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Ghost Recon: Future Soldier

USMG Ready to Engage UbiSoft's Tactical Shooter

PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360 owners, mark your calendars for May 22nd. That's the date that Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon: Future Soldier will drop. PC owners will have to wait slightly longer for their version to hit the market on June 12th.

Beginning on April 19th and concluding on May 2nd, the beta for GRFS was made available to owners to both console systems. Immediately, the feedback on the game that appeared in the USMG forums indicated that the new title would be a fixture on many gaming rosters in the coming days.

GRFS' multiplayer setup relies much more on teamwork and stealth, and its gameplay system rewards players for contributing to the overall team mission. Like many other shooters, leveling up gives the player character unlocks, weapon upgrades, and new gadgets to use.

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May 22, 2012....it's on!

A Big Thank You for Newsletter Feedback

From The Monthly Salute Team

We would like to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our readers for their feedback on our previous editions of *The Monthly Salute*.

The idea for the newsletter was originally bought up by XxSilentxFartxX (a.k.a. "Silent"), but it did not come to fruition right away. It was only after another suggestion for a newsletter arose, that the version you are now reading came to be. It has become a labor of love for the entire team since.

As we've said time and time again, we here at The Monthly Salute team actively solicit your input. Any ideas for stories or features of interest are always welcome. We can't promise we'll be able to honor every single one, but we will certainly make the effort.

You can reach us directly by e-mail at press@usmilitarygamers.com, or by sending a private message to one of the newsletter staff listed on the last page.

USMG Staff Officially Reorganized

New Organization Assigns Specific Members to Areas of Responsibilities

Recently, the long-standing “council” that set policy for the entire U.S. Military Gamers community was dissolved and reorganized.

The purpose of the reorganization was to allow those in the positions of responsibility the ability to better concentrate on their areas of focus, as well as streamline the number of people assigned to leadership positions.

Specific groups were formed to serve the community, and the staff members were then assigned to those respective groups. The groups are: Forum Moderators, Awards, Editorial Staff, Graphics & Design, Events, and Recruiting. The assignment of the groups is as follows:

*Moderators – Timmy_2_Tones, MaximusR3, Crusty

*Awards – Bull3tBait

*Editorial – Ironhide400, Silent, River_Rat_459

*Graphics/Design – dbgUSMC, RogueScot, Chet the Jet

*Recruiting – (PS3) SteelHavok, Mardigra21 (Xbox) Pakman3000, SSG Guillermo, Warhammer0351, GriffinSentinel, USAFANGELS, KaNtSt0PMeH (PC) ApollosArrow89

*Events – AV4Fallen, Jxspyder

Additionally, Smoke will retain his position as the USMilitaryGamers.com webmaster. A special category was created to recognize those who previously held a position on the USMG council,

but have since stepped down voluntarily. Those individuals are designated as “Retired”, though they are still active within the community. Those individuals are: Asignorelli, Jack (a.k.a. Possum_Jenkins), Trained2Survive, Saviger, and Amiable Horde.

We thank all of these members for their service and contributions in the past.

Please Think Before Posting!

Although the USMilitaryGamers.com website offers members a tremendous opportunity to be themselves and share in good-natured kidding, it is important that members utilize good judgment when posting.

Because context can so easily be lost in online communication, it is imperative that members realize that some sections of the forum are open to public view. With that being said, it’s important to remember that what may be funny to one may be very offensive to another.

The bottom line is this: *Think before you post or reply to a post.*

Not sure if your
comment will be
deemed hurtful or
offensive?

WHEN IN DOUBT, LEAVE
IT OUT!

Meet April's Member of the Month

They Call Him "River" for Short

River_Rat_459 (a.k.a. "River") took home the prestigious Member of the Month award of the month of April. River was voted for the award by his peers based on his work as part *The Monthly Salute* editorial staff.

"It may sound cliché, but I can't state find the right words to express my gratitude. Seriously. When your peers nominate you and the community supports you through thick and thin, what can you say?"

River is one of the longest tenured members of USMG, and he likes to reflect on how he's observed it grow. "I found one of the very first recruiting posts that Pakman (then known by a different screen name) had posted in the Killzone 2 forums. I joined up right away, and I think there was only one other person other than me at the time outside of Pak. We started out primarily as a PS3 clan playing nothing but MAG as the Valor PMC, but it took off from there. Now we're so much more heavy on the Xbox side, and the PC branch is really taking off. I can't believe the diverse membership of this community now, and I'm proud to be part of it."

