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FROM THE EDITOR



Greetings Vode!

This month we are pleased to announce our 2026 Theme, “Engage as One.”

Recent events in my life has brought to the forefront the importances of family and friends in our lives. Over the years of being an OM in the MMCC, I’ve heard over and over how this club and this community have changed the lives of those who proudly wear the tag of Mandalorian. To many in the MMCC, we are more than just a club, more than just a bunch of fans, more than just “Plastic Spacemen.” We call each other “Vod” which in Mando’a literally means “sibling.”

The theme, “Engage as One,” at least in my mind, means that we stand for, and stand up for our Vode, our family.

Diz

Editor, BattleCry Magazine



THE MMCC'S 2026 THEME

By: Ben "Midge" Egloff

For the last several years the MMCC has, every January, selected a new theme that provides not only some direction, but some encouragement for its members moving forward in the year. Last year the theme was Out of the Shadows. It was representative of the large scale impact the Mandalorian TV show had on the accessibility of Mandalorian characters. It really brought the light back to the rich tapestry of story that began with Boba Fett's appearance on screen as the intimidating bounty hunter, continued as Jango Fett was entwined in the universe as the source of the clones, and was explored in the Clone Wars. No longer were Mandalorians hidden in the shadows, we were thrust into the mainstream consciousness of media consumers everywhere. The Out of the Shadows theme was meant to encourage the members of the MMCC to get out into their communities and become a fixture for positive change.

The theme this year is to Engage as One. As

soon as I heard the theme and saw some of the art teams creations geared toward that theme, I found myself immediately motivated by that simple phrase. One of the things I have found as a part of this club, is that there is nothing we cant accomplish when we work together. That simple phrase encapsulates the Mandalorian ethos perfectly.

I know how it made me feel, but I wanted to catch up with the individuals that brought it to life. Even though their schedules are crazy, Scarif Mando, Vastoom, and Bade Duun took a few minutes out of their day to provide me, and through this article the membership at large, where the inspiration for the theme came from and what they hoped it inspired in each of the club's members.

BATTLECRY: It may be common knowledge to most, but if you could introduce yourself and give a little bit of your history with the Mando Mercs?

SCARIF MANDO: I am Scarif Mando, Public Relations Officer for the MMCC. I have been an official member for 4 years now. I have spent the

last 2 years and 2 months of those four years as the PR Officer.

VASTOOM: I am the Quartermaster for the MMCC. I joined the club in 2014 along with my 2 children who were 3 and 6 at the time. We are from Wampa clan territory also known as Maine. During my tenure with the club I have served on many teams and in many roles before landing in the current position.

BADE DUUN: I'm Bade Duun, the Signet Master for the MMCC. I've been a member for almost six years now and have served in a few different roles along the way: Ruus'alor, App Team and the Art Team prior to joining the cabinet in early 2024. My focus has always been making sure the club presents itself in a way that feels unified, intentional, and something members can be proud to wear and share.

BATTLECRY: I have seen a lot of love for the new theme, but before we address that one specifically, what all goes into picking the early theme for the club?

SCARIF MANDO: Honestly a lot of stuff goes into it. When we take a look at picking the yearly theme we want something that's going to captivate our audience but it also has to mean something. We want something that will resonate with our members. A lot of discussion time goes into narrowing down themes that not only represent the club but will look pretty epic from a PR standpoint.

VASTOOM: There are a lot of conversations that go on behind the scenes to try and find a theme for the coming year. From my side of things I need something that the members want to have, something that catches their interests and makes them excited for every piece we drop. So it's a lot of work with the Signet master to make sure what we put out is just as visually interesting as it is inspiring. As a side note, the art team always nails it!

BADE DUUN: It's honestly a lot of conversation and iteration. The theme has to mean something to the membership, but it also has to be

something we can actually support visually and structurally throughout the year. We look at where the club is, where it's headed, and what kind of message feels right for that moment. If it doesn't feel authentic or sustainable, it usually doesn't make the cut.



BATTLECRY: It seems like great timing to introduce this particular theme just as the Beskarta Foundation is really getting its feet under it and starting to do some good. Was this intentional and how do you hope the theme helps elevate, not only the Foundation's mission, but our charitable drives overall?

SCARIF MANDO: Honestly? We actually started working on this theme before the Beskar'ta Foundation came into existence. I believe we started work on this January of 2025. I remember when we were trying to come up with the theme I pitched the idea of the theme revolving around a unit of Mandalorians dropping into battle. There's so much cool imagery from the show where we see if Mandalorians dropping out of the dropship as a tactical unit. The image was there. We just needed the message to convey it in theme form. I believe the original pitch sounded something like "Prepare For Drop". But all that did was

describe the imagery. It didn't truly put the message of the theme together which was uniting against any obstacle. It wasn't until late 2025 that we landed on "Engage As One".

I think it's absolutely beautiful how the message of this theme lines up with what we're trying to accomplish with the Beskar'ta Foundation. This year's theme "Engage as One" promotes tackling roadblocks and obstacles together as a team. The Beskar'ta Foundation being created to help with member relief speaks to this theme and vice versa. More than once now we have seen the membership come together to help tackle a financial obstacle in the way of another member. The foundation raises awareness and rallies our troops so that we can engage a problem as one.

VASTOOM: It was actually a happy accident.

The Art, PR and Supply teams work closely together on these things and when Scarif first brought forth the idea of a unit of Mandos we knew that there was something there to work with, after last years reception to "Out of the Shadows" we needed the tag line to be just as good as the imagery.

