



Ground Power

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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

AUG 18	Friday pm MEETING: VFW Post 10657 DEMO: Camo Netting by Spencer Van Gils
AUG 26-27	Friday pm Club Display at the NMAW 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Nokesville, VA
SEP 22	Friday pm MEETING: VFW Post 10657 DEMO: A+B Putty Bedrolls by Ashley Abernathy
SEP 23	Saturday am/pm MODEL BUILDING DAY 9:00 am - 6:00 pm VFW Post 10657
OCT 27	Friday pm MEETING: VFW Post 10657 DEMO: Making Tarps by John Robinson

MEETING AGENDA

(segments vary in length)

6:30 OPENING REMARKS, BUSINESS

DEMONSTRATION (~30 min.)

PASS IN REVIEW (~90 min.)

LOCATION

VFW Post 10657
11568 Cedar Lane
Ashland, VA 23005

PRE-MEETING DINNER



Pizzaro at 5:15 p.m.
9966 Brook Rd.
Glen Allen, VA 23059



AMERICANS *in* WARTIME EXPERIENCE

Open House and AMPS-CV Display at the Americans In Wartime Experience - August 26-27

Event hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. AMPS-CV has been invited to display our hobby on two tables, greet the public and promote the hobby. In addition to the static vehicle displays, there will be reenactors and live vehicle demonstrations. It is located at 13906 Aden Road in Nokesville, VA. [Find out more and register to attend here.](#)



AMPS-CV Meeting Change In August

Note there is a schedule change in August due to a conflict at the VFW Post. Our meeting will be on Friday, **August 18**.

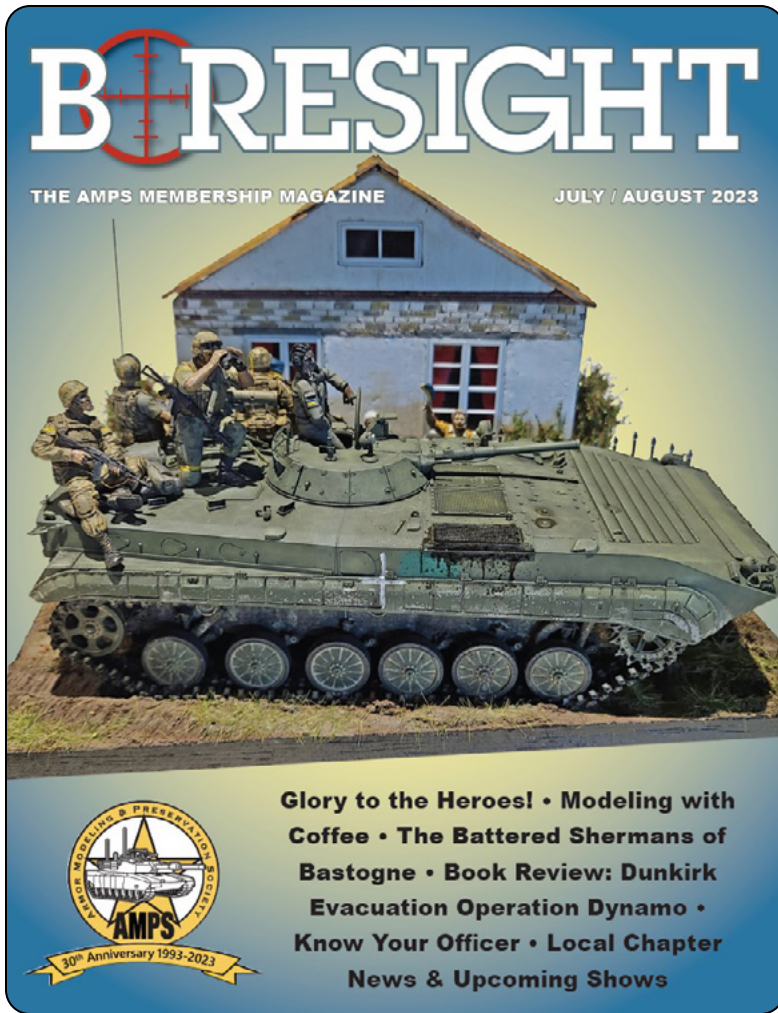
July Meeting Demonstration

Chip Heusinger presented "An Intro to 3D Printing." A writeup on this demo will appear in a future issue of Ground Power.

