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# WELCOME TO THE BRIGADES

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Here in the closing months of 2022, we would like to extend our congratulations to the two following members for their approvals into the Brigades!

First up from Falco Clan, we have Tenaz with his post imperial Aerial Assault costume, Airmobile Brigade.



And finally from Ruka'Kura Clan, we welcome An Si-Eun with his first brigade approval for his Urban Assault costume, 267th Rapid Assault Brigade.



# HOLIDAYS WITHIN THE STAR WARS UNIVERSE

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As the holiday season draws closer, none of us can ignore it. From colorful costumes to towns lit up at night with cooler weather for sometimes months on end, we notice signs of the holidays all around us.



The beings within the Star Wars universe are no exception. Many of us may be familiar with some of the festivities and what they entail, but just in case you aren't, we wanted to lay it out for you for a little extra Star Wars flavor this season.

One of the most familiar holidays is likely Boonta Eve, celebrated on the planet Tatooine. Seen in Episode I: The Phantom Menace, it's often commemorated with a dangerous and exciting podrace. Although you may have heard the name,

the celebration itself was about a hutt of all things. The hutt Boonta Hestilic Shad'ruu is celebrated on this day for his alleged ascension to the status of godhood. The same hutt inspired generations to continue to celebrate in his honor with the ever-dangerous pod racing. Over time, the celebration became more about pod racing and less about the hutt in question, but did not lack in festivity.

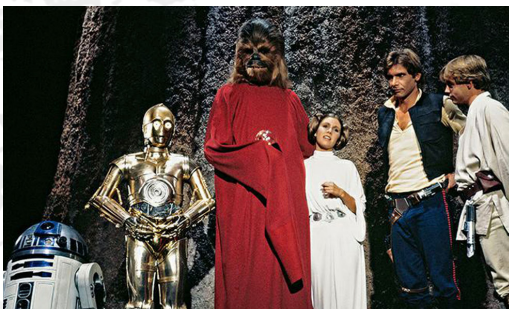
Far away on another familiar planet, we can find a different celebration. Naboo was not always a part of the Galactic Republic (later known as the Old Republic), and they held an annual Festival of Light that celebrated the joining of the planet to the Republic. They joined 867 years before the Battle of Yavin ("BBY") and we got a glimpse of the beautiful festival in The Clone Wars, despite bounty hunters attempting to kidnap Sheev Palpatine at the eight hundred forty-seventh celebration. During the celebration, one would likely find the Star Wars universe version of fireworks. The celebration could even be compared to the United State's holiday of the Fourth of July.

With the change of the Galactic Republic to the Galactic Empire, yet another new holiday was born: Empire Day. Despite the unrest with the end of the Confederacy, and later the rise of the Rebellion, the Empire still pushed for the acceptance and celebration of the day that Emperor Palpatine declared himself leader of the galaxy. We see some of the "festivities" in Star Wars: Rebels, which primarily entailed them reminding planets about the strength of the Empire. Whether it was parades of equipment or a video of the Emperor's declaration to the planets, the holiday was solely focused on the Empire. While some saw it as comforting that they were protected from the threats that may be, others found such a day as a prime opportunity to show that perhaps not all beings were pleased with the turn of events.

Perhaps one of the most well known, if not the most well known, holidays is called Life Day. In a somewhat forgotten Star Wars: Holiday Special, we got to see Wookies on Kashyyyk celebrating the holiday and learned about the first holiday introduced to the Star Wars franchise. The holiday was hosted in celebration of family members who passed away and the abundance of life the planet itself held. Held every three Kashyyyk years, most Wookies

would go through great ordeals to make sure they returned to the planet for the celebration. Almost a blend of the hispanic holiday Dia de los Muertos and the Christian holiday Christmas, Wookies would decorate trees with various trimmings and light fireworks with their families. Tree drums were also used in the festivities, along with colorful orbs to signify life.

With so many different holidays, one can be overwhelmed with the amount of joy (and food) there is to go around. So this holiday season, whether you celebrate on Kashyyyk, Naboo, Tatooine, or right here on Earth, the team here at BattleCry wishes you all a very happy and healthy holiday season spent with your very own festivities. Oya!



