10 minutes. However, this sweep is almost impossible to see in most photographs. The new series, designated PT-21, also replaced the rounded one-piece windshields with flat-panel three-piece windshields. This is your best identification feature to separate the later Ryans from the PT-16s and PT-20s. The rollover pylon was moved to just ahead of the front windshield, rather than protruding through it. The main landing gear was altered to move the wheel and axle outboard rather than centered under the strut (no doubt to simplify tire replacements), and the fully-panted landing gear was altered to leave only a small fairing over the forward struts and the wheels entirely exposed.





As a side note, the Navy acquired 100 of this variant under the NR-1 designation.

The final, and by far most widely produced variant was the PT-22. It kept all the modifications made in the PT-21, and it utilized a larger R-540 Kinner. From photos, it appears to me that the forward fuselage was enlarged in diameter even more, but I could be mistaken about this. Also, the last vestiges of landing gear fairings disappeared. So, if you see photos of a Ryan with fairings on the main gear, it is either not a PT-22, or it has been inaccurately restored. You can also safely conclude that a Ryan with the Menasco engine is neither a PT-21 or a PT-22.





The table provided below summarizes the identifying features of the various Ryan trainers.

Variant	Nr. Prod.	Engine	external longerons	MGL fairings	Wings	Windshield
XPT-16	1	L-365	no	full pants	unswept	Rounded
YPT-16	5	L-365	no	full pants	unswept	Rounded
PT-16	10	L-365	no	full pants	unswept	Rounded
PT-16A	14 (cv)	R-440	no	full pants	unswept	Rounded
YPT-20	1	L-365	yes	full pants	unswept	Rounded
PT-20A	30	R-440	yes	full pants	unswept	Rounded
PT-20B	3	L-365	yes	full pants	unswept	Rounded
PT-21	100	R-440	yes	Partial fairing	swept	Flat
PT-22	1022	R-540	yes	No fairing	swept	Flat
PT-22A	25	R-540-3	yes	No fairing	swept	Flat
PT-22C	250 (cv)	R-540-3	yes	No fairing	swept	Flat

Now a note about paint jobs. Although some box art shows yellow-and-blue Ryans, and one or two museum restorations appear that way, and that would have been the standard in 1940, every contemporary photo I've been able to find shows a bare metal fuselage, usually highly polished. Wings and tail surfaces, however, do appear to be the standard chrome yellow color for the period.

As to kits in 1/72nd scale, MPM has issued a Menasco-engined PT-20. You can convert it to a PT-16 by simply carving off the external longerons below the cockpit sills.

Sadly, the most numerically important variant of the series, the PT-22, has received the least attention from kit manufacturers. Special Hobby released what they call a PT-22, but it is the same injection sprue as MPM's kit. However, it includes a resin forward fuselage, radial engine, landing gear, and tail surfaces. It also has the later, three-panel windshields. If you cut the wings apart and rebuild them with the proper sweep, add about 1/8 inch of length to the fuselage between the cockpits, use the resin forward fuselage/engine and the resin tail surfaces you can come up with a passable PT-21.

An accurate PT-22 puts you almost into scratch-building there are so many modifications.

In 1/48th, Testors released a kit of the Menasco-powered PT-20 some time back. It too could be modified to a PT-16.

And there you have it. Of a total of eleven variants of the Ryan military trainer, there are kits for only two, and one of those won't build up into an accurate model without major work.

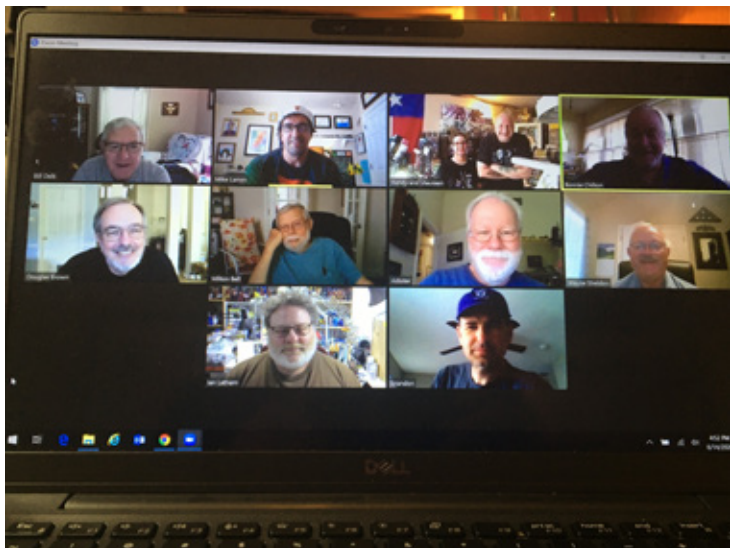
I still hear those voices



telling me : BUY ANOTHER  
MODEL KIT !!!!!



