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FROM THE EDITOR



Greetings Vode,

This month's issue is a special one for me since it is our first issued for "Breast Cancer Awareness Month." You see, a few years ago, my wife was diagnosed with Ductal Carcinoma In Situ (DCIS), an early form of breast cancer. What prevented that cancer from metastasising into something far more deadly was early detection. You see, a mobile screening van came by her place of work, and since it had been a while since her last mammogram, she decided to take advantage of the service, and it was a good thing that she did because early detection most likely saved her life. The road to recovery was not an easy one for her in any way, with two lumps being removed and a full course of radiation, but she is still here and for that I am eternally grateful.

To my Vode who are at risk, and even those of you who are not (as my wife was), please stay up on your testing, because early detection is just so important.

Mike "Diz Ge'tal" Porter
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BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

MANDOS BRINGING HOPE

RAYMOND "SCARIF MANDO" GAYLEARD (PRO)
WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BY MIKE "DIZ GE'TAL" PORTER

In case you were not aware October is National Breast Cancer awareness month in the United States. Which gives us a chance to talk to those who have been affected by breast cancer, a disease that affects over 350,000 women in the United States alone, every year.

With it's prevalence, several of our vods have taken it upon themselves to bring awareness through their kit's paint job.

Our PRO, Scarif Mando, was able to interview one such OM from New Jersey's Raquor'daan Clan to talk about why he decided why pink was the right colour for his kit.

BATTLECRY: Could you state your name and position in the club?

DROXO: Dustin, Droxo on the forums, I'm Raquor'daan Ver'alor and Treasury Team XO

BATTLECRY: How long have you been an official member?

DROXO: I've been an official member for one year in October but working on kits for two years!

BATTLECRY: What got you into the club?

DROXO: My love and passion for Star Wars, especially for The Mandalorian show, led me to want to build a costume and I stumbled upon the club while looking for guides to build a mando. I found out that the Mercs were also a charity organization and that's something I've been passionate about my whole life so it just felt like I was meant to find the Mercs.

BATTLECRY: What drew you to build a Breast Cancer Awareness kit?

DROXO: A family member of mine and a few other people in my life have fought breast cancer and survived. My mom did a lot of breast cancer walks when I was growing up and she was a huge inspiration to me with those. I had the idea one day that I could do the same thing but with my own twist! And thus my pink mando was born, honoring my family member and many others I know that have battled this cancer.



Having something like this so close to my family and heart, and being able to raise money to help institutions that not only treat people, but develop new treatments that continue to show more progress and success, it means the world to me.

BATTLECRY: Do you have anything special that you are doing during Breast Cancer Awareness Month to raise awareness?

DROXO: Raquor'daan created a team for a Susan G. Komen, MORE THAN PINK charity walk taking place in New Jersey on October 6th. Where we've raised over \$2800 in donations and will be adding an additional donation from all the proceeds Raquor'daan receives from our breast cancer challenge coin! Our aim is to make this or a similar event an annual event for Raquor'daan!



For more information on screening, mamagrams, prevention, or how you can help fight this terrible disease, please visit the [Susan G. Komen Foundation](#) or the [CDC](#) websites.

MANDO CULTURE

MANDO MELEE WEAPONS

ALEX "KATRA DROMAAR" MARCIEL

While Mando'ade are no strangers to ranged combat (in fact, it was amidst the Mandalorian Wars that the modern blaster was designed), there is still a place for getting up close and personal, even on the modern battlefield. Even to this day, where projectiles are preferred, more traditionalist Mandos still refer to their right and left as beskad and kal - echoing the ancient Taung progenitors wielding a sword in one hand, knife in the other.

Here are some examples of gebi besbe'trayce - melee weaponry - developed throughout the millennia:

BESKAD

The beskad is perhaps the most iconic example of Mandalorian weaponry. Coming in varied forms, the standard blade is built upon the design of ancient Taung sabers, who in their most fanatical eras, viewed its use as a religious act. A heavy weapon, it was not made for precision, but to batter down opponents, capable of cracking lesser armor into pieces. One particularly ostentatious beskad variant was owned by clan chieftain Jicoll Caderra, a design which featured three blades, pieces of fallen enemies' skulls, and even that of a Krayt Dragon.

KAL

A small hexagonal blade evoking the kar'ta beskar (Iron Heart) now standard across most current-day armor patterns, it matches its "big brother" in having a rectangular cutout to reduce weight at its center. Its design is highly practical - equally useful at stabbing opponents, chopping food, and getting much out of boots (preferably washed between said uses.)



