

GIJoeCon 2017 Seminars and Panels

“The Unsung Heroes of the Adventure Team”

Derryl D. DePriest and Tod Pleasant

The untold story of the 1970s Hasbro team who brought us the Adventure Team and more, based on interviews and newly discovered prototypes that at long last shed light on the people and ideas that gave rise to this largely unexplored era in G.I. Joe history.

The History of the Super Joe Adventure Team

Steve Stovall

It's been forty years since Hasbro first introduced the Super Joe Adventure Team and this presentation will cover all the great figures, uniforms and accessories from this short-lived GI Joe line. We'll even review some of the other toy lines where Super Joe figures and accessories show up and highlight what is going on with Super Joe today, including the GI Joe Collectors' Club recent limited edition 12 inch Super Joe figures.

G.I. Joe . . . Basic Training!

Kirk Bozigian, Mark Pennington, Bart Sears

What does it take to become a member of the G.I. Joe Fighting Forces Team? How are new recruits turned into seasoned warfighters? Learn how new G.I. Joe action figures were created and designed in the late 1980's by two of Hasbro's most exciting designers, Mark Pennington and Bart Sears. Both went on to achieve fame in the comic book industry but they got their start at Hasbro. Kirk Bozigian moderates a panel with these two creative forces. Come armed with questions.

Big Lob Hour!

Brad Sanders

Be there as the timer runs down to the buzzer and listen to Big Lob make the game changing play! Brad Sanders will talk about his experience as Big Lob, take questions and perform a voice reading in which you might be involved as well!

Kindle Worlds

Don Maue, Wes Ferguson, Bill Nedrow, Derryl DePriest

Join authors Don Maue (*G.I. Joe: Tales from Castle Destro*), Wes Ferguson (*G.I. Joe: Tomb of the Fallen*), and Bill Nedrow (*G.I. Joe: First Salvo*) as they talk about their contributions to G.I. Joe literature. Do you have a favorite character or aspect of the G.I. Joe legend that you'd like to see developed? Is there a Joe pairing that you've always wanted to see take place or a specific location that you'd like to see explored? Bring your ideas to the Kindle Worlds Author Panel, where for the first time ever, participants will have their ideas collected for inclusion in an all-new forthcoming collaborative project. Convention exclusive souvenirs will be made available to attendees (limitations may apply). Panel moderated by Derryl DePriest.

Joe Photographers, Fall In!

Paul Panfalone

Artist and action figure photographer Paul Panfalone will take you back to the heyday of toy catalog inserts: the 1980s. You know the ones we're talking about. He'll tell you the story of how G.I. Joe insert photography inspired him to shoot his own Joes. He'll then pull back the curtain on the mechanics of his process, be it shooting outdoors at just the right time of day or indoors with nothing but a desk lamp. He'll explore techniques for you to re-imagine your own Joes, bringing them to life in new ways while breathing fresh life into the Joe brand.

G.I. Joe . . . From the Trenches!

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! Learn how Kirk and Larry helped "write the book" on action figure marketing. Learn how they invented, developed, and deployed strategies and tactics that helped launch the most iconic boys toy action figure line ever created!

Product and Colors May Vary

Joe Declassified - Sam Damon, Patrick Stewart, James Kavanaugh Jr.

Joe Declassified examines and establishes all things variation! What's the difference in variations, versions, preproduction, running changes, international and errors? Our team guides you through the dizzying litany of terminology and covers common origins, recognition methods, and loads of examples to better help you understand the historical magnitude of the G.I. Joe line.

The Art of Illustrating G.I. Joe

Adam Riches, Rod Whigham

Join artists Rod Whigham and Adam Riches as they share insights about their work illustrating G.I. Joe comic books and action figure packaging art. Learn about the fascinating process of bringing the G.I. Joe world to life through art, from concept to creation, to the finished product in your collections. This informative panel is sure to answer all your art related questions!

GI Joe Collectors' Club Roundtable

GI Joe Collectors' Staff

Come hear Brian Savage, Lanny Lathem, and Dave Lane tell inside stories concerning the GIJCC figures, shows, and future events! Questions? Now is your time to ask them...and special guest Hasbro's Derryl DePriest will announce the G.I. Joe Comic Con/ Hascon exclusive.

GIJCC 2017 Magazine and Comic Q & A

David S. Lane, Jesse Wittenrich

Get the inside scoop from the editor of the GIJCC Magazine and writer of this year's convention comic "Force of Battle 2000". This informative panel spotlights club member submissions and the details that go into the G.I. Joe vs. Cobra comic stories.

12" Rarities

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12" G.I. Joe from around the World!! Come learn some of the exciting offerings of 12" Joe from around the world. Geyperman, Polistil, Falcon, Lilly Ledy, Super Temerario, Baravelli, Action Team, Takara, Group Action Joe, Kenbrite, and Action Man! GI Joe from the United States may have started it all and Joe ended its great US run in 1976...but it really wasn't over! Come learn about the exciting variations of Joe from around the world.

G.I. Joe Costuming

Joe Colton

Ever wondered what it's like to enlist in the ranks of Cobra, and join the nameless, faceless "Sea of Blue"? Always dreamed of portraying the Baroness, Snake Eyes, or even the evil leader himself, Cobra Commander? This panel is for you! Des, aka "Joe Colton" will go over some basics to get you started. She'll guide you in some of the more complicated builds while offering resources and tips to help you build your very own costume!