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AN INTERNAL COMMUNICATION FROM STARFLEET HEADQUARTERS

Rob Lerman Commander, STARFLEET



I am honored to accept the position of Fleet Admiral. My Executive Committee and I are here to serve you and your club. Your comments, questions, and suggestions are always welcome via letter, phone, or computer bulletin board and will be acted upon in a reasonable amount of time. We want you to enjoy your membership in STARFLEET. For some, that may mean doing community service, role playing, or writing stories. For others, just belonging to a Star Trek fan club is what gives them the most enjoyment. *Star Trek* means different things to different people, and that is the appeal of STARFLEET—we have something to offer to everyone.

Two of my first actions as Fleet Admiral will be to revitalize the By-Laws committee and to expedite the processing of membership packets. I've heard many comments on these two topics and feel that they must be a priority. Future *Communiqués* and *Adventures at Fleet HQ* (formerly *Fleet Status Update*) will include further information on these and other action items, such as a standardized promotion policy for Captains and above.

The transition of the new administration is

almost complete. Several changes have occurred since the last *Communiqué*. VAdm Tim Gillespie has accepted the challenging job of Chief of Communications, and Adm Jack Fields will now head the Graphic Design Department. A big change for Starfleet Academy is the discontinuance of the voucher system as payment for Academy courses. Of course, any vouchers that have already been purchased will still be accepted by the schools. For a current list of schools and tuition prices, please send an SASE to SFA Director, RAdm Lori Anne Brown.

Please note that the address for STARFLEET Headquarters has changed to P.O. Box 980008, West Sacramento, CA 95798-0008. This address should be used for all membership applications and general STARFLEET questions. Correspondence addressed to the JAG officers should also be directed to that address. All other mail, reports, and *Communiqué* submissions should be mailed to the appropriate Executive Committee member or their staff. Ship and Shuttle monthly reports should NOT be mailed to the HQs address, as the Operations and Shuttle Ops Chiefs are now handling their own archives.

I hope to hear from many of you in the future. Let me know what's on your mind. Comments and suggestions are always appreciated. If you wish to call, please do so between 6pm and 9pm Pacific time. My number is (916) 348-0726.

Anita Davis Vice Commander, STARFLEET



Hello all.

I am Anita Davis and for the next two years I have the honor of serving as your Vice Commander of STARFLEET. NO, I am not a part of *Miami Vice*, notwithstanding that my real job is that of a police

officer. That I'm not a vice cop hasn't deterred a lot of the joking that has been going around about my new STARFLEET assignment: That it was a natural evolution to move from vice cop to Vice Commander in charge of vices. My Fleet office has been dubbed the Vice Squad (I kinda like that -- so I got badges to distribute to my deputies). But trust me, we won't raid any chapter parties, so long as we get a piece of the action.

I've been a STARFLEET member for five years, beginning my tour of duty aboard the *USS Lagrange* as a communications technician. After a brief stint on the *Lagrange* it was all uphill (just kidding, Tim). I was assigned to the *Shuttle Stargazer* as the commander, and subsequently the Commanding Officer of the *USS Renegade*.

In December, 1990, I was appointed by my current commanding officer, Rob Lerman, to the position of Director of the Post Graduate School of STARFLEET Academy. I served there until my election to Vice Commander of the Fleet.

My office oversees a variety of other offices

and is the trouble-shooting office. Currently I head a committee working on several amendments to the STARFLEET Constitution. Among the items the amendments would address are a statutory requirement for the disclosure of STARFLEET finances, a working mechanism for the removal of the Commander and Vice Commander of STARFLEET by the membership, and a clarification of members' rights. Another committee will be formed to prepare a set of STARFLEET by-laws to present to the membership for ratification.

I am very pleased to be working with the STARFLEET Corps of Engineers and the Starfleet Marines. Both units are very valued members of the Fleet and I know they will continue to be of service to all.

I am equally pleased to see the formation of several new programs. They include the STARFLEET Awards Program, headed by Rear Admiral Steve Thomas, the STARFLEET Liaison to the Klingon Assault Group, headed by Admiral Chris Smith, and the formation of the Fleet Division Chiefs Program (see article on page 12).

There are a lot of new ideas that have been suggested and all of them are being given serious review. If any of you have ideas or significant Fleet-related problems, let us hear from you. I am excited about the future and look forward to the challenges that lie ahead with much anticipation (and a little trepidation).

In service to the Fleet - and *Dragnet* - Anita Davis (Dum-dee-DUM-DUM)

Chief of Communications

VAdm. Tim Gillespie

Well, Fleet aficionados, I must admit it's a strange feeling to be back at STARFLEET Headquarters. The last time I was in the *Communiqué* offices was in 1988 when I held the title of Vice Chief of Communications under Adm. Buck Krause. As I drove into the STARFLEET complex the other day, waves of nostalgia swept over me as I thought back to those happy days. Gazing up at the steel and glass monolith of the main administration building brought back memories of gentler, kinder times. In some ways things have hardly changed. The giant statue of John Bradbury, the founder of STARFLEET, still stands in the main lobby (and visitors still mistake him for Rutherford B. Hayes). The carved granite figures of three naked Vulcan babies still shoot water out of their mouths in the middle of the impressive IDIC Fountain. The newsstand in the main concourse still sells those cheap cigars that Chris Smith used to smoke. Of course, some things are different. The landfill is now a tennis court and the Admiral's Lounge has been turned into a day care center.

The *Communiqué* offices have changed considerably. Back when my counterpart Tom Wilson and I did our stint under Adm. Krause, this section of the building was usually referred to as the DMZ. As I recall, at one point we actually had barbed wire stretched across the hallway and secretaries drew lots to decide who was unlucky

enough to be assigned our office. Things were wild back then. I remember once Buck spent an entire afternoon trying to teach a dog to talk. Or the time Tom jumped up and yelled, "Look out - here comes Genesis!" and flung a big beaker of sulfuric acid at a startled Steve Smith.

Anyway, like I said, there's been a lot of remodeling. All of the graffiti has been painted over and the liquor cabinet has been replaced by a water cooler filled with natural spring water. We have all new carpet and adjustable track lighting. In the old days we kept a cheap Montgomery Ward stereo system on which we played John Lee Hooker, Muddy Waters, and all the great Chicago bluesmen endlessly. Now the offices are equipped with a state-of-the-art sound system, a bank of TV monitors, VCRs galore, and our own shower. Yes, things have certainly changed. Way back then, they gave us a battered typewriter, a jar of rubber cement, a few crinkled sheets of Zip-A-Tone, a roll of dimes for the Xerox machine, and we were expected to make a *Communiqué* out of it. How times have changed. Now we can't live without a Fax machine. Ah well, enough misty-eyed reminiscing. Let's fast forward to 1993, shall we?

The *Communiqué* you hold in your hands was assembled under the most unusual of circumstances. As reported last issue, Adm. Jack Fields was slated to

Public Relations

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Greetings to all, and it's good to be back. Some of you might remember me from the Public Relations Office's early days and, if so, it's good to have you still around. If not, then you're a relatively new STARFLEET member, and I'd like to welcome you to the family and let you know that you're in good company.

We've grown a good bit in the past few years, and will continue to grow even more. That means more chapters, and more people in the existing chapters. And that's what we in Public Relations are here to help with.

In the future, we'll be looking at regaining advertising for the *Communiqué*, but right now the first priority is helping you,

the members, to get word out in your community about your existence. Some chapters are so active that they don't need any help, but some aren't. Some chapters get publicity in dozens of different ways, but some don't even know where to begin. So what we'll be doing is helping those chapters that need it, and getting ideas from those successful chapters to pass on to others. Sort of a publicity scheme clearing house, you might say.

We'll be getting in contact with the chapters on a one-to-one basis as the staff gets solidified and responsibilities are assigned in the coming months. So stay tuned! I'm really looking forward to working with each and every one of you.



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take over the helm of this publication. Jack, however, being much more responsible than the rest of us (or infinitely smarter - take your pick) has opted instead to devote more time to his college studies. Therefore, the powers that be were forced to find a replacement. Guess who won that lethal lottery!

Since everyone on the previous staff resigned at the end of last year, my first task was to assemble a new *Communiqué* crew. First off I've brought in a new Vice Chief of Communications to act as my right hand and Assistant Editor. Cmdr. Amy Sheldon will be handling this position. Amy is a computer whiz who has done professional newsletters and I'm looking forward to working with her in the months to come. Next I decided I needed someone I could go to for advice—someone who had been there before. I found not one, but two such persons. Adm. Bill Krause and VAdm David Allen will be acting as our senior advisors. Bill will be working on new graphics and design for the *Communiqué*, including a new STARFLEET logo (Bill designed our current Fleet logo many, many years ago). Bill is, of course, my own personal idol and is quite possibly the best groomed man in the Fleet. Dave Allen, a.k.a. *The Most Dangerous Man in STARFLEET* has agreed to grace our pages with his poignant commentary each issue. I've long admired Dave's abilities and I'm happy to have him aboard. Also returning to these pages is Capt. Michael Sawczyn who has re-assumed the office of the Public Relations Director. Mike's absence has been felt and we're glad to have his happy, smiling face back here at HQ.

A few important positions need to be filled. Although we have received applications already for these positions, we wanted to open up the selection process to the rest of the Fleet before making a decision. The STARFLEET **Pen Pal Service** needs a new director. This person should be someone with good organizational skill, as well as experience with pen pal services. We

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A Fleet wide Apology

I would like to apologize for all the problems that might have been caused in the past six months. Because of a lack of funds, the Academy School of Engineering has been closed since August. Notices were sent to both the Fleet Admiral and Chief of Communications, but a notice was never published in the *Communiqué*. Since Admiral Lerman has taken over, the school has been reimbursed, and the ASE will reopen March 1st. All tests that are currently out have extensions until April 15th. All the paperwork should be caught up by March 1st. Again, I apologize for any inconvenience that might have occurred.

Capt. "Trapper John" Sellers, ASE

Certificate Notice

The new official rank certificates are available to Starfleet members for \$1.25 each or \$1.00 each for orders of 5 or more. The address is: Capt. Brad Pense, P.O. Box 2981, Sumter, SC 291 51 -2981. Thanks to all who have ordered certificates so far, more items to follow.

regular letter column and look forward to hearing from you. In future issues look for a regular Q & A feature with members of the Executive Committee, a Fleet Roundtable wherein prominent Fleet officers discuss issues dealing with STARFLEET and Trek, and regular series on the history of STARFLEET.

Finally, we want to apologize for the lateness of this issue. As I said before, we came into this at a late date and literally had to beat the bushes for material. A great, big, sloppy *Communiqué* kiss to all those who stepped in and helped out with articles and assistance. I'd like to especially thank Jack Fields for forwarding all that mail and Anita Davis for getting me into this mess. I also think everyone should write Judith Brandy and thank her for the great job she did on the *Communiqué* these past few years.

OK, that's it for this issue. Bill and Dave just tossed the water cooler out the window, and I can hear Junior Walker and the All-Stars blasting in the other room. Some things never change. See you next issue.

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also need someone to act as STARFLEET Community Service Director. This person's job will be to keep tabs on community service projects around the Fleet and act as advisor to chapters in their various service causes. We're looking for someone with the imagination and initiative to take charge of this department. If you're interested in either of these positions, please send me your resume, along with your ideas and reason for wanting the job, to the *Communiqué* address.

On our stair, there are a number of things we are looking for. One is a regular Trek News-type column. Given our lead time, Trek news can be a bit dated by the time the *Communiqué* reaches our members, however we do want to include as much pertinent and interesting Trek material as possible. If you have access to reliable Trek info and would like to do a bi-monthly column, let us know. We are always in the market for interesting chapter news (including photos!) and welcome your submissions. Remember, the *Com-*

muniqué is the international STARFLEET newsletter and our focus will always be on our chapters and members.

Along those lines, the **Fleet Press Corps** is currently being revamped and reevaluated. If you are a member of the Press Corps please check in with this office to let us know who you are, if you're still interested in writing for the *Communiqué*, and to offer your suggestions as to how the Press Corps can best serve the Fleet. We're also assembling a staff of Regional Correspondents who will be making sure all Fleet regions are represented in each *Communiqué*. And if you are one of the great, talented artists out there (and we know you're out there) we'd love for you to do a cover or some spot art for us.

We're initiating some new features designed to bring STARFLEET to its members on a more personal basis. In this issue we've revived the old Chapter profile series as Meet the Fleet in which we spotlight different chapters around the globe. Chapters will be chosen at random for this feature and we may be contacting your group soon. We're also starting a

Disable Consultant Program

Cmdr Greg Phillips, MSW • Director

While it has been a while since the last report from the DCP, in no way does that mean we haven't been busy! Besides doing the usual VULKONS, in November, 1992, and January, February and March 1993, the DCP has also been involved in the planning for other cons.

First, I want to make sure that the work of my Assistant Director, Capt. Peggy Driesel of the USS Thunderchild is made known to the Fleet. Peggy has been a tireless worker on behalf of people with a disability (and I know -- I've tried to tire her out!!) She has been responsible for working with Starland, and their cons in Denver, and soon a con in Rapid City, South Dakota. She is greatly appreciated.

Among the things the DCP is involved with are cons being planned in Texas (Tex-Trek!) as well as one in September in Miami. Not only are con organizers learning that it pays to make their cons accessible, and isn't that difficult to do, but also I have gotten calls from individuals wanting to volunteer to help.

Along with all the good news about the program there is also several items of bad, and appalling, news. First, after several years of diligent efforts, the USS *Sacajawea* has notified me that they will be unable to continue putting the *Communiqué* on audio tape, thus making it available for the visually impaired. This is a service that I feel is extremely important -- so I am requesting any volunteers who may want to take this on as a service project to please contact me as soon as possible. I think this would be a wonderful project for a ship or shuttle to undertake, so if you are interested, contact me at 4566 22 Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33713. This is also the address for PIKE or FIEVA nominations, as I am still looking for them!

