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DATELINE: Niki's dorm room, Indiana, Pennsylvania.

ED: 8709.18

Hey! I'm back! It seems like forever since I had to write one of these Editor's Logs. Special thanks to our Big Man, Fleet Admiral Steven Smith and his assistant, Commodore Mark Schmadeke, for giving my staff and I a little break from the monotony and putting together the last issue for us. We managed to keep ourselves just as busy as if we were doing one anyway so the "vacation" went by relatively unnoticed, but not unappreciated.

Big Time Communique Gratitude is extended to the following party animals for their help, submissions, constant support, financial backing and/or personal consultation in assembling this issue: COMO Barbara Cotton, CAPT Steve Stein, CDR Jack Eaton, ADM Chris Smith, FADM Steve Smith, RADM Steve Thomas, CDR Howard Cronson, LCDR George Andras, CAPT Jon Lane, and finally LT Nichola Toda for distracting me while I try typing this. No, I'd like to thank her for her recent zip-a-tone invention called "TodaLines" as I've used on the top of this page and elsewhere throughout this issue. Niki was also a big help in the layout and paste-up of this anniversary issue.

Anniversary Issue, you ask? why yes. Remember last year's October issue featured the celebration of our twelfth anniversary as a Star Trek fan organization? well, it makes sense to celebrate our 13th anniversary with this Year's October issue. Happy Anniversary everyone!

STARFLEET NEWSLETTER CONTEST! Yep, same deal as last year. Send me your newsletters and we'll tear 'em apart like usual. Again, just like last year, we'll be judging in four categories: BEST MONTHLY, BEST BI-MONTHLY, BEST QUARTERLY, and finally, BEST SPECIAL PUBLICATION [this includes not only a special single issue of your chapter's newsletter but other publications as well like: Chapter Directories, personnel manuals, fanzines, technical journals or whatever else your chapter publishes]. Remember, this is only for STARFLEET member produced chapter publications. We'll print the list of winners in the February 1988 issue of the CoMmunique. Good luck!

Speaking of your newsletters, do all you newsletter editors have your publication registered to this office? I'll bet most of you don't. why, might you ask, would you want your newsletter registered? Basically, I keep a listing of all publications produced in STARFLEET and as a service to the membership, I provide a copy of this listing to anyone and their brother who sends me a SASE with two stamps on it and asks for the "Communications Datafile: Chapter Publications". To register [if you haven't already - it says so in the handbook], simply send me the title, yearly subscription cost, rate of publication, content, name and mailing address of the editor for each publication your chapter may produce.

On another subject, it has been noted that some of you [not mentioning names] are not renewing when they should be renewing. For this reason, these people are missing various issues of the Communique and then turn around and yell at us because we "forgot" to send them one. Uh-uh folks, doesn't work that way. Your renewal date is listed on the mailing label of each Communique you get, so you should know when it's time to renew. Plus, we also send out renewal cards as a reminder, should you forget. Please renew when the time comes so you don't miss another fabulous issue of the Communique and make me proud to put out another one.

Lastly, remember to send all change of address notices to our Chief of Computer Operations: Mike Destro, 1412 Grant Street, Akron, Ohio 44301-2066.



FLEET ADMIRAL'S LOG

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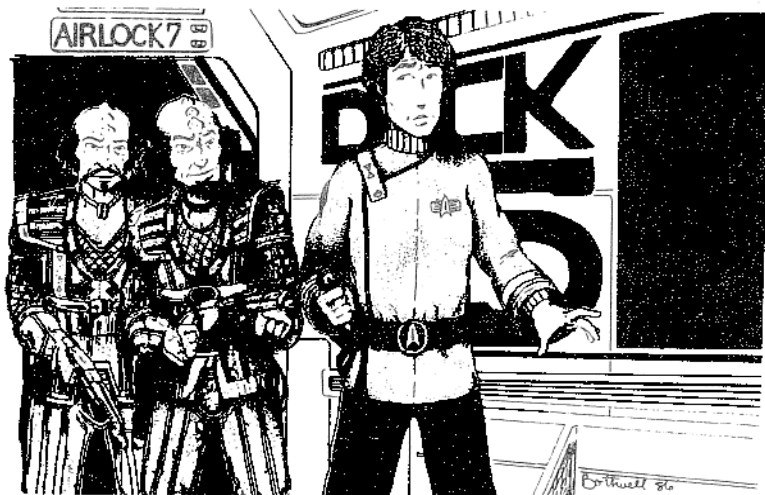
Special thanks to Commodore Mark Schmadeke, Region Six Coordinator and Commanding Officer of the USS VICTORY for his outstanding assistance in laying out and providing artwork for the August issue.

Highest commendations are extended to the following personnel for their assistance and planning at the SHORE LEAVE Convention. CDR Nike Deignan for planning and handling the accounts, RADM Stephen Thomas for his invaluable assistance with recruiting and providing an excellent STARFLEET/JAMESTOWN display, RADM Alex Rosenzweig for devoting a great deal of his time to the recruiting table, setting it up when Mike wasn't available and assisting in the coordination of table operations. Plus: Jon Lane, Brenda Bell [AVENGER], Buck Krause, Steve Stein, Tom Wilson, Tim Gillespie [LAGRANGE], Diane Deignan, Howard Cronson, William Duffy, Dave Ryan [McAULIFFE], Thank You!

