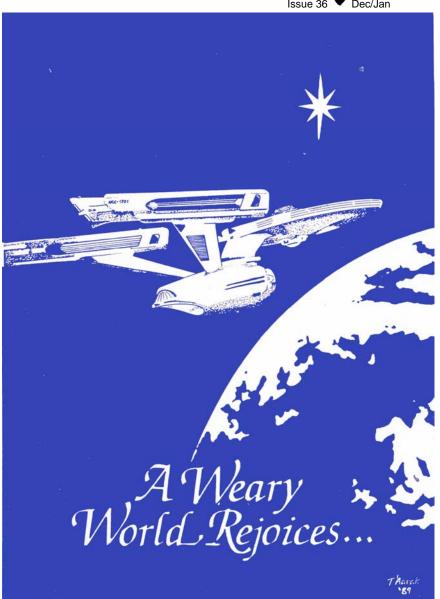
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#### Fleet Adm. Jeannette Maddox Commander, Starfleet

Greetings from Starfleet Headquarters. I hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving holiday with lots of turkey (or Big Mac, which ever the case may be). I know that many families across the nation had a happier Thanksgiving because of the efforts of the members of Fleet chapters. Many thanks to those of you who provided for others during this holiday and demonstrated the true spirit of Star Trek.

Now that the Fleet is finally on its feet financially and most of the problems inherited by the new administration have been taken care of, we have earned some breathing space and can go on to address some of the other issues that are of importance to the Fleet.

One of the most important issues that needs to be considered by the Fleet membership is the subject of the Fleet's constitution. I'm sure you all realize that Starfleet's constitution needs some major revisions if it is to serve the needs of our rapidly growing and expanding association. There have been many times in the past few years that the constitution in its present form has failed to provide adequate guidelines for the resolution of both major and minor problems.

We would like for every Fleet member to carefully read through the *Starfleet* constitution. It is printed in the membership book that you received in your membership package. If there are any changes or additions you feel should be made to the constitution, please write down your recommendations and send them to Fleet headquarters. The recommendations will be presented to Fleet officers of the rank of Captain and above for discussion. After the revised constitution has been drafted, it will be presented to the membership for ratification.

But, remember if you feel that there are changes that should be made to the constitution and do not make your opin-

ion known, then you will have to live with the choice that has been made by others. This is your association ... let the Executive Committee know your thoughts on the subject.

Also in this month's log, I would like to give some recognition where it is certainly due. Vice Admiral Tom Davis has been Starfleet's Chief of Operations for only a few months, but in those few months, he has shown how much he cares for the Fleet and its members. Like Sue Hampton, Rob Lerman and David Allen, Tom puts in long hard hours trying to solve any problems you might have. He works tirelessly and cheerfully to help, as those of you who have had an opportunity to correspond with him realize. Tom answers is mail so quickly that you have to watch out or you'll get a reply from him before you get the question asked. And he can get a starship commissioned before you can say "USS Enterprise". I for one, am very honored and grateful to have Tom on Starfleet's Executive Committee and I think we all owe him a vote of thanks for his efforts on behalf of the

Merry Christmas to everyone and I hope the new year is kind to you. The future awaits us. See you in 1990.

#### Admiral Susan Hampton Vice Commander, Starfleet

As I am writing this it is early November. As you read it is, it is early December and my first year in this position. It has been a time of learning (I can run the computer's database and word processor without losing anyone, but I'm not ready to tackle Sharon Campbell's Computer Science College). We've learned how to process members quickly, and have a tracking system to cut down on the black hole that has swallowed members in the past. I'm learning how to talk on the phone, look up SCC numbers or expiration dates, and cook dinner at the same time (and I'm not Edoan!).

It has been a time of frustrations. There were printing delays until we've learned lead times. There were cries from my husband and children, "Mom, you're always doing that *Starfleet* stuff." There have been lost packages, lost addresses and bounced checks, but these are all cancelled out by the satisfaction of hearing that people are enjoying this organization, meeting new friends, helping their communities. And every so often get a chance to meet these hard-working, funloving folks.

"Back to the Future". A new application form will probably be ready at the first of the year. The only change will be the addition of a place to mark donations towards the scholarship fund. The reason I mention this now is so that ship captains and shuttle commanders can plan their printing and copying needs towards that date. I also still nee suggestions of what items should be included in renewing members packages next year. Remember it has to be easy to mail/and handle as I process 400-450 renewals a month.

In the words of the immortal (at this time) Flint, "Tally ho" and away we go into a new year.

# Admiral Rob Lerman Director Starfleet Academy

Post Graduate School - West Captain Dail Koehler 10 4 Santa Cruz Ave. Menlo Park, CA 94025

Capt. Koehler reports 3 new students and 18 exams pending. Barbara Brown graduated with 83% in Support Services; EC. Kinzly graduated in Command Studies I.

Post Graduate School - East Captain Eric Johnson 102 Nevada St. Hicksville, NY 11801

PGS-East is on track with no delays. Twenty-two applications have been received this month, with 31 outstanding.

#### College of Medicine Captain Carollynn Montgomery 37 4 Hillsboro Circle West Jordan, UT 84084

The College of Medicine reports the following graduates: Scott Akers, Karen Emerson, Ann Francesconi, Donna Plattenberger, and Wendy Romano. To date 24 members have graduated, with 44 tests pending.

#### Vulcan Academy of Science Captain Marlene Miller 46l) Harmony Ln. Campbell, OH 44405

Thus far this year, VAS has had 37 members graduate. Twenty-seven tests are currently outstanding.

School of Computer Science Captain Sharon Ann Campbell 728218th Ave. Northeast Redmond. WA 98053

Seven students were awarded Bachelor degrees. Elizabeth Roger, Scott Bingham, and Daniel Fears passed the Bachelor Project with grades of 99% and better. Congratulations to each of you for the outstanding effort!

