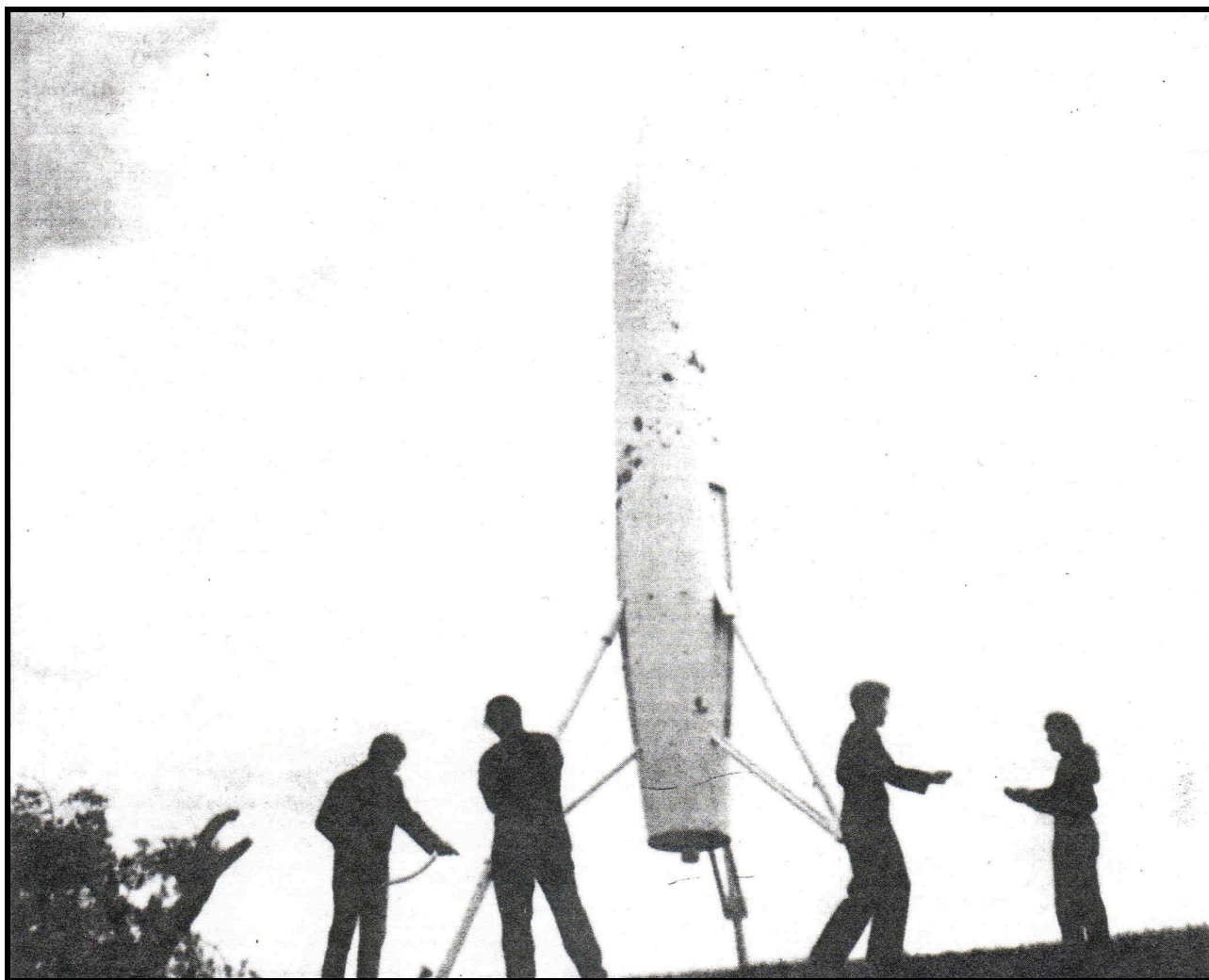


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The View From *STARFLEET* HQ

Fleet Admiral Dan McGinnis, Commander, *STARFLEET*



Greetings to everyone from *STARFLEET* Headquarters! I hope that 1996 has been a safe and healthy new year for all across this great association!

The entire HQ staff has been very busy over the past few weeks and through the Christmas holidays addressing the multitude of membership applications that continue to show great growth in this association. We hope that the *Communiqué* and membership packet challenges have been addressed and want to thank all those who have assisted us in identifying those members who

have not been receiving materials due to wrong addresses. I cannot stress enough the importance of informing Computer Operations as soon as you know a new address for a member. *STARFLEET* cannot continue to replace *Communiqués* and membership packets that are sent to bad addresses because no one has informed us of a change of address.

This past January brought about the announcement of the Pre-Assignment Membership Program through Computer Operations. Now, chapters are able to purchase up to five (5) membership packets (complete with SCC#s) to keep on hand for recruiting purposes. This is an exciting new program and has already been very warmly received throughout many regions of the Fleet.

The *STARFLEET* News Service is yet another enhancement to serving the members. Computer Operations will be announcing shortly a new

program that will give Region Coordinators and Commanding Officers unprecedented access to the membership data via electronic communications. After an initial registration sign on, the COs and RCs will be able to access their chapter/region information and see when a packet was generated, when CQ labels were printed and if the member is renewed/expired. In fact, they will see all the information that Computer Operations has access to about their respective chapter/region. Watch for more information on this exciting new program soon.

Over the past few weeks, Deborah Maestu and I have been working very closely with Commander Molly Baxter, the Fleet Treasurer, to bring 1995 financial records to a close. We are pleased to announce the preparation and completion of the 1995 Financial Report of the Fleet. This report has been provided to each Admiralty Board member and is available for purchase by any Fleet member for \$5.00 (to cover printing/postage). Please send your checks (payable to *STARFLEET*) and requests to Molly Baxter in care of Headquarters.

As *STARFLEET* continues to exceed 8,600 members we must all realize that many areas of the Fleet may continue to need revamping to assure that our members are serviced in a manner favorable to their wishes. Working together, we all can create an association that is worthy of everyone's membership. I want to encourage those with ideas and helpful suggestions to send them to Headquarters. 1995 was a year of great challenge for many of *STARFLEET*'s leaders and 1996 is going to be a year of tremendous progress by this association. I'm confident that *STARFLEET* is fiscally sound and, perhaps even more importantly, that the members are proud of this association and the objectives it pursues.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you and exchanging ideas that will continue to improve this association. I look forward to meeting many of you at the various conferences and summits that I am scheduled to attend this year. Have a great year and Keep on Trekkin'!



Admiral Deborah Maestu, Vice-Commander, *STARFLEET*



Federation Fables: The Story of Chuck N. Lidle

On stardate 2405.13, Ens Chuck N. Lidle, of the starship *USS Barnyard*, was spending a pleasant shore leave on his home planet, Kaos. He was relaxing in the back yard when suddenly he was struck on the head by an unidentified flying object. He was violently knocked to the ground and nearly rendered unconscious (or so he reported later in the day).

"Oh my stars and garters!" exclaimed Ens. Lidle. "The sky is falling-- what shall we do?"

He took off at a dead run for his com panel and contacted his immediate superior (following chain of command, of course) Commander Henry Penne.

"Commander Penne, Commander Penne, the sky is falling! We must evacuate the planet! We must sound the alert!"

Commander Penne, trying to exhibit a calmer demeanor, inquired as to the evidence of this event.

Ens. Lidle described the events of the morning, ending with a description of the chunk of sky which hit him on the head. Commander

Penne was stunned. "I will immediately make arrangements to avert disaster. You are to be commended for bringing this to my attention. We will be in touch." The Commander's face was replaced by the Federation flag.

The Ensign signed off, and while waiting for further instructions, began contacting his crewmates, friends, family and other sundry acquaintances. After all, he wanted as many people as possible to be prepared for the end of the world.

Meanwhile, Commander Penne continued up the ladder of command to Captain Duckie Luckie,

eventually reaching FAdm. Foxie Loxie. Each person contacted their two friends, who in turn contacted their two friends and so on and so forth until the entire Fleet was on alert, awaiting the approach of various quantum singularities, neutrino strings, Dyson spheres and all the other events which were expected to impact in several star systems, causing wide spread death and destruction.

Ens. Lidle took a break from his com panel towards evening and

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About: the Cover

Encounter at Algorab

STARFLEET officers puzzle over the discovery of a small spacecraft on a planet in the Algorab system. Starships *Czar'ak*, *Oklahoma*, *Locksley*, *Vanguard* and *Umiak* were diverted to this world by an emergency signal. Now the crews ponder the signal's origin and meaning.

Special Thanks to SPACECRAFT RV and Campground in Concordia, Missouri

STARFLEET OPERATIONS

Admiral Cindy Krell
Chief of Operations, STARFLEET



What better time than a new year to make changes? During the latter part of 1995 Ops saw a decline in productivity and efficiency due to numerous staff member illnesses and interference from mundania (real life). Our goal has always been to serve STARFLEET to the best of our ability but we don't feel we've been doing a satisfactory job the past few months. We're not at all happy with the way things have been going so we've decided to do a bit of internal reevaluation and reorganization.

One of the biggest changes will be the addition of a second Vice Chief (VCOS2) who will be able to devote more attention to specific programs which we feel we have neglected or failed to serve adequately. The VCOS2 will oversee the Department of Correspondence Chapter Operations and Collegiate Services, working closely with the Directors of each of these services. Most importantly, the VCOS2 will undertake the task of completing the Operations Manual begun by former Chief of Operations, J.D. Knight.

Other minor changes will occur back at OpsHQ where we have been working on ways to improve our performance and speed up our response time. Right now, one of the most time-consuming tasks is data entry. The good news is, more chapters are reporting now, than at any time in the preceding year. However, the bad news is that many of these chapters are not using the Monthly Status Report form or similar format. In fact, quite a few of the "reports" we receive do not contain the necessary information, or the reporting officer scatters the information throughout a letter-style commentary, causing our staff members to waste valuable time looking for the statistics which should be in ALL chapter reports. Things like: chapter name, NCC#, region, chapter address, names and addresses (and phone numbers) for the CO and XO, dates of the last meeting and next meeting, number of STARFLEET crew members, chapter newsletter and date of last publication, city of charter, etc. Several officers who have been contacted by us about this problem have begun using either the MSR form *or* have begun including the information in text form. (Bless you!!) Oddly enough, a few misguided chapter COs and/or reporting officers seem to consider the failure to provide accurate chapter information (as requested on the MSR form) as some sort of political protest. What these individuals don't seem to understand, or appreciate, is that the only people who are affected or inconvenienced in any way by this type of "protest" are the hard-working *volunteers* who staff the Operations department! On behalf of our entire staff we'd like to *sincerely* thank all the chapters which have been considerate enough to use the MSR form and, thereby, make our jobs a little easier. If there are any COs or chapter reporting officers who need copies of the MSR form or need more information on the proper reporting format, we would *greatly* appreciate hearing from them!

We have been receiving numerous requests for information on the Charter Renewal Fee. Chapter COs and RCs will find more information on this subject in the Command Status Report from SFHQ. Briefly, the \$12.00 fee was approved by Admiralty Board vote at

the 1995 International Conference. It took effect on January 1, 1996, and will be assessed via invoice from the office of the STARFLEET Treasurer (Molly Baxter). This fee is intended to offset the administrative costs involved in servicing the *chapters* of STARFLEET. Membership fees pay for the CO and membership materials. However, up until now, Vessel Registry updates, chapter membership roster listings, Command Status Reports (CSR), and other correspondence between HQ and the chapters has not been funded. Basically, we've been "borrowing from Peter to pay Paul." In other words, the average member has been footing the bill for *chapter* services, even if he or she is not affiliated with a chapter! In the past, some of these expenses had been marginally subsidized by sales of STARFLEET merchandise through the Quartermaster's office. The minimal revenues generated by that program are not anywhere near enough, however. As the Fleet Treasurer will quickly confirm, even the \$12.00 Charter Renewal Fee will not generate enough funds to fully compensate for the services being provided to the chapters. Again, there are selected chapters and chapter COs who have decided that they can stage some sort of political protest by not paying the Charter Renewal Fee. We'd like to point out that non-payment of the fee does not hurt the Fleet Admiral or the administration. It hurts STARFLEET. Chapters have come to expect

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certain services, such as the CSR, Vessel Registry updates, chapter rosters, etc., and they complain quite loudly when these services are not provided. What few people seem to realize, however, is that these services are *not* required of STARFLEET. There is nothing in the Fleet constitution which obligates Fleet to provide these services, much less provide them free of charge. If the membership and chapters were to set politics aside and consider the business aspects of Fleet, we feel they would soon realize that the fee is not only necessary, but long overdue. Further, by accepting the fees from the chapters, Fleet will be obligating itself to provide certain administrative services, just as it is currently obligated to provide issues of the *Communiqué* and membership materials because those services have been bought and paid for by the individual members.

Another subject which generates a great deal of mail is the rumor that "half" of the chapters have withdrawn from STARFLEET due to "political" reasons. This is simply not true! For an accurate listing of chapters which have been decommissioned and the reasons for their decommissioning, please see the *Command*

Status Report which was mailed to all chapter COs. Yes, chapters have left, for various reasons. Similarly, numerous chapters have been commissioned and ShOC has been busy launching new Shuttles by the dozens. We are always saddened to see a chapter decommissioned, for whatever reason, but this is nothing new. It is a fact of life in STARFLEET that chapters will fold due to low membership numbers, disband due to lack of interest or leadership problems, withdraw for "political" reasons, decide to go "independent", or go into "mothballs" until they can be reorganized and revitalized. Some of these chapters may decide to come back, and we've already recommissioned several chapters through the Existing Fan Club Program.

Speaking of commissionings, we'd like to welcome the following new chapters to our ranks. These chapters have successfully completed their tour of duty with Shuttle Operations Command or the EFC Program and have been assigned permanent duty as full "starships of the line."

USS Gemini Dream, NCC-64739 (R12)
Nebula Class Explorer
Captain Candie Arnold, Mountain Home, AR

USS O'Bannon, NCC-5372 (R15)
The Sullivan's Class Tactical Frigate
Captain Anthony Bonti, Sanford, ME

USS Harry Benjamin, NCC-30285 (R4)
Transition Class Explorer
Captain Jennifer Freeman, San Francisco, CA

USS Pioneer, NCC-5280D (R17)
Intrepid Class
Captain Dennis Gray, Denver, CO

USS Edward D. Mitchell, NCC-72016 (R 1)
Nebula Class Explorer
Captain D.K. "Keith" Brinegar, Lexington, NC

USS Rutledge, NCC-57295A (R 1)
Intrepid Class
Captain Bill Herrmann, Ladson, SC

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Channels Open!

