

Seminars and Panel Descriptions

The Truth of G.I. Joe...or at least the way we saw it... David Kunitz and Kurt Groen

There have been several versions of stories throughout G.I. Joe's history. We aim to tell the absolute truth behind the stories. These stories may be refuted but based on our memories, these are the facts as we know them. We welcome any questions about the histories we provide. We will talk about the hero designer, Sam Speers. Also hear the history behind how, where and why mechanized weapons started. In addition, we will cover some disputed history of Manamals and other toys...

'95 and Beyond! James Kavanaugh and Dan Klingensmith

G.I. Joe: A Real American Hero ended its twelve year run in 1994 but to say plans were cut short is an understatement. Explore what was meant to round out the 1994 lineup and how the latter half of 1994 would springboard G.I. Joe into the future. Dan and James not only intend to cover what came immediately after the mid-nineties but discuss what could have been throughout the subsequent years. It's an ever changing world and G.I. Joe is spry enough to pivot with the times. Oh, and be prepared for some surprise guests!

History of the G.I. JOE vs. COBRA Comic! David S. Lane

Chronicling the ten year history (2008-2018) of the official GIJCC comic book series:

G.I. JOE vs. COBRA! Join the Managing Editor as he takes a look back through the development process, artwork, and stories that shaped this inspirational companion series to all the GIJoeCon and annual collectors' club exclusive products.

The Adventure Continues with Barry Kay

GI Joe's adventures didn't end in the 1970's. The Adventure Team may have taken a 20 year hiatus, but they came back strong in the late 90s when collectors were treated to a run of figures and adventures that would rival the most beloved sets of GI Joe's heyday. Join Barry Kay as he revisits the best and worst of the Adventure Team's resurgence from 1996 through 2017 including mass-market releases, reproductions, convention exclusives, club exclusives and more.

G.I. Joe Behind the Scenes of Live Action Commercials!

Carson Mataxis and Kirk Bozigian bring you footage of never-before-seen scenes of behind the filming of the G.I. Joe live action commercials from the 1980s.

G.I. Joe . . . From the Trenches, the Final Chapter! Kirk Bozigian, Larry Hama

The creation of G.I. Joe was the result of combining numerous creative talents at both Hasbro Toys and Marvel Comics. Larry Hama provided the incredible personalities and captivating storylines to the adventures of G.I. Joe. Kirk Bozigian was the original marketing product manager for the brand who guided the creation and development of all the action figures and vehicles. Together they formed an alliance that brought life to molded plastic army men! These guys "wrote the book" on action figure marketing. Come for this final chapter of how they invented, developed, and deployed strategies and tactics that launched the most iconic boys toy action figure line ever created!

Vehicle Design, Prototyping and The Discarded with David Kunitz

Vehicles were the heart and soul of G.I. Joe for many years. They provided the most revenue and profit for the product line, allowing the brand to stay on the shelf for a very long time. You will see some rarely (and some never seen) images of products in the G.I. Joe 3 3/4" line from 1984 - 94. Some made it to the shelf and some did not. Learn about vehicle design, how decisions were made and how prototype models were built. There may even be a giveaway or two!

Kindle Worlds

Join moderator **Derryl DePriest, Bill Nedrow** (*First Salvo*), **Justin Bell** (*Price of Peace*), **Don Maue** (*Tales from Castle Destro*), and first time panelist **Jim Beard** (*Adventure Team: Mystery of the Sunken Tomb*) as they discuss their G.I. Joe works and how writing for Kindle Worlds has influenced their other writing projects and lives. Ask your favorite G.I. Joe authors questions about their stories, writing processes, and favorite characters. The panel may include raffles and freebies. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the long awaited Joy of Joe will be available for purchase for the first time. Look for an announcement at the end of this panel that you won't want to miss!

Classic Collection Creation with Kurt Groen and Larry Selman

Learn about 12" G.I. Joe's articulated return to the stores in the 1990s as Kurt and Larry take you through the concept, design and especially the art of the Classic Collection illustrations. They will discuss the important illustrations, what went into them and how they formed the basis of everything that came after with the line.

Untold Tales of the Adventure Team Part II with Derryl D. DePriest and Tod Pleasant

Last year you heard just the first part of the untold story of the designers who brought us the Adventure Team. Come back this year to learn more new behind-the-scenes stories of the G.I. Joe team in the 1960s and 1970s, based on interviews and newly discovered, never-before-seen artwork and prototypes.

Explosion Backed! with Adam Riches

Bringing G.I. Joe to life through comic and packaging art. Join artist Adam Riches as he discusses his work over the last 6 years of illustrating G.I. Joe toy packaging and comic book covers, as well as a preview of some never-before-seen upcoming art! This panel will offer a behind the scenes look at bringing G.I. Joe to life through art, from concept to creation, to the finished product in your collections. BONUS: Everyone who attends the panel will receive a raffle ticket, for a chance to win an original hand drawn sketch!

12" GI Joe South of the Rio Grande with Ace Allgood

Meet various Joes from WAY down south including Mexico, Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay! More items you never new existed under the G.I. Joe brand!

GI Joe Costuming: The Fun in building a GI Joe Costume, Charity Work, and Supporting a Community

Ever wanted to build a GI Joe costume? Wanna know where to start? Want to be part of a group that loves the franchise and wants to give back? Want to be part of something fun and different? Come to the GI Joe costuming panel where Joe Colton Cosplay explains how to build a GI Joe costume, how to get involved with the Finest: A GI Joe Costume Club, and how they give back to service members and veterans each year through charity work. Joe Colton is currently the Commanding Officer of The Finest: A GI Joe Costume Club, whose charity drives have raised more than \$48,000 with all proceeds donated to military and veteran charity organizations. Finally, she will discuss how cosplay has supported and changed the collector community and how the collector community has influenced cosplay.

The Last Panel G.I. Joe Collectors' Club Staff

Don't miss THE LAST PANEL! The Club will take you through 25 years of G.I. Joe Conventions and we still may have a couple of surprises up our sleeves. This is one everyone will want to attend!