One of the most appalling items I've run across in a while is what was reported to me regarding Trek-o-Rama in Knoxville, Tennessee, last November. The con was held in a school gymnasium, and all of the dealers and star presentations were held on the gym floor. The only way for someone with a disability to enter the facility was through an entrance that lead only to a portion of the bleachers. Not only was there no possible access for people with a disability to the stars, there was also no way for them to get to the dealers and spend their \$\$\$\$! Considering the number of people with disabilities that I was told attended, that could have been a tidy sum that the dealers were deprived of. The worst aspect of this was that the con organizer, when apprised of the situation, simply said that it wasn't his concern -- if someone had a problem with it "Sue me." A really nice, caring sort of guy!

Fortunately, I have found those types of people to be the exception, especially in STARFLEET. The willingness of ship like the *Sacajawea*, and people like Cherryl Marlan of the Federation's Nightwing, show me that the majority of Trek people are concerned with people, and living the IDIC concept.

On a closing note: Nominations are still open for the PIKE and REVA awards -- PIKE is for the ship/shuttle/con/person who does the most for individuals with disabilities, and the REVA is for the person who has a disability who does the most for STARFLEET. If you have any nominations, or want to volunteer to take over the audio taping that the *Sacajawea* has been doing, or just want to know more or help out, please write me at 4566 22 Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33713. Till next time...

Headquarters Open House

By Charlotte Howey

Hello Fellow STARFLEET members:

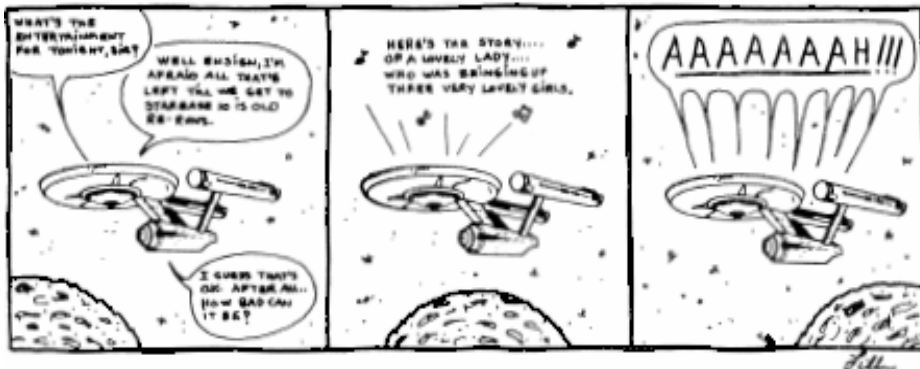
I'm the new editor of what was once called the *Fleet Status Updates*. That name has been changed to *The Adventures at STARFLEET HQ* mainly because there was a bit of confusion on what exactly the Fleet Updates was about. It appeared that the newer members of STARFLEET thought it was a place for ship reports. I'm sorry, but no one could accept 1-3 page reports for shuttles/ships and still afford to send it out to the more than 200 shuttles, ships, Directors of the Academies and STARFLEET departments. So that is the main reason for the change.

The *Adventures at STARFLEET HQ* is intended to keep the members of STARFLEET informed as to what exactly is happening at HQ, whether this includes good news, bad news, or no news at all. It may contain such things as positions needing to be filled and who to write to about such, what's happening in ShOC, the Academies, messages from our esteemed STARFLEET Officers, and anything else that is needed to get from HQ to the Commanding Officers. However, the main people to receive these short newsletters are the COs. They will be expected to keep the members of their shuttles and ships informed on what is going on. It will come out bimonthly by the first of every odd month (March, May, etc.). But I do hope everyone who is intended to get it, and those with subscriptions, will remember that I do this as a service to you, and if it is late to be patient- you will get it.

I have been asked by a number of people whether subscriptions will be accepted from an individual member. Yes, definitely so. For six (6) bimonthly issues the subscription fee is \$4.50 paid by check or money order to Charlotte J. Howey. I have a new address, so don't forget to send it to: P.O. Box 995, Center, CO 81125.

By the time you receive this, the first issue will have been received by your CO. But in the case of new shuttles/ships, if you Commanding Officers haven't received one, PLEASE let me know and I'll get you your issues. I am trying to keep a list of all ship and shuttle addresses, but like all humans I make mistakes and may miss someone.

That's all for now. I look forward to getting to know as many of you members as possible!





STARFLEET Scholarship Program

Adm. Sue Hampton • Director
3401 Argyle Lane, Greensboro, NC 27406

Greetings from the STARFLEET Scholarship Program. We are alive and well, but not flourishing. This is because the Scholarship Program isn't getting enough letters and requests. You would think that after retiring as STARFLEET Vice-Commander and answering all that mail that I would not be asking for more mail. Actually, my local mailman has had his hernia repaired and is back on the job and needs the workout.

So how do STARFLEET members keep this program busy? Try for a STARFLEET scholarship. STARFLEET has actual college scholarships available, in the amount of \$500 each, for various studies in college. These are available only for STARFLEET members and do not require financial records. Scholarships are available for Junior Colleges, Community Colleges, Technical Colleges, Undergraduate and some Graduate Colleges. The scholarship is paid directly to the college and can be used for tuition or books. STARFLEET members can only win one scholarship a year but may reapply the following year for another scholarship.

Application is very simple: Send a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) to me with a simple letter of request. All I really need is name and address but information about current school status, where you plan to go to school, and what you plan to study will be helpful in starting the process. You will receive an information letter, application form (only 1 page!) and three "Letters of Recommendation" forms. The application and your information about why you should be awarded a scholarship and the three letters of recommendation must be postmarked by June 1, 1993 to be considered for this year's scholarship awards. During the month of June all complete applications will be judged by a team of educators that are not members of STARFLEET. The winners will be notified the first week of July. Their scholarship money is available for fall 1993 sessions of school. Information and pictures of the winners will be in the August/September issue of the *Communique*.

We currently have eight scholarships that are fully funded (see sidebar). There are several Star Trek stars who have shown interest in being associated with our program; however, not enough funds are donated in the name of anyone person to fill a \$500 scholarship. I would like some suggestions from members as to a solution. We could give a smaller scholarship in that star's name whenever there is enough money to be worthwhile (possibly \$250). Another option is to combine all donations in these stars' names into a scholarship of \$500. In that case I need a good name for this particular scholarship. Third choice could be to use donations in these stars' names to fund two Space Explorers Scholarships. In any case all stars that had donations made in their names would be notified of the fact and of the winner. Send in any suggestions you have for this situation, also information of stars that wish to be included and chapter efforts to raise money for these stars' scholarships.

Send your SASE to: Sue Hampton, STARFLEET Scholarship Program, 3401 Argyle Lane, Greensboro, NC 27406.

STARFLEET Scholarships

Space Explorers Memorial (4 Year)

Space Explorers Memorial
(technical, 2-year, junior college)

James Doohan/Montgomery Scott
Scholarship
(aeronautical engineering)

The DeForest Kelley/Leonard McCoy
Scholarship
(medical occupations)

Patrick Stewart Scholarship
(for the performing arts)

George Takei Scholarship
(for international studies)

Gene Roddenberry Memorial
Scholarship
(for writers)

LeVar Burton Educational
Scholarship
(for teachers)

STARFLEET'S Newest Scholarship Fund

STARFLEET now has a new scholarship fund to add to its already impressive list. LeVar Burton was approached at a convention in Seattle, Washington by members of the *USS Courageous*. These members told him about STARFLEET and the scholarship program. Mr. Burton voiced his interest and asked for more information. After a few letters were exchanged, he agreed to have a new scholarship named after him. So now we have (drum roll please)

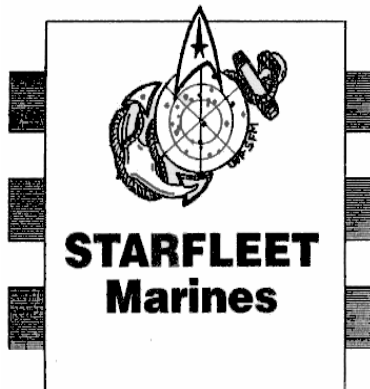
The LeVar Burton Educational Scholarship

This scholarship will be for people who are studying to become teachers. LeVar is very interested in improving the education of the young and is very excited about this program.

The crew of the *USS Courageous*, NCC-1861-C, has pledged to raise the first \$500 to be awarded but any help would be gratefully accepted.

Thanks to Admiral Sue Hampton for staying on as the Director of the STARFLEET Scholarship Program.





Lt. Col. Loujaue McPherson
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Greetings.

To those of you who do not know me, allow me to introduce myself, I am Loujaue McPherson, new Commandant of STARFLEET Marines. I thought I would take some time to introduce myself, and apprise you the changes in Fleet Marine leadership.

As of stardate 9301.04, I have been offered

and have accepted the post of Commandant of Starfleet Marine, said offer being tendered after the resignation of Ted Tribby, the previous Commandant. I have been a member of Starfleet Marines for live years, and have held many positions, including Seventh Regiment Sergeant Major, Commander Seventh Regiment, Commander of the 18th MSG, and, most recently, Chief of Operations for Starfleet Marines. Hope fully, this makes me qualified for the position I now hold.

For those who are interested, there are two other changes in Fleet Marine leadership, Major Rafi Sharif is now regional Officer in Charge of Region 7, and Captain Richard McClure is now Chief of Operations for Starfleet Marines. Please join me in congratulating these two Marines.

In closing, may I say that I hope that while under my command, the Starfleet Marines will continue to show the same determination, devotion to duty, and Esprit de Corps as it has under my predecessors, and I swear to do everything in my power in order to make the goals reality.

If you have any questions about the Starfleet Marines, please contact me at 815 Woodlow St, Pittsburgh, PA, 15205 or Lt Col. Flex Moffett, 520 Sarah Way, Suisun, CA, 94585.

Semper Fi!

"To Defend and Protect"

by Major Shawn Smith, SFMC

Many years ago, the Star Trek fan association known as STARFLEET was formed to put forth the ideal of Star Trek, that everyone could co-exist peacefully; and for many years it has co-existed with the STAR FLEET Marines. But for all of those years of peaceful coexistence, there are still a number of members who do not see the Marines as they really are: A growing, well-organized, well-led organization that is a lot of fun. Many do not know what the marines contribute to STARFLEET, and many do not know what the Marines offer to the members of STARFLEET who desire more of a challenge. Over the next few years, the Garrison Forces (GARFOR) will utilize the resources of the First Marine Division (STARFLEET's Marines) to show to the members of STARFLEET, its Regional Coordinators, and the Executive Committee who the Marines are and what we give to this fan association. It is the desire of the GARFOR to form an office in the First Marine Division whose sole purpose is to inform STARFLEET and its members of just who and what the Starfleet marines are, and to hopefully find a way for our fan association to get to know each other a little better and perhaps become just a little bit closer. "To Defend and Protect" - that is the motto and creed of the SFM GARFOR. And it means just that. Whether it is defending Starbase IV from Romulans or Ferengi; or protecting the friendship between STARFLEET and the Starfleet Marines.

Greetings, fellow members of STARFLEET. I am Major Shawn Smith, CO of the SFM Garrison Forces of the First Marine Division, and the OIC of the *USS Yorktown's* 50th Marine Strike Group.

Here at the office of the GARFOR we are going to be initiating a unique program designed to provide a new and strong relationship between the members of STARFLEET who are not Marines and STARFLEET's members who are part of the Marine adventure. That says it all right there. Everyone in the First Marine Division is a STARFLEET member before they are a marine. This is one of the facts that many people are aware of but don't consciously accept. Many don't look beyond the uniform or the fictional rank of someone to see the good that we do. It is this misunderstanding and the aforementioned lack of knowledge that caused the formation of the SFM Garrison Forces. It is this mat the Garrison Forces will, over time and with your help, change for the betterment of both STARFLEET and the STARFLEET Marines. How, you ask? Well, the answer to that question and any others is below.

The program we will be initiating operates on two levels - Regional and National. We will be assigning two marine volunteers as Honor Guards to each STARFLEET Regional Coordinator. The purpose of this, and the marine's duties, will be to send bi-monthly reports to the assigned RC. The contents of such reports would be: A little information about themselves and their lives, what their Marine Strike Group is doing or planning, and answers to any questions or comments their RC might have. In concordance with these letters, the RC would send letters in reply with SASEs provided to them by their Honor Guard of Garrison marines. Basically, the whole purpose of the reports and the responses is to give the RCs and our marines a change to get to know each other

in a more informal atmosphere. As well, we hope to make some new and long-lasting relationships in this program. Not only will this meet our goal of bringing this fan club of ours closer together, everyone involved gets the opportunity to meet fellow STARFLEET members from across the country and the world.

The Executive Committee program, or national level, is similar in almost every respect to the Regional level program. The only difference is that a Garrison Marine will serve a ten-month term of service as an Honor Guard to a member of the Executive Committee instead of six months with a Regional Coordinator.

By the time this is published, every RC and every member of the Executive Committee will have received or will receiving a personal letter regarding permission to include them in this new program. To all those RCs who have already graciously agreed to participate, the program will soon be implemented. The wait will soon be over. Thank you for your support and patience. The responses I have already received have been full of nothing but praise and support for this innovative program. I hope this does not change. The idea of implementing this program on a ship or chapter level has also been brought up through assigning an Honor Guard to a ship that has no Marine Strike Group. What do you think, Captains? If anyone likes the idea, drop me a line. It is something to consider after we set up the Regional and Executive Committee programs.