AMPS-CV Model Building Days

The next model building day on the schedule is Saturday, September 23. Hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Location is VFW Post 10657.





Boresight July/August 2023

“Glory to the Heroes” Ukrainian BMP-1
by Greg Beckman

Modeling with Coffee by Brian Eberle

The Battered Shermans of Bastogne
by John Kirkpatrick

Dunkirk Evacuation Operation Dynamo Book Review
by the Editor

Know Your Officer: Neil Stokes, 1st VP, by the Editor

Local Chapter News & Upcoming Shows by the Editor

	1 year	2 years	3 years
USA	\$30	\$55	\$80
Canada/Mexico	\$35	\$65	\$95
International	\$40	\$75	\$110
Junior*	\$15	\$30	\$45
Family**	\$15	\$10	\$15
Digital***	\$25	\$45	\$65

* Juniors: members aged 17 years or younger.

** Family: active regular members living at the same address.

*** Available to International members living outside North America.

Membership includes the society’s Boresight magazine that is published six times per year. In it are exclusive articles about armor research and modeling.

Renew or start your AMPS membership online at: www.amps-armor.org

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To pay by check or money order, enter your delivery information at right and mail it with your payment to:

AMPS Membership
PO Box 807
Thorn Run Rd.
Moon Township, PA
15108-9998
USA

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

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Email: _____



ARMORCON

Friday and Saturday October 13th and 14th , 2023

Wyndham Southbury, 1284 Strongtown Rd., Southbury CT 06488
\$129 discount room rates available. Please call 203-653-8179 and ask
for the Armorcon room block. Make reservations by 9/7/23.

WINNING MODELS FROM AMPS CAN BE ENTERED AT ARMORCON!

80 VENDOR TABLES!

AMPS OPEN JUDGING SYSTEM! HUGE RAFFLE WITH GREAT PRIZES!

RESEARCH, MODELING, AND WORKSHOP SEMINARS!

18 ENTRY CATEGORIES! 20 SPECIAL AWARDS!

Friday 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

OUR 23rd YEAR!

SHOW THEME – Lend-Lease

Check our website for registration forms, schedule times, seminar times,
and other information. www.nemilmod.org

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An AMPS Regional Show



For Vendor Table Reservation

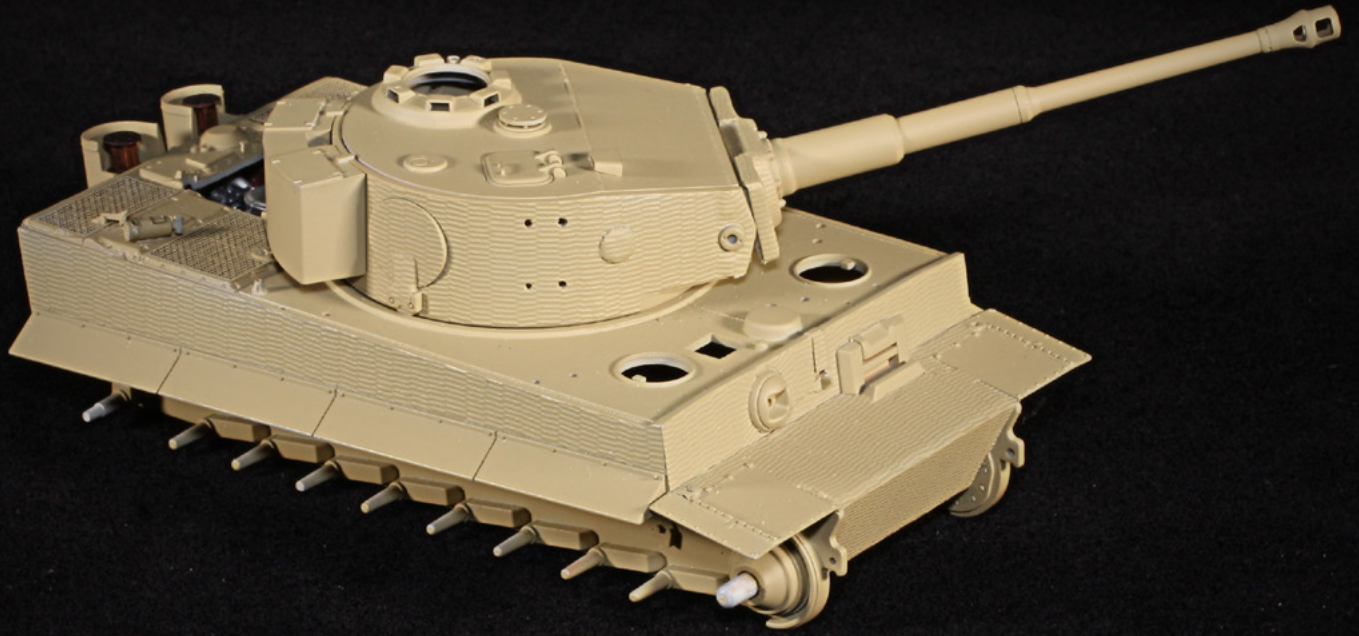
Matt Toms
68 Morris Street
Naugatuck, CT 06770
203 729-3218
vendors@mail.nemilmod.org