STARFLEET Communications

Vice Admiral Douglas Glenn
Chief of Communications, STARFLEET

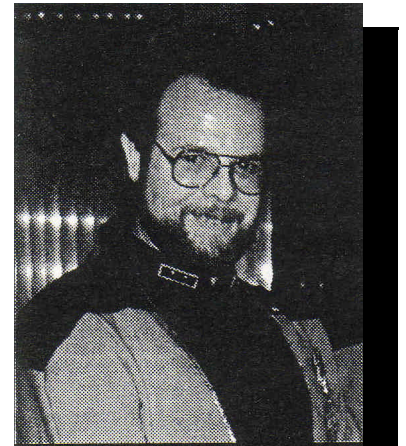


Photo by Shirley Schaaf

In Memorium

The first quarter of this year has been kinds rough on Fleet. It seems we've lost more than our share of fellow members, close friends, and relatives. On top of the difficulty of such losses we've just faced the 10th anniversary of two of the biggest tragedies of recent times, the Challenger disaster and the fire that killed the first Apollo crew.

I'm forgoing my usual column to devote the space to acknowledgements and expressions of some of those recent losses. Our hearts go out to each of you experiencing such a time.

It is with deep regret that Region 7 Command notifies you of the following passages of life that have affected members of Region 7.

Firstly, Norma T. Paradis, the mother of Shuttle *Athena* CO, Lisa Paradis-Berkenbilt has passed away. Lisa's mother had been

suffering from cancer.

Secondly, both Kim Pendzinski and Sari Graber of New Jersey recently passed away. Kim and Sari were recipients of the charity efforts of USS *Thagard's* Trek Lifeline for heart/lung transplants. *Thagard* raised over \$2500 for Kim, who received a transplant approximately four years ago, according to *Thagard* XO, Cmdr. Pam Rogers. Sari, for whom *Thagard* raised \$750, was still waiting for her operation when she passed away without warning.

Fleet 7 newsletter

Sadly, we report that the USS *Umiak* has suffered the loss of her Chief Engineer, Tom Peters to cancer just before Christmas. Tom was part of a "gang of four" *Umiak* members whose birthdays were all within a six week period during 1960.

Tom was one of the most genuinely friendly people I've ever known. We shared a number of interests from Trek to medieval

re-enactments to charity work. It was through a charity project that I feel I best came to know him. Tom was heavily involved in putting together a Bowl-A-Thon to raise money to purchase playground equipment for a Children's Home.

That Bowl-A-Then has become an annual event for St. Louis fandom and I'm sure it will continue now in Tom's memory.

We will greatly miss the enthusiasm and energy with which Tom approached everything. And although Engineering will always seem somewhat empty in his absence, we appreciate the time we were allowed to share with him.

VAdm. Doug Glenn

With a heavy heart, I must announce the temporary dosing of the College of Interspecies Studies, due to the sudden death of Director, Alan Deamley on January 28th, 1996. Alan was only 34 years old, and though he had a terminal illness, he was an active member of STARFLEET. He designed his school and was very enthused about it, and did a great deal of hard work on it. I can only hope that someone qualified will step into his place and continue Alan's dream. I doubt he would have wanted the school to remain dosed too long.

(excerpted from a letter from Bjo Trimble)

P01 Karen Hall, a member of the USS *Czar'ak*, passed away on Friday morning, January 12th, after an 18-month battle with cancer. In the summer of 1994 Karen underwent a radical mastectomy and the removal of several lymph nodes. Her doctors were optimistic that they had gotten all the sarcoma. Last February during a routine follow-up they discovered the sarcoma had returned and was in her lungs. Although the doctors told her chemo was not usually successful with this particular sarcoma, she began the treatments. As recently as Thanksgiving, Karen was told the chemo was having an effect. Then, about two weeks ago, she was told it was no longer making any progress against the cancer. After her long struggle, she had reached the point where she couldn't continue the fight. Karen was 32.

Karen was a warm, generous, caring person. She remained cheerful and positive in her outlook. We will miss her. Cards may be sent to the USS *Czar'ak* at PO Box 23352, Richfield, MN 55423. They will be forwarded to Karen's family.

VAdm. David Kloempken
Region 6 RC, XO - USS *Czar'ak*, NCC-1798-A

Vice Commander

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strolled outside. He was surprised that the world had not yet been completely evacuated and/or destroyed. As he walked through the yard, he tripped over something. Looking down he realized it was a piece of roof tile. He looked up to the roof, down at the ground and suddenly impending death and destruction were overshadowed by the impending roof repair that he recalled being arranged. He made an immediate decision that the time had come to explore his career options outside of Fleet.

Meanwhile, the Founders quite happily were able to take complete advantage of Fleet's preoccupation with panic to infiltrate all levels of life in the Federation, bringing the Federation to its knees.

The moral of this story is: Sometimes it's not the whole sky -- sometimes it's only a roof tile. And the roof, unlike the sky, is repairable.

I often reread old mail prior to boxing it up or purging the files and recently came across a number of letters which predicted the "End of Fleet"; financial disaster, warnings of dire circumstances; loss of membership -- in other words "falling sky." This was correspondence dating back over a year ago and, guess what? STARFLEET continues to do business, we have more members than we did a year ago and more chapters than we did a year ago (yes, this is true -- the figures are available for everyone to check, just ask.) Yes we have lost some chapters and some members have moved on -- but that happens. You can't please all of the people all of the time.

In re-reading some of this old correspondence, I realize how often some members are so quick to complain, raise the red flag of disaster or repeat bad news, BEFORE checking the facts, or simply thinking about what they are saying. Sure, there are problems, you can't get through real life without problems, and as the officials elected to be in charge, it is our job to make decisions, so we do. As Vice-Commander of Fleet, I have several areas of responsibility. You would probably be surprised how few times I actually receive letters asking me about those areas, about problems or just for information. I do hear about controversy happening on the nets regarding some of these areas; occasionally I see copies of a chapter's reports that mention problems or situations that supposedly exist in one of these areas. But few people actually sit down and write a letter or request and include all of the pertinent information. I can't answer questions I don't get asked or help situations I am not told about.

Sometimes I am called upon to make decisions. That's my job. You may not always agree with the decisions. You probably won't. I don't expect everyone to always agree with me, or even like me. However, at least until January 1, 1997, it's my job to make decisions, popular or otherwise, based on my assessment of the situation.

Does all this mean the sky is falling? No, it just means I'm working on the roof.

Stay tuned next issue for a tale of two chapters, the USS *Ant* and the USS *Grasshopper*. 🐱

STARFLEET Academy

Fleet Captain Bjo Trimble, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy

***CANADIAN CONTACT:** FCapt. Pam Boyer, 433 30th Ave. NW, Calgary, ALB T2M 2N5, Canada-405-277-2237, will handle Canadian vouchers, which gives a 'local' source, so there are fewer individual money exchanges -- that gets expensive.

***SFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS?** The increasing tasks of running SFA could be helped by adding willing folk for unbiased decision-making. Everyone brings their own agenda & (unfortunately) their own prejudices to any job, even a volunteer one. Maybe especially a volunteer job. Diverse viewpoints could prevent this & build a stronger Academy. The final decision would always rest with the Commandant, of course. The former Commandant would always act on this board for at least 1 year.

***SFA REGISTRAR NEEDED:** A person to handle & mail out all the 1st tests for all colleges, to save time and postage. It the Registrar is responsible for printing & dealing with vouchers, we cut off more mail-handling, & remove another job from HQ's heavy load. If it's a go, then someone seriously organized is needed for the job.

***NEEDED: ARCHIVIST/LIBRARIAN:** A records/list keeper is needed to help out old and new Directors, keep duplicates of all records so they are not lost between politically dissenting Directors. Perhaps find books, & legally copy resource materials. Possibly even sell student supplies, books, etc. if something viable could be worked out.

***NEW PROMOTION:** I just turned down Commodore because it is too soon after my recent Fleet Captain promotion. If a silly title is

all this organization is about, then I have the same opinion of STARFLEET that I had of the US Navy!

***COMMANDANT JOB OPEN:** I was recently diagnosed with systemic lupus and osteoarthritis; the major problem of both conditions is extreme fatigue at inconvenient at inconvenient times, considerably cutting my effective working hours. I'm more or less OK, but prone to depression & must avoid stress. (This is of absolutely no interest to some of you, but now you know why I'm stepping down.) Non-paying volunteer activities have to go.

Resumes accepted to complete this term.

***REMOVING SFA FROM THE EC:** This will be a push for me in my time remaining. SFA should never be a part of any political ticket! It puts a burden on the Commandant and impedes SFA progress at every turn. There should be definite term limits to the Commandants office, but it should be longer than two years. It's like asking every university head to step down after each US Presidential election! The Academy has no business being part of the election process. Two years is only enough time to get started and then be frustrated by having to step down.

***SECURITY SCHOOL DIRECTOR OPEN:** Walter Otten, head of the new Security School, very reluctantly must drop working with SFA, so the school is open for a new Director. We need a real-world resumes, & a fannish one (activities, clubs, etc.) as well as a letter on why that person wants to be a Director.



Photo by Ron Taylor

***NEW CLASSES APPROVED:** Astronomy; Creative Writing; Leadership; Future Studies. They all have Directors who are getting their lesson plans worked out, and then these classes will be added to the active list.

*BJO's TRAVEL SCHEDULE

Mar. 8-10: Science Fiction Con, Rochester, New York
Mar. 15-17: Neutral Zone, Newcastle, England
May 25: Wedding of Jennifer Jumper & Chuck Kuhlman, Seattle, Washington
Jun. 21-23: Meridian Con, Hamburg, Germany
Jul. 4-7: Westercon, El Paso, Texas
Aug. 29-Sept 2: World Science Fiction Con, Anaheim, California
Nov. 6-10: Int'l Quilt Festival, Houston, Texas (I'll have an entry.)

Operations

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The following chapters have been Decommissioned. These chapter names and NCC numbers will be held in reserve by DTS for a period of six months from the date of Decommissioning, or until released by agreement with Operations. Former members of these chapters who wish to regroup and revive the chapter should contact Operations as soon as possible:

USS Accord, NCC-1842, Ithaca, NY
USS Calypso, NCC-1891, Spokane, WA
USS Courageous, NCC-1861C, Seattle, WA
USS Dawn Treader, NCC-2555, Staten Island, NY
USS Delphinus, NCC-10528, Savannah, GA
USS Ingram, NCC-2001, Vancouver, WA
USS Joshua, NCC-3700, Dallas, TX
Nemesis Station, NCC-SS006, Bakersfield, CA
USS Prometheus, NCC-3030, Kansas City, MO
USS Rebellious, NCC-23107, Clackamas, OR
USS Royal Sovereign, NCC-2045, Orange Park, FL

Finally, a quick word about "politics." I think all of us have pretty much the same goals in mind for STARFLEET, and care very much about the organization. The only real difference is in how those goals are achieved. Our opinions may differ, but, since we're all working towards a common goal, we need to learn to work together! Setting aside differences and working for the common good has always been an underlying ideal of Star Trek. We, in STARFLEET, should personify that ideal.

STARFLEET Academy Post Graduate School

By Barbara M. Paul, Director

Greetings! I thought it would be good to put something in the *Communiqué* to let my students, new and old, know what has been going on with this school. First off, it's a whole new school with all new exams. There are now 23 of them. Most of them are based on a 3-tier degree program with a couple standing on their own.

I've had to go back and redo 2 exams (Communications, Technology II and Advanced Command Techniques/Starfleet Operations) to compensate for a book I had been using for reference (Star Trek Spaceflight Chronology by Stan and Fred Goldstein & Rich Sternbach, Copyright 1980 by Wallaby Books). Several of my students informed me that they couldn't find this book anywhere so I'm assuming it's no longer in print and have removed it from my reference listing. So, any of my students who have written for either of these 2 exams, please drop me a line with a SASE and I'll send you the new exams at no cost or penalty.

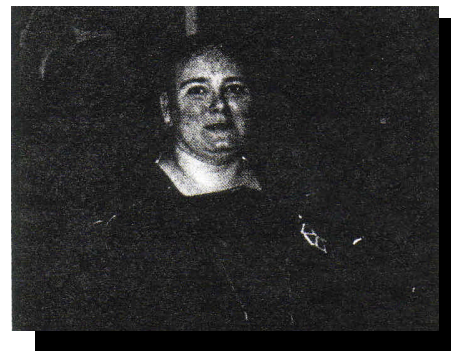
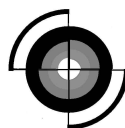
For my medical students, you'll be happy to know that the Masters and Doctorate exams for medical have been completed and are on-line at this time. They are both in Thesis form and I'm certain you'll find the Doctorate exam a real challenge and a lot of fun.

I am planning on being in Oklahoma City for this year's International Conference and we are planning a panel there for the Academy. I'll be available to answer your questions and discuss new ideas and directions for the school. Anyone wishing to attend this school can receive the Introductory Packet for a SASE with 2 stamps. You can write me or e-mail me at the address in the back of this issue. Here's hoping to hear more from you this year.

"Being interested in anything less than everything in the universe is a betrayal of the intellect." - Rayna Kapec

SHUTTLE OPERATIONS COMMAND

**Commodore Linda Reynolds,
Chief of Shuttle Operations**



Happy St. Valentine's Day! Be sure to spend it with someone you love!

Even though you're reading this in February (I hope!) I'm writing it at the beginning of the year. This prompted me to look back over my first year as your Chief of Shuttle Operations and see just what kind of a year it's been.

We've responded to 213 calls to the ShOC voicemail. Some of these calls simply requested that we send information or gave us information which had been requested. Many required return phone calls. I've discovered that phone calls to Fleet people inevitably last much longer than I expected. People always seemed to have more questions "as long as I have you on the line". But it's been fun chatting with folks from all over. If you have a question for us or need information sent to you, our voicemail number is 612-928-2491. You can call 24-hours a day.

We didn't think to keep a total of all the letters received. Many were requests for information on starting new chapters. Some of these went on to begin new shuttles. Others had questions about their shuttles or needed clarifications or information. Some just wanted to say hello or offer suggestions.

