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FROM THE EDITOR



Greetings Vode,

My goodness, it's the holidays again! This time of year almost always takes me back to when I was a kid, in love with Star Wars, even though I was only able to see "A New Hope" once on the big screen. I was the ripe old age of 8 at the time, and was looking forward to watching the (now infamous) Star Wars Holiday Special on CBS. I loved it! Don't judge, I was just a little kid and didn't know how strange the special really was. I've since found it on-line and have re-watched it, a few times. Truly, it is strange, but from that odd little variety show came several things that are now considered Star Wars canon.

Who caught that "Life Day" is referenced in the pilot episode of "The Mandalorian" on Disney+? That came from the Holiday Special, as did our favorite beskar clad bounty hunter, Boba Fett. His armor was a little different, but he was still Boba Fett.

So, while you're preparing your favorite holiday traditions, give the Holiday Special a try. You might even get a chuckle out of it.

Mike "Diz Ge'tal" Porter
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ORDER OF ORI'RAMIKAD

WHAT IS IT?

BY: RAYMOND "SCARIF MANDO" GAYLEARD

After an incredibly successful MercsCon 3, I sat down with Sara Kruse (Shortcut on the forum) to discuss the Virtuous Order of Ori'Ramikad. Sara is the Steward of the Order and at MercsCon 3 she was accompanied by several members of the Order when they delivered an epic panel on just what the Order stood for and its purpose in the club.

But our followers wanted more. Which led to this interview. So come along and learn with me as I ask questions and dive into the meaning of Ori'Ramikad...

SCARIF: What is Ori'Ramikad?

SARA: The Order of Ori'ramikad (OR) is the highest recognition club wide that an Official Member (OM) is able to have in the Mando Mercs Costume Club (MMCC). The retired servicemen that are part of this Order describe it as "The Medal of Honor" for OMs. This award is given to OMs of the MMCC who have gone above and beyond their duties to put the club's works and needs first and foremost and keep doing that continuously through their time in the club.

SCARIF: How does someone earn Ori'Ramikad?

SARA: For an OM to be considered for this award, a nomination for that OM is submitted through the respective forum link. This nomination should detail who and what this OM has done to be considered for the award. "Speak from the heart," and, "The devil is in the details," meaning: you (the nominator) may know this person very well, but the Order may not. Please tell us about the nominee as if we have never heard of them.

After the nomination is sent to the Order, the Steward will place a poll on the nomination as long as it arrives between Jan 1st and October 31st. Then, the nomination gets discussed and voted upon by the members of the Order. Those voted worthy by the OR get passed on to Mandalore to be ratified



on Nov 15th. Between Nov and Jan 1st, the Club announces the new class of OR Inductees for that year.

Self nominations are not considered for voting and discussion. These are immediately archived and noted as not worthy.

SCARJF: How many OR are they?

SARA: 83 active members and 45 retired.

SCARJF: What does OR mean to you?

SARA: I see it as an ongoing responsibility to be my best self for the Mercs. I call it “the target on my back” in my head due to the fact that I am one of the faces that have been recognized to deserve the privilege to be the club’s go-to person everywhere I go.

The OR means that I have to be prepared, gotta update myself with the history, the current 501.c designation, and what it means, with FAQs, the CoC, the Responsibilities of an OM... I have to be ready to be of help if asked... Because I love this club and I want it to succeed. And if I can help that success with my little bit of contribution, it is all worth it.

The OR is the next step, and it is a step you never stop walking on. It is to understand that your work before the award meant something to the Club, and now we want you to do it under a spotlight for everyone to see and use as an example. It is the mantle you are given so that others see it and rise up to live it as well. It is the biggest responsibility and privilege you have never asked for due to who you are and what you have done, and keep doing for the club.

The expectation of good behavior and actions is higher for an OR (as it should be). And we (the OR) keep each other accountable for what we do or say.

It’s honestly equally humbling and terrifying.

SCARJF: What do the OR do for our community / club?