Starfleet Security School Captain Beth Lipes 33 Laidley Hall, M.U. Huntington, WV 25701

The following students passed the Basic Security School Course since the school resumed operation: M. Lewis 87%, S. Romano 96.35%, and C. Schaab 81.7%. Twenty-four tests are pending.

Vulcan Academy of Science Captain Marlene Miller 46I) Harmony Ln. Campbell, OH 44405

A new Director has been appointed to head the Alumni Association. Please address all correspondence to:

Commander Debra Roberts 7246 Castilian Court Citrus Heights, CA 95621.

#### Officers Training School Commander David Forvendel RO. Box 13248 Greensboro. NC 27415

For some odd reason, this school has gotten especially heavy traffic. This month alone has seen 110 graduates, with a total of 327 graduates so far this year. Number of outstanding exams is currently 288.

# Vice Admiral David Allen Chief of Communications

I shall dispense with the formalities and go right to what you are waiting for:

# The Winners of the 1989 Newsletter Contest

#### **Best of Fleet**

Operational Status
USS Avenger
Editor ....... Brenda Bell

#### Runner Up

Star Tech USS John B. McKay

Editors ...... John Dunson Fred Homan Ron Jarrell Tom Monaghan Andy Shoemaker

#### Best Shuttlecraft Newsletter

Belleraphon Shuttlecraft Pegasus, USS Horizon

Editor ...... Coyote

#### Runner Up

The I.D.I.C. Enquirer Shuttlecraft Blackstar, USS Encounter

Editor ...... Judy Tellado

#### Most Humorous

Artificial Intelligence Chronicles USS John B. McKay

Writers ...... Tom Monaghan Mike O'Brien

#### Runner Up

The XO's Pet USS Yeager

Writer .....Michael Layne

#### **Best Cover**

Atavachron (Summer/Fall '89)
USS Resolution

Artist ...... Warren Oddsson

#### Runners Up

The Republication (January '89)
USS Republic

Artist ...... Unknown

General Orders (August '89) USS Alliance

Artist ...... Kristine Cherry

#### Best Quarterly Publication

The Rainbow Bridge

Editor ..... Linda Neighbors Kenny Proehl

#### Runner Up

Stretching the Envelope USS Yeager

Editor ...... Jerry Conner

#### **Best Special Publication**

The Lagrange Unofficial Convention Etiquette Primer

Editors .....Lynne Miller Cathy Prendergast

Artist .....Lynne Miller

#### Technical Excellence

The Republication USS Republic

Layout ...... Paul Timm

#### Runners Up

Medlink USS Lagrange

Layout ...... Pat Lichty

New Frontiers USS Challenger

Layout ......Robert Blum
Robert Usdin

With over forty entries, judging was a chore. In selecting the *Best of Fleet* category, the major consideration was given to newsletters which informed the reader about their chapter, their region and *Starfleet*. Technical aspects (layout and such) were secondary considerations.

Since a number of shuttles sent entries, the judges added a shuttlecraft category.

Moving on to more mundane topics: Since there has been some confusion over ship reports that appear in the Communique, I will list the rules for submission. Due to some Captain's objections, I cannot use the reports that are sent to and compiled by Adm. Davis. So if you wish to have a report about your ship appear in the newsletter you (or whoever you delegate) must send me a 100 word or less report on your chapters activities if you wish to be mentioned. After this issue, I will no longer cull chapter information from newsletters. It takes too much time to go through a twenty page newsletter to come up with the report. I don't know what you consider important, so you need to tell me. I will also no longer accept "fictional" reports. I have been taken to task for misreporting events on one ship because I could not tell where reality and fiction diverged.

There is also some question about what should or should not go into the Communique. This newsletter has but one purpose: to keep the membership of Starfleet current on what is happening within the organization at the chapter and national level. All other considerations are secondary to this goal. At some point in the future when finances permit us to add more pages, we will add extra features such as articles and interviews. I will continue to focus on exceptional individuals in the Fleet as space permits and to include little touches of humour where appropriate. For those people interested in the more hard-core political aspects of Starfleet, I suggest that you obtain a copy of the Fleet Status Update. The SFU is made available free of charge to all ship and shuttlecraft commanders. It is their responsibility to see that any relevant information is passed to the membership. Ship CO's are your representatives and are the first people we discuss policy changes with before presentation to the Fleet as a whole. With the Fleet growing by leaps and bounds, it is more practical to consult with ninety officers than it is to solicit the opinion of 4000+ members.

Now on a more serious note. In the course of several conversations with individuals, I have been taken to task for failing to print letters critical of myself or the administration. Some people have gone so far as to insinuate that there are deep dark cover-ups occurring within the higher echelon that require "investigative" reporting.

This is silly!

The Executive Committe of this organization is made up of five adults with an enduring love of *Star Trek*. Any other common traits would be a slight maso-chistic streak, mailmen who hate us, spouses who wonder about us, and businesss associates who know we are certifiably insane. People ask us (repeatedly) "why do you do this?" We would stop and answer them, but it takes so long to explain. Besides, if they have to ask, they wouldn't understand anyway. Despite all

we plod on in our appointed tasks. In the course of running this club, I have discovered that each member has their own idea about what Starfleet is about. This makes for lively discussions around election time. The job of the Executive Committee is to form a consensus of what the membership wants from Starfleet and to take the steps necessary to point us toward that goal. But within any group of three or more people, there are some who not only disagree with what you are doing, but take how you do it as a persona? affront. No matter what you do, these people are never satisfied. Normally, you ignore them. But occasionally they make such a nuisance of themselves that in the interest of galactic harmony, you must deal with their objections.