You wouldn't believe the mountain of mail we've sent out! Even the postal workers get nervous when they see me coming with a briefcase full of mail. Most of our correspondence has been directly with the shuttles: sending information packages, sending launch packages, responding to questions on monthly status reports, etc. However, we also correspond with other departments in the Fleet. Since monthly reports are not routinely sent to CompOps, the Academy, etc., we forward your questions to the appropriate parties. We also communicate with Operations when we send shuttle files up for commissioning. We let CompOps and the *Communiqué* know when new shuttles are launched or, sadly, when a group is decommissioned.

Somewhere on this page you should find a table of activity at ShOC since the beginning of our administration. I apologize for not thinking to count the shuttles we started with at the beginning. You can see from the table that we've been pretty busy launching on average a shuttle a week. Now if you had really launched one a week, it would have been nice. In one week in March we launched five shuttles and sent eight files to Operations for commissioning. Most of the time things were more evenly paced.

Notes about the table: As you can see the leaders in the shuttle launch area are regions 12 and 1. Most regions launched at least one new group this year. You'll see that 14 shuttles were decommissioned this past year. We hate to see anybody go, but with only three exceptions these groups asked to

We've launched three shuttles since I wrote last. And they are:

Shuttle Name	Commanding Officer	City of Charter	Region
<i>Archangel</i>	Jim Landelius	Colcord, OK	12
<i>Nathan James</i>	Robert M. Ingargiola	Grey, TN	01
<i>Nexus</i>	John W. Baldwin	Las Cruces, NM	12

be decommissioned for various reasons: The three we had to decommission failed to report and failed to respond when notified of the problem.

Just a few reminders for the start of a new year: Shuttles are required to report EVERY month by the last day of the month. Your reports go to your mothership, your RC, your mothership's RC (if different from yours), and ShOC. Yes, ShOC does need to receive a copy of your report every month - that's how we know you're still out there. Reports are to be

mailed to Shuttle Operations Command at Post Office Box 23321, Richfield, MN 55423-0321. Questions or requests for information can be mailed to the post office box or sent via e-mail to "SFShOC@aol.com" or phoned to the voicemail at 612-928-4291. NOTE: Do NOT e-mail monthly status reports.

Good grief! I didn't plan to write a novel here! I look forward to talking with you, corresponding with you, or meeting you at conferences and conventions throughout the year. Have a great 1996!



ShOC Activity for 1995

Region	Launched	Decommissioned	Commissioned	Current
01	10	03	04	09
02	06	02	03	07
03	08	01	03	08
04	02	02	01	02
05	02	00	01	03
06	02	00	01	02
07	06	02	02	08
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14	01	00	00	01
15	02	03	01	01
16	00	00	00	00
17	02	00	01	01
Totals				
53	14	02	09	54
Correspondence				
(Included above)	15	01	01	03

Fleet Captain Wayne Cavalier, Chief of Computer Operations, STARFLEET

Comp-Ops

A few staffing changes have taken place at CompOps, first Theresa Weibrecht has resigned as the Vice Chief of Computer Operations. We wish her luck in her future ventures.

Joining CompOps as the two new Vice Chiefs of Computer Operations are, on the West Coast, Barry Basselgia from San Diego, CA and on the East Coast, Paul Dyl from Ft. Bragg, NC. With these two new appointments follows many new changes to how CompOps will service the membership. I will let you know more as the details develop.

Remember, as I've stated in previous COs, address changes need to be sent to Computer Operations, not to Communications. We maintain the database and produce the address labels for the *Communiqué*. Sending address changes to Communications will only result in delays as they have to forward them to this office.



STARFLEET Shuttle Shiloh selected as first "Adopt-a-Monument" participants at Shiloh National Military Park

By Commander Jeffery Higdon, CO, & Lieutenant Commander Karen Higdon, XO, Shuttlecraft Shiloh

In creating one of the newest in the shuttlecraft program, the crew of the Shuttle *Shiloh*, NCC-1881 /4, of Henderson, Tennessee, expected to be busy with "Star Trek", STARFLEET, Region 1 and community service activities. But busy is not the word for what they are undertaking... down right exciting maybe the correct phrase.

In a historic move Shiloh National Military Park and Cemetery has informed the crew it has granted its STARFLEET namesake the honor to be the first organization to take part in the "Adopt-a-Monument" program. This move

by the National Park Service is to allow public oriented organizations and individuals to help support the park in a direct manner. The NPS has had this program set up at other parks and monument sites and Shiloh NMP is just starting their program.

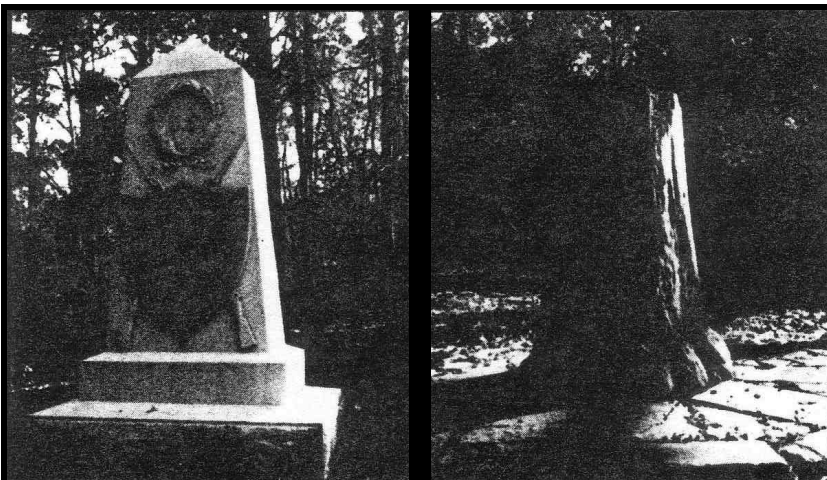
Shiloh NMP was the first Civil War Battle site established as a park to honor those who fought and died during the Battle of Shiloh, or Pickwick Landing, which took place April 6-7, 1863. Union General Ulysses S. Grant's Army of the Tennessee was encamped around a small church called Shiloh Methodist, near the

Tennessee River, when elements of Confederate General Albert S. Johnston's Army of Mississippi attacked. Grant was waiting for reinforcements from General J.D. Beuel's Army of the Ohio and a detachment under General Lew Wallace to join them in order to attack the strategic railroad city of Corinth, Mississippi when the confederates launched the surprise attack.

On the first day the Confederates drove the Federals back, but during Union stands at the Sunken Road and the Hornet's Nest allowed Grant to organize a defensive line that was still in place as the first day closed. But earlier in the day General Johnston was mortally wounded and bled to death after he had sent his personal physician to care for some wounded Union prisoners.

General P.G.T. Beauregard took command and, confident in victory, decided to wait until the morning to drive the Federals into the Tennessee River. But during the night both Beuel's army and Wallace's detachment arrived. These reinforcements along with shelling from Union gunboats USS *Lexington* and USS *Tyler* assured a Union victory the next day. When all seemed lost for the Confederates, General Beauregard retreated to Corinth to await the impending Union attack. This attack was delayed by several months due to this battle.

More Americans died at the Battle of Shiloh, up to that point of the Civil War, than all the other battles in all the previous wars America fought



Left:
U.S. Infantry
Monument

Right:
"Putnam
Stump" 14th
Wisconsin

Photos by
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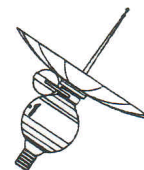
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Unless requested otherwise, any communications with the Communiqué staff, either by mail, electronic means (public or private), notes passed in the hall, or tied to rocks thrown through our window may be considered for publication in these pages. We reserve the right to edit submissions for length, clarity, and propriety (please try to avoid vulgarity).

INCOMING HAILS

Mail and messages to STARFLEET

Communication Buoy



Jackill's Ships of the Fleet, Vol. 3

Dear CQ,

Happy New Year! I haven't received my latest copy of the Communiqué yet, but I'm sending off this material for use in the next issue. I hope my previous packages were of help to you. I'll probably send you more material later in the month and I'm sure Captain Hatriono Sasrowardoyo mailed you some submissions as well.

I'm hoping this year is less controversial than last year. I think your office gets some unwarranted heat. I've been enjoying your photo covers (although I'm not sure I'll be saying that if any photos of my act in the Region 7 USO Show end up there - ha ha!) If I can be of any help, don't hesitate to call or write me.

Take Care & once again, Happy New Year!
Commodore Bob Vosseller
Commander 7th Fleet

Bob,

We're glad you've enjoyed the covers, we've had fun putting them together. The ones we enjoy the most are the ones that come in from other chapters, rather than us staging them ourselves.

I've been wanting to thank you for the contribution of articles and photos you've been sending in on a regular basis. I really appreciate receiving the material and you are doing a great service for your Region in sharing these activities with the rest of the Fleet. We've been trying to include at least one of these in each issue.

Between your articles, Hartriono's, and occasional others, Region 7 has been a wonderful source of CO material. I look forward to your next batch. -ed

P.S. I hope you finally received your CQ!

Dear CQ,

On behalf of the USS Justice I would like to thank you for printing the article about us in the STARFLEET Focus column of the August/September issue. We were not sure if our submission would actually make it into print, and were pleasantly surprised to see it there. Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Captain Edward C. Tunis III
Commanding Officer, USS Justice, NCC-556

Edward,

Thank you for contributing the article on the Justice! I hope you enjoyed the extra pictures we did of your ship. I'm not sure why you thought we might not run it, unless it was because your chapter has spoken against this administration?

Honestly, I don't much care about anyone's political stand until it becomes harmful to the organization as a whole. What I do care about

is helping to maintain STARFLEET's integrity as an organization and providing an interesting newsletter for the membership.

I appreciate your effort in developing an article featuring the positive activities of the USS Justice. You do good service to your crew in showing them off to the whole organization. I'm not here to deny your article for not leading our cheering section.

After printing a Fleet Focus or Beam article, I sometimes receive a letter from someone telling me why this group or individual is not worthy of such recognition. Justice was no exception. Rarely can anyone accomplish anything and avoid bumping heads or bruising some feelings.

Whether letters such as these have a legitimate complaint or just have an axe to grind, it doesn't diminish the good works you have accomplished. The important thing is to keep your perspective and realize there really is more than one side to any story. My congratulations to USS Justice and keep up the good work -ed

Dear CQ,

I am writing to you because I am a little confused as I have tried in vain to contact the Commandant of STARFLEET Marines on the possibility of joining and perhaps starting a unit. I wrote to the address I was given and sent a SASE, but as of today I have not received a reply yet or nay to my request.

Also, I have tried to contact the Captain of the Dragonstar in Waxahachie, Texas to see if I could join their ship. Anyone who can help me contact either of the above parties would have my grateful thanks. I would like to hear from anyone in the STARFLEET Marines about joining a unit or starting one up. I would also like to hear from any member of the USS Dragonstar- I am still interested in your ship!

Has anyone heard anything on the next Star Trek movie?

Thanks much,
Tommy L. Holman
618 Corsicans Hwy
Hillsboro, Texas 76645

Tommy,

Thank you for your letter. Sometimes people in STARFLEET get far behind in correspondence due to any number of other concerns in their lives. Sometimes they can't really afford to respond to everyone unless a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope is enclosed with the letter. I don't know why you've received no replies, but hopefully they are just delayed and you will hear from them soon.

In the meantime, I have included your address to perhaps help expedite a response. -ed

Dear CQ,

In the July issue of the Communiqué, votes were published on several STARFLEET issues including a Yearly Chapter Renewal Fee. I am enclosing a portion of my monthly Chapter

Status Report in which I state that my Chapter will not pay this fee until the Newsletters begin coming again. After all, as I state in my report, I see no reason to pay ADDITIONAL money to STARFLEET when the basic services that we paid for with our membership fees are going unfulfilled.

I received my first issue of the Communiqué in about 6 months just yesterday and am grateful to see this service restored. I feel that it is the best fan-produced news magazine (I can't see calling something this large-scale a news "letter") in existence. I can also say that I can certainly understand the intrusions that "real-life" makes, often at the most inopportune times. HOWEVER... when one is responsible for such an important service to so many people, 5 months of silence is NOT the way to deal with it. Had you simply sent out a post card to the Chapter CO's (cheaper than sending something to the entire membership) we could have at least calmed the concerns of our crews instead of having to simply shrug our shoulders and say "Gee, I don't know what's going on." It is my sincere hope that whatever problems you had are now rectified, and that you will not have need of my suggestion, but there it is anyway, should you have need of it.

On a higher, lighter note, I am happy to submit to you an article focusing on our Chapter, the USS Joan of Arc. As you may remember, we were named Chapter of the Year at the International Conference, and we thought that the rest of the membership would like to know a little about us. Please feel free to publish it at your convenience. If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact me.

Leading the Vision,
Capt. James R. Van Cleave CO,
USS Joan of Arc
1994 Chapter of the Year

PS: True to what is stated in my report, I will be contacting Adm. Cindy Krell to make arrangements to pay the Chapter Renewal Fee now that the Communiqué has resumed service.

James,

I appreciate the comments and compliments. Thank you for the article on the USS Joan of Arc. You will likely see it in print in the next CO.

Though I'm not sure it was actually five months between sending out CQs, your point is well taken. The post card suggestion is not a bad idea and if we run into a similar situation in the future I will certainly consider it.

By the way, congratulations on being named Chapter of the Year!

Dear CQ,

I am a school librarian and an avid reader. I am the first to get any Star Trek books,

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biographies and Shatner novels. I recently finished George Takei's *To The Stars* and would like to recommend it.

I found it to be well written and very informative into Mr. Takei's war camp years and early ST days. It was [the] most enjoyable of all the bios.

Dorothy Koopmeiners
USS *Arizona*

Dorothy,

Thank you for your recommendation. Mr. Takei has indeed led an interesting life. Additionally, he is one of the most warm and genuinely friendly Star Trek cast members in any of the series. I'm happy to pass your comments on to the rest of STARFLEET. -ed

Dear CQ,

Greetings! I have a polite question about CQ 71. I received mine the other day, and I read that Admiral Glenn not only had to move but also to adapt to another computer, which was

why #71 was late. I understand that people have a life outside of STARFLEET, but I was wondering why I hadn't heard any mention of why there was a delay. If you are on the STARFLEET listserv, you may have noticed a few of my postings. I only joined in late Dec 1995 so perhaps I missed a posting about why #71 was going to be late. But if not, why wasn't anything posted? I'm sure some people would still have insisted that the GO be delivered on time, but some of the rest of us would probably have been understanding. I'm assuming someone in the communications department has access to the listserv because of comments made in the "Much ado about what" section (pg 3, col 2) so I wondered why there hadn't been any semi-quasi official notification of what was causing the delay. I put out the newsletter for our chapter and I know how difficult it is to put a newsletter together and to print it [Actually I've never printed it myself, but left that to other volunteers, which of course can lead to trouble] Anyway, I was just wondering. Thanks for taking the time to reply.