# CLAN SPOTLIGHT: SHONARE VHEKADLA

## -ARTICLE BY: PARJII SAVIIN

Parjii Saviin here to introduce this month's clan spotlight, Shonare Vhekadla Clan, spanning the vastness of the dunes in the west to the rugged mountains in the north; from Yuma to Williams and Kingman to Tombstone. The clan covers all of the Arizona Territories. I had the pleasure of speaking with Kiru Setu (Tiana), who is the current Alor'ad and former Ruus'alor of Shonare Vhedadla.

Kiru shared the rich history of the clan. Shonare Vhekadla was established in 2006 when they were known as the Dune Sea Mandos (alongside the Dune Sea Garrison [501st Legion]). One of our founding members was also in charge of the Dune Sea Garrison of the 501st Legion at the time, and the Mandos trooped with the Dune Sea Garrison and were therefore known as the Dune Sea Mandos.

Shortly after they were nicknamed the "Dune Sea Mandos," author Karen Traviss visited Phoenix for a local con and translated their nickname to mando'a. They were henceforth Shonare Vhekadla (Mando'ade teh Shonare Vhekadla – Mandalorians from the sandy waves). Karen Traviss was also inducted as an honorary member of the Dune Sea Garrison at that same con in the spring of 2007.

Shonare – from the words for ocean and movement, therefore "waves". Vhekadla – sandy, from the words for sharp and soil, because sand is sharp soil. In addition to the nickname, Shonare Vhekadla is the clan that has pre-Disney canon mando with Beviin Verhayc named in Karen Traviss' book, Order 66: "

The Dune Sea Mandos met up with other Mandalorians in 2007 at Celebration IV and soon after Shonare Vhekadla became one of the first clans in the MMCC and event predates the formal creation of the MMCC by a couple of months. 2023 highlights the clan's 17th anniversary within the MMCC.

The original design of the Shonare Vhekadla logo was designed by (now retired) member Burhik Tal'veh in 2010. His original inspiration was a tribal stylization of the letters "S" (S) and "V" (V) (for Shonare Vhekadla) in the mando'a language. The style of the cactus is meant to represent Arizona but also be a nod to the look of a mythosaur. Anooba Voki later incorporated the two suns and the rays behind the main design, similar to the Arizona State Flag. That design was voted on by the clan membership at the time (2010). Later, the original design was colorized and the graphics were slightly updated but, overall, the logo has remained the same over the years.

Shonare Vhekadla was founded in 2006 with 5 (official) original founding members. Currently, Shonare Vhekadla's has 66 active members and 2 honorary members. In total, the clan has had a total of 116 members over the years as some members have retired or transferred to other clans.

Toy Anxiety will be on the first Saturday in December will be an opportunity to meet with clan members from across Arizona. This event is a big, local, toy drive and is a joint event with all Arizona Star Wars Costuming Clubs. They fight for the common good to gather toys for local charities and support toy donations as part of hospital visits throughout the year.

SVC also has the annual Fiesta Bowl Parade which is another of their longest-standing invasions where Mandos have faithfully attended this event since 2010.

Last but certainly not least, they have their annual Mando Picnic & Photoshoot upcoming on the first Saturday in 2023. While this event is not a traditional convention or charity event, it is a family event where members are able to bond over pictures and food. Despite the distance and variety of job schedules, the clan makes time for their family. As it is said, family is more than bloodlines. This family bonding is truly understood by SVC as there are currently 7 married couples within the clan, with 14 official members! SVC Is one big happy family!





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# POST IMPERIAL CRL CHANGES

**-ARTICLE BY: ALDWYN KASS**

The Costume Requirements List is foundational to all that the MMCC does and is in the world of Star Wars costuming, and defines who we are as a charity costuming organization.

The MMCC works hard to maintain a high level of quality and continuity in the costumes it approves, and to keep those quality standards current so they most accurately reflect what we see in the ever-growing world of Star Wars media.

But with so much new Star Wars content being released, and with so many official and unofficial members designing and building new kits, it takes constant attention and effort to ensure that the CRLs stay up-to-date in order to help recruits and members be sure that their kits most accurately reflect that galaxy far, far away.

Most recently, the MMCC Approval Team has enacted a few changes and adjustments to the Post-Imperial CRLs to better match the aesthetic choices of the era as seen on screen.

Here's a quick rundown of the changes and what they mean for Post-Imperial kits going forward.

