



Join us for this once-in-a-lifetime event!

You will not want to miss the 25th Anniversary celebrating our most beloved action figure and American icon! This fantastic family event will take place at the Chattanooga Convention Center June 21-24, 2018. No matter if you collect 3 3/4", 12", vintage or modern figures, you owe it to yourself to attend the very last *G.I. Joe Collectors' Convention* produced by the *G.I. Joe Collectors' Club!* Whether you have attended every convention or if this is your first one, you need to be at this celebration of all things *G.I. Joe!*

Here's what you'll experience at the show...

Special Guests- meet and talk to Kirk Bozigian, 1980's *G.I. Joe* Marketing Manager and Larry Hama, the original and most prolific writer for the *G.I. Joe Real American Hero* Comic series. These are our first two guests! Watch on-line for the latest announcements!

Panels and Seminars- led by special guests and experts in the *G.I. Joe* community. These presentations will totally immerse you in all things *G.I. Joe*. Learn inside information, hear special guests, watch demonstrations and more!

Sales Room- featuring over 200 tables of *G.I. Joe* merchandise for sale. There are thousands of items each year that trade hands at this GIJoeCon focal point.

Parachute Drop- featuring 300 *G.I. Joes!* Friday morning, join us for another special parachute figure drop event! Watch the fun as the 3 3/4" action figures parachute from 10 stories up!

G.I. Joe Filmfest - featuring "*The Best of the Best*". Come watch some of the best features from past conventions. No worries, no new films needed for this showcase event.

Contests- demonstrating the incredible skills of *G.I. Joe* craftsmen everywhere. Start designing your entries today as you could be a big winner in one of the five different GIJoeCon contests.

G.I. Joe Customizing Class- a fantastic opportunity to learn about customizing your 3 3/4" figures. Not only will you learn how to customize, attendees will also build their own custom figure with parts made just for this show (extra charge).



Pre-Convention tours - are the best! Join your fellow convention attendees for two fun filled days of tours in the Chattanooga area (extra charge).

Room-to-Room Trading- provides collectors with a chance to swap, buy and sell items from their personal collections in the evenings after the Exhibit Hall is closed. Do you have just a few extras you want to swap? This is your chance to trade with other collectors.

Casino Night Awards Dinner and Auction- the culmination of our weekend celebration with a dinner, costume contest and fabulous auction items. This is a terrific evening with great food, fun and camaraderie you won't forget!

The Last Panel - will be the final panel of this 25 year run. Plan to stay for this Sunday afternoon event that will be a walk down memory lane with photos from every Hasbro International G.I. Joe Convention and narration from the G.I. Joe Collectors' Club Staff.

...and of course the GIJoeCon 2018 toys and souvenirs!

GIJoeCon Figure Sets

As in past years, there are two different outstanding GIJoeCon sets that every *G.I. Joe* collector will want to add to their collection. Once again, the club has worked very hard to bring you only the highest quality and most innovative sets possible for this final installment!

Python Peril: Marauders to the Rescue!

GIJoeCon 3 3/4" Figure Set

The COBRA PYTHON PATROL is an elite unit of troopers that have been handpicked for their various tactical specialties. They are expertly trained and equipped for stealth and infiltration missions. They wear unique camouflage grid uniforms to mask their presence, which confuses radar detection systems and allows them to accomplish sinister operations around the globe.

Using the latest radar absorbing materials and stealth technology, PYTHON PATROL 2.0 rears its ugly head with a surgical strike against their sworn enemy. Led by the nefarious MAJOR BLUDD, they have successfully captured a "Real American Hero" and key member of the G.I. JOE team.

The SLAUGHTER'S MARAUDERS unit is called into action to mount a dire rescue mission of their original commander. A fellow Marine Drill Instructor, SGT. SMASHER takes the squad leader position and selects highly specialized soldiers for a fast attack, ground assault into enemy territory to combat these devious COBRA forces.

PYTHON PATROL 2.0 is a dangerous unit, but it will take more than their special uniforms and slithering nastiness to get the best of the entire SLAUGHTER'S MARAUDERS team!





Our 2018 exclusive 3 3/4-inch convention set contains a highly requested G.I. JOE team and updated COBRA army that are available for the first time in the modern era 25A action figure style. This special edition 15 action-figure set includes:

Five G.I. JOE team members: Sgt. Smasher, Footloose, Hardball, Mutt & Junkyard (K-9), Spirit & Freedom (eagle).