Anyone wanting the twist latches for their uniforms may place the order through the STARFLEET Office: P.O. Box 843, Newton, Iowa 50208-0843. [Mark Schmadeke no longer carries them]. Twist latches sell for \$3.50 each. Uniform chain trim is available also at \$1.50 per foot, [the average uniform requires approximately three feet of chain trim].

I noticed some flyers passing through this office that states at the top: "Recognized by Paramount as an Official club." Please, drop that as we are not unless the Fandom Federation goes through. As of yet, no word - but we're keeping our fingers crossed.

FLEET ADMIRAL STEVEN L. SMITH
CHIEF OF STAFF





STARFLEET OPERATIONS
ADMIRAL C.L. SMITH - CHIEF

FLEET REPORT

REPORTS FROM 8709.01

REGION 01 - RADM. Susan Bolick, Fleet Commander

Flagship USS ALARIC, NCC-503 [Burnsville, NC]
Crew is gearing up for RoVaCon [location of the 3rd Annual Region 01 Conference]. The last ALARIC meeting was also a baby show for RADM. Bolick [still expecting as of this writing].

USS CONSTELLATION II, NCC-1728 [Paducah, KY]
Made \$30.00 in recent yard sale. Crew also attended CPR classes and ALL passed with flying colors. Crew now involved in sign language classes. Trip to Huntsville Space Museum planned for Sept. 19.

USS ENDEAVOR, NCC-1716 [Angier, NC]
No report

USS HATHOR, NCC-523 [Terre Haute]
No report. The HATHOR has been decommissioned and commander and crew have been assigned to the newly commissioned Heavy Cruiser USS HANTHII.

USS HEIMDAL, NCC-1793 [Madison Hts., VA]
The HEIMDAL Auction raised a grand total of \$538.85. This will be used to sponsor a welfare child for Christmas. CDR. Sharon Drane of the First Fleet Outpost donated much of the Star Trek collection.

USS HORNET, NCC-1714 [Charlotte, NC]
Formerly a shuttle of the ALARIC, the HORNET is planning to adopt a family for Christmas. They are also working on doing Star Trek novel readings for the blind.

USS JAMESTOWN, NCC-1843 [Newport News, VA]
Just celebrated their 5th anniversary. August meeting guest was Colleen Doran, comics artist for Marvel and DC. A Trekathon organized with the local TV station will be used to raise funds for the King's Daughters Hospital for Children.

USS LAGRANGE, NCC-3916 [Cuyahoga Falls, OH]
The LAGRANGE is gearing up for its 5th anniversary. Raised money for newsletter with a garage sale and aluminum can drive. Both were very successful. Also gearing up for their food bank drive for Christmas.

USS LEXINGTON, NCC-1703 [Columbia, SC]
No Report

USS PATHFINDER, NCC-2121 [Roanoke, VA]
Chapter command has been transferred to CAPT. Chris Atkins [former CO Robin Pillow has gone away to school]. Ship will celebrate 1st anniversary in September. Charity fundraisers are being planned.

USS Polaris, NCC-1839 [Hamilton, OH]
No Report

USS PULSAR, NCC3941- [Cleveland Heights, OH]
No Report

USS VINDICATOR, NCC-1984 [Ft. Wayne, IN]
No report

USS YEAGER, NCC-1893 [Bluefield, WV]
The YEAGER [formerly a shuttle of the HIEMDAL] crew attended ISISCO in Washington D.C. and CAPT Conner will be running the SF Jeopardy Tournament at RoVaCon this year.

REGION 02 - RADM, Linda Taylor, Fleet Commander

FLAGSHIP USS COLUMBIA, NCC-621 [Cocoa, FL]
Plans to attend Vulcon in October and a regional get together at Kennedy Space Center in the near future.

USS ANUBIS, NCC-586 [Orlando, FL]
Ship now has meeting TWICE a month! A recruiting booth was set up at Intergalactic Trading Post. Spayed and neutered tribbles are being sold to raise money for the Animal Friends Organization.

USS ENCOUNTER, NCC-2164 [Ft. Lauderdale, FL]
The crew participated in the Broward Game Players Club's Star Wars Cantina Night. The lost at Tri-Chess. Better luck next time.

USS FEDERATION, NCC-2100 [Clearwater, FL]
The first issue of their newsletter "Transwarp" is out. Interest was show in starting a Marine unit on board.

USS PAEGAN, NCC-1755 [Winter Garden, FL]
Ship's handbook is being updated. Planning a room party for Vulcon for all STARFLEET members and friends.

USS PERSEUS, NCC-544 [Columbus, GA]
Command of the Armed Service Program Flagship has been transferred over to CAPT. Robin Campbell, COMO. Barb Cotton still commands the ASP.