Engage As One came about after months of tossing it around in our heads and back and forth. While we were aware of the work going on with the foundation it wasn't the driving force behind the theme. I wish it was because then we would really look like we are on top of things.

BADE DUUN: Like others have said, the timing wasn't fully intentional, but it couldn't have lined up better. The theme speaks to unity and shared responsibility, which is exactly what the Foundation represents. My hope is that it reinforces the idea that charity and support aren't side projects—they're part of who we are as a club, and something we tackle together.

BATTLECRY: With MercsCon 4 coming up later this year, how do you feel that this theme will fit into the overall mindset for MercsCon?

SCARIF MANDO: I'm really excited that this theme rolled out the same year as a MercsCon. This theme is about unity. MercsCon is a beacon of unity. It is one of the largest gatherings of MMCC members in the entire world. The ultimate Engage As One

VASTOOM: MercsCon is all about the club coming together as one to celebrate what makes us us. It is the perfect opportunity to learn from each other and grow as a club so that we can continue to spread our message out to the world. MercsCon is the largest gathering of members that we ever have it is truly about us engaging as one.

BADE DUUN: MercsCon is the physical embodiment of this theme. It's one of the few

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times we truly get to see the club as a whole, in one place, working and celebrating together. "Engage As One" feels like a perfect lens to view that through, especially as the event continues to grow.

BATTLECRY: What do you hope this theme instills and inspires within the club?

SCARIF MANDO: I hope this inspires members to Squad up. A good squad does more than just troop together. They celebrate with each other, they are there for each other in times of need, they are invested in each other's lives. The work we do here in the club is at many times pivotal. We can accomplish our goals more efficiently when we stand united. I hope that this year's theme inspires members to grow closer to their clanmates and develop new strengths within their communities.

VASTOOM: Unity, in a time when so many things aim to drive people apart we need to remember that we are stronger together, and if we “Engage As One” nothing is impossible.

BADE DUUN: I hope it encourages members to lean on each other a bit more and to think beyond just their individual kits or clans. The club is strongest when we operate as a unified force, whether that’s in charity work, events, or just supporting one another. If the theme helps reinforce that mindset, then it’s doing its job.

BATTLECRY: Scarif, from a public relations stand point, what can we expect to see rise out of the drive to Engage as one?

SCARIF MANDO: From a public relations standpoint you’re going to see a lot of team-ups and Squad highlights. Throughout this year we will be highlighting the unity within our community.

BATTLECRY: Will there be any special events, contests, or drives that relate to the theme?

SCARIF MANDO: There will be a few special things we do this year. Some of which is still under wraps but I am happy to announce a brand new competition will be hitting PR this year that will speak heavily to this theme. We are very excited to continue to innovate and bring new things to the table captivate our audience push our message out to the world.

BATTLECRY: Vastoom, I know that you aren’t going to reveal everything up your sleeve from a merch perspective, but is there anything special that you can tease for the membership that will be directly related to the new theme?

VASTOOM: Well I will say that we learned a lot from last year. Theme items are highly sought after! I can say for sure that we heard the requests and will be making some things a little more available this year. Oh and Flags and om patches will be back.

BATTLECRY: Bade, what inspired the color choices and new artwork that revolves around the new theme?

BADE DUUN: The initial inspiration came from Final Fantasy VII and the mako teal you see throughout the game; I was in the middle of a playthrough and loved the mood and contrast the hue conveyed against the dusky, industrial tones. A lot of the color direction came from wanting something that felt unified but still strong and readable across different applications—print, merch, digital, you name it. We leaned into colors that feel grounded and authoritative, but not flashy for the sake of it. The artwork itself was really about motion and cohesion—less about individual hero pieces and more about how everything works together visually as a single system.

BATTLECRY: When you are looking at new designs, what does the art team focus in on when a new theme is chosen?

BADE DUUN: The first thing we look at is consistency. We want the theme to feel intentional across everything it touches, not like a collection of disconnected designs. From there, it’s about clarity and flexibility—can this artwork scale, can it be adapted by clans, can it live comfortably on everything from a trading card to a banner? If it can’t do that, it usually doesn’t survive very long.

BATTLECRY: Other than the new card design, is there anything else that we can look forward to in the coming months?

BADE DUUN: Oh yea— without spoiling too much, there’s definitely more coming. We’re continuing to build out supporting visuals that reinforce the theme and give clans and members more to work with creatively. We’ve got a few goodies planned for the club.

The theme for the year is clearly a concerted effort from many of the individual teams within the club, and the theme for 2026 is no different. I can think of no better theme right now than Engage as One, in a time that seems so uncertain for many we need to do what we do as Mandos, squad up, work together, and do all that we can for those around and beside us.

WELCOME TO BATTLECRY!

By: Nik & Nina

Su'cuy, aliit!

In Arizona we are simply Nik and Nina, a name combo that just rolls right off the tongue but to many we are known for our Mando-verse personas, Tor and Anai'a Nova. We hail from the Dune Sea, the vast city of Phoenix that survived the convergence of our paths and has hosted us together now for 15 years.

Nik, the elder gentleman of this duo, was born just weeks after an exciting new flick called *Star Wars* hit the big screen.

Nina, never too far behind, stumbled into the world just a few short months after *The Empire Strikes Back*. Hey, we've got to make you work for it just a bit if you want to figure out our ages.

