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Love never dies, it just drives you mad...



CALL OF DUTY: BLACK OPS II SINGLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCED!

USMG's tournament coordinator Valorfall has announced a new tournament for CoD: Black Ops II players in the USMG community. A 32-player, single elimination tournament focusing on Hardcore Kill Confirmed modes will be held on February 23rd beginning at 1800 hours MST.

Prizes will be awarded. The first place winner will receive Call of Duty: Black Ops II dig tags. Second and third place will receive a CoD: BO II pin.

According to the information posted, these are the specific details as they relate to the tournament:

Maps will be Express, Slums, Raid, Turbine, and Hijacked. Maps will be played ONCE EACH PER GROUP (No tie replays). Matches will be 10 minutes long with no KC limit. It will be attempted to make matches HC ricochet, but if that is not possible matches will be set to normal HC. 3 team kills will result in a boot for the offending player. If booted your score for that map will not count. Standard tournament rules will apply.

Staff members will be in control of match set-ups, running, score recording/tallying, and notification of winners. Staff members are to be shown respect and their rule enforcement/decisions are not to be treated in anyway with disrespect/harassment. Staff members wishing to assist in tournament either reply on forum or message Valorfall on forums/ A4VFallen on XBOX LIVE.

Rules/Settings are subject to change until the first kill of the first match of the tournament.

For more information, check the official community forums on USMilitaryGamers.com.





COURTENAY TAYLOR MAKING GUEST APPEARANCE ON USMG RADIO!

Actress Courtenay Taylor will visit USMG Radio on Saturday, February 16th at 7 p.m. eastern time!

Courtenay has voiced multiple characters in video games, most notably Ada Wong from Resident Evil 6 and Jack from Mass Effect 2 and 3. Courtenay has also voiced several commercials for brands such as McDonald's and Ghirardelli. We are very honored to have Courtenay take time out of her busy schedule to visit us.

Join USMG Radio live at <http://www.blogtalkradio.com/militarygamer> for this special event. (760) 454-8829 is the number to call to join in the conversation. Questions can also be Tweeted @USMGRadio. The chat room will be open.

We'll have a recap of this episode in next month's edition of *The Monthly Salute*.

NEW FEATURE: MEET THE USMG GAMER OF THE MONTH!



EDITOR'S NOTE: *At the suggestion of one of our community members, we're starting a new feature this month in which one member of the community will be spotlighted. This will be in addition to our usual interview with the Member of the Month. The Gamer of the Month will be chosen at random.*

Meet Mikael Tyson, member of US Military Gamers. Let's get to know this community member in our first ever Gamer of the Month interview.

Tell us a little about your background (military and civilian), please. Where to you hail from?

"I was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia, but I have spent the past 13 years or so living in Pittsburgh, PA. I have been a member of the Air Force reserve for almost 5 years. I am an air transportation journeyman. Civilian side I do general contracting, usually flipping houses."

What are your games of choice right now?

"Black Ops 2 and Halo 4, naturally. I also enjoy NHL 13. I am really looking forward to the new Bioshock!"

What hobbies or activities do you enjoy in your spare time?

"Free time and hobbies outside of Xbox and this community?!?! No but seriously, I love spending time with my two sons, playing hockey, going to the range and taking out some clays. And damn, do I love me some beer ha-ha!"



WARHAMMER0351 NAMED JANUARY 2013 MEMBER OF THE MONTH.

The distinction of being named Member of the Month by the members of US Military Gamers is indeed an honor. For the month of January 2013, members voted for Warhammer0351 as the first recipient of the award for the year.

We caught up with Warhammer to ask how he felt about winning:

Tell us little about your yourself, if you would.

"Well, I'm originally from a small town in Texas called Nome. I went to Hardin-Jefferson High School in neighboring Sour Lake, Texas. Graduated in 1995. While I was a Senior in high school, I enlisted in the Delayed Entry Program for the Marines. I had my future set. Lol! Went to boot camp in September '95 and graduated boot camp in December '95. Damn, I feel old now. Lol! Anyhoo, was stationed at Pendleton until I got off of Active Duty in '99. Then switched to the Reserves and was stationed in Houston, Texas. Was deployed twice to Iraq with 1/23 4th MarDiv aka The Lonestar Battalion. Was discharged in August '04. Shortly after returning home, I found myself trying different jobs and finally finding the one I truly love. That was being a carpenter. I love taking pride in my work and when I finished with a job, looking at it and saying "I built that". I did that for 7 years or so. When the work stopped, I found employment at an ACE Hardware store in Beaumont, Texas. I find that job amazing also! I can share my vast knowledge of carpentry skills with my customers and fellow co-workers to give them light into a field that they may not know that much about. And in return, I learn something new everyday from my customers and co-

workers as well! I have been there 2 years next month and still enjoy everyday going to work. There are never two days the same."

What games are you into right now and what are you looking forward to?

"Well, of course Black Ops 2! Lol! I like playing FPS shooters mostly, but don't mind a good racing game from time to time."

What brought you to USMG?

"I found the USMG in XBOX mag a few years back. I looked it up, applied, was accepted. Like they say, the rest is history!"

How do you feel about being voted for by your peers?

"I find it VERY honorable to be voted Member of the Month by ya'll! But yet, also humbling. I'm just another member. I'm not perfect, nor do I possess anything special that, in my eyes, worthy of the award. I just give it all I have to be my best."

What hobbies or and/or activities do you enjoy in your spare time?

"Of course gaming! Lol! But I do love to fish, and just be by the water. Whether it's the lake or the beach. Just something relaxing about being by the water."

Any additional thoughts?

"I would like to say that I LOVE being part of this great gaming community! It's a great feeling that I know I have a great group of friends that I can turn to when I have problems. We may be different in branches or civilians, but we are as one here. We are family here. And I'm very proud to be part of ya'll!"



A WORD OF THANKS!

EDITOR'S NOTE: I'm a little uncomfortable with trying to write up something about myself after being voted by my peers as the 2012 USMG Member of the Year. I will simply say "Thank you", to each and every member of the US Military Gamers community for supporting me and making the effort to make this community work.

USMG does not revolve around any one particular person, gaming system, game title, choice in entertainment, recreation, belief, lifestyle, etc. On the contrary, we are united by our love of gaming and our service (or support for those who have served), which serves as the backdrop for our multi-faceted community.

I hope, as I'm sure all of you do, that USMG will grow in the future. So long as we all rally behind one another and continue to share with one another, we'll hopefully see the upward trend continue.

Thanks so much to all of you for support in both good times and tough times. I really appreciate every one in USMG, and if I can be of service please do not hesitate to contact me.

-River_Rat_459

WELCOME ABOARD TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

The following joined the US Military Gamers family in January. Welcome aboard!

- Dexux
- SMG29
- K0mr4dzR01t627

- Loukious
- Hero1240
- Wiredeac
- Hutch
- Tentonsledge
- Syn0ptic

Members have joined since February 1st will be listed in our next issue.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Illking51
- Saviger
- Amiable Horde

Is your birthday this month but not listed here? Go under your profile settings and change it to show your birthday if you wish for others to know when it is. It will appear in the community calendar.

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