Lt. Cmdr. Joan E. Pierce
USS *Questar*, NCC-435

Joan,

This administration has maintained a policy of not using the nets for official information until such time as more than a few percent of the concerned members have access and it can be

fairly and reasonably administered. That time is quickly coming. Fleet is currently developing a means by which COs or others will be able to get instant access to the latest STARFLEET news and database info for their chapters. I've been told that details will be sent to the COs. It should be online by the time you read this. -ed

YEAR 2000 OLYMPICS ADVENTURE TOUR OF THE AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK

The USS Southern Cross seeks expressions of interests from STARFLEET members in our proposed 4-wheel drive tour of the centre of Australia as a pre-Olympic adventure.

Conducted by an experienced 4-wheel drive tour leader, the areas proposed to be covered are scenic places in the centre and northern parts of outback Australia.

It is expected that a limited number of billets in members homes will be available.

Australian contact:

Captain Alan Yates
P.O. Box 103
Harbord NSW 2096
AUSTRALIA.

Region 7 Pull Tab Project

By Hartriono Sastrowardoyo
CO, Shadowstar Cathedral Flight Team

Hello All--

Thanks for your support in donating pulltabs to the Region 7 Ops project. I have both bad and good news: when I stopped by the office of Assemblywoman Smith on December 14th, I was told that the children in North Dakota had moved and therefore the project of collecting a second million tabs had ended.

However, Brenda Bell has informed me of a school in Las Vegas whose fourth graders are collecting six million tabs as a way of showing the number of Jews that were murdered in Hitler's concentration camps. Kelly Green, who is the XO of Mystere Station and the teacher for this fourth grade class, says that as of November 30th, the unofficial total reached 902,000 and they were hoping to reach the first million by Christmas. So far, the crews of the USS *Stargazer* and USS *Pioneer* have participated, and the students get very excited whenever pulltabs arrive from out of state.

The tabs that were in my possession as of December 15th were mailed out to Las Vegas - all 30-odd pounds of them! Even at Parcel Post rates, that is a lot of money out of my own pocket, so it would be greatly appreciated if the pulltabs could be mailed directly to them. (I will continue to mail them tabs from anyone who hands them to me in person, however.) It would also be greatly appreciated if you could drop me a card stating that you or your chapter mailed in tabs, and if possible, how much, so I can duly note so in ALERT FIVE, my newsletter.

The school's address is:

Miss Green's class
C/O Jack Dailey Elementary School
2001 E Reno Avenue
Las Vegas, NV 89119

Thanks for your help!



A Trek to Medieval Times

By Commodore Bob Vosseller

Stardate: 9511.25

Away Teams from the Regional Flagship USS *Challenger* and USS *Avenger* & USS/ISS *Lexington*.

Ah, to be transported back through time to the year 1620, Santiago Spain. A Medieval Adventure of cosmic proportions when you consider the presence of not only Federation officers displaced through time but the many Klingons from the Sovereign States of the Darkfold Nebula.

The rift in time began when Darkfold Nebula member Jana Best wrote to several area Star Trek clubs last summer, including Starbase 7 (to alert the 7th fleet) of a plan for ST fans to bring 24th century color to one of New Jersey's most stylish restaurants.

A setting which featured a castle exterior and an interior filled with an arena of Kings, Queens, Barons, maidens and Knights. An evening of jousting and sword play while dining medieval style (with your hands).

Most of us came attired in our 24th century uniforms although one Avenger member came beautifully dressed in a period gown with a comm badge. Another Avenger (pirate) dressed a bit ahead of time in 20th century garb.

Challenger's Science Officer resembled a Bajoran resistance fighter and she came prepared to study the period with her native tricorder. A fellow *Challenger* wore a 23rd century uniform. *Lexington's* crew came in their Mirror/Mirror ISS *Lexington* uniforms complete with gold sashes. My Lady Emily and I wore ST:TNG red and blue uniform sweatshirts made by the USS *Justice*. Spain was a bit cold this time of year.

The Klingons raised their disrupters and fists while in full regalia across from us as we rooted against their yellow & red knight and supported our black & white Champion who ended up not

only beating the Klingon's knight, but all others including the villainous Green Knight.

We were also treated to exhibitions of horsemanship, swordplay and even a playful wizard. After our sumptuous meal we strayed off reminding the Klingons of their knights defeat and visited the Dungeon which featured various historical displays of torture. The Klingons felt right at home there and enjoyed it more than eating with their hands. (Something they normally do!)

Jana suggested another gathering of Starfleet, IFT and Klingons next Thanksgiving weekend. We hope our number will increase even more. This was a perfect example of how fans of various dubs and affiliations can get along very well.

Some dancing at the Knight Club helped cap off the evening before we had to beam up to our various ships and make that all important swing around the sun to get back to our appropriate time.



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STARFLEET: *Challenge of the Heart*

By FCapt. Betsy Matteis, Project Director

THANK YOU STARFLEET!!! Due to overwhelming response the Executive Committee has voted to extend this project indefinitely. This is one of the most important projects we've ever undertaken because the knowledge we gain could one day save a life. The life you save could very well be your own. The STARFLEET Challenge of the Heart challenges each and every chapter and member to learn all they can about HIV/AIDS.

Since this project was introduced at the International Conference in Atlanta last summer I've gotten numerous inquiries on just what the program is about. It's about teaching yourself and others the dangers of HIV/AIDS, and about raising money for the Ryan White Foundation. You can contact a local AIDS center and inquire about helping their office (most centers are desperate for volunteers), or collect canned food to donate to homebound AIDS patients. At your

recruiting drives you can pass out literature that you can obtain from the CDC or the American Red Cross. Your chapter can hold a car wash and donate the profits. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 for the Ryan White Foundation where the money will be used to distribute literature on high school and college campuses. Most of all the STARFLEET Challenge of the Heart is about combating the fear and ignorance that surrounds HIV/AIDS.

To make a donation to the STARFLEET Challenge of the Heart send check or money order made payable to: STARFLEET Challenge of the Heart, to STARFLEET HQ. Also the STARFLEET Challenge of the Heart video is available from HQ. The video features FAdm. Dan McGinnis, Adm. Deborah Maestu, Capt. John Maestu (co-director of the Challenge project), Jeannie White (mother of Ryan White) and several other concerned STARFLEET

members who gave of their time to make the video. It is an educational tool that will help you and your crew learn about HIV/AIDS.

Participation in the STARFLEET Challenge of the Heart project is voluntary. Some people feel that the problem is too big and there is no hope, but without hope the vision we watch every week in STAR TREK will never become a reality. Some people feel that those infected deserve it, but the truth is no one deserves it. Some people believe themselves not at risk, but the truth is we are all at risk. As we approach the year 2000, the spread of HIV/AIDS is the most important threat that humanity is facing. We must educate ourselves and our children so that the next generation does not have to face this epidemic.

For more information please contact me at (305) 235 5259 or write to me at 13501 SW 178 St, Miami, FL 33177.

Are you up to the challenge? ♠

USS TRIUMPH OBSERVES WORLD AIDS DAY

By FCapt. Betsy Matteis

World AIDS Day was established by the World Health Organization as an effort to remember those affected by HIV and AIDS. December 1 has been designated as World AIDS Day, and over the last several years response has grown from small gatherings to large candlelight vigils and other related events. On December 1, 1995 crewmembers from the USS *Triumph* participated in several activities for World AIDS Day.

On November 30, 1995 Steve and Jennifer Rosbury, Chief of Communications and Executive Officer, respectively, attended a service in which new panels for the Names Quilt Project were being dedicated by their family members. It was a very emotional and heartfelt service. Friday, December 1, World AIDS Day, the following crewmembers of the USS *Triumph*, Betsy Matteis, Deborah and John Maestu, Jennifer and Steve Rosbury, Marvin Tarrant, Marjorie Burnett and Adam Eckstat, attended a Candlelight Vigil in a Ft. Lauderdale park. We heard inspiring words from members of the community and lit a candle in remembrance during the vigil.

We completed the World AIDS Day weekend by spending Saturday December 2 at Sawgrass Mills Mall where six panels from the Names Quilt Project were on display. Along with those mentioned above the following members of the USS *Triumph* came to the mall and helped staff an information table: Sue, Harris and Mark Hershkowitz, Brenda Canatella and Debe Fisher.

The experience we had during the World AIDS Day activities was enlightening and at times overwhelming. It was very gratifying that so many members of the crew participated, but more than a little sad that the crew of the USS *Triumph* made up the majority of volunteers at the information table. It shows that there is a great need for volunteers. However, we learned that a few people can make a difference. Those suffering with this disease need all of our support and understanding. World AIDS day is over until December 1, 1996, but it is never too late to get involved. Our crewmembers are educating themselves and those they come in contact with about HIV/AIDS and might someday be responsible for saving a life because they took the time to learn the truth. ♠

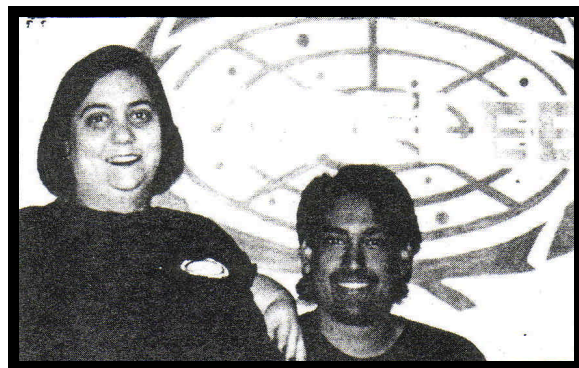


Photo courtesy of USS *Triumph*

Life after HIV

By Capt. John Maestu

In July of 1994, my life changed irrevocably. Everything in my mind was focused on one thing, AIDS. At first it seemed like the ultimate death sentence, and then something happened. I went to bed and woke up the next morning. For everyone else that is a daily routine; for me that was the day after. It was the realization that life goes on after being diagnosed HIV positive. Contrary to what people may think, that news was NOT a death sentence, it was a wake up call, not only for me but for everyone around me, everyone who was involved in my life. So I decided to take it one step further

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Project: Challenge of the Heart - Auction Corner

Many stars from the television and movie industry, including but not limited to the stars of STAR TREK, have very generously offered their support to the STARFLEET Challenge of the Heart. They have offered us autographs and memorabilia to be used as auction items. These items have been exclusively dedicated to the Challenge of the Heart HIV/AIDS project.

Any STARFLEET chapter holding a convention or event during which they will hold a raffle or auction may write to SFHQ and request an item from this 'stash'. The only stipulation is that all money raised on the sale of any of these items is designated for Project Challenge of the Heart. Specific items may not be requested, but will be chosen at random and sent to you. For more information on this fund-raising idea, send a SASE to HQ.

As part of the auction effort, we will also be holding a 'silent auction' in each issue of the *Communiqué*. We will choose one item at

random and feature it. Bids should be sent to Captain J. Maestu, 7341 W. Shalimar St, Miramar, FL 33023 and must be postmarked no later than the 20th of the month after the *Communiqué* issue date. Confused? Example - this is the February/March issue - therefore bids should be postmarked by April 20, 1996. Bids should consist of your bid plus a SASE - do not send cash! Bids will be opened in the order they are received and numbered. The highest bid received by the cutoff date will be the winner.

Our first item has been donated by Scott Bakula. It is a script of the Quantum Leap Episode "A Tale of Two Sweeties," and has been autographed by Mr. Bakula. The minimum bid on this item is \$25.00. Our thanks to Mr. Bakula for this donation. The bidding is open and remember, this is all for a good cause. One hundred percent of the proceeds go to the Ryan White Foundation as part of the Challenge of the Heart.

Blinded By Science!



Commander Edward Kiker
Communique Science Editor

Space Whales:

Japanese researchers are planning to attach Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) system transponders and other sensors to blue whales with harpoons which the whales will carry for a full migratory cycle of two to three years. The \$2 million dollar project is being undertaken by the NEC Corporation and the Chiba Institute of Technology, at the request of the International Whaling Committee. The system should go into effect in 1997. The transponders will send migration tracking, ocean temperature and whale physiological information through the GPS satellite system and the Japanese Whale Ecology relay satellite. This should begin to fill in the large gaps that we currently have in our knowledge about blue whales. The information will be gathered from many whales each orbit, as the satellites pass over the whales' migration routes. The information will be dumped as the satellites pass over a Japanese ground station. Sources do not indicate what is being done to avoid damage to the whales by the harpoon, or if the harpoon is designated to do minimal damage.

Make yourself heard:

NASA-Johnson Space Center and the University of Houston-Clear Lake, Texas, is sponsoring Commander Ed Kiker's Master's thesis of a new National Space Policy and National Space Plan. STARFLEET members, here is a chance to get your ideas into a real forum! Please write up (pencil, sketches

anything) your ideas and mail them to: Commander Edward B. Kiker, USS *Nomad*, 21824 Edwards Drive, Easton, Kansas 66020. Whether specific ideas get used or not, you will be listed as a contributor. Most of the input is needed during the next four months or so. Be imaginative, audacious, non-traditional, but most of all try to think of ways that space can pay for itself. Space commerce needs to be the basis of it. Profits from space commerce can then pay for the exploration that we also want, but which does not necessarily give a monetary payback. What kinds of programs can we imagine which will actually involve many of us little folk? For instance, a teleoperation center in a neighborhood linked to little rovers on the Moon, which you can drive around for an hour for a few dollars. Big projects, little projects, anything you can think of. Don't leave something out because you think it's unrealistic or crack-pot. Unrealistic and crack-pot are usually the most valuable!

Space Stamp

Remember a year or two ago when we asked the membership to write to the Postal Service Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee to get them to support Star Trek and historical space stamps? At that time they said "No" because they did not think anyone would buy them. They never put out much more than some \$3 and \$10 Shuttle stamps, and a 29-cent fantasy spaceship stamp. (We can't complain too

too loudly, at least they did that much.) Well, the little Island state of St. Vincent and the Grenadines has put out a \$10 Star Trek: The Next Generation stamp with the crew of the *Enterprise*. It looks great! It is time to try again for U.S. Star Trek Stamps. If you would like to see such a stamp issue, please write a short letter recommending that the Postal Service create a series of 32-cent Star Trek Stamps to:

U.S. Postal Service
Citizen Stamp Advisory Committee
Room 5670
475 L'Enfant Plaza West, SW
Washington, DC 20260-6753

You might also recommend what you want on the series. The more letters they get, the more likely they are to do it. Let's make it so!

