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# WELCOME!

Greetings fellow members and friends,

It's hard to believe that BattleCry has surpassed the 3 year mark! To me it seems like only yesterday that Saz and myself were discussing the idea, and putting ideas on paper for articles we felt readers would be interested in. One of my chief goals for BattleCry is it's usefulness as a recruitment tool, and there have been several instances where I've seen Clans have issues on event tables for the public to browse through. I'm looking forward to the next 3 years, and what it has in store for BattleCry.

Looking ahead to 2016, MMCC has several large projects to begin that will require help from all levels of membership. Celebration Europe will be hitting London in July, and we'll be raising funds to construct MMCC's exhibit set. MMCC will also be initiating some projects that are of an unprecedented nature among Star Wars fan organizations, and all for the benefit of MMCC members and Clans. Our first stage in funding these projects is kicking off a special fund-raiser event, which you'll be seeing information on soon. My goal as "Mandalore" is not just to ensure the stability and growth of MMCC, but to also find ways MMCC can benefit it's membership in all aspects of life. There are no barriers we cannot breach as a united front, and I call upon you all to join me as we continue toward success.

OYA!

**Tom Hutchens**

**Mandalore the Uniter**



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# CLAN FOCUS

## CIN'CIRI VERDA CLAN

The Mercs is built up of clans located all around the world, each group put in extra special effort to bring fun to their fans. With our Clan focus, we show you some of these stories.

In July, Cin'ciri Verda Clan completed their inaugural troop at the Steven's Point Independence Day Parade. Located in central Wisconsin, this event marked the formation of a clan years in the making.

Forming a clan in Wisconsin has been a long term project of ConDar Ward, who was the only official member in the state for four years. After two new members joined the Wisconsin ranks, the Freelancer's guild was formed, and the Wisconsin mercs waited another four years for more members. After years of valuable contribution to the Freelancer's Guild, the area finally had enough official members to qualify for clan formation.

Cin'ciri Verda may currently have barely enough members to form a clan, but membership is growing fast. Clan leadership expects two new members by the end of the month, and six more in the close future.

Now that recruitment is going smoothly, clan leadership can focus on other goals including community outreach and strengthening relationships with local 501st..

Want to highlight your clan? PM Atin Skorda for more details.

- Tanner



# INVADING LONDON

**You may have heard that the next Celebration will be taking place in London, England. For many Mercs, this will be the first time invading foreign territory and so we've put together a handy guide of tips and tricks for navigating the lands of Vok'Chi Clan with the assistance of several of the seasoned local bounty hunters.**

Getting to the land itself differs depending upon your home Country. Certain locations may, or may not, need a visa to enter. Check out <https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa/overview> to find out whether or not you will need one. Be sure to have your passport on hand, and carry it as a means of identification with you at all times if possible. When you arrive at the airport, it's advisable to have money that you have exchanged in advance in case you need to take a cab or bus to your hotel. Plan to have a few pounds on you so you can head directly through customs and on to your adventure. If you aren't able to exchange money in advance don't worry; most airports have places to exchange inside. And if you don't use all of the money, keep your receipt - you can "buy back" your Country's currency before leaving.

TLondon's a big city, with lots of exciting things to do. When you're not at the con, consider taking in a free museum. Go dinosaur-spotting at the Natural History Museum or check out the mummies at the British Museum. Many of the historical sites are free to visit, too, so sightseeing can be easily done via the London Underground. "The tube" is the London Underground, a fantastic subway situation that will quickly and easily get you to your destination. It's not free, though, so be sure to pick up a pre-paid Oyster card to cover your train fare. If you're not sure where to visit, consider downloading a free app like the London Official City Guide App, which has offline access to maps and a trip planner to help you during your stay. If you happen to get lost, the city's police are always willing to lend a helping hand and guide you.