USS VALIANT, NCC-1731 [Bonaire, GA]
The second commissioned ASP chapter now in full swing. Unfortunately CAPT. Cotton is in serious condition as of this writing. Our prayers are with him and Barb.

REGION 03 - COMO. Chris Meinsen, Fleet Commander

The revitalization of region 03 continues. The status stands at one flagship chapter and three shuttles.

USS CONFEDERATION, NCC-2114 [Corpus Christi, TX]
No Report

REGION 04 - RADM. Pamela Dupuy, Fleet Commander

FLAGSHIP USS ACHERNER, NCC-1732 [Van Nuys, CA]
The chapter adopted whale, Pegasus, was discussed. The September meeting was a Landing Party rather than a standard meeting.

USS DEFIANCE, NCC-1717 [Fair Oaks, CA]
CO, Janis Moore was promoted to FLT. CAPT. and TimeCon was a great success! Crew member and STARFLEET big shot Rob Lerman, was promoted to RADM.

USS EAGLE, NCC-1719 [Menlo Park, CA]-
Short report: Crew had a get together at TimeCon. Capt. Koehler on vacation.

USS ENDURANCE, NCC-1862 [Richmond, CA]

A crew video/film "adventure" is in the works. Ship's handbook is beginning drafted.

USS FONTANA, NCC-1849 [Huntington Beach, CA]

New commissioned chapter. Report lost at regional level.

USS GALLANT, NCC-1869 [Kingsburg, CA]

No Report

USS LUCIFER, NCC-521 [Ontario, CA]

Newsletter editor position transferred to a new officer. STARFLEET recruiting still a priority.

USS SHADOWSTAR, NCC-1875 [Hollywood, CA]

Work continues on yet another Fanzine. Communications have been Established with another Star Trek organization on the east coast.

USS VIGILANT, NCC-1865 [San Francisco, CA]

Several crew members will be on the Trek Cruise West. The ship's annual picnic was held at Golden Gate Park.

REGION 05 - COMO. Tom Davis, Fleet Commander

No Report

REGION 07 - RADM. Faye Esswein, Fleet Commander

FLAGSHIP USS ARGON, NCC-636 [Edgewood MD]

The crew had a recruiting table at the appearance of Leonard Nimoy in Washington D.C.. The ARGON may soon be upgraded to a Heavy Cruiser.

USS ASCENSION, NCC-2520 [Long Island, NY]

No Report

USS AVENGER, NCC-1860 [N. Brunswick, NJ]

Crew complement at 123! The AVENGER raised \$50.00 for their whale adoption project. A trip to the Hayden Planetarium and a table at a Creation Con are planned for the near future.

USS CHRISTA McAULIFFE, NCC-860 [Pawtucket, RI]

Involved in heavy recruiting. Two shuttles launched. The crew has been organizing the STARFLEET T-Shirt project.

USS KONKORDIUM, NCC-2106 [Fairfield, CT]

No Report

USS POTEKIN, NCC-1711 [Arnold, PA]

Money was raised and sent to the American Ceteation Society and crew members answered phones for the MDA Telethon for the 5th year in a row!

USS SALADIN, NCC-500 [Agawah, MA]

No Report

USS SIRIUS, NCC-1744 [Port Vue, PA]

Crew attended the August Creation Convention. Acting CO Paul Kovach requests ideas from other chapters on revitalizing the SIRIUS.

REGION 10 - COMO. Trina Anderson, Fleet Commander

Flagship USS SOL, 1733 [Fairbanks, AK]

August was the state-wide SOL meeting and day with Walter Koenig. 24 members attended with some coming from as far as 300 miles away.

USS EQUULUS, NCC-603 [NW Calgary, AB, Canada]
The crew attended the ConVersion IV in July. CAPT. Gorman is on maternity leave.

USS RESOLUTION, NCC-1877 [Victoria, BC, Canada]
Crew is gearing up for the Annual Terry Fox Run to aid the Cancer Society. Election for chapter officers was held.

Region 11 - COMD. Jennifer Yates, Fleet Commander

Flagship USS SOUTHERN CROSS, NCC-1886 [Queenscliff, NSW, Australia]
A Star Trek Marathon was held. The "Klaytons [or bogus for us Americans] Kristmas Weekend" was held in July and was as popular as ever. Ship is preparing a 'zine called "Kaurun Al jereer" [Distant Dreaming].

USS N'DELE, NCC-1758 [Rostravor, SA, Australia]
An important speaker was featured at a resent meeting. Dr. Gerald Walberg from NASA's Langley Research Center. Another meeting was held with the L-5 Society.

Region 12 - RADM. Greg Young, Fleet Commander

Flagship USS EXCALIBUR, NCC-1705 [Winnipeg, Canada]
The chapter raised a few bucks for the Kiwanis Club's Walkathon. Actually it was \$1400.00!! Several sub-groups have formed on the EXCALIBUR. Yea Greg, when are we gona see some more chapters to help you cover all that territory?

