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The Clone Wars



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Letter from the Secretary-General

Welcome, Esteemed Delegates!

My name is Samantha Dalton and it is my absolute honor and privilege to serve as your Secretary-General for COCMUN 2022, and furthermore to present you with this fantasmic conference!

A little about me, I am a sophomore in my last semester at College of the Canyons dual-majoring in Political Science and Legal Studies. Additionally, I am the Head Delegate of COC's very own Model United Nations Team as well as a member of a number of clubs and organizations on campus such as the Associated Student Government and Political Science Club. Amongst these things, I can say that it has truly been a wonderfully crazy experience working with such a talented and ideologically diverse group of individuals in order to ensure that not only we would host this conference but host it in an in-person medium after many long months of Zoom fatigue.

I am truly excited to see the creative solutions delegates will develop and debate over the course of this two-day conference while partaking in the litany of committees presented at COCMUN this spring. With topics ranging from online extremism within the political realm, the everchanging future of Russian-Ukrainian bonds, and an armed conflict fought in a galaxy far far away, this conference is promised to be the best one College of the Canyons has hosted yet. In closing, I would like to take a moment to express a huge thank you to all of our conference attendees for continuing to support our wonderful program, and please, be our guest!

Samantha Dalton, Secretary-General COCMUN, Spring 2022 <u>cocmodelun@gmail.com</u>

> "In my experience, there's no such thing as luck" - Obi-Wan Kenobi

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Letter from the Under Secretary-General

To all Delegates,

Welcome to COCMUN 2022! After two long years, we can finally welcome all delegations back to the grounds of College of the Canyons to form part of our small, yet richly-developed conference; It is my distinct pleasure to serve as your Under-Secretary-General for the following two days.

Our exciting lineup of committees offers a host of topics that will be sure to light up the debate floor for the following days from the depraved depths of online crime to the evolving Russia-Ukraine conflict, and finally, a civil war raging in a galaxy far, far away. There is no doubt in our mind that this weekend will serve as a platform for exciting discussions and solutions in our General Assembly and Specialized Body, as well as dramatic twists and turns in our crisis committee: Anything and everything can happen for the following days.

At its core, our Model UN program is built on emphasizing diplomacy and collaboration; Similarly, a key aspect of any conference is the relationships built among members of the committee as a way to resolve the issues presented to them. We strongly believe that our conference will be able to give our visiting delegates, as well as our staff, an opportunity to expand those connections and build those relationships through the highs and lows of the debate floor.

This is the way,

Diego Staben, *Under-Secretary-General* COCMUN, Spring 2022 <u>cocmodelun@gmail.com</u>

Letter from the Crisis Director

Hello There,

Welcome to a galaxy far far away! My name is Ben James and I am very excited to be the Crisis Director for this committee for the COCMUN Spring 2022 Conference. I hope that all delegates will enjoy the unexpected twists and turns that await all of you.

I am enrolled in my 4th year at the College of the Canyons, and this is my fifth semester being a part of the COCMUN Team. I am studying Finance and Accounting with the hopes of transferring in the fall. In my free time, I enjoy playing video games whether it be the infuriating Elden Ring or Lego Star Wars: The Skywalker Saga. I am looking forward to reading the directives of delegates, as well as providing action-packed crisis updates to this committee, as there are almost endless routes that members of the committee can steer debate and influence the crisis updates.

The Backroom Staff and I are looking for nothing but diplomacy and respect between delegates in this crisis committee as well as delegates that have clearly done their research and make a valiant effort to steer the committee in a meaningful direction in order to fully encompass the scope of the issues at hand.

May the force be with you,

Ben James, *Crisis Director* Star Wars Crisis Committee <u>cocmuncrisis@gmail.com</u>

A Letter from the Chair

Honorable Members of the Galactic Republic,

Welcome all to COCMUN 2022! I am so happy to have the opportunity to see you all in-person again for this year's conference! My name is Andrei Mojica and I will be your chair for this year's Crisis Committee! I'm currently a sophomore at College of the Canyons, majoring in Political Science. I was born in London, England but moved here to Santa Clarita, California when I was about three and have been here ever since. This is my second semester on COC's MUN Team, and when I'm not busy with MUN, I like to teach martial arts, play video games (I'm unfortunately a Valorant player), and go on hikes. Per the context of this committee, my favorite Star Wars character is Anakin Skywalker.

