

Connectedness through Gaming



What's the #1 one source of parent guilt?

Screen Time



Education

Health

Career

Relationships

Future

What Do Video Games Really Do?



- Build confidence
- Foster connection
- Promote curiosity in competition, education, and careers
- Help cope with stress
- Entertain

Playing video games may improve your mental health and make you happier

Oxford University

71% of parents report gaming having net positive effects for their children

Over 280 universities feature esports scholarship programs

- Improved hand-eye coordination
- Improved attention & visual acuity
- Improved visual processing & exec function
- Problem solving & strategy development
- Boosts self-confidence & socialization encourages inclusivity



Bridging the Generational Digital Divide

- Meet youth where they are
- Step out of your comfort zone
- Remove the negative stigmas
- Encourage productive screen time
- Enable parents to engage
- Create youth programs alongside parent booster clubs of enthusiasm



MVPN Gaming

Healing through gaming



MVPN Gaming



MILITARY VETERAN

PEER NETWORK

TVC CERTIFIED

GIRLS GAME TOO!

FRIDAY NIGHTS @7PM

ON-LINE GAMING

<https://www.facebook.com/MVPNAbilene>

TRUST- CAMARADERIE- HOPE



Introduction

- We strive to bring Healing through Gaming and connectiveness to our online community of players.

PRIMARY GOALS

Camaraderie-Trust-Hope

MEET OUR TEAM



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Staff MVPN



DOMINIC EMERSON

Creator & Admin



OLEKSANDER NEMCHENKO

Admin & moderator



SALEM RAE

Admin & Moderator



JASON MELTON

Admin & moderator



KAREN RICHARD

Admin & event organizer



ANDRE GWINN

Moderator & event org.



NIA JOHNSON

Moderator

More of OUR TEAM



KYLE LILLIE

Facilitator & Moderator



SHAWN MICHAEL

moderator



ERIC RANGLE

Facilitator & moderator

A glance inside gaming

RULES ROOM: We make sure that every player reads the rules before they can advance

The screenshot shows the Discord interface for the 'MVPN Gaming' server. The left sidebar contains a list of channels: '1 Event', 'SERVER STATS' (with sub-channels for members-99 and all-members-103), 'WELCOME & INFO' (with sub-channels for welcome, rules, announcements, hotlines, role-assignment, and suggestions), and 'CHAT' (with sub-channels for introduce-yourself, general, and media). The main area displays the '#rules' channel. At the top, it says 'Welcome to # [red square] rules!' and 'This is the start of the # [red square] rules channel. Please read below for the server rules and regs.' Below this, a message from 'Broke_Dom' dated '09/30/2022 8:49 PM' is shown. The message content is as follows:

-----RULES CHANNEL-----

Welcome!
Below are the rules for the Official MVPN Gaming Channel!