Region 14 - ADM. John Supranovich, Fleet Commander

Flagship USS KASIMAR, NCC-1784 [Bangor, ME]
Great things are happening with the "Bridge Project". A tour company may be picking up the Bridge for a major museum tour of the U.S. The crew is hoping to get other chapters involved.

Region 17 - RADM. Karen Emerson, Fleet Commander

Flagship USS CARSON, NCC-592 [Reno, NV]
The CARSON crew continues it's interaction with the crew of the AURORA through a common storyline in their newsletters.

USS ALIOTH, NCC-1828 [Orem, UT]
Finally a chapter in Utah! Chapter already has many activities planned as well as having made t-shirts.

USS AURORA VULCANUS, NCC-1888 [Center, CO]
New officers have been assigned to help in the production of the newsletter. Plans are set to condense the "Special Division" departments into one.

USS KITTY HAWK, NCC-1754 [Lakewood, CO]
As of this writing, the ship is waiting for the arrival of their new Chief Engineer. A picnic was held in cooperation with the Mile High Starship [a local Star Trek club].

Well if you don' see your chapter and/or region listed, find out if they're reporting! And finally, Regional Coordinators, please send me a list of the shuttlecraft [and their addresses] in your region so that I can list a director next issue to help them in their recruiting. Until next month....Keep 'em Flying!!



HEADQUARTERS

NEWS

MEMBERSHIP COUNT: Divided by states, this listing is from the Communique Distribution chart, which shows how STARFLEET members are dispersed geographically around the United States and abroad. These figures are derived from the bulk mail lists of the last three Communique shipments.

	DEC & FEB	APR & JUN	AUG		DEC & FEB	APR & JUN	AUG
ALABAMA	7	7	7	MONTANA	6	11	11
ALASKA	45	47	65	NEBRASKA	1	1	1
ARIZONA	7	9	11	NEVADA	6	6	7
ARKANSAS	10	16	17	NEW HAMPSHIRE	4	7	8
CALIFORNIA	209	215	185	NEW JERSEY	59	52	48
COLORADO	11	14	10	NEW MEXICO	2	2	2
CONNECTICUT	39	42	55	NEW YORK	131	130	131
DELAWARE	3	3	3	N. CAROLINA	148	148	119
D.C.	2	2	2	N. DAKOTA	0	0	0
FLORIDA	114	144	148	OHIO	158	161	127
GEORGIA	71	71	81	OKLAHOMA	35	46	38
HAWAII	3	3	3	OREGON	3	2	2
IDAHO	1	1	1	PENNSYLVANIA	57	70	60
ILLINOIS	45	44	35	RHODE ISLAND	12	16	9
INDIANA	71	77	63	S. CAROLINA	32	22	16
IOWA	23	24	28	S. DAKOTA	0	0	0
KANSAS	14	9	10	TENNESSEE	19	17	11
KENTUCKY	38	41	42	TEXAS	78	97	96
LOUISIANA	8	6	5	UTAH	9	12	11
MAINE	61	87	80	VERMONT	0	0	0
MARYLAND	13	13	17	VIRGINIA	154	168	166
MASSACHUSETTS	14	19	24	WASHINGTON	46	91	79
MICHIGAN	21	13	12	W. VIRGINIA	15	18	22
MINNESOTA	15	39	38	WISCONSIN	6	10	9
MISSISSIPPI	1	1	1	WYOMING	3	2	1
MISSOURI	68	114	109				

CANADA	53	64	61
AUSTRALIA	31	40	35
DENMARK	0	1	1
PHILLIPINES	2	2	2
ITALY	0	0	0
FRANCE	2	1	1
ENGLAND	1	1	2
JAPAN	0	1	1

TOTALS	1970 - DEC	'86/FEB '87
	2237 - APR	'87/JUN '87
	2316 - AUG	'87

NOTE: Over 200 issues were sent out with new and renew membership packages from HQ in IA during August.

POSITIONS:

CALLING ALL STARFLEET PERSONNEL

There are now several departments of STARFLEET Headquarters that are open For application. Each résumé should include your educational and professional record, as well as your record of service within STARFLEET and Star Trek fandom. The positions now available are:

Director, STARFLEET Pen-Pal Service

It has been some time since the PPS has been in operation. The purpose of this program is to link together members of STARFLEET through written communication to further create a network of dialog between members and Star Trek Fans. The director should have some computer access as well as some experience in communications if not pen-paling itself.

Director, STARFLEET Disabled Consultant Program

The DEP is very important to many STARFLEET members who may Feel that, because of a disability, they can not be actively involved in their local chapter activities. Nothing could be further from the truth. This program was set up as an advisory department For disabled members to consult for help/ideas/suggestions on how they can get more involved in local activities. It was also established as an advisory department For chapter CDs on how they can get their disabled members more involved. If operated properly, this could well be the most important program in the organization today! We are looking for a director who is VERY knowledgeable about various disabilities [although the applicant does not have to be disabled] as well as being very good at communication and expressing their ideas clearly. Imagination and caring are a must!

