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Twelve years ago this month, STARFLEET became an International Star Trek Fan Association. This issue celebrates our twelfth anniversary with hopes of many more to come in appreciation of the Star Trek dream, the greatest human adventure!

But you know folks...none of this would have been possible without your dedication, enthusiasm, and constant support. And speaking of the aforementioned support, I'd like to acknowledge a few individuals who have donated their talents in compiling this issue: Lt. Jg Nichole Tode, a 4.0 college student and bon vivant, for her outstanding Negel-style anniversary cover artwork. Commander Jonathon Lana, a crazy-go-nuts kinda guy and ne plus ultra, for his intuitive and wonderous article on the USS AVENGER. Thanks again to Lt. Brenda Bell for her photographs. Admiral Sam Parson, big game hunter and corpus delicti, for his job description article on the Inspector General's Office and that 24K smile. Finally, Admiral Christopher Smith, STARFLEET's #2 man and carte blanche, for his research and valuable time in presenting a look back on our own beginnings and history on this, our twelfth anniversary.

As of this writing, I've only partially begun to put everything together for this issue and I'm sure I'm gonna have to thank many more contributors as we figure out what we'll be able to squeeze in.

NEWSLETTER CONTEST: Alright Fellow editors, this is the one you've been waiting for so start doing what you do best and send it me. Entrants will be judged in four (4) categories: BEST MONTHLY, BEST BI-MONTHLY, and BEST QUARTERLY newsletter. Other publications may be submitted for the BEST SINGLE PUBLICATION award. All newsletters will be judged on the quality [not necessarily volume] of content, information, style, plus graphic layout and design. Deadline for submissions will be JANUARY 15 1987 with the winners announced in the February '87 issue.

As mentioned in the last issue of the COMMUNIQUE, we are currently assembling material for the STARFLEET FANZINE. I'd like to thank everyone who have contributed. We got some talented people out there! Now, the second phase of this project is to locate someone who would like to put all of it together. Anyone wishing to be the STARFLEET FANZINE Editor may send a brief resume and a sample of their work to the Senior Vice Chief of Communications, RADM Tim Gillespie, 250 Sobul Ave., Akron, Ohio 44305-3356. We are really looking for someone with hands-on experience in publishing professional 'zines.

Finally, on a different subject, I'd like to take a little time, put my feet up on the desk, take a swig and light up the cigar and answer some of the voluminous mail I've received... Most recently, some of you are writing in and asking, "Regis, how do you pick which chapter gets spotlighted in the Starship File section of each COMMUNIQUE?" Well, it's really quite simple. There are many fine chapter/starships out there who quite literally impress the hell out of me. So, how do we pick 'em? We utilize a very scientific process but due to the lack of space, we can't go into much detail here. However, we can tell you it involves the reading of tarot cards, the movement of the polar ice caps and the flipping of a coin. I hope that covers everything for this month. Keep those submissions coming in! Happy Anniversary everyone and remember...

I just wanna be your teddy bear`.

Buck

Admiral William "BUCK" Krauss
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FROM THE FLEET ADMIRAL

Just a quick note on our STARFLEET Academy. Adm. Christopher J. Lotito is backed up on applications right now. The response has been 'outstanding' so if it takes him awhile to get back to you, don't worry, he's doing the best he can. Please don't forget to send him a SAEE [Self-Addressed Envelope]. Also, he gets the booklets printed by a Friend For Free, so he can't rush him to do them. This has caused some delays also. Thanks For understanding.

Well, the chain link trim as seen and used in the Trek Films is here! So for all of you out there making or who already have a uniform, now is your chance to have a piece of Hollywood. The chain runs \$1.50 a foot and the average uniform takes 2 1/2 to 3 Feet of chain. Let me know exactly how much you need. The links are easy to cut apart [plain sissors or wire cutters work fine] and each link will be an inch long, or four connected squares. When you receive your chain, you'll notice that it has two sides - the bottom side is flat, while the top is tapered. You'll want to place the flat part on the trim so when the jacket flap is open, the tapered side will show. Send your orders to me at the STARFLEET address in Newton, Iowa, Please do not send cash.

While talking about uniforms, Commodore Mark Schmadeke of the USS VICTORY in Ankeny, Iowa has the twist latch used in the shoulder straps. These are also the same latches used in the movies and Mark sells them For \$3.50 each. His address is 1011 S.E. 3rd, Apt. #12, Ankeny, IA 50021.

Have a great Fall and a nice Thanksgiving! As seeing that the next COMMUNIQUE will come out after STAR TREK IV, enjoy it! It's a great movie!

Steven L. Smith

Fleet Admiral Steven L. Smith
Commanding/STARFLEET



STARFLEET OPERATIONS
ADMIRAL C.L. SMITH - CHIEF

FLEET REPORT

01 REGION 01 - RADM Susan Bolick, Fleet Commander

Flagship USS ALARIC NCC-503 [NC]
Captain Jeanette Maddox, Commanding

All our best wishes to Capt. Maddox during her convalescence. At this writing, the crew is attending the Region 01 conference at RoVaCon in Virginia.

USS CONSTELLATION II NCC-1728 [KY]
Captain Rick Alvey, Commanding

The crew just raised \$200.00 for Trek Aid. The CONSTELLATION II is shipping out as part of the First Fleet Carrier Group and celebrated the launching at a tri-ship get together with the LAGRANGE and POLARIA at the Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio.

USS HATHOR NCC-523 [IN]
Captain Donna Harvey, Commanding

Raised \$112.00 for Trek Aid. They are gearing up for Star Trek IV and recruiting in their area. Newsletter is going through revisions.

USS ENDEAVOR NCC-1716 [NC]
Captain Arlene Mabry, Commanding

The Fleet welcomes yet another new chapter to the fold! The crew is attending RoVaCon go meet the other Region 01 vessels and they are planning a con of their own.

USS HIEMDAL NCC-1793 [VA]
Commodore Linda Neighbors, Commanding

Already gearing up for the ship's Christmas party. They have launched a new shuttle in West Virginia, the GLAMOROUS GLENNIS [named for the first supersonic aircraft flown by now retired Gen. Chuck Yeager]. The GLENNIS crew received a kind letter on their commissioning from the Yeagers. HIEMDAL has also launched the Shuttle MOLOKAI in Virginia Beach.

USS JAMESTOWN NIC-1843 [VA]
Rear Admiral Steve Thomas, Commanding

During September, the JAMESTOWN crew held a party to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Star Trek. They are instituting a rank and promotion program.