For More Information

www.facebook.com/armorcon
www.nemilmod.org

		2023						
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JANUARY	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	
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	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
AMPS-CV Meeting	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	AMPS-CV Build Day, VFW Post
FEBRUARY	29	30	31	01	02	03	04	
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AMPS-CV Meeting	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Old Dominion Open, Richmond, VA
MARCH	26	27	28	01	02	03	04	
	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	AMPS-CV Modeler's Retreat, Fort A.P. Hill, VA
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
AMPS-CV Meeting	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
APRIL	26	27	28	29	30	31	01	
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AMPS-CV Meeting	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
MAY	30	01	02	03	04	05	06	AMPS International Convention, Camp Hill, PA
	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	
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AMPS-CV Meeting	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
JUNE	28	29	30	31	01	02	03	
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AMPS-CV Meeting	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
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AUGUST	30	31	01	02	03	04	05	
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AMPS-CV Meeting	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	Americans in Wartime Museum Open House, Nokesville, VA
SEPTEMBER	27	28	29	30	31	01	02	
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OCTOBER	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	
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AMPS-CV Meeting	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
NOVEMBER	29	30	31	01	02	03	04	
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AMPS-CV Meeting	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	AMPS-CV Build Day/Meeting (FRI), Build Day (SAT), VFW Post
DECEMBER	26	27	28	29	30	01	02	
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JANUARY	31	01	02	03	04	05	06	