With the wrap party for our first year as Mando Mercs in sight, we have fully immersed ourselves in Shonare Vhekadla Clan (SVC), having taken on the roles of Ru'cabur and Jor'alor respectively. Nik has been in the trucking industry for 25 years, a bona fide truck driver for 13 years, and is able to redirect his logistics knowledge into organizing social events to enhance clan morale. Nina has been a Customer Service Professional for brick-and-mortar stores and call centers throughout the last 28 years, morphing display design and advertising knowledge into content creation for SVC social media.

If you'd like to get to know us a little bit better, you can go "Under the Bucket" for a little blast from the past by visiting the August 2025 issue of BattleCry Magazine where an interview with us tells the tale of how we found our way to the Mando Mercs Costume Club.

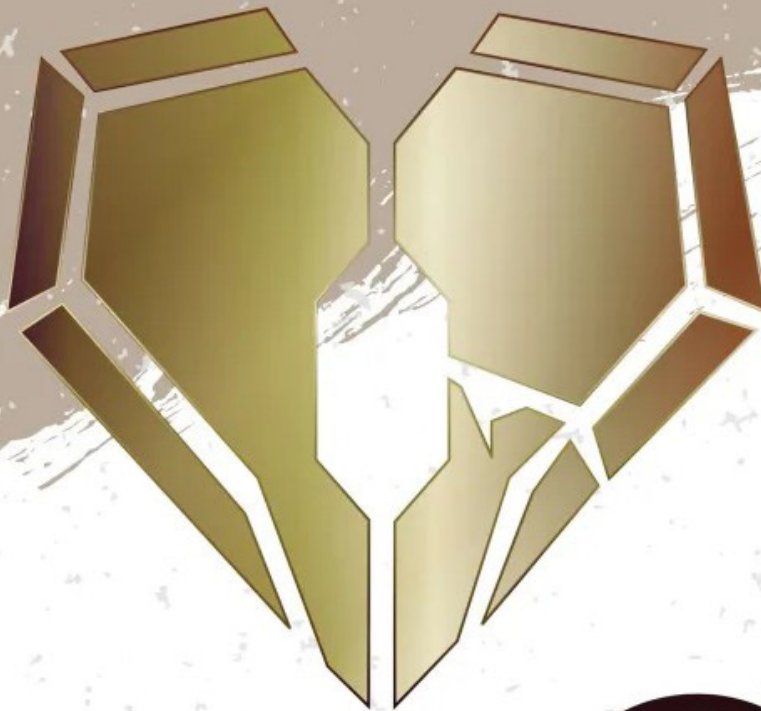
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VOK'CHI CLAN: A SHOWCASE

By: Wayne "Ge'tal Ruus" Marper

It's been a little while since this writer has had an article published for BattleCry, and it's exciting to be back. So much has happened in 2025 for me personally, professionally and within the clan; and for me, as always the people here in the MMCC have been an absolute rock for me.

What better way to kick off my new chapter in writing than to showcase my very own clan. Like good old Palpy, I have "UNLIMITED POOOOOWWWWEERR", because I am, in fact, the Clan Alor'ad. (At time of writing, elections will have just passed when this goes to print). Maybe this article has an element of rose tint to it, but I shall try to stay factual. I promise.

We (the officers) run a mantra. Foundlings are the future. Without them, there is no Clan. To this end, at events, online and at every opportunity possible we recruit, recruit, recruit! Uptake is generally good overall, with an average of 1-2 new foundlings joining us on the forums each month. Steady growth is key here. Once they're in the door, the work starts. Not just for them in terms of kit building and working towards OM status, but ensuring that they are welcomed, safeguarded appropriately and included in all aspects of clan life no matter who they are, where they are from or what challenges they face.

COMMUNITY

Something that we are immensely proud of in Vok'Chi is our ability to come together and be truly inclusive. In this crazy world we live in, it's been a tough year or so for some communities in particular and so we pride ourselves on being a safe place for people to be themselves. To quote one of our OM's, Kandra Sabe on our Xmas



social call,

"It's been a really tough year for those in the trans community, so I just want to thank you all for always being there for me".

Honestly, this stunned me for a moment. It had not occurred to me before just how special this little gathering of nerds really is. Thank you Gael, for your permission to share your heartfelt moment. You are and you are seen, heard and loved here! This is the Way.

OM and former Clan Ver'Alor Kuri wanted to give insight into her take on the clan's ethos.

"During my almost 5 years in the Vok'chi, I have had more support around me than I have ever experienced before.

Coming into the clan I was incredibly nervous and came very close to not joining at all. I have several serious health conditions which have impacted every aspect of my life and I "knew" the mercs would be no different. I didn't want to be a liability or ruin other peoples experience. However, I was met with utmost support, kindness and understanding. I have built under many different Ruus' teams and all have been both

accepting and helpful regarding building with the health implications. During troops this support has continued not just by the ruus & command team but my fellow OM's and Foundlings.

I have found a place where I feel safe; I know if I need to alter anything, be it my kit or taking breaks or even dekitting all together, I can. I have had my fellow mandos sat with me, monitoring my conditions when I pushed things too far.

Aside from my health conditions, I have found amazing friends and a trust in men that during a rocky past, had previously been lost. The clan has helped me get through the worst mental state I had ever been trapped in. It's provided opportunities and experiences that I could only have dreamed of, it's allowed me to regain joy that my conditions took away and reminded me to keep pushing forward and getting the best out of life I possibly can. For me the Vok'chi has been so much more than a costume club, it has changed and impacted my life in so many ways I never thought possible."