USS LAGRANGE NCC-3916 [OH]
Admiral Christopher L. Smith, Commanding

The crew is currently very, very busy! The ship's 4th anniversary issue of their newsletter has just come out. The crew was a big help in getting this issue of the Communique out to all of you and are making final preparations for the American Cancer Society fund raiser. All this and the launching of STARFLEET's very first Shuttlecraft Carrier Group.

USS LEXINGTON NCC-1703 [SC]
Captain Gunther Bellows, Commanding

Crew plans on attending a gaming con in Atlanta. Planning two new shuttles. Shuttle BELLE OF CAROLINA preparing for chapter status.

USS PATHFINDER NCC-2121 [VA]
Captain Robin Pillow, Commanding

Another new ship this month! And Region 01 continues to grow. The PATHFINDER will be hosting the Regional Conference at RoVaCon.

USS POLARIS NCC-1839 [OH]
Captain Ted Tribby, Commanding

The POLARIS crew got together with the crews of the LAGRANGE and PULSAR at Earthcon VI. The ship makes the final vessel in the First Fleet Carrier Group and joined the CONSTELLATION II and LAGRANGE in launching the three vessel group at the celebration at the Air Force Museum in Ohio.

USS PULSAR NCC-3941 [OH]
Fleet Captain MaryLee Holzheimer, Commanding

A great job was done by the crew in holding Earthcon VI together. Flt. Capt. Holzheimer will be next year's chairperson [see what happens when you let people get you drunk, MaryLee].

USS VINDICATOR NCC-1984 [IN]
Captain Jackie Gill, Commanding

Congratulations to Kirk Brienfalk on being named Region 01 Chief of Marines. The VINDICATOR also held a 'ship's wedding' for two crewmembers who were recently wed.

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REGION 02 - RADM Linda Taylor, Fleet Commander
[No specific report from Region 02 this time around, however, a large number of the Second Fleet's members were in attendance at World Con in Atlanta. Capt. Vanguard of the PAEGAN held a STARFLEET/recruiting party both Friday and Saturday nights. They were also grabbed for photos from a reporter from Qdnessu magazine from London, England]

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REGION 03 - ADM Mary Helm, Fleet Commander
[No report filed]

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REGION 04 - RADM Pamela DuPuy, Fleet Commander

Flagship USS ACHERNER NCC-1732 [CA]
Rear Admiral Pamela DuPuy, Commanding

Ship's department heads held a meeting to discuss promotions and what to do with non-active members.

USS DEFIANCE NCC-1717 [CA]
Captain Janis Moore, Commanding

[No report filed]

USS EAGLE NCC-1715 [CA]
Captain Dail Koehler, Commanding

The EAGLE is now putting out a quarterly newsletter called Eagle's Crest. It will be published in addition to the regular monthly newsletter.

USS ENDURANCE NCC-1862 [CA]
Captain Martin McClure, Commanding

The ship's newsletter, Hyper-Channel has been expanded to a multi-page format. The crew seems eager to participate in it's production!

USS SHADOWSTAR NCC-1875 [CA]
Captain Sandor Xen Thongor-Kaos, Commanding

[No report filed]

USS VIGILANT NCC-1865 [CA]
Captain Carolyn Balsley, Commanding

The ship is now working on getting chapter t-shirts and sweatshirts made. They are also preparing to celebrate their third anniversary.



NEW STARSHIP INSIGNIA: USS MERRIMAC

REGION 05 - RADM Sheila Glassburn, Fleet Commander [No Regional report filed]

Flagship USS MERRIMAC NCC-1715 [WA]
Rear Admiral Sheila Glassburn, Commanding

MERRIMAC now has a chapter patch. They are also working on the "Bridge Scenario". They are also asking for more contributions to their newsletter, the SARATOGA Orbiter.

MERRIMAC now has a chapter patch. They are also working on a Cerebral Palsey telethon for January.

USS SARATOGA NCC-1724 [WA]
Captain Robert Hilton, Commanding

The SARATOGA reports great success on the "Bridge Scenario". They are also asking for more contributions to their newsletter, the SARATOGA Orbiter.

REGION 06 - Comm. Mark Schmadeke, Fleet Commander [No report filed]

Flagship USS VICTORY NCC-1398 [IA]
Commodore Mark Schmadeke, Commanding

[No report filed]

USS LAFAYETTE NCC-1720 [IA]
Admiral Larry Mercheschi, Jr., Commanding

[No report filed]

USS CZAR'AK NCC-1758 [MN]
Fleet Captain Tim Dover, Commanding

Recruiting continues and the CZAR'AK has been approved to up-grade to Enterprise Class Heavy Cruiser.

USS EXETER NCC-1706 [IA]
Captain Larry Reeds, Commanding

No official report this month, however, FADM Smith has informed me that the EXETER (the Fleet Admiral's former command) serves as the personal administrative vessel and transport for the Commanding Admiral's office.

USS NOKOMIS NCC-1858 [MN]
Captain Chris Monkholm, Commanding

[No report filed]

However we have some late news on the NOKOMIS's activities. In the July issue of Space World (the news magazine for the National Space Society), a standing ovation was given to the NSS regional conference in Minnesota. The success of the conference was attributed to the fine work of the NOKOMIS (and crew member Joe Coletta) for their outstanding help in planning, organizing, and publicizing the conference. Congratulations on a job well done!

07 REGION 07 - RADM Faye Esswein, Fleet Commander

Flagship USS ARCHON NCC-636 [DC]
Rear Admiral Faye Esswein, Commanding

Ship's projects: chapter t-shirts and producing new Starfleet uniforms. There was also a BBQ in August

USS AVENGER NCC-1860 [NJ]
Rear Admiral Alex Rosenzweig

The AVENGER has been doing some very heavy recruiting (these people live at conventions). The Shuttle AIYA has had a command name change to NORZAN.

USS EXPLORER NCC-504 [NY]
Admiral Christopher Lotito, Commanding

[No report filed]

There is news by the way. The AVENGER shuttle ASIMOV has merged with the crew of the EXPLORER. The chapter is being revised.

USS POTEMKIN NCC-1711 [PA]
Admiral Ilene Hightower, Commanding

Plans are being made for a fourth year at the MDA telethon. Also the POTEMKIN will be having a reunion in conjunction with ST IV and the opening of the POTEMKIN Archives.

USS SIRIUS NCC-1744 [PA]
Captain Robert McDonough, Jr., Commanding

Capt. McDonough will soon be taking leave for basic training with the United States Navy.

