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It's about the gamer next to you!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Welcome to the new and improved version of *The Monthly Salute*. We are back after a one-month hiatus in September. As you can tell, we're also debuting a new web version of the newsletter. This will give us more flexibility in terms of design, content, and distribution. It will also mean an end to bulky PDF files that were used in the past. We hope you enjoy the new format. As always, we request your feedback and opinions, which you can send to us via e-mail at press@usmilitarygamers.com.



BORDERLANDS 2 SCORES BIG WITH USMG

2K Games officially released Borderlands 2 on September 18th, after months of anticipation to an incredibly positive reception in the gaming world. The game features a new set of vault hunters as they embark to stop Handsome Jack from unleashing an alien force on Pandora that is known simply as "The Warrior". Aiding the new vault hunters in their quest are several familiar faces from the original Borderlands, including the original vault hunters Lilith, Brick, Mordecai, and Roland. In addition, Claptrap, Scooter, Dr. Zed, and Marcus add their own special "goods and services: to help you along the way. There are several new allies and villains along the way to either help or deter you from your quest.

Initial feedback from the USMG community was exceedingly positive. The slick graphics and amazing gameplay are not the only big attractions of this fantastic RPG-shooter. Moreover, the incorporation of (up to) 4-person co-op play has served as a new reason for USMG members to link up and play together.

Additionally, DLC is set to debut in the next couple of days. "Captain Scarlett and her Pirate's Booty" will be available on October 16th for \$9.99 from the Playstation Store, or 800 Microsoft points on the Xbox Live Marketplace. The new content will put gamers on a new mission to battle pirates, introducing a new vehicle (a sand skiff), and new map locations along with Captain Scarlett herself. Those who have the season pass will find this included in their pass package deal.

Although other major titles are set to drop over the next several weeks before the end of 2012, Borderlands 2 has served notice that it is an early contender for USMG Game of the Year.



USMG TO HELP CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK HOSPITALS

"It's about the Gamer next to you!"

USMG's motto is what brought our community together, the brotherhood of friends who have your back through the good and the bad. We have been supporting military members and their families for over 3 years. Even within our own membership, we have families with children who are battling health issues.

On October 20th, USMG will once again be participating in the Extra Life gaming marathon to support Children's Network Hospitals. You can read more and find out how to either donate or participate at the link below.

[Read online.](#)

USMG RADIO SHOW DEBUTS

On Saturday, October 6th, USMG Radio officially debuted on the airwaves. The brainchild of member Nesa "xAresx029" Tufu-Arnold, the show is hosted at www.blogtalkradio.com/militarygamer, where she and co-host River Rat discuss all that is going on in the world of U.S. Military Gamers, gaming in general, military life, and more. Ares (operating under her Xbox gamertag of Dahlia Bellona) also hosts Military Gamers Girls at the same URL on Wednesday nights.

USMG members are invited to call in during the live broadcasts at (760) 454-8829. Past episodes can also be downloaded at the link listed above.

MAJOR GAMING TITLES READY TO ROLL

After a "sleepy" late summer/early fall in the gaming community, developers are getting ready to roll out some of the heavier titles over the next several weeks. While there is no shortage of titles for all tastes on any given platform, here's a brief list of some of the most talked about titles being discussed on the [U.S. Military Gamer forums](#):

- Medal of Honor: Warfighter (October 23)
- Assassin's Creed III (October 30)
- Halo 4 (November 6)
- Call of Duty: Black Ops 2 (November 13)

- Hitman: Absolution (November 20)
- PlayStation All-Stars Battle Royale (November 20)

As always, we solicit you to discuss your anticipated titles in the forums. Future editions of *The Monthly Salute* will profile some of these titles and discuss feedback. Happy gaming!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY UNITED STATES NAVY

A big happy birthday to the United States Navy, which celebrated its birthday on October 13! We stand with our brothers and sisters in the naval service by recognizing and honoring their service and sacrifice since the formation of the United States itself.



MEET AUGUST'S MEMBER OF THE MONTH

A hearty congratulations to USMG member RogueScot for being voted as the August Member of the Month by his peers. RogueScot is a member of the USMG Development and Design staff, and was given the award based on his contributions to the community using his skills to create some killer graphics and designs. We caught up with him to get a few comments from him.

Can you tell us a little about your background?