MUNIT'KAD

The munit'kad - literally translating to "long blade" - is an ancient example of vibroweaponry, a highly dangerous technology. Vibro-generators embedded into the handle of an arm cause a blade to vibrate at ultrasonic speeds, dramatically increasing cutting power. This particular example would come to colloquially be known as an "Executioner Vibro-Ax", feared for its use by rally masters in bringing an end to those who they deemed as having behaved dishonorably.

BEVII'RAGIR

What many whose knowledge of ancient warfare stems not from history texts, but from holofilms may not know is that the primary weapon of most warriors throughout history was not the sword, but the spear. The bevii'ragir is a bronzium lance, often seen among Mandalorians who have either suffered injury or have reached great age, and believe it to be more dignified than a cane.

BES'BEV

Hearing a beautiful melody from a Mando flutist may drive one to describe them as sensitive - which is a great way to get stabbed by said instrument. A woodwind made out of beskar with a sharpened tip, the bes'bev was made famous galaxy-wide by the Adarlonian band Boba Fett and the Assassin Droids - no relation to the actual bounty hunter.

MYTHOSAUR AXE

One armament is most synonymous with the war chiefs of old - the Mythosaur Axe. Originally made from the calcified bones of its namesake, the most famed example of one was wielded by Mandalore the Ultimate, who used a different material - the melted remains of Republic Admiral Saul Karath's flagship, the Courageous.

SHUK'OROK

Highly illegal even on Mandalore itself, the crushgaunt is, at first glance, a simple glove. What the eye cannot tell is that the fabric's fibers are reinforced with micronized beskar, and nano-servos enhance the user's grip to the point bone is as breakable as toothpick. Rumors still persist that one glove of Darth Vader himself was, in fact, a crushgaunt.



THE ARCHIVIST

MEET KADEN'DHA RUNI

WAYNE “GET’AL RUUS” MARPER

It’s time. The computer hums into life as he gazes out of the window at yet another glorious day outside. The weather in Ventura never quite seems to turn for the worst. A new batch of Official Members has come through from App team, a smile breaks across his already cheerful face.

“Kaden’Dha Runi” or Sal, in his nearly 10 year tenure as archivist (15 being a member of the MMCC) has had the pleasure of being personally involved with every single OM, at least in a small way since his inception as the club’s Archivist, The Record Keeper General, of the Mando Mercs.

BattleCry sat down with him recently for a chat and this writer must take a moment to just say what a pleasure it was!

By Sal’s own admission, he’s a gentleman of a certain age, that isn’t quite as “down” with some newer technology that comes through. In his day job though, he trains clients on how to use his company’s software, but happily tells people that he’s the “Tech guy that’s not a fan of Tech!” Indeed, in the early days of the Archivist role, it was all done manually. Over time, with the addition of spreadsheets and the like, he and his team have managed to create a system that is both efficient as it is effective.

Star Wars Celebration 4 in LA was a pivotal moment for Sal. After attending and seeing all of the amazing costumes from the clubs with people literally queuing for photos with them, he decided he didn’t just want to be the guy taking the picture, but rather BE the guy in the picture looking amazing in armour. As Boba Fett is his favourite character and like most of us, he also realised how much creative freedom was enjoyed by the MMCC. As such, his journey began.

Hailing from Ventura, CA he belongs to Manda Galaar Clan, Western Region and previously held the role of Clan Ver’Alor.

His first ever Invasion in armour was a small restaurant hosting a May 4th weekend event with two 501st members and a Rebel Legion Member. His wife ended up being his handler for the day and he recalls a few armour fails but thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Of that first set of armour, he remembers being most proud of his Helmet. A scratch build; particularly



enjoying getting stuck into weathering. He knew then that if he could pull that off, the rest of his armour would follow, and we're certainly glad that he did!

Most of us have a favourite troop, and Kaden'Dha is no different.

At Celebration 5 in Orlando, whilst manning the booth, another OM rushed over to him and asked "what're you doing right now?"

"Nothing, just chilling on the booth", he remarked.

In a flash he was dragged across the convention centre for an "emergency". It turns out that he was being taken to provide a "protection detail" for none other than Mr Jeremy Bulloch. An incredible honour by any standards, though unfortunately no pictures exist of this special moment.

In the same troop, he was asked by a father of a small boy if he could take his picture with the lad. "Of course!"

The boy who was three or four, looked up at him and held his gloved hand in awe.

