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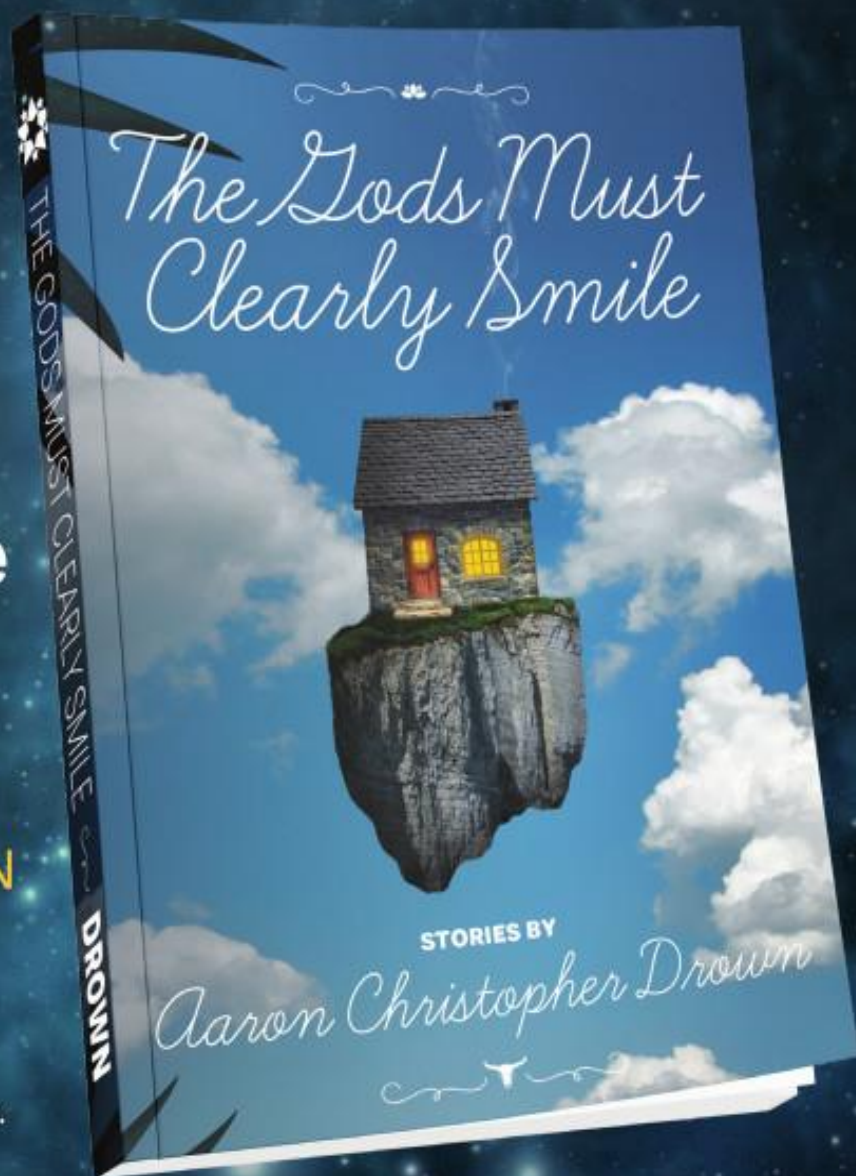
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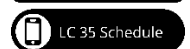
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In memory of our founder, Uncle Timmy Bolgeo

Welcome to LibertyCon 35!

Welcome to LibertyCon 35! It's hard to believe that this will be the 35th time that we're together to celebrate everything that's fantastic about Science Fiction and Fantasy, but here we are in beautiful downtown Chattanooga doing just that.

If you're new to LibertyCon, let me welcome you to the family! When Dad and the original board began this journey so long ago, we simply wanted a space to meet with our convention family and friends in the summer to enjoy each other and our community with an old-style southern convention. A place for us to leave the real world behind and meet people who share our interests. Little did we know that 37 years later (we skipped one year due to fire and another due to Covid) that we would grow to not only meet those needs but to also become a place for professionals to learn and hone their craft, from beginning beautiful dreamers who are figuring out how to get those stories out of their head and into the hands of readers to seasoned professionals who sit at the bar and develop collaborations or whole new series during the weekend.

With over 200 programming events and counting, this weekend will have something for everyone! From the Art Show to the Huckster Room there are beautiful, exotic, and just downright nerdy items to tempt everyone. Watch out, because our game room can make the weekend go by in a blink with the 100s of games available. And our professionals, oh my! From our main guests of honor to our newest authors, artists, and scientists, you'll have your choice of over 180 attending professionals to meet, reconnect and learn from.

LibertyCon is also hosting DeepSouthCon 61 during the convention, a tradition that is near and dear to our hearts. For those of you who might not have been to a DSC before, it's a beautiful addition to any convention or can be held as a standalone convention. DeepSouthCon adds particular programming, focusing on Southern Fandom history, which I cannot recommend enough for those who wish to know where we came from and many times why we have the traditions that we do. Each year two awards will be given as lifetime achievement awards, the Rebel and Phoenix. The Rebel award is given to a science fiction fan who has done a great deal for Southern Fandom. The Phoenix award is given to a science fiction professional who has done the same. We'll be giving those awards out Friday evening in a special ceremony, so please come by and cheer the newest additions to those hallowed halls. We're blessed to have several people who have won one or both of these awards in the past attending LibertyCon this weekend. You'll be able to tell who they are by their badge ribbons, so if you see one, please thank them for all that they've done for Southern fandom.

Speaking of thankfulness, I cannot thank our wonderful board and staff enough for all of the hard work that they do not only during the convention weekend but the countless hours that many of them spend throughout the year making LibertyCon the convention that it is. Our staff spends their own time and money to put on the awesomeness that is LC, so when you see them, please give them a big THANK YOU!

As I'm writing this, I can't help but think of my favorite programming event, our Opening Ceremonies. It's a special time for me personally, the few minutes before I walk through the ballroom door I feel closer to our original chairman, my dad, than any other time during the year. I know that he is with me as I walk in to kick off the best weekend of the year. Seeing all of your faces during that hour is one of the greatest gifts that I could receive. I want to thank each and every one of you for being with us this weekend, for adding all that you are to our LibertyCon family.

Brandy Bolgeo Hendren
LibertyCon 35 Chairman

LibertyCon® Rules

“Rules and responsibilities: these are the ties that bind us. We do what we do, because of who we are. If we did otherwise, we would not be ourselves.”

– Neil Gaiman

The Sandman: Book of Dreams

HARASSMENT & DISCRIMINATION

Harassment and discrimination of any sort will not be tolerated and is a violation of the Code of Conduct. Discrimination is not limited to gender, race, ethnicity, age, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, or physical/mental disability.

ALCOHOL & SMOKING

Federal law does not allow the consumption of alcohol for anyone under 21 years of age. To get a drink, you must produce a VALID driver’s license, state ID, or military ID with your picture on it to prove that you are at least 21 years of age. Attempting to drink while under 21 years of age or knowingly serving alcohol to someone under 21 years of age is a violation of the law and LibertyCon’s Code of Conduct and could subject you to ejection from LibertyCon.

Tennessee state law does not allow smoking in any enclosed public places, including hotels, restaurants, or the Convention Center.

ATTIRE

LibertyCon loves costumes! However, we are a family-friendly convention. Please dress and costume appropriately.

AGE RESTRICTIONS

All convention attendees who are 17 years of age or younger must be accompanied by a guardian. Minors under 7 years of age must always be accompanied by a guardian.