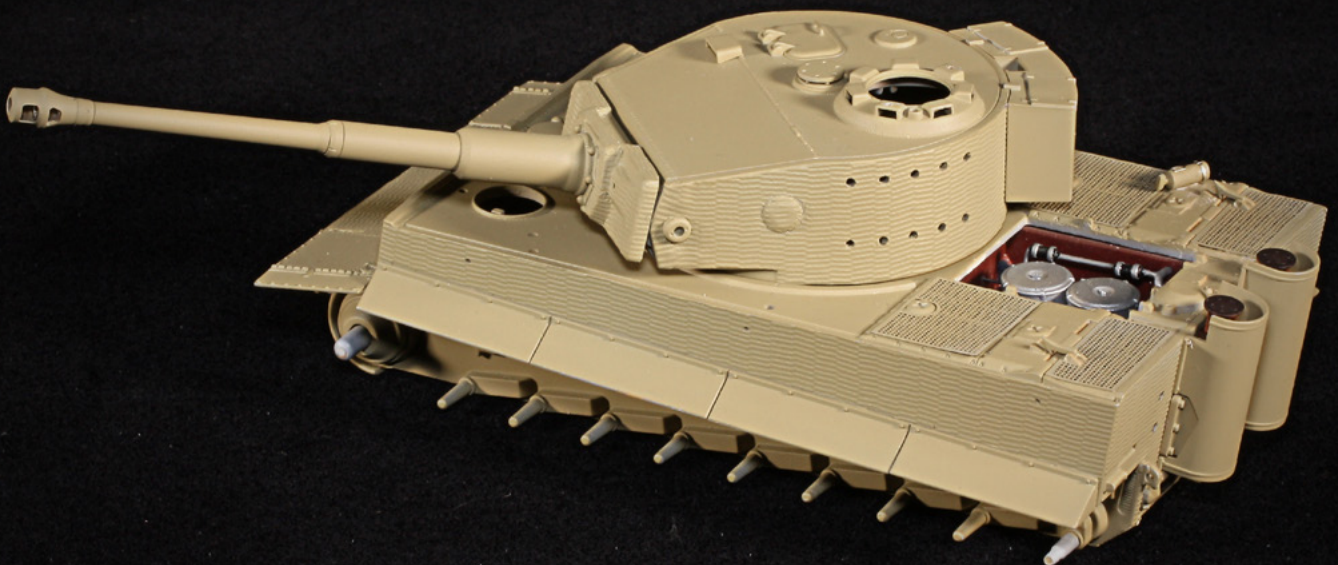




Tamiya German Tiger I (late)
in 1:48 scale
by Bob Henry

Bob enhanced the base kit with an aftermarket engine, deck screens and metal barrel. The Zimmerit is a separate Tamiya sticker set. The kit's exhaust shields were carefully thinned down to be in scale and

all the hatch handles were removed and replaced with wire. Balsa wood fuel tanks were installed to prevent viewing an empty space beneath the engine deck grates.





Dragon German Stug III Ausf.G (Italy)
in 1:35 scale
by Brian Alfano

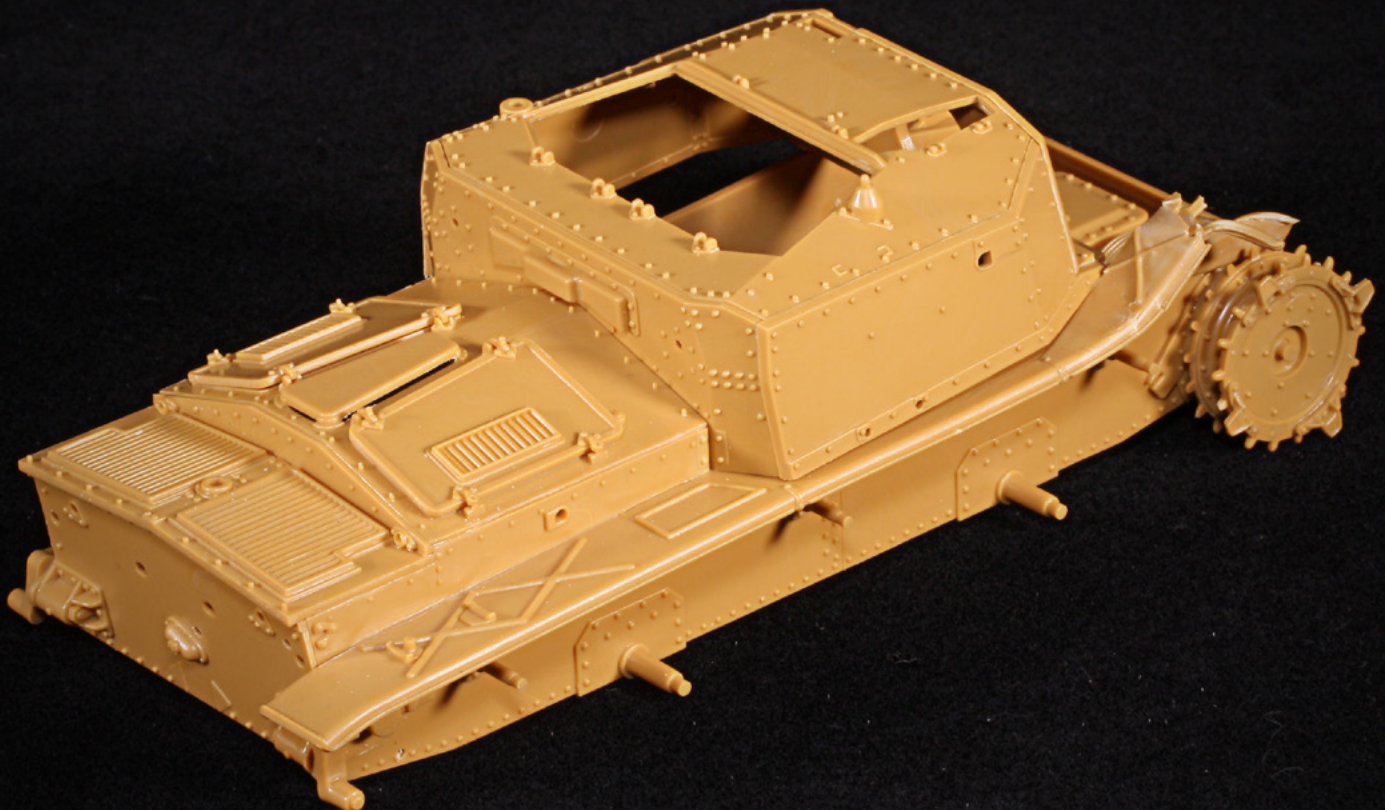
Brian printed out custom decals for Italian service and applied them over the German Balkenkreuz, just like the period vehicles. More touch ups and weathering remain.