Ten COBRA team members: Major Bludd, Python H.E.A.T. Viper (troop builder x 3), Python Lamprey (troop builder x 3), Python Laser Viper (troop builder x 3).

Each of these great teams comes with their classic weapons, accessories, figure stands and file cards!

Also, make sure you are there for package pick-up on Thursday night so that you don't miss this year's souvenirs! These convention exclusive souvenirs will feature uniquely themed action figure sets! Plus, all these limited edition products will have a major role in our exclusive 2018 GIJoeCon comic book program! *†

Green Beret Machine Gun Outpost GIJoeCon 12" Figure Set

This year, it's back to the military for G.I. Joe. One of the favorite 12" figures of all time was the Green Beret. So, what could be better than two Green Berets in an updated "1960's Sears Exclusive" box adorned with art from Larry Selman?

This year's 12" Convention Set is a recreation of the "Sears Exclusive" Green Beret Machine Gun Outpost Set. It comes with: 2 Painted Head Figures and each figure has a Camo Shirt and Pants; Green Beret; Tall Brown Boots; Dog Tag; Belt with 2 Cartridges. In addition, the set comes with: 12 Grenades; Bazooka; 6 Bazooka Shells; Field Telephone; .30 Caliber Machine Gun and Tripod; M-16 Rifle; Ammo Box; Camouflage Netting; Plastic Foliage; Tent Poles; Tent Stakes; and 10 Sand Bags. All of these items are in a box adorned with an updated painting of the Green Beret Outpost, painted by Larry Selman. Watch on-line at GIJoeCon.com for product reveals. *†

Registered Attendee Packages Eight convention packages available!

The **American Hero's Package** (\$415 for GIJCC members and \$495 for others) consists of:

- 3 3/4" boxed 15 figure *Python Peril: Marauders to the Rescue*.
- Certificate of Authenticity.
- Convention Medal and Name Badge.
- Private Exhibitor Room Sales Event on Friday, Early Bird privileges on Saturday, and admittance to all regular convention events except tours and classes (extra cost).
- Admittance to the Casino Night Awards Dinner and Auction.
- **BONUS ITEM:** American Hero attendees will receive a special extra convention piece not available with the non-attending package. You must pick up your convention package in person.



- Admittance to all convention seminars.
- Convention full color comic with program. *†

The **General's Package** (\$385 for GIJCC Members and \$475 for others) consists of:

- 12" *Green Beret Machine Gun Outpost* boxed set.
- Certificate of Authenticity.
- Convention Medal and Name Badge.
- Private Exhibitor Room Sales Event on Friday, Early Bird privileges on Saturday, and admittance to all regular convention events except tours and classes (extra cost).
- Admittance to the Casino Night Awards Dinner and Auction.
- Admittance to all convention seminars.
- **BONUS ITEM:** General's Package attendees will receive a special extra convention piece not available with the non-attending package. You must pick up your convention package in person.
- Convention full color comic with program. *†



The **Aide's Package** (\$120 per Aide for GIJCC members, \$185 for others). This package can only be purchased in conjunction with the General's or American Hero's package and is offered so that accompanying family members can join the fun.

- Private Exhibitor Room Sales Event on Friday and Early Bird privileges on Saturday.
- Admittance to all regular convention events except tours and classes (extra cost).
- Admittance to the Casino Night Awards Dinner and Auction.
- Name Badge.
- Each General or American Hero package is limited to four additional Aide packages, provided you are a GIJCC member.

The **Sergeant's Package** (\$225 for GIJCC members and \$295 for others) includes:

- Private Exhibitor Room Sales Event on Friday and Early Bird privileges on Saturday.
- Admittance to all convention seminars.
- This package DOES NOT include the Casino Night Awards Dinner and Auction event, tours, classes or any products.

The **Homefront Hero's Package** (\$415 for GIJCC members and \$495 for others) consists of:

- Boxed set of figures from the American Hero's Package.
- Does not include admittance to the show or Name Badge.
- All items shipped three to four weeks after the show to your home (shipping not included).
- This package is for those who cannot attend the show.

The **Base Commander's Package** (\$385 for GIJCC members and \$475 for others) consists of:



- Boxed set of figures from the General's Package.
- Does not include admittance to the show or Name Badge.
- All items shipped three to four weeks after the show to your home (shipping not included).
- This package is for those who cannot attend the show.