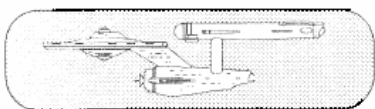
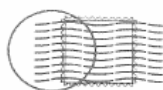
If you are a STARFLEET Marine, then please volunteer for Garrison duty. It would only require a small time out of one day and two stamps every two months for a short time. For so little, the benefits would be boundless. Please make this small sacrifice which would benefit the entire Corps, this division, and those outside of STARFLEET, as well. Let's show everyone who we are, and what we can offer. Put the unflinching determination and drive inherent in being a Starfleet Marine to use for the Corps and for STARFLEET.

In closing, I would just like to say that I look forward to meeting you all and getting to know you better. One of my favorite parts of attending a STARFLEET function is meeting new people. Also, let me say that I am proud to be part of this effort to bring our club closer together. If anyone has any comments or questions, please contact me. The *GARFOR Operations Manual* first draft is being revised and will soon be available. If anyone would like a copy just drop me a line. Until later, "Live long and prosper" and "Semper Fi!"

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STARFLEET Stampede



Lt. Gail Rushing,
Coordinator

Happy New Year to everyone! We have embarked on our next two year mission and the possibilities look to be limitless. I would like to take a minute to introduce myself to all of you that are used to seeing a different name in this space. I am Gail Rushing of the USS Joshua located in Dallas, Texas. I have served my ship as Chief of Communications for the last year and a half. During that time I have tried to make Region 3 a little more visible by sending a steady stream of articles written by myself and others of Region 3 in to the *Communiqué*. In my real (read "daytime") life I work as an auditor for a Dallas CPA firm, but evenings and weekends the fun begins.

I would like to thank Rear Admiral Clayton Melanson for offering this position to me. He has done such a wonderful job and he leaves very big shoes to fill. He assured me that running the Stampede would be a pretty easy job. Most everyone sending stamps knew how to trim and sort them. All I would have to do would be check them in, keep up with donors' names and send the

proceeds in to STARFLEET. When I stopped by Clayton's house to pick up his inventory there were a slack of very large boxes. I assumed these were boxes left over from his recent move. WRONG!! Can you spell hernia?! He had just received a shipment of 6 boxes filled to overflowing containing over 148 pounds of stamps...and this was just from one person! Does anyone know where I can get a good, used anti-grav pallet cheap?

As soon as my trusty assistant, Ensign Shan Clark, gets finished updating my Fleet address list, I will be sending a letter to each ship and shuttle giving more information on the Stampede and what you chapter can do to get involved. Plans are also being made for a stampede Round-Up at this year's STARFLEET Conference in Arlington, Texas. Captain Sarah Peugh, Tex-Trek coordinator, has promised me space at one of the Fleet tables. There will be a tote board set up and stamps brought in by each ship will be weighted and the amount posted next to that

ships name. The ship with the most stamps will receive an award. Those of you that will not be able to attend but would still like to participate in the Round-Up, get your stamps to me no later than June 30, 1993 and mark them "Tex-Trek Round-Up."

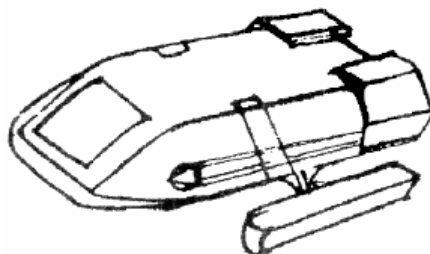
There has been a rumor going around that the Stampede has lost its buyer. Not true! One buyer canceled several months ago but there is a second buyer and he will be picking up a shipment on January 16. Keep those stamps coming!

Thank yous for this time go out to Cindy Glenn for sending those 6 boxes of stamps, Cindy not only gets the gold star, but also the red carpet and limo ride! Cindy, you have done an outstanding job! More thank yous to Ingrid Bryan, James Casselbury, Elenore Claussen, Glen Davis, *USS Discovery*, Janet Doctors and the *USS Challenger*, Sherry Hopper, *USS Horizon*, Louise Kordus and the *USS Sol*, Elizabeth Osborne and the *USS Lagrange*, Jack Hopkins, *USS Triumph*, *USS Umiak*, *USS Antonio Maria Valsalva*, William Vodrey, and Rick Picciano. If you sent in stamps and you haven't seen your name, please be patient. As with any transition involving an I address change, things sometimes get backed, up. If you sent stamps around the end of the year, they will probably be in the January-February count. Please note the current Stampede address and keep those stamps coming!

STARFLEET Stampede
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Shuttle Operations Command

Adm. Dave Ryan • Director
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Change is of the essence of existence. Change is one of the only things in life that you can count on being there. It is my intention to bring change and flexibility to the Shuttle Operations Program. Be it resolved, please note the following changes. All changes supersede the Shuttle Operations Handbook.

Item 11: Starting a Shuttle; Any one may apply for and receive a Shuttle Vessel Registration Request. You do not have to have your group already formed. You can be in the process of doing so.

Item 2: Terminology: The term for all new groups, regardless of whether or not they are approved or unapproved, will now be known as Shuttlecraft. The term for the leader is Commanding Officer. The term for First Officer/VP is Executive Officer.

Item 3: Distance: A Shuttle is recommended to exist 20-30 miles from an existing active chapter. Waiver of distance is at the full discretion of the Region Coordinator and selected sponsor ship. It is required that all shuttles select a sponsor ship from their own region. It is preferred that this be the ship closest to them in air miles.

This is just the beginning. I will be indicating changes as they come up in this section of the *Communiqué*, as they become available.

A belated welcome goes out to the following groups:

Shuttle Bexar NCC 1892/01
CO: Cmdr. Patricia Ann Spillers

Shuttle Merlin NCC 652/07
CO: Cmdr. Sharon Grieten

Shuttle Reliant NCC 2002/02
CO: Cmdr. Chris Senft

Shuttle United States Ship Arizona NCC 1838/03
CO: Cmdr. Roger Scritchfield

Welcome aboard to the following new groups:

Shuttle Empress NCC 1839/04
CO: Cmdr. Richard Smith

Shuttle Hazard NCC 1723/01
CO: Cmdr. Carol Pfeifle

Shuttle "The Sullivans"
CO: Cmdr. Mark Trent

Shuttle Werner Von Braun NCC 26228/01
CO: Cmdr. Mike Miller

The following ships/chapters have graduated from the Shuttle Operations Program;

USS Alpha Centauri — Region 7

USS Daniel Soule — Region 5

USS Harrier — Region 4

USS Highroller — Region 17

Please note this information is current as of 9301.11, All information/approvals received after this date will be mentioned in the April/May *Communiqué*.

I look forward to working with you all. If you have any questions about me Shuttle Operations program, please contact me.

Dear

Starfleet

Dear Communiqué;

I wish to submit this writing, however personal, on the Star Trek: The Next Generation episode, "Chain of Command." I start with a quote from my December 21 letter to Patrick Stewart.

"It was a very difficult episode to watch. I have struggled with the question of torture personally. My best friend, Carl, who was taken prisoner...during the Vietnam War, almost lost his life under torture and watched his friends die. The United States government first disbelieved him and then hid immorality with secrecy. The incident was classified Top Secret.

Since 1979, I have tried to avoid the issue of torture. ST:TNG became an escape for me...When I learned of the vividly to "Chain of Command," inspired by Amnesty International, I shook and shivered involuntarily and realized...I no

longer had any escape from the past."

I wrote this before seeing "Chain of Command, Part II." I found [that episode] gripping, compelling, overwhelming, and nightmarishly realistic. Even more difficult than the scenes of torture were the scenes of emotion: Riker's outrage, Deanna's concern, and Picard's pity. And, most devastating was the final scene which showed Picard had almost broken under torture. He was sitting with Counselor Deanna Troi in the Captain's Ready Room and he said he would have told the Cardassians anything; what is more, he saw five lights.

Jacqueline M. Finberg
USS Sovereign

Hey, we want to hear from you. Send your letters on just about anything to: Dear Starfleet c/o STARFLEET Communiqué, 565 Lafayette Rd, Medina, OH 44256. Letters maybe edited for length or clarity.

STARFLEET Award Committee

RAdm. Stephen C. Thomas • Director

7301 River Rd., #117, Newport News, VA 23607-1764

Greetings and "Happy New Year!" to one and all. I'm pleased to announce the formation of the "STARFLEET Award Committee," as promised by our new Fleet Admiral, Rob Lerman. He has appointed me as its director, and along with RAdm. Robert Hilton and Cmdr. Orlando "Hawk" Ramirez as the SFAC deputy directors, and Capt. Clifford Cherry and BGen Scott Akers on as staff, we're going to establish a program that will FINALLY allow STARFLEET members, units (vessels, departments, regions) and associates to be recognized for their work and contributions to STARFLEET. Thus the awards will not be frivolously awarded or considered.

Along with the awards will be corresponding "ribbons" for the recipient to wear on his/her formal dress uniform, uniform, or club shirt or jacket. As to the

style of the ribbon, I'm looking towards getting the "triangular" style ribbons made (as seen in the classic Trek episode "Journey to Babel"), as these are very distinctive and can be simply made to suit our purpose (not to be used as costume decoration). However, it's been suggested that a "bar" type ribbon could also be made to accommodate members and ships of the movie era (or, in other words, we'd have two styles of the same award ribbon). I'd like to know what you think. We can have one style, but it would be costly to have two. So would you like the triangular ribbon? The bar-type ribbon? Or both? If you care, please write!

It you'd like a copy of the initial draft of the STARFLEET Award program to comment on, please send a SASE, or contact your Regional Coordinator for a copy. We

Independent Membership Program

Hi all you unassigned crewmembers out there. Have you wanted to ask a question or find out if there are any other unassigned folks in your area and didn't know who to ask? Well, here is the answer. This is a new program just for the inactive members (or, as we prefer to call them, Independent Members) of STARFLEET. This program will give you the chance to become as active as you want even if the nearest ship is a thousand miles away. You can earn promotion points and rank, correspond with others in your area who are also unassigned, and possibly even recruit enough new members to start your own shuttle. The possibilities are endless.

If you are an independent member with a desire to take a more active role in STAFIFLEET, please let me hear from you! (Please enclose a SASE).

Captain Jane Terry
4050-E Huntinggreen Lane
Winston-Salem, NC 27106



want to make the program as comprehensive as possible, so let us hear from you soon. The deadline for your response is April 30th, 1993. Don't forget to include your STARFLEET SCC# on the return address of your letter. Letters without a return address will not be opened. With your help and suggestions, the STARFLEET Award program should be on-line by the summer!



Mike Varner

Meanwhile,
below
decks . . .



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A Column By David Allen

"Confessions of a Trekkie"

"So you're a Trekkie, huh?" the lady asks with a smile.

"TREKKER!" you bristle with deadly precision, "we're called Trekkers. Trekkies are stupid little kids with pointed ears and plastic, chirping phasers."

She examines you from head to toe, taking in your canary-yellow Next Gen security uniform, Klingon turtle shell make-up job and genuine Dust Buster phaser. Somehow, your indignant differentiations are too subtle for her untrained eye. But, that isn't important. What is important is that your straightened this mundane out and made sure she knew what was what.

And she does. Originally when she saw you, she thought you were a fun-loving eccentric. A exhibitionist that flaunted convention to enjoy himself.

Now she KNOWS you are a boorish, ill-mannered jerk, who she wants nothing to do with. Congratulations Sherlock, great P.R. coup.

The above altercation takes place a couple of dozen times at every convention or major Fleet function I have ever attended in which Trekkies come in contact with the general public (or mundanes, as they are derisively called). Yes, I use the word Trekkie, since unlike a lot of folks out there, I am old enough to remember when it was not an objectionable term. Now I am not about to sit here and tell you that you don't have the right to decide what your are called. Quite the opposite, I am a firm believer that you can spell your name "Myxlplk" and pronounce it "Goldstein." A name is your personal identity and your property and you can pronounce it or spell it any way you like. But, if you are known as Myxlplk, pronounced Goldstein, why are you getting mad at the rest of the world for mispronouncing your name? When you decided on this unique approach to your name, you also assumed the lifetime responsibility of explaining it to your less enlightened fellow humans. So it is with being a Star Trekfan. When you decide to take up this rather eccentric pursuit, you

should expect to have to explain yourself. Why should you get mad at somebody who doesn't understand subtle differences that only the initiated understand? What have you accomplished by snapping at them? You have belittled them by implying that any person with half the brain capacity of mentally-retarded plant life would know the difference between a "Trekkie" and a "Trekker." Gee, how do you feel when people imply that you are stupid? Is the difference really that important? I know people in fandom who would lead a holy crusade on this question. To them, it really is important. To quote everybody's favorite ham actor, "GET A LIFE, PEOPLE!"

Yeah, at one time I was rather offended by Shatner's skit on *Saturday Night Live*, but upon reflection over the years, I really do understand what he was saying. I was like that myself at one point, then I grew up. I bristled at being called a Trekkie. I was and am a die-hard *Classic Trek* fan. But, I am not going to be impolite about it. I see so many factions in fandom where people really lose their grip on perspective. Arguments that have come to actual physical violence over such earth-shattering topics as: *Classic Trek* vs. *Next Gen*, *Classic Trek* vs. *Movie Trek*, old Klingons vs. new Klingons, Kirk vs. Picard, and lately, DS9 vs. everybody else. Within Fleet, the political infighting between political factions (intra-ship, ship-to-ship, region vs. region, HQ vs. all comers, former Fleet Commanders vs. current Fleet Commanders) is enough to make Arab-Israeli relations look like a mild difference of opinion in Mr. Rogers Neighborhood.

I'm not talking about polite disagreements either. I'm talking about vicious character assassination, slander, libel and the occasional assault and battery. These people are SERIOUS!