TROOPING

2025 was a busy year for the clan. The "flagship" event for us is the National Space Center troop in Leicester. It's a mid sized, charity supporting con to which every clan member has a blast alongside the other Galactic Senate clubs and always gives excellent numbers for turnout, but the clan often supports smaller events too.

Feel the Force day, held in Peterborough is the world's first fully inclusive Comic-Con put on especially for those with additional needs and disabilities. A well attended event, that is meaningful to the con-goers and of course it would be remiss not to mention Dreamflight. Dreamflight are a charity who pull out all of the stops for children and young people that are severely ill and in a lot of cases, unfortunately, terminal. They take them from London, on their own, assisted by professional volunteers on a once in a lifetime trip to Disney World in Florida. We attend in armour, along with many other costumers to give them a send off to remember. Usually hosted by UK celebrities Dick & Dom, this particular event is a tearjerker and one the fills the Mandos with immense pride, even if the Celebrity hosts did call us "stormtroopers".



CHARITY.

This year, you may have seen on Clan social media etc that Vok'Chi have been running Tal'Simir - or "Blood Year". The initial naming was to be "The year of Blood", but it was decided that it was too ominous for such an endeavour, but what a great achievement.

2025 began by encouraging clan members, and indeed some members from other clans across the globe to go and make a blood or plasma donation. In the UK, 18 successful donations were made, and those that weren't able to donate even showed up to support those that could. We have had Mandos overcome a phobia just to be a part of this drive. The clan would like to thank everyone that was involved in any way at all. Furthermore, to keep in theme with Tal'Simir the clan chose Blood Cancer UK as their primary Charity and took steps to align themselves officially.

Through Charity events, bounty hunts and Charity Merch sales, Vok'Chi Clan are proud to announce that they have raised a total of £818.45 (Circa \$1100USD) for BCUK

For anyone still wanting to contribute and help exceed this number, the Merch is still in store and of course all are encouraged to make life saving blood donation in their own locations.



PROPS

A special mention should be made here to OM, Spudley7 (Paul) who off of his own back took on the mammoth task of building a screen accurate, full size BOBF throne. What an incredible piece! It now stands the clan in excellent stead to showcase larger displays and of course routing back to inclusivity, the seat base is removable allowing for those in wheelchairs or less able to participate and have their photo taken in this iconic stage piece.

Ru'cabur HereticDave, who is incidentally also on just about every team that exists in the MMCC, set up a "Bounty Barter". The task was for each person wanting to take part to create a small prop that specifically doesn't go on a kit, but is made to the highest standards. This enables each clan member to hold a small prop to bring to events meaning that depending on who is attending, we have variations around the main display.

Foundling, Kahlyss adds

"For me, what Vorin (Richard) wrote on the forum about the gift he sent (can't remember to whom) made me feel like I was sat around a camp fire hearing old clan stories. - I think us making each other gifts - the time and effort put in - really says a lot about our clan. And there is a real tangible

support of foundlings, core to the Mandalorian ethos!"

As is the norm in Vok'Chi, various clan members are building exceptionally well and thinking outside the box to better improve the Clan's outreach and potential.

KIT BUILDING

Vok'Chi have a long history of trailblazing, incredible kits and some of the most talented builders to boot. Supporting these wonderful builds are the Ruus'alor team under the 'Solyc, Talyc Cabur (AJ). Tal'onidir, For'akur, TheBaconKing and Vorin Drask (Glyn, Josh, Olly and Richard respectively) are doing sterling work in supporting and guiding the clans foundlings and OM's alike through their build processes. Particular attention is ALWAYS given to those with exceptional circumstances, and the team work closely with them to be inline with the CRL's and give them the freedom they need in order to be in kit safely. No Mandos are left behind in Vok'Chi Clan!

Richard gives insight into his onboarding and role as a new Ruus'alor...

"Joining Vok'chi Clan as a new Ruus'alor has been exciting and fulfilling. Right from the start, I felt welcomed and supported, reflecting values like inclusivity and community.

With over 23 years in the British Army, I'm familiar with core values like courage, respect, and integrity. It's inspiring to see these same values in the Clan, highlighting our shared commitment to excellence.

The training I've received has been thorough and supportive, pushing me to grow and prepare to help others. Leadership in the Clan is both a privilege and a responsibility, and it's an honor to be part of this journey.

In short, being part of the Vok'chi Clan is a rewarding experience, and I look forward to continuing to learn and grow with the community."

THE WORK BEHIND THE CURTAIN

"We are fighting a battle that few will ever see. Not with blasters raised or banners flying, but in the quiet moments where our values are tested and our principles are challenged. This is a covert fight — one of resolve, integrity, and standing firm when it would be easier to step aside or stay

silent. Like Mandalorians of old, we are bound not by convenience, but by creed. We protect what matters: fairness, honour, inclusion, and the belief that true strength is shown through support, not shortcuts. Even when the noise grows loud around us, we hold the line—calm, disciplined, and united. Every decision made with integrity, every member supported, every standard upheld is a victory. These are the battles that define who we are. We stand together. We endure. This is together”

-Vorin Drask, Vok'Chi Clan Ruus'alor

This short piece written by Richard sums up beautifully what happens behind the scenes of a clan. For the majority of the MMCC, who have not yet stepped into an officer or club role, they see the forum, go on troop and have a great time, for the most part; but the beating heart of Vok'Chi Clan is not this writer, dear reader. I am a mere figurehead compared to our Ver'alor Aran Kyr'tal (Steve) or “Spreadsheet Steve”, as he's affectionately known. Without his impressive capacity for organising, communication and attention to detail, the clan would likely crash into an asteroid field. It's about time he gained some proper recognition for all of the amazing work that he puts in. The simple fact of the matter is that in any organisation, issues arise. Sometimes its personnel, sometimes its welfare, and occasionally lodestar has to be wielded and its disciplinary. These are the burdens of command and control. We start out wanting to build cool kits, we step up and the curtain is drawn back. Smoke, mirrors and a whole load of spreadsheets.