SARA: The OR actively is helping the club in its member relief fund. Our livery (including the shirts and hats seen at Mercs Con 3) has been 100% directed to the Member Relief fund since we had our first run last year. We contributed \$700 plus dollars from that run alone into the member relief fund.

As for the community, the OR gives us all a morale booster by making the people all over the world who have done the work, “walked the walk,” and “talked the talk,” the ultimate example of what an official member of the MMCC should be. It’s hard to find hard work, good character, and good intentions recognized by others in many areas in our society, and if we can start that healthy trend in our niche area of community service, the world, in turn, gets a bit brighter.

SCARIF: What has it meant to you being a member of OR? How has it changed your life?

SARA: It honestly has been quite scary for me. I don't feel like I deserve it and that I am always falling short of what it means to be OR. Impostor Syndrome is real and heavy in the OR, yet it keeps us humble. When I came into the OR, it was through council vote at SWCA 2019, and many of my peers asked why I was there for... what do you say to that? It is hard for me to see myself in a positive light, even less to be seen in a positive light by others. It was like a bucket of cold water over me for me to realize that the mentality I had is not fitting to the honor given to me. I still think I fall short of the privilege, but I always try to be the positive change I want to see due to the responsibility given to me.

Being the Steward through the biggest changes in the OR, has been a learning curve, especially with the added responsibilities of the station. I still have a lot to learn. Especially as a Counselor to Mandalore. Lots more to do in helping the OR get more tuned in to the natural changes of an organization yet still keep the spirit and soul of what it means to be OR. It has made me more accountable to myself and others.

I am sure there is much more left for me to know about myself and my peers as we continually step up to bring the best light to the club. If you stop learning to live, you have had to stop living. And OR is there to push that learning to live to the max.



Photo: Alongside Mandalore the Uniter, Sara inducts Nicole (Prini Nibal) into the Virtuous Order of Ori'Ramikad at MercsCon 3.

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MEET THE SIGNET MASTER

AN INTERVIEW WITH BADE DUUN

BY: MIKE "DIZ GE'TAL" PORTER

Greetings Vode! As you may know, we here at BattleCry are engaged in an effort to introduce the members to the Staff of the MMCC. This month we were able to sit down, as it were, with Bade Duun who serves as the Signet Master of the club. Now I have to admit that I had no idea what the Signet Master even does, and I've worked quite a little bit with Bade on the publication of this very magazine, so his answers made quite a bit of sense to me. So I am very honored to introduce you all to Bade Duun, our Signet Master.

BATTLECRY: What made you want to join the MMCC?

BADE DUUN: I've loved Star Wars and the Mandalorians since childhood, watching the trilogy on VHS. My interest grew after The Clone Wars, and seeing the Mercs at my first DragonCon in 2012 made me want to join, though I lacked the means to start armor building. In 2020, COVID led me back to Clone Wars and, with new skills and 3D printers, I set a goal with friends to become official members. I was the only one to make it, achieving my dream of joining the Mercs that year.



BC: Favorite Star Wars Movie?

BADE: If I had to pick a favorite Star Wars movie, it would be A New Hope. It sets the perfect tone for the trilogy with a strong balance of fresh, immersive locations that fuel the expansive feel of the galaxy. However, The Clone Wars animated series is my ultimate favorite Star Wars creation. I've always loved the world-building and lore of Star Wars more than any single storyline, and The Clone Wars embodies that spirit with rich settings, stellar voice acting, and characters like Cad Bane, the Nightsisters, and Count Dooku (my personal favorite). The series' layered storytelling and incredible characters make it, for me, the best portrayal of Star Wars, and it's my go-to for inspiration while working on creative projects.

BC: What other positions have you held in your clan or the club?

BADE: Since joining in late 2020, I've been a Ruus'alor and Ver'alor for my clan and currently serve as an advisor to the clan officers. I've also been on the app team for about two years and was an art team member for over three years before becoming the Signet Master.

BC: When did you become the Signet Master?