To apply For either position, send your résumé to: STARFLEET Operations,

STARFLEET FINANCIAL REPORT

STARFLEET FINANCIAL REPORT: FISCAL YEAR 1986 (Jan 7, 1986 - Jan 3, 1987)

Total count of members received in 1986:

United States:	1644 X \$8	= \$13,152.00	
Canada & Overseas:	72 X \$12	= \$846.00	
		\$14,016.00	Total

Expenditures:

Communique [printing and postage - 5 issues]	\$3,450.75
Membership materials	\$3,755.50
Postage [membership & Academy materials]	\$2,589.60
Bulk mail permit	\$100.00
P.O. Box Fee	\$26.50
Office supplies	\$361.19
Headquarters Telephone bill	\$1,649.35
STARFLEET Computer	\$846.75
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>\$131.20</u>
Total:	\$13,011.84

LETTERS TO COMMUNIQUE

CHALLENGER MEMORIAL STAMP

WHAT IS IT?

The Challenger Memorial Stamp Project is an effort by the U.S.S. Christa McAuliffe chapter of STARFLEET to convince the United States Postal Service to issue a postage stamp honoring the heroic crew of the space shuttle Challenger. A recent letter from the Post Office indicated that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee had considered the idea of a Challenger stamp, but did not recommend that the stamp be issued. The time is now to send letters and petitions to the committee to let them know that we want this stamp.

HOW CAN I HELP?

There are two ways you can help in the effort to get the Challenger stamp issued. The first is by making your individual appeal to the decision makers in Washington D.C. Important people you can write to include: Postmaster General, Washington, D.C. 20260; and your congressmen and senators. The other way to help is to get signatures on a petition that will be sent to the Postmaster General and the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee. To get a copy of the official petition form write to: Challenger Stamp Project, c/o Howard Cronson, 105R Pearl Street, Newton, MA 02158. PLEASE remember to include a Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope when writing. This project is being funded by the officers of the U.S.S. Christa McAuliffe and our resources are not limitless.

HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

You can get more information by writing to: Challenger Stamp Project, c/o Howard Cronson, 105R Pearl Street, Newton, MA 02158. Once again, please include an SASE.

STARFLEET CHARITY FUND?

By RADM Stephen C. Thomas, Commanding USS JAMESTOWN NCC-1843, FIRST FLEET

The power of "one" can indeed be an awesome thing. Especially when combined with another "one" and another, so that the power is multiplied many times. As an organization that observes the Trek philosophy of peace, brotherhood, unity and altruism, we have the power of "one" multiplied by about 2,300 times...and thus, we have the power to help.

I propose that, just as we each donate a dollar or more to the "STARFLEET-CHALLENGER Memorial Scholarship Fund", we can do so for a "STARFLEET Charity Fund". It would work on the same principal as the scholarship fund, in that each member donates a dollar or more each year to a deserving charity or

cause. Each year, STARFLEET would then donate the money to one or several causes that we choose. It could be Jerry's Kids, Easter Seals, St Jude's Hospital, The Salvation Army, The International Red Cross, Save the Children, UNICEF, NASA, American Cancer Society, The Negro College Fund, Greenpeace Organization, and more. Yes, we have the potential to raise up to \$2,300 for a charity each year and it'll only cost each of us a minimum of \$1 a Year. If you like this idea, then write to FADM Steven Smith, so that he can determine if this should be an official project. I very much hope it will be. Remember, "let me help".

STARFLEET: THE MILITARY STATE?

By CDR Howard Cronson, USS Christa McAuliffe

In mid-July, I attended the STARFLEET National Conference at Shore Leave IX in Baltimore. I had a great weekend, met a lot of wonderful people, and came home higher on this club than I had been since I first joined, over 5 years ago.

Except For one thing.

I noticed a certain preoccupation among STARFLEET members with the military aspects of the Fleet. Most discussions about starships concentrated on upgrading weapons systems, shielding and warp speeds. I almost never heard anyone discuss the exploratory and scientific nature of STARFLEET [at least fictionally]. One vessel commander, anticipating being awarded a science-scout vessel, went so far as to describe to me how he was going to "upgrade" his new ship with phasers and shielding.

Now, this has me concerned. This type of thinking about the Star Trek universe is hardly what Gene Roddenberry had in mind. The ENTERPRISE's primary mission is to "explore strange new worlds..." [you know the rest]. The mission of the ENTERPRISE is not to blast Klingons, take over planets, or force aliens to live the way the Federation wants them to. And I think that this fact is something important that we, as representatives of both STARFLEET and Star Trek Fandom in general, should keep in mind. While thinking about wild new weapons systems is fun, it should not be our primary focus. Doing what we can to make this a better world, and to bring about the future that Star Trek depicts, should be.