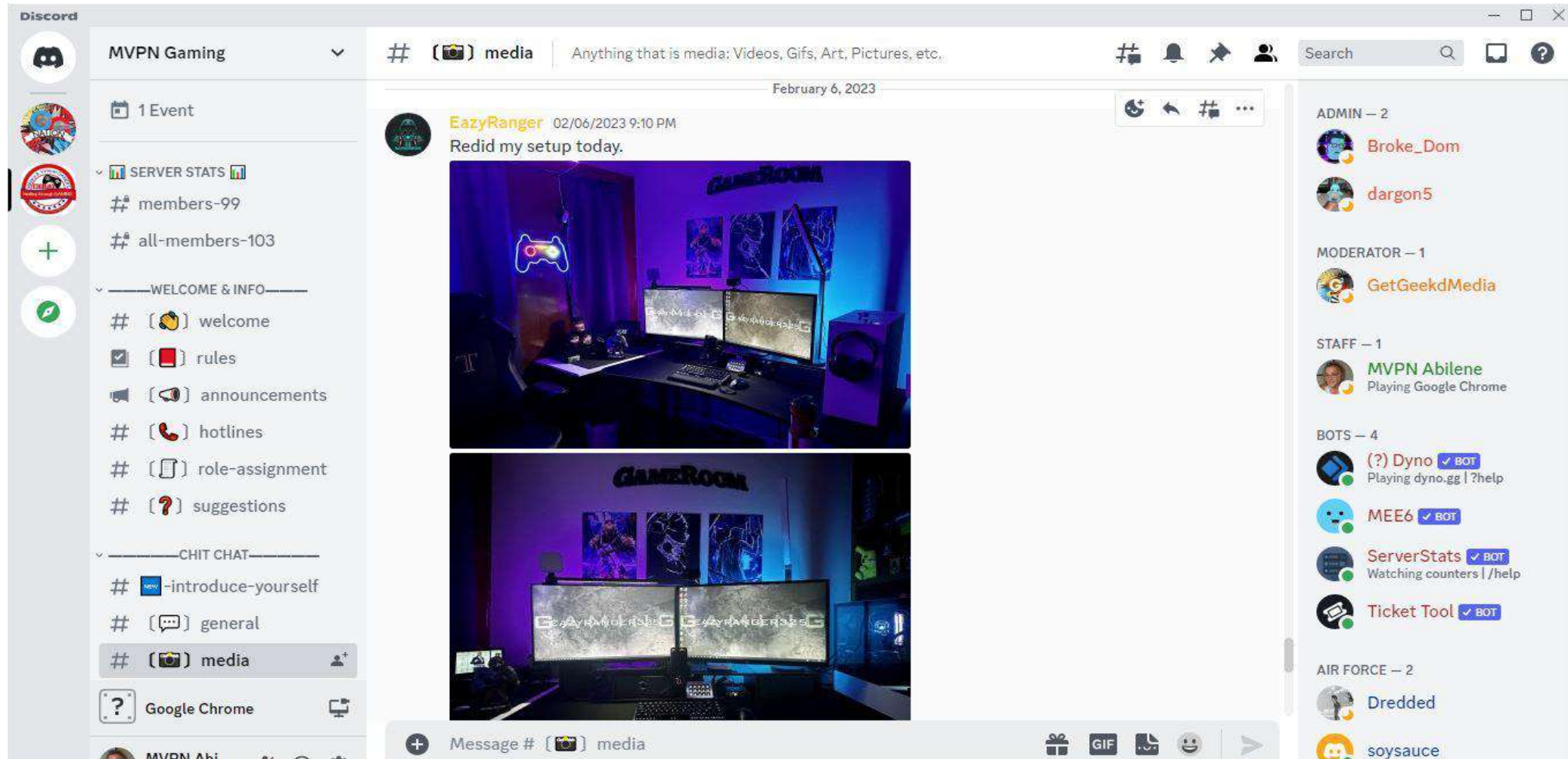
Rules!

- 1. Follow Discord's TOS**
<https://discordapp.com/terms>
<https://discordapp.com/guidelines>
- 2. Be respectful with all members**
Be respectful to others , No death threats, sexism, hate speech, racism (NO N WORD, this includes soft N)
No doxxing, swatting, witch hunting
- 3. No Advertising**

The right sidebar shows the server's hierarchy: ADMIN (2 members: Broke_Dom, dargon5), MODERATOR (1 member: GetGeekdMedia), STAFF (1 member: MVPN Abilene), BOTS (4 bots: Dyno, MEE6, ServerStats, Ticket Tool), and AIR FORCE (2 members: Dredded, soysauce). At the bottom, a message box indicates 'You do not have permission to send messages in this channel.'