In dealing with these people I have noticed that the all have one thing in common. They have forgotten that despite all the romance, despite all the thrilling new horizons, this is all make-believe. I am sorry if this puts a damper on their perception of reality, but it is the truth. Being Vice Admiral David N. Allen does not put any food on my table, it does not impress my clients (quite the contrary), and it does not put me on the road to the Presidency. Star Trek was a great show, but it was just that, a TV show. It did have an important message, and that message was: "Let me help," Starfleet is made up of people who understand how important that message is for the survival of humanity. Yes, we are dreamers, we are idealistic romantics and we do not apologize for this. But we still deal with the real world on its terms. And yet, all of the really important people in my life, I have met through Star Trek. I make no apology for this since I still deal with the mundane world rather well (It's a dirty job, but...). Nobody on this Executive Committee is suffering from delusions of grandeur, if they were I would have nothing to do with them. We try to make the right decisions based on what we hear from the membership. We try to do what is right, but despite our best intentions we still make mistakes. This is in itself, not that terrible. After all, "live and learn" so they say. But it is again this small group of people who have appointed themselves the chroniclers of our mistakes that bother me. Especially since since we may differ in opinion on what is or is not a mistake.

A major bone of contention with some of these people has been the Fleet's Constitution. I have been lectured on this and the U.S. Constitution by individuals who, though they may understand the law, have no idea of the concept of justice. The Constitution that we inherited from the previous administration is fatally flawed since it disproportionately distributes power within the Fleet. We on the Executive Committee are aware of this and have tried to work within the flaws. Wherever possible we have followed the rules as set down by this document. In the areas not covered, we have followed our conscience. Right or wrong, for this I certainly do not apologize. We are working on a new Constitution which we hope will address some of these flaws. When this document is ready it will be voted upon not by the Executive Committee, not by the Regional Coordinators or the Ship CO's, but by the entire Fleet. This will I hope, please the majority. I know it will displease a minority.

To those people who wish to publish a newspaper that tells the "truth" about *Starfleet* I can only say that I am sorry you think we have not told you the truth. If you had ever bothered to ask a question of me I would have told you whatever you wanted to know. Nothing forbids you from printing what ever you wish (with the exception of the libel laws) but do not expect me to be a party to it.

So what is the truth about the high and the mighty on the Executive Committee? I can only speak for myself, of course, and in that case the truth is simple. Despite the \$300+ monthly phone bills; despite thousands of miles of travel across the U.S. spending more money than I care to remember to attend Fleet events; despite the long hours wading through stacks of mail; despite the angry confrontations with people determine to fight for the insignificant honor of being right on a point of law, but wrong on a point of humanity; despite all of this I would change nothing. I love what I do and have the greatest love and affection for the people who have troubled themselves to be a part of this madness. For in this very sad, very cold world we are the only people who care.

Peace and long life, my friends.

# Fleet Focus: Colonel Rob Jackson Starfleet Marinees

by Commodore Ted Tribby

It was some time after Robb's signing up with Starfleet before I had a chance to meet him personally. But when I did, he was certainly no stranger. Robb's work, while with the USS Polaris and as a member living over a hundred miles away, was exemplary. Notably, his work in rewriting and giving the Polaris Handbook a look of professionalism, of which he is so famous for, had earned him his first DSA only a few months after becoming a Starfleet member.

Robb quickly took deep interest in the Starfleet Marines Accordingly, he became a marine sergeant assigned to the USS Polaris detachment, then under the command of NCOIC, Master Sergeant Joe Griffin, Within a year Sgt. Jackson was promoted to the rank of Captain and given the position of Deputy Commander under the Starfleet Marines Commandant, Major Kirk Breinfalk. Capt. Jackson, having proved himself with such professionalism and dedication was, again, promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. In consequence, he developed a newsletter entitled "Passing the Word", a specialized publication covering the Starfleet Marines.

Within three years as a Starfleet member

Col. Jackson, now the current Marine Commandant, having worked under two previous Marine Commandants, has passed and excelled in numerous Academy courses, earned three DSA's (two of which were earned in the SFMs), rewritten the Marine Handbook, developed the Starfleet Marine College, and successfully organized a scattered group of marines into an organized Corps of fifteen Strike Groups of seven Divisions with more Strike Groups forming up.

Col. Jackson came to Starfleet because he saw opportunity in a fine organization. Since that time, he has carved a path for himself by moving ahead in a very short time-not by rubbing shoulders with those who could possibly make a difference, but through his hard/work and dedication that has earned him his awards, his promotions, and his position as Marine Commandant. It was once said, "The road to hell is paved with good intentions." For Col. Robb Jackson, "intentions" have meaning. His road of good intentions has paved the way to success and if given the job, Hell would be whipped into shape and toothbrush clean inside a week. for Starfleet, he is an enormous asset we are fortunate to have



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# Misc. Affairs Department

Now is your chance to send a Christmas card to the crew of the Enterprise. This year's Operation: Dear Abby has targeted CVN-65, the nuclear aircraft carrier Enterprise as this year's recipient for cards to our service man overseas. Ships are encouraged to send cards or letters (or both) to these fellows who will be spending their Christmas at sea. Who knows, it could get you a new member or two. Interested parties should send their card to:

Operation: Dear Abby V c/o Cmdr., USS Enterprise, CVN-65 Attention P.A.O. F.P.O. San Francisco, CA 96636

You should use this exact address

By popular demand, Starfleet will be instituting family membership rates as of 1/1/90. Parents with children who are members will be able to pay a group rate and enroll the whole family. Members enrolling under the family plan will receive a membership card, certificate, note pad and OTS forms. Only one copy of the Handbook and the Communique will be sent to each household for the family to share. Rates are as follows: Two people (husband & wife, parent & child) \$17.00, three or more (parents & children) \$20.00. New membership applications will be made available as soon as possible. For the intermin, simply attach a note listing the extra members and stating that you wish the family rate.