BADGES

Badges must always be worn in plain sight. If you lose your badge at the convention, you will have to purchase another badge at the full admission price before being allowed to participate in further convention activities.

WEAPONS POLICY

All weapons or items which may be mistaken for a weapon, except for knives with a blade length of 4 inches or less, must be peace bonded by LibertyCon Security before they may be worn. This weapons policy will be strictly enforced.

ROOM PARTIES

Room parties are not official LibertyCon events but we encourage them. If your party is approved by Brandy, in a hotel room on the Party Floor, and with the door open, then the expectation is that the party is open to all LibertyCon attendees. If your party is intended to be private, please keep your door shut so misunderstandings don’t occur. Hosts are required to card anyone who wishes to drink at their event and must follow the rules outlined in the Alcohol & Smoking section. LibertyCon does not and will not assume any responsibility to check badges for any type of party.

PRIVACY, PHOTOGRAPHY, AND ELECTRONIC RECORDING

LibertyCon members should be aware that photographs, video, and audio recordings occur during the convention, and that their likenesses may appear in these recordings. Attendees and members agree to assign without compensation the use of their likenesses for the use of promotional material.

Members of the press are welcome at all events. All journalists, media photographers, and any other members of the press are required to display an official LibertyCon Press Badge or always be accompanied by a LibertyCon staff member.

Members should be polite and ask before taking photographs or recordings of members and attendees whenever possible. Photography and audio/video recordings for personal archival use are generally acceptable. If an individual makes it clear that they do not wish to be photographed or recorded, doing so may be considered harassment. **Cosplay IS NOT consent.**

The usage of photographic or recording devices is prohibited in certain areas of the convention including the Art Show and Charity Auction. Where allowed, please take photographs before or after a program event to avoid distracting panelists and audience members to the maximum extent possible.

PETS

Pets are not allowed in convention function spaces. Fully trained service animals, however, are always welcome.

GRILLS & OUTDOOR COOKING

No outdoor cooking or open flame grills are allowed on the hotel premises.

EJECTION FROM THE CONVENTION

If you are ejected from LibertyCon because of a violation of the convention rules or Tennessee State Law, then your attendance fees will not be refunded.

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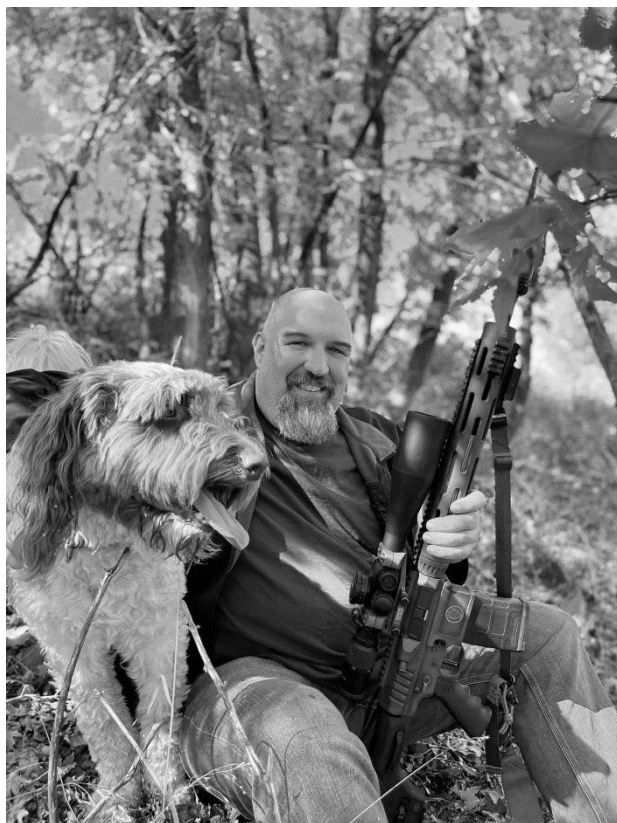


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Literary Guest of Honor

Larry Correia

Larry Correia is a Dragon Award winning, New York Times Bestselling author. He has written 25 books and is best known for his Monster Hunter series, the Grimnoir Chronicles, the Saga of the Forgotten Warrior, and In Defense of the Second Amendment, his first and only nonfiction title. He has written two collections of short stories, and has co-edited four more. Before he was a full-time writer, he had been a dairy farmer, a firearms instructor, and a military contract accountant.



In his free time, he enjoys painting minis, shooting guns, and playing games with his friends and family. On nice, sunny days, he can be found on the back porch watching over Yard Moose Mountain, with his wife, the Lovely Mrs. Correia, who is the one people really come to see.

Correia has four children, one of whom is an author, and she learned almost everything she knows from him. Some of her fondest memories are going on long car rides, telling him about whatever she was working on at the time, and talking about storytelling for hours. Without him, she would not have nearly the fondness of writing that she does now. He is always encouraging of not just her, but all young artists, and his responses to story ideas are almost always "That sounds awesome! You should do it!"

Hinkley Correia

Artist Guest of Honor

David Mattingly



David Mattingly’s home page identifies him as “artist, teacher, matte painter.” And he is indeed all those things, and more. You’ll find some of the many, many works he’s done for Baen Books front and center on that page, with Honor Harrington enjoying a place of . . . honor. But there are wizards, robots, wolves with guns, Vincent Price, and Mattingly himself firing a blaster enthusiastically. And probably an Orson, too, though you’ll have to look for the cat who appeared on many a cover over the years, mostly covertly, as is only fitting for a cat.

Mattingly has been a partner in the fun and joie de vivre of Baen illustration from the very beginning of Baen, back in 1984: Our first sell piece featured a centaur, a horn, and an amazing starscape. His work has graced numerous *New York Times* bestselling books, including many Honor Harrington series titles, and he’s illustrated everyone from Edgar Rice Burroughs (reprints—he’s not *that* old) to Martin Caidin and Timothy Zahn. He’s worked for every mainline publisher in New York and has over 2,000 book covers to his credit. Not a typo: 2000!

But even if you haven’t seen one of his covers (you have), his work will be familiar to you. He began his career at Walt Disney studios, nominative determinism being a real thing, drawing matte paintings for the movies. His work graced such features as *The Black Hole*, *Tron*, *Dick Tracy* and *I, Robot* for Weta Digital, and he rose to head the matte department at Disney before he left. It is no exaggeration to say that he is one of those artists whose vision have shaped what our modern conception of “science fiction and fantasy” is.

Mattingly is a man who is not content to rest on his laurels (and he’s won numerous industry awards for his illustrations, too). I’ve known him to always be experimenting with different ways of approaching covers, including exploring 3D printing and computer animation. And because he’s that kind of person, he shares what he learns: he’s been now for many years a teacher at the School of Visual Arts and the Pratt Institute in New York City. And he’s on-line, as well, at Lynda.com, if you are interested in learning from him. And check out his book of instruction, *The Digital Matte Painting Handbook*, and his book of art, *Alternate Views, Alternate Universes*, unfortunately both out of print, but available as used copies.

My experience as an art director with David has always been one of choosing between an embarrassment of riches when he gives me sketches for a project. A real triumph for me, though, was in identifying David as the Honor Harrington series cover artist (and Jim Baen immediately agreeing). As some readers may recall, we tried a number of artists for the first five Honor covers before settling on David—and that was because I’d seen a sketch he’d done for another series that, with some judicious change of models, would work just great for Honor. And we have never looked back, Honor’s beret and all!

He and his wife, Cathe Cogswell (a name well known in science fiction literary history), are wonderful mentors to David’s students, and also wonderful hosts to visiting firemen in New York, and always up to exploring new foodie opportunities. I hope they’ll enjoy Chattanooga’s offerings, and I know that you’ll enjoy your Artist Guest of Honor!