IMPACT

It's easy to look at a club or clan such as this and for people to ask “what's the point?” Well as we

can see above, there is so much more to being a Merc than simply putting on a costume. Re'sad one of the Clan's longest serving OM's shared two experiences. A more recent one was our troop at the 4 Kingdoms Adventure Park charity day for the Royal British Legion. The troop itself was a wash out, but “I was running about with an umbrella helping people into cover when that horrendous rain came in.”

AND THE SECOND.

“I think it was 2015. I was at a local (Southampton) con and back then not many people knew what mandos where, ergo cons were a rather long experience at times. I was wandering the con floor, still kinda nervous, to my surprise I felt a thud on my leg armour... Now I thought I'd walked into something but when I tilted the helmet down I saw a small (about 5 years old) girl clutching tightly onto my leg. Confused, I looked around and found her parents about 6 feet away and they were in floods of tears, upon looking at their feet was this bright lime green mobility walker. Turned out the girl was disabled and absolutely loved Jango fett. She had let go of her walker and walked over to me. This was why the parents were crying, apparently she never ever let go of her walker outside the house... I knelt and had photos with her and chatted for a bit and as she gave me another massive hug. I'm just glad I was wearing a helmet as I was pouring out tears. At that moment I realized why we do this. Why it's worth the pain of wearing, the time, effort and money to build. The weekends of sleeping in hotels and being cramped on trains. The happiness it brought her smiling face was worth it a hundred times over. That's why we do what we do.”

Many mercs around the world have stories like this. Bringing joy to people for a small moment; allowing them to immerse themselves in a fantasy and escape from real world issues.



SOCIAL SOCIETIES

A LOOK AT HOUSE NELVAAN

By: Ben "Midge" Egloff

When I started the project to take an in-depth look at the societies of the MMCC, I really didn't realize how many societies we had active on the forums. I mean I had gone through the pages, looked at the titles, and seen the varied nature of the groups represented, but I didn't really grasp the scope of what they were. I really didn't understand just how many Mandos were brought together by these groups. The more I look at these wonderful groups the more I realize how important they are and how important it is to help them grow. I found a network of support, friendship, and togetherness. We do wonderful work in the MMCC, but within these societies I see the members really living up to this year's theme, to Engage as One.

This month I turned my attention to House Nelvaan. Looking through their boards on the forum you will find a wonderful group of people who are neurodivergent or support those that are. The society is dedicated to giving people who deal with ADHD, Autism, or other diagnosis on the neurodivergent spectrum a place to share their experiences with others who share those traits. I had the pleasure to speak with Mirdala Ad'ika, the current Keeper and founder of House Nelvaan all about her society and the role that it plays within the MMCC.

BATTLECRY: Introduce yourself and give us a little bit of your history with the Mando Mercs?

MIRDALA AD'IKA: My name is Lindsay Bertrand aka Mirdala Ad'ika, of Blue Moon Clan, Kentucky. I began working on my kit in 2019 and



was approved as an OM on Leap day, February 29th 2020. Shortly after I became an OM, I was recruited to the PR team and was assigned duties creating posts for Facebook, specifically Wisdom Wednesdays, Trivia Thursdays, and Answer Fridays. I was also able to provide information and some written contributions regarding mental health for the MMCC. I was working as a Licensed therapist as my day job and was doing all telehealth sessions due to Covid. I volunteered to provide pro bono therapy sessions in support of Vode who were struggling during the pandemic in addition to crisis support for Vode affected by the passing of MMCC family that year. It was an honor to help my people and be able to give them the resources they needed to continue their mental health treatment within their local communities after completion of my crisis care. While serving on the team I was able to participate as a writer and interviewer for MercsCon 2020. The highlight of that being the segment where I got to interview Misty Rosas.

Another amazing experience was participation in the Virtual Blue Carpet event for Season 2 of the Mandalorian. This involved me sitting in my bedroom with my laptop, a Star Wars bed sheet behind me as backdrop, and kitted from the waist up on a zoom call with the stars and directors of the Mandalorian. Something I could have never imagined ever happening in real life. In 2022 I had stepped down from PR in order to focus on my duties as Ver'alor of Blue Moon. In 2023 I advanced to Alor'ad, and have continued leading my clan, maintaining the position even into 2026.

BATTLECRY: As the current Keeper of House Nelvaan can you give us a little bit of insight into its history and when it was founded?

MIRDALA AD'JKA: On March 16th, 2021 I made the very first forum post. There had been many conversations within the PR team surrounding my thoughts on Neurodivergency of members within all the Star Wars costuming clubs. We talked about ways to raise awareness and support during April which is both Neurodivergent acceptance month, and Child Abuse prevention month. I have spent the bulk of my career working with both the Neurodivergent child/teen, and Abused/traumatized populations. While thinking about how to provide better representation within the MMCC international community, the thought occurred to me to see if Squirrels were canon creatures in Star Wars. Many of my analogies regarding both misconceptions and truth about neurodivergent behaviors have to do with Squirrels. That is how I discovered the existence of the Nelvaan Grey Squirrel from the original clone wars animated series and pretty much ran with that inspiration to kickstart the society.

