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2022 ICC MINISTERS

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TOGETHER THEY WILL BE THE COLLECTIVE VOICE OF THE MMCC MEMBERSHIP IN THE ICC. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THEIR CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT WITHIN THE CLUB AND WISH THEM NOTHING BUT THE BEST DURING THEIR TENURE.



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NEW YEAR, NEW UPGRADES

-ARTICLE BY: ALDWYN KASS

It's a new year, and that means new projects, new ideas, and perhaps even some new years resolutions to make more time for costuming projects. Maybe this is the year you finally finish your kit and apply for Official Member status, or maybe you're already approved, but you want to make some upgrades. Beyond the MMCC's minimum membership approval requirements, Battlecry has your back this month with a list of ideas for improvements and add-ons to take your kit to the next level.

Whether you're looking to apply for a Brigade, or just make a few quality of life improvements, there are plenty of ways to change things up, and your local Ruus'alore (costume compliance officers) would be more than happy to help with that process.

PLATES

The first and perhaps most foundational item on our list of upgrade and improvement suggestions, is armor plates.

Thighs, biceps, hands, and boot plates are all optional add-ons that perhaps you didn't include in your initial build, or maybe consider adding a backplate if you got approved with just a cape.

Trauma plates are another great way to change and improve your armor, adding a sense of weight and extra protection to your build by layering plates on top of one another.

SOFT PARTS

Another foundational item that might need an upgrade is your soft goods. Consider swapping



out that one-piece Amazon.com flight suit for two-piece scrubs to give you a bit more mobility and help make bathroom breaks a little easier. This was one of the first changes I made, and I'll never go back.

The second change I made to my kit was to buy a second pair of gloves. I purchased a pair of long fingered gloves to wear at cold weather troops instead of the half-finger gloves I got approved with. I keep both pairs in my kitbox and swap between them as needed.

Another idea in the soft parts category might be to consider scrapping your fabric loin cloth and replacing it with a proper cod piece... or vice versa. Depending on your future plans and whether you're considering applying for a brigade, a lot of brigades require cod pieces.

GEAR, WEAPONS, EQUIPMENT

Weapons aren't the only thing a Mandalorian carries into battle. Gadgets and gear are an essential part of every warrior's kit.

Microbinoculars, mechanic's tools, binder cuffs, ammunition and weapon power packs... there are a million possibilities to consider.

If you're looking to apply for a Brigade, the CRLs associated with that Brigade will have a list of items they require, or at least a list for you to choose from. Additionally, even if you're not looking to join a Brigade and just want ideas for some accessories, the Brigade CRLs

can be a great place to look for inspiration.

Beyond equipment and gear, we can't forget about weapons. Every Mando carries a couple blasters, but what about blades? How about a bigger blaster? Maybe a small hold-out blaster in your boot? Mandalorians know better than anyone, you can never have too many weapons. Even if you don't want to carry them all the time, having a few extra blasters around can make great booth props for conventions and other tabled events.

TROPHIES

Another way to add some life and a sense of history to your kit is with trophies and battle scars. Additional weathering can be a great thing to add as you get out and start trooping with your kit, and start finding all the places that weathering naturally builds up.

Extra battle damage is one thing, but what do you have to show for all those battles? Trophies and souvenirs come in many shapes and sizes, from Wookiee hair braids, Rancor teeth, and battle droid fingers, to Imperial officer rank bars and cracked Jedi lightsaber crystals. Think about who your Mando usually finds him or herself hunting, and you should get some ideas of trophies to show off in no time.



PAINT

A simple update you can make in as little as just an hour or two is your paint job. Recently approved? Consider adding your clan logo to your armor somewhere - on a shoulder bell, or chest plate. Recently accepted into a brigade? Now you've got brigade sigils to find room for as well if you want to show off your new credentials! If you're looking for a bit of a bigger project, maybe a full repaint is more your style. Change your color scheme, or just add some kill stripes or details in an accent color.

ELECTRONICS

If you're looking for something to add some sparkle and get the kids' attention, lights and electronic displays are a great way to add a little something to your kit.

You can do something as simple as adding some LEDs in your gauntlets, or as advanced as servos in your helmet to raise and lower your range finder.