Oh, and I hope you picked up your LibertyCon T-shirt, because it’s got beautiful David Mattingly art on it this year! Also, check out his table in the dealer’s room!

Toni Weisskopf

STEM Guest of Honor

Doctor Travis Taylor



I've known Travis—"Doc" or "Doc Taylor" to most folks—for quite some few years now. My late husband Darrell knew him first, and introduced us when I decided to try my hand at writing a book. Travis took me under his wing and mentored me through the whole thing, including constructive critique of the first draft, talking me out of trashing it when the plot happened in real life and killed a friend, polishing, and finding a publisher. During that whole process, we became good friends.

The most fun I have EVER had writing a book was when he and I coauthored *Extraction Point!* The concepts of that book evoked our shared interests in several ideas, and while he traveled a lot on business, we still managed to find time to brainstorm and write together. He'd call me from the gate at his flight layover, and say, "Steph! I had an idea for the book, and wanted to run it by you!" Next thing I knew, I was grabbing my laptop and typing notes directly into the manuscript as we came up with wording, dialogue and actions! Sometimes we'd write entire scenes that way, over the phone! We'd brainstorm and talk and write until he was literally walking into the skybridge and my phone was threatening to shut down with a dead battery! Over and over and over. And when I'd written all I could think of for the moment, I'd hand off the manuscript to him, and he'd go over what I'd written and pick up where I'd left off, write until he couldn't think of more, and hand it back to me. Back and forth. And it was seamless.

Of course, we've both used each other as characters in stories. That's fun, 'cause you know the person, and you know what they'd do and say, and sometimes you surprise 'em. I wasn't expecting to ever be the heroine of his story, but he saw me in that role. Means a lot to me.

Travis is brilliant, of course, and really awfully [expletive redacted] good at the stuff he does, whether it's high-level engineering/science, writing novels, writing popular science, or hosting/guesting on TV shows about science- and engineering-based concepts. (Sitting back and watching—sometimes even helping—behind the scenes during filming is almost as much fun as coauthoring a book with him.) He has an ability that is all too rare among scientists and engineers: the ability to break down the most abstruse scientific concept into something that is easily understood by non-scientists. That comes across in his writing, his TV appearances, and his public appearances.

Which is how I know that his stint this year as LibertyCon's STEM Guest of Honor is gonna be fun!

Stephanie Osborn

Special Guest of Honor

Regina Kirby

Our Special Guest, Regina Kirby, is a woman of many, many talents. For those of you who aren't familiar with LibertyCon, the Special Guest is a professional who has supported and contributed to LibertyCon substantially over many years. Regina certainly fits that category to a tee.

A not-so-secret SMOF (secret mistress of fandom or Southern Mistress of Fandom as she calls it) as well as a DeepSouthCon Rebel winner, she first began attending conventions in 1988 at Dixie Trek in Atlanta, GA. She quickly moved from an attendee to staff at the 1990 DragonCon. Luckily for those of us in Chattanooga, Regina decided to attend Chattacon 19 to promote DragonCon and the rest, as they say, is history.



After a long and successful career in the Westminster School system in Information Technology, Regina retired from that career to embark on one even more successful as the Senior Director of Programming for DragonCon. In this position, she gracefully navigates the epic role of overseeing the planning and execution of DragonCon's incredibly large and intricate programming schedule. This is not surprising as there is literally nothing this woman cannot do.

At LibertyCon, Regina wears several hats. She's the head Guest Liaison, a Hospitality 1st, and the not-so-enviable position, many times, of being the one who listens patiently as Brandy and Vonn wind their way through issues and offers sage advice. She works tirelessly year-round to ensure that our Guests of Honors' trips to and from the convention go smoothly and that their time with us over the weekend is a great experience.

Wearing many hats tends to be a theme for Regina. Her time with the Hospitality Department is no different. When she's not working directly with our Guests, Regina is most often found in the LibertyCon Consuite helping Vonn ensure everything runs smoothly. She's a fount of knowledge, charitable to a fault, and one of the best sounding boards before, during, and after the convention. Not only does she make incredible pound cakes, but she also brings additional food just in case we need something extra.

For those of you who know Regina, the most impressive thing about her isn't her amazing organization or impressive knowledge, but her huge heart. No matter what she is doing, her passion and love for people shine through. When you see her, please take a moment to thank her for helping to shape Southern Fandom into what you see today.

Vonn Gants and Brandy Bolgeo Hendren

Master of Ceremonies

Terry Maggert

Imagine reptiles that could fly, like winged alligators, swarming in masses across humid Mesozoic skies. Many as small as sparrows, others with wingspans wider than a biplane. Some gaping sharp ravenous beaks, and others with mouthfuls of clicking needle-teeth, swishing long, spear-tipped devil tails like diabolic kites. Real-life dragons.

At around the half-hour mark of this animated discussion, Terry Maggert and I caught our breaths, both oblivious to the rolling eyes of the convention crowd ambling around us. We had, after all, just met—introduced by my wife Leia after Terry had giddily gushed over one of her stained glass Pteranodons. Where had this guy been all my life?

Over lunch, I swiftly learned there was more to Terry than our mutual ardent appreciation of prehistoric flapping lizards. Much more.

A self-described rabid reader, Terry's an ardent admirer of Anne McCaffrey, Ernest Hemingway, and Robert Frost, among many others. In addition to his scholarly background as a history professor, Terry had found his true calling as the author of over thirty science fiction and dark fantasy novels. These include dystopian science fiction, paranormal urban fantasy, young adult paranormal fantasy, tales of time travel, and sword and sorcery.

And, yes, between the pages of some of his books, there be dragons.

Although Terry clearly, even boyishly, enjoys himself at the keyboard, he's an unpretentious working writer who treats his schedule with the professional discipline of any other serious job. He compares proofing and editing his books, something many authors consider tedious at best, to "being able to take back the dumb things you've said." Would that we could all do that in so-called real life.

He finds villains delicious to write, reveling in their glorious insults, while noting that pride is always their downfall. Well, almost always. His favorite kind of scene to write is between two people, together in a room, having an uncomfortably honest conversation. Terry likes to approach each book he writes with musings, like "Do Vikings like jokes? What kind of dog would be friends with a ghost? What would happen if a demon went to the beach?"

Also, Terry's a dedicated rescue animals advocate. He bakes and drinks disturbingly copious amounts of coffee. Oh, and he longs to visit Africa to have breakfast with giraffes. When you're looking for a good book to escape into or need a qualified forklift operator, Terry's the guy for you.

So, the next time you see Terry Maggert at a convention, ask him about where his ideas come from, or about pterodactyls, or the time we were nearly struck by lightning in a restaurant parking lot, or even ask him if Jesus was a strict vegetarian. He has the answers.

But don't get him started on his loathing of butter beans. You'll never hear the end of it.



Martin Powell

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and readers in attendance!**



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35th Anniversary Literary Guest

Timothy Zahn

Tim Zahn is a year older than I am. Yes, he's *that* old. But he's also sort of like a fine wine that improves with age.

And he got off to a pretty rousing start to be improving from, to be honest.

I first met Tim's writing way back in 1987, when I picked up a short story named "Cascade Point" by this guy named "Zahn," who I'd never before heard of at that point. I thought then that it was one of the best pieces of short fiction I'd ever read, and nothing has happened in the interim to change my opinion of it. I have, however, met Tim in the flesh, now, and he has been a very substantial contributor to my Honorverse stories, both as a writer of short fiction and as a collaborator with me and Tom Pope on the Manticore Ascendant series.