"It was that moment that I realised just how much of a force for good we have wearing our armour" which of course led on to many more special experiences.

Smiling fondly, Sal let us in on what he enjoys most from being a part of the MMCC.

"Being a part of something bigger than myself. Star Wars is a big part of me and I love knowing that I have an affect on something that will live beyond us; helping charity, building these cool kits, everyone gets to be unique. What's not to like?"

Like many in the US, Sal will be in attendance at MercsCon, is is thoroughly looking forward to seeing/meeting Vode and generally hanging with everyone.

We asked if he had any nuggets of wisdom for the membership. Quite succinctly, he said

"The club and me, we're not here to gatekeep. We want everyone to be able to troop, to give the benefit of the doubt where we can, if you have any questions or issues, just reach out. Don't ever think "we don't allow that". Communication is key, and we must remember that it's the members that drive the club!"

And to foundlings and prospective members,

"Try to get in with your local clan as early as possible. It doesn't sound like a big deal but get the people who've gone through it all before to help navigate those hurdles that might set you back or put you off all together. Getting to at least one armour party is the best way to ensure success too!"

BattleCry would like to thank Kaden'Dha Runi for giving us some of his time, and to his long standing service to the club!

This is the way.

PATH OF THE WARMASTER

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

JOHNNY "JOHN STOLT'Z" STOLTENBORG

JOIN THE PATH OF THE WARMASTER: A JOURNEY TO SUPPORT OUR MANDOFAMILY

The Mando Mercs Costume Club (MMCC) is proud to announce that the 2024 Path of the Warmaster fundraiser is officially underway! This charity event invites all MMCC members—whether you're a Foundling, Supporter, Auxiliary, or Official Member—to take part in something truly special. Running until November 18th, 2024, the Path of the Warmaster is your opportunity to uplift your fellow Mandalorians, helping members who may be in need while earning recognition for your contributions.



WHAT IS THE PATH OF THE WARMASTER?

Now in its second year, the Path of the Warmaster was created to inspire our global community to stand together in support of our brothers and sisters. The fundraising campaign is broken down into four quarters throughout the year, and every donation, no matter how big or small, directly impacts the lives of our members. Whether you choose to donate all at once or across the four quarters, your participation is what truly matters.

Each quarter, a donation of \$10 will earn you a forum banner award—a symbol of your dedication to the cause. The rewards don't stop there! Members who contribute during all four quarters will receive a special, laser-etched thank-you token, which can be proudly worn both in and out of your kit. Additionally, those completing the full-year donation will be entered into a grand drawing, where prizes include rare patches, Mandalorian costume pieces, and accessories. These tangible rewards are a testament to the incredible impact you are making on the MMCC community.

LOOKING BACK ON LAST YEAR'S SUCCESS

2023 marked the inaugural year of Path of the Warmaster, and thanks to the generosity of our members, we raised an incredible \$7,000! This achievement showed us the power of unity and the impact we can have when we rally behind a common cause. Now, we aim to surpass that amount and continue creating brighter tomorrows for our Mandalorian family.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Donating is simple—just visit the MMCC store to make your contribution. You can choose to give upfront or spread your donations across the four quarters. No matter how you participate, your support will go a long way in helping fellow Mandalorians in need. Remember, this is more than just a fundraiser—it's a journey we take together as a community.