# What's Up wid You?



ASMS/Bill Delk sponsors an on-line ZOOM meeting with whoever wants to join us to talk about models and life. It happens almost every Sunday at 4:00.

Contact Bill Delk to have him send you a link to be able to get into the meeting. Everyone is welcome.

Bill Delk is up first this month. Bill is working on the new Kinetic Pucara in 1/48th scale. He shared a couple of in progress pictures and says the fit is great.



Dave Edgerly has been working on Tamiya's new F4-B.







Dave did some modifications to the pilot to put him in a saluting pose. He also did the same with one of the ground crew.



Dave said the decal sheet is quite extensive.



Rick Cotton has been working on Das Werk's 1/35th Faun L900 truck.







Ziggy Downs Bumgardner has been working on some Star Wars Clone Troopers in 1/12th scale.



Rick herrington has been working on some figures to go with his Hobby Boss Jackal and painting up a Marder 1A3 in Afghanistan colors. Since the Marder's in Afghanistan were 1A5's Rick added some stowage boxes to the build and cobbled up ISAF decals from his parts box.







Finally this month Ben Morton has three 1/72nd scale armor peices in progress. The first is a DML Ferdinand.



Second is another Dragon Production, a Leopard 2A4.



Last from Ben is another Dragon kit, this time an M4A38.



That's it for this month. Thanks to everyone who took the time to share their work with the group. Until next month...Happy modeling!

## Modeling Mishaps

by Rick Cotton

Don't you just love that word..."mishaps"? It's such a gentle, peaceful word. Kind of like "oops", or "Whoopsie!". Some tiny little event that cannot possibly harm anyone. Well, that's not what I'm really talking about here. I mean disasters. Hindenburgs. Ben Affleck and Madonna movies. Absolute, total, give-up-38-points-in-the-4th-quarter choke jobs. Have you had one in your modeling career? I hope so, because if you said "no", chances are...well, you know what chances are. Just like talking about how the kicker hasn't missed a field goal in three years will assuredly make him sail one wide right, saying you have never had a modeling disaster is inviting some seriously bad juju\*.

\* "Juju – an African word meaning totally bad karma, dude"

I've certainly had my share. One was brought back to mind at a recent club meeting, when another member brought an exquisite 1/72 Fokker Triplane, replete in the Red Baron's paint scheme. Instantly, I was transported back to 1970 or so....I swear, 9-year-old me wrestled with that little triplane model over, and over, and over trying to get the wings to line up...eventually, the anger overload was such that I hurled Von Richtofen at 500 scale miles an hour against the nearby wall. The crash and subsequent scattering of little red parts was terrific. And I was devastated...the model... had defeated me.

Another time, I was attempting to cut open a canopy with an xacto...well, you know the saying about "the proper tool"...in this case Yours Truly was the tool, as in, "you're such a tool". Sliced that finger to the bone.

I can still remember how stupid I felt, sitting there in the Emergency Room, with my blood dripping slowly onto their nice, clean, white floor. Then there are Builder Error Disasters – like discovering that Part 56B was supposed to go in before you installed that deck, and all that photoetch, and that lovely paint job. Hmm...cover it with a maintenance tarp.

There are fun discoveries in chemistry that happen...like the time I discovered why you should never...NEVER...spray lacquer over enamel. The lacquer went down so smooth – and then the fun began....the enamel underneath bubbled up, and my beautiful jet fighter became – instantly – a "kill" for the Bad Juju Air Force. Done. Over. Parts bin. I said words I don't say....words I would only expect to hear in a Jenna Jameson movie... and I said a LOT of them. The dog was hiding from me all night.

But the absolute worst, most horrible, to-be-feared mishap has to be the one you don't find... and others do....at the model show. Oh, boy.

A case in point: I remember a show many, many years ago, in Keep It Weirdville. A modeler had placed a beautiful, absolutely beautiful 1/32 scale F4J Phantom on the table, and it easily outshone everyone else in the class. I stood there with a modeling friend, who had also been one of the judges in that very class.

"Beautiful, isn't it?"

"Sure is. He took First."

"Wow. Guess you guys didn't see what I see. From here."

My friend looks at me with that questioning look.

"You can't see it?"

"See what?"

I give him the half-smile.

"Look at the portside wing."

He looks and looks and looks. Up close. Pulls out the Death Ray and gives every seam and panel line the once over. No gaps, no decal film, no nothing. At last, befuddled, he turns back to me.

"I give up. What?"

"Look at the star."

He steps back and looks the star in the insignia.





He cocks his head. THAT'S when he notices...it is upside-down. I mean 180. Top point down!

"Oh, %^\$#@!"