I am a 12 year veteran of the Air Force & Air National Guard. I enlisted right out of high school. My AFSC was 27470 - Command and Control Specialist. It allowed me to see a lot of the world since there was a shortage worldwide in my job. My very first operation was the bombing of Libya from RAF Lakenheath. I served in the first Gulf War in the UAE. I worked on the operations in Grenada and Panama. I also worked on-site from day one at the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

On the civilian side, I have been a creative professional for over 20 years working in marketing and advertising. I do graphic design, photography, independent film production, commercial video and corporate video production. I've been with my lovely wife for 20 years. We have no children, but we do have eight dogs, because I find it difficult to tell my wife, "No."

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

Right now my life seems to have been completely taken over by Eve Online. I have Battlefield 3,

but can't seem to find enough time to play it. I am an avid Call of Duty player on the Xbox side and am eagerly awaiting the release of Black Ops 2. When that comes out I am sure my life will be consumed by that game.

What brought you to USMG?

I became really tired of playing MW3 with a bunch of kids. It just sucked, as you all know. I started looking for some adults to play with and joined a clan that wasn't too bad. Mostly college kids. It still wasn't what I was looking for. Then I saw a post on Elite about the USMG and I knew immediately this was the group for me. The sense of community and camaraderie I found on the forums was an unexpected bonus. I love being able to interact with such a diverse group of people with different backgrounds, branches of service and age groups. It is also nice to be able to connect with people who are still serving. It allows me to feel like I am still a part of the military community.

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

I feel very honored to be selected as the MoTM. I am not a person who seeks honors. I am confident in myself and my abilities and do not require anyone to stroke my ego, but it is always nice to be complimented and I see this as a very big compliment. I love being able to help the community with my talents. It is pretty enjoyable break to create something for fun rather than the advertising and marketing I work on every day.

HERE'S SEPTEMBER'S MEMBER OF THE MONTH, RICKETY ROB

USMG member Rickety Rob loves the forums. He loves them so much, in fact, that his efforts to keep the forums lively earned him the nod as the Member of the Month for September.

We hit him up with some interview questions to get his feel on winning the vote. Here's what he said:

Tell us a little bit about yourself:

(I) served as a Intel Analyst for the US Army from 2007-2010. Served with two units: R.O.C (Regional Operational Company) 302nd in Heidelberg Germany and with 3rd Brigade, 6-9 CAV, HHT (Headquarters Headquarters Troop). Did a tour in Iraq from 2009-2010. Now I'm out as a Contractor/Counter Intel Analyst for the 310th Collections Management Department.



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

Games I currently play are MWF3 and.....MWF3 lol. I do like playing other games such as Halo and any other first-person shooter game. Games I'm looking forward to most are BO's (Black Ops) and Halo 4.

What brought you to USMG?

I was introduced to USMG back in January 2012 from a fellow, now ex-member of USMG. I truly enjoy being able to communicate with everyone on the forum. Hence the amount of POST's I post, LOL.

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

I truly am thankful for my peers who voted me member of the month. To be honest, I think it was my posting that gave me the edge to win this. There are many others who deserve this spot, especially those who work hard to keep the forum up and running, but I am grateful to have not only been nominated again but to have gotten the privilege to win. Thank you all!

Any additional comments?

I'm proud to be a member of USMG and I will do all that is (possible) to help those on the forum with any advice, or if you just want to chat/post it up, LOL.

NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR FAMILY MEMBERS

A hearty congratulations to our members who welcome new additions to their family (and the extended USMG family) over the past several weeks! Welcome to the world to:

- ApollosArrow89: Briella LettiRose Kohles 8/14/12 - 7 lbs., 11 oz.
- MikaelTyson: Liam Matthew Cerasuolo 9/5/12 - 7 lbs., 3 oz.
- SteelHavok: Nathaniel Lorenzo Finchem 9/30/12 - 7 lbs., 14 oz.

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A SHOUT OUT TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

"Welcome aboard" to:

- Hiddnk1ller4 - USAF - Xbox
- KrazyChameleon - Army - Xbox
- PFCCoile - USAF - Xbox
- POTZ340 - Army - Xbox
- Rhino6170 - Army - Xbox
- Commie - Civilian - Xbox
- BookwormsUnite - Army - Xbox/PS3
- D0akley - Civi - Xbox

HAPPY BIRTHDAY / BELATED BIRTHDAY

September Birthdays

- Mardigra21
- Shonyx
- Savingurazzz
- Mekanikol

October Birthdays

- RitterMarine
- Sickpuppy79
- Two_Tigers

- Eiaelis
 - Ironhide400
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