So now that you're in town, and you're ready to explore, let's cover a few basic travel rules. Any time you are in a new place, always be sure to keep your bag and personal items close to you at all times. Don't leave them unattended, and if you're carrying these items openly (such as a nice fancy camera), always be sure to keep it close to the body. Situational awareness is key as London is safe, but as with any big city there are still opportunities for petty crime. So keep an eye on your surroundings and, if you are traveling with friends, stay with the group and look out for one another. If at all possible, try not to act like a tourist. This means don't count your cash in full view, ignore the local rules, or be completely oblivious to your surroundings.



As you're visiting a new place, it's important to understand that London is a city with its own diverse and exciting culture. The social norms here may be different than your home and that's perfectly ok; it's an opportunity for you to have a really unique experience. To make the best of it, be sure to adapt to the local environment. Know that on the underground, people generally don't talk with one another so don't try to start up a conversation unless someone addresses you. Personal space is also prized, so be sure to give the locals a wide berth. As London is a melting pot for people of many different backgrounds, you'll find a variety of different foods and shopping choices. And don't worry if you have a special diet - everything is marked vegetarian or gluten free which makes it super easy to find food. Learn a bit of the local slang, like "quid" for the local currency of the pound, or "gobsmacked" for being awed by the City, and you'll be well on your way to having an amazing trip.

London photograph By MikeGimelfarb



# How to make a **UNIQUE EVENT**

Many times the members of a Clan want to help their organization gain recognition from the public. What many people do not realize is that they can easily help their Clan's leadership improve their Clan's identity through even the smallest action.

Earlier this year, Naast Clan was approached by the Event Coordinators for a first year convention to come and help with their event.

This was an amazing chance to get in on the ground floor for an event and raise money for Little Warriors. When presented with the opportunity to create a whole new event, Naast Clan worked together to discuss and then build something unique that that represented the spirit of the Clan's Stealth Detachment.

The members of Stealth Detachment brainstormed the idea to host a Jail and Bail event like those held at Connooga and other conventions...but the Naasties decided to put a different spin on it.

It started with the building of the jail cell. This one of a kind cell specially built and maintained by Naast Clan's own "Those Guys" workshop is 12 feet long by 4 feet wide, contains 2 separate locking cells, and a changing area behind it.

In each cell there is a fan located in the roof to help keep it cool and a relatively sturdy door. Once the jail cell was built, the Clan was ready to host its first Jail and Bail..

The actual implementation of the event was the easiest part of the whole process. All but 1 of the current Alabama Official Members attended and the group was augmented by 4 of the current recruits for Naast Clan in Alabama.

With the numbers needed to sufficiently run the event, plans were set in motion to draw people attending the convention to the jail cell. With the help of the event organizers, and voice actor Greg Ellis, a plan was hatched on Saturday afternoon to capture Steve Blum. This event, captured for notoriety on video that is available on the Naast Clan Facebook page, drew a massive crowd to the Jail Cell for the remainder of the convention and enabled Naast Clan to gain a lot of recognition.

The presence of the large prop also helped to get lots of people interested in joining the Mandalorian Mercs in Alabama and helped them raise \$315 for Little Warriors.



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**Wisconsin - Cin'ciri Verda Clan**

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Iron Crusade was the name of a Mandalorian-centric game that, as sadly seems to be the case with most great ideas, never saw completion. However, we at Battle Cry don't let a story go to waste, so we asked Kell Ordo to rewrite his script as a story and every issue we'll get to play the game in our imaginations!

Kael rounded the corner of the rough-worked metal wall of the Keldabe spaceport. The street lay still, cut by the overhead sunlight and wrapped in the most disconcerting quiet. Shortly after the mercenary leader retreated empty handed all of the invading forces retreated back to space almost as fast as they came. The why, however, continued to evade understanding. Had they really attacked for a random piece of junk?

"Check in there." Beviin indicated a doorway with the barrel of his heavy pistol. Kael opened the door as SI-83 charged in.