For all registrations, attending or non-attending, please use the on-line registration link at GIJoeCon.com. Please note that if you order multiple boxed sets and don't specify a different name for each set, you will receive one name badge at registration pick-up. Registered guest's badges cannot be transferred to another person at the convention.

Package Upgrades

We are once again offering an optional package upgrade for the American Hero's or General's packages. This upgrade is called the American Hero Golden Ticket (limited to 100 packages) and the General Golden Ticket (limited to 30 packages). These upgrades provide you with the following extra benefits to assist you in maximizing your convention experience. Upgrade cost is added to the American Hero's or General's package price.

- Early package pickup on Wednesday night and Thursday before the regularly posted pickup times.
- Early shopping at the club store for exclusives before the regularly posted shopping times AND triple the regular limit on exclusive convention souvenirs.
- Exclusive Golden Ticket Cloisonné Pin.
- First entrance to the Exhibit Hall each day.
- Exclusive Meet and Greet Reception (autographs, pictures, light hors d'oeuvres) on Friday night with special convention guests and celebrities.*
- Reserved seating in the first three rows of all panels.
- Golden Ticket Aide Packages available for \$215 each (one per GT Package).

Cost is an additional \$325 added to American Hero's or General's packages (i.e. GIJCC Member Prices: AH Golden Ticket total \$740, Gen. Golden Ticket total \$710). You must be a GIJCC Member for this upgrade.

Additional Package Details

- Anyone who registers for a General's or Base Commander's package in the first 24 hours after registration starts will receive a special G.I. Joe figure size jacket with the convention art on the back.
- Anyone who registers for an American Hero Package or Homefront Hero Package in the first 24 hours will receive a special *Python Peril: Marauders to the Rescue* cloisonné lapel pin.
- 300 American Heroes or Homefront Heroes (GIJCC members only)



have the opportunity to purchase a second set of 3 3/4" *Python Peril: Marauders to the Rescue* figures (no box, certificate, etc) for \$300. This is limited to one extra set per American Hero's or Homefront Hero's package purchased.

- You will receive confirmations and a package pickup schedule in June to the email address listed in your registration file.
- If you register for another member, you will need their login and password to receive member pricing. We will **NOT** be able to adjust prices if you choose to create a registration at non-member prices.
- For member pricing, your membership covers: spouse, children, parents and siblings.

Exhibitor Information

Exhibitor booths (two 8' tables and one 6' table) are approximately 11' wide by 8' deep and are \$450. Single tables are \$300. Exhibitors who register for multiple booths before March 15, will receive a \$25 discount per booth (single tables are not discounted and are not available in multiples, only one per Exhibitor, booths and tables cannot be combined). Each Exhibitor Booth will receive (your choice) either the 12" or 3 3/4" attendee surprise item. Booths come with two name badges and tables come with one name badge. Additional helper badges are available for \$80 until June 1. After June 1, additional badges are \$100. Standard electrical hookup (20 amp) for all booths or tables are \$100 per hookup (total for all three days). Wifi is free to all attendees and Exhibitors. Exhibitors may also order an Awards Dinner event pass for themselves and their helpers for \$100 per person. Booths and tables are limited. Placement in the ballroom will be assigned in the order that the registrations are received. The earlier your registration is received, the closer to the front your booth will be. Exhibitor's product must be at least 50% action figure related. This means action figures or related G.I. JOE products. Exhibitors must collect the 9.25% TN sales tax or current rate in effect at the time of the show. Sales tax forms will be available at the show and you do not need to preregister. Parking at the convention center is available for \$12 a day.

Shipping

You can send small shipments directly to the Chattanooga Convention Center. Current receiving and charges are approximately \$20 per 200 lbs (\$10 per 100 lb increment). Outbound charges are \$25 per first 200 lbs (\$12.50 per 100 lb increment). Address your shipment to C/O Chattanooga Convention Center, GI Joe Convention (your name), 1 Carter Plaza - Chestnut Street Loading Dock Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402.

For large shipments, please call our office so that we can give you instructions for timed shipments. These shipments will need to ship to the Chattanooga Convention Center and can only arrive on Thursday. A shipping store will have a booth at the show to assist all guests with shipping your items home. They will have all types of packing materials and boxes available.

