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*Phoenix, AZ*

[CoKoCon](#) Update for Monday, July 30. We'll be updating you weekly up to the con! Note: attendance will be **capped at 500** so get your membership soon!

### **HARRY TURTLEDOVE**

We've inherited a focus on books and authors from CopperCon and we're very happy to honor Harry Turtledove as our Author Guest of Honor.

Harry is the author of over one hundred books and many short stories, published over almost four decades under a number of different names. They've earned him many awards in that time, including a Hugo Award, a Homer Award, a Prometheus Award, two Sidewise Awards for Alternate History and a John Esten Cooke Award for Southern Fiction.

While he's written in many genres, including science fiction, fantasy and historical fiction, he's mostly known for looking back at pivotal events in history and asking what if, as befits his doctorate in Byzantine history. *Publisher's Weekly* has called him 'The Master of Alternate History' and he's arguably done more than anyone else to bring that genre into the mainstream.

Many of his best known works are alternate history, including *The Guns of the South*, *How Few Remain* and *The Two Georges*, the latter written with the actor Richard Dreyfuss. Rather than simply letting the Nazis or the Confederates win their respective wars, he conjures up original ideas in unusual eras, like introducing an alien invasion to World War II, adding magic and dragons to a medieval Europe at war or splitting the east coast away from America 85 million years ago to become Atlantis.

In addition to a dedicated spotlight panel, Harry will be participating in 5 other panels on subjects like military science fiction, worldbuilding and, of course, alternate history. He'll also be doing signings, so pick up his most intriguing books and bring them to be autographed.

He's married to mystery writer Laura Frankos and they live in Burbank, CA.

### **OTHER AUTHORS**

We'll be shining a spotlight on our Local Author Guest of Honor next week, but we'll mention now that there will be many other authors in attendance doing signings and presenting panels.

These include bestselling authors and self-published authors; YA authors and authors of adult fiction; and authors from inside and outside Arizona. They represent the range of science fiction and fantasy: hard sf, military sf, epic fantasy, steampunk adventure and everywhere in between.

Names you may recognize include Jeff Mariotte, Cynthia Ward and Tom Leveen; Ashley Carlson, Jamie Wyman and David Lee Summers; Rhonda Parrish, Dr. Bruce Davis and Marsheila Rockwell. Check the Participants page on our website to see the complete list.

An added bonus is that, by design, none of our author panels overlap, so you can attend any or all of them, though

spotlight panels and signings may force you to choose.

### **AUGUST 1 DEADLINE**

As mentioned last week, we're getting pretty close to some deadlines and our next one is August 1, which is this coming Wednesday. This is the date by which you'll need to [register your room parties](#) and [book your ad space](#) in our program book. Also, after August 1, we cannot guarantee that hotel rooms will still be available, so we recommend that you [book your room now](#) to ensure that you won't miss anything we have planned.

### **GENERAL**

CoKoCon is a general sf/f convention jointly sponsored by CASFS and WesternSFA.

Our 2018 event will be held over the four day Labor Day weekend (Aug 31 to Sep 3) at the DoubleTree by Hilton Phoenix North (MetroCenter off I-17 at Peoria Ave).

GoHs are Harry Turtledove (Author), Steve Rude (Artist), Beth Cato (Local Author), Cheshire Moon (Filk) and Eric Wile (Gaming).

Adult memberships (over 12) are currently \$50 with children (7-12) half price and Kids-in-Tow (under 7) free (limited to 2 per adult). Memberships will be capped at 500.

Hotel rooms are \$92 and suites \$102.

All details can be found on our website:

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