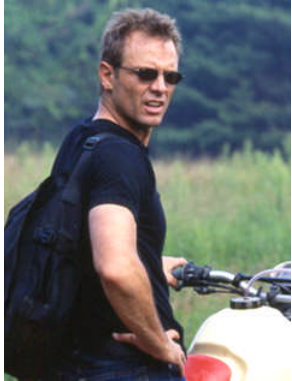


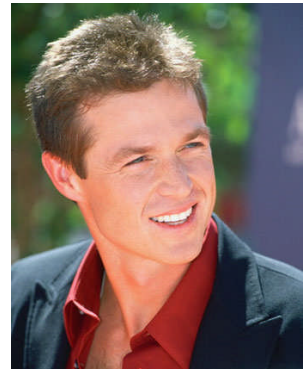
Chris Larabee



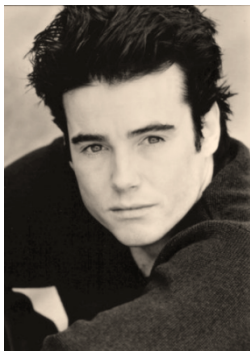
When the Tucson PD seemed to be coming up with some leads out of the blue, the feds decided to do a little poking around of their own, especially since the locals were remarkably unwilling to share intel. Chris went in undercover because he's old army buddies with Buck Wilmington who seems to have a lot of connections. Devastated by the loss of his wife and son in a boat fire, he's not all that focused on the job, and he believes this is just a convenient corner for the agency to drop him in. However, after one or two near death experiences, Chris figures out that Tanner is both the local informant and an undercover cop with Tucson PD. Chris talks his bosses into leaving him undercover, where he becomes the leader of the Tucson Seven.

Vin Tanner

Vin is a local cop who went into the neighborhood undercover. He got pulled into a crazy scheme to protect a soup kitchen run by an odd minister (Josiah.) The locals go to Josiah for protection and give him a lot of information, so the local cops have left Vin in undercover, even if Josiah (and Buck) know the truth. That's fine with Vin who has some trust issues with the system. Orphaned young, he gets nervous around officials of any sort, and early in his career in Fort Worth, a dirty partner nearly pinned a murder on him, which is why he transferred to Tucson. However, he trusts these men more than the cops that he's supposed to be working for.



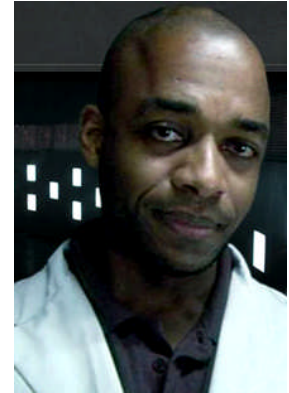
John "J.D." Dunne



JD is a neighborhood boy. He and Nathan went to the same school, but he was a freshman when Nathan was a senior, so they didn't become friends until they both started showing up at the soup kitchen to get community service hours after getting caught pulling a few teenage pranks. Nathan started college. However JD seemed to take an immediate liking to Buck, a local bounty hunter who seemed to always show up at the shelter, either looking for some felon who jumped bounty or some pretty woman. JD tends to help Buck out with his cases or just help around the soup kitchen.

Nathan Jackson

A medical student at the University of Arizona, Nathan grew up in one of the more dangerous neighborhoods. Josiah encouraged Nathan to get away from the anger and poverty on the streets and into college where he belongs. When Buck was injured badly, sixteen year old Nathan saved him, putting pressure on the wounds and finding a love for medicine. When the group has medical emergencies, they often rely on him even though he often complains that if the school finds him "practicing," he's going to lose his license before he earns it. However, that doesn't stop him from helping the group or the poor who come to him.

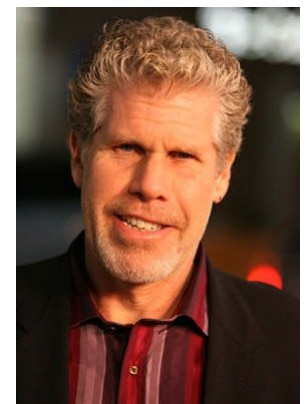


Buck Wilmington

Buck is a local man, fifth generation in Tucson. His mother was from these poor neighborhoods, and he's never really given up on most of the people down here. He is a bounty hunter, but he also provides bail and loans money while charging only very reasonable fees, something that has always angered the local gangs. Rumor is that he runs more than one brothel, but his closest friends know that he is usually visiting the "house" where his mother raised him, although they wouldn't be surprised if he owned stock in a house or two. Years ago, Buck was in the army with Chris Larabee, but they lost touch. When Chris comes into town, Buck takes him in and doesn't regret that, even after discovering he's FBI.

Josiah Sanchez

Josiah was once a hippy who dropped out of theology school. When he got drafted to go to Vietnam, he thought about running for Canada. Instead he went in and showed a certain aptitude for killing. He ended up doing some covert work in the Rangers for which he has never forgiven himself. While he won't say what he did, when he got home, he threw himself into working with inner city soup kitchens and youth programs, and he's never stopped. His obsessions are soul searching and restoring his old adobe church, which he moved into without city permission, but now even the city calls it his. When gangs tried to blackmail the locals, Josiah pulled Vin, JD, Buck, Ezra, and Nathan together to help defend the neighborhood. This is the group Chris Larabee ends up joining a little later.





Ezra Standish

Ezra is an unapologetic con man. He cheats, manipulates, and pretty much bends the world to suit his mood. However, he doesn't cheat the poor, and he has a pretty low opinion of anyone who cheats a mark without looking them in the eye. He also has a bad habit of doing the ethical thing when push comes to shove, including throwing himself into the fight against the gangs that target Josiah's church. Just don't expect him to give up his own self interest along the way. He owns the *Players Only* and still runs cons; he's just good enough to never get caught, even when he's working with two officers of the law. Most days, he's amused by the irony.



Maude Standish

People have a wide range of opinions about Maude. Ezra would say she was a questionable mother who used him as a prop in her own cons. However, he would also say that she does dearly love him in her own way, and she only wants him to be strong enough to be one of the con artists and never one of the marks. Most people simply see the charming façade, but a few would like to see her behind prison bars for the many cons that have bilked them out of millions that seem to vanish, because she's always trying to scrape up more money.



Captain Claude Rodriguez

Captain Rodriguez hired Vin Tanner into the gang unit, recognizing the man's ability to slip into any role. He assigned Vin to the gang-infested neighborhoods; however, when Vin started getting information on Josiah, Rodriguez pulled him back and told him to not worry about Josiah. Part of that is that Rodriguez recognizes that Josiah and Buck do good work, even if they sometimes end up on the wrong side of the law. Part of that is a sense of loyalty. Josiah is the Ranger who led the unit that saved his brother in Vietnam. So now, Captain Rodriguez is more than willing to stick his neck out to cover for whatever mess Vin finds himself in, even if Vin has trouble believing that.



Ezra's "Players Only" Bar and Billiards Hall