BADE: Since joining in late 2020, I've been proud to serve as Ruus'alor, Ver'alor, and now as an advisor to my clan officers. My involvement grew from the app team, where I've worked for two years, to the art team, where I contributed for over three years before becoming Signet Master. Each role has deepened my connection and commitment to our mission, letting me contribute to the club's creative direction and development in meaningful ways.

BC: As Signet Master, what are you responsible for?

BADE: In this role, I ensure our clubs, clans, and regions look their best. Some of the responsibilities of my role are: archiving and organizing all club related assets (sigils, logos, livery), working in tandem with the Quartermaster and PR Officer for club items, branding standards and club ads for events and merch, managing the Art Team and their output for production, vetting trading card photos for quality, recreating concept art presented by clans/regions to assure they meet club design standards, designing fresh artwork for club livery such as our upcoming racing shirts, official member patches and trading cards, assess submitted artwork for production to assure we are putting forth the best possible product while also adhering to LFL guidelines, and advising clan/regions/cabinet on their requested artwork for merch and charities.



SOCIETIES OF THE MMCC

A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

BY: JOHNNY “JOHN STOLT’Z” STOLTENBORG

The Mandalorian Mercs Costume Club (MMCC) is known not only for its high standards in costuming but also for its strong sense of community and connection. This unity is reinforced through the various social societies within the MMCC, which allow members to connect on a deeper level based on shared interests and identities. From groups dedicated to military service to others supporting neurodivergent members, these societies embody the inclusive and supportive spirit of the MMCC.

FORMAL SOCIETIES OF MANDALORE: A COMMITMENT TO TRADITION AND GROWTH

Formal societies within the MMCC, also known as “Societies of Mandalore,” represent a more structured approach to community-building. Guided by the Adjutant General and administered by the Seneschal, these societies unite members with shared cultural and social interests that reinforce the MMCC’s mission of self-improvement and community support. Formal societies must meet strict criteria: they must be active for at least twelve months, have a minimum of 15 members, and maintain a doctrine that aligns with the MMCC’s core values. Each formal society selects a symbolic “icon,” a legendary Mandalorian leader whose traits embody the society’s mission. For instance, House Nelvaan embraces neurodiversity by fostering inclusivity and respect within the MMCC, drawing upon their chosen icon to represent courage and growth.

Formal societies benefit from access to dedicated forum boards, fostering intellectual and supportive discussions. Members can also display in-universe livery to represent their society, with potential access to exclusive merchandise in the MMCC member market. The structure within these societies promotes stability, as members elect a “Keeper” to lead their society and maintain activity. Societies inactive for 90 days are subject to dissolution, ensuring only active and committed groups remain recognized.

INFORMAL SOCIAL SOCIETIES: BONDS AND SHARED INTERESTS

The MMCC also supports “informal” social societies, which offer a more relaxed structure but must still adhere to forum rules. These groups provide members with the freedom to bond over specific hobbies, experiences, and identities. For example, the Mandalorian Metalhead and Rocker Society unites fans of rock and metal, while the Big Ole Mando Brigade celebrates larger members who proudly embrace their presence. These societies do not have formal oversight but must maintain activity within 60 days to avoid closure.



The sigil for the Grey Brigade and the OT Guard - Those of us who remember seeing the original trilogy in the theater when they were released. To show that age is not a restriction, but just a number to track the years.



The sigil of the QMU: Queer Mandos Unit. A special sector of the Mandalorian Mercs specifically for those of us who identify as an LGBTQ+ person and supporters.

Whether formal or informal, each society represents a unique aspect of the Mandalorian spirit, providing members with a place to grow, connect, and uphold the values of the MMCC. Through these societies, members forge lasting bonds, create cherished memories, and continue their journey along The Way together.

You can find the formal and informal social societies on the main page of the forums under “societies of Mandalor”.



***“Do you get called “day-glo” on a regular basis?
Does your clan use you to direct traffic at events?
Does your kit blend in better on Mustafar than other planets?
Then this might be the society for you!” - “Traffic Cone Brigade”
informal society.***

Informal societies offer MMCC members a fun and engaging way to form connections without the administrative structure required for formal societies. This flexibility allows groups like the Traffic Cone Brigade, a gathering of members who sport orange armor, to flourish and share their passion for a common aesthetic.