STARFLEET/CHALLENGER SCHOLARSHIP

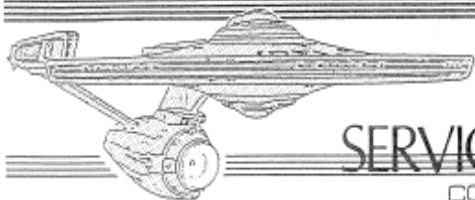
By RADM Stephen C. Thomas, Commanding USS JAMESTOWN NCC-1843, FIRST FLEET

Fellow members, I just wanted to encourage you to contribute to the "STARFLEET/CHALLENGER Memorial Scholarship Fund". You may not be aware that this fund is STARFLEET's effort to help ensure the future of the space program by helping those who want to pursue a career in space today. This is our chance, as an organization, to show the world that STARFLEET is not just a "trekkie" club, but we're dedicated in helping to reach out into "the Final Frontier", and to help unify this planet. Each year, we...STARFLEET can help one, two, or several students pursue a career in space or space-related fields. Truly, this is a first for a science fiction organization.

Some of you may think that the fund is a "memorial" fund. It says this on the membership flyer, but that's a typo. It is a "scholarship" fund. To get the fund going, each member is asked to donate \$1 or more voluntarily to this fund each year [when you renew your membership]. As STARFLEET currently has over 2,300 members, this means a potential of \$2,300 to award to deserving high school seniors. Of course, to establish this amount, it requires that each and every one of us contribute regularly. You don't even have to wait for renewal to make your contribution.

Please don't wait to make your contribution. The sooner we raise money, the sooner we can help make a difference...and help keep alive the memory of the CHALLENGER Astronauts.

REPORT



ARMED SERVICE PROGRAM

COMO BARBARA COTTON

Here it is going on the first of November 1987 and no one has heard a peep from this mysterious new Service Department called ASP [Armed Service Program]. Well, we're alive and well! The Program stands at one flagship, the USS PERSEUS, stationed at Ft. Benning, Georgia, one fully operational starship/chapter, the USS VALIANT II out of Robins AFB, Georgia, and three shuttlecraft: the SIVA out of Ft. Huachuca, Arizona, HYPATIA out of Tyndall AFB, Florida, and the NIGHTWING out of MacDill AFB, Florida. This program has brought in over 100 members since its formation in February of 1986. These members reflect military and civilian alike. A lot of planning has gone into this program and much is still needed as the ASP Operations Manual is now in its final update phase. This manual, which will be laid out in the official STARFLEET style and will cover the entire program, will be used by all ASP units as their "bible", so to speak. As you can see, we're definitely growing.

Maybe I'm getting ahead of myself though. I'm sure that there are many questions as to who and what we are exactly. Well, the ASP is a STARFLEET Service Department which falls under the authority of the STARFLEET Operations Division. The ASP was established for the members of our organization who also serve in one of the branches of the armed services. Because of military schedules and relocation of posts, the ASP, caters to the needs of the service men and women who are also fans of Star Trek. It also helps get starships/chapters established so that those military members have the same opportunity for local active involvement as any other. Although governed by all the same rules and regulations as anyone in STARFLEET, ASP chapters are military oriented and are made up of Active Duty military personnel and their dependents with a few civilians thrown in just for fun! Some units meet on military bases, while others meet off base. The ASP is set up in a military manner [of course] but activities are those of any good bunch of Star Trek fans! We have fund raisers, recruiting drives, car washes, community clean-up operations, camp outs, cook outs, and, oh yes, I almost forgot the most important one...PARTIES!!

With a goal of establishing a STARFLEET chapter on every military base in the USA and abroad, our work is cut out for us! Those bases we are currently working with have been VERY receptive to STARFLEET, and very helpful,

We're small and growing and in our growth comes other needs like a staff. At present, I have myself, a Chief of ASP Operations, his assistant...and that's it! Some of the staff positions will need to be manned by military personnel because of the nature of the job, however, some posts are also open to civilian members.

Positions open for military personnel are: Assistant ASP Director, ASP Senior Military Advisor, and the ASP Military Liaisons for each branch of the service [Navy, Marines, Air Force, Army, Coast Guard]. The ASP Communications Officer and ASP Chief of Computer Operations posts are open to civilians. I'm looking for mature, serious, and dedicated hard workers for

these positions. My staff must be professional as they will be dealing with professionals in the U.S. Armed Forces and I would like that image projected from my people as well. Due to our dealings with the U.S. Government we ask that applicants be at least a minimum age of 18 years.

Anyone who feels that they have the "Right Stuff" to qualify, please contact me with a résumé at the following address:

Commodore Barbara M. Cotton
Director - STARFLEET ASP
P.O. Box 220
Bonaire, Georgia 31005-0220

There is a lot of potential in the ASP and a lot we can offer STARFLEET and its members! with your help, We can blend together into making STARFLEET something bigger, better, and prouder than ever! We already have a "real" military arm, now if I can just convince HQ for that appropriations for my starbase. OK, how about dinner tickets For two then'?

ATTENTION ALL STARFLEET MEMBERS: The following personnel are Missing In Action. The past issues of the Communique have been sent back to this office from these people's supposed residence. Apparently, they have all moved without a forwarding address or notification to STARFLEET of their change of address. If you know who and where these members are, let us know or have them inform us of their new location. Thank You!