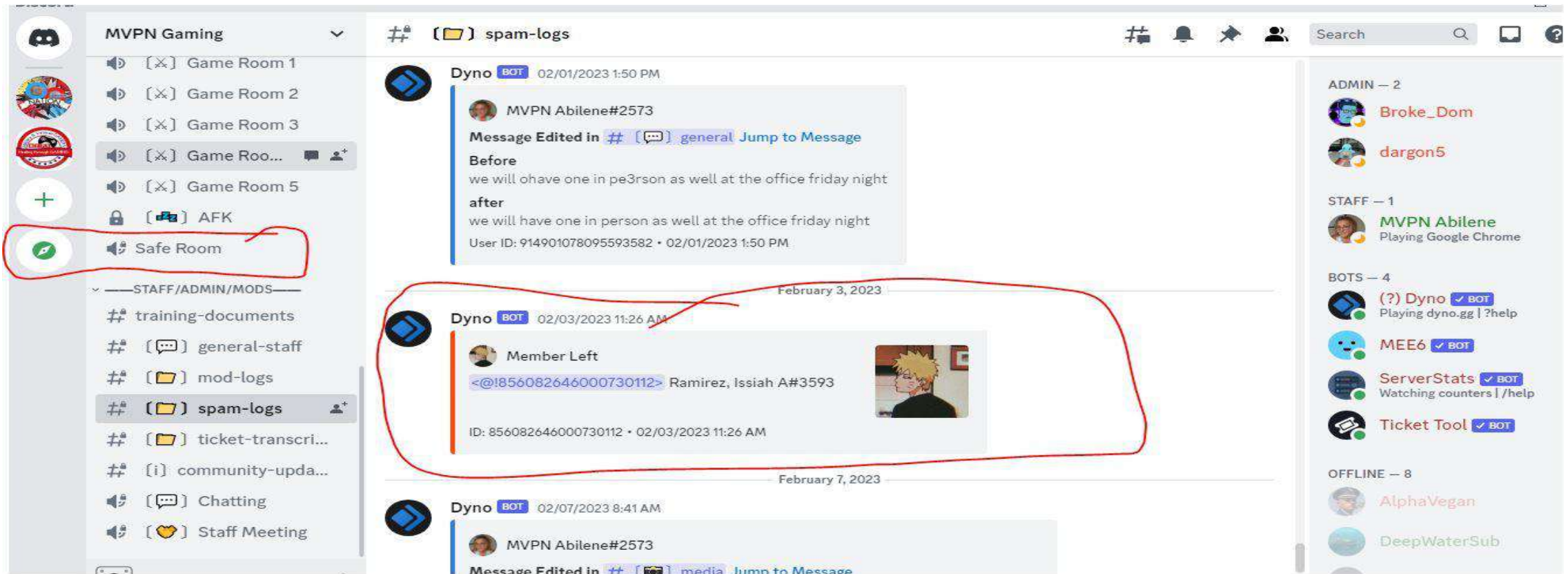
The “media room”

We also have a MEDIA room so the players can show off their systems if the wish.



SAFETY: “Dyno bots”

The BOTS have been programmed to tell us when a player leaves & when a player joins the discord channel.




The **SAFE ROOM** is designed for when an admin may need to take a single player to a private room to talk alone with them if they are expressing suicidal behavior.