Since the MMCC created a dedicated space for these social societies on its forums in January, it has seen a surge in camaraderie and mutual support among members. While the MMCC cannot officially recognize these groups as branches or sub-groups, the club supports them as important community resources that enrich the member experience. Formal and informal societies encourage members to connect, support each other, and strengthen the spirit of the Mandalorian community through shared interests and backgrounds.

In the MMCC, societies are more than just social groups—they are outlets for personal expression, community support, and cultural enrichment.



Members of the V.O.T.S - Mandalorian Tattoo Club - show off their new ink on the forums.

MANDO CULTURE

MANDO RANGED WEAPONS

BY: ALEX "KATRA DROMAAR" MACIEL

Continuing on from our last article, where we had an overview of weaponry the Mandalorians have used in melee throughout the ages, we now take a look at tools of choice when engaging opponents from afar!

WESTAR SERIES

Where else to begin other than the famous WESTAR series? Perhaps the most ubiquitous set of weaponry among practically all factions of Mandalorian warriors, ranging from small sidearms to among the heaviest rifles credits can buy. In the latter case, the designs proved so popular they even reached Republic hands, with the WESTAR-M5 favored by ARC troopers. However, for this single most iconic blaster, there are only two competitors - the WESTAR-34 and its successor, the 35. With the former, its use by Jango Fett, who wielded a customized pair, struck fear into countless sentients with a bounty on their head, whereas with the WESTAR-35, its omnipresence on all sides of countless Mandalorian conflicts, with its distinctive bright gold blaster bolts and blocky, easy to maintain design, may mark it as the most distinctively Mandalorian blaster in history.



EE-3 CARBINE RIFLE

Made famous by Boba Fett himself, who like his father before him modified his main weapon heavily for his bounty hunting enterprise, the Blastech EE-3 is actually associated with only one faction - the Mandalorian Protectors. Though used in Spar and Fenn Shysa's times, it was in the time period Fett himself began to lead them, prior to the Yuuzhan Vong War, that they became standard-issue for Mandalore's defense forces.

DE-10 BLASTER PISTOL

The Death Watch is no stranger to ba'slan shev'la - a concept best translated as "strategic disappearance", where a group goes into hiding and waits for the right moment to strike against their enemies. Amidst the warband's final such act, during the Galactic Civil War, they were actually discovered hiding on the Forest Moon of Endor, and a group of spacers assaulted their hidden bunker at the behest of Boba Fett, who sought to finish his father's quest of eliminating them. During the epic confrontation, the spacers discovered the Death Watch were researching various technologies for their use - new armor sets, advanced battle droids based on Separatist designs, and the DE-10 - a heavy blaster pistol presumably meant to supplant their previous WESTAR-35. Following the raid, the blueprints of the blaster were proliferated across the criminal underworld.

WHISTLING BIRDS

Amidst the Clone Wars, there was one common word of warning among Republic troops facing B2 Super Battle Droids - "Watch those wrist rockets!" Seeing the relatively small launchers mounted on some variants of Mandalorian vambraces may cause one to underestimate their effectiveness, which would be a deadly mistake. Being beskar-tipped, the swarm of mini-rockets deployed are capable of penetrating practically any target - save perhaps one in beskar'gam.

VERPINE SHATTER GUN

Despite what some across the Holonet might tell you, slugthrower weaponry has never reached the purported popularity among Mando'ade that said sentients might claim. The myth purports that in our wars against the Jedi, we adapted to the use of chemical-based projectiles, which wouldn't be blocked by lightsabers - which is a myth. This misconception may have come about from the popularity of the Mandalorian Ripper gun among officers during the Great Shadow Crusade, used to bypass the era's personal energy shields, but Force-sensitives are capable of stopping projectiles just fine.