There is a sudden emergency meeting of the 1/32 scale jet judges, and the discussion is quite animated. There is a lot of pointing and gesturing and red-faced shrugging and so forth. Eventually, they come to a decision, and the results get re-shuffled. Later on, the owner of the F4 asks my friend why he did not get First. My friend points out the error, and the modeler looks on silently in stunned disgust. Then he speaks.

"Don't know how that happened. Shoulda seen that..."

Be careful. There are times when we are lined up dead center...a chip shot extra point away from victory, and we get careless and cocky. Here's the snap, ball down, the kick is on its' way....

Wide RIGHT!! AAAAAUUUUGGHHH!!!!



## Old Rumors and New Kits

### New and In View Aircraft

by Ron McCracken

May is proving a fairly quiet month, but there are a couple of new things in the smaller scales. Otherwise, a variety of re-releases, including a couple of "oldie-but-moldy" kits from Atlantis.

#### 1/12th Scale:

Atlantis is re-releasing the old Monogram kit of the Wright R-1820 Cyclone aircraft engine. I built one of these as a kid (yeah, it goes waaaay back).







### 1/32nd Scale:

Infinity Models is re-releasing its 2020 new-tool kit of the SB2C-4 Helldiver with different markings. Unknown what, if any, parts updates might be included.



### 1/48th Scale:

A&A Models is re-releasing their Gee Bee R1/2 kit in 1934/35 markings.



Atlantis is rereleasing the old Lindberg JN-4 Jenny.



DoraWings is re-releasing their 2020 new-mold kit as a P-43B/C Lancer (recon version).



DoraWings is also re-releasing their P-35 kit as a Seversky J9 in Swedish markings.





Eduard is re-releasing their Bf 109G-2 in a Profipack edition with new decals and color photo-etch parts.



Eduard is also re-releasing their Fw 190F-8 in a Profipack edition, with color photo-etch and painting masks.



And, Eduard is re-releasing a Mustang Mk.IV Profipack edition, with color photo-etch parts, six markings options, and painting masks.



Freedom is re-releasing their AT-3 Tzu Chung ROCAF trainer. The AT-3 is a training aircraft developed by the Taiwan Aviation Industry Development Center with the cooperation of Northrop Corporation.



Freedom is also re-releasing their TF-20B Tigershark, the two-seat trainer version of the F-20, with new decals and revised parts.



### 1/72nd Scale:

Eduard is re-releasing their Albatros D.V in a Weekend edition.







Great Wall is re-releasing their 2019 F-14B kit as an F-14B Bombcat with new/revised parts and decals.



Hasegawa is re-releasing their F-14A Tomcat in VX-4 'Black Bunny' markings. The decals are the only known change from last year's release.



Hasegawa is re-releasing their F-2A kit in 8SQ 60th Anniversary markings. No changes except the decals.



### 1/144th Scale:

A&A Models has announced a new-tool release of the C-141A Starlifter, a welcome kit of an important transport aircraft. From what I can gather, this will be the early "short fuselage" version, different from Roden's C-141B with the stretched fuselage.



Great Wall is re-releasing their B-52G Stratofortress in a "Late configuration" variant with some new/revised parts.

GWH L1009 1/144 scale USAF B-52G STRATEGIC BOMBER





**1/200th Scale:**

Hasegawa is re-releasing their C-1 transport as an EC-1 JASDF EW Aircraft with added resin parts for the nose, tail, and side antenna fairings, and optional chaff pods. So, strictly speaking this is an alternate parts variant of the older kit that allows a completely new version to be built.



So, there you have it. Happy modeling!



He might be thinking of another woman...



Do I do Chipping with the sponge or with the aerospray technique?

**Tracked Topics**

By Panzer Lehr

Howdy tread heads! Let's get started with 1/72nd scale. Special Hobby is releasing a Sdkfz 250/1 Alte.



Dragon is releasing a Tiger 1. This one has decals for Gruppe Fehrman. Kampfgruppe Fehrman was composed of tank school instructors and their training tanks. There were 6 Tigers, 5 Panthers and 2 half tracks.



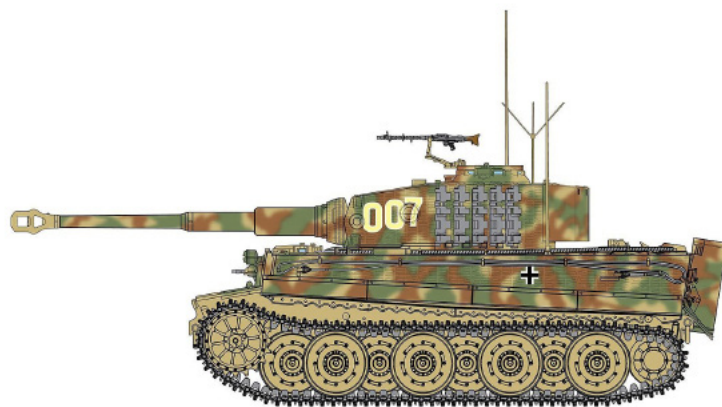




It's interesting that Dragon spelled the group commander's name wrong on the box. A company called Plastic soldier is releasing a set of 6 Russian GAZ trucks. The set consists of 3 GAZ AA and 3 GAZ AAA trucks. I assume they're marketing toward the war gaming folks.