I recently added a small digital photo viewer to my gauntlet as a display, cycling starship blueprints, wanted posters, and status readouts. It was a very simple way to add a lot of "bling" for very little buck.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Last but certainly not least, we get to the practical stuff. There are lots of small improvements and changes you can make to your kit that might not visually change anything, but will make your life just a little bit easier and keep you comfortable in kit longer.

Padded boot inserts will save your feet and lower back on long troops where you might spend hours standing on concrete convention floors. A pair of battery powered helmet fans will help keep you cool in the heat, and stop your visor from fogging up in the cold. A voice amp will save you from having to yell to be heard, and changes your voice just a bit. I've found that kids and adults alike are often delighted by the subtle change an amplifier makes, and it certainly makes communication with fellow troopers and handlers alike so much easier.

If you do a lot of warm weather troops, maybe a cooling vest could help you stay comfortable. Likewise, maybe you should consider finding a way to carry a Camelbak style water bladder under your cape or backplate so you always have water on hand.



In conclusion, there are a thousand upgrades, changes, and improvements you can make to your kit, adding comfort, new design elements, or just a better sense of realism overall. I hope we've given you something to think about, and maybe sparked some ideas for your current or future build.



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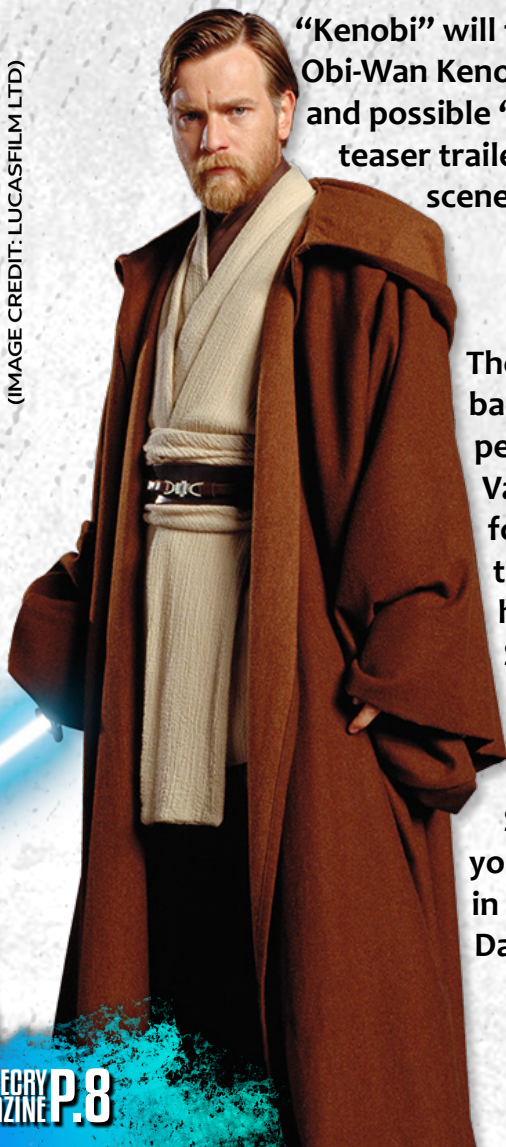
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LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE!

-ARTICLE BY: PARJII SAVIIN

The year 2022 will be an exciting year for our fandom and community from the galaxy far far away. The first episode of “The Book of Boba” will be released prior to the new year, on December 29th. This TV Series on Disney Plus has been the talk within the Star Wars community ever since The Mandalorian debuted Boba in their Second Season. There is much interest in Boba Fett’s journey from the time he was trapped in the Sarlacc Pit to the reveal that he is indeed a deadman walking in The Mandalorian. There are several missing pieces that I am hoping the Book of Boba will reveal to fans about his journey and his times with Fennec Shand. Will he be able to maintain his demeanor as the most feared bounty hunter of the galaxy? What happens on his journey after taking Jabba the Hutt’s throne. However, Boba Fett won’t be the only character whom we will also have the confirmed a series for. Obi-Wan Kenobi, starring in the show “Kenobi” and The Mandalorian Season 3 both are confirmed to be released sometime this upcoming year.

