

April 2021- Golden Gate Garrison Member Newsletter

Message from the CO
by: Gynnie Lindquist

There are multiple steps involved in suiting up in my TIE fighter. If I haven't worn it in a while, I forget what order to put things on. On my Gamorrean guard, sometimes I forget something or the order they go on, which is usually sound or fans. When I

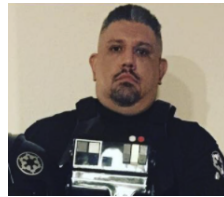


suit up for a virtual troop, I remember once again how to put on my costume pieces. I also discovered a dozen tiny things I need to do maintenance on. I find a piece that needs cleaning/painting, a pair of gloves that need to be replaced, and padding that is falling out.

Virtual troops are more than just supporting our community. They are a vital link between us and our costumes. Take the time to suit up. It will make a huge difference in your trooping experience once the world eventually opens again.

Merch Update
by: Javier Paz

Merch update for you all. Currently as you read this, your SL should by now have your



merch and should be distributing all of it.

This completes everything

that we have been waiting for and we are excited to begin the new Legion year with new ideas that we are already working on.

Thank you all for your patience on these runs.

If you have any questions [please let me know.](#)

EC Team
by: Brent Wilkinson

We get closer and closer to live troops as the Bay Area counties lower their restrictions and more and more people are getting vaccinated. However many event requesters are not asking for live troops just yet. The GEC team does have a few Zoom based events that we are going to be posting soon, we expect to see a number of these for the remainder of the year as a transition back to actual live events.



We may have one or two live socially distanced events in April should the re-opening proceed at the current pace, so keep an eye on the forums.

We will also be keeping on with our virtual events for at least the next couple of months. We just wrapped up a very fun "Show off your Garrison/Detachment/Legion Gear" picture challenge and have an Autism Awareness Virtual Photo Troop <http://www.501stggg.com/events/3-20-3-30-21-autism-awareness-virtual-photo-troop/> that closes on March 30th and keep your eyes open for the next one which will be posted soon and aimed towards getting troopers back into costume.

Garrison Guards by: Renaldo Mandi

In light of current events, the COGs will highlight a policy in the GGG handbook.



At the GGG, we are one garrison, one mission. We do not tolerate racial prejudice of any kind.

Racial Prejudice is defined as, but not limited to, both clear and masked language, images, and/or links to websites containing such language or images which promote racial/ethnic hatred, are recognized as a racial/ethnic slur, or allude to a symbol of racial/ethnic hatred.

Please report situations to your [CO](#), [XO](#), or [COG](#).

[501st Legion Charter:](#)
[501st Legion Operations Protocol:](#)
[GGG Operations Manual:](#)

GML Corner By: Ricky Resurreccion



In our continuing efforts of keeping our records accurate and updated, and ensuring that our costumes are constantly on-spec with Legion

requirements, please drop me an email via GML@501stGGG.com if any of the below applies to you:

Retired costumes -- If you have costumes that you don't own anymore (i.e. sold, given away) please advise us so we can retire said costumes from your Legion profile.

Weapons and Accessories -- While optional accessories are not necessary for basic approval, we are enjoined by the legion to make sure our weapons and/or accessories are within CRL requirements. If you added any optional accessories after your basic approval and are looking to use them during troops, please send me an email with photos of said weapon or accessory to make sure they are within Legion regulations.

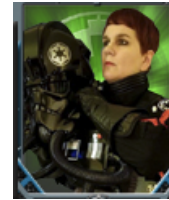
Costume upgrade -- Similar to adding an accessory post costume approval, if you have made any upgrade to your costume, please advise your GML via an email.

Inaccurate profile entries -- In case you have details in your Legion profile that are not accurate (ie wrong character variant listed), send me an email so it can be addressed properly.

Missing profile photos -- We don't like missing photos in our official profile. If you don't see your photos, please advise me (cont. page 3) or drop our GWL team via GWL@501stGGG.com.

Garrison History by: Stacy Meyn

Eternal Legion HMs for Imperial Transmissions



April brings thoughts of Springtime, new growth, and as the

flowers bloom, fond memories. April is also the month when two of our Eternal Legionnaires were inducted into the 501st Legion, sponsored by the Golden Gate Garrison.

At WonderCon on April 02, 2010, John Schlosser, Elton Hom and Harry Yung and the GGG bestowed honorary membership upon Jon "JOnO" Farmer.



An artist who created for Lucas Animation and Disney, Jon was a spot-on Captain Rex who donated time and love to Rancho Obi-Wan, UC Irvine Health, the Shriners for Children Medical Center, and LAL Anim's Pouchonica Potlucks. If there was an event, it was likely Jon was there, visiting with numerous friends in multiple Garrisons. (continued page 3)

Christopher Speer will be hosting a series of Zoom seminars on the theme of "One Day Builds."



According to Chris, "I will be hosting

builds to help hone skills working with materials. I'll answer questions as we go through the build."