I'm absolutely ecstatic about chairing this Crisis Committee with the topic being Star Wars: The Clone Wars! In a galaxy far, far away, we will be dealing with the complexities of the Galactic Civil War. There will be a number of exciting twists and turns via the Crisis updates, so be ready! As a Crisis Committee, we will be excited to see delegates work in the in-room and the backroom through various notes and directives. This will be your time to be creative, expand your character's arc, and address the consistently imperative crisis updates. On behalf of all the staff, we are so excited to see what you all come up with!

I look forward to seeing you all this year! This will be a fast-paced, but super fun conference so be prepared to work hard, write vigorously, and hopefully meet some new people along the way! If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, don't be afraid to reach out and ask!

May The Force be with you all always,

Andrei Mojica, *Chair* Star Wars Crisis Committee <u>cocmuncrisis@gmail.com</u>

A Letter from the Chair

Welcome honorable delegates!

I am so excited to welcome you all to COCMUN 2022! My name is Brandon Francke and I will be your Co-Chair for the Star Wars Crisis Committee. This is my first semester on the COC Model UN Team, and I am looking forward to the privilege of Co-Chairing this Crisis Committee. I am in my first year here at the College of the Canyons, and I am a Political Science Major. I was born in Glendale, California and moved to the Santa Clarita Valley when I was around two years old.

Star Wars was my favorite film franchise growing up, and I am excited to see how you all will bring the characters to life and work together in the crisis committee. Be ready to dive into the issues of the Galactic Civil War between the Republic and the Separatist Alliance in a galaxy far far away. The committee will be fast-paced, but I am confident in all of your abilities to succeed.

I look forward to meeting all of you and I am so excited to co-chair this crisis committee. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to me at the email listed below.

Sincerely & May the Force Be With You,

Brandon Francke, *Co-Chair* Star Wars Crisis Committee <u>cocmuncrisis@gmail.com</u>

Sensitivity Statement

Given the nature of the topics discussed in this committee, delegates will be faced with content that can be triggering and disturbing, including but not limited to racism, sexism, homophobia, drug abuse, and sexual abuse.

We understand that there will be some actions taken in the committee that may be sensitive to some marginalized groups of people. In light of this, we ask that you stay considerate and aware of any possible insensitive behaviors or speech. **College of the Canyons does not and will not tolerate any form of hate speech in the vein of racism, sexism, homophobia, or any other type of speech rooted in malicious intent.** If delegates are found guilty of any of the aforementioned, they may face disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the conference.

If delegates should have any issues with the topics being discussed within this committee please contact the Secretary-General as soon as possible so that we may address any questions or concerns delegates may have and/or allocate you to another committee.

Committee Specific Rules of Procedure

COCMUN's Crisis Committee Specific Rules of Procedure can be found within COCMUN's Delegate Handbook located on our <u>conference website</u>.

I. Key Terms

- **A. Coruscant -** Coruscant is the planet responsible for housing the Galactic Republic and the temple of the Jedi Order. The planet is entirely made up of a floating city.
- **B. Geonosis -** Serving as the original capital for the Confederation of Independent Star Systems, many of the droid foundries operated and assisted in the massive buildup of droids that were integral in the establishment and success of the Confederacy.
- **C. Kamino** Kamino is the origin planet of the clone troopers who serve in the Army of the Grand Republic. Kamino is the planet responsible for the upkeep, development, and training of the clones.
- **D. Mandalore -** Mandalore, a planet once known for its fierce fighting force, is a planet that prides itself upon its very neutral stance that has been taken throughout the duration of the Clone Wars.
- **E. Jedi -** The Jedi are the peacekeeping force of the Galactic Republic however, due to the outbreak of the Clone Wars they have since been utilized as the generals of the Grand Army of the Republic.
- **F. InterGalactic Banking Clan -** The Banking Clan was one of the most influential commerce guilds that held power in the Galactic Senate. Since the decline of Republic power, this clan has lost a significant amount of their foothold within the galaxy.
- **G. Trade Federation** The Trade Federation was a guild primarily focused on shipping and galactic freighting. This was the strongest financial guild that had representatives in the Galactic Senate.