"Clear." The droid announced. Kael followed and was surprised to see a Mandalorian gunship ready and waiting.

"No." Beviin declared as he glanced in and pressed on.

"What's wrong with this one?" Kael asked.

"It's Mandalorian."

"Isn't that a good thing?" Kael left the well armed freighter and followed his elder.

"Not when our enemy knows that we have what they want." He poked his head into another hanger door, then moved on once again. "We need something neutral. Something aruetiise. Something like that."

The mass of metal before them stood on discolored landing struts. Layers of light gray durasteel acted as patchwork to what one could only hope was a freighter. Conduits and piping ran the length of the side in a jumbled mess as lubricants oozed from random points all across the frame. Blue paint scrawled across the fore of the hull spelled the words 'Final Countdown'. Two starport security droids stood on either side of the boarding ramp, all but declaring the ship as theirs.

Kael followed as Beviin and SI strode up to the guarded ramp. The security droids suddenly sprang to life, lifting their forearm mounted blasters and began firing at the trio.

Beviin slammed into the ground as Kael followed shortly thereafter. SI, however, burst forward through the hail of blaster bolts. Sparks exploded in a colorful shower as the energy caught his beskar body.





SI returned the favor, leveling it's heavily armed gauntlets at the security droids. The spray of bolts caught home and, unlike the armored wardroid, the security droids spasmed from the impact.

Far from done, SI threw a punch that burst right through the chest housing of the droid on the right. Without pause the wardroid lifted the now neutralized machine, swinging it sideways into the second.

The pair hit the ground with a booming clatter. The still functional security droid tried to remove itself from the mangled wreck, but there was no saving it from SI's wrath.

Activating the APC arrays in each gauntlet, SI loosed two pulses into the pile. A scatter of bolts saturated the machines with each blast turning it from two droids into a mess of flaming parts and pieces.

"Why did they attack us?" Kael asked as he got to his feet.

"Their central programming appears to have been sliced." SI replied as it admired its handy work.

"Then let's go meet the slicer." Beviin leveled his blaster at the ramp and climbed aboard.

The interior was dim and seemed to match the exterior in upkeep. The trio silently cleared the freighter until they got to the cockpit.

"I hate unwanted guests." Came the high toned voice of a female human sitting in the captain's chair. Her hair was dark and wild, exploding in curls around her face. Her shirt, vest, and pants were plain, offset by a pair of masterfully crafted gun belts and the lone blaster pistol in her hand.

"Did you slice those security droids?" Beviin asked.

"Yeah," She replied with a laugh. "The city went crazy. I had to do something to protect my ship. Now if you would be so kind as to remove yourselves from my ship."

"Actually we need your ship."

"Not going to happen."

"What if I told you something you wanted to hear."

"Like what?" She replied dubiously.

Beviin pulled a bag of credits off his belt and gave it a vigorous shake. The Captain arched an eyebrow, clearly intrigued.

"Well then," She stowed the pistol under her seat. "I'm Captain Sereda Firewind and you fine gentlemen have a ship. Where are we going?"

"Anywhere but here." Beviin answered as he lobbed her the bag.

"Can do." Sereda deposited the bag in a nearby storage bin and spun around to her controls.

To be continued...





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# PUTTING THE UNITE IN UNITER



**As more and more members join our club, we are growing world-wide, into territories that, for some, were unthinkable mere years ago. Mandalore explores the unifying nature of Mandalorian costuming.**

One of my biggest examples of how Mercs has brought together fans of Mandalorians and Star Wars is just looking at our membership and where our members exist in the world.

We've got a Clan in Russia that was founded not that long ago - last year - and I'm a child of the Cold War era where Russia was feared as an enemy...I never really did think that we'd have a chapter in Russia - never really fathomed it. I Spent 4 years on a sub in the Navy that was designed to counter Russia.