Moving on to 1/35th scale Dragon is re-releasing several of their Tiger kits. The first is a kit of Tiger ace Michael Wittman which includes a figure of Wittmann in the kit.







The second Tiger release from Dragon is one from the 506 Schwere Panzer Abteilung. This one includes Zimmerit and Magic tracks.



Academy is releasing a Panzer 2F North Africa version.



MiniArt is releasing a T-55a. This one is boxed as a North Vietnamese Army version.



Mini Art is also releasing a transmission set meant for T-55s. Perfect for your NVA version.







Takom has an M60A1 ERA with a dozer blade in the works for us.



Italeri is re-releasing an M-24 Chaffee. Looks like this one probably is the early release in a new box.



Meng continues their Panther releases with an A model.



Tamiya is releasing a North Africa themed Panzer 4. This one includes crew figures.



MiniArt is releasing their own Pzkw 4. This one is a T-IVH in Bulgarian markings.

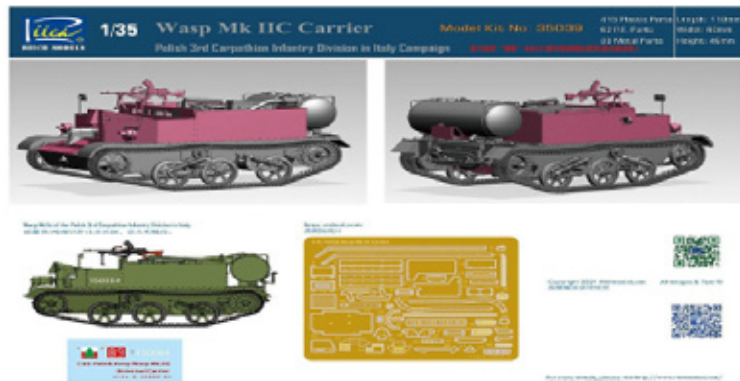




Amusing Hobby is releasing a Swedish STRV-104



Riich Model is releasing a British Wasp Mk 2 Flamethrower carrier. This was basically a Bren Gun carrier loaded up with two large tanks of flammables. I'm sure you had to be brave to man this vehicle as the Bren Gun Carrier had thin armor and the the tank was exposed on the rear of the carrier.



Gecko is releasing an British All Terrain Mobile Platform (ATMP).



Das Werk has a couple of new releases. The first is a paper panzer VK 45.01 (P) RammTiger



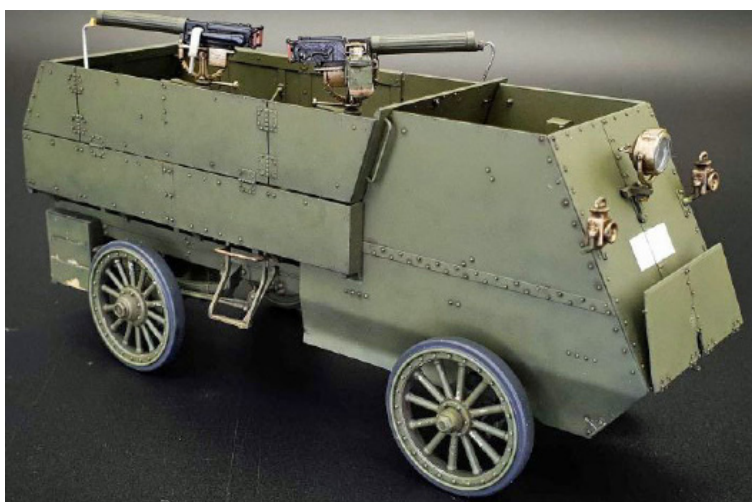




Second from Das Werk is a French 155mm C17S Howitzer.



Last this month is another fine armored car from Copper State Models. This time it's a Canadian Armored Machine Gun carrier.