About five years ago, I rewrote parts of the membership handbook to change its focus. The reason is that a handbook is something that people look to for guidance. The original handbook had all sorts of gobbledygook about military tribunals and court-martials and other sundry para-

military nonsense. As a result, there were chapters that court-martialed people. For the record, these were not overzealous youngsters, who lacked the basic judgement that time and experience will eventually impart. No, these were grown-ups with jobs, lacking even the social skill God gave a rabid gopher. They were going to take those who failed to conform to their definition of order (a concept that would have given Rod Serling the heebie-jeebies) and humiliate them in front of their peers. They then could not understand why this didn't solve the problem, why the victim of their "justice" became belligerent and dedicated to opposing them at every step. So, in an attempt to avoid this problem in the future, I created the *Officer's Code of Conduct* in order to suggest to people how to treat each other. This helped somewhat, but I still had a few hard-core types who court-martialed folks, citing specific paragraphs from the Code. Sigh?

So, one more time folks, the following disclaimer should appear at the bottom of Fleet applications: REALITY CHECK! THIS IS NOT REAL. THIS IS A PLEASANT PASTIME AND ACTIONS TAKEN HERE WILL NOT APPEAR ON ANYBODY'S PERMANENT RECORD OR RESUME. ENJOY YOURSELF, PLAY NICELY TOGETHER, AND TREAT OTHER PEOPLE AS YOU WANT TO BE TREATED (unless you are a masochist, in which case you should edit K/S zines). IF ALL ELSE FAILS, TRY BEING POLITE. DO THINGS AS LONG AS THEY ARE FUN. WHEN IT STOPS BEING FUN, MOVE ON TO SOMETHING ELSE.

So, for the record, *Classic Trek* and DS9 are better than *Next Gen*. *Classic Klingons* are better than bone-headed Klingons, and the 1701-D looks like the product of an unnatural act between a Klingon Battle Cruiser and a humpback whale. But hey, that's just my opinion and what do I know, I'm just a Trekkie.

Newsletter Judging Delayed

In an effort to be as fair as possible to all involved, the STARFLEET Newsletter Competition has been delayed. Newsletters submitted for this contest were not received by the Communications Office until the end of January. We decided to delay the contest in order to select a qualified and impartial judging staff and to allow them ample time to examine the newsletters.

We apologize for any inconvenience. Results will be published in our next issue.

"Relics" vs. "Unification" -- A Rebuttal

by Edmund Trafford, USS Republic

This is a response to Bill Mason's recent review (Dec/Jan *Communiqué*) of two *Next Generation* episodes featuring Classic Trek characters. The basic premise of the review is that "Relics" was a successful episode because Scotty was at the center of it, and "Unification" was not a successful episode because Spock was relegated to a secondary story line. My response is that comparing the success of these two episodes based on the amount of feature time given to Scotty or Spock is like comparing apples and oranges; the two episodes are different and so are the roles of the Classic characters in them. "Relics" was obviously 'about' Scott, and so certainly the episode focused on him. But "Unification" is not 'about' Spock -- it is 'about' a potential Vulcan-Romulan detente; Spock's involvement is only one of several threads woven into this episode.

In my opinion, "Unification" is by far the richer story, bringing together and resolving several previous plot lines (Spock's relationship with his father, Sela's parentage, the ancient Vulcan-Romulan animosity). On the other hand, "Relics" is simply built on a brand-new situation, that of Scotty being stranded on the Dyson sphere and escaping by way of a transporter loop. This is certainly an effective idea, but it

does not in any way continue or resolve an established story line or provide insight into previous action. And it is a heart-wrenching moment at the close of Part II of "Unification" when Spock communes with his father in the only way left open to him, through Picard's previous mind meld with Sarek -- yet another great tie-in to a prior episode. (Bill Mason expresses disappointment that "while we KNOW that something significant has happened in the meld, we cannot SEE it." I beg to differ strongly: We see pride and honor in Picard's face and quiet pain in Spock's -- we don't need to know anything else.)

And the supporting moments of "Unification" are unforgettable -- Riker flirting with the bar singer, Worf getting carried away with an excerpt of Klingon opera, among others. While "Relics" is an admirable episode on its own merits, it is limited in scope compared to "Unification." And while merely being ambitious in scope does not guarantee success, the significance of the plot lines (and Spock's contribution to their development even if he is not at the center of the overall episode), the wealth of continuing material (tying in and resolving a number of conflicts), and the high caliber of the supporting details make "Unification" the runaway winner.

Fleet Division Chief Program Announced

The success of the various Regional Chief programs has given birth the Fleet Division Chief Program (FDCP). The FDCP is designed to act as a complement to the regional program.

The FDCP would act as a central clearing house for newsletter exchanges. In addition, the FDCP could assist in the flow of ideas and projects being carried out by those regional and chapter department that opt to participate in the program.

Hopefully, it will encourage even greater participation by the membership at all levels of our organization.

The qualifications for a Fleet Division Chief are: 1) Be a current member of STARFLEET, 2) be 21 years of age or older, and 3) be a Division Chief of a ship for at least one year or Regional Division Chief or be a chapter CO or XO with real-world experience in the area being applied for coupled with experience in producing newsletters. The FDCP is currently planning to encompass the Engineering, Science, Medical, Security, Communications and Operations divisions. If you are interested in participating, send background information about yourself and ideas for your program to:

STARFLEET FDC Program
469 Mistletoe Ave.
Youngstown, OH 44511

Coming Soon To A Theatre Near You?

by Sherry Hopper, USS Polaris

In *Starlog*# 188, New Hampshire's David Burton made a point that I wholeheartedly agree with: "I, for one, do not want to see next Generation go to the big screen."

Most of us remember how the Trek movies finally brought new life to those old friends who were sorely missed after Star Trek was canceled in the '60s. Today, with six movies and rumored seventh Classic Trek film coming up, I would gladly have traded them all (well, maybe not *The Wrath of Khan*) for a fourth season of televised episodes. Uhura might have gotten a first name (it took 25 years for Sulu to get his!). We might finally have met Joanna McCoy. Harry Mudd, Sarek and Amanda, Cyrano Jones, T'Pol, Carol Marcus, Memory Alpha--so many might-have-beens, if there'd been time to take character development a bit further. It's almost a given that the movies will continue to focus on Kirk/Spock/McCoy themes, with perhaps a tidbit now and then on the "lesser" lights

that still burn just as brightly for us Classic Trek fans.

And *The Next Generation*? Well, from rumors and themes I've heard kicked around for the past two years, it's pretty logical that TNG motion pictures will focus on Picard/Riker/Data, or maybe Riker/Troi. If The Powers That Be do what they must--which is to focus and tell a coherent story within a designated time frame -- we as fans still stand to lose. Will the loss be Worf's son Alexander? Will Geordi ever find the "right girl" and get married? Or what about Lore? Lwaxana Troi? Even Q? Personally, I'd like to know what happened to Spock on Romulus and how it turns out with Montgomery Scott turned loose on an unsuspecting galaxy!

Picard struggling inside himself over the Borg and Cardassian torture, Geordi brainwashed by Romulans, Deanna going through The Phase...so many questions, so little time...when you stop filming a

season's worth of episodes and move to the big screen. I'm just not ready to designate *Deep Space Nine* as the Trek heir-apparent and start waiting two years between TNG movies.

Thank the stars for Trek novels and fan fiction, but the written word can only take us so far without getting into a canon/non-canon free-for-all. Having just heard that Patrick Stewart has signed up to keep boldly going, I'm crossing my fingers for a seventh and maybe even an eighth season of Next Generation each week, before this generation follows Kirk and Co. to the multiplex. Maybe these next two years will fill in more of those tantalizing blanks about what happened to our original heroes, too. And maybe we'll have time to savor the relationships we're forming now with the crew and civilians of the 24th Century.

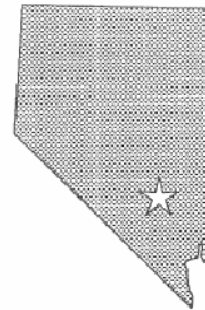
Anyway, that's where I cast my vote!

MEET THE FLEET

USS COLUMBIA II

NCC-9755

CAPTAIN DAYNE T. LAKE, COMMANDING
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
REGION 17



'They' said it couldn't be done.

In April, 1991, Dayne and Maureen Lake moved to Las Vegas from northern Utah, where they had been members of the *USS Dominion*. inquiries about the state of fandom in the area were discouraging. Others had tried to set up *Star Trek* clubs in southern Nevada, and they'd all folded within months. A couple of generic science fiction clubs struggled along, but a *Star Trek* club was too specific. But they were determined to find and make friends with other fans. So they put out flyers advertising the formation of a chapter of STARFLEET in the Las Vegas area. A few people responded and a meeting was set for June. Fifteen people showed up to that first meeting, and the numbers grew. By August, the group met the requirements for shuttle status. On September 17, 1991, they were launched as the shuttle with seven Fleet members and another 12 associate members.



The *Vesuvius* grew very quickly. In November the first issue of *Hailing Frequencies*, their newsletter/fanzine, was released and included alter-ego character sheets for the entire staff. Modifications were made to the plans for the standard long-range shuttle and the blueprints published. A handbook was put together, spelling out the ship-board and real-world responsibilities of the membership. The type and name of their eventual starship were discussed and accepted. In April 1992 they sent in the paperwork for commissioning as the *USS Columbia*, NCC-9755. A mix-up at HQ led to the addition of a *II* to their designation. On July

4, 1992, the *USS Columbia II* was commissioned as a Constellation-class starship and the newest addition to Region 17.

And they've never looked back.

Currently the *Columbia* has several on-going projects. The Security department involves them annually with the March of Dimes WalkAmerica program. They also sponsor an annual Marksmanship Day of miniature golf at the local course. The Science section has begun leading monthly away mission in costume to the children's wing of a local hospital (the kids love it). Operations is collecting pop tabs (those little things on the top of soda cans) to help people on dialysis (NOTE: this is legitimate; we contacted the Kidney Foundation -- it helps pay for food, lodging and such for the patients). Communications is collecting books to donate to the local library system. Public service announcements are sent out monthly to all radio and TV stations, as well as the local papers by the Engineering section; this has led to one radio and one TV interview about the *Columbia* and Starfleet. Ship's Services maintains the ship's library and is also putting a ship's cookbook together. Medical indoctrinates new members and keeps the organizations books. Each section has well-defined projects underway and strong personnel heading them.

At present the *Columbia* is made up of 67 Fleet and associate members. The membership comes from all walks of life and all parts of southern Nevada--a few from as far as 50 miles away. Long distance members live in Arizona, California, Michigan and Nebraska. They range in age from seven to 70, with all the stops in between, and cover the social and political spectrum.

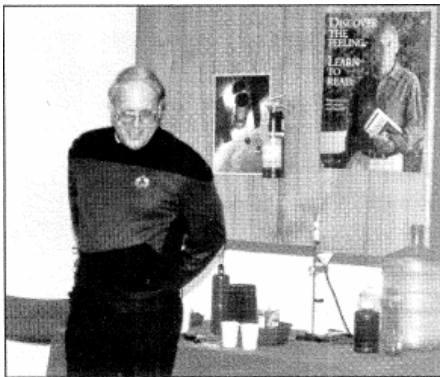
The goals of the *USS Columbia II* are simple--to try to create a bit of Gene Roddenberry's universe in southern Nevada. This doesn't mean starships and phasers, but rather an atmosphere of friendship and good feeling that transcends any and all barriers. The work on local service projects is one step in that direction. Their meetings are another. The outside activities they put together are still another. And each step brings that goal closer to becoming reality. Who knows? In a couple of years (or a couple of centuries) they just might make it.

Meet The Fleet is a new feature in the *Communique* wherein we will spotlight a different chapter each issue. Chapters are chosen at random from around the Fleet.

Around The Fleet

Project ATOZ Science and Reading A to Z By Robert A. Finton, USS Odin

"It was an Away Team with a mission: Encourage kids to read." So began the front page article in the Carroll County Times of Westminster, Maryland. Throughout the summer of 1992, officers and crew of the *USS Odin* visited libraries all over Baltimore and Carroll counties of Maryland to promote interest in reading and science. By using the world of Star Trek, we excited children and adults about books, science, writing, and the need of a good education.



Capt. Bosman of USS Odin initiates Project ATOZ

Project ATOZ started in November of 1991 with the idea of reaching out to the community and actively supporting local libraries in their promotion of the joys and benefits of literacy. As our ship's first officer and exobiologist, I drew upon my experience as an educator with the Maryland Science Center to develop a new endeavor. I realized that the *Odin* had a wealth of experienced and talented people who could interact with and teach children about the wonderful possibilities that lie ahead for us all. The command staff of the *Odin* created a project in which Away Teams would beam down to local libraries and provide an hour long program of Star Trek storytelling, science demonstrations, and displays of collections. Project ATOZ was born, and named in honor of the little

ol' librarian of "All Our Yesterdays."

Programming Managers from both Baltimore and Carroll County Public Libraries were contacted and enthusiastically scheduled our Away Teams to visit various branches - especially considering our "no fee" offer. As our Away Team members descended upon the libraries, packed meeting rooms were entertained by ship's story tellers, Lt. Cmdr. Jeressa Thomas, Lt (jg) Petrea Andrews, and Lt (jg) Joyce Hill. The short stories were supplemented with a variety of audio effects arranged and controlled by Lt. Cmdrs. Darren Andrews and Duane Bonds. Children "oohed" and "aahed" at the adventures of Captain Kirk and the crew of the *ENTERPRISE*. Once the *ENTERPRISE* sailed safely off into the galaxy, it was time for some exciting science demonstrations. Volunteers from the audience raised their hands to assist Lt. Cmdr. Becky McCalman, Lt. Jim Morgan, and Lt (jg) Lori Miles in space related experiments. A little girl (dressed in a red Starfleet jumpsuit) helped to explain the reason why stars are seen at night and not during the day. A boy blew up balloons to demonstrate the way rockets work. Lt. Morgan donned safety goggles as he showed how special tiles helped to protect astronauts within 20th century space shuttles. And Lt(jg) Miles had a volunteer assist with a "controlled explosion." The program was brought to a close with a few words by Capt. Bosman regarding the thrill of a wondrous tomorrow that could be attained by books and education today.