10 REGION 10 - Comm. Trina Anderson, Fleet Commander

Flagship USS SOL NCC-1733 [AK]
Commodore Trina Anderson, Commanding

The wide spread SOL, is getting their shuttles on the ball and hopefully we'll be seeing some new chapters up there soon.

USS EQUULUS NCC-603 [Alberta, Canada]
Captain April Gorman, Commanding

The ship just celebrated their first anniversary (contrats), and also had a landing party at the 1986 Expo.

USS RESOLUTION NCC-1877 [British Columbia, Canada]
Captain Terry Wyatt, Commanding

Now planning their first anniversary, members were also involved in the Terry Fox Run for Cancer and have \$300.00 in pledges.

11 REGION 11 - Comm. Jennifer Yates, Fleet Commander

Flagship USS SOUTHERN CROSS NCC-1886 [NSW, Australia]
Commodore Jennifer Yates, Commanding

Congratulations to Comm. Yates on her promotion to Regional CO! Also, well done to her crew on a successful 20th Anniversary party! I wish I had more space to tell all the details, but everyone had a great time. Hopefully, we'll have pics next issue.

USS N'DELE NCC-1758 [SA, Australia]
Rear Admiral Leanne Jackson, Commanding

Congratulations also go to Leanne Jackson upon her promotion to the position of Pacific Sector Chief (following the retirement of Elizabeth Rose).

12 REGION 12 - RADM Lee Schmidt, Fleet Commander

Flagship USS JUPITER NCC-1734 [MD]
Rear Admiral Lee Schmidt, Commanding

The Shuttlecraft CALLISTO is organizing a salvage effort in the last known location of the USS KRIEGER. Other Jupiter Shuttles are doing well.

USS ATHENS NCC-2545 [MI]
Admiral Bryan Ackerman, Commanding

[No report filed]

USS ATLANTIS NCC-1379 [MO]
Captain R. Fiedler, Commanding

Joint birthday parties being held for ATLANTIS and JUPITER. Also, a Halloween and Christmas party is being held.

USS DISCOVERY NCC-1308 [MO]
Captain Doug Glenn, Commanding

The DISCOVERY reports good recruiting response to Space Trek IV. STARFLEET was the only Trek Fan club well represented at the con.

USS TAMERLANE NCC-510
Commodore Beth Wesley

Comm. Wesley has just sent four shuttle commanders to the 12th Fleet Academy under orders from RADM Schmidt. The vessel still needs to officially register.

USS VOYAGER NCC-1977 [IL]
Captain Tom Herrmann, Commanding

Big plans for recruitment during the release of Star Trek IV

USS YORKTOWN NCC-1704 [OK]
Admiral Sharon Robison, Commanding

The crew is very excited about the assignment to the new vessel. The ship is currently being restructured.

REGION 13 - RADM Greg Young, Fleet Commander

Flagship USS EXCALIBUR NCC-1705 [MB, Canada]
Rear Admiral Greg Young, Commanding

The EXCALIBUR Team came in third place during the local Olympia Picnic. They are also working on a slide film to be scored by a local musician

REGION 14 - RADM John Supranovich, Fleet Commander

[No report filed]

REGION 17 - ADM Charles Brown, Fleet Commander

[This will be ADM Brown's last report as Region 17 CO. He has now moved to California [however, he retains a Colorado address]. In order to have a senior and active commander to run the region, the state of Nevada has been re-alligned from Region 04 to Region 17. To balance things out, the state of Arizona has been re-alligned into Region 04.]

Flagship AURORA VULCANUS NCC-1876 [CO]
Admiral Charles Brown, Commanding

[No report filed]

USS TULAN NCC-1777 [AZ]
Captain Tracy Murray, Commanding

[No report filed]

Still no word from Capt. Murray on the regional re-location.

Notes from the Chief of Operations

First off, the Fleet Admiral wishes me to inform you that, due to continuous problems with the STARFLEET Computer Systems, renewal notices haven't been getting to all of you. Please check the date on your Communique address label for your renewal date until things get straightened out.

Also, starting with next issue, if any shuttles are recruiting out there, please send me info on your shuttle and your activities as well as recruiting area so we can give you some exposure to help get you going.

Lastly, I'd like to thank my Computer Chief, Capt. Mark Williams for getting the computer back up and running. A job well done. And thanks to ADM Carl Trost, the Chief of Naval Operations and his staff at the Pentagon for the info on regulations they provided to help us get some of our fictional paramilitary structure more organized.



STARSHIP FILE

U.S.S. AVENGER

CHAPTER PROFILE SERIES No. 5

NCC-1860

REGION: 07



CLASS:



HEAVY FRIGATE

A fiery horse with the speed of light, a cloud of dust, and a hearty... wait a second. Wrong show.

Space the final frontier, these are the voyages of the starship AVENGER. Our ongoing mission, to explore strange, new pastimes, to seek our new life-forms and new Star Trek conventions, to boldly go...wherever we darn-well please!

Or something like that.

Welcome to the U.S.S. AVENGER. We are one of STARFLEET's younger chapters, having just celebrated our first anniversary this past June. Our membership currently stands at just over 80, spread across New York, New Jersey, and eastern Pennsylvania. We are very enthusiastic about Star Trek, and must of us are, quite frankly, absolutely nuts.

Almost all of the crew who first formed AVENGER were originally members of the now-dormant USS CONSTITUTION. These members, who included CONSTITUTION's executive officer and all of the section chiefs, grew quite frustrated and fed up with the policies and attitude of CONSTITUTION's commanding officer. At STARFLEET's suggestion, these twenty-five or so members left CONSTITUTION to form our own ship.

The final approval for the formation of this chapter came during a summer Star Trek convention in New York City. Very excited about the birth of our own ship, the twenty-five of us squeezed into one very small hotel room on Saturday night to celebrate and brainstorm about plans for our new chapter. First, we had to think of a name for the ship. This was not as easy as one might think. For awhile, the best name anyone could come up with was the U.S.S. Heather Locklear. We were also almost the U.S.S. Phoenix, until we learned that there was, at that time, already a ship in the Fleet with that name. We finally agreed on the USS AVENGER, class ship of the heavy frigate fleet [which included, before STAR TREK II, the RELIANT]. Our logo and insignia were designed after much doodling] after the convention on Sunday night by Cmdr. Ken Newman and myself.