Return people to the Moon in 2001?

It sounds ambitious, but that is exactly what Mr. Daniel Goldin, the NASA chief, has proposed. This guy does not think small! He has challenged all the people at the NASA Johnson Space Center to think up creative ways to do it. If anything along these lines occurs to you, put it on the Internet to NASA, or send it to Commander Kiker at the above address. We'll make sure it gets to them along with the National Space Policy/Plan input.

Asteroid Rendezvous:

The first of the NASA Discovery Program's small space probes has been launched, the Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous (NEAR) spacecraft. It will arrive at the asteroid Eros in early 1999 and orbit it for a year. Eros comes within 14 million miles of the Earth and is fifteen miles in diameter. That is three times the diameter of the one that did in the dinosaurs, 65 million years ago! We could mine minerals on Eros for a long, long time. Hmmm, come to think of it, if we do not find any preanimate matter on it, we could have the STARFLEET Caps of Engineers hollow it out, and we could try the Genesis device in it!



SCIENCE AND TREKNOLOGY

Compiled By Lt. Norm Ennis, R-2 Science Officer
Chief Science Officer, USS *Paegan*

This is an article that I was given to present to the Communique for printing. it is from a new company here in Florida that is trying to present a new access to space for the average person.

SPACE FRONTIER OPERATIONS, INC: CROSSING THE FRONTIER INTO COMMERCIAL SPACE

By Ric Jordan

On September 22, 1599, subscribers held a meeting in London to raise money for a "Voyage to the East Indies, (... which it may please the Lord to prosper)." Of the 101 investors, most were ordinary city tradesmen such as Henry Bridgeman, leather seller, (200; Ralfe Buzbie, grocer, (200; Edward Collins, clothworker, (200; Francis Cherie, vintner, (200; and so on. The total subscription was 30,133 pounds 6

shillings 8 pence. A very large sum of money for the time.

In October 1599, the subscribers petitioned Queen Elizabeth for permission to send a fleet to the East. It also contained a request for a grant from her of "sole privilege for so many years as can be obtained and for such freedoms of custom and other tolerations and favors as may be gotten." Elizabeth favored the risk but did not give her immediate approval. On December 31, 1600, she gave her permission for the risk-filled venture and signed a charter of "the Governor

and Company of the Merchants of London Trading into the East Indies." The bankers gave their venture the name of The East India Company. In its tenure, The East India Company became so successful that it exercised a sovereignty of its own equal but subject to that of the British Empire.

Inducing any institution or other venture to invest capital in the commercial development of space parallels the beginning of the East India

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10th Anniv. of Challenger Tragedy Marked!

By Comm. Bob Vosseller
CO, USS Challenger

It's hard to believe it was ten years ago that America gazed into the heavens to witness the tragic loss of not only seven brave explorers but a dream as well. It was a decade ago on January 28, 1986 that Space Shuttle *Challenger* exploded leaving behind an indelible mental scar on many across the world.

My chapter, *The USS Challenger* is named after that Space Shuttle. I will never forget that day and how it immediately affected those members of our "internal Shuttlecraft," Discovery off the USS *Avenger*. Despite some occasional ribbing by fans as to why we'd want to name ourselves after a vessel which exploded, we've always been proud of our name. It was meant to show the perseverance of mankind that the *Challenger* had reached the stars in the future.

I was driving on my way to work, listening to the radio. I heard the report only moments after the launch and it appeared that NASA had lost the shuttle from their scope. It took several minutes for me to realize that the shuttle was more than missing from their instrumentation, that it was gone. The unthinkable had happened, we had lost a space shuttle crew. I didn't want to believe it. How could this have happened?

This trip into space had even more special meaning, its crew included a school teacher named Christa McAuliffe, the first American educator to reach space.

I was numb by the time I reached work, at a small weekly newspaper in the small resort community of Seaside Heights, New Jersey. Later that afternoon members of our shuttle gathered at my parents home where we watched the launch dip several hundred times. Dan Rather's commentary attempted to explain what happened but all we could understand was that this was a great loss of life and a very critical step backwards for the space program. The Shuttle program would be put on hold for months until the problem was uncovered and solved.

The accident showed us how routine we had come to see the shuttle launches and how frail our quest to the stars had become. People had begun to lose the excitement of what the space program meant and how hard we had worked to get where we were. Months later a park in nearby Brick Township, NJ would be named, "Challenger Way" in honor of the astronauts.

The 10th anniversary was recently observed at the Christa McAuliffe Middle School in Jackson Township, NJ. Students of the school made a video tape in honor of its namesake.

Though McAuliffe never had the chance to teach lessons from space, students and teachers at the school never forgot her wish that educators strive for new frontiers. Students at the school described her as a teacher with "the right stuff" who was a good communicator.

The tape also included segments on the purpose of the shuttle missions, why a teacher had been chosen to serve as a crew member, the meaning of its patch and the song "Flying for me," written by John Denver in memory of the Challenger crew.

Students of all grades and levels contributed to the program, school officials said.

McAuliffe's mother, Grace Corrigan attended the opening of the school and footage of her appearance was incorporated into the video.

Teachers have expressed pride in teaching at

A Eulogy for the Rest of us... Ten Years Later

By Ensign David Marino, USS *Destiny*

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It was an event that many won't forget. Like the violent death of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, many can still remember where they were when they first heard of the incident. Ten years ago the world was stunned to silence. 73 seconds after takeoff, January 28, 1986, the hopes and dreams of the US Space Program came to a halt in the form of a fiery explosion of the Space Shuttle *Challenger*. It was an event that would create controversy that still lasts to this day on the importance of manned space flight.

The sixties brought many great achievements to the history of manned space flight. Our goal was the Moon then. Many works have been written to detail those events, and all will go down in the annals of history, good and bad. The seventies advanced technological aspects of space flight and exploration, not gearing on putting men on the moon, but to just increase the population's knowledge of their solar system. All of those programs were driven by specific goals, derived in one way or another by the Cold War. Events in space flight and exploration had become seemingly mundane and routine, and the future seemed to hold more of the same.

Challenger. Today there is some speculation that there was foreknowledge concerning the condition of the spacecraft as it prepared for the 25th mission, but that concern was downplayed by NASA for the benefit of federal agencies that provided the funding for them. The explosion rocked the world. People were riveted to their televisions, hungry for information as to what went wrong. It would be years before any explanation would be forthcoming. Since the disaster, interest has once again waned from the space program. There is information available, but a disaster hungry audience has moved onto other terrible events.

Ten years later we revisit the memories;

a school named after such a brave female educator. McAuliffe was chosen among 11,000 applicants for the mission. Seeing a teacher go into space was inspirational to many educators.

Students sang the lyrics, "They were flying for me, they were flying for everyone...She was trying to see a brighter day for each and everyone."

Vice Principal John R. Dunselman is a supporter of the space program whose space memorabilia was put on display at the school during "Christa McAuliffe Day" held a few days prior to the anniversary of the Challenger accident.

Each shuttle patch is significant to its mission and is designed by its crew. *Challenger's* patch featured a flag signifying U.S. involvement, a shuttle with open hatch doors to show they were going to photograph, Haley's comet and an apple, representing McAuliffe's involvement.

Like many, Dunselman recalled the images of the young faces who watched the telecast of the disaster.

The school holds a remembrance each year so that students will understand the meaning behind the school's name. Principal Terrence Kenney commented to a local newspaper the "the kids need to know the importance of the space shuttle program."

During our February meeting, our Asst. Ops Chief, Ken Diehl spoke to our members and showed a collection of his mementos from the Challenger tragedy. We didn't forget. Like the

where were we? What were you doing when the shuttle exploded? What do you remember about it? A hungry press had a feeding frenzy the likes of which hadn't been seen since the US made history in the sixties, looking for any bit and piece of the story that the competition didn't have. Many attempted to include the thoughts and feelings of family and friends of the first civilian in space, Christa McAuliffe, as well as the children she taught in a school in Concord, New Hampshire. Many forgot about the six other members of the crew, one of which, Ronald McNair, was an accomplished saxophone player.

In tribute, the writers of Star Trek dedicated a film to them. A musician wrote an album featuring the work of Ronald McNair, dedicating the album to them as well. Many others, family, friends, relatives and NASA itself, have all joined in the quest for the perfect eulogy. But the men and women on board the shuttle have had their share of dedications; is this what they died for, nothing more than the prophetic words of a stunned populace? That is the question NASA has to ask as we continue to send manned missions into space. That is also the question we have to ask ourselves as we take time to recall the disaster, and remember where we were, and what we were doing, when seven people lost their lives, while we could do nothing but watch.

The men and women of the Space Shuttle

Challenger.

Dick Scobee, Mission Commander

Michael Smith, Pilot

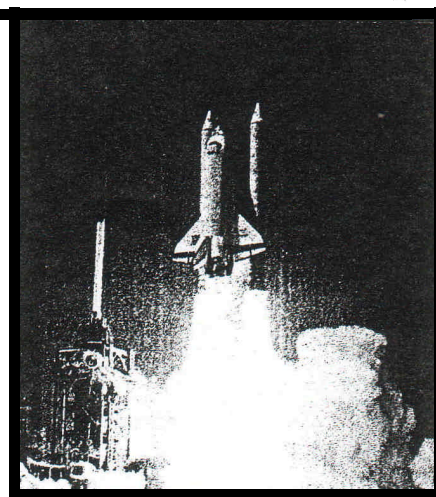
Judy Resnick, Mission Specialist

Ellison Onizuka, Mission Specialist

Ronald McNair, Mission Specialist

Gregory Jarvis, Payload Specialist

Christa McAuliffe, New Hampshire School Teacher



students of the Christa McAuliffe Middle School, we as STARFLEET members need to reflect from time to time on mankind's real life quest to boldly go where no one has gone before. It's been a hard struggle which will take us many years to reach, but we're getting there and if we should ever need any further inspiration to continue on, perhaps we should think back to January 28, 1986.

Office of the Inspector General

Captain John T. (Jack) Hopkins
Inspector General - STARFLEET
1635 Bright Leaf Road
Pfafftown, NC 27040

FLAG PROMOTIONS

The following promotions have been approved by the Executive Committee of STARFLEET and are effective immediately. Congratulations to all on the hard work and dedication to the ideals of this organization that have earned you this recognition.

to Vice Admiral

Doug Glenn (Chief of Communications, SF)

to Rear Admiral

Sharon Ann Campbell (SF Academy of Computer History Director, USS *Pendragon*)
Coyote (R12 RC)
David A. Miller, M.D. (Chief of Staff, SF, DRC Medicine Director, USS *Antonio Maria Valsalva*)

to Commodore

Allyson Dyar (R5 Interim RC, USS *Stellar Wind*)
Brad Pense (R3 RC)
Linda Reynolds (Chief of Shuttle Operations, SF, USS *Czar'ak*)
Sharon Stewart (DRC Program Director)

to Fleet Captain

Wayne Cavalier (Chief of Computer Operations, SF)
Cher Couch (USS *Rubicon*)
Bill Herrmann (Subspace Comms Director, USS *Rutledge*)
Adam Self (R16 RC)
Susan Severt (USS *Highroller*)
Scott Stone (R15 RC, USS *Longfellow*)
Becky Thane (Overseas Coupon Project Director, USS *Infinity*)

to Captain

Don Coleman (USS *Stargazer*)
Jane Fisher (USS *Kitty Hawk*)
Vera Maheu (USS *Equinox*)
Barbara McGinnis (SFHQ, USS *Umiak*)
Carey Muse (USS *Kitty Hawk*)
Sherryl Pinsker (SFHQ, USS *Locksley*)
Keith B. Rodgers (USS *Republic*)
Patricia R. Scritchfield (USS *Arizona*)
Linda Tehee-Kees (USS *Lancelot*)



Regional Votes of Confidence underway

Here are the results of the Vote of Confidence In Region 1:

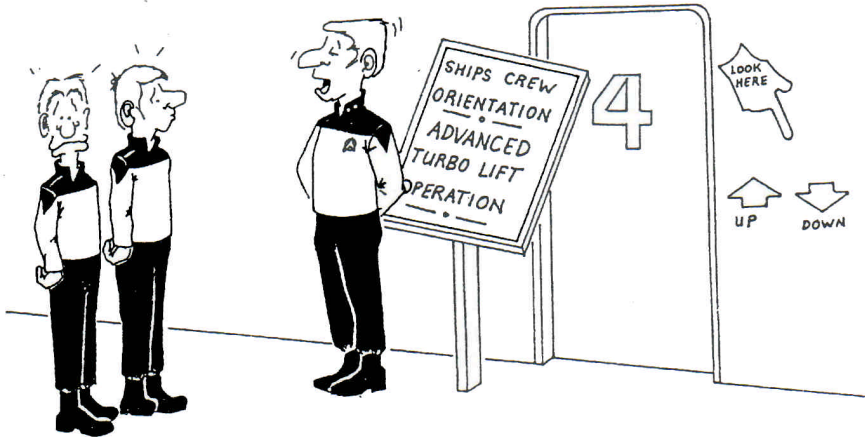
Approve	43 (61%)
Disapprove	0
No response	27 (39%)
Total	70 (100%)

Questions regarding the polling process or other matters of interest can be directed to me at the address above.



Guffy

By Roy Potter



"OK NOW, MEN - I EXPECT TO SEE YOU ACADEMY GRADUATES TO EXCELL DURING THIS SEGMENT OF YOUR ORIENTATION TRAINING."

Science and Treknology

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Company because of the environment into which the capital must be cast. Today's spacecraft can find themselves facing the same fate as Elizabethan sailing ships, for the latter often left home on a long voyage and were never seen or heard from again.

It is into commercial space that SFO and its membership have cast their vision. Why? Because highly technical developments become available to the man in the street only when they pass from under government funding and into commercial enterprise. The time is right for this step. Large scale government funding for space in the U.S. is disastrously declining. Revenue for the commercialization of space is now coming from private investors. Methods for

financing commercial space programs are following methods similar to those of the East India Company. SFO membership is an example of this, for it has begun to grow from a small, hard core nucleus as we enter into our first contract in the commercial space arena.