As of January 1st, Starfleet will be changing its logo by dropping the calligraphic font which is copyrighted by Paramount. We are undertaking this change on advice of our attorney in order to avoid any legal problems with Paramount. Although the font has been in use for over five years (during which time the studio

was certainly aware of our existance) it was decided that discretion is the better part of valour. The new logo will be essentially the same as the old, only the font will change. Chapters are advised that this is policy fleetwide and that they should discontinue using the old logo. Also, since Paramount has gone to considerable lengths to protect Next Generation material by copyrighting, trademarking, or registering practically every font, design and term, we will not be authorizing Galaxy class ships or any other ship from the new show. The studio has been most diligent at suing folks over this and we have no desire to see ourselves or our chapters dragged into court. We know that this decision will not make some people happy, but it is the only choice we have. Starfleet will comply with the-law.

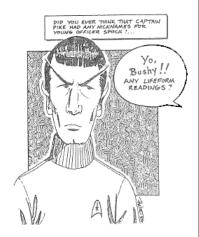
One last winner was accidently left off the list back on page five:

#### Best Regional Newsletter

Regional Ramblings Region X

Editor ...... Terry Wyatt

We also believe that if there was a category for "best business card", Terry would win that one hands down. If you don't believe it, drop a line and ask for one.



#### **REGION ONE**



#### USS Adventurer NCC-1600 Captain joy Gilbert Oakridge, TN

A local CBS affiliate, with a film crew, attended a general meeting of the Adventurer. Members were interviewed and a story is being developed for airing soon. The next meeting was adjourned early so that members could help one of the radio stations with the Charleston relief drive. A special thanks to Citizen Consultant Debbie Painter for coordinating this great effort and for all the hours she volunteered. The crew is also very proud of Cmdr. Glenn Childress, who is now the Region 1 Science Coordinator as well as a winner in the RovaCon costume contest. There will be more about RoyaCon later, after pictures have been made and blackmail paid to silence a few people.

#### USS Alaric NCC-503 Fleet Admiral Jeannette Maddox Asheville, NC

Mother Nature apparently did not want the highway beautified-- she rained on the Alaric's scheduled Adopt-A-Highway project. The members also re-adopted their whale through the International Wildlife Coalition.

#### USS Bonaventure NCC-102 Vice Admiral Sue Hampton Greensboro, NC

A large away team beamed down to RoVaCon, including a member of the shuttle Starward Fury all the way from New Hampshire. Members also attended CreationCon in Charlotte. Racking up even more frequent flyer points, two ambassadors from the Bonny-V helped celebrate the USS Stargazers commissioning party in Kansas City, and VAdm. David Allen attended Dreamwerks in Oklahoma City and Vulkon in Orlando. Christmas plans include sending cards to

the Military Mailbag, assisting with the local Empty Stocking Fund, an of course, parties!

#### USS Chesapeake NCC-1887 Captain Kris Paavola Richmond, VA

Congratulations to the Chesapeake on their commissioning! Away teams have attended conventions in Manhattan and Virginia (RoVaCon). The annual Halloween party was a success, with many aliens in attendance. The first issue of the newsletter, The Chesapeake Bridge, has been distributed. Plans are being made for new charity involvement, including the Adopt-A-Highway program.

#### USS Columbus NCC-2006 Captain Patrick Keeney Columbus, OH

The Columbus held an officers meeting and a Halloween party. They are planning a promotion board meeting in January. Canned food will be collected all year for the local Food Bank. A new logo has been designed. Plans are to sell t-shirts and patches at MarCon as a fund raiser.

#### USS Constellation II NCC-1728 Captain Rick Alvey Paducah, KY

The Constellation has been busy restructuring its systems. The crew is hard at work gathering food to provide a needy family with a Thanksgiving dinner.

#### USS Endeavor NCC-1716 Captain Fran Costello Garner, NC

The crew enjoyed a Halloween party at the home of Captain Costello. Plans to help a needy family at Thanksgiving and to aid Toys for Tots in December.

#### USS Gordon Cooper NCC-635 Captain Crystal Jeffreys Clarksville, NC

CO Jeffereys will be going into the Army in January. James Messmer will assume command. This chapter is going "offline" until January, so CO Jefferys can acquaint the incoming CO with his responsibilities.

#### USS Heimdal NCC-1793 Rear Admiral Linda Neighbors Madison Heights, VA

A Halloween costume party was enjoyed by the crew. Plans have been made to raffle a hand embroidered tablecloth to fund Christmas charities. The ship will sponsor a welfare child at Christmas, donate funds to local wildlife rehabilitation center and donate pet foods to local Humane Societies. Members are continuing to bring canned foods for holiday donation to the Food Bank. A Christmas party is planned.

#### USS Hornet NCC-1714 Captain Ron Byram Charlotte, NC

Members attended RovaCon and donated money to the Space Explorers Fund. Attended Creation Con in Charlotte, where they helped with security and recruited 10 new members. The famous Hornet Christmas Party is planned for December 2nd

#### USS Jamestown NCC-1843 RAdm. Steve Thomas Newport News, VA

The Jamestown is busy planning Trekathon with hopes of having George Takei as guest. A safe "Trek or Treat" Halloween party was held for the community, with the help of the friendly Klingons from the IKV Devastator. Each month the crew collects food for the Salvation Army. The recruiting displays at Waldenbooks have been very successful. Plans are to help with Sci-Con in Virginia Beach, BeachTrek, and MarCon.

#### USS LaGrange NCC-3916 Captain Tim Gillespie Medina. OH

Congrats to Tim Gillespie the new CO of the Lagrange! The reins of power will officially be turned over to him at the 7th Anniversary Bash.

#### USS Maat NCC-1794 Captain Blair Willcox Virginia Beach, VA

The crew attended SciCon at the beach and while there helped with registration and security. The Starfleet Marine contingent invited the crew out to lunch (trying to improve their group image!). Thanksgiving baskets were delivered to two elderly ladies, A Christmas party has been planned.

