

WORDS OF HONOR

... Official Newsletter of BayCon 2014 ...

Friday Evening • May 23rd, 2014

Parties Tonight!

Take the turbolift to the 3rd floor for tonight's station parties:

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Honorable Quotes

"Confidence...thrives on honesty, on honor, on the sacredness of obligations, on faithful protection and on unselfish performance. Without them it cannot live."

— Franklin D. Roosevelt

"To me there has never been a higher source of earthly honor or distinction than that connected with advances in science."

— Sir Isaac Newton

"It is not our purpose to become each other; it is to recognize each other, to learn to see the other and honor him for what he is."

— Herman Hesse

Opening Ceremonies

BayCon 2014 kicked off with the Opening Ceremonies, led by our very own BayCon Chairman Tom Saidak. After jokingly admitting his newbie status with such ceremony, Tom deferred to Sally Woerhle, who admitted to much experience and steered the panel with aplomb. After the Guests of Honor introduced themselves, David Weber briefly discussed how his hand injury will sadly limit his book signing to two books per attendee. He then recounted the harrowing tale of an adoring fan who once approached him with a foot locker of books for signing, and the drama that ensued following the request. Our author GoH and our Toastmaster Tom Merritt played well off each other, with Tom commenting that David's garrulous nature would make his impending interview an easy task, and when David commented that he'd experienced everything that could go wrong at a Con (which solicited numerous comments regarding hexing this very convention), Tom pointed out that the blame could very easily fall on David's shoulders, were this to happen.



Following the ceremonies, the Newsletter was able to snap a few photos of our Guests of Honor and Toasmaster (remember, this is what they looked like before the weekend had its way with them).



From left to right: Artist GoH Ursula Vernon, Writer GoH David Weber, Toastmaster Tom Merritt, Fan GoH Sally Woerhle, BayCon 2014 Chairman, Tom Saidak

Programming Changes

- ▶ Leslie Light will not appear on the “A Shot Rang Out...” panel.
- ▶ **Allison Lonsdale** has been added to “A Shot Rang Out...” panel. (Saturday, 11:30 AM, Stevens Creek)

RPG Testers Wanted for Beta Feedback

Like to play RPGs? Tired of plain Hack and Slash? Want to have some input into a new RPG system? Come to the Game Room and experience the new RPG system ASPECT, which is in its Open Beta Phase.

ASPECT is a new RPG system that takes into account Social and Mental Damage as well as the classic Physical. So, now you can wound your enemy with words as well as your sword.

They are offering 3 adventure modules for your playtesting pleasure.

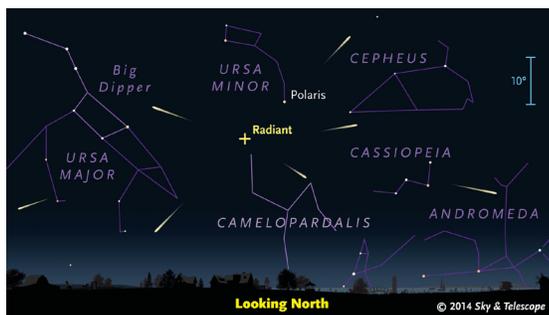
Sign up for one or more of the available sessions and help make your mark on a new RPG system. See the Gaming Room for sign up times

If you want more information, you can check out their website at www.stonetabletgames.com.

Words of Honor Station Personnel

Station	Chris Castro
Quartermaster	
Mission Specialist	Lynn Gold
Command Pilot	Diana Koivunen
Space Ranger	Craig Glassner

It's a Bird! It's a Plane! It's a Camel...Oh, Pardon Us!



Look into the sky...can you see the shower? “camel-leopard” and is a 19th century description of a giraffe, astronomers are calling the shower the *Camelopardalids*.

The meteors creating the shower come from the trail of dust from the comet 209P/LINEAR, a chunk of ice, dust and rock first discovered in 2004. Gravity from the planet Jupiter has moved the comet’s path closer to Earth, pushing some of the comet’s debris into Earth’s orbit.

The best time to see the shower is between 11:00 PM Friday and 1:00 AM Saturday.

Do-it-Yourself Ray Guns

Did you know that BayCon has a DIY room? And that you can make really cool stuff there, including ray guns, chainmail and geeky embroidery? Newsletter managed to foray into the DIY space in **Winchester** to snap some pictures.



A young maker customizes his ray gun.



Ready for a whizz-bang-zzat laser fight.