BATTLECRY: Tell us a little about House Nelvaan and what its overall mission and purpose is?

MIRDALA AD'JKA: Not only am I a therapist who specializes in Neurodivergent affirming care, but I'm also AuDHD, which means that I'm autistic and ADHD. The information I have learned both through my education and training in mental health along with my life experience of being a late diagnosed woman, has been beyond beneficial for me in my efforts to function in adult

life. This knowledge also allows me to support my patients, friends, and family, some whom are neurodivergent like me. Others are neurotypical and trying to better understand and communicate with me and others along the spectrum. I felt the need to extend the reach of the support I can provide to share with my Mandalorian family as well. It is a very lonely and frustrating time navigating the world feeling like you are alone. It feels like people don't seem to think or communicate like you do, and you are isolated in the struggle to coexist while always feeling other and outside of everyone you know. There is a lot that can be said for representation in general, the basic knowledge of the fact that we aren't alone, we aren't defective, we are just wired different is important. By connecting with each other, we can teach and learn from one another ways to cope, adapt, and overcome the challenges we once believed we had to battle alone. The society began as a way for us who identify as ND (Neurodivergent), and our fellow OMs who care about and encourage us to talk about our struggles. It was a place we could share our little victories in discovering new coping methods or tools to make our lives easier. That moment of connection that sparks when one of us feels defeated, but then is given new options and hope that things can and will get better from another person who is fighting these same daily battles is absolutely priceless. To discover that so many of us exist within just the MMCC international community is mind-blowing, and personally, it makes me even more proud to be a Mandalorian. The society has grown from just a forum group to also include discord server where we are able to chat, share ideas and support in real time. This avenue makes it easy to upload pictures and post links to countless resources, tools, and coping skills.

I made it clear from the beginning that I would not be providing any type of formal therapy within this capacity. However similar to my time providing pro bono crisis support, I am available to consult regarding seeking out mental health treatment within the member's local communities, in addition to providing support in the event that a member is in crisis with the strong recommendation that the member reach out to local mental health providers for ongoing care.



BATTLECRY: Who can join and in what capacity?

MIRDALA AD'JKA: Anyone who is officially or unofficially diagnosed with a Neurodivergent spectrum mental health classification. I say unofficial because some people do not have the resources to access assessments/evaluation of formal diagnosis (this process can be very expensive, may require lengthy commutes to reach a provider ect.) and should not be exempt from accessing community support. I also encourage neurotypical OM/UM who love and support their ND Vode to join as well because there is a lot to be learned from the personal experience shared within our posts and conversations in discord to help others better understand and relate to us.

BATTLECRY: Why do you feel that it is important to have a dedicated space for your membership?

MIRDALA AD'JKA: As previously mentioned, representation is a powerful thing, and for some it translates to life-changing moments once they

realize that they are not alone. Realizing there others like them do not merely exist but are accessible and can share their knowledge and experience to help each other not only survive in a world not built with us in mind. With that community they can eventually thrive with the support of so many Armored Squirrels just like them. Each one of them complex and varied all along the spectrum of diagnosis but allied and unified within the brotherhood of Beskar so to speak.

BATTLECRY: What does House Nelvaan's society thread provide for its membership that the forums at large do not?

MIRDALA AD'JKA: It is unique in that it provides many levels of connection that are deeper than common interests. People are able to share what it was like finding out that they were actually ND, what aspects of their diagnosis and symptoms that they struggle with. Fellow members are able to reply with their own experience of the same or similar aspects and how they found solutions or effective tools. This exchange of ideas and connection on a deeper personal level is

something some people are lacking in their lives outside of the MMCC. So being able to have their needs met for not just intellectually stimulating conversation but real care and concern for one another's well being is kinda like medicine, it can have a real healing effect.

BATTLECRY: As House Nelvaan grows, what do you hope to be able to do in the future as a society?

MIRDALA AD'JKA: Due to time constraints, clan duties, and substantial life ups/ epic downs some of the things I aspired to achieve have not come to fruition as of yet. We have discussed the creation of a sigil off and on, and it is a work in process. My hope is that at some point in the near future, not only will we have an epic sigil to visually represent this amazing group of Mandos but that we would be able to utilize it to create merch for a charity fundraiser benefiting international ND organizations such as the Autism self-advocacy network. Beyond that I hope to inspire more individual Mandos as well as clans to take the initiative in providing clan level support and accommodation for ND members in terms of build parties and invasions. Spreading the love even further would be challenging clans to see how they could impact the ND population in their local communities through invasions that help to bring awareness, acceptance and love to their friendly neighborhood Squirrels both with and without the Beskar.

If you are looking for support for your own Neurodivergent diagnosis or just want to help provide a welcoming and supporting place for those that are Neurodivergent, Mirdala and her Squirrels would be glad to see you on their forum boards. As we look to Engage as One in 2026, looking to the social societies is a wonderful way to see the world through someone else's lens. We are stronger together and House Nelvaan is doing all that it can to live that mantra.

THE MANDALORIAN VAMBRACE

By: Mike "Diz Ge'tal" Porter

One of the first things that I noticed about Boba Fett, that summer of 1980, while sitting in the movie theater, were these highly technical looking bracers on the arms of the bounty hunter. While Fett really didn't make much use of them as a weapons platform in Empire Strikes Back, their value was on full display three years later in Return of the Jedi. Pity that Fett did not make better use of them before Han smacked his jetpack with a stick and sent him rolling into the open maw of the Sarlacc. Too soon? Yeah, me too.