II. Background Information

The History of the Galactic Republic

Built from the Old Republic, the Galactic Republic is a massive democracy of planets and star systems across the galaxy.¹ Its legislative body is known as the Galactic Senate, which is created up of senators representing each planet of the Republic, and is headed by the democratically elected Chancellor.² As of 32 BBY, the Chancellor is Sheev Palpatine, former senator for the planet of Naboo. The capital of the Republic is located on the planet of Coruscant. Planets within close proximity to Coruscant bask in increased influence within the Republic and oftentimes acquire a greater influence in the Senate.³

The Jedi Order abide by the light side of the Force, a mystical presence that allows them to perform superhuman feats.⁴ Guided by honor and selflessness, the Jedi exist in complete opposition to the Sith, who practice the dark side of the Force. Armed with lightsabers, as well as their ability to wield the Force, the Jedi resolve conflicts across the galaxy at the request of the Republic.⁵

After its founding, the Republic began a slow but steady process of expansion possessing no military save for a scant Judicial Force, alongside the peacekeeping force known as the Jedi Order, the Republic chose to expand through free trade and mutual defense pacts. A wide variety of planets were offered membership to join the Republic as representatives in the Galactic Senate, forfeiting all prior sovereignty, in exchange for economic services and protection. Technological improvements in space travel saw the development of the hyperlane, which allowed spaceships to rapidly travel between planets at the speed of light. The development of the hyperlane prompted further planets and star systems to join the Republic. These systems were eager for hyperlanes

¹"Galactic Republic," Wookieepedia, accessed April 11, 2022,

https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Galactic_Republic.

² Ibid.

³"Galactic Republic," Wookieepedia, accessed April 11, 2022,

https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Galactic_Republic.

⁴"Jedi Order," Wookieepedia, accessed April 11, 2022, https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Jedi_Order. ⁵ Ibid.

of their own to connect them to the Core Worlds and to reserve a permanent planetary space.

Due to rapid economic growth the creation of organizations such as the InterGalactic Banking Clan and the Trade Federation began to ramp up significantly. These organizations saw the value in taking advantage of the ever increasing economic capabilities of the Outer Rim worlds.⁶ These economically dependent Outer Rim worlds fell to the interests of the Core Worlds as the Republic grew in size. Additionally, the voices of each planet within the Galactic Senate diminished.⁷ The lack of a military or police force allowed piracy to flourish in the Outer Rim.⁸ Pressured by trade monoliths and pirates, and receiving only limited assistance from the Core Worlds, the Outer Rim systems began to lose hope in the Republic's capabilities of supplying them with emergency aid.⁹

In 32 BBY, a trade dispute between the Trade Federation and the planet Naboo resulted in a complete military blockade of the planet.¹⁰ After the Republic refused to send aid to Naboo, the Gungans fought off the Trade Federation's battalions of battle droids by themselves, though at a significant loss of life.¹¹ Apart from revealing the tremendous military capability of the Trade Federation which is in defiance of the Republic's anti-weapons legislation, the Republic's refusal to make an attempt to resolve the conflict demonstrated the indifference of the Core Worlds to the struggles of the Outer Rim.¹² Additionally, since the aftermath of the conflict saw the Republic rescind free trade agreements with the Trade Federation and many Outer Rim planets, the further anti-Republic sentiment was fostered¹³.

⁶"Intergalactic Banking Clan," Wookieepedia, accessed April 11, 2022, https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/InterGalactic_Banking_Clan.

⁷ Ibid.

⁸"Intergalactic Banking Clan," Wookieepedia, accessed April 11, 2022, https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/InterGalactic_Banking_Clan.
⁹ Ibid.

¹⁰"Trade Federation," Wookieepedia, accessed April 11, 2022, https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Trade_Federation.
¹¹ Ibid.