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The STARFLEET Shuttlecraft Program is one of the backbones of this organization and as such, requires a careful set of procedures to ensure that all chapters get a good start and that their leaders are competent of handling their new responsibilities. What follows below is the latest update recently approved by the Admiralty.

Running a successful and active chapter takes a lot of time, energy, and maturity. DO NOT take on these responsibilities lightly. Any group wishing to form a recognized chapter MUST complete this program.

It is a privilege, and not a right, for a chapter to have a shuttlecraft, as the mothership is supposed to serve as an example to the shuttle crew on how a successful chapter operates. If the Regional Coordinator and Sector Chief feel that a chapter is not capable of handling a shuttlecraft, they should not approve attachment to that particular chapter and should recommend another chapter as mothership. Additionally, it is a privilege for a group to form a chapter, and not a right.

To form a Starship/Chapter in STARFLEET, a pending Commanding Officer and First Officer must complete the following steps. Please read and follow them carefully for the quickest and most trouble free attention to your request:

1. MUST be a paid member of STARFLEET.
2. MUST be a member of an operating STARFLEET chapter.
3. MUST be at least 28 years of age.
4. MUST submit a "SHUTTLECRAFT FORMATION PETITION" to their chapter Commanding Officer. Petition must include: A) Shuttle name (any name can be used, but is never to use the prefix "USS" in front of the name). B) Signatures and addresses of at least four members of STARFLEET, one of which is to be the pending Commanding Officer, and one that is to be the pending First Officer. C) Chapter and Region to which you wish to be attached.
5. Generally, a minimum of 30-50 miles must be maintained between chapters (the chapter's mailing address is considered the center of a chapter's sphere of operations). Anything closer will be considered by the Chief of Operations on a case-by-case basis. Generally, the only exception to this rule is in densely populated areas capable of holding more chapters comfortably. Regional Coordinators should keep this in mind before approving a shuttlecraft, to avert any later difficulties. Consult with your Operations Sector Chief if unsure.
6. The chapter CO signs, and then sends the petition to the Regional Coordinator (and a copy to the Sector Chief). The Regional Coordinator has the authority to grant or deny the petition. If you are petitioning to form a shuttlecraft of a ship that is not in your region, then the Regional Coordinators of your region and of your mothership must both approve the petition. If your petition is denied, you may appeal to your Operations Sector Chief, whose decision is final.

Upon approval of the shuttle by the Regional Coordinator, the Shuttle Commander is given the rank of Commander, and the Executive Officer the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Upon attainment of Starship/Chapter status, these ranks are upgraded to Captain and Commander, respectively. If the shuttle should be disbanded, they will assume their previous ranks.

7. If the petition is approved, the Shuttlecraft has one year to complete these steps or the shuttle will either be disbanded or given an extension (as the situation warrants): A) The Shuttle Commander and his/her First Officer must attend and pass the STARFLEET Academy Officer Training School (OTS) (contact STARFLEET Academy for details). B) The shuttle must have a minimum of 10 STARFLEET members (who are not presently the CO or First Officer of another ship) for their pending chapter. C) They must remain at shuttlecraft status for a minimum 9-month period before petitioning for starship/chapter status.

8. After completing all the above steps, a shuttlecraft will be ready to be recalled to the mothership for reassignment to Starship duty. At this time, another petition to the Chapter Chairperson (who shall sign it and then forward it to the Chief of Operations, with a copy sent to the Regional Coordinator and Sector Chief) must be submitted with the following information: A) A photocopy of the pending CO's and First Officer's OTS diploma, or a score sheet, to confirm passing the program. B) The signatures and addresses of all the shuttlecraft's ten or more members. C) The requested Starship class, name and Naval Construction Contract (NCC) number. Authorized vessel names are any Star Fleet vessel classes seen in the original Star Trek t.v. series (or their upgrades), any from motion pictures I-IV (with the exception of the EXCELSIOR class), A list of authorized vessels and names is available from the Office of Technical Information (OTI) - (see your Handbook Supplement for address). Send \$.25 and a legal sized SASE for each class you desire a listing for. Names not on these lists will be granted only in VERY special cases, and on a case-by-case basis.

If all paper work is not in order, the Chief of Operations will pass the packet down to the Sector Chief, who will see to gathering the required materials and then send it back up to the Chief of Operations for final approval. Please be sure your petitions are complete.

9. The Chief of Operations has the authority to grant or refuse commissioning of new chapters. Once a chapter, the new starship must follow all rules set down by the organization, or any future changes or additions to those rules, regulations, and policies. A CO is encouraged to suggest change to any regulation they may feel needs modification, and to send those ideas to the appropriate officer or office. However, they must follow any final decision made by STARFLEET. Any gross or continuous disregard for STARFLEET rules, regulations, or policy may result in the removal of the CO from his/her position, removal from STARFLEET, or the decommissioning of the chapter (in extreme cases). Please, work with the organization and not against it. Air any problems or grievances to your superior before they reach problem proportions. Be a responsible, fair, and open-minded leader, who leads by example. Help build STARFLEET, not hurt it. By accepting a chapter commissioning, CO's are assumed to be agreeing with this directive.