#### USS McKay NCC-653 Captain Tom Monaghan Blacksburg, VA

Reorganization meeting held with committee appointments made for special projects, events, charities and fundraisers. The crew continues to support the San Francisco Earthquake Fund through The Starfleet Red Cross. Production is finishing up on the crew handbook and character guide and they should be published soon.

#### USS Pathfinder NCC-2121 Captain Chris Atkins Roanoke,VA

The crew is hard at work policing their section of the highway. They unwound by attending both the Yeager and the Heimdai Halloween parties! Some crew members attended Creation Con in Charlotte, NC, and VuiCon in Orlando, FL. Their food drive continues with excellent results. A needy child will be sponsored at Christmas.

#### USS Polaris NCC-1839 Captain Tom Milinski Fairfield, OH

Yet another Halloween party was enjoyed by yet another starship! (Boy-oboy! Do we like to party!) The Promotion Review Board met to revise policy pending review of Starfleet Policy. The crew donated money to the American Red Cross Disaster Fund.

#### USS Sarpeidon NCC-1874 Captain Darren Queen Huntington, W VA

A fantastic picnic was enjoyed by the crew. The Sarpeidon was represented at RovaCon, where the shuttle Proteus was launched. A major membership drive is planned as a winter project

#### USS Xanthii NCC-1743 Captain Donna Harvey Terre Haute, IN

The crew is still working on Fleet wide rank and promotion system and the current issue of their 'zine. Special plans were made for Thanksgiving and the next meeting.

#### USS Yeager NCC-1893 Captain Jerry Conner Bluefield, WV

Congrats to the Yeager modelers, Jerry Conners, Steven Haines and Donald Duncan who took 6 awards in the model contest at RovaC0n. Also applause to J. Walken; W. Cox, T Musick, T. Collins, L. Jenkins and G. Long for their "Love that loker!" routine which took a third place in the novice costuming division. Yeager crewmembers have served as production crew for three television specials produced for local cable TV in conjunction with the city centennial. A Starfleet theme float was entered in the centennial/Christmas parade. Plans in the works for a Christmas party, possibly with starships.

#### **REGION TWO**



#### USS Guardian NCC-26244 Captain Dawn Smith-Webber Cocoa. FL

The Guardian collected \$60 for a Hurricane Hugo relief fund, and is distributing flyers for a local real estate firm to raise money. Half of the proceeds will be donated to the earthquake relief fund managed by Rob Lerman. Crewmembers have been attending meetings on the International Space Art Exhibit, which features works from artists all over the world. The exhibit is scheduled to open in Titusville. FL in October 1990, and as part of the festiveties the Guardian plans to help with an Intergalactic Ball and a Moonport Cafe. Ship's annual dues went into effect, and parts for the play for the Christmas party were cast. The shuttle Yamato visited Wolfson Children's Hospital, held a Halloween party, and arranged carpools to VulKon.

#### USS Ingram NCC-2001 Captain Len Dorman Columbus, GA

Not all Star Trek sequels flopped this year! The Ingram reports that Car Wash II was a rousing success. The crew is excited about plans for their first convention. Valley Con, which will be held April 19-21st, 1991 at the Columbus Iron Works and Trade Center. They hope to fill the gap left for science fiction fans when Magnum Opus Con relocated and raise money for the Columbus Hospice at the same time. More immediate plans for the ship include putting together a fanzine complete with character profiles. Meanwhile, the shuttle Montgomery held a "Halloween on the Enterprise" party to generate interest in their group and recruit new members.

#### USS Menahga NCC-3100 Acting Captain Carl Ruempler Winter Springs, FL

The Menahga has a new command staff on board and is experiencing a resurgence in activity. The ship plans to hold a meeting at VulKon, with one of the objectives being to set up a regular meeting schedule.

#### USS Paegan NCC-1755 Fleet Captain Peggy Vanguard Mount Dora, FL

Many new members have signed aboard the Paegan in the past few months, and plans are underway to publish a new-comers handbook and an updated Technical Manual for them. Some good news/bad news about Vulkon plans: the good news is that the room party with food for 900 is on; the bad news is that the scavenger hunt is not. On Dec. 16th, crewmembers will deck the halls in St. Petersburg at the ship's Christmas party. The shuttle Magellan will be manning the telephones at a PBS fundraiser in December with hopes to be commissioned in the immediate future.

#### USS Sacajewea NCC-598 Captain Elizabeth Osborne Inverness, FL

A fall camp-out had a good turnout,

with two members of the Nightwing attending. Due to circumstances beyond their control, the crew was unable to appear at the local fair (mainly because it had been cancelled). However the Sacajewea made up for that disappointment by having two parties on Halloween weekend. The big project at the moment is readying the ship's parade float for the Crystal River Christmas parade.

#### USS Scorpion NCC-4017 Captain Christopher Cancilla Eglin AFB, FL

(Apologies to the USS Scorpion, which was inadvertantly confused with the USS Antares previously). Three crewmembers led a successful away team mission to Tampa's Trekon, where they met George Takei. The crew also helped recruit and talk up Trek at a Waldenbooks in Pensacola, went on an outing to Goofy Golf, and got back to nature with a campout. Fundraising plans include a garage sale and a ship's cookbook.

#### **REGION THREE**

#### USS Joshua NCC-3700 Captain Bob Corbett Arlington, TX

The USS Joshua was commissioned at 11am on Saturday, October 14th, with an active crew membership of approximately 30. The CO is Capt. Bob Corbett; the Executive Officer is Cmdr. Shane Johnson. The Joshua is the Flagship of the Joshua Class Federation Cruiser. Activities currently scheduled include a christening party to be held December 2nd, and hopefully to be the host ship for the Creation Con in January, 1990 featuring Leonard Nimoy. The recruiting drive held at the last Creation Con was an outstanding success and armed with this information, the next drive will be even better. In the last meeting, an auction netted the Ship's Treasury about \$55. Much fun was had by all.