Those bracers, which are known as "Gauntlets" in the CRL's of the MMCC, didn't really get a name until the third season of Star Wars Rebels (2017). In an episode titled Trials of the Darksaber, Sabine Wren was presented with a pair by Fenn Rau, at that moment, Sabine holds one of the bracers up into frame, and says, "Mandalorian

"THE VAMBRACES WORN BY BOTH JANGO AND BOBA FETT CARRIED A STAGGERING NUMBER OF WEAPONS"

Vambraces? Where did you get these?" forever identifying them as such in Star Wars Canon.

According to what I've read, the Mandalorian Vambrace was designed to aid in hand-to-hand combat against the Jedi and to help counteract Force abilities. They were made of beskar so that they can withstand the strike of a lightsaber, but beyond their defensive use, they also act as a weapons platform making them a formidable offensive part of the armor.

The weapons around which the vambrace was built differed from Mandalorian to Mandilorian and

depended greatly on their personal fighting style and preferences.

Here are a few examples of vambrace builds



that I was able to find around the interwebs.

The vambraces worn by both Jango and Boba Fett carried a staggering number of weapons and technology including a laser targeting system, a holoprojector, and a comms unit. Beyond that, they had at least two device launchers, one for tracking devices, and another for darts that could be equipped with tranquilizers, shock/stun, or explosive tips. They also carried a grappling chord launcher, a micro rocket mount, and a flame thrower that was fueled by their jet pack. It's kind of amazing that they could lift their arms to hold a blaster.

While it is uncertain whether or not other Mandalorians carried as many armaments as the Fetts, we do know that not all vambraces were entirely alike.

Bo-Katan, for

decision to scratch build my gauntlets is that they are made from schedule 40 PVC pipe and other plumbing parts, so they are quite heavy, but unique.

Instead of scratch building, here are, of course, several 3D print files for sale or download, that can give you fairly accurate approximations of vambraces worn by the Fetts, by Djarin, Bo-Katan, or any number of other Mandos from the television shows.

With so many options it can be tempting, and perfectly acceptable, to just find a set and print them to fit your arms, but where's the fun in that? When choosing or designing your vambraces,

think about how you would like them to look. Do you want the small and sleek style of Sabine Wren or the overly armed and beefy style of the Fetts? What weapon systems do you want mounted to your Vambraces? What is your fighting style? Are you a mando who fights with both hands, or are you

someone who depends on communication and remote weapon systems?

I guess, what I'm trying to say is, that as you contemplate your armor and the gauntlets that you will be adding to your kit, give some thought to the way your character fights, what is their profession and what tools would you be needing in that profession? Make up a story to fit the design of your vambraces. I just makes the whole plastic spacemen thing just a little bit more fun.

example, had mounted a wrist blaster, a vibroblade, and a shield projector to her vambraces, features that seem to have not been shared by the Fetts.

One of my favorite weapons belonged to Din Djarin, the Whistling Birds. Small guided darts or bullets made from beskar. The Whistling Bird system can lock onto up to twelve individual targets and kill with small explosions. Beyond the Whistling Birds, Djarin carried whip chords and flame throwers on each of his two vambraces. Din Djarin sacrificed additional armaments for systems that allow him to control his jet pack and other weapon and targeting systems.

What does this mean for members of the MMCC? When I was building my first set of vambraces, I tried to think about what systems I wanted to add to them, and settled on designing my right gauntlet to carry my weapon systems, a double blaster and a flame thrower, while my left side would be designed for communication and targeting systems. The downside of my

THE BESKAR CHEF

COOKING WITH MANDALORE

By: Mandalore the Uniter

MANDALORE'S BAKED NOODLES IN CHEESE SAUCE

Ingredients

Box of noodles (macaroni or penne suggested)
1 cup all purpose flour
1 stick of butter
2 cups grated cheese blend (I use gouda, sharp cheddar, and parmesan)
2 cups whole milk
1 tsp lemon juice
½ tsp garlic powder
½ tsp cracked pepper
½ tsp salt

Directions

STEP 1 - Cook noodles using the directions on the box. DO NOT ADD OIL to the pasta water. Add 1 tbsp salt to the pasta water and stir to dissolve.



Once noodles are cooked, drain and immediately cool down with cold water to stop the cooking process.

STEP 2 - In the same pot on medium heat melt half a stick of butter, stirring while gradually sprinkling





in flour to make a roux. Keep adding flour until the roux looks like a paste. If you add too much flour and the roux becomes loose and mealy, add a little more butter or some cooking oil to achieve the paste consistency.

Cook roux for 5-7 minutes, stirring often. I like to cook my roux until

it has a tan color as this adds a slight nuttiness to the cheese sauce. Add one cup of milk and whisk vigorously so there are no lumps in the sauce.

As it thickens, add the second cup. The white sauce should just coat the back of a spoon, but if it is too thick you can add some water to thin the sauce down.

STEP 3 - Add garlic powder, salt, and pepper to the white sauce. Turn the temperature down to low heat or simmer.



Continue whisking the white sauce while you begin adding in your cheese, a little at a time. Make sure each addition of cheese is fully melted into the sauce before adding more as this will keep the cheese from clumping. Add lemon juice and continue to

whisk the sauce vigorously as this incorporates air into the mixture and gives the sauce a lighter consistency.