Italeri Italian Semovente
M42 da 75/34
in 1:35 scale
by Brian Alfano

This kit has origins in the 1970s, but this recent release has been updated by including many interior parts. Brian damaged the right front fender by bending and cutting the kit part.



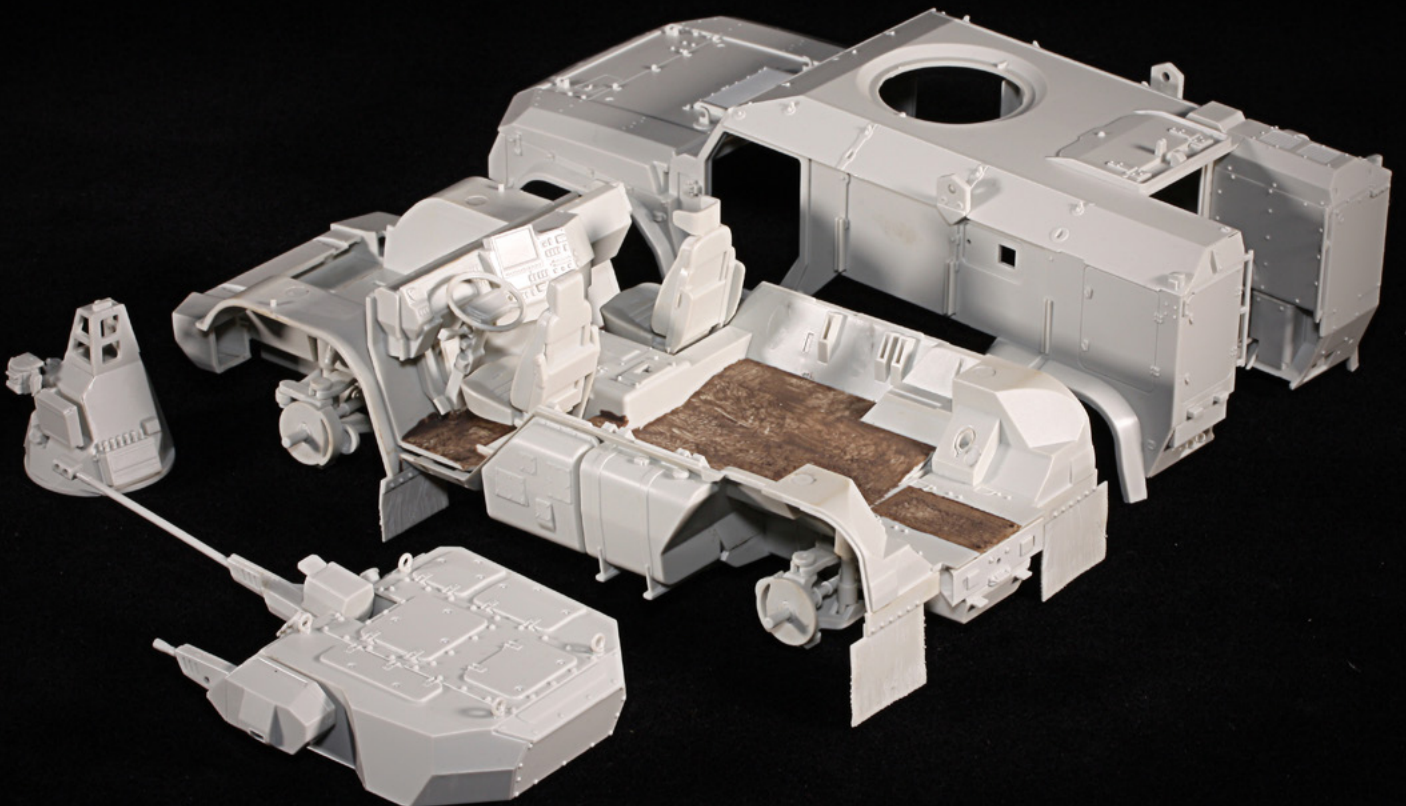


Meng Russian K-4386 Typhoon-VDV

in 1:35 scale

by Chip Heusinger

A full interior is included with the kit, including decals for the LCD screens and