Building Community

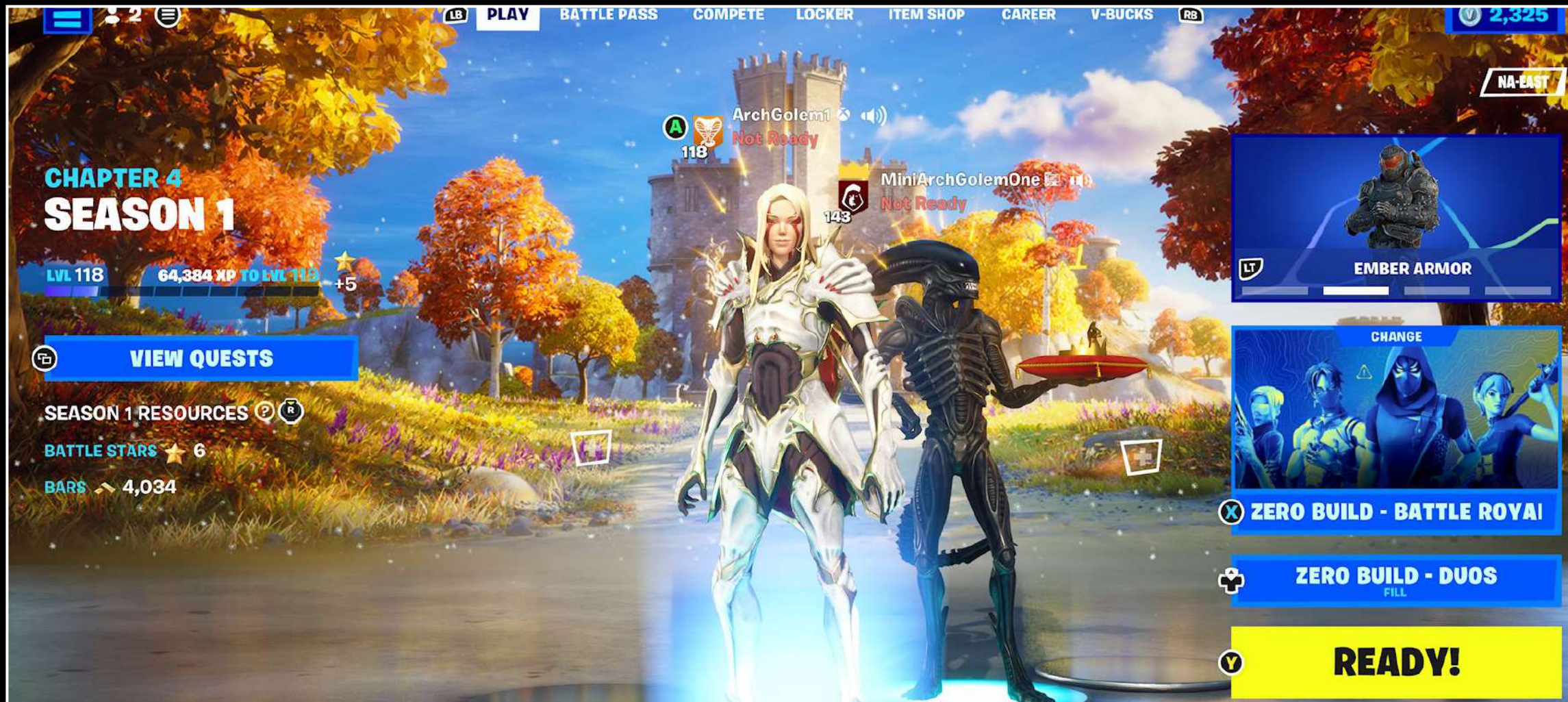
- The act of playing a game with another person can reach across divisions—across race, across gender, and across socioeconomic barriers—and helps people build new connections.
- The explosive growth of gaming during the pandemic has shown that many have found a new outlet for much-needed connection in isolation.
- For example, in Animal Crossing, players can visit the towns of both real-life friends or strangers who share their village code online.
- Some people have held their birthday parties via Animal Crossing in 2020, others go on dates and some couples who cancelled their weddings due to covid have even gotten married in the game.
- The pandemic “really opened a lot of people’s eyes – even non-gamers – to what games can do to bring people together.