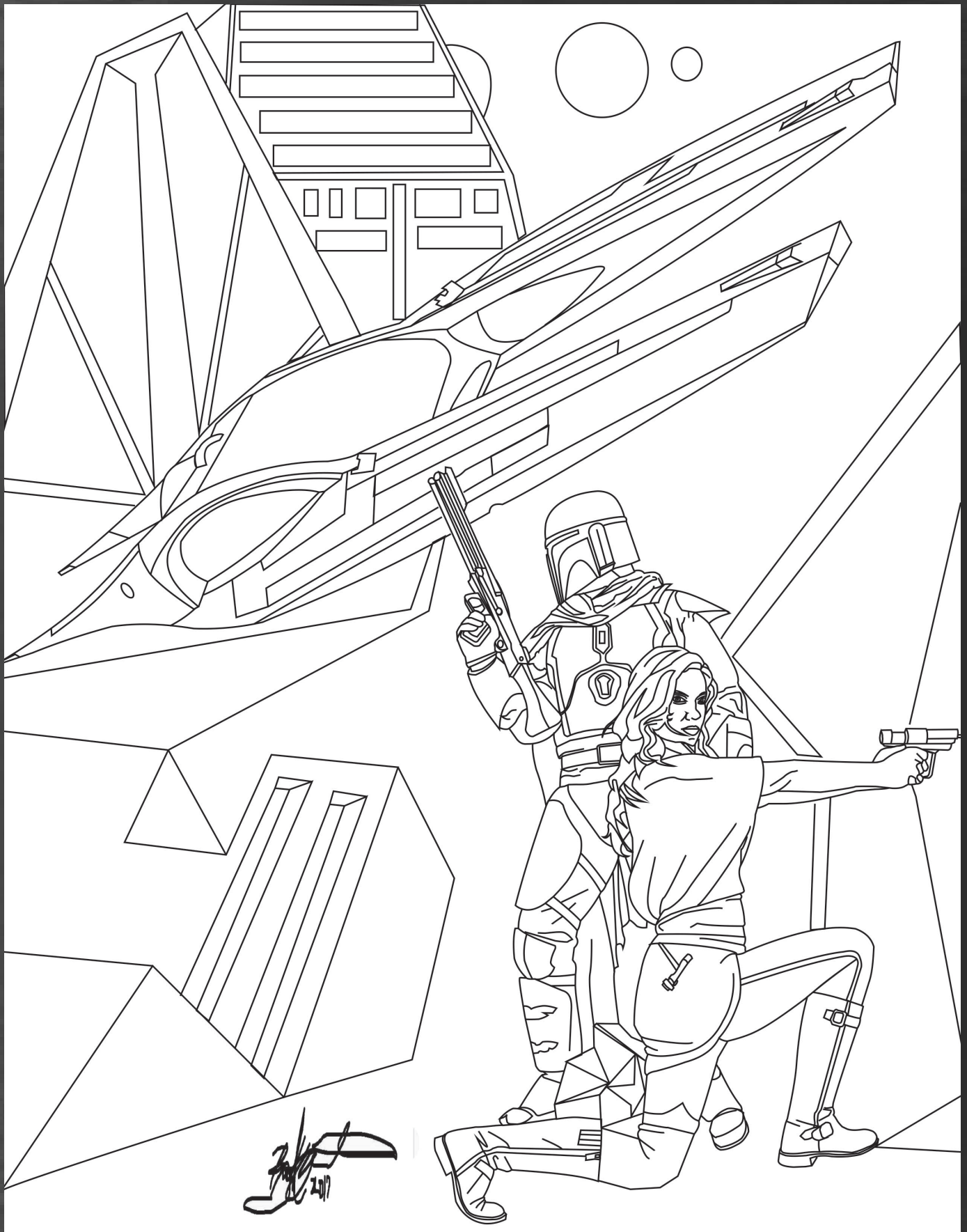
Join us on the Path of the Warmaster, and let's continue to build a legacy of compassion, generosity, and resilience. Your actions today will help ensure a brighter future for all MMCC members.

OYA, Mandos! Let's make 2024 another year to remember - family is more than blood!

For more information and to make your donation, visit the official MMCC forum store. Your contributions make all the difference.



VERD'IKA PAGES



Mando'a

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THE BESKAR CHEF

Got a recipe you'd like to share? Send it to PR@mandalorianmercs.com

SWEET & SPICY KAADU LEGS

INGREDIENTS

4 Kaadu Legs *Turkey Legs*

Soy Sauce

1 (2 Liter) Bottle of Lemon-Lime Carbonated Soda

2 Tablespoons of Brown Sugar

2 Tablespoons of Hot Sauce

1 Teaspoon of Cayenne Pepper

1 Tablespoon of Freshly Ground Black Pepper

1 Large Sweet Onion (Sliced)

Honey

2 Tablespoons of Steak Seasoning

METHOD

1. Place kaadu legs in a bowl of soy sauce and let marinate for a whole night.
2. Combine the soda, sugar, hot sauce, peppers, and onion slices into a large pot. Bring to a low boil and add in the kaadu legs.
3. Boil over medium heat for about thirty minutes. Meanwhile preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
4. Place the onion slices onto a pan and place the kaadu legs on top of them. Brush lightly with honey and sprinkle with steak seasonings. Grill legs about fifteen to twenty-five minutes watching carefully to avoid burning. Turn as needed.

Serves 4

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!

Mando'a

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sabineren	concordia	ruusalor	
verdika	veralor	buyce	
alorad	ouerrim	bobafett	

WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

"A necessary evil is still evil, no matter how it's sold."
- 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 or by PM to Jaryn Solus



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