Our next big project was to write an AVENGER Officer's Manual. One of the various membership materials issued to each new AVENGER crewmember, this 25-page publication outlines explicitly the powers and responsibilities of the commanding officer, exec, section chiefs, shuttlecraft commanders, and individual members. It also contains information about chapter operations and STARFLEET in general.

Some of the other membership materials include a personnel roster, membership card, certificate, and something not too many ships have - a purple and gold chapter armband for each member, signifying rank, section, shuttle, commendations, and time in STARFLEET. A member's armband changes frequently, as he or she is promoted, decorated, or transferred to a position of greater authority [all our armbands are hand-sewn by Lt. Brenda Bell].

AVENGER has two major bi-monthly newsletter publications: Avenger News and Tri-corder Readings. The former is produced by our CO, Rear Admiral Alex Rosenzweig. The latter is not an 'official' chapter newsletter per se, but it is still sent to everyone on board ["TR" is put out, incidentally, by yours truly - I started publishing it back on CONSTITUTION and saw no reason to stop just because we changed ships].

"Other less regular, but just as entertaining publications on AVENGER are "Flight Deck Recorder" [our Engineering Section newsletter], "Hailing Frequencies Are Open" [put out by the Communications Section], and our soon-to-be-released Operations zany-zine "Just Another Damn Newsletter". We are also compiling our first ever, straight fanzine publications, "Beyond...", which will sell for \$4.50 and will contain several original short stories by some of our members and will probably be released at about the same time as this article sees print.

We don't have regular chapter meetings due to the wide spread of our members over three states. However, AVENGER often gets a table at major STAR TREK conventions in the area, and members like to get together there. Members who live near each other often get together as well, either officially or unofficially. AVENGER also has five operational shuttlecraft: MERLIN, AXANAR, DISCOVERY, ASIMOV, and NORZAN.

Current chapter projects include attending Trek conventions and getting interviews with guests there, collecting opinions from our members about which directions Star Trek should take in the near [and not so near] future [to be sent to Paramount], the AVENGER Journal of Medicine, the writing of crewmember character files, and a project that is still in the planning stages: the sponsoring of a child by the chapter. Alan, our Chief of Communications, Capt. Bob Vosseller, is working on the fourth in his series of wacky Star Trek movie spoofs: "Starfleet IV - The AVENGER Continues". I should also mention that our official "ship's stowaway", Adam Lebowitz, is currently building what he considers to be an essential part of any starship - something that we don't have: a salad bar. Good luck, Adam.



Well, as space [the final frontier] runs short, I'd just like to say that we on AVENGER would love to hear from any and all active chapters out there. Alex and I already exchange newsletters and correspond with about ten chapters, and we consistently encourage the entire AVENGER crew to correspond with members on other ships, as well. Should you wish to get in touch with either Rear Admiral Rosenzweig or myself, our addresses are below.

Thank you for showing an interest in our humble chapter and for taking the time to look through this article. I hope you enjoyed reading it as much as I enjoyed writing it.

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May all your tribbles be few,
Commander Jon Lane
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INTERVIEW PART TWO

NICHELLE NICHOLS



by Lt. jg Nicholas
Toda

[The First part of Lt. Toda's interview with Nichelle Nichols at Space Trek IV ran in the August issue of the STARFLEET Communique. Here is the conclusion.]

The hour and a half I spent with Nichelle in St. Louis wasn't all serious conversation on the Space Program, and discussing Uhura's creation. As a matter of Fact, Nichelle kept me in stitches almost the whole time with a lot of hilarious, ironic, informative bits about Trek backstage antics, the Shuttle naming campaign, and the upcoming STAR TREK - THE JOURNEY HOME. Enjoy!

"There's a scene missing [in Star Trek III], a fatal flaw, in which you understand...that Uhura would be waiting on Vulcan for the others to come back. She went back with Sarek, he invites her...she HAD to escape, but they left it, and you had to assume that... Sarek protected her. Uhura was very important in STAR TREK III. . . [but her part in STAR TREK IV] is really lovely. It's more in keeping with the integration of all the characters, more like the early years of the series in which we were out there. It isn't so much that the part was so much bigger, it's that it's integrated, together again' She's back again being part of that important crew, and I think more than dealing with it from Uhura's point of view that STAR TREK IV brings back the essence of STAR TREK, the series, with the entire crew being integral parts of the story from beginning to end, woven in and out...it's really marvelous, the best yet! You'll love it!"

"The cast, crew, WE ALWAYS have had a great relationship. . . [and], yup!, I did get in on [the practical jokes]...the classics. I was involved with the famous story of when Leonard's son [Adam], came on. . . and he was about yay-high, nine or ten maybe. We took him to make-up, all of us, and put ears on him, and they made him a little shirt, This was a real production! Well, he looked EXACTLY like Spock, and in this scene I do with Leonard, he's in the captain's chair. A crewman is supposed to come in - I'm standing there, talking to him and hand him something to sign. . . and his son comes in, but Leonard can't see because his back is to the door, and goes up to him, hands him the clipboard and says, "Hi, Daddy". And that dirty, low-down, stinking, no-good Leonard Nimoy did not crack a smile! And I will never forgive him for as long as he lives; he did NOT break! He said, "Thank you very much," took the clipboard, signed it, handed it back to Adam...everyone else is cracking up, everybody's falling apart, everybody's coming unglued, and Leonard looks at us, and raises his bloody eyebrow...I WANTED TO KILL HIM! I will never forgive him. Never", But, AFTERWARDS, off camera, he said "How'd you do that? Who?" And THEN he laughs, the dirty son of a guru WHY DIDN'T YOU LAUGH ON THE CAMERA! He said, "I thought he was part of the crew", of all the ...AAAAAARGH! If I could ever have throttled anyone I'll never forgive him!"

"I'll get him back, though...There's still STAR TREK V. Shatner and I, we'll get him! What would I like to see [For Uhura] in that one, or for the series they're talking about for Fox? Well, THE JOURNEY HOME sets up For the next movie, even if De [Kelly] says differently but, oh boy!... I would REALLY love it if, in some form, it expanded on who and why she is what she is. not a walk through history, but showing her strength of character, I love the books that came out, 'Uhura's Song' and 'Tears of the Singers'. They make a marvelous story, and utilize everyone in the cast, and that's what STAR TREK is... teamwork, that dream of Gene's."