River has another online presence many may not know about. "I blog about hot dogs, particularly West Virginia style hot dogs. That started out as a project when I was bored one day. I met some other enthusiasts, and it took off from there. It can be fun to travel around and visit different hot dog joints, but it's tough on the waistline."

What about favorite games? "Definitely Battlefield 3. The two Bad Company games before that were a lot of fun too. I also enjoy Killzone 3, the God of War series, and the Assassin's Creed series."

What about his military career? "Military service runs deep in my family history. My grandfathers were in World War Two, one in the Navy, one in the Army. My



Also known to do a wicked Arnold Schwarzenegger impression.

dad served for nearly 30 years in the Army, first in the reserve and then for about 14 years as an AGR. One uncle served in the Navy. Another served in the Army. I enlisted in August of 1987 and went to basic in 1988. I did about six and a half years on active duty, had about nine months in the IRR, and then joined the reserves in 1996. I took a MilTech job as a supply clerk at an AMSA shop in 2002. A year later, I took the position as the unit administrator for my reserve unit and did that from 2003 to 2011. I officially retired from the Army in April 2011."

When asked if he had any thoughts or words to his fellow USMG members, he said "First of all, thank you very, very much for the member of the month award. I'm very honest when I say that I appreciate just being considered. Secondly, I hope everyone remembers that this whole community wouldn't exist were it not for the people. It's not about which game we're playing or who does what on the website. It's about what bonds us, what brings us together. We all share some common core beliefs and experiences, and you can't really get that kind of camaraderie anywhere else. Everyone should really try and appreciate how our similarities and our differences bring us together and make us strong."

"By the way," he added, "if I ever get to meet any of you in person, the first round is on me."

Birthdays, Welcomes, and More

We've got a slew of things to celebrate for the month of May, so let's get to it!

Happy Birthday wishes for the past month:

Echox4xVictor
Shoei2010
Toby2533
NHHC
ApollosArrow
Airbornedaddie
CrzyChinook
Rlawjax
MNredneck13f
RosesNRevolvers
Sroman877
FloatOn

And for May, let's wish Happy Birthday to:

HugoReyes815
IxAMxTHExRYAN
Chet the Jet
Bcgdragon
Kingpin
DaddyDietrich
Carls Murder
MsJohannah
Simmion_1
Smoke

WELCOME ABOARD to those who joined the USMC family in April!

TooLoLo - USMC - Xbox
RedFlem - Navy - Xbox
USAFtylerwayne - USAF - Xbox
O0j4ys - USMC - Xbox
AngryKillerBee - Army - Xbox
PEEKABOO1983 - Army - Xbox
Amish - Army - Xbox

Lanzer - USAF - PS3/PC
Smithgrind - Army - Xbox
Eiaelis - Civilian - Xbox/PC
WiLdMAN - USMC - Xbox
Xnastydaddyx - Army - Xbox
Tupac09 - Army - Xbox
Kamlman - USMC - PS3
Ziggy - Army - PC

"Welcome back!" to MK-82_1_EA - USMC - PS3/PC

AND FINALLY....

A special shout out and "good luck" to XxSummitCityxX who leaves for Army basic training on May 14th! We're all rooting for you brother!

"Don't let anyone tell you that America's best days are behind her-that the American spirit has been vanquished. We've seen it triumph too often in our lives to stop believing in it now. "

-Ronald Reagan



Screenshot of the Month

"Semtex Eye Patch" – Courtesy of SSG Guillermo

A Fanboy's Dream

For the second year in a row, a slew of superhero flicks will hit the silver screens

It's no secret that the USMG is full of "fanboys" and "fangirls". A simple perusal of the USMG forums will attest to that fact. With that being said, it should come as no surprise about the excitement building over this summer's superhero movie releases.

In 2011, four major movie releases featured superheroes. These included *Green Lantern*, *X-Men: First Class*, *Thor*, and *Captain America*

Fast forward to this year, and we are now just a few days away from the release of *The Avengers*. Also on the

way is *The Amazing Spider-Man*.

Rounding out the list of anticipated titles will be the Batman movie *The Dark Knight Rises*.

One other comic book related movie of note *Men In Black 3* is also slated for release this year.

Earlier in 2012, the sequel flick *Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance* was also released.

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you want to share?*

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credit to you for
your submission if
used.*

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