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CHALLENGE**  
ONLY THE STRONG WILL SUCCEED!  
WILL YOU ACCEPT?

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# FROM THE EDITOR



Greetings Vode,

This month you may see a little bit of a new direction for BattleCry Magazine.

With the Alor's Challenge, and a renewed emphasis on the Forums, BattleCry will be doing a series of "How to" articles on the use of the forums. Posting pictures, the social clubs, the Halls of Knowledge, anything and everything having to do with the forums will be fair game. So, if there is anything that you want to know, shoot me a message on the forums (to mporter) and I'll get one of our talented staff on it. Also, we want to focus more on charity efforts by our many clans throughout the MMCC. For a while we were doing "Clan Spotlights" and we'll be getting back to that, but focusing more on what those clans are doing to enhance their charity efforts. So, if your clan is doing something really cool for a charity, please let us know because the rest of the club would like to know as well.

Finally, summer is drawing to a close, and it has been a hot one. So, please stay hydrated and listen to your body while trooping. Stay safe out there.

Mike "Diz Ge'tal" Porter  
Editor, BattleCry Magazine

# WELCOME TO BATTLECRY

## MEET OUR NEW STAFF WRITER

BY: JOHNNY “JOHN STOLT’Z” STOLTENBORG

Hi, I’m Johnny Stoltenborg, aka Johnny Stoltz’, and I’m thrilled to join Battle Cry Magazine as a staff writer. My journey into the Mando Mercs Costume Club (MMCC) was fueled by my deep love for Star Wars and an insatiable curiosity about the world of costume and prop building. I first encountered the MMCC at Megacon in Orlando back in 2018, where seeing members in their impressive kits sparked a passion in me. Fast forward to today, I’ve been an official member for eight months and have the honor of serving as Ver’alor for the Protectors of Lothal. The path to becoming a member was filled with challenges, learning new skills, and finding a family united by our love for Star Wars and making people smile.

Joining Battle Cry Magazine is a significant milestone for me. Since high school, I’ve believed that everyone has a story worth telling, and I’ve always aspired to be the one to share these stories. My early days in journalism saw me as a sports editor for my high school and college news magazines. Beyond print journalism, I developed a love for video production and photography, skills that allowed me to cover diverse topics, from local politics to social issues. Each of these experiences honed my ability to create compelling narratives that resonate with readers and contribute meaningfully to public discourse. Although I once dreamed of becoming a war correspondent for CNN, life took me on a different path—one that led me to the MMCC, an amazing costume charity organization.

As Ver’alor of the Protectors of Lothal, I’ve witnessed the inner workings of the MMCC and the immense dedication its members put into it. From Mandalore to handlers, the love for this organization is evident in the hard work and dedication of everyone involved. Whether it’s volunteering long hours at conventions or organizing multi-clan potlucks and armor parties, the MMCC embodies the spirit of family and community, proving that family is more than blood.

At Battle Cry Magazine, I’m eager to delve into the lives behind the T-visor, bringing to light the stories of this incredible organization and the family that sustains it. This opportunity allows me to grow as a writer and contribute to a publication that showcases the Mandalorian Mercs Costume Club and the amazing things we do.

Please feel free to reach out to me at [JASoltenborg@gmail.com](mailto:JASoltenborg@gmail.com) for story ideas or just to connect. You can also follow my work and musings on Facebook (Johnny Stoltenborg) and Instagram (@johnny\_stolts).

To wrap up this introduction with a touch of Mandalorian flair: I swear on my name and the names of my ancestors that I shall walk the Way of the Mandalor’ and the words of the Creed shall be forever forged in my heart.

This is the Way.



# MESSAGE FROM THE ALOR

## THE ALOR'S CHALLENGE

BY: JOSH "KRUSER" KRUSE

Greetings!

For those unfamiliar with my role, I serve as the head of the Administrative Cabinet, responsible for overseeing several key positions: the Public Relations Officer, The Signet Master, The Quartermaster, The Chief Technology Officer, the Personnel Officer, the Rally Master, the Education Officer, the Adjutant General, and the Judicial Officer.

As I enter my 10th year with the MMCC, I aim to revitalize a pivotal aspect of our club—the Forum! The forum is a treasure trove of knowledge, offering everything from detailed tutorials and procedural guidelines to opportunities for socializing. On my journey to becoming an official member years ago, I had zero clan support as I was in an area that did not have an active clan. Without the members' support and guidance on the forum, I would not have had the necessary help and advice needed to become an official member of the MMCC. The forum is so crucial and since all official communication is to be done on the forum, it is important to become familiar with how it works and what sections of the board you should visit regularly.