"You know, we all had very mixed emotions on [the Shuttle ENTERPRISE]. I signed and campaigned because I understood the nature of the energy behind it, how important it was, but I wanted the SECOND one named ENTERPRISE...you see, even NASA wanted the second one, not the first one named ENTERPRISE, because the first one wasn't going to fly. The second one was going to fly, but they absolutely could not say it, you see, because that's getting into P.R. And it was too late, the momentum was rolling - with the fans and people all over the country - but NASA knew the first one was a tester. There were closet Trekkers in NASA, scientists, powers that be, that really had to stay out of it...kind of 'See no evil, hear no evil, keep your job.' Then it became almost a political football, with President Ford saying, 'Let's agree.' You know HE'S a Trekker, and I think he recognized a political goodie, and he thought that if this many people had this much enthusiasm, THAT says something for the Space Program. Let's not kill that enthusiastic fervor and interest, and so he overrode NASA, not knowing that NASA wanted the second one named ENTERPRISE, or factions within NASA. Later, before this terrible tragedy [with CHALLENGER], they were already talking about when they were going to scrap the test shuttle, and it was saved from that, and they hoped, was going to be rebuilt, so an ENTERPRISE would fly, and it would be put in the fleet."

"We have to get over that negative, oh, feeling, and realize that the Space Program's benefits have changed the quality of life on Earth for the better. We'll never repay space research for what it has given us! How arrogantly we accept technology, and put it down as we enjoy it! We have to look into that and see how REALLY lucky we are, and learn to respect our technology instead of letting it overwhelm us, and put it in it's proper perspective as a TOOL. It is no less than any other breakthrough - in medicine, the automobile, the telephone - we were afraid of those, and there are still religious orders that will have nothing to do with them. Why do we need those? You get in the car, you turn the ignition, you go someplace... tomorrow, you get in your spaceship and turn the ignition, go someplace. Big deal! It's something you'll see in your lifetime."

"Tell everyone to support the Space Administration, and not to give up. They're doing such a great job now! And, I love your uniform. Can I try it on?"

WDA' Nichelle Nichols liked my jacket! That was definitely the best time I've ever had, talking with Nichelle, and I've got to thank Mr. Joe LaGree for sneaking me back through the hotel lobby, through a maze of corridors, and through the jungles of plants in Nichelle's suite to see her. What a lady! I hope you think so too!

NEW STAR TREK SERIES

As reported in the last issue of the STARFLEET Communique, it was announced that the Fox Broadcasting Company was negotiating with Paramount Pictures for a new TV STAR TREK series. Those proceedings have since fallen through with Paramount deciding to take the reins themselves and will begin production next year of 'STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION'. The Paramount Television Group officially announced that the series, featuring an all-new cast, will launch with a two-hour TV movie and follow with 24 hour-long episodes for the 1987-88 season.

Paramount figured that they should continue their 20 year STAR TREK legacy and not give it to somebody else who couldn't do it with the "same degree of attention and tender loving care". And just how will they be able to do that? Why, by making Gene Roddenberry the executive producer of course.

The new TREK series, set a century ahead of the original NBC show, will be distributed to the same stations currently running the original 79 episodes now seen on 145 independent stations in syndication.



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FROM: The Office of the STARFLEET Inspector General
TO: All STAFFLEET Personnel

I have been asked at several conventions lately, and have been written to - asking the same question: 'Who are you, and what do you do?' Well, I thought that rather than answer everybody individually, I would write this letter and introduce myself to the whole of STARFLEET. So without further ado:

My name is Samuel M. Person. I am 27 years old and have been a Star Trek Fan since Sept. 8, 1965. I am a single, white male, 6 Feet in height, around 200 lbs., brown hair and green eyes. I was in professional law enforcement for almost 5 years and am currently managing a sporting goods store. Besides science fiction, my hobbies include, swimming, fishing, three-wheeling down the river water skiing and tubing, trap shooting, competitive pistol shooting, and game hunting, just to scratch the surface. I have a talent for saying what I think, no matter what, and am painfully honest. I always seek for the truth in anything I look into, and sometimes that is a hard road to follow. About my position in STARFLEET. I am an Admiral in rank, and Inspector General. The Inspector General is in charge of the Security Division of STARFLEET. I am sort of a liaison officer between the members and the Executive Committee. My function is to iron out any disturbances or complaints within the fleet.

To explain that in more detail, I'll use an example. STARFLEET Chapter A is having trouble with Regional-Coordinator C. For some reason or another, they can't get along, matters get worse and they have tried all measures to solve the problems between themselves. One of them makes a formal request of me in writing to look into this. I speak to all involved parties and get their stories. Then I try to separate it out into only the facts. Then I compose my report of the matter, omitting all names of the involved parties. Next I would randomly draw four names of ship commanders to form a Captain's Mast. They would, in turn, read the reports and attempt to find a solution to the problem. I would vote in case of a tie. After a decision was reached, the Adjutant General or one of the Executive Committee would enforce the decision made by the Captain's Mast. Hopefully a process that will never be used in STARFLEET, but it is the fairest we could come up with. This, of course, would only be used if matters could not be resolved by the parties involved. I believe in keeping problems on board ship or within a Region - the lower down the line a problem can be solved, the better. I have a simple rule about complaints. I never complain about anything unless I offer a possible solution to the problem along with the complaint. I hope anyone making a complaint about something will use that rule as well.

Another thing I am currently doing in STARFLEET is working with Commodore Mark Schmadeke on making for distribution a STARFLEET Uniform Manual. We have been working closely with Bob Fletcher at Paramount in trying to make it as detailed as possible and as accurate as possible. Hopefully, we will have something ready to print sometime next year.

I hope I have answered everyone's questions and I look forward to meeting many of you at upcoming conventions over the years. Please feel free to write at any time about anything. May you all live long and prosper.

Sincerely,

Admiral S.M. Person
Inspector General/STARFLEET

12 HISTORY OF STARFLEET YEARS

BY ADMIRAL CHRISTOPHER L. SMITH

The Following is a brief history of our organization, STARFLEET, the international Star Trek Fan association. The facts have been derived from interviews with past commanding admirals and volumes of information such as newsletters and manuals put out by the fleet, as well as individual communication. There may be some items that will not be completely without error, however, the facts that have been used to compile this article are official documentation.

In 1974, a small group of Texas Star Trek fans formed a group that called itself the USS ENTERPRISE. Under the leadership of an amiable fellow named John Bradbury, the group did much the same as most current STARFLEET chapters. There were fund raisers, parties, and most importantly, an ambition to grow!

