Schedule of Events

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

7:15 AM-5:40 PM Fort Worth Downtown Segway Tour
Gift Shop/Coffee Post

8:30 PM Golden Ticket Package Pick-up
Cumberland Prefunction

9:30-10:30 PM Package Pick-up/Tour and Class Participants
Cumberland Prefunction

Thursday, April 10, 2014

9:00 AM-4:30 PM Bush Presidential Library & Perot Museum Tour
Gift Shop/Coffee Post

8 AM-4 PM Customizing Class
Cumberland F-G

4:00-5:00 PM Golden Ticket Pick-up
Reunion Ballroom

5:00 Golden Ticket Only Private Club Store Sales
Marsalis Hall

6:00-10:00 PM Registration Package Pick-up by Groups
Reunion Ballroom

6:00-10:00 PM Club Store Open for Registered Guests
Marsalis Hall

8:00-9:30 PM Exhibitor Load-In/Drop Off
Marsalis Hall Dock

9:00 PM Message Board/Room-to-Room Trading Info
Marsalis Prefunction

10:00 PM Registration Closes
Reunion Ballroom

Friday, April 11, 2014

7:30 AM-2 PM Exhibitor Set-Up
Marsalis Hall

8-9:30, 11-12:30 Contest Set up
Marsalis Hall

8:30-9:30 AM Exhibitor Only Private Club Store Sales
Marsalis Hall

9:30 AM Volunteers assemble for Parachute drop
Bar Area 2nd Floor

9:30 AM Walk-up Late Registration/Package Pick-up
Marsalis Hall Prefunction

10:00 AM Club Store Opens For Registered Guests
Marsalis Hall

10:30 AM Parachute Drop
Atrium Level

11:00-11:50 AM Panel: G.I. Joe Filmfest
Reunion Ballroom

12:00-12:50 PM Panel: GIJCC Magazine Comic Panel –
David S. Lane, Pete Sinclair
Reunion Ballroom

1:00-1:50 3-D Printing - SculptCad
Reunion Ballroom

2:00-5:00 PM Exhibit Hall Opens for Private Preview
Marsalis Hall

2:00-3:30 PM Autographs: Michael McConnohie, Michael Bell,
Michael Dobson, BJ Ward, Morgan Lofting
Marsalis Hall

3:30-5:00 PM Autographs: Kirk Bozigian, Larry Hama,
Sam Speers
Marsalis Hall

Hourly Door Prize Giveaway
Marsalis Hall

1:00-3:00 PM Contest Area Closed: Judging in Progress
Marsalis Hall

5:00 PM ALL EXHIBITS & SALES ROOM CLOSE

7:30-9:00 PM Golden Ticket Meet and Greet
Windsor/Cockrell
Schedule of Events
Saturday, April 12, 2014

7:30 AM  Exhibitor Set-up  Marsalis Hall
8:30    Walk-up Late Registration/Package Pick-up  Marsalis Prefunction
8:30    Registered Attendees’ Private Preview  Marsalis Hall
Hourly  Door Prize Giveaway  Marsalis Hall
10:00   Exhibit Hall Opens/General Admission  Marsalis Hall
10-12:00  Autographs: Michael McConnohie, Michael Bell, Michael Dobson, BJ Ward, Morgan Lofting  Marsalis Hall
11-11:50  Panel: Action Figure Design Process and Q&A - Boss Fight Studio  Reunion Ballroom
Noon-12:50 Panel: The History of G.I. Joe from 1943 to Today! - Kirk Bozigian, Sam Speers  Reunion Ballroom
1-1:50 PM  Panel: 44 Years of Adventure – Barry Kay  Reunion Ballroom
2:00-2:50  Panel: Once Upon a Time, a Joe Story - Michael McConnohie, Michael Bell, Michael Dobson, BJ Ward, Morgan Lofting  Reunion Ballroom
3:00-3:50  Panel: G.I. Joe Collectors’ Club Roundtable - Staff  Reunion Ballroom
3-5:00 Autographs: Kirk Bozigian, Larry Hama, Sam Speers  Marsalis Hall
4-4:50   Panel: GI Joe, the 50th Anniversary - Podcast Special WOJM and Regular Joes Team up (It’s an Adventure!)  Reunion Ballroom
5:00   ALL EXHIBITS & SALES ROOM CLOSE
7-11 PM  Casino Night / Awards Dinner  Reunion Ballroom