¹²"Trade Federation," Wookieepedia, accessed April 11, 2022, https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Trade_Federation.
¹³ Ibid.

The Confederacy of Independent Systems

In 24 BBY, the former Jedi known as Count Dooku, disillusioned with what he perceived as corruption and political gridlock in the Republic, dominated the galactic stage.¹⁴ Publicizing corruption, greed, and ineffectiveness within the Senate, the charismatic Dooku began encouraging secession from the Galactic Republic. Several star systems heeded his call and declared independence from the Republic, joining together in a new government with Dooku as the head of state. Thus, the Confederacy of Independent Systems (CIS) was formed, with the seceding worlds in the Outer, Mid, and Inner Rims known as Separatists.¹⁵

In contrast to the Republic, which demanded complete forfeiture of planetary sovereignty as a requirement for participation in the Galactic Senate, the CIS maintained a confederation-like structure; constituent planets and systems were allowed to maintain some degree of independence.¹⁶ Since the CIS was formed mainly of disgruntled systems that seceded from the Republic in response to their perceived lack of equal representation and rights, the CIS was founded on a declaration of rights known as the Bylaws of Independent Systems.¹⁷ These bylaws provide for the equal representation of each system within the Separatist Parliament, as well as their individual sovereignty within the Confederacy.¹⁸ The Separatist Parliament is located on the Outer Rim world of Raxus. With the informal unification of the CIS and various financial and labor organizations such as the Techno Union, the Corporate Alliance, and the Commerce Guild, the Separatist movement gained further traction and encouraged more space systems to its side.¹⁹ Additionally, after the Trade Federation and its associated battle droid producing firms joined the CIS, the Separatists controlled a powerful military force.

https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Confederacy_of_Independent_Systems.

¹⁴"Dooku," Wookieepedia, accessed April 11, 2022, https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Dooku. ¹⁵ Ibid.

¹⁶"Confederacy of Independent Systems," Wookieepedia, accessed April 11, 2022, https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Confederacy_of_Independent_Systems.

¹⁷ Ibid.

¹⁸"Confederacy of Independent Systems," Wookieepedia, accessed April 11, 2022,

¹⁹"Techno Union," Wookieepedia, accessed April 11, 2022, https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Techno Union.

In response to the CIS's rapid militarization and increasing aggression, the Republic underwent a series of internal reforms in order to better combat the Separatist threat. The majority of these involved awarding further powers to the office of the Chancellor.²⁰ The Galactic Republic also involved further reducing constituent planets' autonomy in favor of a more centralized system of government on Coruscant. The cornerstone of this increased centralization of power was the Military Creation Act.²¹ As a result, the Republic has an official army to combat the Separatist threat.

This usurping of the Republic was not looked upon favorably by all within the Republic; a number of senators formed the Loyalist Committee within the Senate, which served as a sort of de facto opposition group.²² Apart from vehemently opposing the Military Creation Act, as well as aggression in general against the Separatists, the Loyalist Committee also worked to hinder and reverse political centralization within the Republic.²³ In 22 BBY, Jedi Master Obi-Wan Kenobi discovered secret medical facilities on the planet Kamino. Kenobi was informed by the Kaminoans that the facilities were being used to produce millions of clones, grown from the DNA of bounty hunter Jango Fett.²⁴ These clones were to be trained and enlisted into an army for the Republic. The army had been commissioned ten years earlier, shortly after the Invasion of Naboo, by the militaristic Jedi master Sifo-Dyas as a Republic military force. Shortly afterward, Kenobi, senator Padme Amidala, and Jedi Padawan Anakin Skywalker were captured and held for execution by Separatists on the planet Geonosis.²⁵ The Senate, having recently approved the Military Creation Act, sent a clone army to rescue the three and destroy the battle droid production facilities on Geonosis. The resulting battle marked the start of the Clone Wars, and both factions began the struggle for galactic supremacy.²⁶

²⁰Wookiepedia, accessed April 11, 2022, https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Chancellor?so=search. ²¹"Military Creation Act/Legends," Wookieepedia, accessed April 11, 2022,

https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Military_Creation_Act/Legends.