## HELMET

We have removed the following phrase from the CRLs:

"If a Modern Era helmet is used, it must have at least 2 out of the following 3 attachments: EAR CAPS, RANGEFINDER, KEY SLOTS"

And we have replaced it with this:

"- Applicants with questions about whether or not their helmet can work for Post Imperial should submit a picture of the front, both sides, and back of their helmet to the Approval Team's Question & Answer Team [HERE](#)."

Seems pretty straightforward. If you have questions about whether or not your helmet is approvable, just ask!

## ARMOR

To the section about back coverings, we've added the following:

"- The back covering must cover at least 2/3 the overall width and length of the back. As a general guideline, the top edge of the backplate must be positioned near the top of the applicant's shoulders and be within the top 1/3 of the wearer's back.

- To conform more with styles we have seen consistent with the Post Imperial Era, back plates are no longer allowed to have extensions that come up the back over the shoulder like their modern era counterparts. The backplate should, for the most part, feature a straight, or slightly curved top edge."

These changes will help Post-Imp backplates be distinct from their Modern Era counterparts and fit more with the examples we see in The Mandalorian.

Additionally, we've added the following:

“- The only time any sort of back plate extension will be permitted is if the builder is using epaulette armor in the same fashion as Paz Vizsla, Bo Katan or Koska Reeves.”

And;

“- Back plate cannot exceed the length of the flak vest.”

Finally as we close out the armor section, we've got this brief addition to Shoulder Armor:

“- ARC trooper style shoulder pauldrons are allowed in conjunction with regular shoulder armor, but not in lieu of shoulder armor.”

### SOFT GOODS

Moving on to the soft goods section, we have the following added to the Flight Suit portion:

“- Short sleeves are not permitted in this era.”

And a few points added under the “Other Soft Parts section”:

“-Two new additions to Mandalorian costuming soft parts in this era are that of the cummerbund and padded apron. The cummerbund and apron is a substantial, structural piece of padded fabric that adds visual interest between the top of the belt and the bottom of the flak vest. If used it must be worn in a similar fashion as seen on multiple versions of Din Djarin or Axe Woves. Use of these soft parts is not required.

- If used, the cummerbund or apron must be worn in a manner that has it lay in the area between the flak vest and belt items so that the top edge of the cummerbund is hidden under the flak vest, while the bottom section around the waist doesn't protrude past the belt or other waist items.

- Only the front center flap of the cummerbund or apron is allowed to protrude past the belt buckle. The visible flap may only extend a few inches or centimeters like that of Din Djarin or Axe Woves. The bottom edges of the cummerbund or apron that go around the waist must not be seen.

- If a sash is used as a waist item under the belt, the loose ends may also hang below the belt in a fashion similar to the repainted version of Boba Fett from The Mandalorian Season 2. Clone/ARC Trooper pauldrons are prohibited from use in Post Imperial. To better maintain the aesthetic of the era, only pauldrons seen on Imperial troopers are permitted.”

You'll note as you read through these changes that there are a lot of references to in-universe examples as a way to ensure that MMCC kits stay consistent and look like they're a part of the Star Wars universe, and more specifically, like they fit in the Post-Imperial Era.

### SYMBOLS AND SIGILS

Last but not least, a minor addition to the portion of the CRLs speaking of the use of sigils and symbols on MMCC kits:

” - Any symbol/sigil which is the intellectual property of the MMCC, including but not limited to The Order of the Ori’ramikad, The MMCC Council, The App Team, Brigade Team and their Brigade Sigils, Education Team, Art Team, Tech Team, CAO Team, PR Team and official MMCC clan sigils can only be placed on an approved costume if the member wearing said costume is a member of the group it represents and has the approval of said group to wear the sigil.”

In other words, no false flags! If you don’t belong to a team and don’t have that team’s permission, don’t use their sigil on your kit.

With season 3 of The Mandalorian coming soon, we can expect some further changes to the CRLs as the team tries to keep everything current and accurate to the Post-Imperial aesthetic as shown in Star Wars media.

If you have questions about these changes or anything else CRLs related, don’t be afraid to ask! Your local Ruus’alore and Ruus’sol are great resources for these kinds of questions, or you can post directly to the App Team Q&A boards at the link provided above.

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