SFO's Core Values, listed below, reflect our commitment to crossing over this frontier: We are a "Not for Profit" membership company established for the purpose of exploration, not a product or market driven company. We intend to make a lasting contribution to society through our explorations and the products and services generated in the process. We are dedicated to quality of Product, Service, Relationships, Communication and Employee Life. We believe that we should be an organization where the potential of every member may be realized. We are committed to: - Enlightened, participate management techniques when clear, command structures are not needed. - Developing leadership skills in all active employees and members. - Providing well-trained and experienced leaders at all levels in the company. We are building a company that will last for eons.

Notice that these Core Values include the member. Many members already serve, in a limited, voluntary capacity, on "active duty" in administrating SFO's corporate needs. For those members who do not wish active duty, there are projects available. Some are studies in areas we need to look closely at. For other members who desire nothing other than to belong, our quarterly publication will keep them up to date.

We believe that the return on investments in commercial space will, for the future, be as great as they were for the tea and spice trade in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

To obtain membership information, write Space Frontier Operations, Inc., Rita Cawthon-Clark, Operations Director, P.O. Box 0445, Cape Canaveral, FL 32922-0445. *



The Names Quilt Project

By Commander Jennifer Rosbury

When I was asked to write this article, I as unsure how to express the emotional reality associated with seeing the quilt. My husband, Steven, and I recently represented our ship, the USS *Triumph*, at the New Panel Dedication Ceremony on November 30. I think the way to best describe this emotion is to say that next to knowing someone dying or who has died of AIDS, seeing the quilt, and more so, seeing the person who created this memorial, this image of a person who they loved, is one of the most eye opening emotional experiences. To actually see that person who loved someone so much they would create a memorial to show us that this person isn't just part of a statistic, isn't just another victim, shows us that someone who dies of AIDS is a person too, who loved and lived just like us.

Here's a little history about the Names project. The Quilt was originally conceived in November 1985 during a march in which San Francisco gay rights activist Cleve Jones asked marchers to write on placards the names of friends and loved ones who had died of AIDS. At the end of the march, above a sea of candlelight, Jones stood on a ladder taping the cards to the side of the San Francisco Federal Building. The effect resembled a patchwork quilt. A little over a year later Jones created the first Names project AIDS Memorial Quilt in memory of Marvin Feldman, a close friend of Jones. In June of 1987 friends and lovers joined together in a San Francisco storefront to create a memorial to illustrate the impact of this disease so that history would not forget these people.

Since that first effort in 1987, response to the Quilt has been enormous and immediate. It has grown in size from its original 1,920 panels first displayed together on October 11, 1987 on the Capitol Mall in Washington DC. It has been displayed again and again in 1988, 1989 and 1992, and tours the country as well in pieces, usually displaying quilt panels from that particular area. Plans are now under way for 1996 in October to once again display it, in its entirety, in Washington DC. It is estimated that by that time the quilt will cover roughly twenty-nine (29) football fields. The USS *Triumph* is discussing a possible away mission to Washington to be part of that effort, either

viewing the quilt or possibly as volunteers for the Names Project.

For more information on the names project and how you can create a panel in memory of a friend or loved one write to:

The Names Project Foundation
310 Townsend Street, Suite 310
San Francisco, CA 92102
PH (415) 882 5500 or FX (415) 882 6200

For more information on the quilt in the Capitol, October 11 -13, 1996 and how you can help, write to the same address, or if you would like to be part of a STARFLEET group possibly meeting and/or volunteering in Washington for this effort, please contact me at:

7720 5th St., 12-23
Plantation, FL 33324

In the STAR TREK universe, and in STARFLEET, we talk a lot about accepting people as they are and we try to live by the principles of IDIC. On viewing the Quilt, we really got a feeling of IDIC. There are panels created by girlfriends, boyfriends, spouses, mothers, fathers, lovers, even a panel created by the staff of a local center which cares for children, babies, who are dying of AIDS. The permanent part of the panel is based on the children's book the Little Prince and talks about the stars in heaven. Each time one of their patients dies a new star is embroidered and becomes part of the panel. When we saw the Quilt there were over 20 stars, one new enough that there hadn't been time to permanently stitch it.

Every activity, particularly the Names Quilt Project, that we have been involved in as part of our Challenge of the Heart effort, has been a learning experience. Hopefully we will be able to educate our community to the reality of this disease and also to the fact that there is nothing different about people with HIV and AIDS - they are men, women and children just like us. If you doubt that, I hope you have the opportunity to see the Quilt and see a little bit of the heart and soul of those who have died, and those who are left behind.



CHALLENGE OF THE HEART CONTRIBUTORS

We wish to thank the following individuals and Chapters for their recent donations to STARFLEET Project: Challenge of the Heart. These contributions will assist in educating thousands of teenagers and young adults about HIV and AIDS. Be assured that these contributions do make a difference and that we sincerely appreciate all your efforts and assistance with this project.

Kelly Hilliard	Carl Johnson	Patricia Spillers
Michael Malotte	Joseph Dobson	John Maestu
USS <i>Stargazer</i>	Laura Reardon	Sherryl Pinkster
Mrs. Theodore Mastoff	USS <i>Morning Star</i>	Sherry Anne Newell
I. Jefferson Kirkland, Jr.	James Bauemeister	Jo A. Curl
Dan McGuinnis	Margaret Grunwell	USS <i>Heimdal</i>
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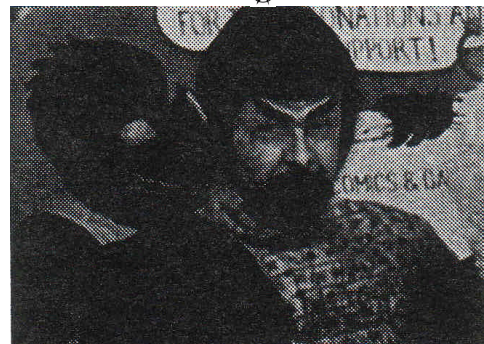
and make it a wake up call for SF.

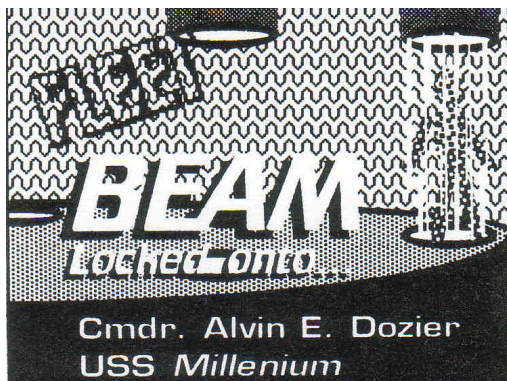
At the time Deborah (Nelson) was my fiance, and she was very supportive of me, as was my good friend Michael Cowart. I started to slowly get back into my life. After a few months I saw someone on who caught my attention, inspired me and made me tackle the reality of my disease head-on. His name was Pedro Zamora. I admired him because he was from my hometown, and he was doing something so brave. He was in the public eye, talking, joking and educating people about HIV and AIDS. Doing that was, to say the least, dangerous. To come out in that manner was an easy way to be the focus of ridicule and scum. But he went on to star in MTV's *The Real World*. Watching him was very instrumental in reforming my outlook on life, and what I wanted to do with it. I volunteered in the HIV community in Miami and Ft. Lauderdale. Months passed and my involvement grew until finally I came out to my chapter. But that wasn't enough.

On several occasions I spoke to Dan McGinnis, who was aware of my situation. I told him that I wanted to make it known at the International Conference about my disease and that Deborah and I had an idea about a fund raiser for HIV and AIDS. We discussed the possibility of bad reactions and doubts. This was something I had already thought about. While volunteering in support groups I heard many stories about people losing their friends, spouses, and families because of a positive HIV test result. I decided that it was a risk I had to take. I had his support and the support of my fiance and my chapter. That's all I needed.

So now here I am writing this article, after the Conference and after the video production. It's been wonderful to get the support and friendship and prayers that I have received since I came out to you. I wish that everyone who is HIV positive or has AIDS had friends like I have here in SF. Right now I'm fortunate to be healthy and able to work and know that I have my friends and family to help if I need it. But there are a lot of people out there with this disease who are not as fortunate. Even if you are not involved in fund raising for the Challenge, volunteer in your community. Local agencies can refer you to programs that assist home bound AIDS patients who may need assistance with shopping, transportation to doctors or just a friendly voice on the other end of the telephone. By doing this you can help avoid people having to die an outcast. You can show people that the world is not completely ignorant. Isn't that the spirit of IDIC?

It is an honor to be involved with the Ryan White Foundation. Jeannie White has been so gracious in helping us with production of the Challenge video. She is truly an inspiring lady, who, from a truly rotten experience, has helped to create a great organization. The Ryan White Foundation is grateful to STARFLEET for our interest in helping out.





To Whom it May Concern;

Alvin Dozier has been a valuable volunteer at the Museum of Science and Industry since February, 1989 and has shared over 1,765 hours of service to many different departments.

Alvin was instrumental to the success of our "STAR TREK: Federation Science" exhibit, featured at MOST from February to September of 1995. Having been an avid fan for many years, the prospect of having the Star Trek exhibit here at MOSI prompted Alvin to assume the role of "Captain" of our version of the Starship Enterprise. Alvin diligently shared his time in the set-up of this fascinating exhibit. Alvin also assisted in training the volunteer staff with the science facts behind the science fiction that were presented in a hands-on fashion. During the course of the exhibit, Alvin reported for at least two four hour shifts per week in "STAR TREK: Federation Science."

Alvin has always been very focused on customer service, and especially takes his time to explain our exhibits to our guests. He excels with younger children, and they seem drawn to him as well.

We are proud to have the services of Alvin Dozier as he continues his involvement with MOSI as an usher in our new MOSIMAX theater.

Sincerely,
Patricia Robison MOST Volunteer Coordinator
4801 East Fowler Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33617-2099



INTERNATIONAL FLEET

STARFLEET Around The World

Captain Paul Reid, International Director

New Canadian Substation Created!

By Fleet Captain Pam Boyer

Hello. Greetings from the newly established Canadian Sub-Station of STARFLEET! This is a brand-new office that has just been established in order to help with the distribution of *Communiqués*, membership packages, and vouchers to Canadian STARFLEET members. In the past it has seemed to us, here in the Great White North, that we receive our 'Fleet materials well after the rest of the 'Fleet members in the States. In order to remedy that situation, and to help out the administration, which has had to try and deal with a huge explosion in membership numbers, I proposed the idea of a Canadian HQ sometime last year. After a lot of thought, and some feasibility studies, the administration decided to give it a try. So far, it seems to be working out very well. I have received two shipments, one of *Communiqués*, and one of membership packages, and have been able to distribute them both without too much trouble. I have even had word that they arrived at their intended destinations!

The other job of the sub-station is to offer STARFLEET vouchers for sale in Canadian funds, but at the current exchange rate. This really helps the Canadian members because they don't all have to get money orders, send away for vouchers, pay the postage costs, and wait for weeks. They can now buy the vouchers directly from me, with the cash they have on hand. This program has been very successful. In only two months of operation, I have already sold 71 vouchers! This is more vouchers than I have ever dealt with in five and a half years as the *Astra* CO!

My long-term goal for the sub-station is to eventually establish a Canadian bank account, and a process by which the membership packages can be printed and distributed from a central location within Canada, and not have to rely on the US HQ for these items. The idea is not to usurp control from the elected HQ, but to help them with the timely distribution of 'Fleet materials to Canadian members. Comments and questions from all 'Fleet members are welcome, and can be addressed to the Sub-Station address below, or to <bowyerp@cuug.ab.ca>. FCapt. Pam Bowyer Canadian Sub-Station, STARFLEET 433-30th Ave N.W. Calgary, AB T2M 2N5

STARFLEET Wedding in Region 7

By Commodore Bob Vosseller, Region 7 Coordinator

Officers of the *USS Avenger*, *USS Thagard* & *USS Challenger* came together to share the nuptials of two very special STARFLEET officers in Region 7 on December 16th. I was honored to be among those on the guest list.

I've attended, presided over and have been part of many STARFLEET weddings and real-life weddings involving STARFLEET members in my time. The wedding of *USS Avenger* Communications Chief Mike Klufas and *USS Thagard* Communications Officer and Region 7 RDC Officer Kristine Regan fell into the latter of those two categories.

Seeing as how it was a union of two officers from 2 different ships who are well known to many within Region 7, it wasn't surprising that their invitation list included so many STARFLEET people.

While the threat of heavy snow diminished early in the day, *USS Challenger* Security Chief & RDC Security Officer Pat Comune and I caught up with my lovely imzadi Emily Ford (who had left my place earlier in the morning) at her place in Southern New Jersey and

proceeded with our journey into Philadelphia to locate the church where the special event was to take place.

Vice Regional Coordinator/*Challenger* XO FCapt Mike Smith, perhaps aware of Emily and my remarkable directional skills was on the look out for us when we arrived and was stunned by our early arrival. (Oh ye of little faith.) Pat had hoped to have had his gun (or at least a phaser) with him as we traveled through Market Street in Philly but alas our journey was without incident. The ceremony was beautiful and being the shutterbug that I am, several photos were taken.

The reception followed and boy was there plenty to eat, drink and enjoy. There was much dancing and the groom and bride looked as if they just stepped off a wedding cake, they looked that good. The groom commented while hugging a wedding guest, "I thought I'd cry when I saw how beautiful Kris looked in her gown." The entire wedding part also looked fantastic.

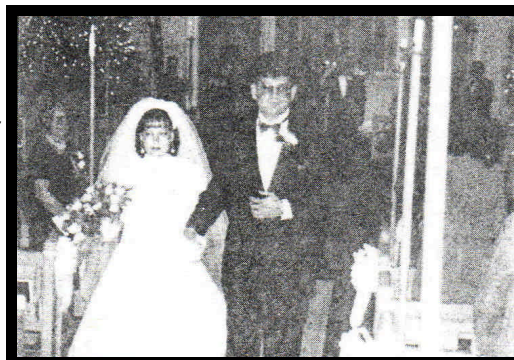


Photo by Commodore Bob Vosseller

USS Avenger Communications Officer Mike Klufas and *USS Thagard* Communications Officer Kristine Klufas begin their walk down the aisle after becoming husband and wife during a special ceremony widely attended by officers of STARFLEET, Region 7.