instruments. Chip applied anti-skid paint on the interior floor. Fit so far has been very good.



Pass and Review from July



Meng German Leopard 1A4 (Greece)
in 1:35 scale
by David Hocheimer

Silly Putty was used to mask off the camouflage, starting with green then followed by tan, black and white. David noted that in reference photos, the

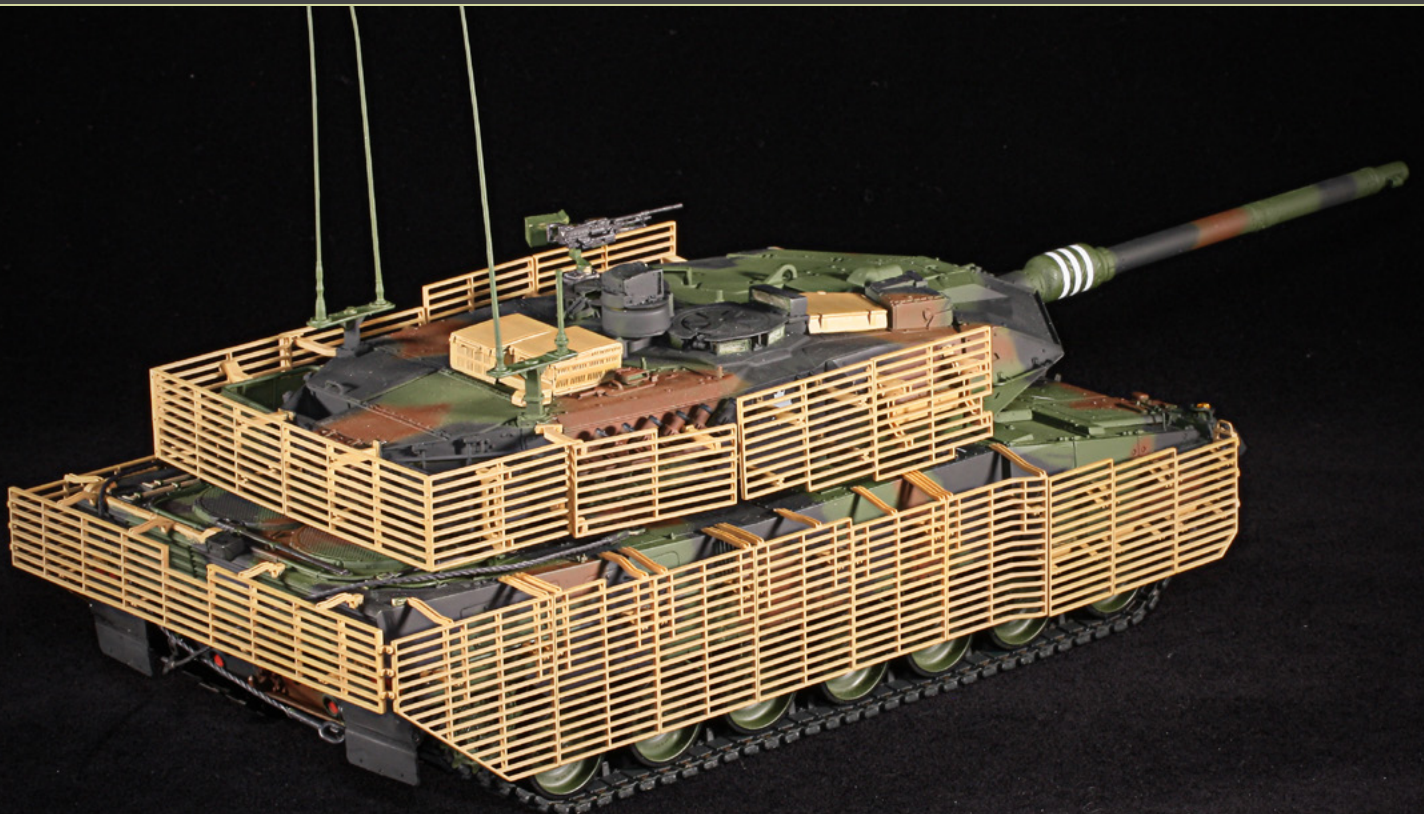
camouflage shape and placement varied from vehicle to vehicle.