(IMAGE CREDIT: LUCASFILM LTD)



“Kenobi” will take place ten years after Revenge of the Sith and showcase Obi-Wan Kenobi’s adventures protecting Luke Skywalker on Tatooine and possible “aggressive negotiation” missions. While there is no official teaser trailer that has been released by Disney, there is behind the scene documentation shown here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wmaoszflafk>

The design team had hinted at the fact that they are bringing back Hayden Christensen to star in the role as Darth Vader, so perhaps we will even see another fight scene between Darth Vader and his old Master Kenobi for a rematch or revenge for what happened on Mustafar. I am excited to see how the team fills in some of the storyline gaps of Kenobi while he was on Tatooine providing overwatch for the young Skywalker.

The Mandalorian Season 3, however, will be another action packed season starring Din Djarin. With Luke Skywalker taking Grogu along with him to train the youngling, the adventures and expectations of Din are up in the air. What will happen now that Din holds onto the DarkSaber? Will he become the new Manda’lor? My hopes

are for us to be reunited with Ahsoka Tano and perhaps find an answer to Ezra Bridger's disappearance during Star Wars Rebels. Perhaps we will even see Din Djarin bringing together the Mandalorian clans and building up the Mandalorian culture once again.

There are also rumors of other series starring Ahsoka Tano, Cassian Andor, along with the release of the second season of "Bad Batch", and A Droid Story. While these series are still up in the air for when they will be released, I have high hopes that the production teams will leave fans wanting more. Disney Plus has given artists a broader platform to add to the Star Wars universe, as seen with the animated series, Star Wars Visions. While this series was original to the Star Wars universe, it brought a fun-loving series with the intent to draw in a younger audience. Star Wars is continuing to prove that generational fandoms will continue to grow as parents introduce their foundlings into the Star Wars universe. As we continue to ring in the new year, we will be ringing in new series and movies and adding to the excitement of the Star Wars universe.



(IMAGE CREDIT: LUCASFILM LTD)



VERD'IKA CORPS

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It is no secret that children exposed to Star Wars highly enjoy immersing themselves in the entire experience. Those children grow, and some later find their way here, to the Mandalorian Mercs Costume Club ("MMCC"). However, what about those kiddos who have high ambitions? The Verd'ika Corps might be right for them.

The Verd'ika Corps was established to enable children to get a taste of the same rush that Official Members of the MMCC feel. There are two categories within the Corps; Verd'ika and Trainees. A Verd'ika is any child that has a parent reach out to the MMCC and submit their costume through the website www.verdikacorps.com, then submits the proper information through Facebook Messenger. A Trainee, formerly known as an "Offical Verd'ika", is similar to Verd'ika. However, Trainees have parents who are already approved through the MMCC, and they also have to go through the same approval process as any adult MMCC member would.

Upon joining the Corps, the child will be assigned a Battalion based upon age. There is the Mythosaur Battalion for ages 13-17, the Strill Battalion for ages 9-12, and the Shriekhawk Battalion for ages 4-8. The separation of Battalion by age has a few benefits. There are a series of challenges and badges that Trainees or Verd'ika can earn, keeping them engaged in the Corps and helping them learn and improve their armor, and those challenges differ by said Battalion. This ensures that a Verd'ika at age 17 isn't receiving the same challenges as age 4, and encourages them to craft armor befitting their age and experience.

Trainees are required to Troop once a year, just like any other Official Member of the MMCC. The Verd'ika are encouraged to wear their armor as often as possible and are also welcome to attend events or Troops. Engagement with Official Members at different Troops also allows Trainees



or Verd'ika to see how operating as an adult in an official capacity will look once they get older, as well as giving Official Members a chance to help encourage the next generation of Members.

With the safety and well-being of all being one of the MMCC's top concerns, many were worried about the online presence of Trainees and Verd'ika. In order to protect the children choosing to be involved, no photos without their helmets are posted. To further ensure their safety, when a Trainee or Verd'ika submits to be a part of the Corps, no identifiable information is collected, such as names, addresses, etc. The Battalion leaders are also heavily focused on ensuring the safety of the cadets as well.

If you have a child in your life who would possibly enjoy the chance to parade around in armor just like the "Big Kids", it's heavily encouraged that they check out www.verdikacorps.com and the [Verd'ika Corps Facebook](#) page to see other armors, and then they can reach out to get started. Oya!



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