²²"Loyalist Committee," Wookieepedia, accessed April 11, 2022,

https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Loyalist_Committee.

²³ Ibid.

²⁴"Jango Fett," Wookieepedia, accessed April 11, 2022, https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Jango_Fett. ²⁵"Kamino," Wookieepedia, accessed April 11, 2022, https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Kamino.

²⁶"First Battle of Geonosis," Wookieepedia, accessed April 11, 2022, https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/First_Battle_of_Geonosis.

Mandalore and Deathwatch

Mandalore is a planet located in the territories of the Outer Rim, in the Mandalore system. The planet was once home to the Mandalorian warriors, feared across their galaxy for their combat prowess, warlike nature, and ruthlessness.²⁷ The leader of the Mandalorians was known as the Mand'alor, who wielded total power over his subjects and was known to be the strongest warrior on the planet. The Mandalorian warriors at one point waged war against the Old Republic, sacking the Jedi Temple on Coruscant and decimating the Old Republic fleet.²⁸ Centuries of warfare have since destroyed the surface of the once-beautiful Mandalore, rendering it an inhospitable desert wasteland.²⁹ The remaining Mandalorians, therefore, decided to give up their old warlike ways and adopt a pacifist culture.³⁰ In biocube cities on the surface of the ruined planet, they exiled their warriors to the nearby moon of Concordia.³¹ Due to its highly advanced technological sector, strategic location in the Outer Rim, and untapped market, both the Republic and the Confederacy wish to expand their influence in Mandalore.

Mandalore is currently ruled by Duchess Satine Kryze. Duchess Satine wholeheartedly upholds her planet's pacifist ideologies.³² Due to the pacifism of Mandalore, the Duchess refuses to involve Mandalore in the Clone Wars by rejecting any alliance or union with both the Galactic Republic and the Confederacy of Independent Systems. Instead, Duchess Satine heads the Council of Neutral Systems (CNS), a group of over 1,500 star systems that have declared their neutrality in the Clone Wars. After seeing some of the horrors of war that the Clone Wars brought, many planets feared that aligning with either side would take the lives of many innocents. Initially, the fear of trade embargoes and hostile invasions forced these systems to pick sides against their will.³³ These systems eventually merged into one member system. It

https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Galactic_Republic.

 ²⁷"Mandalore," Wookieepedia, accessed April 11, 2022, https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Mandalore.
 ²⁸"Galactic Republic," Wookieepedia, accessed April 11, 2022,

 ²⁹"Mandalore," Wookieepedia, accessed April 11, 2022, https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Mandalore.
 ³⁰ Ibid.

³¹"Domed City," Wookieepedia, accessed April 11, 2022, https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Domed_city. ³²"New Mandalorians," Wookieepedia, accessed April 11, 2022,

https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/New_Mandalorians.

³³ Ibid.

is impressive, the whole council is glued together by the Duchess. However, despite her public face of neutrality, Duchess Satine is close to the Jedi Order, having cooperated with various Jedi in the past to preserve Mandalore's security and pacifism.³⁴

Additionally, Mandalore possesses a Prime Minister, subservient to the Duchess; the current Prime Minister is Almec.³⁵ When the Clone Wars broke out, the Republic suspended all foreign aid, financial and otherwise, to planets that refused to completely acquiesce to Republic demands and join the Senate. Of course, Mandalore refused and was subsequently cut off from all Republic aid.³⁶ This aid included agricultural relief since Mandalore's arid landscape is completely unable to grow crops or sustain any type of farming. Fearing for his people's safety, Prime Minister Almec facilitated the establishment of several black market trade networks in order to bypass the Republic trade sanctions.³⁷ When some black market goods inadvertently resulted in the deaths of several children, Duchess Satine and a Jedi representative led an investigation which eventually outed Prime Minister Almec as culpable. Prime Minister Almec attempted a takeover of the Mandalorian government, arresting Duchess Satine and torturing her into signing a falsified writ of confession before being overpowered by the Jedi. Almec was subsequently stripped of his position and arrested. A few months before the start of this committee, a technicality in the legal proceedings of his trial (or perhaps bribery and collusion) resulted in Almec's acquittal and reinstatement as Prime Minister.³⁸

