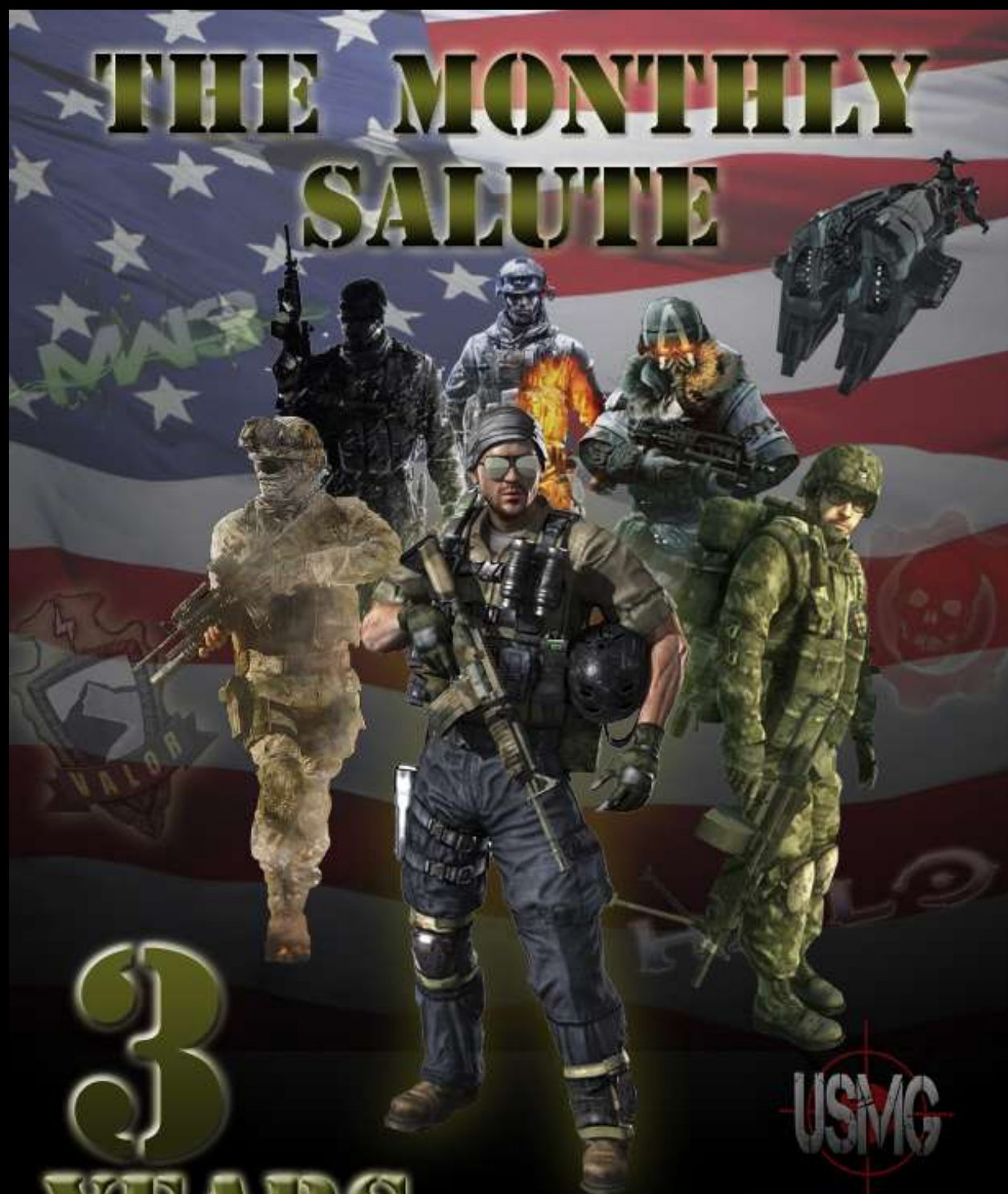


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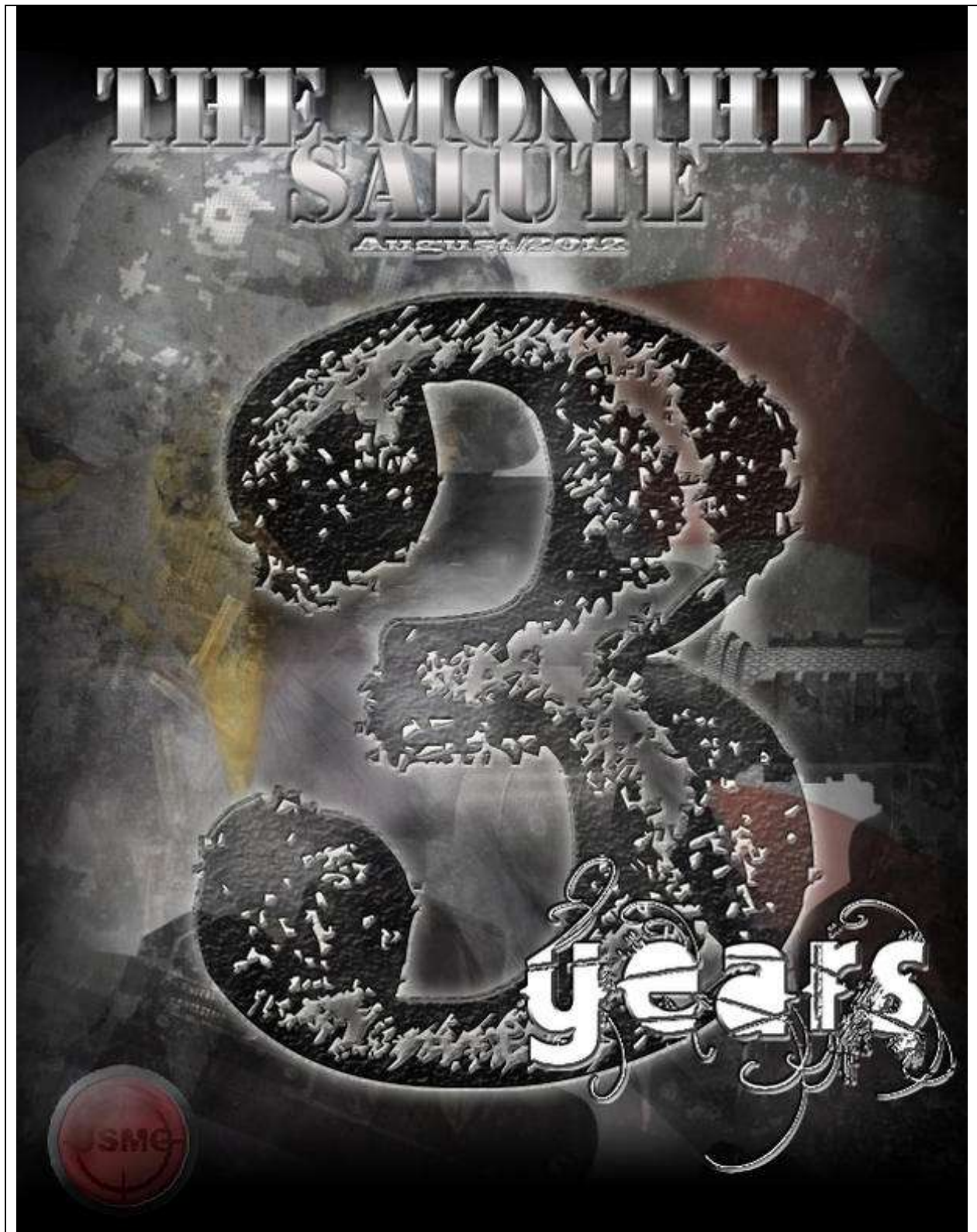
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US Military Gamers Turns 3

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While many gaming communities pop up seemingly every day, there are very few that continue to have the appeal and longevity enjoyed by the members of US Military Gamers. On July 29th, USMG marked the third anniversary of its founding.

The earliest references to USMG have been traced back to July 29, 2009 when founder Pakman3000 (then known as TheLordOurGod or TLOG for short) had began a recruiting campaign for a clan that would be a welcome place for mature active duty, reserve, and veteran military members and civilian enthusiasts to gather together, share experiences, make friends, and game with one another. The very first USMG website was hosted on Proboards.com. A second website was quickly established after new members began to slowly trickle in, which was hosted on Webs.com beginning in August of that year.