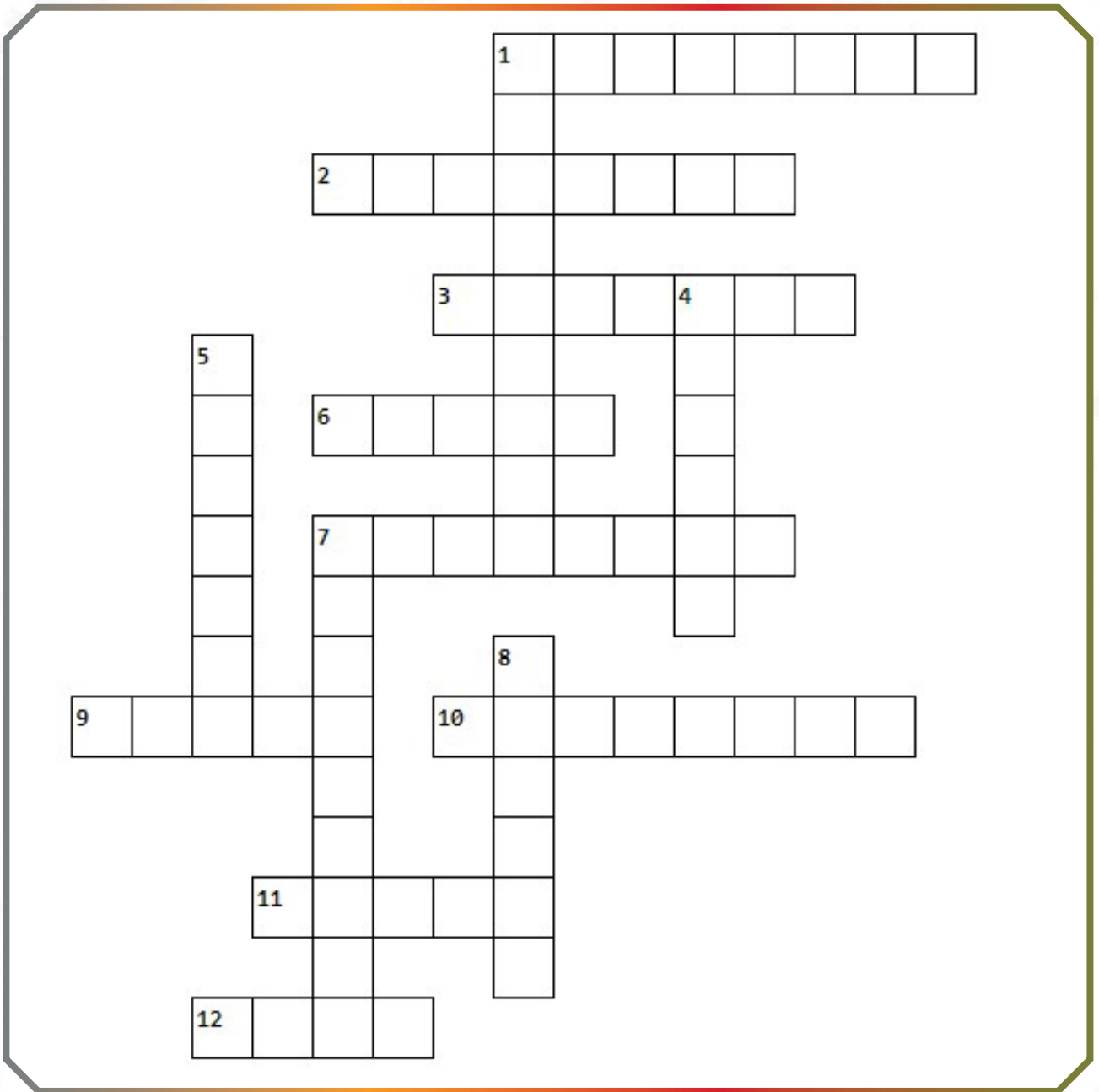
However, there is one other notable weapon of said type - the Verpine Shatter Gun. The year 40 ABY brought the Verpine into the Mando sphere of influence - and in return for guarding their borders, they supplied mass shipments of their unique technology to us, now popularizing it.