[One Day Build \(Zoom\)](#)

[Customize a toolbox](#)

Sunday, April 18th 10 AM

Charity Report by: Keith Waechtler



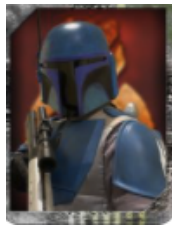
In the month of March we had two virtual troops in which we were able to spread love and support to others:

Messages and Kristian and Autism Awareness. Thank you to everyone who participated, and I'd like to encourage everyone to consider signing up for these types of events when they are able to.

Our garrison was also able to make a recent donation of \$61.50 to Make-a-Wish from money that was refunded to us from our recent oversized patch run. Thanks to Javier Paz for handling the donation logistics and to the troopers who decided to donate the refunded amount.

#BadGuysDoingGood

Web Liaison by: Jeremy Dizon



profile correctly shows a photo of you for each approved costume.

Simply enter your TKID at "<http://bit.ly/501stprofile>" and click on each approved costume to verify a photo is displayed. A video Holonet can be found at this link: "<http://bit.ly/profilesearchtutorial>". Send a message to "gwl@501stggg.com" if your photo is missing and we'll dispatch a certified professional from the Bounty Hunter's Guild to retrieve them. Thanks and MTFBWY!

Upcoming Trainings by: Diana Wolf Torres

The handler call was pushed back to late May so it falls closer to when everything will hopefully be opening up more fully. [Handler Training. 5/26/2021 7:30-8:30 PM.](#)

Boot Camp for First Year Members

Did you join the garrison in the past year or so? The First Year Boot Camp is specifically tailored to you and contains all the things we wish we would have known in those early days. Sign up on the forums. Earn a TOD for attending this training.

[Virtual Boot Camp: 4/28/21\(Wed.\)](#)

7:30 - 8:30 PM



In another serendipitous moment, at WonderCon on April 02, 2011, Elton Hom and the GGG bestowed honorary membership upon Grant Imahara.



An electrical engineer and roboticist who created for ILM, the R2 Builders, *MythBusters*, the *White Rabbit Project*, among others, Grant's animatronic work can be spotted in *Jurassic Park*, *The Matrix*, and *Galaxy Quest*, Prequel Trilogy R2-D2, and *The Child*. The GGG was honored in return by appearing on the "SithBusters" episode *Star Wars: Revenge of the Myth* in 2014 with Grant and the *MythBusters* crew.

Does your armor pinch?

By: Diana Wolf Torres



The boredom and stress of quarantine is a perfect recipe for wanting *comfort food*. When the pandemic first started, we all thought it would only

last a few weeks. So, what was the harm in indulging a bit? One year and twelve months of comfort food later, there are a few challenges in store. When I stare at my Imperial scale, I wish it was a few pounds lighter. But, I'm excited about the possibility of in-person troops at some point this year, so I'm using a two-pronged strategy to make sure everything fits again.

- 1) suiting up often
- 2) constant walking



Even when I have zero motivation, I still participate in the virtual troops. Half the troops are for sick kids and helping others always improves my mood. Suiting up also shows how my armor is fitting. This is a great motivator to want to stay active. I know exactly how my costumes fit because I keep *wearing* them. I take a lot of breaks from screen

time and get out of walking, pushing myself to go a bit further each day. These walks clear my head, improve my mood, and burn



calories. Keeping in shape makes me feel like I'm one step closer to trooping again.



Do you have special talents or skills?



[Gynnie](#) or [Jav](#).

All the work required to run the garrison is done by volunteers.

If you have a bit of time and would like to contribute your skills, contact

Series 3 Trading Cards are available!

Thanks to the dedicated work of [Tim Magoolaghan](#), [Colin Adams](#), [Jeremy Dizon](#), and [Tray Nichols](#) we are able to offer Golden Gate Garrison Trading Cards.

[Visit the Forums for a complete list of tips & guidelines for photo](#)



[submission.](#)

Interested in joining your local squad?

Squads are a great way to foster friendships and keep in touch on a local level. To learn about joining your local squad, contact the squad leaders or [Gynnie](#).

[Danny Feraren](#)- Peninsula
[Angie Hoke](#)- South Bay
[Brett Fishkin](#)- East Bay
[Craig Gaylord](#)- North Bay





APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2 MARICELA GARCIA	19 KRISTINE SAN LUIS
6 EUGENE LINEHAM	19 RYAN SUHRKE
8 JESSICA MORRIS-FISHKIN	21 CHRIS GREENE
9 JOANNA PASTCAN	21 JEFF WEHENKEL
10 JOSHUA COOK	22 SEAN MARSH
11 ROBERT STEVENSON	22 TIM HENNESSEY
14 KRIS YALUNG	23 MARK PREADER
15 MELISSA HILLMAN	24 CESAR MARAVILLA
16 DAN CARRIGAN	28 DWAYNE SMITH
17 SHARON SHAW	30 MATT MALMGREN

YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE EMPIRE

(APRIL)

9 ALEX BARSZAP	5 RICKY RESURRECCION
7 DIANA TORRES	4 DANNY FERAREN
6 SARAH ADAMS	4 DEREK MEZA
6 SHAUN PUGMIRE	4 JEFF WEHENKEL
5 ALEX VARGAS	4 JENN CHASE
5 CHARLES BANKS	3 MATEA BRITTAIN
5 RENALDO MANDI	

