

## Semi-Live Blogging from DC MilBlogging Conference – Part II

### Description

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Lesson learned: When you are having the first conference and the population is largely those who don't post their pictures, tell everyone to bring one of those spring steel crickets, like they used with the airborne troops on D-Day.

Got there at 8PM, the bar was packed and no one was discernably standing at the entrance, with a box of "Hello, My Name Is" stickers. I got a drink and stood back doing the visual sweep. I did notice a couple in one of the side halls, the women looking ever so slightly familiar. Another guy wandered in and leaned against the door frame, looking around. I told him he'd have to push up to the bar to get help. He said "I'm supposed to be meeting a group of people here at 8:30, but we don't know what each other look like." DING, DING, DING! It was [DadManly](#). Hand shake, a chuckle, and then I approached the couple. It was [Smash](#) and spouse. Buzz Patterson zipped thru, and then we began to form up quickly. [Andi](#) had a stack of blank white name tags and the obligatory fat black pen, and those of us who had filled one table made ours. I then self-appointed and figured the best way to meet everyone was to be the name tag person. Lots and lots of people showed up. Lots of good conversations, and nice to put faces and real names to the reading....

The discussions were from awkward, like "ummm...I haven't read your blog..." to discussions on the status of books, self funded trips to the 'Stan, and "I'm glad to see you here."

It's late. Chap: Too bad you're on TAD, because there are a few people here you'd really enjoy.

More later (no promise as to when)!

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