In those early days, the majority of the members in the clan consisted primarily of PS3 owners who focused on the exclusive title MAG, along with a few other first-person shooters. In January 2010, the man who would become our current webmaster, Smoke, stepped up and laid the foundation for the official USMilitaryGamers.com website as we enjoy it now. The site has since undergone a few tweaks and upgrades, all the while the clan itself saw its numbers grow exponentially. The largest influx of members came after an interview with Official Xbox Magazine was published in September 2010. After that point, the number of Xbox players eventually passed the number of PS3 players.

With the growth of members continuing at a rapid rate, the council of leaders decided that it would be more fitting to recognize USMG as a “community” versus simply a “clan”. The principle behind this decision was to recognize the



growing diversity of interests amongst all members. It was accepted that simply “pigeonholing” USMG as a first-person shooter / console only clan would eventually stifle growth and discourage members from staying or feeling welcome.

In early 2012, the governing council was dissolved in favor of a more structured staff section. Council members were either retired from their positions, or reassigned to a staff position with a definitive area of responsibilities. From each of those staff sections, one member was designated as a “Six Pack” representative. The job of the Six Pack member was to be able to cast a vote on any issue that would require a decision for the whole community but could not be necessarily handled by one specific staff section. This action allowed for more efficient handling of duties and ultimately helped to keep USMG running

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smoothly behind the scenes.

In current trends, US Military Gamers has seen a rapid growth in the number of PC players. Games like EVE, MechWarrior Online, Star Wars: The Old Republic, Battlefield 3, World of Tanks, Arma 2, and many more. In the past, the USMG PC community was so small that it was actually removed from the roster of active gaming systems at least once. Now it appears that USMG will more and more become an active hub for PC gamers going forward.

USMG has moved towards making better use of social media, including an official YouTube channel, Facebook page, and Twitter feed.

US Military Gamers has survived members coming and going, changes in gaming interests, internal strife, and much more. However, in three years, USMG has never stopped growing. Going forward, the community is about to surpass 1,000 registered users, and will continue see growth with more upcoming titles being released in the near future. Additionally, the forums on the official USMilitaryGamers.com website see more and more participation as a multitude of topics are available for members to share their thoughts on. Finally, plans for USMG include becoming a source of gaming news and reviews for all gaming enthusiasts in the future.

Congratulations to USMG for three years, and here's looking at many more going forward!

A note from the editor: Most members of our community are aware of the unfortunate departure of Pakman3000 from USMG. While the entire situation was regrettable, USMG still salutes "Pak" (a.k.a. TLOG) for his vision in initially forming USMG and wishes him well in all future endeavors.

WINNER OF OUR FIRST SWEEPS CHOSEN! RECEIVED A COPY OF *SPEC OPS: THE LINE*!

A big congratulations to USMG member Specops03SS, as she was selected at random as the winner of our very first giveaway sweepstakes, winning a copy of 2K Games' *Spec Ops: The Line*.

She has already received her copy of the game in Xbox format. Hope you're enjoying the game!

US Military Gamers would like to thank 2K Games and their marketing team for the generous donation of *Spec Ops: The Line* and allowing USMG to be part of the promotion of this fantastic title.

We would like to encourage all of our members to stay tuned for more upcoming contests and sweepstakes in the near future. Encourage your friends to join us so that they can be eligible for to enter when these contests roll around.

You can learn more about *Spec Ops: The Line* by visiting the official website. Just log on to www.specopstheline.com. *Spec Ops: The Line* is rated M for blood and gore, intense violence, and strong language.

The logo for the video game "Spec Ops: The Line". It features the words "SPEC OPS" in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font above the words "THE LINE" in a much larger, bold, sans-serif font. The letters have a slightly distressed or metallic texture.

Meet the July 2012 Member of the Month

In July, A4V Fallen was nominated by his fellow US Military Gamers members as a contender for Member of the Month. He was ultimately selected by the community as the winner of the honor for the month.