I wanted Tim as a collaborator for a lot of reasons. One is that I like him a lot, on a personal level. In fact, Sharon and I count him and Anna among our personal friends, because they're just such darned nice people. I also wanted Tim as a collaborator because I didn't want to write those novels solo. I wanted them to have a significantly different "flavor" from the novels of Honor Harrington's time since they were happening several hundred years earlier. So, I was looking for someone whose storytelling style was different from mine, whose writing ability I deeply respected, and who I could inveigle into writing those books for the Honorverse. And I wanted him because he'd already made a not insignificant contribution to the Honorverse "canon" in the short fiction he'd contributed to the anthologies. It was what's known as a "win-win" situation, from my perspective, and I'm really pleased with how those books worked out.

But that's *my* personal and professional relationship with him, and there are a whole bunch of people out there who have read his work who share the same admiration I feel. And with good reason.

I think it's fair to say that, in many ways, Tim saved — or at least hugely rejuvenated a largely moribund — *Star Wars* franchise. His Thrawn novels are deep in the DNA of the *Star Wars* community, and the way in which they were ignored in the last movie trilogy had a lot to do (in my personal opinion) with how disappointed quite a lot of that community was in where the movies went. And the fact that according to John Favreau Tim has a consulting role in *Ahsoka's* plans to bring Thrawn into the series is what they call a Good Thing™.

His *Star Wars* work would be more than sufficient laurels to rest upon if he really wanted to (and if he showed any particular interest in slowing down and resting). But then there's the Blackcollar trilogy, the Cobra trilogies (yes, there are three *trilogies*, not just three novels), the Conquerors trilogy, the Icarus series, the Dragonback series, two really good Terminator novels, the Quadrail series, the Sibyl's War series, the aforementioned Manticore Ascendant series, and God only knows how many other solo novels scattered about. Oh, and over fifty short stories that I'm aware of. I suspect there are others lurking in the underbrush somewhere, waiting to spring out and captivate the unwary reader who strays into range.

The man is clearly an overachiever.

He is also one of the nicest, warmest human beings you will ever meet.

I am honored to call him a friend and proud to call him a collaborator, and I would tell the LibertyCon community how very fortunate we are to have him as a guest this year, if I didn't already know that everyone reading this program book already knows that.



David Weber

35th Anniversary Special Guest

David Weber

“With more than eight million copies of his books in print and 33 titles on the *New York Times* bestseller list, David Weber is a science fiction powerhouse. In the vastly popular Honor Harrington series, the spirit of C.S. Forester’s Horatio Hornblower and Patrick O’Brian’s *Master and Commander* live on—into the galactic future. Books in the Honor Harrington and Honorverse series have appeared on 21 bestseller lists, including *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, and *USA Today*.”



But you probably knew that part already.

Like many others, I first met David through his writing. For me, it started with the Starfire books (I do love me some exploding spaceships) and then progressed on through the Honorverse—which is, in my humble opinion, the best-constructed science fiction setting in history.

Not currently being written. Not within a particular subgenre. *Ever*.

Agree or disagree with that statement, it’s hard to deny the Honorverse is something special, a setting and a cast of characters that opens a unique playground in our minds, one that doesn’t come along very often. David’s written a lot of great books, but it’s safe to say the Honorverse is what he’s best known for.

But what about the man himself? What’s he like?

To me, David is a great friend, an exceptional coauthor, and the best writing mentor I could have ever hoped for. He’s also one of the smartest—and more critically, one of the *wisest*—people I have ever known, and that’s not a statement I make lightly.

I first met David at a small convention in Greenville, South Carolina where he was handing out free copies of *On Basilisk Station*. I’d brought my dogeared paperback of *In Death Ground* in the hopes of having it signed, and when I plopped it on the table, David let out a surprised “Whoa!” at the ragged state of the book.

Afterward, my wife and I sat down with Sharon Rice-Weber (or, more accurately, were unwillingly corralled by the TRMN because we did *not* want to bother David’s wife!) and she later invited us to meet them for lunch. One thing led to another, and soon the four of us became fast friends.

Skip forward several years, and the four of us were celebrating my wife’s birthday. I asked David if he’d be willing to read through a recently rejected manuscript of mine and let me know where he felt I needed to improve. He said yes, but then as dinner progressed his expression changed, became... somewhat mischievous.

That’s when he suggested we write a novel together.

I was eventually able to sputter out a yes, but I bring this story up to illustrate a point: I went to David as a friend with a problem, and he decided to help me by *giving me a nontrivial chunk of his professional time and energy!*

That, right there, tells you all you need to know about what kind of person David Weber is.

Jacob Holt

What is the Southern Fandom Confederation?

The **Southern Fandom Confederation (SFC)** is a not-for-profit literary organization and information clearinghouse dedicated to the service of Southern science fiction and fantasy fandom. It focuses on science fiction and fantasy fans residing in the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. It exists for the purpose of

promoting fan and professional activity within that area. However, any fan from anywhere is welcome. The **SFC** has been and always shall be a non-discriminatory organization.

SFC was founded in 1969 at the **DeepSouthCon** in Knoxville, Tennessee. For over fifty years, it has and continues to serve as a way to bind together southern fans active in and/or interested in southern fandom. Members get voting privileges and access to news, convention information, fanzine listings, membership roster, club lists, and more.



To quote Toni Weisskopf from the *Southern Fandom Confederation Handbook*:

"Southern fandom is something special. Of course, just plain old science fiction fandom is an incredibly neat thing, a cultural phenomenon unique to the twentieth century, an amorphous bundle of splendid contradictions. But Southern fandom is a particularly nice part of that amorphous bundle."

LibertyCon 35 / DeepSouthCon 61

Attending Guests and Pros

Here are many of the interesting people scheduled to attend LibertyCon 35 / DeepSouthCon 61
This list is current as of the printing of this book and subject to change without notice.

Tim Akers: Tim splits writing time between RPGs and novels. Since college, he's worked with White Wolf, Wyrd Games, Paizo, and Kobold Press. His novels range from New Weird thrillers (*Heart of Veridon*) to traditional fantasy (Hallowed War trilogy). He, his indefatigable wife, and his mountain of unpainted miniatures live in Chicago.

Atlanta Radio Theatre Company: ARTC is a professional troupe that brings "new old-time radio", complete with lush soundscapes, stirring music, and original stories guaranteed to remind you that... *There is Adventure in Sound!*

Charity Ayres: Navy Veteran, teacher for both high school and college, author, and mom. When she isn't creating worlds of fantasy with characters saying what they think without remorse, she's running with her dogs, playing online games with her teenager, or dreaming up new ways to kill people. In print, of course.

David Badurina: David Badurina is a speculative fiction author in Hartford, Connecticut. David's a father, business owner, YouTuber, podcaster, 4th degree black belt, and passionate storyteller. His 2020 debut novel, *The Caretaker* launched a mind-blowing supernatural world where psychological concepts influence and manipulate humanity in a quest for power and control.

Griffin Barber: Griffin spent his youth in four different countries, learning three languages, and burning all his bridges. Finally settled in Northern California and retired from being a police officer in a major metropolitan department, he lives the good life with his lovely wife, crazy-smart daughter, tiny bengal, and needy dog.

Kristina Barnes: Kristina Barnes is a long-time lover of all things fantasy and mystery. She enjoys ice-cold coffee and is way too nerdy about marketing. She edited and is published in the Three Ravens anthology *Misfits of Magic* and has upcoming release dates for

far too many co-authored, fantasy, and non-fiction books.