As the crowds lingered to examine Star Trek collections on display, CPO Bechlodt and other crew members handed out space science take-home activities and information about STARFLEET. The *Odin's* Chief Security Officer (Cmdr. Dan Steenburg) and Chief Medical Officer (Cmdr. Margaret Wilson) chatted with potential recruits who discovered more to the program than merely a fun time for children. Project ATOZ was received with resounding appreciation by young and old alike, and brought together crew from our neighboring shuttles, *IDIC* and *Thor*. Cmdr. Mike Sharpe (OIC Shuttle *Thor*) even provided the services of his Shakespeare-reading Klingon First Officer, Lt. Cmdr. Joe Dorfner.

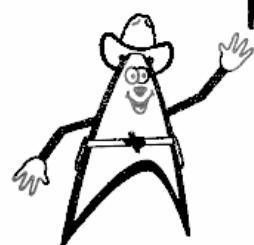
Project ATOZ is currently being evaluated and revised by the *Odin's* command staff, and will hopefully be expanded to other areas within Maryland. We have discovered in this project a real potential to actively touch the community in a fun-filled and educational manner. As members of STARFLEET, the officers and crew of the *Odin* continue to live the "adventure." Should any commanding officers wish further details about the operation of Project ATOZ, please send a SASE to:

Captain Walter M. Bosman, Jr.
USS ODIN NCC-1875
1806 Bloom Road
Westminster, Maryland 21157

As the Times-Herald of Baltimore County put it, "...Star Trek fans, those in the STARFLEET club included, believe in the positive philosophy that the world will someday be a better place where people will become more tolerant of each other, as they learn to work together. A trekker is someone who really likes Star Trek, but who also believes in a better future." Our own Lt. Morgan was quoted in regard to Project ATOZ: "This is our small way of helping it along. If we can make it long enough, we'll get to that future." The adventure continues...aboard the *Odin*!



Lt. jg's Andrews and Hill excite the children with tales of Captain Kirk and the Enterprise crew



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Tex-Trek '93 Challenge

The *Shuttle Bexar* would like to challenge the other ships in Region 3 to a StarShip Tactical Simulator Challenge. We are setting this up in two parts. The game is based on the game by FASA. If you cannot find a copy, sent \$3.00 and self-addressed, stamped 9"x12" envelope for a copy of the main pages of the book.

Part One: The best Combat Scenario submitted Each ship is encouraged to send either as a ship or by individual crew member with a \$3.00 entry fee. The guidelines are to have a game last between 30 to 45 minutes, with the scenario spelling out what the sides are in the game and what the goal for each side is. The scenario tells how many ships each side will have, which ships will be involved in the battle, what is their state of repair, and where they will start on the board. It should also show ii and where any planets, asteroid fields, suns, etc. are found, and if during the play either side will have help and when and in what form such reinforcements will appear. Finally, it should specify the victory conditions. All scenario entries

are to be sent to the Bexar by May1, 1993. Each entry should include the submitters name and what ship they are with.

Part Two: The best Solution done by a team. The game will be played at Tex-Trek '93. The Bexar will supply the enemy team and be in control on the board. Each team should have at least three but no more than six members. The team leader will be the Captain, and will make the moves. The support team will help the Captain with information and damage reports received. The should be made up of the Captain, First Officer, and the officers working engineering, helm, science, security, weapons, navigation and damage control. Each team member will have to handle more than one position. Each ship is encouraged to send at least one team, but can send as many as they want. The entry fee will be \$5. Entries with the list of team members and the ship they represent should be sent to the Bexar by June 15, 1993. This will allow us time to set up a schedule prior to the convention as to when the teams will be playing so other crew members can cheer their team on. Each team will pull out a scenario that has been submitted, but cannot play any sce-

nario submitted by their own ship. Each team will be judged on how well they accomplished the goal set out in scenario and the fastest time to the solution.

The Bexar and Tex-Trek will supply a trophy for the Best Scenario and Best Game Solution. We hope to have good participation so that we can also have second and third place trophies, but that will depend upon the number of entries.

The entry fees will be used to help build the set and game board. We have one bridge mock-up that is already completed, which will help to keep the cost down. If any other ship has a mock bridge that we can borrow, please contact Pat Spillers. We hope to have two life size bridges as well as the game board in the middle large enough for the crew members to watch and cheer on their favorite team. Any funds left over will be given to the Region 3 treasury.

For more information or questions, contact Pat Spiller, CO of the Shuttle Bexar, 1903 Budding Blvd., San Antonio, TX, 78247 and include a SASE. The phone number is 210-490-4731, and she can also be reached via CompuServe at 71165,2414.

Sci-Fi Channel Is A Bonus!

by Zena M. Zeres

I would not recommend that anyone purchase cable just to receive the Sci-Fi Channel. But then I wouldn't recommend that anyone purchase cable in order to receive any one channel. But if you have cable or are planning to get cable, the Sci-Fi Channel is certainly a plus. My favorite show is really a two-hour block of four shows. Namely, *Mysteries from Beyond the Other Dominion*, *Sci-Fi Buzz*, *Inside Space*, and *The Science Show*. I love these shows and I think you will too. One can never be sure if Dr. Franklin Ruehl is serious or not. If you've ever seen him before (he sometimes appeared on Johnny Carson), you know exactly what I mean. *Sci-Fi Buzz* has gone to conventions and interviewed the guests and members. This is something that very few TV people ever do. The crew seems sincere and as enthusiastic as any other fans. To answer a comment recently seen in the *Communiqué*, the STARFLEET newsletter, fans and non-fans alike refer to Star Trek fans as Trekkies. It's unfortunate but you might as well get used to it, it's not going to go away. *Inside Space* is informative and gives news that my local news sources neglect. *The Science Show* sometimes features things I've heard before, but that's bound to happen since I watch a lot of PBS and read science publications. Also, most shows are geared towards the lowest common denominator and usually do seem simplistic.

Yes, they are showing a lot of old shows and movies. But that's standard procedure for a new station and/or channel. I enjoy seeing some of the old shows that have not made reruns on other stations, like *War of the Worlds*, *Lost In Space*, *Amazing Stories*, and *One Step Beyond* just to name a few. I certainly prefer many of these "oldies but goodies" to the current "drek" seen on the networks. Most channels show bad movies even after they've been on the air for years. And, yes, they are selling the midnight block to "infosales" shows. But that's also standard. (Some small stations even sell daytime blocks, like Channel 20 in San Francisco which sells amid-afternoon Sunday block.) Look at the history of Comedy Central, MTV, or local UHF stations for examples of how long it takes for a new channel to decide what to schedule.

Another thing for fans to remember is the diversity in fandom. What one fan loves, another abhors. Some fans feel

that only science fiction should be shown. Well, that's a very narrow view, just what is "science fiction," "fantasy," and "horror?" These categories have proven impossible to define or at least a definition with which we all agree. Anyway, what's wrong with showing fantasy and horror? Okay, okay, so maybe it should be called the Science Fiction, Science, Fantasy, Horror, and Maybe Some Other Stuff Channel. But I think that's a little long and a little awkward. As far as the *TV Guide* listing, channels and stations sometimes take a long time to be listed in *TV Guide*. (For example, Comedy Central took a year and half, MTV took over 8 years, A&E over 3 years.) You might try writing directly to *TV Guide*. This has worked for me



in the past. Another point was that the Sci-Fi Channel caused an increase in cable bills. Here in San Francisco, Viacom Cablevision sent me notification that rates would be raised in January 1993 long before they added the Sci-Fi Channel. They have periodically (at least 5 times in the last two years) raised their rates without any channels being added. This is also standard procedure. I don't like it but I know it has nothing to do with the channels offered. That may be one of the excuses cable companies give for raising rates, but the reality is they just want to increase profits. If you object, you should write the legislators currently considering bills in Congress on this very subject.

The Sci-Fi Channel's dedication to Isaac Asimov is quite logical since he was involved with its creation from the beginning. Rather than complaining about what's on, try requesting the shows you want to see. It doesn't hurt to ask and it's one way of letting them know you're watching. It might also be advantageous to let some of the advertisers know that you're watching.

Living in San Francisco means that we see a lot of shows here like *Dr. Who* on PBS. But I have friends who live in markets where no science fiction is ever shown, on PBS or any other station.

Let's all give the Sci-Fi Channel a chance to find their audience. This is the first SF channel and if it fails, it may mean that no other SF channel will get on the air. It's always been difficult to convince advertisers that fans are a viable audience and in some cases, that we even exist. I am also a supporter of SFAN and feel that it would be great to have two science fiction channels. They are not mutually exclusive; after all, we have three networks.

If you already have cable, I think it's in your best interest to ask your cable company to carry the Sci-Fi Channel.

Sci-Fi Scam II?...NOT!! A Rebuttal

By Arnold Kelly, USS Defiant

This article is in response to the "review" done by Glen C. Davis in the Dec/Jan issue. For those who do not recall the article, Mr. Davis wrote a rather unfavorable article about the Sci-Fi Channel. I am not saying the Mr. Davis is wrong, just that, in my opinion, he expected a little more than he should have. I would like to take this opportunity to address each point in turn and try to present either a more positive point (or at least a neutral point) of view, enabling the reader to make his/her own judgement. So, with that in mind, let's get started:

#1-- "Every morning you can check out at least two wasted hours of infomercials -their thirty minute commercial." - I tend to agree that infomercials are relatively a "waste" of time. But there are two important points that Mr. Davis overlooked:

- A) The "morning that he refers to is actually three o'clock in the morning! (Eastern time, of course). Most people realize that a LARGE number of cable stations show "infos" at that time of the day. Anyone who is up at that time of the day is probably not too picky about what they are watching anyway.
- B) Most other stations start showing "infos" much earlier in the evening (usually starting around 11:00 p.m. eastern) and last for up to FIVE TO SIX HOURS. Sometimes, the other stations will even air "infos" in the middle of the day (something that the Sci-Fi Channel hasn't done yet). I realize that this detracts from the Sci-Fi Channel's motto "Science Fiction 24 Hours a Day," but at 3 a.m. the only thing that I am interested in watching is the inside of my eyelids.

Besides they gotta pay the bills somehow.

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#2-- "The shows are limited and constantly repeated." - Well, for one thing, there are only so many hours in the day, making it difficult to have a wide variety of show. However, once a final episode in a series airs (S-FC shows every series from beginning to end...except *Dr. Who*, which is shown from the 12th to the 16th season), then the S-FC won't immediately repeat the series, but instead replaces it with another series. In fact, S-FC is currently looking into international programming, such as English series (such as *Red Dwarf* and *Blake's 7*) and Japanese animation (such as *Akira* and *Fist of the North Star*) to be aired eventually, based on viewer response. As far as being constantly repeated, there are only two shows that are repeated during the day: *Battlestar Galactica* and *War of the Worlds*. S-FC says they do that for the sake of their west coast S-FC viewers who may have missed earlier airings. I can buy that.

#3-- "They are so market oriented that they do not even release their listings to *TV Guide*. You have to purchase their magazine to get that." - ABSOLUTELY, POSITIVELY FALSE!!!! You can go to the office of your local cable company and ask for a schedule card which will show you what shows are coming on and when. A new schedule card should be out every three months (I am assuming this because my card says that it is for the first quarter of 1993). This means that we could see new programs in as little as three months. Mr. Davis does not seem to realize that it takes quite a while to get listed in *TV Guide*. With so many stations and time zones, it could take months to get into *TV Guide* (again, this is an assumption on my part. If I'm wrong, would someone please let me know?) You could also look in your local cable guide (which is usually found in either the local newspaper or is sold in your local grocery store) for a listing of the Sci-Fi Channel.

#4-- "*Sci-Fi Buzz* is fair, but their reports are full of inaccuracies." - Although I have not seen very many episodes, I have yet to see any "inaccuracies." (At least, none that were apparent to me). However, I am sure that, just like any other show that reports on the entertainment industry, there have probably been one or two "inaccuracies," but that does not give anyone the right to say that ALL of their reports are wrong. Anyone can make a mistake.

#5-- "And every reference to Star Trek fans on the channel is Trekkie." - I personally have not seen or heard the use of the

"T" word. What is so bad about being called a Trekkie, anyway? When Star Trek conventions started, it was the fans who started called themselves "Trekkie." (I could go on, but I'll save it for another article).

#6-- (In reference to the show *Inside Space*) "The information is given in a fairly simplistic way and tends not to be detailed enough." - Mr. Davis does not realize that at the times this show airs (Saturday mornings and Sunday nights), children and people who don't have engineering degrees will be watching. If the show becomes too "detailed" then it won't be as enjoyable to watch, resulting in lower ratings and cancellation. The show appears to be toward the younger viewers in order to get them interested in the space program and other "space-related" subjects.

#7-- "The other show that I like is *Mysteries from Beyond Another Dominion*. Though the Doctor takes too much stock in "Bigfoot from outer space," his many tidbits of information are fun and informative and his "nutty professor" personality is an endearing feature." - First of all, it is *Mysteries from Beyond the Other Dominion*. Second, while I found the show to be fun, to me it was not very "informative". It looks like a cross between *Ripley's Believe It or Not* and the *The National Enquirer*. I do agree that the "nutty professor", Dr. Ruehl, does give the show a unique appeal.