And grow they did! The group became so popular that members began to spread out across the state and a need for organizational change became imminent. The command staff of the ENTERPRISE met to discuss what the future held for the organization. It was soon decided that other vessels served as the solution to the problem of wide spread expansion of members. On May 23rd, it was announced in the first issue of the organization's newsletter [then called STARFLEET Communications] that "The USS ENTERPRISE has been reorganized, effective stardate 2535.0. It will henceforth be known as STARFLEET, due to directives determined during reorganization".

This also began the process of setting up the paramilitary structure of the organization. And though that system has been altered during the past 12 years, it has indeed proven to be an effective and fun way to make things work. To start things off, the first chapter was commissioned under the command of Capt. Jay Wallace in Lufkin, taking the name USS ENTERPRISE, also the location of STARFLEET HQ.

As the organization began to grow in leaps and bounds, STARFLEET soon reached the end of their first year of operations. John Bradbury [holding the rank of Commodore] continued to command the organization and, at the end of the first year, proudly stated that STARFLEET was doing so well that Fleet Command had never had to dip into their own pocket books to cover operation costs and the treasury was well into the black. STARFLEET was very alive and healthy!

Soon, two more vessels would be commissioned by Fleet Command. The USS CUNSTALLIUM in Memphis, TN, and the USS CONSTITUTION in Coppel, TX. This added even more members and potential for recruiting. By the second anniversary, the fleet had grown to 14 chapters across the country including the USS EAGLE in California which is still in operation in that state. And although command has been passed along several times, the EAGLE remains the longest continually running chapter in STARFLEET. Congratulations and happy 10th anniversary EAGLE!

Not to be forgotten, STARFLEET Communications continued to improve in volume and quality. The newsletter gave up to date information on the latest Star Trek happenings such as the new proposed television series [which later became Star Trek: the Motion Picture]. There was also information on the happenings of the other chapters and the organization as a whole. Information on SF books and films also appeared periodically including the announcement of a little movie called "Star Wars". There was some information on rank structure and vessel positions, a concern that continues today. And traditionally, there were convention listings.

During the latter part of 1977 is where STARFLEET's history begins to get clouded and not much is recorded from that period. However a new commanding

admiral was now running the STARFLEET show. Fleet Admiral Adeline Longshaw took the top office when retiring FAUM Bradbury entered college life in the fall of 1977.

It was during her administration that STARFLEET's organizational structure began to solidify even more. There were a large number of STAFFLEET divisions on help operate- the club, such as Chief of Fleet Recruiting, Chief of Logistics, and the Alien Relations Board, just to name a few. A very important part of keeping things "tight" was a division run by an officer named Admiral Brandt Heatherington who served, for a time, as the Command Assistance Coordinator. Adm. Heatherington was to later serve as STARFLEET's Chief of Personnel and then go on to serve as an interim Commanding Admiral.

Heatherington put out a monthly publication called CAC [Command Assistance Coordinator Bulletin. This later developed into General Orders as a news bulletin for command level officers. Even more complete than the current GO me Bulletin contained info on current active chapters, changes in command, and even where to obtain authentic Starfleet uniforms for you and your crew. The CAC also put out a complete, informative manual filled with guidelines on how to operate a successful chapter and even went into more detail on STARFLEET regulations that concern command personnel (an updated version of this manual will be published by STARFLEET early next year).



During the Longshaw Administration, STARFLEET operated with 15 active starships and 35 planetary outposts [predecessor to the Shuttlecraft Program]. Recruiting continued at a fast rate. In October of 1979, STARFLEET stood at 700 members. Not bad for an organization that hadn't even begun to saturate.

Another name that would become important to STARFLEET was John Wetsch. Then Commodore Wetsch, he was instrumental in opening STARFLEET Academy, a very popular program that continues to be a source of enjoyment and fulfillment for all members. Wetsch also went on to become Chief of Operations. However, keep this name in mind.

Sometime in the February of 1979, STARFLEET began to see its first problems in the administration. Delays in the usual communications and distribution of materials began to occur in STARFLEET HQ. In March of that year, ADM Heatherington reported that FAUM Longshaw had been having trouble coping with STARFLEET operations - not due to disinterest or laziness, but because of serious hospitalizing illnesses in her family. He promised that things would soon be back on track. However, FAUM Longshaw was understandably more concerned with family and instead of trying to deal with her personal crisis and operate what was quickly becoming a fandom monolith, Brant Heatherington became STARFLEET's first interim Commanding Admiral. And in only a few short months [here's that name I told you to remember], Admiral John Wetsch would become the 3rd full Fleet Admiral of STARFLEET.

Wetsch's administration improved even more on the organizational structure of the fleet. The STARFLEET Officer's Handbook [membership handbook] was greatly improved upon. The problem of the delayed membership packets were being investigated and, supposedly, taken care of. One of Wetsch's key officers in helping get the organization back on its feet and who would later become a thorn in the Commanding Admiral's side, was a young Vice Chief of Personnel named Eric Stillwell.

Wetsch had indeed taken a bull by the horns. When his administration took office, STARFLEET was putting out very few newsletters [certainly not as many as promised] and membership packets were backed up for months and months. He and his staff struggled with the problems in hopes that it could be corrected before the membership began to drop. FAUM Wetsch was very determined to make things work.

From the very beginning of Wetsch's administration, VAOM Eric Stillwell took a personal crusade in getting STARFLEET reorganized under the title "Mandate For Change". In the early portion of this "Mandate", Stillwell praised ADM Wetsch: "FAUM Wetsch brought with him to the Chief of Staff position the long desired leadership that could bring new directive to STARFLEET. His first task was to

seek out new, trustworthy personnel to fill the important positions of command, but the task was difficult and the burden of mass responsibility fell heavy upon his shoulders. Change was inevitable, but slow." Apparently much too slow for Stillwell as the "Mandate For Change" soon became a political power struggle between VADM Stillwell, and his views on what direction the organization should take and what steps must be taken to correct the ever-growing problems, and FADM Wetsch, the Commanding Admiral. The organization became split on the issues, but all agreed that, if STARFLEET were to survive, drastic measures MUST be taken.

Another important element in this power struggle, was the STARFLEET Communique. In 1981, it had been nearly a year and a half since STARFLEET had published an international newsletter. This, Stillwell called "a gross violation of obligation" and that "members who pay to join STARFLEET were being ripped-off if they never get what they were promised". In answer to this, Stillwell published a supplemental newsletter which later became the regular STARFLEET newsletter. This is where VADM Stillwell published his "Mandate For Change". In addition to this, Stillwell, though serving as the Vice Chief of Personnel, was also believed to be serving as the Chief of Communications under the name of VADM T. Wxyn. Adding to the facts, these two names shared the same address. VADM Stillwell definately had control of the STARFLEET media and his "Mandate" continually called for members to "start doing, asking and requesting" and mainly to get involved! Eric Stillwell was quickly making STARFLEET a "members" organization which won him great popularity throughout the Fleet. His fight was against the "bureaucracy which has devoured efficiency and effectiveness".