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Isaac Craft: Isaac's speculative and flash fiction stories are published in nearly a dozen of the Corner Scribblers anthologies via Three Ravens Publishing. He's currently working on his first novel, with plans for the second and third sequels. When not writing or reading, Isaac can be found practicing old cookbook recipes.

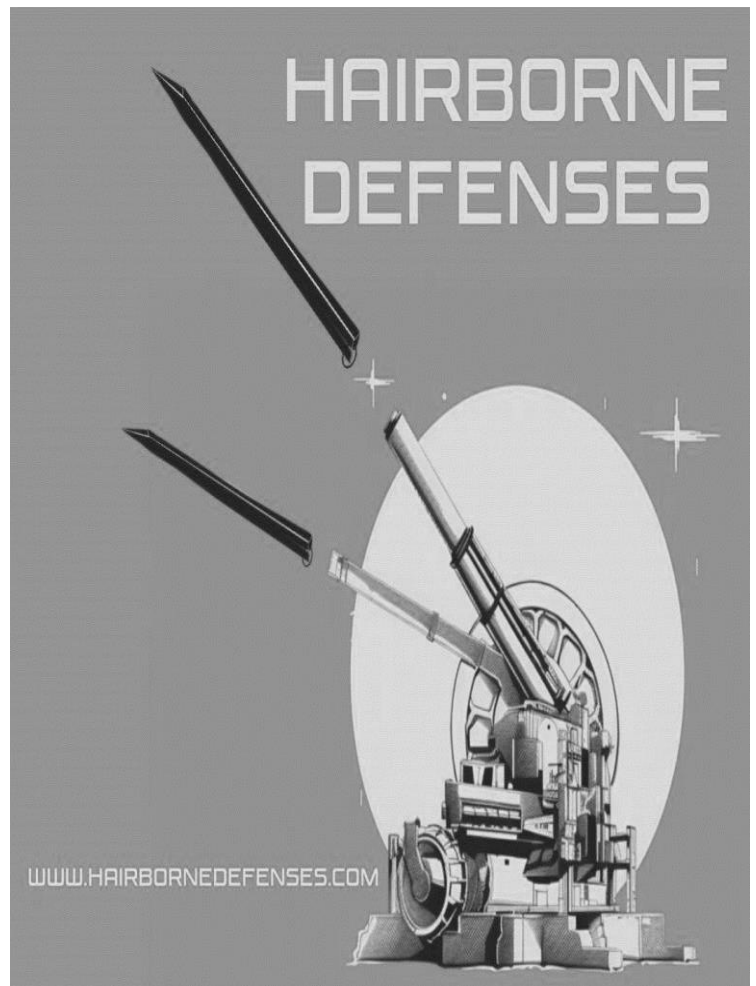
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Valerie Hampton: Dr. Hampton is a historical archaeologist teaching at UF, author, game creator, indie film producer, and speaks on the intersection between popular fantasy and history. She founded Antiquarian Boardgames and conventions Conan's Riddle and Ice & Fire Con. Her company GrimSisters Production Co. works on feature films and other projects.

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Mark Haynes: A Renaissance man trapped in a specialist's body with a degree in biology, so I'm in IT. I've worked as a software developer, QA, process specialist, Scrum Master, and Agile Coach. Lately, I've been focusing on writing and speaking. I'm asked how long have you been agile? My answer: always.

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Jacob Holo: Jacob Holo is a science fiction and fantasy author whose works include national bestsellers *The Gordian Protocol* and *The Valkyrie Protocol* (with David Weber), *Time Reavers* (a *Kirkus Reviews* Best Indie Book of 2014); *The Wizard's Way* (with H.P. Holo), and *Monster Punk Horizon: Excess* (with H. P. Holo).

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Marshall Hoyt: Marshall Hoyt is—under protest—one of the writing Hoyts Taken in by the allure of science fiction and character-driven stories, he's been integral in helping Sarah Hoyt (His mother) adapt to comic writing, and is helping both Daniel and Sarah in crafting the space adventure series, *Cat Valor*.

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Les Johnson: Les is a physicist, author, and NASA technologist. He's been a LibertyCon GoH 3 times, winner of the Phoenix Award, and was featured in the March 2019 issue of *National Geographic*. Les leads two NASA space missions, holds 3 patents, and is a member of the International Academy of Astronautics.

Tech Tips for Authors

from Nate Hoffelder, The Author Website Guy

I like sharing tech tips with my friends just as much as I like fixing websites. Here are a few tricks I've learned over the years. - *Nate*

Screen Sizes Matter

Never evaluate a design or proofread text on a smartphone. It doesn't matter whether you are checking a new logo, a print layout, or an illustration, a smartphone's screen is simply too small to properly evaluate the content.

Contact Forms

I know you have a contact form on your site, but does your site also log the messages sent through the form? A recent discussion in my FB group The Help Desk reminded me that emails sometimes go astray. This is why I make sure that the sites I build use a contact form that logs all submissions.

Backups

Backups are the foundation of all website security and maintenance. If your website is backed up regularly, you can use it to undo whatever accident just caused your site to crash. And if your site gets hacked, there's a good chance you will have a backup from before the hack, saving you some of the time and energy required to de-hack the site.

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This breaks with print formatting rules, but when you use an ellipsis or m-dash in your ebook, you *_really_* need to add a space both before and after. Some reading apps will treat...this as one long word. Trust me, this can do terrible things to the ebook's formatting.

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Internet Archive

If you've ever discovered a post or page was mysteriously deleted from your site, and wanted to get that one post back without restoring your entire site from a backup, I may have a solution. The Internet Archive regularly scans and backs up most websites, and if you are lucky it will have a copy of your missing page or post.

Let me know if you found these tips useful!



April Kelley Jones: April has read, written, or edited her way through numerous fictional worlds. A Tennessee native, April currently lives in South Carolina with her husband and three children. Her poems and short stories are in various literary magazines and anthologies. You can also check out her debut novel, *The Curse Breaker*.

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Daniel Kemp: A 1995-1996 1998 Ole Miss graduate, Dan went on to Fort Benning, Korea, and Fort Campbell for the next decade. He mined experiences in Kosovo and Iraq for his Master's in Military History through Norwich University in 2012. His first novel and several short pieces are forthcoming in 2023.

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Koch, Anita Ensal, Jemma Chase, A.E. Stanton, and J.C. Koch. www.ginikoch.com

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L. Wailana Massa: Lorna Wailana Massa was born in Hawaii and loves to share the spirit of Aloha. She is an enthusiastic Polynesian dance student with over 20 years of performance experience. She would love to teach you a few Hula moves and show you how to boogie Hawaiian style!

Mike Massa: Mike's work encompasses SF/Mil-SF/Fantasy and non-fiction. Since 2016, he has written two novels, and his work has been included in ten anthologies. Mike received his first book contract at LibertyCon XXIX in front of a packed house inside the Choo-Choo's main auditorium—LibertyCon will always be special for him!

Tom Mays: Captain Thomas A. Mays, USN, is the Commanding Officer of USS *John L. Canley*, ESB 6, in San Diego, CA. Outside his day job, Tom has written several novels and short stories in The Patron Cycle, 4HU & *The Mutineer's Daughter*, and upcoming for The Fae Wars at Cannon Publishing.

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Sean McCune: Former active-duty Sergeant in the USAF and Veteran of the Gulf War, Sean currently resides in the upper Midwest with his wife and two cats. He works full-time in the telecommunications industry, occasionally goes hunting and fishing, enjoys writing what his Muse demands for numerous stories, and performs voice-over work.