#### USS Lonestar NCC-1601 Captain Robert Rios Dallas. TX

The Lonestar's third annual Haunting Housing was held, with the intrepid crew "continuing an investigation into the para-

normal events that occur on Terra in late October". Before that, an Away Team went on a hiking expedition, and crewmembers enjoyed Trek Festival '89 with guests Diane Carey and Bio Trimble. Upcoming activities include elections for the ship's CO and the Dallas Fantasy Fair.

#### **REGION FOUR**

#### USS Stellar Wind NCC-1501 Captain E.C. Kinzly Freedom, CA

The Stellar Wind hit a three-dimensional time and space warp (i.e. earthquake) which cut off all power to the ship. The Post Office was closed for a few days pending a building inspection, several crewmembers were put out of work or had sustained damages to their homes and possessions, an the planned bake sale was effectively killed off for the second time because the site was damaged. The Watsonville/Freedom area was the worst hit, but Capt. Kinzly reports that life is beginning to return to normal, Guidelines for future disasters are under consideration. The crew plans to hold a pre-Thanksgiving dinner; with "all the more to be thankful for".

#### USS Tikopai NCC-1800 Captain Buce Sommer San Jose, CA

The USS Tikopai held a ST: The Role-playing Game event and discussed ideas for a ship's logo. Capt. Sommer thanks those people who wrote letters asking about the earthquake and offering to help. "San Jose survived better than the surrounding areas, our crew only suffering some minor structural damage and the loss of personal items. Scott, our XO, helped the Red Cross as part of the disaster action team. One thing that this disaster has shown is that volunteerism is alive and well."

#### USS Alliance NCC-2113 Captain Jennifer Cole Santa Monica, CA

Attended Freecon II hosted by the USS Gallant in November. The crew will celebrate their first anniversary at Los Con 16 the 24th of November.

#### **REGION FIVE**



#### USS Calypso NCC-1891 Captain Daniel Fears Spokane, WA

October saw the Calypso hold a Halloween gathering at the home of XO Daron Fredericks. Attendance was excellent, with dancing, videos, food, Fanning and Japanese animation. Several crewmembers attended the Baniff International Con in Alberta and had a great time. The ship's address has changed to: 1217 E. Nora, Spokane, WA 99207.

#### **REGION SIX**

#### USS Behr'ak NCC-1797 Captain James Meyer St. Paul, MN

Busy times aboard the Behr'ak. The second issue of Grin and Behr'ak is out. Several members attended a ship's campout, WhoTrek, and the Stargazer commissioning in Kansas City with members from the Czar'ak. A membership drive was held at the local Star Trek Festival. The crew kept in shape with a nature hike at Afton Alps State Park.

#### USS Czar'ak NCC-1798-A Captain Eric Anderson Richfield, MN

Several crewmembers from both the Czar'ak and the Behr'ak attended the Como Park Zoo "Zoo Boo", an event which gives children a safe area to "trek or treat". The Sixth Fleet Corp of Engineers and the ships engineering section have released their fifth book, the Pocket Guide to Starfleet Uniforms Vol. IV which details Next Generation uniforms. Other recent books deal with uniforms from the Star Trek movies. Anyone interested in these pocket books may write to the Czar'ak. Also, Czar'ak honorary member Gordon Purcell is working on ST:TNG Comic Numbers 7 and 8 for DC Comics. Issue 7 should be out in February.

#### **REGION SEVEN**



#### USS Arcturus NCC-1807 Commodore Eric Johnson Hicksville, NY

The Arcturus's Second Anniversary Party went off perfectly, with several awards and commendations presented to members. The ship also achieved its goal of recruiting 50 members at the September Creation Con, recruiting all 50 on the very first day of the con! Comm. Johnson estimates that the Arcturus holds the record for greatest number of new members recruited at a con in Region 7, and possibly in the entire Fleet! Comm. Johnson's address has changed to: 5 Third Avenue, Huntington Station, NY 11746. Many crewman have taken a myriad of Starfleet Academy courses and are waiting to hear results.

#### USS Argon II NCC-1636 Captain Edward Johnson Edgewood, MD

The September/October issue of Queen to King's Level One is out (complete with rules for fizzbin), The search for a new ship's CMO is over with Elizabeth Read filling that position. A costume party was held Halloween weekend.

#### USS Avenger NCC-1860 Rear Admiral Alex Rosenzweig New Brunswick, NJ

Heavy shuttle activity aboard the Avenger: after a delay the Shuttle Sovereign was officially launched, followed quickly by the Shuttle Albany out of (you guessed it) Albany, NY. The Infoquest/ Intrepid trip was postponed until spring. Lower turnouts for October outings to Hayden Planetarium and South Street Seaport kicked off discussions at meetings. The ship-wide fall/winter calender of events was finalized. The Halloween party was well-attended, with costume judging and atmospheric videos highlighting the evening. Some personnel changes aboard the ship; among these is a new

Chief of Communications, Mark Anbinder. The Avengers Winter Holiday party will be held December 17th.

#### USS Challenger NCC-1676 Captain Bob Vosseller Toms River, NI

The Challenger Halloween party received some media coverage. Orders keep coming in for the ship's security manual, Cordrazine Hallucinations. Lots of holiday activities underway. Crewmembers will be attending the Thanksgiving Creation Con, a joint Photon Battle Competition with the USS Intrepid, and PhiliCon with the shuttle Kyrie Elesion. The ship will contribute to the spirit of the season by singing Christmas carols for senior citizens and having a table at a Cub Scout Flea Market. Capt. Vosseller and Cmdr. Wilson assisted in a food drop-off for food programs.

#### USS Christa McAuliffe NCC-860 Admiral David Ryan Providence. RI

The big event for the McAuliffe was Noreascon III. The crew had a wonderful time and passed out Starfleet flyers. The McAuliffe coordinated a recruiting table at the local Creation Con. Some delays with the ship's newsletter are being resolved; however the ship's BBS is running full-steam ahead. The fall/winter schedule included trips to King Richard's Faire and the Baseball Hall of Fame, with all looking forward to BASH in January.

