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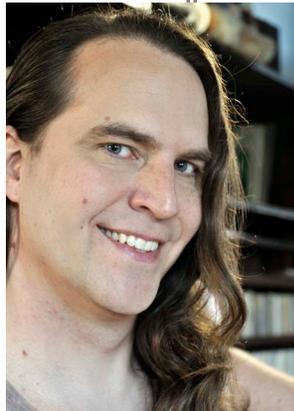
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Guest Spotlight: Kyle Aisteach

Our Guest Spotlight this month is Kyle Aisteach. A graduate of the University of Southern California with a degree in Classics and Theatre, Kyle has at various times worked as an actor, stage manager, journalist, video producer, short-order chef, marketer, grocery store cashier, science outreach professional, and a newspaper carrier. Some of these jobs he would go back to more readily than others.

In his spare time, Kyle enjoys bicycling, weightlifting, rock climbing, scuba diving, and harassing people with different political views.



He has been a guest at BayCon on and off for the last 4 years and shares his love of the written word. We are happy to share Kyle's latest short fiction, available on his website for free download (www.aisteach.com/blog/?p=1262).

Kyle loves to write, but prefers short stories. He enjoys sharing his craft with others and has assisted in many Writers Workshops and with writing tips and tricks. Kyle lives with his husband in Fresno, CA.

We look forward to having Kyle at BayCon 2014.

Follow Kyle on his Twitter: [@kyleaisteach](https://twitter.com/kyleaisteach)

Taxi into Orbit Above the Eye

You can register for BayCon 2014 now online at www.baycon.org. Adult memberships are \$65 each and youth memberships (ages 8-12 years) for \$25 each. Children ages 7 and under must be registered at the door.

Also, if you're planning to secure your own private quarters, the room rate at the Hyatt is \$103 a night for either a single king or a double double room. Visit the Santa Clara Hyatt Regency web site at <http://santaclara.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html> or call toll free at 1-888-421-1442. Be sure to mention BayCon 2014 to get your discount rate.

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Variety Children's Fund

This year's BayCon charity is the Variety Children's Fund. This organization is dedicated to promoting and protecting the health and well-being of local kids who are disabled and disadvantaged. The charity has three core programs:

1. Variety provides funding for children with physical challenges whose families can't afford necessary mobility equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, strollers, specially-designed adaptive bikes, and other mobility devices. Variety also helps them engage with family, friends, and classmates to become confident, independent, active members of their communities.

2. Variety takes disadvantaged children for special excursions that are usually taken for granted - to the zoo, museum, skating rink, library, concerts, amusement parks, the circus, and fun-filled events like fishing, film festivals, special movie screenings, and an annual holiday party.

3. Variety supports other local initiatives to benefit children, such as children's hospitals, camps, boys & girls clubs, after school programs, literacy programs, educational scholarships, and arts programs.

We are proud to be uniting with this worthy cause that gives back to the community.

Volunteer at BayCon

Station Honor couldn't have become a backbone of interstellar trade and economy without the right personnel to man it. Volunteer your time near the big red spot and learn how the whole operation is put together. We're looking for staff to fill the following positions:

Writers Workshop — an expert with organizational and computer skills.

Registration — Anyone willing to help with registration during the convention.

Social Media — We need someone who can regularly update our Twitter, Facebook, and other online sites with pertinent and interesting information.

Web site — We need someone who can do Web page design and who is familiar with Wordpress.

Hospitality — Party Maven, Consuite, Green Room staff and Fan Tables all have openings for outgoing and friendly individuals.

Publicity — We're looking for a graphic artist who knows layout.

Operations — Convention Operations, Dealers, Art Show and Logistics could use some able folk.

If any of these positions sound like you, please contact us at **volunteers14@baycon.org**.

Starship Crews Needed

Space Station Honor is in need of individuals willing and able to crew our new fleet of Artemis class light cruisers to aid in the defense of this station and other local starbases.

Teams of 6 will run the Helm, Weapons, Engineering, Science, and Communication stations and the Captain's Seat on the starship, and take off on 45 minute missions to defend the local area from alien predators. Your captain may also choose to engage in scientific endeavors, taking visual observations of unusual deep space phenomena.

Artemis (artemis.eochu.com) is a realtime, multiplayer, networked computer

game simulating the operating stations of a starship bridge as various predefined and randomly generated missions are presented to the players.

Saturday and Sunday evening and night missions are available.

Signup sheets will be available at the Information Desk.

Training sessions will be posted in the Space Station schedule of events, but can also be requested by novice crews.

—Admiral Baker

Artemis fleet, Honor detachment

Gofers Loose on the Station

BayCon needs Gofers! The convention doesn't run on official staff alone! We need you to help make the convention work.

In return for volunteering, you can sleep for free in a "crash room," eat free food, get an inside view on how to run a convention, and share a social experience that isn't available elsewhere. In addition, if you volunteers your services for 18 hours or more, you may receive a free

membership for next year's BayCon or reimbursement of your membership after the convention ends. All gofers who help with setup and teardown get credited for double time.

To sign up to be a Gofer before the start of the convention, send email to gofers14@baycon.org. If there's a specific area in which you'd like to work, please let us know.

Sword & Laser in SF

Toastmaster Tom Merritt and BayCon 2013 Toastmaster Veronica Belmont, co-hosts of the Sword & Laser science fiction/fantasy book club podcast, will be at Borderlands Books in San Francisco for a meetup on January 20th at 5:00 PM. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP on the Goodreads event page: www.goodreads.com/event/show/914067-s-l-bay-area-meet-up.

Got some news you want to share with the BayCon crowd? An upcoming event, reports from other conventions, a fan publication, or other creative venture? Send us an email at pubs14@baycon.org.

Honoring the Fallen

As BayCon is held over Memorial Day weekend, on Monday, the day of honor and remembrance, we will honor the fallen with a special ceremony and we hope you will join in the celebration, BayCon style. We are looking for CosPlayers and Costumers who, dressed in their very best military uniforms, would take part in this. We invite Browncoats and Klingons, the Starfleet, the Elven Archers, Space Marines, etc., to be part of this showcase. We are looking for CosPlayers who can form small squads (at least 8 in their rank and style) and march into the assembly and others who, during the assembly, can join the troops once they arrange themselves in formation at the quad. Lastly and most importantly, we are extending the invitation to all True Military members

and Veterans to be part of this celebration. Think of this as a military flash mob that gathers at the queue to honor the fallen.

If you are interested or have any questions, please send an email to **chair14@baycon.org**. Please note your character / costume so that we can start keeping track of the numbers that will form each regiment and be a part of the ceremonies. As we get closer to the event we will discuss the ceremony at more detail. The Friday or Saturday of the show we will meet up to walk the site and organize ourselves for the celebration on Monday. I'm looking forward to be working with you all on this.

—Tom Saidak
Chairman, BayCon 2014

Writers Workshop

Welcome to Writers Workshop! After my (somewhat) restful year off, I am pleased to announce that I will be back to run things this year. Wanda Kurtcu, who headed up Workshop last year has moved up to Division Head of Fixed Functions, of which Writers Workshop is now a

part. Writers Workshop is now open and accepting submissions for BayCon, 2014. For more information, please check the BayCon website.

—Sandra Saidak
Writers Workshop