Patty McIntosh-Mize: Patty McIntosh-Mize, MS, is a freelance editor, most notably of Mark Wandrey's Dragon Award Finalists, *A Time to Die* and *Cartwright's Cavaliers*. With a lifelong interest in diet, fitness, and health focusing on healing autoimmune disorders, she enjoys helping others learn about and practice healthy fasting, exercise, and dietary habits.

Joe McKeel: Former Dump Truck Driver and haunted attraction builder and actor turned paranormal investigator (retired from all that nonsense). Now a convention director. Joe, more commonly known as JoeDog in the convention circles, has overseen HallowCon-A Fantasy and Horror Convention since 2017. Joe is also a live-streaming YouTuber.

Ian McMurtrie (Lawdog): Born in Malta to an Oklahoma oil engineer and Texas school teacher and raised in Africa, the Middle East, and Europe. He's been a soldier, EMT, fireman, short-order cook, world's worst rodeo clown, and peace officer. He currently resides in Texas with a very patient lady and three fur children.

Joseph Meany: Joseph Meany, Ph.D., The Crimson Alchemist, is a Senior Scientist at Savannah River National Laboratory. His discoveries in materials science have applications in cutting edge renewable energy, green manufacturing, and circular economies. He is a leading expert in carbon nanomaterials and published the 2018 book *Graphene* with Les Johnson.





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Megan Miller: Megan is a Super Mom of 3 special needs children who disguises her superhero identity with a day job as Grants Director at a large nonprofit in North Carolina. When she isn't charming bureaucrats, politicians, and wealthy funders out of money, she's working on horror, fantasy/sci-fi, and nonfiction writing projects.

Laura Montgomery: Laura Montgomery practices space law and writes science fiction. Her most recent book, *His Terrible Stall*, continues the lost colony saga, *Martha's Sons*. She also writes bourgeois legal science fiction. Her author site is at lauramontgomery.com.

Anita S. Moore: Home and work, kith and kin are in Dalton, GA, and yet all my stories end in "...and then we moved." Artist since for always, 3D artist since

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Michael Morton: Michael Morton is retired USAF and wishes Space Force happened before he retired! He's working for the Space Force now as a civilian, so it's all good. He writes military sci-fi and fantasy, lives in Colorado Springs, and enjoys camping and exploring the local distilleries and breweries.

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Jody Lynn Nye: When not engaged in the worthy occupation of ‘spoiling cats’, she writes usually humorous fantasy and science fiction. She’s published over 50 books, 170 short stories, and written with notables including Anne McCaffrey and Robert Asprin. Jody teaches writing and is Coordinating Judge for the Writers of the Future Contest.

Chris Oakley: Chris owned and operated Oakley’s Gently Used Books, a bricks & mortar used bookshop with a specialty in Sci Fi/Fantasy, for more than 20 years (1995-2016) in Charlottesville, VA. She has been a bookseller at AtomaCon, Madicon, MarsCon, MystiCon, RavenCon, LibertyCon and Omegacon and a Guest at LibertyCon and Congregate.

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Jon Osborne: Jon R. Osborne is a fantasy and science fiction author from Indianapolis. He is a core author in the military science fiction Four Horsemen Universe. The second book in Jon’s The Milesian Accords modern fantasy trilogy, “A Tempered Warrior”, was a 2018 Dragon Awards finalist for Best Fantasy Novel.

Erin Palette: Erin Palette is a Prepper, an Eagle Scout, and a Floridian. She believes that anyone can be prepared for most emergencies with some common sense and basic materials. She curates *Blue Collar Prepping*, a blog which has been teaching readers since 2014 how preparedness doesn’t have to cost a fortune.

Rick Partlow: Rick Partlow is an Army veteran with a degree in History from Florida Southern College. He is the author of 51 military SF and space opera novels including the Dragon Award finalist *Direct Fire*.

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Sue Phillips: Sue has been involved with fandom for almost 50 years. She has been involved with almost all aspects of conventions, but this is only her second time as a panelist/guest. She lives in Atlanta with a roommate, two cats and a lot of books. Please be gentle.

Nicole Plummer: Nic Plume is a Writer in Progress, Sufferer of Wanderlust, Human Sidekick, who learned English from Dragons and is always in search of the next “*wheeee*” moment. Her stories tell the triumphs, tribulations, failures, and pains of the human experience through a lens formed by her association with the military.

Gary Poole: Radio personality and newspaper editor Gary Poole is the founder and longtime host of Robot Battles, has edited three national bestselling anthologies set in John Ringo’s “Black Tide Rising” universe (which a fourth coming in 2023), and runs the Southern Fandom Resource Guide website.

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Vivienne "Vee" Raper: Vivienne Raper is a freelance journalist with a PhD in satellite engineering who somehow ended up writing about biomedical science for a living. Her fiction is unsurprisingly hard SF, but with a smattering of mil-SF and crime-thriller. Outside of writing, she enjoys renovating a crumbling Victorian house in London.

Alex Rath: Alex Rath is a best-selling Military Science Fiction and Post-Apocalyptic author, residing in Columbia, South Carolina. With works published in the Four Horsemen Universe, This Fallen World, and the Salvage Title Universe, Alex has also started his own Science Fiction series starting with *Seeds of Terra*.

Robert Reed: Rob Reed writes science fiction, fantasy, mysteries, and thrillers. He has worked as an emergency room clerk, reporter, and firearms instructor. He collects vintage military weapons and writes about firearms. Rob lives in the metro Detroit area with his wife, Marie, their three cats, and their untenably large book collection.

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Ann Robards: Ray Bradbury's *R Is For Rocket* sparked her love of SF and Fantasy. Both parents (Mom the artist, Dad the photographer) ignited an interest in and appreciation of art, so it is no surprise that Ann has what she thinks is the best convention job ever—the Art Show!

Sam Robb: Sam Robb is an urban fantasy writer from Pittsburgh, PA. He has a penchant for urban exploration, old buildings, back alleys, and taking pictures of graffiti. When he's not making up stories about what he sees during his wanderings, he works as a software developer and intermittent politician.

William Joseph Roberts: William Joseph Roberts has been called a Jack of all trades and Renaissance man by his peers. Since his enlistment as an F-15 Crew Chief with the USAF; he has been an artist, industrial design engineer, blacksmith, brewer, and now, eclectic writer. He and his family reside in Chickamauga, Georgia.

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Brent Roeder: Brent Roeder, Ph.D., is a neuroscience researcher that is exploring how to restore damaged memory function. A life long geek, he enjoys writing sci-fi and fantasy to relax from work. Very occasionally he even remembers to finish a story.

Tom Rogneby: A curmudgeon who spends his time in the wilds of suburban Louisville living with his wife, children, cats, dogs, fish, and various transient outdoor animals. His hobbies include reading, shooting, and writing. He's a veteran who's gone to many exciting places doing boring things. He blogs at DaddyBear's Den (<http://daddybearsden.com>).

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Dave Sarnow: Dr. David Sarnow (Lt Col USAF ret) is an MD, MPH with over twenty years of real-world public health experience in the Air Force and civilian sectors. His hands-on experience with public health planning and preparedness gives him a unique perspective on disease and all-hazard response.

Hans G. Schantz: A theoretical physicist, Hans ended up in a career as an inventor and co-founded Q-Track Corporation. Author of *The Hidden Truth*, *A Rambling Wreck*, *The Brave and the Bold*, and non-fiction *The Art and Science of Ultrawideband Antennas*. Hans lives in Huntsville with his wife and two sets of twins.

James Schardt: James Schardt is a 21-year veteran of the US Army as an AH-64 Apache Attack Helicopter Armament Systems Repairer and a graduate of Austin Peay State University. He lives in Kentucky with his wife and too many cats. He enjoys shooting muzzleloaders, painting toy soldiers, and miniatures war gaming.