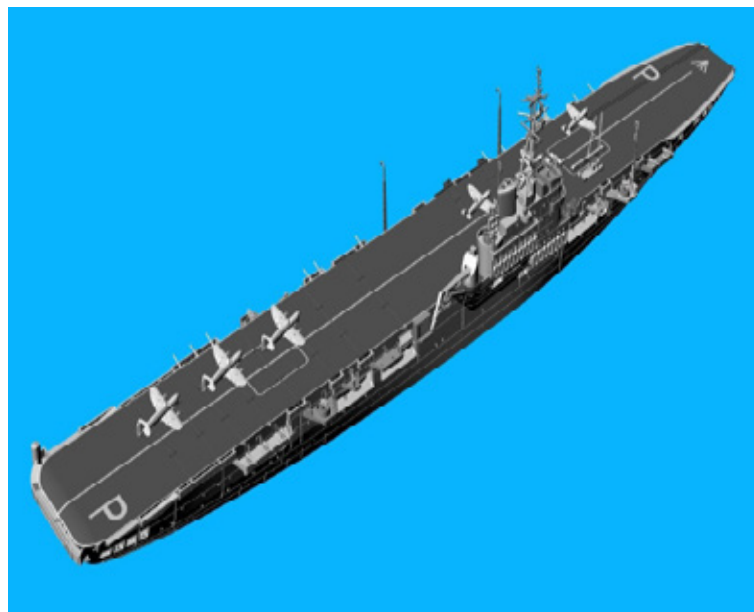
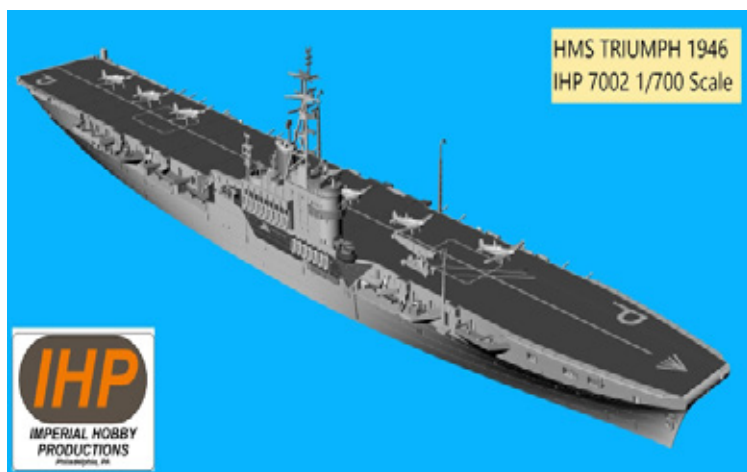


That's it for this month. Looks like we're edging toward normalcy. If you haven't been vaccinated, get it. It's free and the sooner everyone is protected we can have shows and meetings again. Happy modeling!

## Shipping News

by Rick Herrington

A good deal of new releases this month so let's jump right in to 1/700th scale. Imperial Hobby productions is releasing HMS Triumph a light Fleet Carrier as she looked in 1946





OKB is releasing a French Barracuda class submarine.



Combrig is releasing the Royal Mail Ship Lusitania. This passenger liner was sunk by a German U-boat in 1915 and contributed directly to the US entering WW1.



Veryfire is releasing a USS Missouri BB-63



Starling Models is releasing the 1949 version of HMS Amethyst. HMS Amethyst was fired on by PLA guns. and lost 60 of her crew.



**Starling Models**

STK17



**HMS AMETHYST 1949**

Resin and photoetch kit 1/700

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Last in 1/700th Pit Road is releasing an Aegis class guided missile destroyer of the JMSDF DDG-177 Atago.



Moving on to 1/350th scale Revell is releasing HMS Dreadnought.







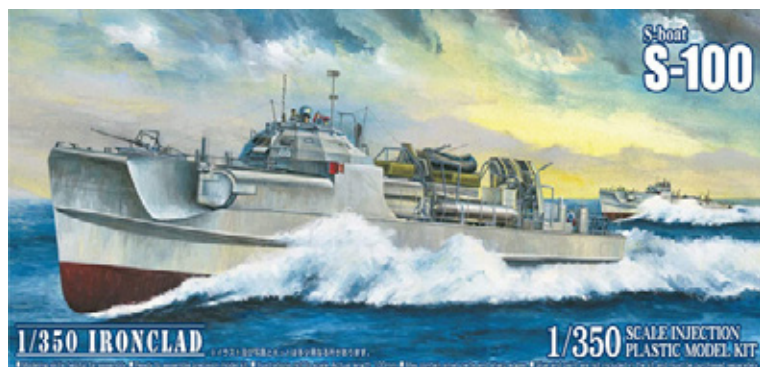
Trumpeter is releasing SMS Szent Istvan an Austro-Hungarian battleship.



A welcome and unusual upcoming release from Trumpeter is the USS Langley AV-3. This was the United States' first aircraft carrier.



Aoshima is releasing an S-100 Schnellboot. This release is a re-box of their 2019 new-tool release.