#### USS Intrepid II NCC-1730 Captain Jeffrey Hunt Garnerville, NY

Plans were made to help underprivileged children and senior citizens during the winter months. Crewmembers also took part in the "Take a Bite Out of the Big Apple" 30-mile bike ride benefit against Muscular Dystrophy. The ship has scheduled several events throughout the winter one being a photon match against the Challenger. A Starfleet Special Forces group was started aboard the Intrepid II and a duty handbook is in the works. The ship's newsletter has been upgraded to a laser printed format.

#### USS Konkordium NCC-2106 Captain Carol Peterson Fairfield, CT

Recruiting went very well for the Konkordium at a New Haven con; the ship also provided a well organized security detail. A Lazer Tag match was held with some Klingons (talk about fraternizing with the enemy!). The ship's fanzine and a cookbook are being worked on. Capt. Peterson is awaiting update on Shuttle Middle Earth status. The ship's strike team is designing a logo and uniforms. Bonnie Ferguson was appointed Executive Officer. Captain Peterson also announced that due to personal considerations, she will be resigning as CO in the near future. The crew is working to insure an orderly transition

#### USS Odin NCC-1875 Captain Mark Haynes Thurmont, MD

Due to conflicting schedules and a computer defect, the October issue of Collision Course was delayed. Revisions to ship's manuals are complete. The crew has discussed substituting photo- ID's for membership cards and is hoping to finalize plans for producing these by the beginning of the gear. Members attended an Autumn Gold Train Ride sponsored by the Hospice of Frederick County and radio station WFMD. Several crewmembers also looked forward to the Region VII Conference in New York. The Odin is meeting with the Star Trek Association of Towson to discuss Shore Leave XII. Plans are to hold East Coast Conference II there.

#### USS Potemkin NCC-1711 Captain Willard Speck Pittsburg, PA

A Lazar Tag match, an all-night bowling party, an a Halloween dance were some of the fall festivities the Potemkin held. The next item on the agenda is the Toys for Tots auction. Response so far has been very good; the ship has received a donation from Gene Rodenberry and an autographed photo of Marina Sirtis (acquired at a Dreamwerks con members attended). Two shuttlecraft may be launched in the future; one in Harrisburg, PA, and the other at Penn State. The ship has insti-

tuted a code system and plans to publish a recipe issue for the next newsletter.

#### USS Saladin NCC-500 Captain Doug Van Newenhoven Agawan, MA

The release of the ship's newsletter was delayed, but work on it is continuing, as is the work on the ship's handbook. Plans are for the handbook to include a ship's history, blueprints, specifications, and an updated crew roster. A meeting was held at Not Just Another Con at the University of Massachusetts and the Thanksgiving Creation Con. The Saladin is continuing its philosophical class on Star Trek.

#### USS Tai Shan NCC-2524 Captain Matt Ross Riverdale, NY

The rebirth of the Tai Shan has picked up speed. The membership package is being revamped and will include a new Officers Manual, a T-Shirt, and a new I.D. card among other things. A point system for promotions using levels of merit and activity was adopted. Ship's newsletter Operations Enquirer, is out. Crewmembers went to see Animation Celebration II, the San Genero Festival, the Challenger Halloween party, and the Creation Thanksgiving Con. Fundraisers for charity and community service activities are next in the Tai Shan's plans.

#### **REGION TEN**



USS Equulus NCC-1603 Captain April Gorman Calgary, Canada

The crewmembers are now looking sharp in their new jackets with the Equulus logo and name screened on the front and back. The crew voted to build a full sized shuttlecraft, to be finished for the Star Trek Con 91 and the Calgary Stampede parrade in July 1991. Members in uniform attended the Kensington Fall Fair.

#### USS Malaspina NCC-3271 Captain James Ludvigson Nanaimo, Canada

The crew of the Malaspina continue to collect food for the post Christmas food hamper. Their radio play "Future Four" is in the can! Orders are being taken now and will cost \$6 in Canada, and \$7 otherwise. Plans are under way for a New Year's Eve Bash

#### USS Resolution NCC-1877 Rear Admiral Terry Wyatt Victoria, Canada

RAdm. Wyatt is stepping down from his post as CO of the Resolution to be able to spend more time on his duties as Regional Coordinator, Captain Susan Wright will be taking over as CO. The latest newsletter) the Atavachron, is now out.

#### **REGION TWELVE**



#### USS Horizon NCC-1000-A Captain James Herring Columbia. MO

Capt. Herring reports the possibility of a shuttle forming in Europe off the Horizon. Two members of the European contingent are in the process of applying to OTS. Currently the Horizon crew is working on many projects and "moving forward at warp speed".

#### USS Invicta NCC-26246 Captain Denise Peterson Marthasville, MO

Starship Invicta is now fully operational. After a memorable commissioning at RovaCon, the Invicta has pulled out of Starbase 12 to begin its mission. Capt. Peterson and XO Glenn wish to thank all of the Invicta crew and friends who helped to make this possible. Several projects are already underway including a garage sale fundraiser, member handbook, charity projects, and recruitment. First issue of newsletter, Initial Contacts has been well-received. Capt. Peterson reports: "We

intend to work closely with our sister ships whenever possible. The adventure has just begun".

#### USS Jupiter NCC-1734 Captain Rickie Haynes Springfield, MO

The crew of the Jupiter celebrated the third season of ST:TNG. Kevin Brower is the new XO. He is learning to speak Klingon and plans to teach a class on it in the upcoming months. The ship's handbook is ready to be printed. Community service projects for the season ahead were discussed, as were changes in the promotion policy.