Gaming & community

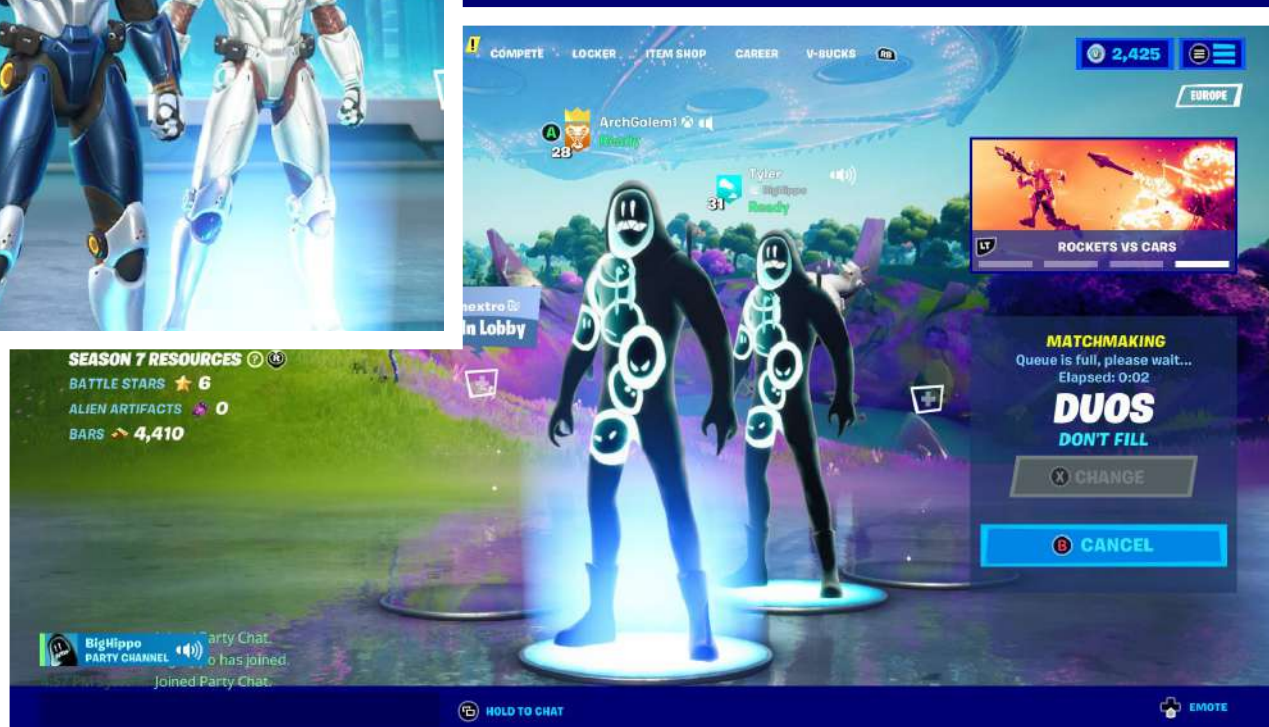
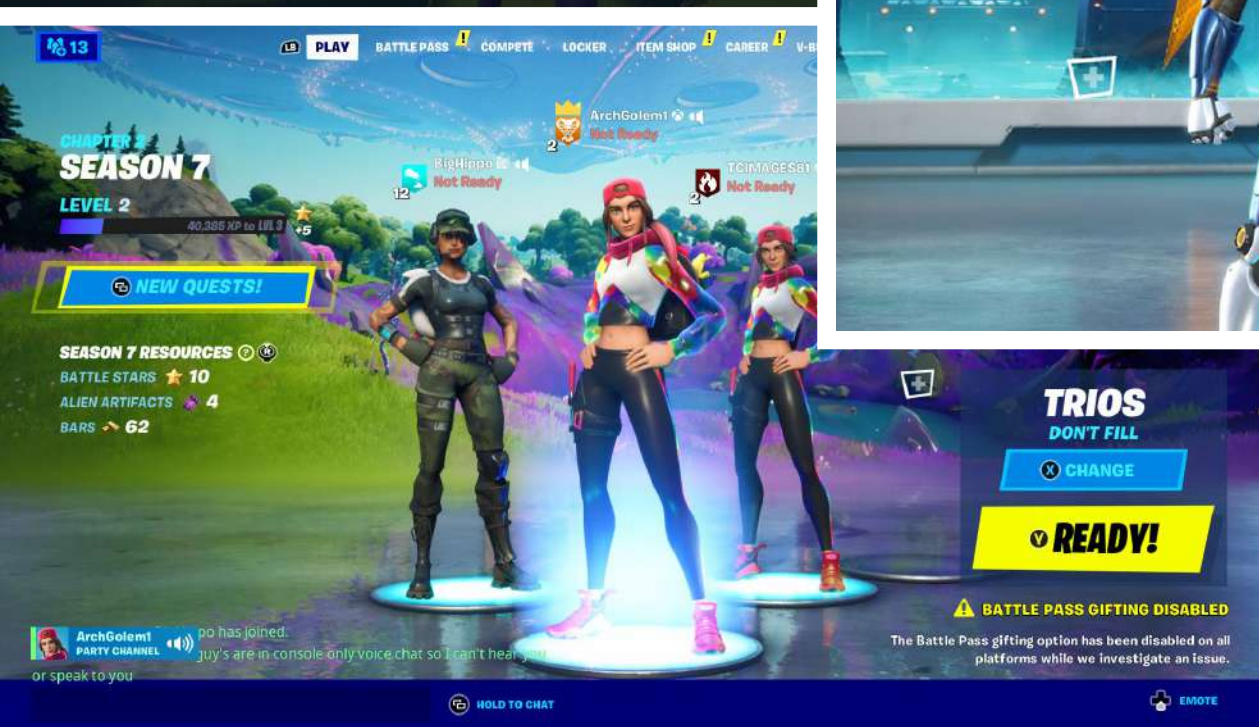
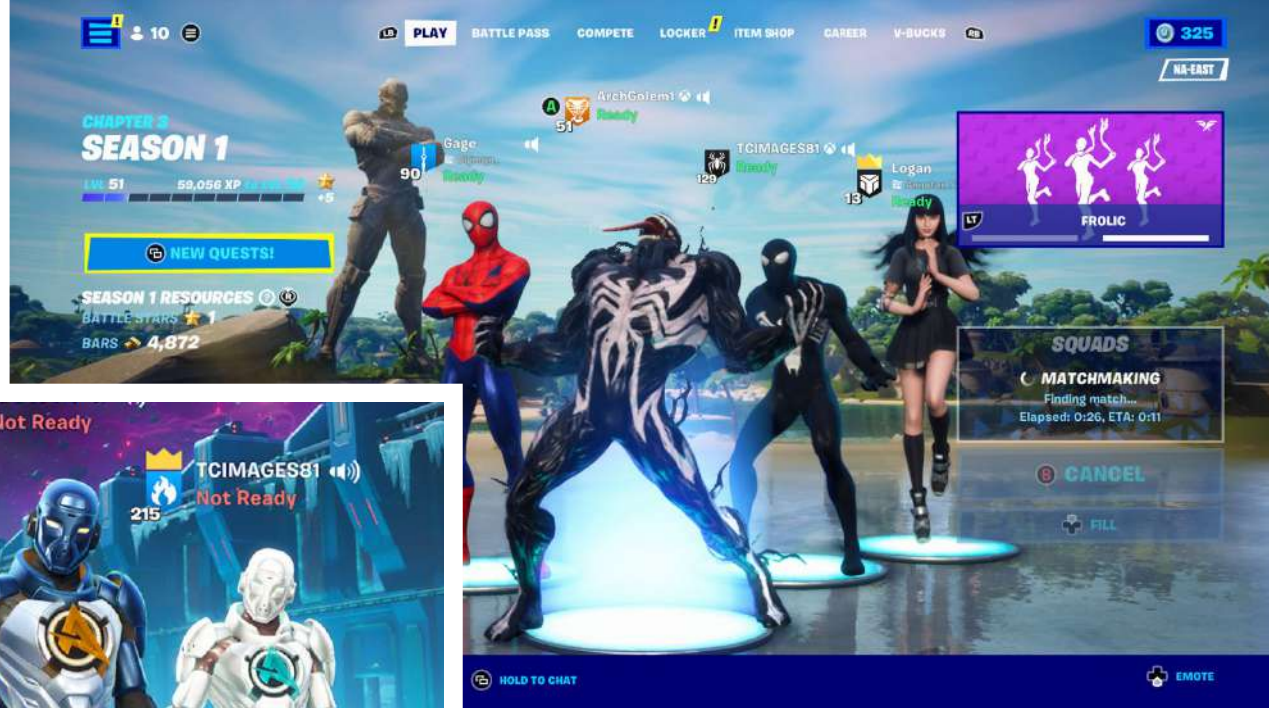
- A 2019 [study](#) found that video games can help Veterans overcome mental health problems, such as substance abuse disorder and PTSD.
- The main advantage of gaming communities is that they **provide a social space for players**. These spaces can become important support and social networks - and were particularly invaluable for people living through isolation during the Covid-19 pandemic.