Former RC and *USS Avenger* CO Admiral Alex Rosenzweig was the best man while *USS Thagard* Science Officer Rhonda Greene was the Maid of Honor. Other *Avengers* and *Thagard*

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STARFLEET FOCUS

"Conception, Gestation and Birth of a STARFLEET Chapter" The Commissioning of the USS Edgar D. Mitchell By Commander Les Rickard, Executive Officer

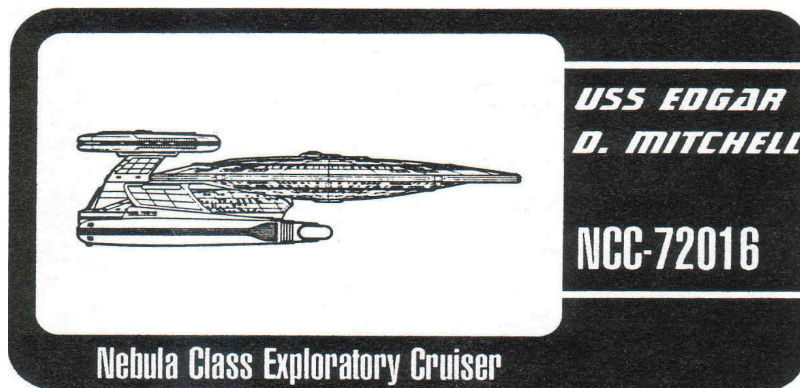
CONCEPTION

Well this story begins late last year when I ran into a mutual friend of my current CO, Capt. Keith Brinegar. He told me that my old friend had moved to Thomasville NC, which just happens to be where I am a City Police Officer. Shortly thereafter I stopped in at his apartment where he and his wife (newlyweds, nonetheless) lived. When I rang the door bell Keith answered and found a Thomasville Police Officer standing at his door. The first words out of my mouth were, "Mr. Brinegar, I have a Warrant for your arrest." It took my fearless CO a moment to get over the sudden shock before he realized who it was. A few moments later we were playing catch up and talking about old times while I took my meal break.

At the time, Keith was the CO of the USS *Aristarchus* in Asheboro, NC. But his increased distance to the chapter upon moving to Thomasville was a concern to him. Over the next several weeks the concept of a shuttle and eventual chapter in the Davidson County area was bantered around. It seems that a number of the younger people in the area had expressed an interest in starting some type of group in Davidson County. They wanted to have something of their own that they could look at and know they accomplished. We arranged to hold several organizational meetings in the area to gauge the interest.

Now I am still not quite sure how I got placed (roped?) into the job of First Officer. All I

were students of Thomasville High School and some members of the Scarlet Regiment Marching Band. The group decided we should call ourselves the Shuttle *Regiment*. And thus what would eventually become the USS Edgar D. Mitchell was conceived.



GESTATION

Now the *Regiment* really began its gestation period late in 1994 with the beginning of the first organizational meeting. However, the Skipper and I thought it best to hold at least three Monthly Organizational Meetings before submitting a request to become an Active Shuttle. This allowed us to do several things. First, as I mentioned earlier, we were able to gauge how much sincere interest there was in forming a Davidson County Chapter of STARFLEET. Second, discuss the idea of forming a Shuttle in



Mitchell's XO and CO relaxing while awaiting the next Command Shuttle to the World Series (Go Braves!)

Davidson County with other Chapter CO's and its impact on those other Chapters. We were able to show that we all are "just one big, happy fleet."

This also allowed us to determine which Chapter to Shuttle from.

In late 1994 Keith left the USS *Aristarchus* in the capable hands of his then XO, Capt. Richie Boyd. This allowed he

and I to pursue the formation of the Shuttle Regiment. One function that showed us that there was interest in the area, was the opening of Star Trek: Generations. We signed on a couple of new members from that and it gave us some good public exposure. Soon after that the *Aristarchus* became the USS *Dark Star* and Captain Boyd offered to be the new shuttle's Support Ship. Which we gladly accepted. After determining that the support was there we officially applied for Shuttle Status in early February 1995. Then we began one of the hardest part of this journey to Chapter Status, the wait for the shuttle paperwork to return.

On March 26, 1995 it was official. The Shuttle *Regiment*, NCC-61801/01 was launched from the Shuttle Bay of the *Dark Star*. The journey

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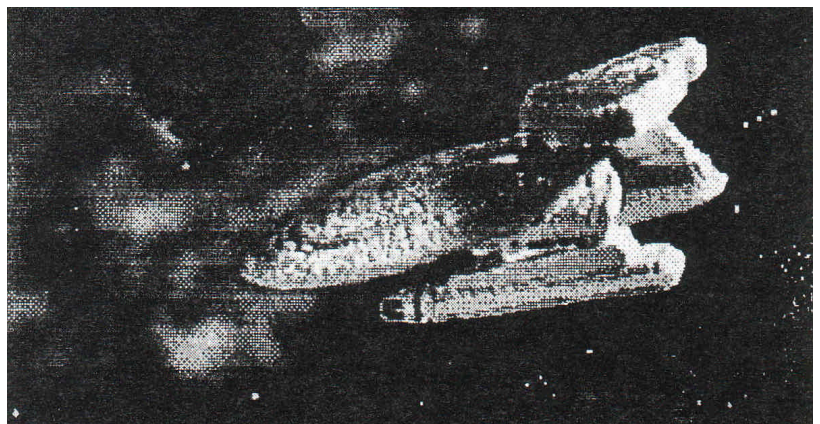


STARFLEET Inspector General, Jack Hopkins holding our fearless leader while Admiral Cindy Krell gives the traditional "christening" at our Commissioning celebration in Pancho's

remember is when we started out holding these interest meetings it was obvious that Keith was going to be the CO. Of course he was going to need an XO, but I was to wrapped up in putting together flyers and other items to really notice that I was doing the job of the XO. When the time came to hold the meetings I was introduced as the pre-shuttle's First Officer by Keith. A number of the young men and women

Right: USS *Mitchell* on approach to a recently discovered planet in Region One.

Long Range Scan by Mike Wilkerson



ENGINEERING CORNER

Why Two Warp Nacelles Are Better Than Three

By Rear Admiral Chris Wallace, Engineering Editor

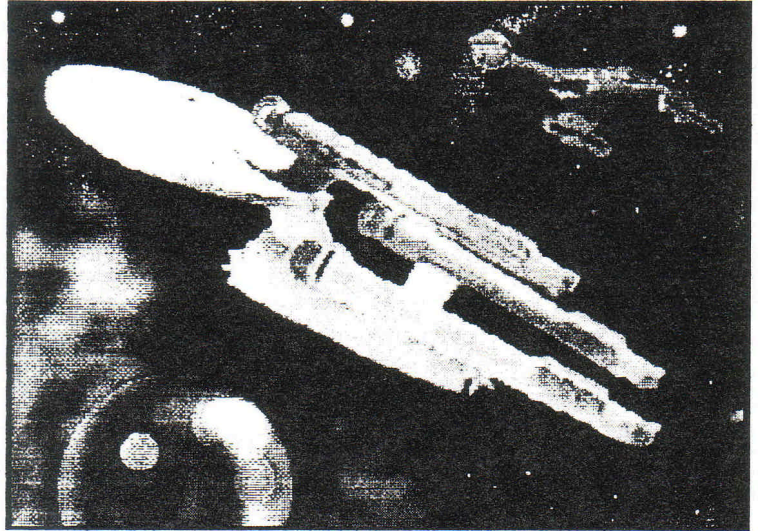
For most of its history, Starfleet vessels have been fitted with two warp nacelles, with single nacelles being much less common. Certain "heavy" vessels, mainly the dreadnoughts, have employed three nacelles, and we have even seen some four-nacelled designs over the past century.

Why do Federation starship designers seem "stuck" on two nacelles? Efficiency. Two nacelles create the optimum balance of power generation and vehicle control. By altering the timing differences of each nacelle, the warp field geometry can be varied on the X/Y-axis, thereby altering the ship's heading. Single nacelle vessels require advanced field-control systems to perform these maneuvers, and only the smallest ships (such as scouts) use a single nacelle, since the cost of the control system is smaller than using two nacelles. Still, this is a rare case, and by the late 2200's, most single nacelle designs incorporated two nacelles mounted side-by-side.

After the Romulan and Klingon wars, Starfleet began development of the dreadnought class of starships to provide a high-speed weapons platform. To reduce costs and speed introduction, rather than designing an entire new class of vessels, Starfleet decided to modify the Constitution class heavy cruiser. Additional phaser emplacements were added and, to increase speed, a third PB-31 warp nacelle was grafted to the top of the primary hull and the Federation class dreadnought was born. Though this required extensive modification to the impulse engines and required the moving of Main Engineering from that location to its present location in the secondary hull, it did raise the top speed of the vessel by two full warp factors and total ship's power by an additional 20%. However, the consumption rate of reactants rose almost 35%. The ship's handling characteristics were worsened, but this was deemed acceptable as the mission

objectives were to keep the ship docked at Starbase until the start of hostilities. The dreadnought would then deploy to the trouble spot and engage the enemy forces in conjunction with smaller, more maneuverable vessels, acting as a "gun platform". These vessels never saw their intended service, but their deterrent effect helped contribute to that.

With the introduction of new and improved starship designs by the Klingon and Romulan Empires, Starfleet decided to upgrade the Federation class dreadnoughts to the technology and systems employed on the new Enterprise class of heavy cruisers. The dorsal section was lengthened to better integrate the LN-64 nacelle mounted there, without sacrificing impulse design or efficiency. The original mounting design of the side-mounted LN-64 nacelles was the same as that for the Enterprise class, but this was scrapped when the shaft design was found to interfere with the hangar bay. A new design, with the shafts mounted flush to the top of the secondary hull and with a direct horizontal feed from one

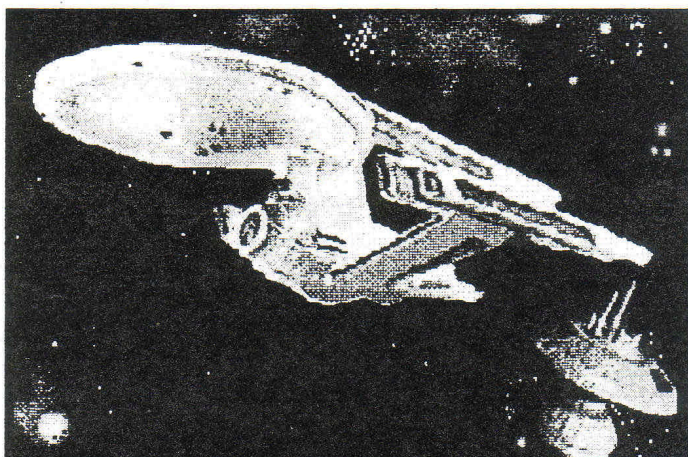


USS Directorate, NCC-2110, one of the original Federation class Dreadnoughts, confronts a Klingon D-7 Battlecruiser near Axanar.
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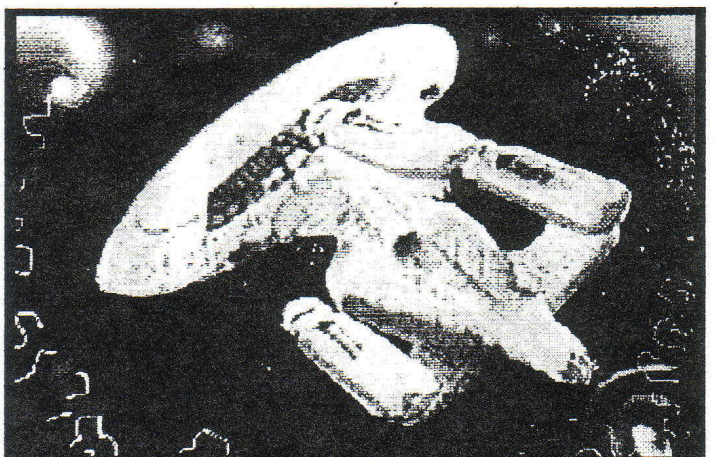
nacelle to the other. An added benefit of this arrangement appeared during design modeling, since it made the warp field more triangular, providing better X/Y/Z-axis control. Improvements in warp design increased power to 135% of that of the Enterprise class, though reactant consumption also rose, now to 145%. A second class of dreadnoughts, the Ascension, was also created, using the Belknap class cruiser as its model.

Four nacelles did not enter Fleet service until the commissioning of the Constellation class exploratory cruiser. These vessels were

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Left: USS Hexum, NCC-2199, Ascension class on maneuvers out of the new orbital facilities over Starbase 12. Right: USS Vindicator, NCC-23911. Olympus class Dreadnought (medical refit) exploring a nebula on the periphery of Federation space
Long Range Scan by Mike Wilkerson



Engineering

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designed to operate on the extreme edge of Federation space for mission periods exceeding ten years or more. As repair facilities would be few and far between, it was decided to use four LN-68 nacelles to provide both reduce the stress on the warp system as a whole, and to provide both spare parts and, if necessary, a "backup" set of warp nacelles in the event of a severe systems failure in the warp propulsion system. This design, while inelegant, was functional and a number of ships were built. Total power was 170% and reactants consumption was 185% of a comparable vessel with two nacelles. Since the Constellation class was somewhat unique in its mission design objectives, it was also unique in being the only four-nacelle vessel built.

In the late 2300's, the arise of more Threat elements against the Federation once again brought the call for vessels with more than two nacelles. Once again, a third nacelle was grafted to a cruiser, in this case, the Galaxy class, and the Olympus class dreadnought was born. The Starfleet Corps of Engineers, in a guerrilla war worthy of the Maquis, finally rammed through a new four-nacelle design, the USS *Peacekeeper* diplomatic cruiser, again based on the Galaxy class.

The ASDB is generally against vessels with more than two nacelles, siting the new LN-81 B series which, when mounted on the Galaxy (II) class large exploratory cruiser, raised its top speed to within 10% of the Olympus, while using half as much reactants. Therefore, it is unlikely we will see any more three or more nacelle designs in the near future.

Charlie Dierkop, Julie Pro, Phillip Pine and Beverly Washburn

JD Productions' Star Trek/Star Ware Collectible Show 9510.21/22 in Cherry Hill, New Jersey

By Hartriono Sastrowardoyo
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Julie began the talk by saying that she was in the 11th episode, "The Menagerie," as Miss Piper, the aide to Commodore Mendez. "Who knew it was going to be such a phenomenon?" she asked, and not knowing, didn't save anything from the show.