AND FINALLY...

#8-- "If your cable channel does not yet carry the Sci-Fi Channel, don't press them. You'll just see an increase in your cable bill for nothing." - I do not feel that this is the case. I believe that the S-FC does have something for everyone, you just have to be PATIENT. Everyone needs to realize that this is a NEW network and will have a few problems at first. This is NOT Showtime or HBO, where there is something new or different every day. It takes time to get things "just right." As far as "an increase in your cable bill for nothing," most cable companies include the S-FC as part of their 'extended basic' with no real increase in your cable bill.

What I'm trying to say is you shouldn't let one person "turn you off" to something you haven't even seen yet. I mean, when was the last time you got to see the original *Dark Shadows* and *Space: 1999* on the same day, let alone the same channel! Finally, I think dedicating the channel to the two pioneers of science fiction is quite admirable. So let's give the Sci-Fi Channel a chance before we condemn it.

USS Daniel Soule Commissioned

On January 16th, 1993, Vice Admiral Terry Wyatt commissioned the USS Daniel Soule. Members of the Soule's crew and representatives from ships in Region 5, as well as the Klingon Diplomatic Corps, The Orion Consulate, the Romulan Embassy, and First Imperial Strikeforce Terra were present to witness the ceremony.

Accepting for the Daniel Soule was its Commanding Officer, Commodore Keith Marshall, and Executive Officer, Captain Dana Marshall. The Marshalls are both past COs of the Saratoga and Pendragon respectively.



STARFLEET CoO Terry Wyatt congratulates Commodore Keith Marshall at USS Daniel Soule commissioning.

Columbus Meeting Invasion

by Gary Homberg, USS Polaris

"What's going on here?" "Why are you here?" and "I don't believe this!" were the exclamations made by First Officer Steve Stewart and STARFLEET Marine General Robb Jackson of the Ohio chapter USS Columbus.

Some preliminaries - CPO Denise Downing of the USS Polaris, daughter of the Columbus' Chief Medical Officer Betty Downing, made an interesting request of her department chief, Lt. Cmdr. Bev Hater, that several crew members attend the next Columbus monthly meeting to sell raffle tickets for security in full uniform.

Well, little did Denise know the consequences of her request.

Phone calls were made. Captains, First Officers, former Captains, and division chiefs called friends and acquaintances across the state and into Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan and Pennsylvania requesting BODIES. In total, 56 uniformed officers and crew from The Original Series, The Movies, The Next Generation, and the Klingon Empire made a road trip. Almost everyone met at Betty Downing's home to change into uniforms. We did warn her

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CONVENTIONS

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VULKON, March 5-7, 1993, Hunt Valley Marriott, MD. Guests: Leonard Nimoy, David McDonnell, Ron Darien. Admission: Tickets at the door, \$40 for 2 days, \$25 Saturday and \$20 Sunday. Children under 10 are one free per adult. Reserved seating is available for \$10 for 2-day admission ONLY. Hotel: Rooms available Friday and Saturday night for \$75 single or double. To reserve, phone the Marriott at 301/785-7000 and mention Vulkan to get the special rate. For more information write Vulkan, c/o Joe Motes, 12237 SW 50th St., Cooper City FL, 333305406.

CRAKERCON 2, March 19-21, 1993, Baymeadows Holiday Inn, Jacksonville, FL. GoH Ben Bova; AGoH Jeff Adams; Special Guest Walter Miller, Jr. Membership: \$20. Room rate \$50 single, double, quad; call 904/737-1700 for more information. Write: CrakerCon, PO Box 8356, Jacksonville, FL, 322398356.

ADVENTURER'S INN, March 28-28, 1993, Calaveras Fairgrounds, Angels Camp, CA. An Inter-Active Fantasy Convention. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the "Make-a-Wish Foundation" in Gene Roddenberry's name. Write: Adventurers Inn, PO Box 391, Makelumne Hill, CA, 95245, 209/286/1545. Pre-registration \$20 until Feb. 28th - \$18 for STARFLEET members (include SCC# on order), \$25 at the door.

MARCON 28, April 23-25, 1993, Hyatt Regency at the Ohio Center, Columbus, OH; GoH: Mike Resnick, Jane Yolen, Lois McMaster Bujold, Julius Schwartz. Membership: \$28 at door. Information: Maroon 28, PO Box 211101, Columbus, OH 43211; 614/4513154.

BALLAD TREK II, May 21-23, 1993, Radisson In on the Plaza, Asheville, NC; Star Trek and other science & fiction, video room, writer's workshop, Art Show Membership: \$25. Hotel rooms - \$50 per night for up to four people. Call 1-800-333-3333 for reservations. For information: Starship Asheville, 39 Hanover St, Asheville, NC 28806, 704/253-9981.

MOUNTAINTREK '93, June 11-13, 1993, Hyatt Regency, Knoxville, TN. GoH: Jean Lorrach. FGoH: Roland Castle. Membership: \$25 in advance, \$35 at the door. Information: Mountaintrek '93, c/o 2116 Belle Terra Rd. #C, Knoxville TN 37923; 615/632-7497 (days); 615/690-8595 (evening/weekends).

DRAGONFIR I, June 26-27, 1993, ArabaTemple, Ft Myers, FL. GoH: John DeLancie

and Dave McDonnell. Proceeds benefit Araba Shriners Temple. Membership: \$22 for two days, Saturday only- \$14, Sunday only - \$12 until 5/16, \$26 for two days, Saturday \$18, Sunday \$15 at the door. Hotel rooms available for \$59 per night at Sheraton Harbor Place. Call 813/833-1620. For tickets, sent SASE to: USS Dragonfire, 2112 Parker Ave., Ft. Myers, FL 33905; Make checks payable to USS Dragonfire.

TEX-TREK '93, July 2-4, 1993, Sheraton Hotel, Arlington, TX. STARFLEET International Conference. Guests: George Takei, Colm Meaney, Grace Lee Whitney, Bjo Trimble, John Vornhold, and artist Lucy Synk. There are reduced rates for STARFLEET members. For more information, contact: Tex-Trek '93, PO Box 353, Lillian, TX 76061.

DREAMWERKS, July 23-25, 1993, Ramada Hotel O'Hare, Chicago, IL. Guests: James Doohan, Nichelle Nichols, Walter Koenig, Grace Lee Whitney, Bruce Hyde, Majel Barrett Roddenberry. Admission: Weekend membership - \$100. General admission: Saturday - \$35, Sunday - \$35. For information: Dreamwerks, PO Box 3273, Boca Raton, FL 33427 or call 407/488-2822.

SHUTTLECON '93, August G-B, 1993, Visalia Convention Center, Visalia, CA. Guests: John DeLancie, others TBA. STARFLEET Region 4 conference. For more information, write: ShuttleCon '93, USS Gallant, PO Box 7621, Fresno, CA 93747-9998.

HELPCON '93, August 14-15, 1993, W. Springfield, PA. Guests: Mark Lenard, Majel Barrett Roddenberry, Robert O'Reilly, others TBA. Advance tickets: \$20 per day, \$40 for weekend, At the door: \$25 per day, \$45 for weekend, For more information, write: HelpCon '93, Ticket Information Request, PO Box 61, W, Springfield, PA 16443-0061.

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Columbus Raid Continued

there would be more than 30 people showing up on her doorstep.

Being at the center of Ohio, Columbus was easily reached by an amazing ten ship in all. This included: (From STARFLEET) *USS Polaris* NCC-1839 of Hamilton, Ohio; *USS Camelot* NCC-2307 of Dayton, Ohio; *USS Aquila* NCC-44297 of Crescent Springs, Kentucky; shuttle *United States Ship Arizona* NCC-1839/3 of Canton, Ohio; (From the Klingon Assault Group) *IKV Doomslayer* of Dover, Ohio; *IKV Pagh* of New Philadelphia, Ohio; *IKV RojHom* of Cincinnati, Ohio; *IKV TohBaak* of Dayton; *IKV Dark Wraith* of Bucyrus, Ohio; and *IKV TevVes* of Middletown, Ohio.

Upon entering the Karl Road Library under the shadows of the night- and the use of an employee entrance - this hodgepodge made its way through gawking library patrons and smiling employees to the not large enough room used by the *Columbus* for their meetings. The ensemble, once inside, flanked both sides of the room, in some places two deep, and created several extra rows in the back. All standing room only.

Steve, hosting the monthly meeting, repeated several times that this was a dream, before attempting to complete the business side of the meeting. Upon mentioning the upcoming Camp Dover Peace Conference, "Capt'n Joe" of the Klingons, the organizer of Camp Dover, was asked to say a few words. Twenty minutes later, after mentioning every event in detail, Joe successfully sold every member in the chapter on attending in April. Several comments later, the meeting was adjourned. However, the meeting attendees' original plans (running home to view episode two of *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*) were slightly modified.

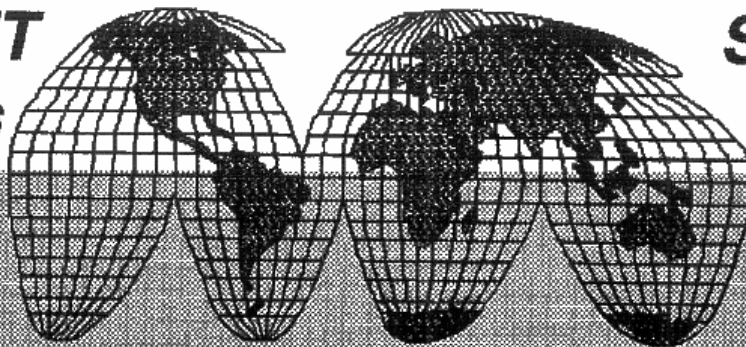
En masse, a local Star Trek "convenience store" was invaded. On route, Mike Schleutker of the *Polaris* passed the Route 3 exit and asked a police officer, "Where can we find Star Base Columbus?" The officer only answered by pointing up. Fifty-six uniformed STARFLEET and KAG members squeezed, along with the Columbus members, into the 15' x 40' room to see all that was available. We invited the employees, who graciously had kept the store open an extra two hours, to join us for the events of the evening. They accepted and joined up for dinner, appropriately still wearing their Next Gen uniforms.

We regrouped at Tee Jaye's Country Place. Tee Jaye's hosted our impressive traveling troupe, while still serving wide-eyed mundanes for around three hours before we decided to continue our evening with dessert: A Malts After Midnight run to the Downing residence.

Missing their opportunity to buy anything on Saturday, the *Polaris'* Capt. Joan Riley, Denise Downing, Bev Hater and the *Columbus'* Betty Downing went back to Star Base Columbus on Sunday. There they were told that Saturday's impromptu visit had netted the business its second most profitable day since opening.

Oh, and about Steve and Robb -- well, they were still dumbfounded and asking "Why?" throughout the evening. Steve! Robb!! Why not!? It was a lot of fun. And the looks on your faces and those of your crew were well worth all the effort, and the drive.

STARFLEET Operations



Ship Status Reports

NEWS FROM AROUND THE FLEET

Report from the Chief of Operations

I Vice Admiral Terry Wyatt

I'd like to thank everyone for the kind letters of congratulations that I've received in the past month. I'll do my best to serve you and STARFLEET.

There appears to be some confusion about the letter that I sent out to chapters regarding reporting procedures. In it I asked to receive reports by the 15th of each month. This means that February's report is due March 15th, March's on April 15th, and so on. This gives chapters about a week to write a report about the previous month before they have to get it into the mail. For those of you who don't want to trust the postal system you can fax me at (206) 782-8484. Hopefully, in the near future I'll be able to accept reports via modem as well. I have to upgrade my system before this will be possible. If anyone requires an answer to a question they can contact me on Treknet; I log on almost every day. If you want a written answer, please remember to include a SASE with your request.

The last Communiqué listed an incorrect address for me. The correct address is:

P.O. Box 17290
Seattle, WA 98107

The following is a list of chapters commissioned since I took office:

<i>USS Alacrity</i>	NCC-1881
<i>USS Alpha Centauri</i>	NCC-71812
<i>USS Daniel Soule</i>	NCC-1810
<i>USS Explorer</i>	NCC-2009
<i>USS Harrier</i>	NCC-2295
<i>USS MacLeod</i>	NCC-10524
<i>USS Nokib'ral</i>	NCC-2211
<i>USS Sparrow Hawk</i>	NCC-581
<i>USS Thor</i>	NCC-2549
<i>USS Tikopai</i>	NCC-1800

Congratulations and welcome to the Fleet!

REGION ONE

Regional Coordinator RAdm. Linda Neighbors

USS ALARIC • NCC-503

Captain Richard Helm Asheville, NC
Receiving designs for ship up-grade. Will participate in Project CAN-DO. Planning for Red Cross Blood Feud. Preparing to read Fleet & chapter handbooks & NLs on audio tape for visually impaired/disabled. Collected soup labels for Eliada Home, canned food for Food Bank & recycling aluminum.

USS APPALACHIAN • NCC-3181

Captain Steve Hail Gray, TN

USS AQUILA • NCC-42297

Capt. Joy Menges Cincinnati, OH
Medical Dept. completed new personnel forms. Science Dept. distributed new questionnaires. Holiday parties planned for Jans Will have a blanket/warm clothes drive for church. Starfleet-style wedding planned for Feb. mtg. Recruiting officer assigned, Security Chief still vacant.

USS ARIES • NCC-71B06

Captain Sid Maxwell Kingsport, TN
Dec. meeting canceled due to scheduling conflicts, Jan. meeting as usual. Work progressing on video & slowly on Ship's Handbook. CO has 8 1/2 pounds for R1 CAN-DO Project. Completed construction of 4 ft. model of ARIES.