(Fun fact - the Verpine was designed by one of our own, Merc member Raymond Ramirez! He worked with Republic Commando writer Karen Traviss in designing it.)

VERD'IKA PAGES





THERE'S NO ALDERAAN

Across

1. Vader's Castle
2. Where the Death Star was designed
3. Yoda's home
6. Queen Amidala's world
7. Han's home world
9. The Empire's final battle
10. Luke's farm
11. The secret base
12. Cold and snowy

Down

1. This is the Way!
4. Gas mine
5. Chewy's world
7. The city planet
8. "them cloners"

THE BESKAR CHEF

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

RYLOTH COOKIES

INGREDIENTS

- 280g of gluten-free flour (rice flour, corn starch, potato starch)
- 1 teaspoon of salt
- 2 teaspoon of cinnamon powder
- 225g of butter
- 200g of brown sugar
- 100g of powdered white sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons of vanilla extract
- 170g of dark chocolate chips
- 170g of milk chocolate chips

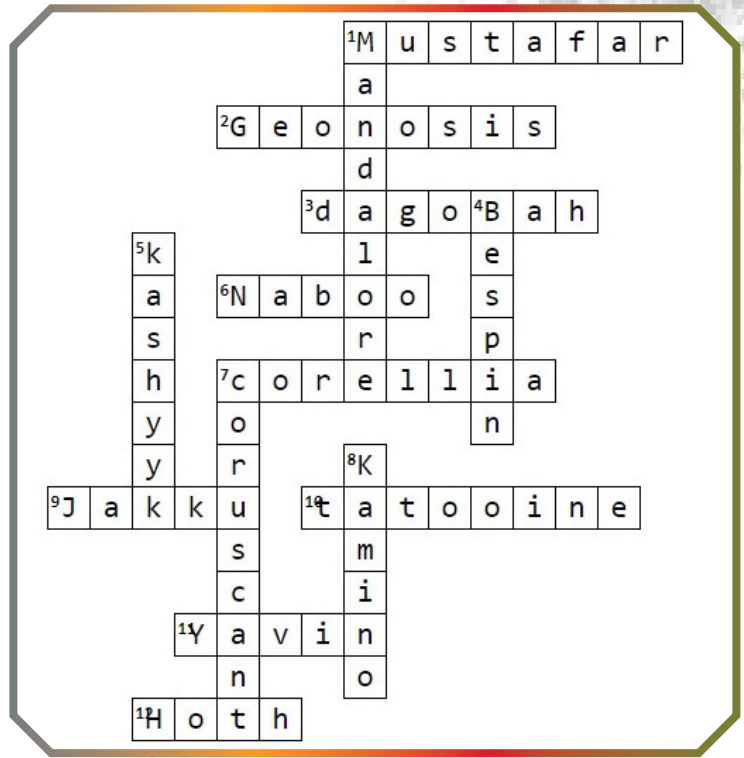
METHOD

1. Bowl 1: Prepare the flour gluten free: Mix well 100g of rice flour, 90g of corn starch and 90g of potato starch. (this step can be replaced by 280g of wheat flour for a recipe with gluten).
2. Add the salt and cinnamon to bowl 1.
3. Bowl 2: Bring the butter to room temperature. Gradually add the brown sugar and the white sugar. Mix well until you obtain a homogeneous paste.
4. Add to bowl 2 the eggs and vanilla.
5. Mix together bowls 1 and 2 until a smooth dough is obtained. Add the chocolate chips.
6. Place a scoop of the equivalent of a tablespoon on a buttered baking sheet. Leave 2cm between each cookie.
7. In an oven preheated to 180 °, cook for 8 min. Then loosen the cookies (still a little soft) with a spatula and let them cool on a wire rack.
8. Eat fast before a Hutt passes by!

Thanks to Syn of Orar Galaar Clan (France) for this excellent recipe!

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





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