M. M. Schill: M. M. Schill is a writer, traditional Japanese artist, and associate editor at Pseudopod--a pro-market, short fiction horror podcast under the Escape Artists umbrella of speculative fiction podcasts. Outside of those pursuits, she practices martial arts, and is an outspoken activist for victims and survivors of domestic abuse.

Dave Schroeder: Dave is the author of the Xenotech Support series and the Congruent Mage high fantasy series. He's a retired IT executive from Atlanta who enjoys performing with ARTC. Dave also runs a small publishing house (Spiral Arm Press) primarily handling his own work, including an audiobook version of *Xenotech Rising*.

Gary W. Shelton: Recently retired and returned to the Family farm in North Alabama. 30 years of experience working with the USDA - Agricultural research service in Mississippi, specializing in soybean genetics. Also Known as "Da Fish," has traveled the continental US in search of card games, good BBQ, and Doughnut shops.

David Sherrer: David is a born entertainer and storyteller. He combines decades of gaming and corporate marketing experience to create amazing things and sells them like crackerjacks. He is the part owner and marketing director of Chenoweth Press, publisher of the bestselling Love, Lies, and Hocus Pocus universe novels.

Lydia Sherrer: The award-winning and USA Today Bestselling author of the Love, Lies, and Hocus Pocus universe of books which has sold over a million copies. Most recently, she has published a Gamelit series, *TransDimensional Hunter*, with NYT



bestselling author John Ringo, and has written stories for several Black Tide Rising anthologies.

Stephen J. Simmons: Stephen started writing shortly after he retired from the Navy, primarily because his children had outgrown bedtime stories and the cats never laughed at the funny bits. He's published several short stories and flash-fiction pieces, the comic-fantasy novella *Just Grimm And Bear It*, and the SF novel *The Galileo Syndrome*.

Benjamin Tyler Smith: Benjamin spends his days creating maps for cemeteries and his evenings herding the undead and battling mutants and aliens. He writes fantasy (*Necrolopolis*), sci-fi (Car Wars fiction), and post-apocalyptic (*Blue Cavalry*, *This Fallen World*). Follow him at BenjaminTylerSmith.com and join his mailing list for free stories and regular updates!

Chris Smith: Christopher began writing fiction in 2012. His short stories can be found in multiple anthologies, including *Black Tide Rising*, *Forged In Blood*, *Noir Fatale*, and *Terra Nova*. Christopher has co-written two novels, *Kraken Mare* with Jason Cordova, and *Gunpowder & Embers* with Kacey Ezell and John Ringo.

Paul Sparks: Paul Sparks served as a combat medic in the US Army with three combat deployments overseas. He has been a lifelong geek, plays various RPGs and enjoys reading and writing military science fiction. He lives with his cats in Ohio, where he volunteers with various animal adoption agencies.

Jacob Spriggs: US Army combat veteran, gamer, and author who's visited over 35 countries, and worked a variety of jobs including environmental remediation, farming, civil engineering, and transportation. Kal draws upon these experiences to write over thirty novels. When not writing, reading, gaming, or otherwise working, Kal enjoys hiking, skiing, and camping.

Mark Stallings: Mark Stallings is an Amazon Best Selling author, member of Pikes Peak Writers, speaker at International conferences on Technology topics, is a writer of Wuxia, Fantasy, and Military Sci Fi. He is a competitive shooter, avid martial artist, drinker of craft beer, and motorcycle enthusiast.

Craig Stanfill: Craig W. Stanfill is a Ph.D. computer scientist, entrepreneur, and science fiction author with deep experience in AI and parallel computing.

He did ground-breaking research at Thinking Machines Corporation with David Waltz, then co-founded Ab Initio Software. He recently published his first dystopian science fiction novel, *Terms of Service*.

Kevin Steverson: Kevin Steverson is a retired veteran of the US Army. With several best-selling novels, picked up for development into feature film, he is also a published songwriter. When not at a convention or concert, he can be found in the foothills of the NE Georgia mountains writing his next story.

Nick Steverson: Nick Steverson, liquor and wine delivery guy turned writer guy. Published through Chris Kennedy Publishing, he has multiple titles in Salvage Title Universe, Four Horsemen Universe, and This Fallen World as well as the Starflight Universe with Three Ravens Publishing.

Martin Tays: Martin Tays ran reactors on a fast attack submarine during the cold war, but now writes humorous hard science fiction. *Stealing Endeavor*, his current novel, is now available on Amazon. He lives in Huntsville, Alabama with his wife Misty.

Bill Thomasson: Helps biomedical researchers write journal articles and grant applications. He's been reading SF since *Rocket Ship Galileo* but didn't discover cons until 1980. Bill also serves as volunteer Treasurer for Chicago's annual Disability Pride Parade (he's been legally blind since 2000) and Accessibility Services for every WorldCon since 2011.

Tom Tinney: Biker (V-twin kind) who enjoys writing sci-fi and fantasy. He's published two books and numerous anthology contributions. *Blood of Invidia*, written with his son, was a finalist for the 2017 Dragon award and they are currently working on *Legacy of Invidia*, as well as short story releases on his website.

David Truesdale: Editor of *Tangent Online*, which was nominated for the Hugo Award six times and one World Fantasy Award. A former editor of *SFWA Bulletin*, served as a World Fantasy Award judge, and wrote an original online column for *The Magazine of F&SF*. Retired to his hometown of Kansas City, MO.



Oren Truitt: Oren has worn a lot of hats; chemist, photographer, jeweler, sculptor, gunsmith, bladesmith, fencer, archivist, historian, museum technician, teacher, actor, stuntman, collector. He's considered a small arms expert, especially 19th-century firearms, and an aspiring writer. He lives in rural Oklahoma with his beloved Cindy MacLeod, dog Chief, and cat Kit.

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Zane Voss: Zane Voss holds bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering from the Missouri University of Science & Technology and works at an engineering firm in the steel industry. Zane has been a lifelong reader of science fiction and fantasy, and has followed that love into writing his own works of fiction.

C. V. Walter: C. V. Walter is a science fiction romance writer, best known for her Alien Brides series, and is the Head Editor for Raconteur Press. When not herding the cats that are the North Texas TroubleMakers, she's traveling to see the country, her friends, and hanging out with her kids.

Mark Wandrey: International bestselling author, Mark Wandrey created the Four Horsemen Universe and has written dozens of novels, with more in the works. He can be found somewhere in the USA, traveling with his wife and dogs, creating new universes, and looking for his next challenge.

James Ward: An excellent Chattanooga-based artist who is well known for putting paint on anything else that's not bolted down. His artwork is on everything from feathers to floppy disks, and he's branched out to creating costuming accessories. James is also an accomplished puppeteer and often gives performances during the convention.

Robert Waters: Robert's writing career began with "The Assassin's Retirement Party," published in 2003, *Weird Tales*, Issue 332. He's worked in the alternate history series, 1632/Ring of Fire. He's worked in the gaming industry since 1994 and written eight other science fiction and fantasy novels. He lives in Baltimore with his wife Elizabeth.

Justin Watson: Justin Watson is a veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan. Medically retired from the Army, Justin settled in Houston with his wife Michele and their four kids. He has published one collaborative novel, *The Romanov Rescue*, and several short stories in the fields of military science fiction and alternate history.

William Alan Webb: After 45 years of writing military history Bill became an overnight success when he returned to his roots of science fiction and fantasy. Married for 40 years he was born and raised in West Tennessee, where he still lives, with his wife and 7 dogs.