Sunday, April 13, 2014

9:00 AM  Exhibitor Set-up  Reunion Ballroom
9:30 AM  Exhibit Hall Opens/General Admission Marsalis Hall
         Turn in evaluation at the Info Booth and get your entry “2 Trips to 2015 Convention” ticket
10-11:30  Autographs: Michael McConnohie, Michael Bell, Michael Dobson, BJ Ward, Morgan Lofting  Marsalis Hall
Noon-12:50 Panel: Voicing G.I. Joe Personal Stories - Michael McConnohie, Michael Bell, Michael Dobson, BJ Ward, Morgan Lofting  Reunion Ballroom
12:30-2 PM Autographs: Kirk Bozigian, Larry Hama, Sam Speers  Reunion Ballroom
1-1:50 PM  Panel: G.I. Joe Costuming: Design Your Own Costume! - Irini Dimitriadis  Reunion Ballroom
            Must Be Present to Win! (one person each-2 drawings)
3:15   Draw for 2 Trips to 2015 Convention  Marsalis Hall
3:30 PM  All Exhibits Close
Seminars and Panels

G.I. Joe Collectors’ Club - Brian Savage, Lanny Lathem, David S. Lane, Pete Sinclair
Join the club staff as they answer your burning questions about the club, figure creation, manufacturing and the announcement of future exclusives!

Voicing G.I. Joe! - Michael McConnohie, Michael Bell, Michael Dobson, BJ Ward, and Morgan Lofting
Come hear Cross Country, Duke, Cobra Commander, Scarlett and The Baroness as they reflect on their experience in the world of G.I. Joe animation! Hear their perspective on creating these special characters.

G.I. Joe . . . The Battle Begins! - Kirk Bozigian, Larry Hama
See how the G.I. Joe . . . A Real American Hero action vehicle line was created and launched in 1982. This presentation is an updated version of one Kirk Bozigian first gave back in 2004. Learn how the G.I. Joe marketing and design team “wrote the book” on creating and launching action figure concepts. The marketing techniques they invented, developed and deployed were often adopted by competitors. Learn marketing secrets Kirk and his team devised to make you part of the G.I.Joe Army!

GIJCC 2014 Magazine and Comic Q & A - David S. Lane, Pete Sinclair
For the latest scoop on the GIJCC Magazine and an inside look at this year’s convention comic “Zombie Initiative”, be sure to check out this informative panel.

A Real American Hero: An Archaeological Look - Sam Damon, Gary Head, James Kavanaugh Jr., Chris Murray, Patrick Stewart
Join the Joe Declassified staffers as they provide an interactive look at the origins of G.I. Joe: A Real American Hero. In celebration of the 50th Anniversary, this panel will cover the origins of G.I. Joe from 1980-1982 and further enhance the history of the world’s greatest action figure. Some of the earliest samples of G.I. Joe pre-production will be on hand for fans to see, touch, and learn about, including the first 3 ¾ G.I. Joe prototype, un-produced 1982 concepts, and more.

Once Upon a Time, a Joe Story - Michael McConnohie, Michael Bell, Michael Dobson, BJ Ward, and Morgan Lofting
Come and be mesmerized by an in-person script reading by these intrepid voice actors. Be prepared to roll on the floor with laughter!

The History of G.I. Joe from 1943 to Today! - Kirk Bozigian and Sam Speers
Find out where the name G.I. Joe actually came from and who was the first to use it. Learn the amazing connection between Mr. Potato Head and G.I. Joe. Discover how Mr. Potato Head taught Hasbro everything they needed to know about launching a concept as big as G.I. Joe. See long lost G.I. Joe images from actual Hasbro catalogs, publicity stills, and more. This is your chance to ask G.I.Joe developers Sam Speers and Kirk Bozigian questions about the creation of 12 inch and 3.75 inch action figure lines.

Boss Fight Studio: Action Figure Design Process and Q&A
Join the BFS team as they discuss the basic design process and their personal experiences working on G.I. Joe for both Hasbro and Fun Publications. They’ll talk about everything: Concepts, Design, Sculpting, Deco, Production and answer your questions, as well.

Panel: G.I. Joe Costuming: Design Your Own Costume! - Irini Dimitriadis
Irini (aka Joe Colton) has been costuming various characters for years (including Scarlett, Daina, and most recently our very own FSS Jinx). She was featured as Scarlett in the G.I. Joe fan film, “Operation Red Retrieval” and also helped create some of the costumes for the film. She is the Membership Liaison officer for The Finest: A G.I. Joe Costume Group, and will be speaking about costume design, materials to use, how to put a costume together, common challenges, as well as answering questions.

Action Man & Action Force, G.I. Joe Changing the UK forever. - Dave Tree
Although the names may be different, the UK embraced the G.I. Joe toy line like no other country in terms of product and diversity. Joining us from the UK, toy historian Dave Tree explores the rich history of both 12” and 3 3/4” G.I. Joe, Action Man, Action Force and all the unique products created by Palitoy and Hasbro Europe. Dave will also present a rare glimpse of some of the unproduced toy concepts, as well as a nostalgic look at the marketing of the brands.

GI Joe, the 50th Anniversary - The “What’s On Joe Mind?” and “Regular Joes” podcast teams join forces to celebrate the 50th anniversary of America’s movable fighting man with a live podcast from GI JoeCon. Be a part of the celebration as we discuss everything from the Action Soldier to the Real American Hero and more, LIVE!