Combrig is releasing a Soviet Navy Frigate SKR-11



Keeping in the modern vein Orange Hobby (Dragon) is releasing the USS Pegasus hydrofoil.



Last in 1/350th Hobby Boss is releasing the USS Gato SS-212



Finally this month in 1/72nd scale Mikro Mir is releasing an Imperial Russian Navy submarine Krupp "Forel" which means trout.



That's all the wind in the sails this month. Grab a kit out of your stash and build it!

## It Figures

By Michael Lamm

Hello fellow modelers! Hopefully everyone is enjoying Spring.

<https://scale75usa.com/>

Scale75 has a number of new 1/35 scale figures. First up are two nice German figures in winter gear. Both are dressed in the Waffen SS version of the double-sided winter jacket, and one carries a Stg-44. There is an optional scenic base with a schwimmwagen also.







Their next release is a scenic one from the Pacific theatre. "Bunker Run" includes everything needed for a nice vignette. Two Marines, one armed with a flamethrower, capture a Japanese bunker. The kit includes the 2 figures, the bunker and scenic base, as well as a Japanese machine gun, and ammo boxes.



<https://miniart-models.com/>

Miniart has released yet another set of German tank mechanics. This time in addition to two new figures, you get a nice Maybach engine that will work with a Panzer III or Panzer IV tank. The figures are posed on the rear deck of the tank working on the engine and look very nice.

## MAYBACH HL 120 ENGINE FOR PANZER III/IV FAMILY WITH REPAIRING CREW

UNASSEMBLED PLASTIC MODEL KIT  
BOX CONTAINS MODELS OF:  
2 FIGURES, ENGINE & TOOL SET  
PI PARTS AND DECAL SHEET  
THIS IS NOT A TOY

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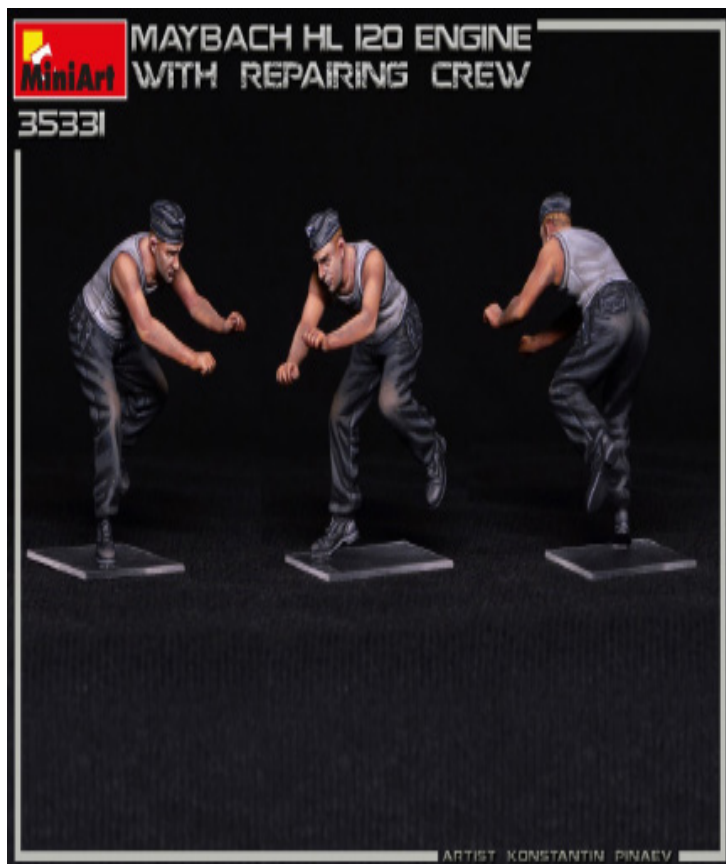


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Miniart is also re-releasing a German self-propelled gun crew. Like they've done with other recent re-releases, this set includes the original figures, plus a sprue of infantry weapons, SPG shells, and the decals necessary for marking the armament. They'd look good with the Marder III I have in my stash.

## GERMAN SPG CREW

UNASSEMBLED PLASTIC MODEL KIT  
BOX CONTAIN MODELS OF:  
4 FIGURES, WEAPONS, AMMO BOXES WITH SHELLS  
DECAL SHEET IS INCLUDED  
THIS IS NOT A TOY