The shift in Mandalore's culture did not sit well with everyone. The warriors exiled to Concordia believe that Mandalore is growing weak and has turned its back on the ways of its ancestors. They have banded together to form the terrorist group Death Watch. Adopting several Mandalorian traditions, such as the notorious Mandalorian warriors' armor and jetpacks, Death Watch wishes to return Mandalore to its warrior roots. It will stop at nothing to accomplish this goal. Concordia's governor, Pre Vizsla, is the leader of Death Watch and has been declared the current Mand'alor by the group. It

³⁴"New Mandalorians," Wookieepedia, accessed April 11, 2022,

https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/New_Mandalorians.

³⁵"Almec," Wookieepedia, accessed April 11, 2022, https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Almec. ³⁶ Ibid.

³⁷"Almec," Wookieepedia, accessed April 11, 2022, https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Almec. ³⁸ Ibid.

is suspected that Death Watch is currently preparing for a complete takeover of Mandalore.³⁹

Unfortunately, the Duchess refuses to cooperate with the Republic beyond her interactions with the Jedi Order; these relations may be used to draw closer ties between Mandalore and the Republic. Death Watch has a history of animosity towards the Republic, making them an imperative target to eliminate if Mandalore's peace is to be preserved. ⁴⁰

Grand Army of the Republic and the CIS Droid Army

The Grand Army of the Republic stands as one of the strongest fighting forces the galaxy has ever seen. Founded in 22 BBY and based on the planet Kamino, the Grand Army of the Republic utilizes clones originating from the legendary bounty hunter Jango Fett (with accelerated growth cycles to keep up numbers). Trained from birth to be soldiers, clone troopers are vastly superior to the average battle droid and pave the way to a Republic victory.⁴¹ The Grand Army of the Republic has grown massively since the initial production request for about 3 million units. The Republic Military Enhancement Bill has authorized a request for an additional 5 million units to be produced. Despite the fact that the clones are genetically identical, there are many different variations of clone troopers that fulfill different roles within the Grand Army of the Republic. The best of the best when it comes to the ranks and capabilities of the clone troopers are the Advanced Recon Commando clones, otherwise known as ARC Troopers. Two very prominent ARC troopers are Captain Rex as well as Echo who is now a part of The Bad Batch. ⁴²

Although the Grand Army of the Republic is vastly outnumbered by the droids of the Separatist Alliance, The Clone Army is vastly superior tactically. The Confederacy of Independent Star-systems Droid army (CIS Droid Army) outnumbers the clone army

³⁹"Almec," Wookieepedia, accessed April 11, 2022, https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Almec. ⁴⁰"Satine Kryze," Wookieepedia, accessed April 11, 2022,

https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Satine_Kryze.

⁴¹"Grand Army of the Republic," Wookieepedia, accessed April 11, 2022,

https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Grand_Army_of_the_Republic. ⁴² Ibid.

100 to 1 according to the Separatist Head of State, Count Dooku.⁴³ The massive droid army consists of a variety of droids ranging from B1-Series Battle Droid, Rocket Battle Droids, B2 Super Battle Droid, and B2-HA Series Super Battle Droid. The Droid Army also consists of special operations droids such as the formidable shielded droid, the Droideka as well as the stealth-oriented BX-Series Droid Commandos.⁴⁴ Overall it is important to note that although the CIS Droid Army vastly outnumbers the Grand Army of the Republic. The military superiority of the Clones, alongside the several thousand Jedi Knights entrusted with commanding the military beast of The Republic, vastly outguns and outsmarts the poorly programmed droids pedaled by the Separatists.⁴⁵

III. The Current State of the Galaxy

War has broken out across the Galaxy after The First Battle of Geonosis. During this first major conflict of the Clone Wars Jedi Master Yoda arrived on Geonosis with battalions of Clones in tow in order to rescue Anakin Skywalker, Obi-Wan Kenobi, and Senator Padmé Amidala. During this battle, Jedi Master Mace Windu decapitated the father of the clones Jango Fett, and the true dark side alliances of Count Dooku were revealed.