It's incredible that we are now able to communicate and have an organization that celebrates camaraderie. It's a camaraderie we have with people around the world. The geo-political environment may be heated in some places, but we still treat them as brothers and sisters. It doesn't really matter what the political climate may be, we are able to rise above that.

We've had several new members pop up in Spain, Italy, and even the Philippines. Spain's very close to being a Clan too and will likely become one soon. It's just really cool to see Mercs members popping up around the world - it's like a little part of me is there.

I may never get to visit these places, but it's almost like I'm there. I wish I could visit each one but I can't so it's kind of like there's a little piece of me in each Country and I can be there with them in spirit even if I can't be there in body.

That's something that, at least in my mind, pulls the members together. By making these connections worldwide, all of our members get the benefit of an international family.

Even our forum members that aren't official yet still get the exposure to a variety of cultures, allowing each of us to participate in our own way. It's amazing that you can go onto the forums and see what Mercs members are doing all over the world.

**We may watch our national news and local media and not really understand what's happening in another Country, but then we can look at the news in the Mercs.**

**We can see the Invasion Reports, and discover that we are all working to volunteer our time and support charities and great causes world-wide.**



When we look at someone's build, and see how similar our builds can be, it gives us another opportunity to connect. It makes the world smaller in terms of communicating; we are able to connect much easier.

It broadens the world, however, when you realize there are so many other people out there that share your passion.

I find it very exciting to see all of the different members around the world. As the founder of the Club, I've always had to serve as a leader.

I've never been able to just be a member but now, I get to experience Mercs vicariously by watching what our members are doing around the world.

It gives me great inspiration seeing people benefiting from the Mercs on a global scale; this encourages me to continue what I do for the Club.

It seems like wherever there are Star Wars fans, there's potentially a Mandalorian Mercs member!



# FROM THE EDITOR



Isn't it great when things are going well?

Working with Lucasfilm and our colleague groups, helping shops around the globe bring something a little special to the Force Awakens toy line release, was a feat of co-operation that has rarely been seen in the world of costume clubs sharing the limelight.

For Lucasfilm, it was a fantastic event and I was heart warmed to receive this thank you from Pete Vilmur, head of Fan relations at LFL:

*"I just wanted to send out a heartfelt thanks on behalf of myself and Lucasfilm for all the wonderful character appearances you made happen for the Force Friday midnight events around the world. The presence of the Star Wars characters at these events makes them so much more than a mere merchandise launch – you have all truly made this an*

*event to remember for all of us who are counting the days down to the release of TFA!"*

Yet the fun doesn't end there! We will also be continuing with the tradition of joining libraries and bookstores for the Star Wars Reads day and we will also be speaking to local cinemas about costumed appearances for the Force Awakens releases.

As the club grows and develops, we face a further challenge of being able to give a great experience to our members whilst at the same time living up to our responsibilities towards Lucasfilm, Disney and the Star Wars public in general.

There are a lot of people who "get" what it is to be a Merc, but for every Merc who understands our common sense approach, we will attract members who just want to tick a box and not become a member of the clan, or people who are more politically motivated than is really needed in a hobby. There are even applicants who feel that our CRLs system should bend to them and not the other way around.

This is where patience is needed. As members of the club we need to help steer members towards our goals of family, honour and loyalty. You all know what it feels like to get "Con blues" or "Celebration Withdrawal" and we all know that once a person feels that close bond within a clan, it's hard to look at our club in any other way.

Our club loves to think outside the box, from becoming a tax registered fraternity, creating our own charity and creating a learning environment for kids with the Verd'ika Corps program to specialising your kit with the Brigades program and social societies that allow people to express themselves in a safe environment and, as is the case with VABS, create a support group for sufferers of ailments like depression.

I'm sure that many other clubs will have similar programs, but it's a fact that the Mercs leads the way to becoming a force for good within Star Wars costuming.

Being proud of your club is good and there's a lot to be proud of, so keep attending those events, keep your family close and most of all have some fun!



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