A man with a beard and headphones is sitting in a gaming chair, holding a video game controller. A young boy in a green patterned shirt is sitting next to him, also looking at the screen. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source coming from the computer monitor, which is partially visible on the left. The man is wearing a grey hoodie and the boy is wearing a green shirt with a colorful pattern. The background is dark and indistinct.

Lived Experience with Gaming



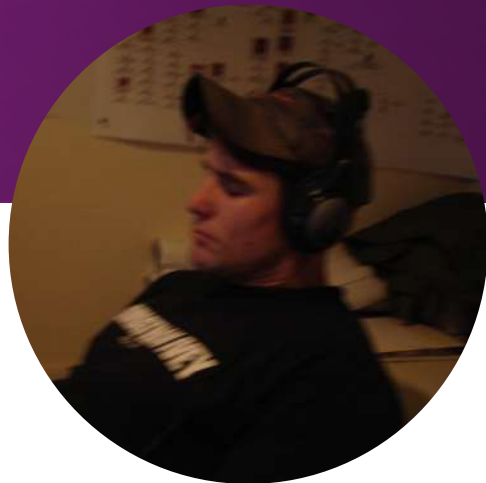
Family Bonding



Community Bonding/Explorin g



Work and Competition



ARMY ESPORTS **SOLDIER SHOWDOWN** ARMY ACTIVE GUARD

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

WEEKLY WINNERS

Garibay, Camp Carroll	MSG Tomas Cruz, USAG B
ny Cleghorn, Fort Polk, LA	SGT Jose Sanchez, Scho