#### USS Sally Ride NCC-643 Captain Robin Lynch Cape Girardeau, MO

The Sally Ride has a lot to be proud of. Eleven crewmembers passed OTS with flying colors; two scored 100%! Also, Crazy Bowl raised \$100forthe Child Abuse and Neglect Council. Crewmembers marched in Southeast Missouri State's Homecoming Parade as representatives of the future (the theme being "The Parade of Years"). November was a busy month, with visits to the Hexum Anniversary dinner, the Stargazer commissioning, and Thanksgiving deliveries to the Salvation Army. Committees were formed to handle handbook revisions, by-law revisions, and the ship's second anniversary dinner. A CPR class and scuba introductory class are scheduled for early next year. Shuttle Aquarius participated in the Ozark Heritage Festival as a clean-up crew.

#### USS Stargazer NCO2893 Captain Coyote Kansas City, MO

The Stargazer celebrated its commissioning on the the 11th of November and was proud to have members of the Hexum, Sally Ride, Czar'ak, Invicta, Bonaventure, and UFP celebrate with them. Regional Coordinator Dan McGuinnis presented the Stargazer crew with a special Regional Commendation for outstanding contributions to the region. Preparation for DELE-CON 1 continues. It will beheld in Kansas City in Sept. of 1990. Crewmembers, now over 100 strong, celebrated the winter holidays with a special meeting where

toys were made and wrapped for two local children's hospitals. The cadets held a winter holiday dance and movie. Ticket money and canned goods collected were donated to the Salvation Arm food pantry. Cadets are planning a school lock-in for January.

#### **REGION SEVENTEEN**



#### USS Alioth NCC-1828 Captain Lynnette Knox Provo, UT

The Alioth has begun two ongoing fund raising projects; collecting stamps and aluminium cans. They continue to collect groceries for the Food and Shelter Coalition each month. Their Chief of Support Services, Lt. Cathy Webb, has transfered to the USS Bonaventure in order to accept the position of XO on the new shuttle Starward Fury. She has also just been made Director of the Starfleet Pen Pal Services. Congratulations to the shuttle Tiberius, newly commissioned as the USS Dominion, NCC-2115, and Captain Debra Jackson.

#### SHUTTLECRAFT OPERATIONS COMMAND

Captain Denise Peterson Rt. 3, Box 224 Marthasville, MO 63357

These first two months have been an eye-opener! We currently have thirty-four official shuttles (internal shuttles aren't counted as they aren't working toward ship status). I have twenty groups in the works including one at Boeing Corp. and one in West Germany. Since ShOC opened in October we have launched seven shuttles:

Starward Fury NCC 102/02 Cmdr. Milo Postal, Raeford, NC

Tezuka NCC 1794/01 Cmdr. Thurman Wilson, Bristol, TN Sovereign NCC 1860/10 Cmdr. Elizabeth Gifford, Flourtown, NY

Albany NCC 1860/11 Cmdr. Frank Faas, Guilderland, NY

Proteus NCC 1864/01 Cmdr. Kevin Miller, Charlestown, WV

T-Tauri Wind NCC 1828/09

Cmdr. Steve Barden, Salt Lake City, UT

Appalachian NCC 1843/06 Cmdr. Steve Hall, Gray, TN

Welcome them to the Fleet ... they're an outstanding bunch of people.

Just a couple of notes ....

To the Regional Coordinators; please fill in the commissioning date at the bottom of the Vessel Request Form. The date YOU sign and approve it is the official launch date.

To Starship CO's: If you are currently working with a group that is trying to form a shuttle, please contact me so I can furnish them with the paperwork they need to fill out to be launched. ShOC is the only place you can get Vessel Registration Request Forms and a group is not official until it is approved and the \$5.00 fee is paid. If you have any questions, please contact me.

To Shuttle CO's: I need your reports by the first day of each month. If you didn't get the letter I sent out the first of October then get in touch with me immediately. Also I need the info sheet I sent out returned no later than the fifteenth of December. If I haven't heard from you by then, I will assume that your group is either an internal shuttle or inactive and I will take your name off the list of shuttles which are working toward ship status. To get back on will require starting the shuttle procedure from the begining. I hate to have to do that but ....

I hope to have the Shuttle handbook ready for the printers by the first of February. Anyone who has promised me articles .... please? I also need some high quality clip art as my source backed out on me. It needs to be dark and crisp .... no copyrighted items please. Let's hear from

all you talented people out there...I've seen your stuff...it's great.

Anyone with a question about their shuttles or who wants to start a shuttle, drop me a line .... that's what I here for.

Till then, take care.

#### STARFLEET PEN PAL SERVICE

Lt. Cmdr. Cathy Webb, Director 720 E. 560 N. Provo, Utah 84606

Greetings! to those of you who like to write and/or receive letters. This is to inform you that the Pen Pal Service is now back in full swing. We do apologize for any inconvenience some of you might have gone through. If you have attempted to join during our "down" time, I hope you will give us another chance. My mail is still slow enough that I can guarantee you a speedy reply. Starfleet pen pals are terrific. I'm having the time of my life. I hope that you will too.

To join, just jot down your name, address (don't forget the zip) and a few interests. Keep it short and sweet, and send it to me, Caddy Webb. To receive bi-monthly updates you need to send six SASEs (legal size) and \$2.00 to cover copy fees. (Pen pals from other countries can't send SASEs, so send a total of \$5.00 to cover the cost of everything). There are no strangers in the world; only friends waiting to be met, I hope to hear from you soon.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

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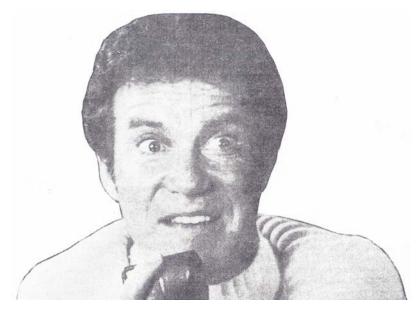
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