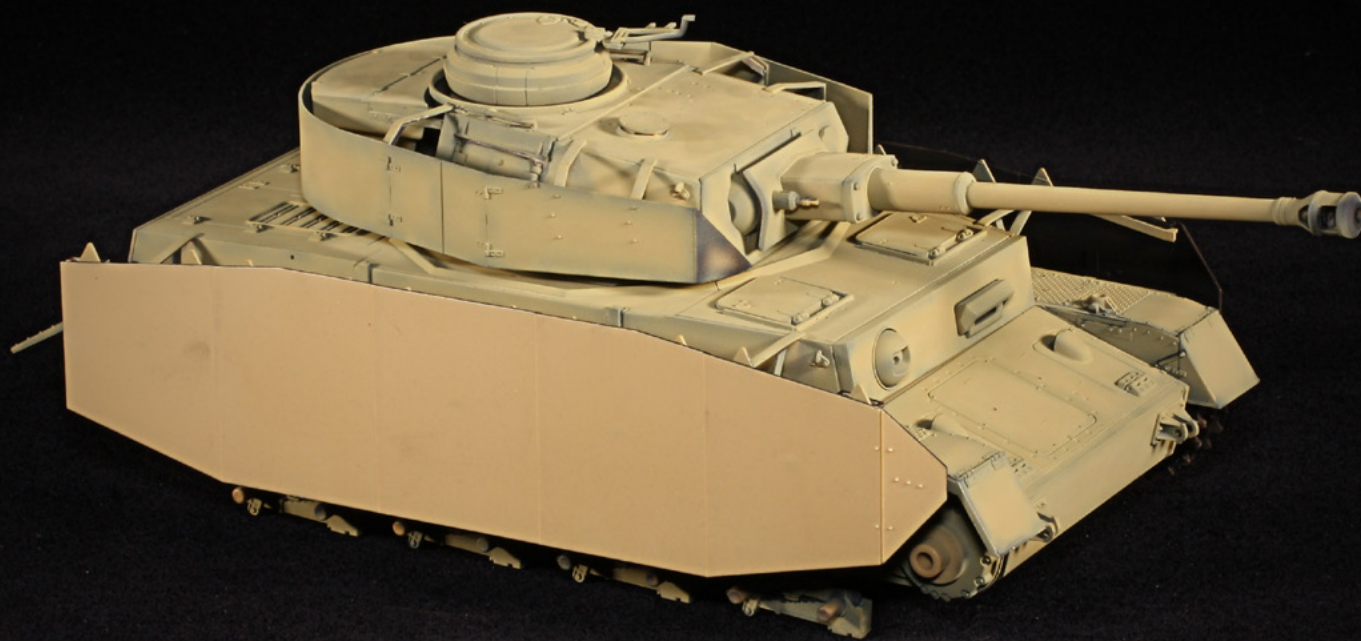


Rye Field Model German Leopard
2A6M (Canada)
in 1:35 scale
by David Hocheimer

The kit is very nice but it had to be painted in stages before assembly could be completed due to the slat armor, which comes in the kit and is molded in styrene. The Tamiya NATO paint set was used.