With The Clone Wars well underway General Grievous continues to allude to all members of the Republic Naval Fleet and Count Dooku has cast out his own assassin apprentice Asajj Ventress. Which forces Dooku to call for a meeting with the Night Mother of Dathomir in order to claim a new champion of Dathomir by his side. Unfortunately for Count Dooku the Night Mother has placed a spell upon the new champion, Savage Oppress, putting him ultimately within her own control.

⁴³https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Grand_A"Grand Army of the Republic," Wookieepedia, accessed April 11, 2022, https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Grand_Army_of_the_Republic.rmy_of_the_Republic ⁴⁴"Separatist Droid Army," Wookieepedia, accessed April 11, 2022, https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Separatist_Droid_Army. ⁴⁵ Ibid.

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Not only have there been major shake-ups as far as the Republic war effort goes, but the Jedi Council is continuing to make strides in finding out which sith lord is responsible for the ripples of the dark side within the force. As the Jedi hone in on who this perpetrator shrouded in darkness may be, Anakin Skywalker alongside the 501st Division wages war against the Droid Army on the dark planet Umbara.

Presumed dead many times over Admiral Trench of The Confederacy of Independent Star systems has been seen in the outer rim utilizing new technology that his dreadnought The Invincible has recently been equipped with. Due to no survivors being left whenever Admiral Trench strikes, The Republic has been working overtime to gain any new information that could possibly help The Republic's fight against the massive Droid Army.

As vicious war continues to engulf the galaxy beyond the highly-trained Army of the Grand Republic, several groups of insurgents on Confederacy-controlled planets have begun to fight back with military aid coming from The Republic. One cell of insurgency to note hails from the planet Onderon in Saw Gerrera's control. Saw Gererra has gained the ability to become a hero within the outer gaining extreme notoriety from his ability to fight and overcome the most insurmountable odds.

The fate of the galaxy is within the hands of delegates to ensure that The Republic remains strong and outlasts the insurgent government of The Confederacy of Independent Star Systems.⁴⁶

⁴⁶ *Star Wars: The Clone Wars* (Warner, 2013).

<u>Character List</u>

Anakin Skywalker

Anakin Skywalker is a Jedi Knight as well as a General for the galactic army and has the abilities to wield the force as well as command clones. Not only is Anakin close with the members of the Jedi Council, but he is also secretly married to Senator Padmé Amidala giving him the connections to work closely on policy and giving him a prominent voice in the Galactic Senate.

Obi-Wan Kenobi

Obi-Wan Kenobi is a Jedi Knight as well as a General of the Galactic Army giving him the ability to work closely with Clones as well as other Jedi. Obi-Wan Kenobi is also a sitting member of the Jedi Council giving his voice and decisions weight when it comes to making decisions on the war at hand. Obi-Wan Kenobi is also the Master of Anakin Skywalker.

Commander Cody

Clone CC-2224 otherwise known as Commander Cody is a military commander within the Galactic Army. Being a Clone he has a very strong bond with the Clones that he works alongside Captain Rex. Commander Cody Serves in Obi-Wan Kenobi's elite 212th Division giving him access to some of the most experienced troops in the Galactic Army.

Padmé Amidala

Padmé Amidala is a Senator from the planet of Naboo and is the former Queen of Naboo giving her heavy ties to the people of Naboo as well as its resources. Not only is being from Naboo beneficial but she also has a history of helping Shreev Palpatine become the Chancellor of the senate providing her a powerful ally. Padmé Amidala is also the wife of Anakin Skywalker, giving her connections into the Jedi Order.

Jar Jar Binks

Jar Jar Binks is a decorated military commander and senator for the Gungan people on Naboo. Jar Jar Binks, having fought alongside Jedi before, has a connection to the Jedi Council as well as the resources the underwater Gungan people have to offer militarily. Being a senator as well as being from the planet Naboo gives him a connection to the Chancellor as well as Senator Amidala.