USS ARISTARCHUS • NCC-61801

Captain D. K. Brinegar Liberty, NC

USS BONAVENTURE • NCC-102A

Captain Scott Gibson Greensboro, NC

USS CAMELOT • NCC-2307

Captain Russell Grubb Dayton, OH

USS CELESTIAL DRAGON • NCC-71810

Captain John Richmond Boone, NC
Have collected \$250 worth of clothing & donated it to Ram's Rack Thrift Shop. Updating NL in Jan.

USS CHESAPEAKE • NCC-1887

Captain Kris Paavola Richmond, VA
Volunteered at annual Xmas celebration at Maymount. Held small business mtg. & gift exchange. Served dinner at Ronald McDonald House. Plan on going to JAMESTOWNS New Year's Eve Party & view DSN.

USS CHRONOS • NCC-26298

Captain Kimberly Abbott Beckley, WV
Held Christmas Pizza Party Dec. 22.

USS COLUMBIA • NCC-621

Captain Wayne Bertsch Wooster, OH
Ship joined TREKNET. Chief of Computer Ops, Rudy Rothmund mentioned in BOARDWATCH Magazine. Ship access via RED PHOENIX Magazine article mentions Starfleet & Chapter. Toy drive under way for charity. CO set up collection box in his store for toys. Held QUANTUM LEAP night.

USS COLUMBUS • NCC-2006

Captain Michael Sawczyn Galloway, OH

USS CONSTELLATION II • NCC-1728

Captain Rick Alvey Murray, KY
Helped needy families & had usual fun for holidays. Looking into ways to recruit new members.

USS HAWKEYE • NCC-4950

Captain Jane Terry Winston-Salem, NC
Successful Xmas Party. Planned NYE Party. XO Sellers promoted to Capt. Plan meeting at Burger King for PR & recruiting. Eng. & Command Staff working on Tech Manual to be out by Feb. Planning spring trip to Atlanta to visit Science Museum & interactive TREK exhibit.

USS HEIMDAL • NCC-1793

RAdm. Linda Neighbors Amherst, VA
Had annual Xmas party/covered dish dinner. Ruffled handmade afghan & original artwork netting \$160. Bake sale raised \$87. Sponsored a welfare child for Xmas via Social Services for \$100. Bought gifts for 2 children of VA prisoners, delivered \$100 worth of pet food to Humane Society, donated 414 lbs. of canned food to Food Bank, & purchased stockings, stuffed them for 12 needy children.

USS HORNET • NCC-1714D

Captain Ron Byram Charlotte, NC
Mike Wallace named Marine of the Year. Waiting word from Highway Dept. about new section of adopted highway. Members attended REBEL Xmas party. Raised \$160 for adopted needy family. Collecting food for Food Bank. Collected 111 pairs of eye glasses for Lion's Club in '92.

USS IDIC • NCC-75811

Captain Jack McCalman Alexandria, VA
Scheduled Commissioning party 1/23. Volunteered to work the Smithsonian TREK exhibit. Formed Cadet Dept. for members aged 8-17 with senior cadet appointed (age 15) in charge of dept.

USS IMLADRIS • NCC-3791

Captain Jennifer Watson Lexington, KY
Held 2nd annual Xmas party. Caroled at 3 hospitals & 2 nursing homes. Federation State Dinner in Feb. Mystery trial in March. Formed committee to revise by-laws & promo system.

USS JAMESTOWN • NCC-1843

RAdm. Steve Thomas Newport News, VA

Annual Xmas party & auction raised \$145. Awards ceremony scheduled for Jan. Klingon group attended party. Plan to complete the TREK bridge & work on fundraisers. LET ME HELP Project main focus for '93.

USS JOHN B. McKAY • NCC-653

Capt. Cathy Williams Christiansburg, VA

Still working on new membership campaign.

USS KITTYHAWK • NCC-1659

Captain J. R. Fisher, Jr. Raleigh, NC

Completed food drive for Food Bank. Annual holiday party held. Will be raising money for Arts/plosure. Scheduled fundraiser with horseshow. Will help with TREK-O-RAMA. Shuttle MISSISSIPPI recruiting & hope to be commissioned 4/1.

USS LAGRANGE • NCC-3916

VAdm. Tim Gillespie Cuyahoga Falls, OH

Blood Feud with Klingon group was a huge success with 81 pints donated, 59 from the Federation. Held Xmas & NYE parties. Representative from Akron Battered Women's Shelter accepted check for \$1,400 raised by LAGRANGECON '93 chapter calendars ready. New Hand-book almost complete. Will hold 60's party in Feb.

USS MAAT • NCC-1794

Capt. Blair Wilcox, Jr. Virginia Beach, VA

Answered phones for PBS telethon. Invited back in March. Anniv. issue of NL out, next issue in Mar. Will participate in CAN-DO project. Working on Administration changes, XO to step down after 6 yrs. Elections in Jan.

USS NIGHTHAWK • NCC-2301

Captain Felicia Berger Richmond, VA

USS OLYMPUS • NCC-23100

Captain Brad Pense Sumter, SC

Held 2nd annual Xmas party. Held NYE Party. Planning DSN party. Will be working with STAR LEAGUE to help members in Columbia area deal with problems. Will offer assistance to Myrtle Beach shuttle.

USS PATHFINDER • NCC-2121

Captain Robin Pillow Salem, VA

Took canned goods donated to Roanoke Area Ministries, RAM. House. Planning a Star Trek Cookbook for fundraising. Will sell coupons for them at the SheVaCon. Looking for recipes.

USS PATRIOT • NCC-1900

Captain Randy Glover Collinsville, VA

USS POLARIS • NCC-1839

Captain Joan Riley Hamilton, OH

Food collected & distributed to 4 needy families. Attended Cub Scout meeting & presented certificates to Scouts who helped in the food collection. Xmas party included sorting & wrapping gifts for a needy family, SFM's helped CAMELOT with Toys for Tots. Security has new patch. Chapter has 2 members who are SFA directors.

USS POWHATAN • NCC-1967

Captain Clifford Cherry Cheasapeake, VA

Holding monthly bowling day. Recycling cont. Held monthly movie party, Xmas party, NYE party/anniv. party. Plan Lazer Tag meeting. Plan dinner get together, horseback riding day in Feb. Plan to attend VULKON in March.

USS QUESTAR • NCC-435

Captain Karen Golbach Louisville, KY

Collected \$50.45 worth of coupons for Humane Society.

118 stamps for Stampede. Went to IndyCon. Had annual Xmas party, gave clothes & gifts to our needy family.

USS REBEL • NCC-1600

Captain Bonita Voigt Lincoln, NC

Gathering stamps for Stampede & items for V.A. Hospital. Still restoring old church cemetery. Planning annual camp out expansion to twice a year. Command stall working on ship's manual. Crew asked to participate in '93 MS Walk planning.

USS RENEGADE • NCC-2547

VAdm. Anita Davis Youngstown, OH

Held meeting at new location. Working on getting together plans & items needed for ELBA II convention in Feb.

USS RICHMOND • NCC-2003

Captain Kevin Hanna Covington, VA

Collected canned food for Food Bank. Sang Xmas carols at Brian Center Nursing Home. Collecting aluminum for Fleet scholarship.

USS STAR LEAGUE • NCC-2101

VAdm. Lucinda Krell N. Augusta, SC

PR officer's PSA's successful. New Chapter journal 1st edition out, 2nd edition out in Feb. Chief Engineer working on chapter model. Did highway cleanup. Participated in local parade & won 2nd place for "Float of STARTREK Fans". Several members went to Trek exhibit in D.C.

USS STARWARD FURY • NCC-2122

Capt. Milo Postel Fayetteville, NC

USS TEMPEST • NCC-1566

Captain Alan Purvis Charlottesville, VA

Sponsored needy child via Salvation Army Angel Tree. Article appeared in local newspaper regarding sponsorship. Donated money for 3rd yr. to Santa Fund. Donated canned food to Food Bank 6 members donated blood bringing total to 38 pints for '92. Proposed shuttle crew was featured in newspaper for participation in Toys for Tots.

USS WASP • NCC-1721

Captain Bud Shinall Bristol, VA

Dinner & gifts provided for local family during Xmas.

USS WEST VIRGINIA • NCC-2008

Captain Kevin Miller Pinch, WV

USS YEAGER • NCC-1893

Captain Jerry Conner Bluefield, WV

USS YORKTOWN • NCC-1704

Capt. Marlon Ragsdale Rock Hill, SC

Planning dance for March for all R/1. Plan to attend cons. Had Xmas party, attending shuttle STONEWALL JACKSON'S meeting. Planning '93 Halloween Ball, Plan to enter "Come See Me Parade" & '93 Xmas parade.

REGION TWO

Regional Coordinator RAdm. Deborah Nelson

USS DEFIANT • NCC-1660

Captain Carla Cummings Lipscomb, AL

Elections held at Dec. meeting, Carla Cummings voted Captain & CO, Donna Horn remains as XO. Crew attended Huntsville con. Planning scavenger hunt for Atlanta VULKON. Participated in Festival of Light, & Festival of Trees for Children's Hospital. Held annual Xmas Party, Planning DSN movie party.

USS DRAGONFIRE • NCC-2007

Captain James Maloney Ft. Myers, FL

USS EXCALIBUR • NCC-1705

Captain Ed Danley Jacksonville, FL

USS FEDERATION • NCC-2100

Capt. Christopher Short St. Petersburg, FL

USS GUARDIAN • NCC-26244

FtCapt. Dawn Smith-Webber Cocoa, FL

USS HEPHAESTUS • NCC-2004

Captain Pete Mohnney Birmingham, AL

USS KHAI TAM • NCC-81000

Captain John Reddick Tallahassee, FL

USS ODYSSEY • NCC-454

Captain Cathy Stone Hattisburg, MS

USS PAEGAN • NCC-1755

RAdm. Lori Anne Brown Winter Park, FL

USS REPUBLIC • NCC-1371

Capt. Kelly Scott Hillard Atlanta, GA

USS ROYAL SOVEREIGN • NCC-1674

Captain Kaye Downing Orange Park, FL

USS SACAJAWEA • NCC-0598

Captain Mary Greten Inverness, FL

USS STARQUEST • NCC-71804

Captain Jeffery C. Handshaw Naples, FL

USS STAR UNION • NCC-2112

Captain Diane Griffin Montgomery, AL

USS TRIUMPH • NCC-26228

Captain Betsy Matteis Miami, FL

USS YAMAMOTO • NCC-71807

Captain Isaac Turner Pinson, AL

REGION THREE

Regional Coordinator Comm. Bill Schwab

USS COMANCHE • NCC-71809

Captain Sarah Peugh Alverado, TX

USS INTANGIBLE • NCC-55421

Captain Daniel James College Station, TX

USS JOSHUA • NCC-3700

Captain John Bunton Dallas, TX

USS LANCELOT • NCC-13982

Captain John Lunt Dallas, TX

USS RHYANNA • NCC-1892

Capt. William Colston II Austin, TX

USS SAGITTARIUS • NCC-9755

Acting CO Frank S. Vereas Mesquite, TX

USS VINDICATOR • NCC-23911

Captain John Simmons Denton, TX

REGION FOUR

Regional Coordinator RAdm. Janis Moore

USS ALLIANCE • NCC-2113

Captain Jennifer Cole W. Los Angeles, CA

USS BATELEUR • NCC-71802

Captain Fleona Dysastar Alameda, CA

USS CONSTITUTION • NCC-1700

Captain Truman Temple Van Nuys, CA

USS DEFIANCE • NCC-1717

Captain Debra Roberts Sacramento, CA

USS EAGLE • NCC-1719

FltCapt. Dail Koehler Menlo Park, CA

USS GALLANT • NCC-1869

Captain Dana Reynolds Lemoore, CA

USS SIMONOV • NCC-2002

Captain Kim Lerman Fairfield, CA

Visited children's ward at David Grant Medical Center, Travis AFB in uniform at Christmas, Donated \$50.00 to the Children's Wish project. Donated canned food to the Fairfield Salvation Army. Planning a blood drive with the local Klingon Assault Group. Volunteered at Creation Con in Sacramento. Revising Crew Membership Handbook. The Shuttles Reliant and Bradbury are now official.

USS STELLAR WIND • NCC-1501

Captain John Burt Turlock, CA

Alter encountering a rogue Romulan and a helpful (?) Klingon, Stellar Wind writers have the ship docked at Starbase 17 for repairs. Captain is making a copy of a friend killed in battle and the crew is looking for a murderer, and some R & R.

REGION FIVE

Regional Coordinator RAdm. Robert Hamilton

USS APOLLO • NCC-2546

Captain David Bell Vancouver, WA

USS BROADSWORD • NCC-1846

Captain Thomas Rutledge Kirkland, WA

USS CALYPSO • NCC-1891

Captain Debra Hill Spokane, WA

USS COURAGEOUS • NCC-1861

VAdm. Terry Wyatt Seattle, WA

December saw six large crates of food delivered to local food banks. Members went out carolling and raised money to buy presents and warm clothing for 13 underprivileged children. Recruited at three local conventions in December and January. Held a party celebrating first anniversary of our commissioning, VAdm Wyatt conducted ceremony to commission *USS Daniel Soule*. Preparing to run Hospitality at Norwescon in March and to put on our own convention, Couregeous/Necrocon, in April 1999, the site of the STARFLEET Northwest Conference.

USS PENDRAGON • NCC-2005

Captain Terri Halsey Kirkland, WA

PENDRAGON starting new year with a bang - Food drive & a new Captains Choice Contest. Recruited 5 new members after member Janis Worrell was featured in local newspaper. Gearing up for MS Super Cities Walk, & planning a new spring garage sale.