Special Guests

Be sure to meet these special guests at the convention: Kirk Bozigian, 1980's G.I. Joe Marketing Manager; Larry Hama, original and current writer for the G.I. Joe Real American Hero comic books. There are more guests to come. Watch GIJoeCon.com for the latest announcements! Come meet and hear these special guests talk about their experiences with G.I. JOE!*



Hotel Accommodations

Response has been phenomenal! Our initial hotel (Marriott) is sold out but we have an additional block at the Staybridge which is one

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block away. Please see the link at GIJoeCon.com to make reservations.

Airport transfer rates and information will be available at GIJoeCon.com within 60 days of the convention.

Contests

Hundreds of dollars worth of prizes (in show dollars) will be awarded at this year's GIJoeCon!

There are four different contest categories:

- Franken-Joe (1/18th scale only) Custom Figure Contest - Prizes: 1st \$100, 2nd \$50, and 3rd \$25. Contest is limited to ONE figure per entry, no teams or squads.
- Small Diorama (custom 1/6th scale figure) 15" x 15" - Prizes: 1st \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25. Contest is limited to ONE figure per entry, no teams or squads.
- Medium Diorama 48" x 30" - Prizes: 1st \$150, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$35.
- Photography Contest - Prizes: 1st \$75, 2nd \$35, and 3rd \$20.



If your contest entry is larger than the space allotted, you will be moved up one class. Please stay within the dimensions for the contest you are entering. Each contest is limited to two entries per person and you must be present to enter. Please do not bring any entries that have won in past contests. Photography entries can be black & white or color. All entries must be 8" x 10" in size and they must be mounted. In addition, the photog-

raphy entries are not returnable if not picked up at 2pm on Sunday. All winners will be announced Saturday night at the Casino Night Awards Dinner and Auction. Please let us know by June 1, if you intend to enter a contest so we can make sure we will have enough space available (use the email link at GIJoeCon.com). If you need a copy of the judging criteria, please check GIJoeCon.com. All entries must be in place for judging by noon on Friday. Contests will be judged by a jury.

Costume Contest

Come one, come all for the biggest cos-play *G.I. Joe* costume contest ever! The entries will be divided into Adult RAH and Vintage 12" and one category for the kids. In the kids contest, first place will be 10,000 casino points, second 5,000 casino points, third 3,000 casino points. In the adult's categories, first place will be 20,000 casino points, second place 10,000 casino points and third place 5,000 casino points. Casino Points will be added to your total to use in the auction that night! Please note that if you have a group costume, each person will be voted on individually. The contest will be held during the Casino Night Awards Dinner and Auction.



G.I. Joe Filmfest - The Best of the Best!

This year we will recap many of the winners we have had in the past. Come and relive these great projects! Then we can decide, who was the best producer! No new entries needed this year.

Seminars/Panels

Collecting and fan seminars/panels will be presented Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Each session will last approximately 50 minutes. Special guests from all eras will tell their one-of-a-kind

G.I. Joe stories. This is a great time to ask all of our special guests your burning questions! In addition, don't miss "THE LAST PANEL" on Sunday afternoon. This will be a look back at all 25 years of G.I. Joe Conventions. You might even see a younger version of yourself in the presentation!

Casino Night Awards Dinner and Auction

On Saturday night, the Casino Night Awards Dinner and Auction is back! We will be featuring casino games, costume contests with casino night point prizes and our annual rare item auction using your winnings from the evening!

This truly will be a fun and memorable event. Evening attire is business casual or your favorite costume for the contest!

Door Prizes

Hourly door prizes will be awarded at ten minutes to the hour each day while the sales room is open.

General Admission / General Admission Parking

General admission is available on both Saturday and Sunday. Costs: \$25 adults; Children \$10 (4 & under are free). Hours: Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm; Sunday, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. Early Bird admittance is available on Saturday beginning at 9 am. Cost is \$80. Currently, parking at the Convention Center is \$12 a day.

Customizing Class



Wednesday June 20 or Thursday, June 21, 8:30am-4pm

Want to learn how to customize your *G.I. Joe* figures? This year, we have two classes (same each day). With the help of our friend John Russell, we will be teaching you how to create a custom figure using parts that have been created just for your class! In addition, Bobby Vala (Hasbro Designer) will be assisting with the class! Don't miss spending time one-on-one with him! When we get closer to the event, we will tell you what parts you need to bring to complete your figure.