Captain Rex

Clone CT-7567 otherwise known as Captain Rex is a Caption within the Galactic Army and is an extremely loyal and committed soldier. Captain Rex, having worked closely with clones has gained the clones' trust and has a powerful connection with Anakin Skywalker from serving in the elite 501st Division alongside Commander Cody.

Bail Organa

Bail Organa is a senator from the planet Alderaan and is a very impactful and important senator within the Galactic Senate. Bail Organa is a leading and extremely outspoken member of the loyalist committee within the Galactic Senate giving him close ties to Chancellor Palpatine. Not only does he have a connection with the Chancellor he is a fierce advocate for the Jedi Order making him a friend and ally to the Jedi in particular Obi-Wan Kenobi.

Lott Dod

Lott Dod is the senator for the Trade Federation within the Galactic Senate which puts him in a very interesting position within the Senate. Lott Dod's, superior within the Trade Federation is Nute Gunray who is a member of the Separatist Council. This puts Lott Dod in a position where he always has the inside scoop on what the Separatist's plans are giving him the chance to attempt sabotaging the Galactic Army.

Sergeant Hunter

Sergeant Hunter is a very unique clone being that he is a part of The Bad Batch. This means that he is a part of a batch of clones that happened to have "desirable" genetic defects. By being a part of the Bad Batch, Hunter is given access to the most powerful and elite group of soldiers as well as Captain Rex who led the Bad Batch with Sergeant Hunter.

Mas Amedda

Mas Amedda is one of the most important people within the senate being that he is the Vice-Chancellor of the senate giving him extreme power with having such a close tie to Chancellor Palpatine. Not only is Mas Amedda extremely powerful due to his position, he knows that Chancellor Palpatine is actually a sith lord giving even more insight on the events of the war on both sides of the war.

Mace Windu

Mace Windu is a very powerful Jedi Knight and General within the Galactic Army. Mace Windu is one of five Jedi to sit for a lifelong appointment on the Jedi High Council. Being that he is one of the five he has very strong ties to the other Jedi on the council including a very powerful connection to Master Yoda who besides Anakin Skywalker is the most powerful force-wielding being.

Jocasta Nu

Jocasta Nu is a very important person within the Jedi Order being that she is the keeper of the Jedi Temple Library which has information on everything within the galaxy including an insight into the Sith Order. Jocasta Nu will be able to expertly use all the information available to her, being that she is a force-wielding being that can learn ancient force arts to use to her advantage. Jocasta Nu also has a very strong connection with Master Yoda

Halle Burtoni

Halle Burtoni is a very important senator within the Galactic Senate being that she is the representative of the planet Kamino. Kamino is a very important planet due to the fact that this is the planet responsible for the production of clones for the Galactic Army. Due to this Halle Burtoni could potentially use this connection to tamper with the production of clones to benefit her agenda.

Riyo Chuchi

Riyo Chuchi is a senator for the ice planet Pantora who due to a mission alongside Anakin Skywalker and Obi-Wan Kenobi formed an extremely strong friendship with the padawan of Anakin, Ahsoka Tano. Through the connection of Anakin, Riyo Chuchi developed a strong friendship with Padmé Amidala allowing for her connections to reach into both the Senate on a deeper level as well as the Jedi Order.

Gume Saam

Gume Saam is a critical member of the Galactic Senate who represents the planet Tibrin. Gume Saam is a senator who heavily opposes the consolidation of power to Chancellor Palpatine during the clone wars. Not only is Gume Saam a critical leader in the senate for being a sort of opposition leader he is the senator that was put in charge of clone deployments for the Clone War.

Wilhuff Tarkin

Wilhuff Tarkin is a decorated Fleet Admiral for the Galactic Army. Due to the way in which Tarkin carries himself it is quite clear that he thinks very highly of himself. This behavior oftentimes put him at odds with the Jedi. Despite this Anakin Skywalker thought very highly of Tarkin which forged a powerful connection between the two of them. Not only does Wilhuff Tarkin have this connection he has his whole fleet at his disposal. Wilhuff Tarkin is also extremely close with Chancellor Palpatine giving him a powerful ally within the Senate.

"A great leap forward often requires first taking two steps back."

– Obi-Wan Kenobi