Fallen is a long-time member of the USMG community. Originally going by the handle of "ValorFall2010", he has since changed his screen name to the now familiar A4V Fallen.

Fallen was initially nominated on the basis of his efforts in managing the intra-clan tournaments. Along with starting up and managing these tournaments, he was also able to secure a prize of a customized controller for the winner of the tournaments, courtesy of A4V Customs (a company owned by fellow USMG member A4V Swick).

As of late, he's been showcasing his talents with graphics by creating slick, customized signature tags for community members. Most of the signatures are based on comic book heroes and villains, with a couple of loose cannon characters thrown into the mix as well.

Fallen currently resides in Arizona with his family.

The entire US Military Gamers community salutes A4V Fallen for his well-deserved nomination and selection as the Member of the Month for July 2012! Congratulations!

Extra Life Charity Event Returns; USMG Rejoins the Cause for 2012

For the second year in a row, US Military Gamers will participate in the Extra Life gaming marathon.
by Ironhide400

The Extra Life charity event is to support the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. This is a 24 hour gaming marathon to raise money to support the hospital of the team member's choosing. What makes this event even better is that as a team member, you can choose what hospital your sponsorship money goes to.

USMG has started a team, and we encourage you to either join the team, or sponsor one of your fellow gamers who are participating in the event. It doesn't cost anything to join the team, but the goal is to get your fellow friends and family to sponsor you. The official date of the event is October 20, 2012. We will do our best to coordinate with our platform players what day will be best to get the most players together. If you can't make it on the set date, no worries! Play your 24 hour event whenever it fits in your schedule.

During the 24 hour gaming marathon, there is no score tracking, medals, or trophies to be won. The only thing our team players take from this is knowing that they helped hospitals take care of children that so desperately need it. I am sure many of you have had children, or know children, that had to visit one of the Miracle Network Hospitals and know how important it is to support them any way we can. This is a great way to do that, and game/hangout all at the same time!

USMG's motto, "It's about the Gamer next to you!", says everything about what this community stands for. We are going to try and make this a yearly event for USMG, and hopefully grow along with it.

Any questions feel free to send a PM to Ironhide400. He is the Extra Life team captain for USMG.

Coming Soon...

In upcoming editions of The Monthly Salute, we'll look at some of the most anticipated titles of the fall. Among those titles will be Assassin's Creed 3, Borderlands 2, Call of Duty: Black Ops 2, and new DLC for Battlefield 3.

As always, we're open to your ideas and suggestions to improve our newsletter. If you've got an idea for a news feature, a regular addition, or would like to contribute something, please e-mail us at press@usmilitarygamers.com.

August Birthdays, Welcomes, and More

Happy Birthday in August to:

DOCCUPCAKE – 8/2
obtainedpilot – 8/7
aaron503 – 8/10
Stonezulla – 8/15
Trained2Survive – 8/20
xnastydaddyx – 8/22
XxSilentxFartxX – 8/31

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Welcome Aboard to our newest members:

Rosenshaft – Army – Xbox
XxBRUCELINXx – USAF – Xbox
Skidwiz – Army – Xbox
chesser050 – Army – Xbox
Lopaki28 – Army – Xbox
DTNA1313 – Army – Xbox
SSG_DrunkEagle – Army – Xbox
MrSupplyGuy – Army – Xbox
Cpl_V_USMC – USMC – PS3
Marinegrunt707 – USMC – Xbox
TaiDark – USAF – Xbox
MONSTERxiv – Army – Xbox
Xploit21 – USAF – Xbox
Spade72 – USMC – Xbox
Travis – USAF – Xbox
crackitycrackin – USMC – Xbox
TNIYM – Army – Xbox/PS3/PC
ButchCassady – USAF – Xbox
ImIsStranger – Civi – Xbox/PS3
Powwer – USMC – Xbox
xiDoWork – Navy – Xbox
Dautakoepp – Navy – Xbox
K9guy82 – USAF – Xbox

*“They that
can give up
essential
liberty to
obtain a little
temporary
safety
deserve
neither safety
nor liberty.”*

*--Benjamin
Franklin*

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