STEP 4 - Preheat oven to 350F/177C. Add noodles to a pre-greased, 8" clear casserole



dish, then cheese sauce. Using a rubber spatula, gently fold noodles and cheese sauce together in the casserole dish until noodles are completely covered by the sauce and no air pockets are visible.

Be generous with the cheese

sauce, it should almost be even with the top of the dish. Add freshly cracked pepper to the surface.

[OPTIONAL] - Generously sprinkle Italian breadcrumbs over the top of the noodles and cheese

STEP 6 - Bake in the oven on 350F/177C for 20 minutes, then raise the temperature to 450F/232C for 8 minutes to crisp up the top of the noodles and cheese.

STEP 7 - Remove from the oven and let sit for 5 minutes before serving. The dish serves 6-8 people.

*Gluten free noodles and flour can be substituted for those with gluten issues. I actually make it gluten free so my wife can enjoy the dish.

I suggest using Barilla gluten free noodles and King Arthur gluten free bread flour as I've gotten the best gluten-free results from these brands.



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3359, Tal Karoya, Remcop, Diryc Vhetin Clan

3360, Vi'tani Tav'rs, Vi'tani Tav'rs, Shonare
Vhekadla Clan

3361, Tor Veridian, MACOOBY, Wasu'ran
Clan

3362, Boba Fett Daimyo, coryhenry,
Haran'galaar Clan

3363, AHSOKA S1 Super Commando V1,
CarOFlo77, Shonare Vhekadla Clan

3364, Gric Por'irr, OmegaRed, Gaht Kyr'bes
Clan

3365, Malcor Kom'rk, TimTomTwoShoe,
Cerar Clan

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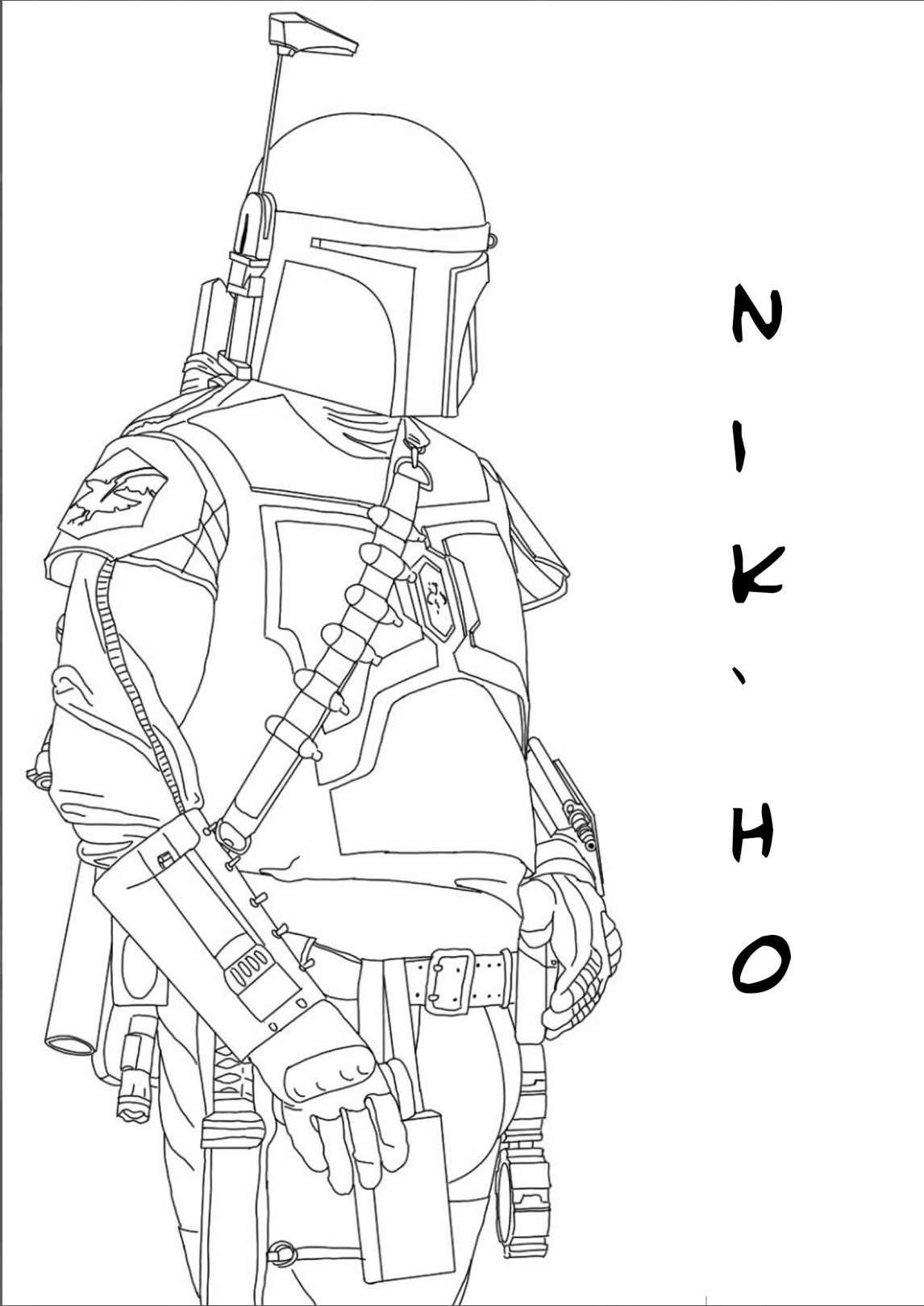
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