Many of you are aware that I specialize in resin-cast custom helmets, and now I'm offering two individuals the chance to win their very own Kruser Helmet! I love writing tutorials and detailing my work in progress on the forum. I have found that they are extremely helpful, not only for getting feedback on my current project, but also to help teach and inspire others! One great resource on the forum is the Jadd



Halls of Knowledge. Here you will find the complete list of governing documents and a curated list of official tutorials to help new recruits learn how to craft their armor.

I'm thrilled to announce a challenge starting in August: The Alor's Challenge! I challenge you to create a new, detailed, step-by-step tutorial on the forum. Your tutorial must focus on creating a component of a Mandalorian costume, such as leatherworking, building gauntlets from scratch, constructing a blaster from scratch, and more. Here is an example of what I am looking for: Kruser's Cod Plate Tutorial **\*\*PIC HEAVY\*\*** (mandalorianmercs.org) [Link Here](#)

This challenge is open to all, whether official members or not. All you need is a forum account and a brand-new tutorial posted in the designated thread on the forum that will be announced via the forum Announcements section, the main MMCC Facebook page, and the MMCC Builders Group. So stay on the lookout for further details!

The top two tutorials will advance to the final round, and both finalists will receive their very own Kruser Helmet. They will then have until November 1 to complete their Kruser Helmet and write a detailed tutorial on the entire resin-cast helmet finishing process, from start to finish.

I will personally select the winning tutorial, which will be honored in the Jadd Halls of Knowledge and serve as the exemplary guide on transforming a raw resin cast helmet into a stunning custom creation.

Are you up to The Alor's Challenge? I cannot wait to see your creativity as you share the processes you use for building your armor and props.

-Kruser

The Alor's Challenge on the Forums can be found: [Here](#)

# THE MMCC FORUM

## GETTING STARTED

BY: CASSIDY “ALDWYN KASS” BUCKLAND

The first step in any new recruit’s MMCC journey is to get on the forums and get connected to their local clan.

In a sense, this is at the heart of the MMCC - building community through building armor as we use our gifts and talents to help one another help others.

The forums are the primary way we first connect to the wider MMCC community, and then more locally to those Mercs who are in our proximity who will be our primary mentors, allies, and friends within the club.

The first step is always to find your local clan, introduce yourself, and start a WIP (Work In Progress) thread. Today we’re going to show you exactly how to do just that.

### WHY?

First, let’s talk about why this matters. We’ve covered this more extensively in past editions, but to briefly recap, I’ll just say that the forums are a vital part of life within the club.

All official records, communication, and official business within the club takes place on, and is recorded via the forums.

WIP threads are an essential part of every new recruit’s successful build, and the events boards are an integral part of every official member’s activity and involvement with the club.

So why? Because the forums are what connect us across states, countries, territories, and the world.

### GETTING STARTED

Now that we’ve established the “Why?”, let’s get into the “how?”

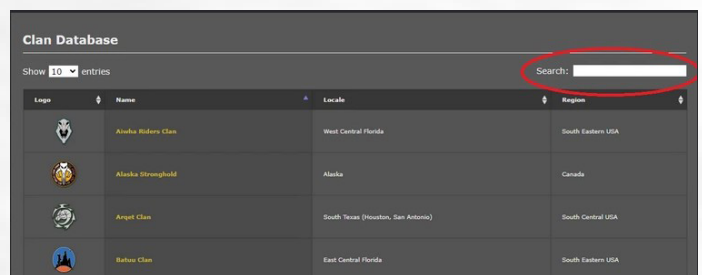
Step one is to create a forum account. This is a simple process that shouldn’t take more than a few minutes.

Step two is to find your clan! Navigate to the “Find Your Clan” page on the MMCC forums, and simply use the search bar. Just type in your state, country, region, or the name of your local clan if you know it, and select it from the list. That will take you to a landing page from which you can contact the clan via email, social media, or by following the links to your clan’s main board on the forums.

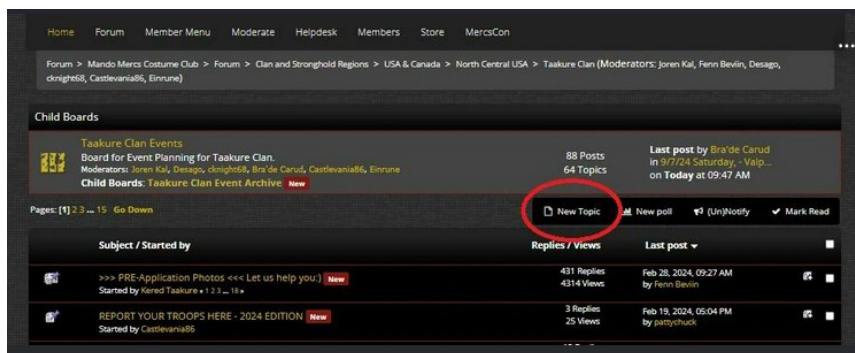
Once you’ve made it to the main board, look for the “New Topic” button and click there to create a new thread. This is where the magic happens.

