

## **Marshal Enterprises Presents**

### **...Its Periodic *La Bataille* Blog #2**

...Two items of note that Marshal Enterprises (ME) has been working on...

First, there have been several enhancements to the website, **La Bataille.me**...here are just a few of them listed:

- ...There are a number of corrections to the Prusse 1806 documents including Saalfeld, Jena, and Halle.
- ...The updated combat chart is posted. This provides clarifications of the melee results.
- ...Update versions of Schoengrabern and Razsyn are posted, including video clips!
- ...The latest revision of the Premier Rules is posted.....

We hope you will visit the website soon and check out the new format. Please look at the site from time to time, as we are trying to give you more to peruse.

The new website design allows us to be more responsive to our readers and players. We can also reach out to them much more quickly. We can also make changes to our rules or editorial material almost on a dime. Additions and changes to rules and commentary will allow us to have a conversation with all of you...Let us know if you have any questions or comments. Either contact Jim Soto @ [jgsoto9@msn.com](mailto:jgsoto9@msn.com) or Dennis Spors @ [vonspor@labataille.me](mailto:vonspor@labataille.me) via email and we will respond to our readers in the blog if you so desire. Monte would normally accept emails, but he has been teaching his very famous *Bishop Talleyrand: Mr. Flexibility* Seminar at the University of Southern California School of International Intrigue. Talleyrand is seen below in one of his more pious moments. He is the ME patron saint of diplomatic endeavors.



*Bishop Talleyrand meditating on Europe and his role.... Bishop Talleyrand is the Marshal Enterprises Patron Saint of Diplomatic Endeavors*

The second issue taking up ME time right now is the development of our next game for sale. We asked Monte what the game was, and he indicated he was not at liberty to say. We will announce the game selection at the CONSIM *Monsterfest* in Tempe in June...Stay tuned.

We will be starting our play testing in just a few weeks. I met with one of the play testers in Orange County just a few days ago. Eric Holgren, he of YouTube fame for putting together the instructive videos, will again be participating in the play test process. Eric indicates he is working on his French pronunciation...he wants to at least approach Napoleon in his diction and vocal presentation. He has also committed to providing some "how-to" pieces for future blogs. Eric's first La Bataille exposure was the first COA Auerstadt in the 80's.

Another set of playtesters comes from North Carolina. Ken Ellis and his foil, Chuck Kennedy, will again be playtesting as they have done for the past several years. Chuck has managed to survive Ken's culinary creations and at the same time providing some stiff competition to Ken. Ken has been playing La Bataille since being involved in GDW's Moscovia and playing many monster games. His first Premier game was Auerstadt. Ken has several hundred games he owns, and if you are searching for that special game that your wife has always wanted you to have, there is a very good chance that Ken has it along with a couple hundred other games for sale.

More to come in our next blog about other play testers, such as Mark Kaczmarek in Utah, and Curtis Kirkland in Michigan. We couldn't do it without our play testers sprawled across four time zones.

Some ME news on *La Bataille Pour La Prusse 1806*... As of Saturday January 27, we are down to 70 copies left. This has been our best January for sales in ME history. We sold our first copy to Poland earlier in the month, and sales to Spain; France and Japan continue to lead our international market. So far, 13 different countries besides Les Etats Unis have experienced *Prusse 1806* sales. We will keep you posted on the blog as to availability of our last published game.

Our last game tended to be Coalition-centric in its editorial outlook....our next game will be featuring editorial pieces about the "international" flavor of La Grande Armee as part of the overall contents.

As we finish this blog, we again consider ME's Man of the Moment....we present Jean Count Rapp. He as an Aide de Camp to the Emperor; and wounded countless times in his intense service to the Empire. Napoleon once asked Rapp why he was always getting wounded, and the Count responded, "because you always have us fighting."

The memoirs of Count Rapp are available as an ebook, and I have one on my iPad for quick reference and inspiration. Dennis was telling me about the Alsatian dinner his wife prepared for Christmas, and that was enough to inspire me to select Count Rapp as the ME Man of the Moment.



***Count Jean Rapp...ME Man of the Moment***

Signing off for Marshal Enterprises on January 27, 2018.....*Jim Soto*