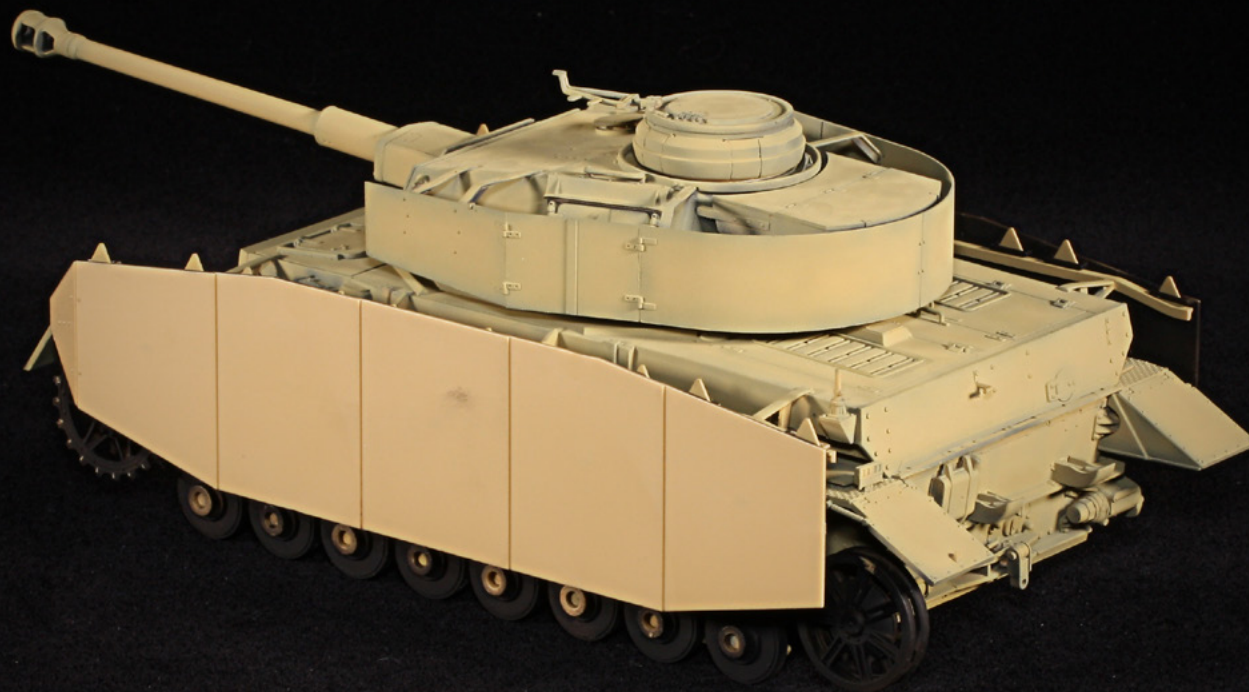
Pass and Review from July



Academy German Panzer IV Ausf.H
in 1:35 scale
by Glen Martin

The model is now in painting stages. Glen prefers to base coat it in Flat Black to allow some shading to show after the first Dunkelgelb layer.

Glen's in-box review of this kit is available on the [AMPS website](https://www.ampsc.org).





Takom US M103A1
in 1:35 scale
by Glen Martin

The model was painted with Tamiya acrylics, and Glen used a mixture of Olive Drab, Khaki Drab and Black. Different ratios of these colors were used to depict shading.

Dry pigments were added to Turpenoid to make an earth-colored wash that was applied to the model surfaces. The tracks were painted Flat Black, then the rubber pad inside surfaces taped off to protect it from weathering. AK-Interactive metallic paint was applied to the end connectors and the previously mentioned earth wash was

applied and the tape removed. The clear light parts were first painted transparent red then black. The clear periscope parts were painted green on the rear surfaces.

Glen's in-box review of this kit is available on the [AMPS website](http://www.amps.org).





AMPS-CV Quatermaster

This page is dedicated to member-recommended products and places to purchase hobby products.

If you have a company you want to add to this list, contact your editor [via the chapter website](#).

Product Manufacturers

[Abteilung 502](#)
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