As you’re creating your WIP thread, start by introducing yourself. Include as much or as little personal information as you’re comfortable with, and maybe tell your clan how you found out about the Mercs and what makes you excited to get involved.

Then it’s down to business. The meat of the WIP thread will be your ideas, questions, progress reports,



and feedback from other members. It's important at the start to share your concept, main ideas, and the first steps you're working towards so that your clan can help you get things started off on the right foot. Getting the advice and guidance at the start of your build from those who have gone before is going to lay a strong foundation for everything you do moving forward, and help smooth the road all the way to the application process and into official member status.

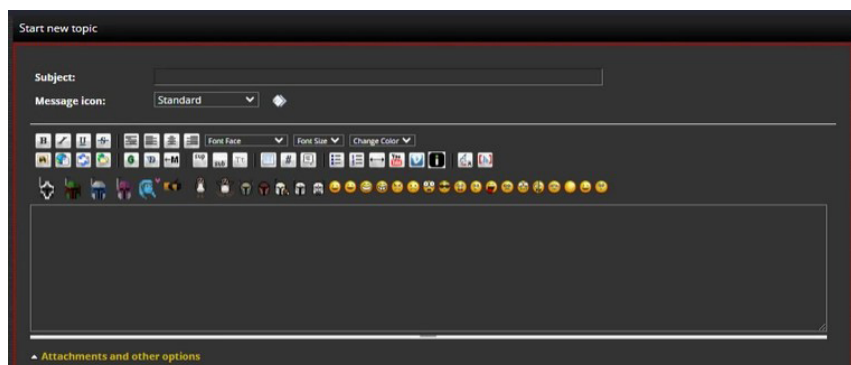


So say hello. Show any inspiration photos, ideas, concepts, MandoMaker/MandoCreator templates, colors, fabrics, etc. and then lay out next steps. What do you already have? What do you plan to do next? What questions do you have for the more seasoned members? What are you most excited for? What part is most daunting to you?

The more your clan knows about where you are and where you want to go, the better equipped they will be to help you get there.

Type all this up, add your photos (see the July 2024 Issue of BattleCry for instructions on how to do that), and click, "Post".

Congrats! You've just started your WIP thread. To quote a certain wise old man - "You've taken your first steps into a larger world."



If you'd like to receive notifications when someone posts on your WIP thread, just go to the top of the thread and find the "Notify" option. You can then select how you'd like to be notified, whether by email, alerts, or both, and then you'll always know when you have a new reply to look at.

So that's it! You've got a forum account, a WIP thread, and a bright MMCC future ahead of you. Keep an eye out in future issues of Battlecry for more forum briefing articles and how to's covering everything from navigating the CRLs and Brigade requirements, to social societies - what they are and how to join one!

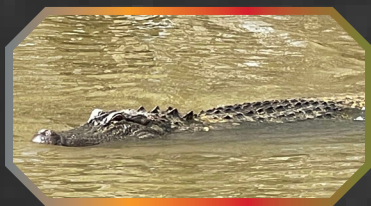
Battlecry will be back next time with another tutorial and more tips on how to get the most out of the forums and connect to your fellow Mercs.

# MERCSCON 3

## BOOTS ON THE GROUND FROM MERCSCON PAST

BY: MIKE "DIZ GE'TAL" PORTER

For those of you who are unaware, MercCon3 "Revenge of the Rockies" is a conference (not a convention) of the Mando Mercs Costuming Club, that will take place in Denver on October 3 - 7, 2024. Information and registration can be found on the forums under the "Communications" banner. Over the last few months, I've heard comments from other members of the MMCC asking the question if MercsCon is going to be "worth it." I'll admit that I have asked the question myself. Is MercsCon worth the time and worth the expense? In an attempt to answer these questions for myself, and possibly for other mandos, I reached out to my Clan's Alor'ad, Prudii Be Kyr'am (Rock). He and I had served together in Krayt Clan leadership in the past and I know him to be a good, if quiet, man who will tell it like it is.



He was able to attend MercsCon 2 in New Orleans and says that one of his favorite things about the conference was that he "loved the chance to meet up with other members from everywhere and to do it in a great location."

This idea of meeting fellow mandos from all over really appeals to me. One of the things about working in BattleCry is that I work with OM's from all over the world, quite literally, and while I have chatted with many of my PR teammates online and on the phone, I've never had the chance to

meet any of them in person. MercsCon would give me that opportunity.