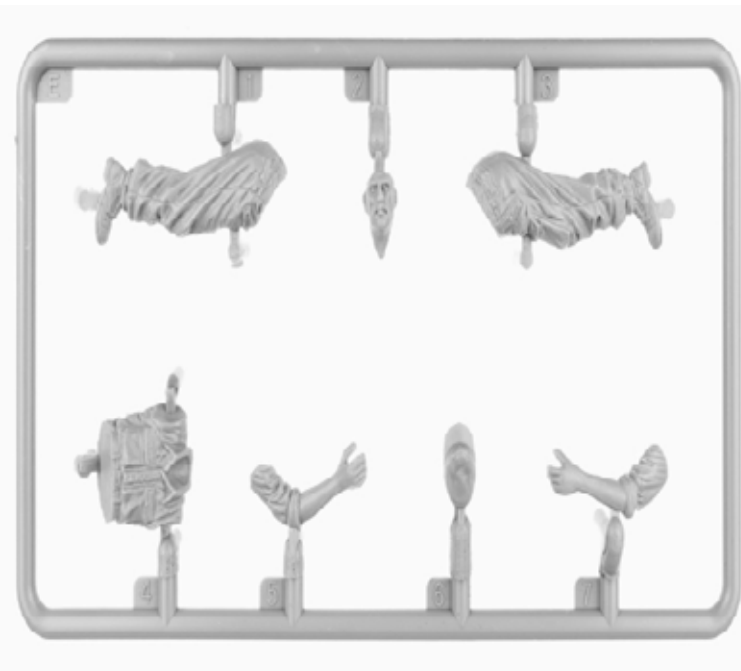


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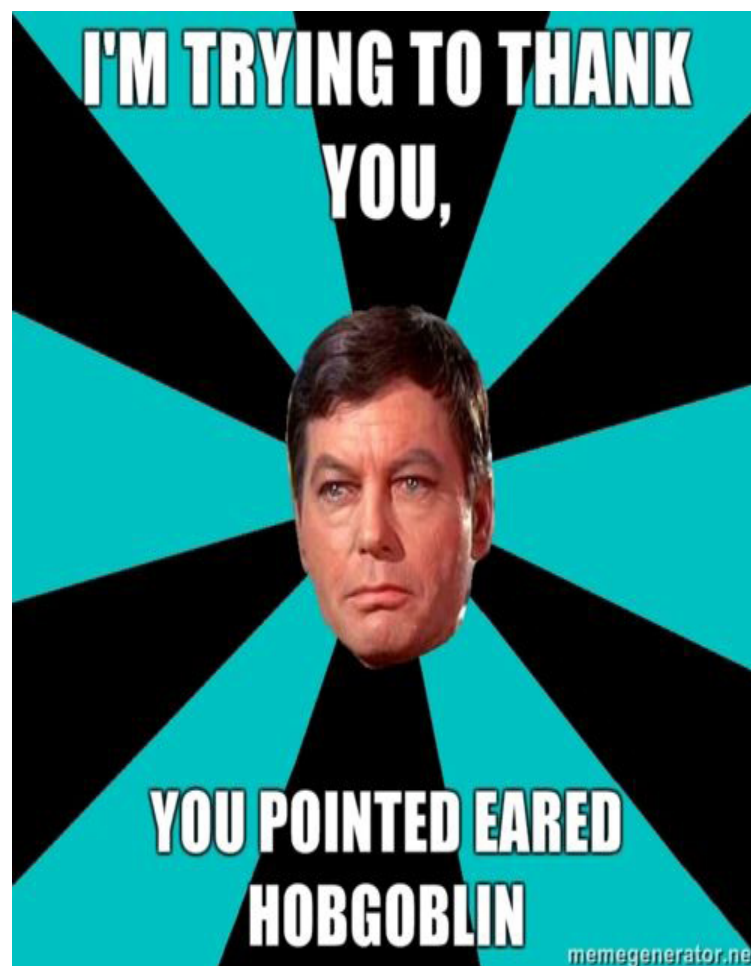
Based on a famous photo taken during the Battle of Hue, Bravo 6 has released a pair of Vietnam figures depicting Marine staff sergeant Robert "Cajun Bob" Thoms leading an assault during some of the most ferocious fighting of the Tet Offensive. The two figures look like their right out of the original photo, so my hat's off to the sculptor.