USS STARCHASER • NCC-71801

Captain William Smith Seattle, WA

USS TRAUMER • NCC-10522

Captain Wesley Butcher Tacoma, WA

REGION SIX

Regional Coordinator RAdm. David Kloempken

USS BEHR'AK • NCC-1797

Cmdr. Blanche Hansen Woodbury, MN

Election results indicate Lois Olson has become the new Captain and is awaiting word from HQ.

USS CZAR'AK • NCC-1798A

RAdm. David Kloempken Richfield, MN

Dec. 5 meeting had good turn out & pictionary Tournament. Held Xmas party joined by members of 3 other Star Trek clubs, NYE patty also held.

USS IMPERIUM • NCC-2125

Captain Michael Urvand Fargo, ND

Holiday party was held at the home of the Chief of Operations where a discussion took place regarding the Red River Science Fiction and Fantasy Club over the role of the Imperium in future Valley Cons, a decision was held oil until Imperium was more financially stable.

USS THUNDERCHILD • NCC-3122

Captain Peggy Driesel Rapid City, SD

Confirmed date of May 8 for the first Rapid City Star Trek convention, guests TBA. Jan. meeting held at an area hot springs pool & water slide. Local newspaper interviewed crew members regarding DSN. Recycling continues.

REGION SEVEN

Regional Coordinator RAdm. Alex Rosenzweig

USS ALBANY • NCC-587

Captain Frank Faas Guilderland Ctr, NY

Post Holiday party in Jan. success, Getting use to new meeting plan. Congrats, to Cpt. Don Burks for his work on the revision of the ship's by-laws and to the committee members also. Helped with Creation Con in Jan. Also on a CP telethon. Albany elections in May.

USS ALPHA CENTURI • NCC-71812

Captain Shirley Weaver Comp Springs, MD

Ship was commissioned Jan. 1, 1993. Crew went on a simulated NASA shuttle mission to Mars, afterward a formal reception was held, Cadets went to the local children's museum. Ship's banner complete, crew manual almost complete. Preparations for VULKON in progress.

USS ARGON II • NCC-1636

Captain Edward C. Johnson Edgewood, MD

USS ARI • NCC-1723

Captain Dov Paff Springfield, NY

AFIL's by-laws unanimously ratified. A trip was taken to Niagara Falls to see Festival of Lights. Manned phones for PBS Telethon. ARI's first shuttlecraft HAZARD deployed.

USS ASCENSION • NCC-2520

Captain Kevin J. Miles Bath, PA

Ship was asked to assist in new convention called Spring Trek '93. ASCENSION presented Dream Come True with a check for \$1,969, which brought '92's total donation amount to \$2,839.

USS ATLANTIS • NCC-71803

Captain Richard Nacaula, Jr. Assonet, MA

Crew visited Federation Science exhibit at the Boston Museum of Science. Collections of pet coupons, canceled stamps, & soda cans & bottles continues. Will hold First Anniversary Party.

USS AVENGER • NCC-1860

RAdm. Alex Rosenzweig N Brunswick, NJ

Sciences are working on their NL, along with a Sciences Guide and cookbook. Medical released its division NL. Ordnance was renamed "Tactical" and transferred from Ops to Security. New Security Chief will be selected soon.

USS CHALLENGER • NCC-1676

Captain Bob Vosseller Ortleigh Beach, NJ

Members worked on Adopt-a-Highway program, went to a

community tree lighting & Toys for Tots fundraiser. Members working on a ST:TNG skit to be performed in the children's wards of areas hospitals.

USS CHRISTA McAULIFFE • NCC-860

Capt. Howard Cronson Canton, MA

Crew worked for the 590 Fund for the homeless, funds were sent to 55 homeless shelters.

USS HOOD • NCC-1707

Adm. David Ryan Lowell, MA

Adm. Ryan will be assuming the post of ShOC Director. The HOOD will be seeking a new CO. Crewmembers planned to attend showing of the Star Wars Trilogy, members are also planning to attend the K & L Con, Vulkan, & Tex-Trek.

USS KONDORDIUM • NCC-2106

Captain John DeBarbieri Northford, CT

USS LEXINGTON • NCC-1703B

Captain Ed Tunis, III Florham Park, NJ

The LEXINGTON will be working on a project to restore the U.S.S. LING, a WWII submarine, the project is open to all R/7 chapters. Command staff presented Captain Tunis with a model of the LEXINGTON. Constitution and by-laws completed, & ship's logo contest underway.

USS MAVERICK • NCC-2127

Captain Joseph S. Bartlow Youngwood, PA

USS NAUTILUS • NCC-1778

Captain Mark A. Vereb Rocky Hill, CT

Crew visited Trek Exhibit in Boston

USS ODIN • NCC-1875

Captain Walter Bosman Westminster, MD

USS POTEKIN • NCC-1711

Captain Willard Speck Pittsburg, PA

Held Xmas/Anniversary party & gift exchange, & a huge box of toys collected for Marine Reserve Toys for Tots. Warm outerwear was collected for Project Bundle-Up.

USS SALADIN • NCC-500

Capt. Doug Van Newenhaven Agawam, MA

USS SOVEREIGN • NCC-2505

Captain Barbara Sail Philadelphia, PA

Recruited 5 new members, plans are in the works for the SOVEREIGN to serve as support ship for a shuttlecraft in Southern New Jersey.

USS TAI SHAN • NCC-2524

Captain Matthew Ross Mt. Vernon, NY

USS THAGARD • NCC-652

Captain John Baldwin Lansdale, PA

USS TUTAKAI • NCC-1799

Captain Barbara Oberlautder Erie, PA

USS WOLF • NCC-3921

Captain Paul Worley Transfer, PA

Raffle was held to raise money for purchase of "Beauty and the Beast", the video was donated to the local library. Xmas 8. NYE parties were held.

REGION TEN

Regional Coordinator Comm. April Gorman

USS ASTRA • NCC-77210

Capt. Pam Bowyer Calgary, AB, Canada

USS BONAVENTURE (Canada) • NCC-1645
Capt. Shelley Ann Jackson Edmonton, AB, Canada

USS EQUULUS • NCC-1603
Comm. April Gorman NW Calgary, AB, Canada

USS MALASPINA • NCC-3271
Capt. Norman Langlois Nanaimo, BC, Canada

USS SOL • NCC-1733
Comm. Trina Anderson North Pole, AK

REGION ELEVEN
Regional Coordinator Comm. Jenniter Yates

USS ALTAIR • NCC-1803
Capt. Raymond Raspa Perth, WA, Australia

USS N'DELE • NCC-1758
RAdm. Leanne Jackson Hectorville, SA, Australia

USS SOUTHERN CROSS • NCC-1886
Comm. Jennifer Yates Harbord, NSW, Australia

REGION TWELVE
Regional Coordinator RAdm. Dan McGinnis

USS ANTONIO M. VALSALVA • NCC-4101
Capt. David Miller, MD Chesterfield, MO
Work continues with Stampede and Amnesty International projects. Fall/Winter newsletter cut. Command stall planning medical conference at the Summit in April.

USS CONCORD • NCC-1989-D
FltCapt. Mike Ferguson Okalahoma City, OK
March 20th is the Oklahoma Chapters Dinner, ship's t-shirts, Tex-Trek '93, & Thunder Con III were also discussed. The ship's handbook made available to the crew.

USS DISCOVERY • NCC-1308
Capt. Kathy Krieger St. Louis, MO
Held holiday party and cookie exchange. Delivered special collection of local for St. Louis Area food bank Highway cleanup resumes in March. Ceramic Discovery pins are available. Second issue of Fanzine due out soon.

USS EXCELSIOR • NCC-2000
Capt. Tim Frayser Broken Arrow, OK
Crew collected 306 lbs. of newspaper and 6lbs. of cans for recycling. Sent newsletters to US soldiers in Somalia & Christmas cards to servicemen overseas. Held ST:DSN premiere party. Scholarship Madness contribution & recycling continues.

USS GALAXY • NCC-70637
Capt. Jell Hallner Mission, KS
Crew attended *Umiak's* 1st anniversary party in St. Louis.

USS GENESIS II • NCC-1206
Adm. Sharon Smith Shawnee, OK
Winter issue of newsletter is out. Attended Charlemagne's shuttle launching party. Assiting with plans for the OKC Annual Dinner party in March.

USS HEXUM • NCC-2199
Captain Linda Smethers New Baden, IL
Selected new XO; Cmdr. Jean Tabler. *Discovery* and *Hexum* held Chanukah/Christmas party for members in St. Louis. Planning bridge building contest with various types of spaghetti.

USS HORIZON • NCC-1000A
FltCapt. James Herring Columbia, MO

Held Christmas party. The *Epiphany* paid another visit and left a mysterious video type for the crew.

USS JEANNETTE MADDOX • NCC-14514
Captain Robert Livingston Wichita, KS
Held Christmas party and gift exchange. New logo presented and approved by crew. Requesting volunteers to run carnival games on New Year's Eve for families who want to go out to a non-alcoholic environment.

USS KRAZYNY OKTYABR • NCC-23102
Captain Dwain Gleason Maryville, MO
1st Anniversary party held. Several members attending Trekon in KC. Planning a 'Romantic Dinner' rattle in February. Planning SF con in Feb. '94.

USS LOCKSLEY • NCC-3192
Captain Adam Nettles Carbondale, IL
Held successfl recruiting drive at WaldenBooks. Recycled 34.4 lbs. of aluminum cans. Attended *Umiak's* 1st anniversary party.

USS MARKO RAMIUS • NCC-23193
Captain Russ Godwin
Will attend Soviet Exhibit on Feb 13th at local library. First issue of Ramius Review now being edited. Recycling continues. Commissioning approved 1/27/93.

USS NOMAD • NCC-1805
Captain Michael Malotte Leavenworth, KS
Crew worked/attended Genesis Khan. Provided presents for needy child at Christmas.

USS RAINBOW WARRIOR • NCC-71805
Captain Richard Pearce Raymore, MO
Parties, parties, parties. Started highway cleanup protect. Recycling continues. Crew planning summiting bid for '94 nat'l convention. Held movie night.

USS RANGER • NCC-2206
Captain Peggy Ingram Midwest City, OK
Elections held for new XO - Capt. Peggy Ingram elected. Change of command & awards party held at local pizza parlor.

USS SALLY RIDE • NCC-643
Capt. Janie McGaugh Cape Girardeau, MO
Crew donated new toys to Toybox. Held Christmas! Hanukkah & New Years parties. CONtium flyers printed.

USS SHAUN CHRISTOPHER • NCC-1620
Captain Dale Manchion Overland Park, KS
Upcoming events include Cabin Fever Party, R12 Summit and recruiting. Attended TREKON and had recruiting display. Collecting signatures for Space Station Roddenberry petition to NASA

USS STAR EMPIRE • NCC-2116
RAdm. Eric Gay Shawnee, OK
Participated in local fund raiser and annual Haunt the Zoo. Made gifts for local nursing home. Planning a ST Murder Mystery dinner. Newsletter is out and very colorful.

USS STARGAZER • NCC-2893
Captain Coyote Kansas City, MO
Attended KC Captain's Council and KC Area Christmas party. Attended Soccer Benefit on New Year's Day & World Peace celebration.

USS SUPERIOR • NCC-2020
Captain Kenneth Darden Marquette, MI
Gained 10 new members. Michael Wright's prognosis is better. Shep has been helping rais funds for this member. Cable access show about ship is a go. Launched new shuttle in Ann Arbor.

USS TANAHAMEHO • NCC-2225
Captain Del Wallington
Commissioning papers approved. Held bowling night. Will participate in MS SuperCities Walk in OKC, March of Dimes WalkAmerica.

USS UMIK • NCC-3142
FltCapt. Douglas Glenn St. Charles, MO
Held DS9 premiere party. Over 70 people attended 1st anniversary party at St. Louis Science Center. Donated blood. Planning 3rd annual GamedFest to benefit Children's Miracle Network.

USS VALKVRIE • NCC-2597
Captain Sally Moag Livonia, MI
Attended Christmas party for Ronald McDonald House. Continuing to collect stamps for Stampede,

USS VIXEN • NCC-13994
Captain David Lockwood St. Joseph, MO
Planning a convention for March, '93. Working on t-shirt design.

REGION FOURTEEN
Regional Coordinator Adm. John Supranovich

USS CASCO BAY • NCC-1889
Capt. Scott A Thurlow South Portland, ME

USS EQUINOX • NCC-584
Captain Peg Pellerin Winslow, ME

USS KASIMAR • NCC-1784
Captain Mark Libby Bangor, ME

USS LONGFELLOW • NCC-2358
Capt. W. Michael Henigan Portland, ME

USS OMEGA • NCC-1687
Capt. Joseph W. Hatfield St. John, NB, Canada

REGION SEVENTEEN
Regional Coordinator Comm. Lynnette Knox

USS ALIOTH • NCC-1828
Captain Lyn Worthen Provo, UT
Had Halloween Party, planning session for upcoming year. Applied to United Way for annual "Sub for Santa" family.

USS AURORA VULCANUS • NCC-1888
Captain Charlotte Howey Center, CO
New Russian members wrote about Starfleet in their local paper.

USS CARSON • NCC-592
RAdm. Karen Emerson Sun Valley, NV
Participation in the ship's NL is picking up. Stamps collected for Stampede.

USS COLUMBIA II • NCC-9755
Capt. Dayne T. Lake Las Vegas, NV
Worked for March of Dimes Walkathon. Visited Pediatrics ward and handed out stuffed animals, will be a monthly project. Ship elections planned for early '93.

USS DOMINION • NCC-2115
Captain Allen Mills Ogden, UT
Joined with Klingon club to deliver bags of treats to 2 local pediatric wards. Bake sale fundraiser for homeless.

USS FAHRION • NCC-2510
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