Rock told me that one of the things that really stood out as memorable was the Informational BBQ where he could spend time chatting with other members, and "having the entire command group there to meet with was great."

When asked if there were any workshops or learning opportunities at the conference, he told me that he "went to a leather working workshop and an Alor'ad workshop," and that both were informative. I liked that they had workshops for clan leadership, having been a Ver'alor in the past, I can tell you that any information I could have gotten would have been nice.

Rock did say that he would have liked to see more workshops in the future... and more swag. Being in another city and doing touristy stuff is something that I love to do. I'll ask locals where to find the best food and



where to find good things to see. One of my fears with MercsCon is that I would be in a new city and be stuck in workshops and lectures the whole time. According to Rock, I was quite wrong about that. He said that he ran “all over the city and took in all the great sights of New Orleans from beignets to the gator swamps.” The nice thing about going to MercsCon is that you have the members of the host clan to ask about local food and such without having to chat up (my favorite source for local advice) the person working the gas station for recommendations.

Finally, he did say that although the conference was “smaller than [he] imagined,” he thinks that “it will keep growing.”

## **MERCCON 3 "REVENGE OF THE ROCKIES" SCHEDULE [SUBJECT TO CHANGE]**

### **THURSDAY 10/3**

9am-12pm	Conference Setup
12pm-1pm	Lunch (Not Provided)
1pm-5pm	Attendee Early Check In
5pm-7pm	Break
7pm-10pm	Cantina Crawl with Mandalore

### **FRIDAY 10/4**

8:30am-9:30am	Warrior's Breakfast Buffet
9:30am-10:30am	Attendee Check in
10:30am-11:50am	Opening Ceremonies
12pm-1:20pm	Meet the Administrative Cabinet
1:30pm-2:30pm	Lunch (Not included)
2:45pm-3:50pm	Officer Debriefing
4pm-4:50pm	Large Sets & Props (MMCC Livery Store Open)
5pm-6:30pm	Besk'ad Training in the Park
7pm-TBD	Victory Feast

### **SATURDAY 10/5**

8:30am-9:30am	Warrior's Breakfast Buffet
10am-11am	Valkyries of Mandalore / Female Armor
11:15am-11:50am	Art & Livery 2025 Roadmap
12pm-12:50pm	Forgeside Chat with Brendan Wayne & Mndalore
1pm-2pm	Lunch (Not Included)
2:10pm-3pm	Moulding & Casting
3:30pm-6:30pm	Mandolympics
7:30pm-10:30pm	Night on the Town with Cerar Clan

### **SUNDAY 10/6**

8:30am-9:30am	Warrior's Breakfast Buffet
10am-12:50am	Offsite Photoshoot / Downtime / Game Room
12pm-12:50pm	Charity, Working with Other Groups & Community Outreach
1pm-1:50pm	Wearable Electronics
2pm-3pm	3D Printing & Finishing
2pm-3:15pm	MMCC Livery Store Open
3:30pm-5pm	Closing Ceremonies & Awards Presentation
6:30pm-TBD	Farewell Dinner (Not Included with Tickets)

For more detailed and up to date schedules please visit: [forum/communications/merccon/events](http://forum/communications/merccon/events) and [schedules](http://forum/communications/merccon/schedules)

# THE BESKAR CHEF

Got a recipe you'd like to share? Send it to [PR@mandalorianmercs.com](mailto:PR@mandalorianmercs.com)

## KROWNEST POTATO FRIES

### INGREDIENTS

2lbs Potatoes

Salt to taste

### METHOD

1. Hand peel the potatoes in equal fries. Not too thin, perfect Flemish Fries are about 13mm thick. Don't wash your fries, because you'll rinse of the starch.
2. Heat up oil or fat up to 140°C (284°F).
3. Fry the fries a first time, but make sure you don't color them as we simply want to poach them.
4. Let the fries get cold again, and let them drip the excess fat/oil on some kitchen cloth/paper.
5. Heat up oil or fat up to 180°C (356°F)
6. Now you can fry the fries again until they are nicely golden brown and crunchy.
7. Again, let the fries drip their excess oil/grease and finish them off with some salt.

Thanks to Tak'ur of Vok'Chi Clan for this excellent recipe!

Got a recipe you'd like to share with us? Get in touch!



"One doesn't quit because they were made to; one quits because they choose to."  
- Mandalore the Uniter

## GET IN TOUCH

Got something you want to tell the club about? Got an interesting new build in progress or been to an amazing troop or event?

We want to hear about it!

Send your feature to [pr@mandalorianmercs.com](mailto:pr@mandalorianmercs.com) or by PM to Jaryn Solus



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