**B6-35329**  
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Take care and keep painting those figures!







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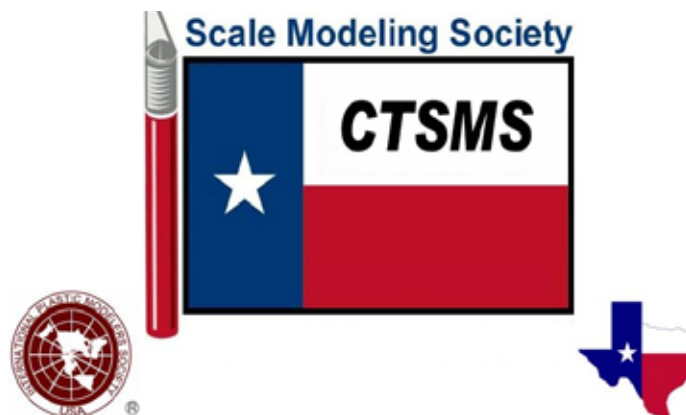
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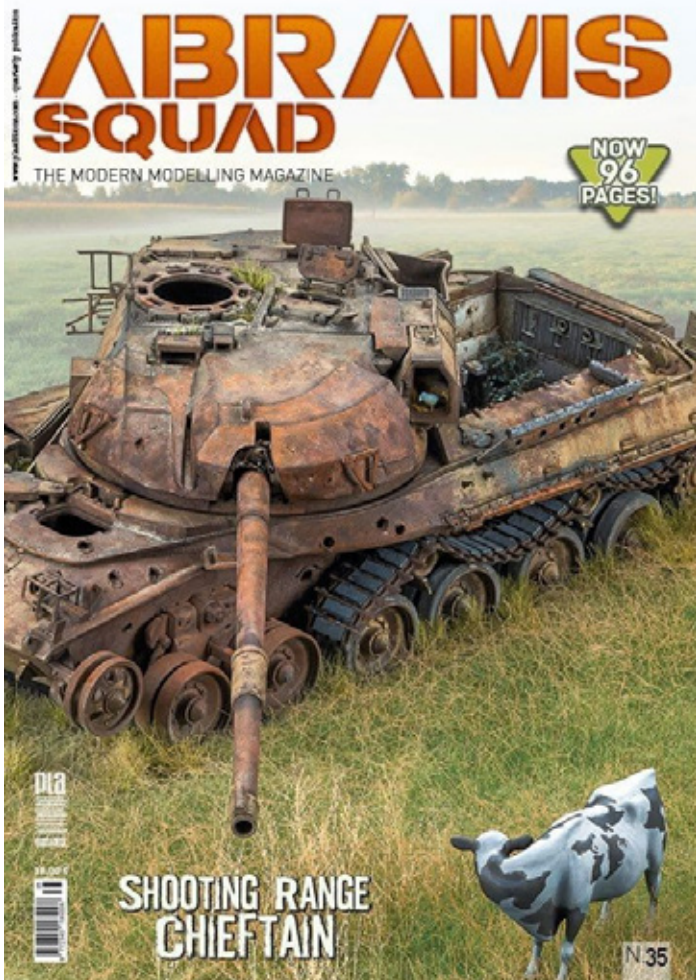
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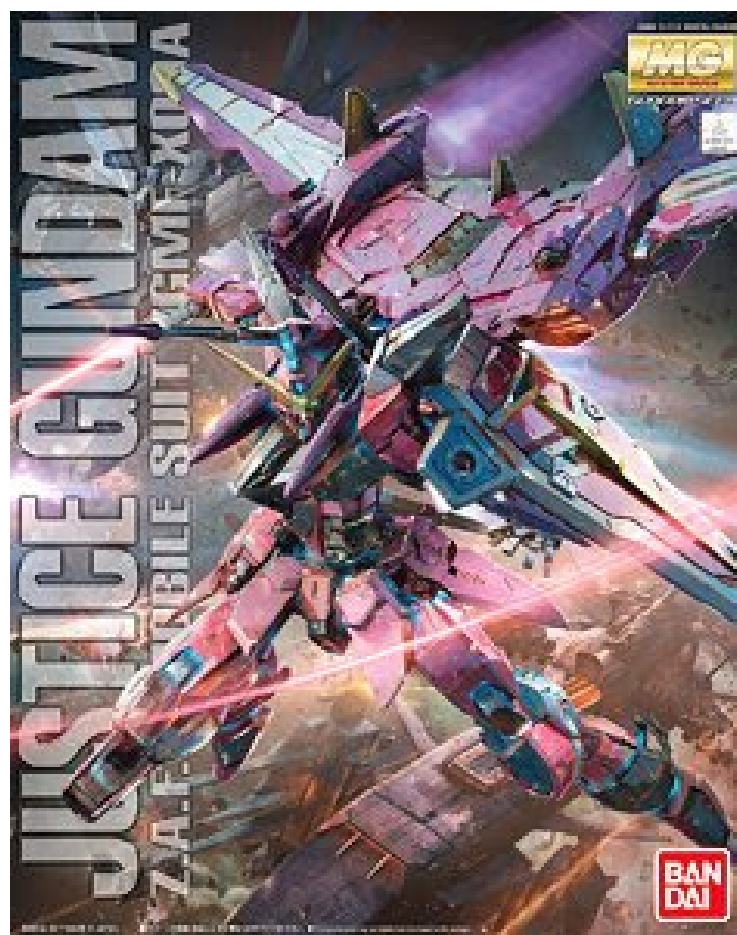
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