10. A chapter must be at least one year old before they are allowed to have a shuttlecraft attached to them.

If you have any further questions about the STARFLEET Shuttlecraft Program, write to the address below. If you are unsure about any procedure, please contact your superior before taking any actions. Your cooperation is appreciated. Warp Speed!

STARFLEET Operations Division Headquarters
2387 Richmond Rd.
Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221-3766

(Don't forget to include a self addressed stamped envelope if you require a reply)



STARFLEET QUARTERMASTERS

Announcing the opening of the newest STARFLEET Service Department: The STARFLEET QUARTERMASTERS OFFICE. Headed by Commander Jack Eaton of the USS CHRISTA McAULIFFE and assisted by the Lieutenant Karen Mason of the USS LAGRANGE, the QUARTERMASTERS OFFICE was formed to provide a Fleet-wide informational service to help chapters out with chapter uniforms and costumes.

The following is a simple outline on the function of the QM:

1) The QUARTERMASTERS OFFICE is an informational resource for all members of STARFLEET for information about Star Trek television and movie costumes, and for developing and implementing chapter uniforms (ie; t-shirts, jackets, para-military dress).

2) The QM is also the national coordinator for all chapter based Quartermasters, who shall remain under the command of their ship CO, but shall utilize the Quartermasters Office as an informational resource and communication network to other chapter Quartermasters within the Fleet.

3) The two divisions: uniforms and costumes, shall be headed by a Senior Quartermaster, appointed to the position regardless of rank. One Senior Quartermaster shall head the Office as Chief Quartermaster. Each of the chapter based Quartermasters shall hold the title of Chief Supply Officer, and shall be appointed to the position regardless of rank.

4) The Senior and Chief Quartermasters can appoint staff and set policy, within Fleet rules and regulations.

5) Any staff members that are appointed by the Chief and Senior Quartermasters shall hold the title of Quartermaster, regardless of rank, and be answerable to their immediate division head.

6) The staff Quartermasters shall be answerable to their immediate division heads. The Senior Quartermaster shall be answerable to the Chief Quartermaster. The Chief Quartermaster shall be answerable to the Admiral of the Fleet, and the Quartermasters Office shall be an office of the Fleet Command Staff.

Basically, the QUARTERMASTERS OFFICE supplies chapters and members with information on where to get what to make TV and movie uniforms. LT Mason has developed a handbook on information that will be available to members wishing to have a costume either made or purchased, but remember... this is only information. The QM's Office does not make or sell uniforms, that will be your job. We are information, not procurement.

The other side of the coin is chapter uniforms. That is, jackets, t-shirts, etc.. Also, recently, some chapters have shown an interest in para-military uniforms as chapter garb. Some have worn Navy dress jackets, somewhat altered for legal reasons into Fleet/Trek-type uniforms, and flight suits, etc.. This division shall assist chapters in finding the right combination of elements that will make their chapter look their best when out among mundanes.

LT Karen Mason heads up the costume division of QM while CDR Jack Eaton handles uniforms. If you have any questions or problems, please write:

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Fleet Quartermasters Office
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CONVENTIONS

NDT-SD-ITTYBITTY CON [November 7, 1987] College Station, Texas. -HAS BEEN CANCELLED- Guest Gene Roddenberry unfortunately had to cancel his lecture and postponed this convention until next year.

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EARTHCON VII [November 13-15, 1987], Holiday Inn Westlake, Cleveland, OH. Geusts, videos, dealers, fanzines, masquerade, panels, Filksinging, artshow/ auction, media display room, gaming and much more. \$22 at the door, no registrations accepted through mail. For more information, write to: EARTH- CON, P.O. Box 5641, Cleveland, Ohio 44101.

CLIPPERCON V [March 18-20, 1988] Marriot's Hunt Valley Inn, Cockeysville, Maryland. Guests include: Walter Koenig, William Campbell, Bruce Hyde, Howard Weinstein, Bob Greenberger, Dave McDonnell and Marc Okrand. Dealers room, atuograph sessions, two video rooms, panel discussions, computer room, art show, costume call. Friday night supper and charity auction. Membership rates: \$25 until Jan 31, 1988 and \$30 thereafter [Friday Night Supper: \$25] For more info: CLIPPERCON, Box 668, Edgewood, Maryland 21040.

MAGNUM DPUS CON 3 [March 25-27, 1985], Columbus Ironworks Convention and Trade Center, Macon, Georgia. Guests include: Phillip Jose Farmer, Norman Spinrad, Hal Clement, Yvonne Craig and many, many more. Four 24-hour movie rooms, dealers room, con suite, knife throwing, magic show, masquerade, disco/dance, fan tables/exhibit tables, general auction, Filksinging and miniature painting workshop. Membership rates: \$22 until 12/1/87, \$27 From 12/1/87 thru 3/11/88, and \$32 at the door. For more information: MOC3, 4315 Pio Nono Avenue, Macon, Georgia 31206.

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