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Writer-anthologies (that she didn't edit). CKP/New Mythology Press publishes her fantasy series, *The Princess and the Dragon*.

Jenny Wren: Jenny is originally from South Florida, and was never bored as a kid. She was always asking and answering "What if...?" to stay entertained. Now she stays entertained by writing science fiction and fantasy for Three Ravens Publishing and enjoys spending time with her husband and puppies.

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James Young: Missouri native, he escaped small-town life via military service. Living in the Midwest with his wonderful spouse (artist Anita C. Young), he spends his time researching history, then applying it in new and interesting ways to torment characters. He's been published in academic journals and wrote the *Usurper's War* series.



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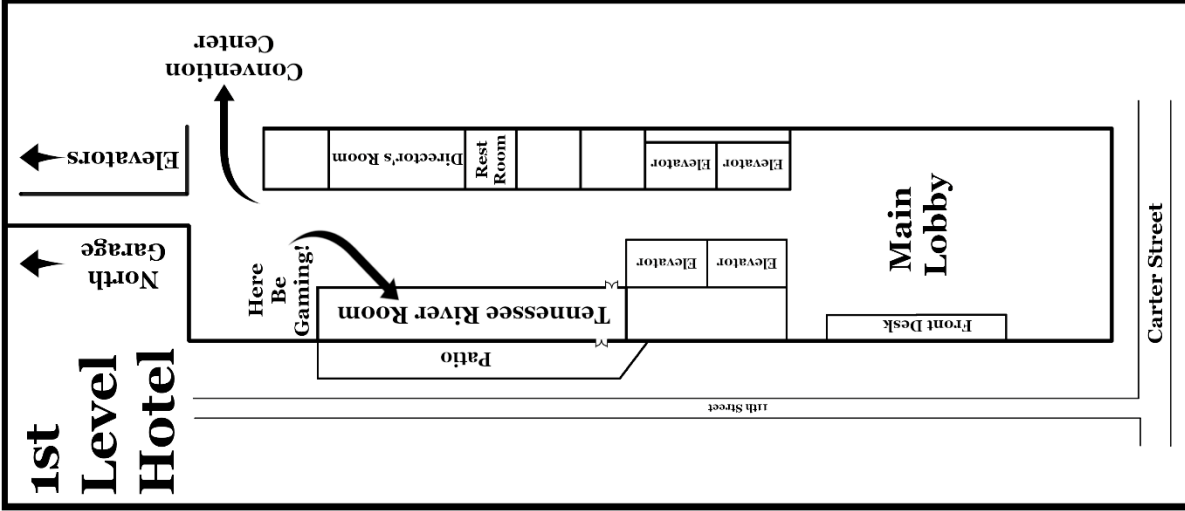
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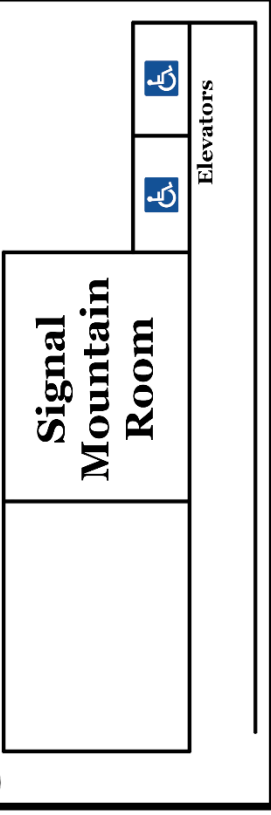
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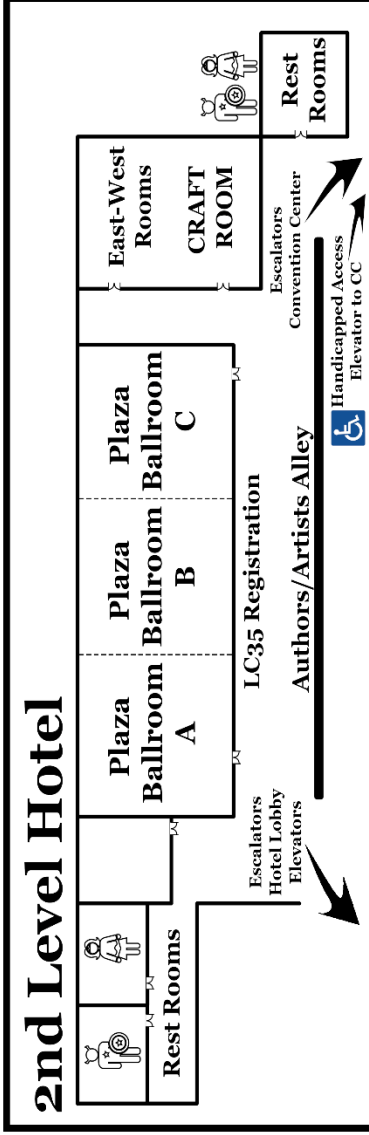
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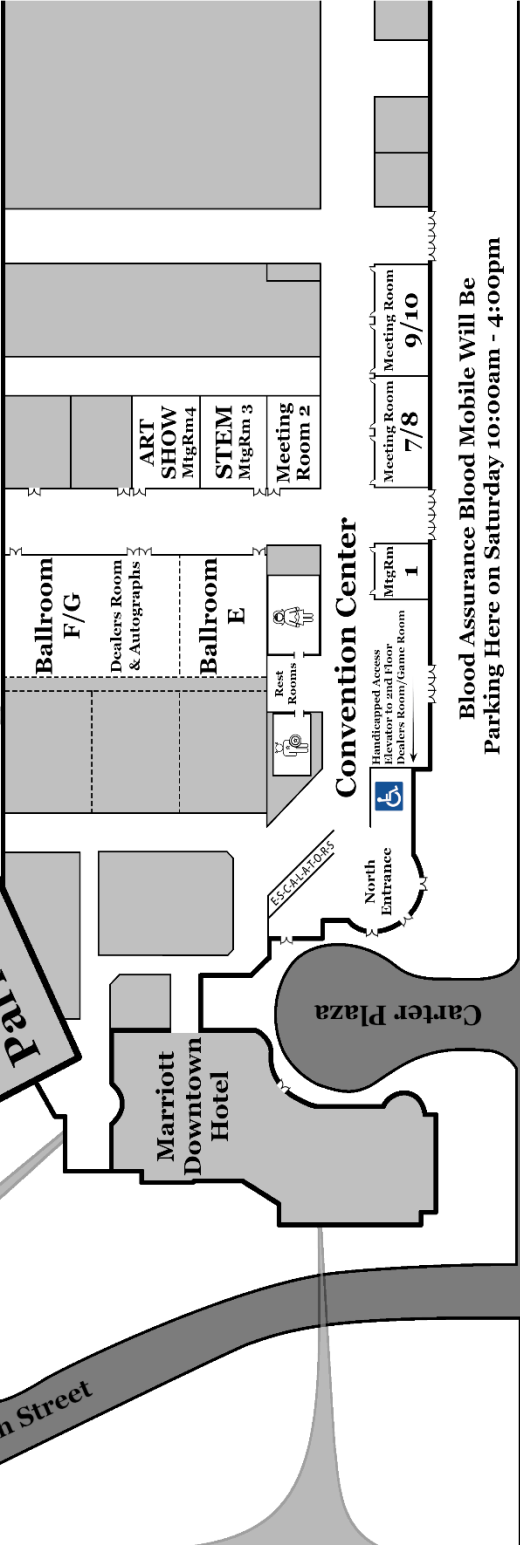
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