IT. JOIN THE TOURNAMENT AT ARMYMW.COM/ES

ARMY ESPORTS ARMY ACTIVE GUARD BOSS EXCHANGE

1	SavTyler931	PACIFIC	390 pts
2	Archgolem1	EUROPE	360 pts
2	RafYayo	EUROPE	360 pts
4	DHLPgar14	PACIFIC	350 pts
5	dman	NA WEST	285 pts

ARMY ESPORTS **SOLDIER SHOWDOWN**

Tournament Winners

1 st Place Pacific	2 nd Place Europe	3 rd pl
PFC Tyler Cornwell Torii Station, JP	MSG Tomas Cruz Benelux, GE	SGT R Vils

FRIDAY > 4.22

XCENTURIONGAMINGX	6PM-10PM	2:00PM
ITSFEMMIE	10PM-2AM	6:00PM

SATURDAY > 4.23

SODAXBREAD	2AM-6AM	2:00AM
FIREBRANT	6AM-10AM	6:00AM
ARCHGOLEM1	10AM-2PM	12:00PM
ROBMANKCW	2PM-6PM	6:00PM
TH3MEDIOCREGAMER	6PM-10PM	10:00PM
WIIJI	10PM-2AM	2:00AM

SUNDAY > 4.24

ARCHERSCAT	2AM-6AM	2:00AM
SCOUTER715	6AM-10AM	6:00AM
Handfromabov	10AM-2PM	10:00AM
MagicMaddie	2PM-6PM	2:00PM
DDRFR33k	6PM-10PM	6:00PM
Jester8082	10PM-2AM	10:00PM

AbledGamers Charity Marathon

Saturday - 2/27		Sunday - 2/28	
NepZone	2:00 AM	archgolem1	2:00 AM
ArchersLegend	6:00 AM	Robop1g	6:00 AM
RobmanFTK	10:00 AM	Defective	10:00 AM
MagicMaddie	2:00 PM	FantasyGeek42	2:00 PM
Momthulu	6:00 PM	BigF	6:00 PM
Cubbielue4life	10:00 PM	Jester8082	10:00 PM

DAY > 2.23

MEADER	2:00PM
ASH84	7:00PM
IRREALMUSIC	10:00PM

DAY > 2.24

ANTHEWATCHER	2:00AM
ADAMSHOTZ	6:00AM
ROBOPIG	10:00AM

SATURDAY > 2.25

SCOUTER715	2:00AM
HANDFROMABOV	6:00AM
ROBMANKCW	10:00AM
WORLDLYSHUKU	2:00PM
CUBBIEBLUE4LIFE	6:00PM
SODAXBREAD	10:00PM

SUNDAY > 2.26

QRUSHER	2:00AM
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Back Up 2020 Marathon

10/17 @10AM EST - Robop1g - Twitch.tv/Good4Gamers

10/17 @2PM EST - DigitalDocGames - Twitch.tv/DigitalDocGames

10/17 @6PM EST - BigFNDeal - Twitch.tv/Good4Gamers

10/17 @10PM EST - RayGunRob - Twitch.tv/Good4Gamers

10/17 @2AM EST - MrsBronco - Twitch.tv/MrsBronco

10/17 @6AM EST - RobmanFTK - Twitch.tv/RobmanFTK

10/17 @10AM EST - ThatGrizzDude - Twitch.tv/ThatGrizzDude

10/17 @2PM EST - AZRockslide - Twitch.tv/AZRockslide

10/17 @6PM EST - KaoticAzn - Twitch.tv/KaoticAzn

10/17 @10PM EST - Kaitocain - Twitch.tv/Kaitocain

10/18 @2AM EST - ArchGolem1 - Twitch.tv/ArchGolem1

10/18 @6AM EST - XDAGarwynn - Twitch.tv/XDAGarwynn

10/18 @10AM EST - Scouter715 - Twitch.tv/Scouter715

10/18 @2PM EST - Hancho - Twitch.tv/Hancho

10/18 @6PM EST - Torgiepie - Twitch.tv/Torgiepie

Donor

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*All times in ET

Charities



Questions