Class is limited to 50 participants per day. You can only sign up for one class.

Cost is \$90.

Pre-Convention Tours/Events

Lookout Mtn and Battlefield Tour

Wednesday, June 20, 7:30am-5pm

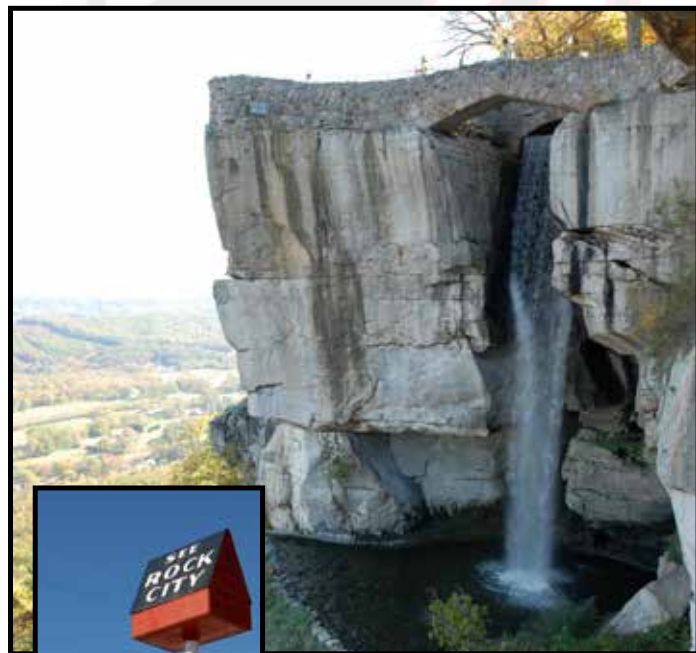
Join us for a classic day in the Chattanooga area. First we will depart for the Chickamauga Battlefield to learn about the Civil War battles for control of the area. We will visit the museum (which has a world class



rifle collection) and then depart with a National Park Service Ranger for a driving tour of the battlefield. Next, we will go to Rock City for lunch on your own and touring of this famous southern tourist attraction! Rock City is a true marvel of nature featuring massive ancient rock formations, gardens with over 400 native plant species, and breathtaking



River. Enjoy picture perfect views of Lookout Mountain and all the beautiful nature this great city has to offer! We will be back at the pier at 1:30 so stop back at the aquarium or visit the



“See 7 States” panoramic views. We will end the day at Ruby Falls for a guided tour to see the magnificent 145-foot underground waterfall. We will arrive back at the hotel between 4:30-5 PM.

Adults: \$95 Youth 3-12 \$75.

Downtown Chattanooga Tour

Thursday, June 21, 9:00 am-5pm

We will depart at 9:15 on the downtown electric shuttles for our 10am entrance at the Tennessee Aquarium. Your ticket allows reentry for the entire day. Come see for yourself why visitors rate the Tennessee Aquarium the best aquarium in America for overall guest satisfaction. You will tour the aquarium at your own pace but be sure to be at the Southern Belle Riverboat (6-7 minute walk) by 11:20 for our 11:30 Lunch (included) Cruise down the Tennessee



other downtown attractions. Be sure to take the electric shuttle (about 25 minutes) to the Songbirds Guitar Museum for our 2:50 check-in. We will have guided tours of this fantastic museum that will teach and inspire as you embark on a remarkable journey through the history of the guitar and its impact on pop culture. Your tour will conclude by 4:30 where you can take the 15 minute walk back to the Chattanooga Convention Center.



Electric shuttles depart approximately every 7 minutes from each station downtown.

Adults: \$95 Youth 3-12 \$75.

Convention Evening Dress and Dietary Concerns

For the Casino Night Awards Dinner and Auction, please dress business casual (shirts with collars) or your favorite costume. If you have any special dietary concerns we need to prepare for, please let us know by putting your information in the special needs information box in the on-line registration system.

The G.I. Joe Collectors' Club Wants You!



We have spent thousands of hours planning and researching this event. You will have the best Joe weekend ever! Visiting with your Joe friends and hunting for those special items to fill the holes in your collection will make this event the culmination of your Joe collecting years! We hope you take time to attend this fabulous weekend of G.I. Joe fun!

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