During all of this, FADM Wetsch and his staff, many of who had resigned under the pressure as the situation, were still trying to process memberships and combat the growing displeasure as the members with the Fleet Command, and the growing popularity of Erin; Stillwell and his plans for decisive action,

Late in 1981, the power struggle ended in Stillwell's favor. he and his backers had wrestled the organization away from John Wetsch and Eric Stillwell became the next Commanding Admiral of STARFLEET.

Above all, the most interesting part of this period in STARFLEET history is that for the first and only time, the organization was being run by what seemed to be two administrations. FADM Stillwell and his staff now had the entire fleet of ships and members completely behind their self-appointed administration, and FADM Wetsch, whose administration was still officially [under STARFLEET regulation] running the show. But without a fleet, many of Wetsch's staff filled positions under Stillwell, and John Wetsch was out of power.

It is also at this time that legal ramifications come into play. The question stands that - If Eric Stillwell set up his own administration against the official administration in order to solve the problems with STARFLEET, is our STARFLEET today the same exact organization as started in 1974?

Organizational structure and policy alterations notwithstanding, legally and officially, STARFLEET is indeed the 12 year old international Star Trek Fan association. FADM Stillwell did indeed take power of the exact same organization [chapters, still valid members and all] that FACIM John Wetsch had tried so hard to get back on it's feet.

The beginning of the Stillwell Administration began, and continued up into 1983, much like the end of the depression, "Happy Days Are Here Again"! The STARFLEET Communique was now coming out on a regular quarterly basis and it's quality was extremely professional. The same was true of the membership packets that were now being distributed on a regular basis. There was also a great deal of packets distributed to members who had waited over a year.

Another important factor of the Stillwell Administration was the large amount of publicity and attention STARFLEET received from the media. Paid advertisement and a small article in Starlog magazine along with attention from powerful Trek people such as



Susan Sackett and Bjo Trimble helped STARFLEET in the greatest growth it has ever seen to this day. Within a few short months, the organization had grown to over 3000 members across the world and close to 200 chapters in more than half a dozen countries. STARFLEET was alive and well end living on the planet Earth!!

Once again, Stillwell tightened the organizational belt and streamlined the process of operations. However the continual cost of the top professional quality of STARFLEET materials remained a dark cloud at Headquarters. Then, another problem arose in the summer of 1982. One that is not very widely known to STARFLEET members.

At one time, STARFLEET has its own product distribution office. Several items of Star Trek nature were for sale to members in order to raise extra funds for the quickly draining treasury. STARFLEET HQ was contacted by Paramount Pictures (and it's parent company Gulf and Western) concerning the violation of the copyrights and patents held by Paramount by selling items not licensed through them and for also using the calligraphic font in the name title of the organization. The situation dragged out into the winter end many upper level Headquarters personnel began to fear that, should Paramount take legal action, many of them would be held responsible. However, the situation was finally resolved after the legal department of Paramount had discovered that STARFLEET was indeed a fan club and offered no unfair competition to Paramount and/or any of its licensees. Paramount's solution to their legal dilemma of being required by law to defend their copyrights was simply to ignore a group that was giving them hundreds of thousands of dollars of free publicity. They had no need to protect a copyright from a group they pretended didn't exist. This was a very wise move on their behalf since Paramount is now trying to work with fandom through their official fan club and have chosen STARFLEET to enlist for help.

One crisis averted, and a new "old" one to begin. That dark cloud of high costs compiled with the continual turn over of key STARFLEET personnel once again began to affect the efficiency of STARFLEET in the category of membership package distribution and the publishing of the Communique. Long time members began to see a familiar pattern emerge. The success that STARFLEET had been enjoying was quickly becoming a never ending battle to find out what was going to go wrong next.

The lack of communications coming from fleet HQ was the most frustrating part for Regional CO's and chapter commanders whose members became upset by the feeling that this organization, which had been so exciting to them, was nothing more than a scam. The CO's had no answers. All of the things FAOM Stillwell preached against during his "Mandate For Change" were now haunting his very own administration. Things were degenerating quickly.

The high quality membership packages and Communique's were chewing up more of the club funds than expected, along with several bad financial decisions. And, as always, the problem of distributing (as well as producing) the items that members had paid good money for, began to reemerge like the over-powering monster it had in the past. One other continuing problem was the quick turn over of staff members at hl] (as well as other obligations such as school and work), which was not helping, but escalating the problem. The impressive, vast membership that had grown through so much hard work, was dropping in numbers of hundreds every week. In addition to that, entire chapters were going under or pulling out of the fleet to start their own organizations or to join one of the STARFLEET copies. Soon, STARFLEET was taking so many steps backward, it seemed as if we would regress back to the womb and the organization would die. It would become one of the many "horror stories" of Fandom that circulate around the convention circuit.

Another problem that raised its head was a group called TREK INTERNATIONAL. This organization, barely days old, rode on the coat tails of the ill STARFLEET. More interestingly, TREK INTERNATIONAL was being set up and run by several members of Stillwell's own Executive Committee. Their approach at getting their group started was to under-mine STARFLEET and recruit members and chapters from our ranks. However, it should be stated that those individuals are not the same as those who currently operate TREK INTERNATIONAL.

Finally, the inevitable happened. On January 2, 1984, FAOM Eric A. Stillwell officially resigned as the Commanding Admiral of STARFLEET. What he left behind was more or less a great big mess. However, Stillwell did have the forethought to leave some of his staff to administrate an election for a new president. A vote would be taken of whoever was left to vote.

In the meantime, the strongest chapters are actually the ones to be commended

for holding things together. By keeping in constant communication, the Fleet had some sort of stabilization. Though it certainly didn't have a distribution of membership packages and/or the international newsletter. Members held onto their chapters as if dangling by a thread.

After a month of a total communications black out, the election process was underway. Two prime candidates emerged, but it was Capt. Fran Booth, the Commanding Officer of a Texas chapter [the USS ANTARES] who would prove to come out the winner. However, controversy surrounded even the first hope of getting STARFLEET back on its warp engines. There were factions of the Fleet that believed that the election had been fixed, and that Fran Booth was put into office under the guise of an election so that, once in office, Stillwell would be off the legal hook after a pardon from Booth [a la Jerry Ford]. However, this theory was never proven true and on March 27th, 1984, Fran Booth took command of a very sick fleet.

