



# David Laudenslager



**D**avid Laudenslager is a National Fight Director and Media Lead of The Saber Legion (TSL), an international LED saber combat organization. David has fought in TSL international tournaments in Minneapolis and Las Vegas, placing every year since 2017. He is currently one of the TSL Tag Team Champions. In addition to LED saber combat, David is an Historical European Martial Arts practitioner currently training in Rapier and Dagger at the Davenriche European Martial Artes School. David lives in the Bay Area with his wife and two children, working as a Software QA Engineer at Apple.

## **Tournament TSL Aetherblade Open**

The 2023 Aetherblade Open, here again at Clockwork Alchemy, is hosted by The Saber Legion (TSL) Steampunk Charter.

Join us for the first Northern California Saber Legion Tournament of 2023. All are invited to come and watch, however participation is for active TSL members. Anyone that has attended any of the War Room classes on LED Saber Flourishes and Choreography will enjoy seeing these skills taken to full contact combat levels. Saber Legion armor requirements will be in effect. Rules and videos from previous tournaments can be found on The Saber Legion YouTube channel.

## **English Rapier and Dagger**

This class explores the use of English Rapier and Dagger as taught by Joseph Swetnam in his manuscript "The Noble and Worthy Science of Defence" from 1617. We will be working on the ways to use the rapier and dagger in different guards and how to move with a unique stance that he teaches. Swetnam says to use his rapier like a backsword so we will be working on techniques that cut the thrust into the attack.