Sick would later seem to be an understatement for the organization after FADM Booth and her new staff began the process of putting Humpty Dumpty together again. What made things worse, the former Stillwell Administration had forwarded no organizational funds, claiming that all moneys had been spent in order to pay off outstanding debts that STARFLEET owed. The curious part of the story as stated by FADM Booth, is that there were no financial records included with all the other files that had been transferred to the new HQ in Texas. This proved to be the most frustrating to Booth and her staff as members were now sending her inquiries about the status of their membership packages and Communique.

The most unsettling part of the whole situation for the Booth Administration and one that many members to this day did not realize, is that STARFLEET not only had more outstanding bills and membership obligations, they also had NO TREASURY! It was like starting from scratch.

STARFLEET was in a situation that should have destroyed her right then and there. But as always, somehow we pulled through. Members began sending in their renewals, though most of them had never received anything in more than a year! There was also an influx of new members who had caught the rumour that STARFLEET was back on the inter-galactic trail. The treasury began to once again build but it would be several months before it would be more than fragile. The Booth Administration began to produce inexpensive membership materials in hopes that they could make up some of the overdue memberships. However, there could be no way to make up past issues of the Communique. The call went out for help.

And an answer came. Enter Capt. Steven Smith, CD off the USS EXETER in Newton, Iowa. FADM Booth appointed Smith to the Executive Committee as the organization's new Chief of Communications. ADM Smith had the skill and knowledge to put together an informative, yet uncostly newsletter. Within a month, STARFLEET communications were back on line!

Another breath of fresh air that FADM Booth brought back into the organization [after the Stillwell Administration had closed it down] was STARFLEET Academy under the command of ADM Brian Ackermann, his vision and organizational proficiency has made the Academy what it is today. It is truly the most fun program STARFLEET has to offer for all members. This solved some problems, however, there were more to consider. In the past two years, STARFLEET had dropped from close to 200 chapters to under 30. Membership as a whole had dropped from nearly 4000 to 1000.

To kill two birds with one stone, the STARFLEET Shuttlecraft Program was developed. It combined the interest in starting new chapters and encouraging recruiting, along with an important involvement with the new Academy. The program paid off! New STARFLEET chapters began popping up everywhere as the



membership slowly began to grow again. In addition, the new commanders were more prepared through the new program to handle the Job. STARFLEET had finally begun to tread water. This, above all, was FADM Booth's goal.

The organization had gone through a terrible turmoil and was finally being able to move and breathe. But, like many of us after a bad sleep, the Fleet was "grouchy" and conflicts broke out between vessels, members, and command level officers. Fleet Command was still taking much of the heat. The high pressure on FADM Booth and her staff began to take its toll. Not only were memberships backing up, again, several key staff members began slacking off in their duties and several replacements were to come. Within only two years, the knees of the group began to tremble. Bad rumors began to fly. Was STARFLEET going to take the plunge again? In fear of another period of never-ending confusion, many groups pulled out anticipating the worst.

In the meantime, ADM Steve Smith continued to produce the Communique. It became the only source of information members received. Many never did, as records at Fleet HQ became jumbled when passed around from staff member to staff Member. This also made renewal notices irregular to receive. Memberships began to drop. Still, we were treading water.

STARFLEET continued to keep an even slow pace, neither sinking or swimming. The organization was at a standstill, Fran Booth intended to do no more and no less. At the end of her two year term, FADM Booth announced that she did not intend to run for another term. There were problems in the Booth family and the terrible weight of the organization left by the Stillwell Administration had affected the health of the Commanding Admiral as well as her personal life. FADM Booth wanted out as soon as possible. STARFLEET had become a greater burden than she imagined... greater than anyone had imagined. I know from personal conversation with the former Fleet Admiral that there were those of us that, through our support, helped her through the tough times, however, there were some who never let her rest and continued to act as an annoyance.

At the end of her two year term, STARFLEET again faced an uneasy time. A new election must take place. Would there be a new leader, a better leader to take the helm? Would STARFLEET again be in the hands of an uncertain? There was much debate as to who would choose to run. And the answer came through loud and clear! ADM Steve Smith, STARFLEET's Communique wonder boy made a definite statement that he intended to take the STARFLEET ball and run with it. No fumbles. Also announced for the running was the then Vice Commanding Admiral Mary Helm, who had helped FADM Booth through the last few extremely tough months of her administration. However, ADM Helm had made the decision [to run] in light of the fact that STARFLEET should have some sort of choice in who they wanted as president. Now, it came down to only two nominees.

The election process seemed to carry on for more than a month. The election ballots had yet to be passed out but it seemed to be clear, through the nomination process, who it was that STARFLEET favored. Nearly 100% of the nominations received from Admiralty Board members, Regional Coordinators, and star-ship commanders, made the same statement. STARFLEET should be in the hands of Steven L. Smith!

Shortly after, ADM Mary Helm put her support with Smith and, by concession and popular demand of the members, FADM Smith took the Commanding Admiral's post on the 28th of December and became operational by the end of January.

Here we are now, the present day. It is more than safe to say that STARFLEET is back and better than ever. Not only is the Academy growing and offering more than ever, many new programs have been started, such as the Armed Service Program, the Disabled Consultants Program, and many old programs have been re-defined to work better and more efficiently. STARFLEET has made sure that all chapters are given the freedom to express their own methods as well as keeping a very tight grip on the international rules and regulations without eliminating room for change. Most importantly, STARFLEET headquarters and members have a renewed enthusiasm in the organization that has sent Trek fandom and even Paramount Pictures reeling. We even look "NEW" and "IMPROVED"!

After writing this article, I feel as if I have painted quite a history of gloom and doom for all our members [don't be depressed ~ grab a pizza and some beer or cola...get happy!], however, for me, the most frightening part of the whole story is that STARFLEET is doing so well today...just like it has before. But; there is one difference, As the old saying goes, those who don't remember their history are doomed to repeat it. For those of us who have learned the whole story, who have studied it, we understand that history. And now, I hope that many of you know a little about it too. And knowing this history, all of us can take the proper steps to avoid having the past repeat itself.

Happy 12th Anniversary to STARFLEET and all those who have been a part of one of the oldest and best international Star Trek Fan Associations!!

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