Phillip, who was Colonel Green in "The Savage Curtain," saw that Star Trek was unique even in its earliest days. When Gene Roddenberry came to look at a house Phillip was selling, he told Gene, "I want to do your show." Why Star Trek? Phillip liked everything Gene did with it. He thought Gene was an intelligent writer, one that was best at telling human morality plays and making them seem more a way of life rather than being preachy. Phillip claimed to be "tickled pink" about his appearance in Star Trek.

Beverly, who was in "The Deadly Years," playing Lt. Arlene Galway, had the most makeup of the four, since the plot of the episode involved her character aging and then dying in Kirk's arms. She most remembers the auditioner asking if she was claustrophobic and

then the makeup as the reason why! Beverly was fit with a mold to cast her face and hands. The hands alone took an hour to do, and she wore the makeup appliance for 4 1/2 hours a day. Of the experience, she says, "It was not glamorous, but it was a lot of fun."

Charlie, Morla from "Wolf in the Fold," remembers Gene being quite unassuming and was pleased to have met him. He met Gene earlier when he did a Western pilot with Rip Torn. He was talking with a person whom he thought was a grip or other set worker when it was actually Gene, who was the producer of the pilot!

All four had done other work aside from Star Trek, but how do they feel for being recognized for their appearance on the show? Julie felt that it was a wonderful experience and that it made one feel really good. Beverly echoed that it was flattering, that she considered it the nicest compliment, and that it was a validation for everything that she had done. Charlie said that he would keep going to cons and keep signing autographs, while Phillip enjoyed meeting people who came to connect with someone who enjoyed that actor's one particular moment.

As for the future, Julie, who is a counselor at a shelter for battered women and a writer, still wants to audition. Beverly is now a massage therapist but misses acting and wants to get back in it. Both said that they would like to do cameos on a future episode of Star Trek, although Beverly remarked that her character would have to come back from the dead! In agreement with them, Charlie and Phillip said they would like to reprise their roles, with Charlie joking that now he would have to play Morla's grandfather! He also joked that perhaps he should play Colonel Green now.

With the success of Star Trek, the Star Trek universe can certainly accommodate a return of these four back into Star Trek. Julie's co-star Malachi Throne making a foray into the Next Generation not as Commodore Mendez but as the Romulan Senator Pardek, certainly proves this is possible.

Shiloh

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in. This would later be paled in comparison by other battles such as Gettysburg and Fredricksburg.

In a bold move the crew adopted two monuments. They are the granite monument in honor of the 15th U.S. Infantry, Army of the Ohio, and a granite "tree stump" originally a tree that soldiers had carved the name of J.D. Putnum, Co. F, 14th Wisconsin Volunteers who was killed on that spot and buried there. He was later reburied in the national cemetery.

The gesture by the crew of the *Shiloh* will help the park with the cleaning and maintenance on the two monuments that would otherwise would have gone without. "This fits our motto 'To Learn From the Past in Order to Seek the Future'," *Shiloh* Second Officer, Ensign Peggy Ridgeway commented.

Chief Operations Officer, Ensign Timothy Raines added, "This is important to the shuttle and the community as a whole. To show that we care about our past by continued care of historical artifacts means a great deal to the area we serve."

Selection of the park as a community project came after shuttle CO, Commander Jeff Higdon, read of the possibility that congress was going to cut funding or even close parks and monuments that have a yearly budget of less than 1 million dollars. Shiloh NMP, which reported their budget to be less than \$700,000, was automatically on the hit list, which includes such monuments as the Washington

Monument. Higdon then contacted the park and was put in communication with NPS Ranger Brian McCutchen, the head of the "Adopt-a-Monument" program who sent a letter outlining the different ways that the shuttle could help the park.

A portion of the crew took a trip out to Shiloh NMP on September 2 in order to get a first hand look at the monuments and other sites. Members who took the tour were Cmdr. Higdon, Lt.Cmdr. Karen Higdon (XO), Ens. Ridgeway, Ens. Raines, POR Levi Morgan (Recruiting Officer), Ens. Chris Higdon (Deputy Security Officer) and PO1 Emily Higdon (Yeoman). During the tour the group stopped at the George Maness Cabin, the only existing structure to witness the battle, as well as a visit to the "Bloody Pond," where the wounded and dying went to clean their wounds. It was said that the waters turned red with the blood of the soldiers. Water from the Bloody Pond was gathered for the purpose of using during the commissioning ceremonies when the *Shiloh* becomes a full starship. After the tour, the crew adjourned to the picnic area and had a barbecue.

On September 16, McCutchen addressed the regular meeting of the *Shiloh* when it was decided to be a part of the "Adopt-a-Monument" program. On October 21 the officers and crew selected the two memorials from a selection of nine different monuments.

To help Shiloh National Military Park or any park who might be under the axe, please write your Congressman or U.S. Senator on the importance of keeping such historical artifacts from becoming another development or amusement park.

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Never make fun of a
Ferengi's Mother



The 49th Rule of
Acquisition



Trek Bit
Watch for
the "Klingon
Book of Virtues"
rumored ready for
release in March. A
compilation of proverbs
& quotes authored by
Marc Okrand- it's
sure to be a big hit!



Upcoming Events

Pro and Fan Cons, Regional & Chapter Functions

The validity of the following information on conventions has not been verified by the Communiqué. Before attending, please contact the convention with the information provided below for the most part current information. STARFLEET and the Communiqué do not endorse any of the conventions listed below. This list is provided for your convenience and is intended to be used for informational purposes only. To have your event included, send the information to Communiqué at the address in the front of this publication, at least 60 days in advance.

March 29-31, 1996, BabelCon1, New Kensington Days Inn, New Kensington PA. Write: M. Andrews, 440 Lois Drive, Pittsburgh PA 15236. Call: (412) 481-1964 (general information), (412) 431-7681 (Damien Burmeister, for table information) **This is the convention for the STARFLEET Marine Corps AND the Region 7 Summit!** Don't miss it! Send your e-mail to: Babelcon 1 @aol.com

March 30-31, 1996, Trek-Con '96, Ramada Inn, Norwich CT. Guests: Nichelle Nichols, Walter Koenig, James Doohan, George Takei. E-mail: ceschildt@aol.com, Call: (860) 437-4884. Web site: <http://www.mindport.net/~paul1716/trekcon.html>

March 30-31 1996, NOVACon IV, Westpark Hotel, Tyson's Corner VA. Guests: Robert Picardo, Grace Lee Whitney. Call: (703) 280-5373

April 12-14, 1996, Phoenix 1, South Portland Marriott Hotel, South Portland ME. Guest: Barbara March. Write: Phoenix Productions, P.O. Box 496, Biddeford ME 04005. Attn: David Harmon, E-mail: dharmon@aol.com

April 12-14, 1996, Vulkan*, St. Petersburg Hilton, St. Petersburg FL. Guests: Garrett Wang, Jennifer Lien.

April 12-14, 1996, Trekstock '96, Springdale, AR. **STARFLEET Region 12 Summit**. Northwest Arkansas Convention Center at the Holiday Inn, Springdale, Arkansas. For more info send SASE to: Carl Johnson, Summit Coordinator, 697 Betty Jo Drive, Fayetteville, AR 72701. E-mail to: Modmkr12@aol.com.

April 13, 1996, Creation Convention**, Bayside Expo, Boston MA. Guests: John de Lancie, Armin Shimerman, Robert Duncan McNeill, Majel Barrett Roddenberry.

April 19-21, 1996, Creation Convention** (Grand Slam) Pasadena Center, Pasadena CA. Guests: Brent Spiner, Jonathan Frakes, Michael Dorn, Terry Farrell, Majel Barrett Roddenberry, Roxann Biggs-Dawson, Jennifer Lien, Robert Duncan McNeill, Robert Picardo, Aron Eisenberg, Max Grodenchik, Garrett Wang, John de Lancie, Armin Shimerman, Andrew Robinson, Tim Russ, Robert Bettran.

April 26-28, 1996, F.A.N. (Fleet Academy North) STARFLEET Region 13 Regional Conference, Holiday Inn Yorkdale, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Guests: D.C. Fontana, Bjo Trimble. Write: c/o Georgina Miles, 26 Doddington Drive, Etobicoke, Ontario M8Y-1 S4. E-Mail: bru@io.org, Call: (416) 588-3817. World Wide Web site: <http://www.io.org/~bru>

May 10-12, 1996, ROC of AGE's '96, Sheraton Airport Plaza, Charlotte NC. Guest: James Doohan. Write: GOTH, 105 Honeywood Ct., Kissimmee FL 34743. Call: (407) 344-3010

May 11-12, 1996, For the Kids, Sheraton Inn, Charlottesville VA. Guests: Majel Barrett-Roddenberry, Mark Lenard, Larry & Janet Nemecek, A.C. Crispin, Christie Golden. Write: For the Kids, PO Box 123, Quince, VA 22965. E-mail: rsandridge@aol.com or rws@virginia.edu, Call: (800) 263-6404

May 17-19, 1996, Fan-Tastic Voyage, Quality Inn, Waco, TX. **STARFLEET Region 3 Conference**. Operation: Lintum, STARFLEET R3 Poker Tourney. Panels include: costuming, make-up & appliances, amateur astronomy, laser demo, etc. Featuring Region, 3's now-traditional Counselor's Corner (a chocolate feast, named after Counselor Troi), charity auction, and a banquet and pool party Saturday night. For info send SASE to: Becky Thane, c/o P.O. Box 8440, Waco, TX, 76714. E-mail to BeckyThane@aol.com

June 15-22, 1996, CRUISE TREK '96: The Caribbean Exploration Aboard the Carnival ship Fascination from San Juan to St. Thomas, Guadeloupe, Grenada, LaGuaira/Caracus & Aruba. Guests: Tim Russ, Roxann Biggs-Dawson, John de Lancie, Eric Menyuk, Karen Westerfield, Eric Stillwell, Garrett Wang. Write: Cruise Trek, PO Box 2038, Augora Hills CA 91376-2038. (include SASE) E-mail: cruisetrek@aol.com, Call: (818) 597-2940. World Wide Web site: <http://home.aol.com/CruiseTrek>

June 22-23, 1996, VISICON, Dublin City University, Dublin/Ireland. Guests: Nana Visitor, Robert Picardo. Write: VISICON, PO Box 1996, Dublin 14. E-mail: mailserv@team400.ie (with SEND VISICON.INFO on one line in the body of the E-mail, for basic announcement information), mailserv@team400.ie (with SEND VISICON.UPDATE on one line in the body of the E-mail, for changes and updates, guest stars, program info), visicon-admin@team400.ie (for other inquiries)

July 5-7, 1996, RebelCon, Holiday Inn, Taunton MA. Guests: Margaret Wander Bonanno, James Sloyan. Write: RebelCon, 10 Rankin Street, Worcester MA 01605. E-mail: rebelcon@aol.com, Call: (800) 99-REBEL.

July 27-28, 1996, NovaCon, Westpark Hotel, Tyson's Corner VA. Guest: Alexander Siddig. Write: NovaCon, P.O. Box 3363, Merrifield VA 22116. E-Mail: NOVACon@juno.com

August 2-4, 1996, FantastiCon, Airport Hilton & Towers, Los Angeles CA. Guests: William Campbell (host), Michael Ansara, Rene Auberjonois, Roxann Biggs-Dawson, Bruce Boxleitner, Avery Brooks, John Colicos, Robin Curtis, James Doohan, Michael Dorn, Terry Farrell, Max Grodenchik, DeForest Kelley, Peter Jurasik, Walter Koenig, John deLancie, Roddy McDowell, Robert Duncan McNeill, Colm Meaney, Nichelle Nichols, Leonard Nimoy, Robert O'Reilly, Ethan Phillips, Robert Picardo, Tim Russ, George Takei, William Shatner, Marina Sirtis, Armin Shimerman, Nana Visitor, Garrett Wang (all are pledged to appear- barring professional conflicts). Write: FantastiCon, PO Box 821673, South Florida FL 33082-1673 (include large SASE).

August 3-4, 1996, Creation Convention** (30th Anniversary Star Trek Convention), Masonic Center, San Francisco CA. Guests: John de Lancie, Michael Dorn, Armin Shimerman.

August 3-4, 1996, Creation Convention**, Convention Center, Minneapolis MN. Guest: William Shatner (tentative as of 12/95).

August 29-Sept 2, 1996, L.A. con III, Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, CA. Guests: James White, Roger Corman, Elsie Wollheim. **Site of the 1996 World Science Fiction Convention!** Write: SCIFI, PO Box 8442, Van Nuys, CA 91409. E-mail to: iacon3-info@netcom.com.

August 30 -Sept 1, 1996, Armada '96, Oklahoma City, OK. STARFLEET International Conference.



For information on any Vulkan or Creation Conventions contact:

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****Creation**, 411 North Central Avenue, Suite 300, Glendale CA 91203. (include SASE) Call: (818) 409-0960 (9-3 Pacific time)

Regional Summaries

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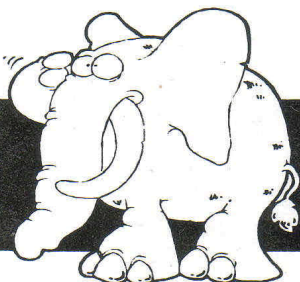


Ships of the First Fleet

USS Alacrity, NCC-1581	Memphis, TN	USS Jurassic, NCC-3500	Hammersville, OH
USS Alaric, NCC-503	Asheville, NC	USS Khitomer, NCC-61812	Evansville, IN
USS Appalachian, NCC-3181	Gray, TN	USS Kitty Hawk, NCC-1659	Raleigh, NC
USS Aries, NCC-71806	Johnson City, TN	USS Lagrange, NCC-3916	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
USS Arizona, NCC-71839	Ciinton, OH	USS LeConte, NCC-61858	Gaitlinburg, TN
USS Best Destiny, NCC-71828	Lexington, KY	USS Leif Ericson, NCC-71818	Summerville, SC
USS Bonaventure, NCC-102A	Greensboro, NC	USS Lynx, NCC4495A	Fort Bragg, NC
USS Cape Fear, NCC-61810	Winnabow, NC	USS Maat, NCC-1794A	Virginia Beach, VA
USS Celestial Dragon, NCC-71810	Boone, NC	USS Nighthawk, NCC-2301	Richmond, VA
USS Charleston, NCC-71813	Charleston, SC	Station Nikola Tesla, NCC-SS005	Murray, KY
USS Chesapeake, NCC-1887	Richmond, VA	USS Pathfinder, NCC-22121	Roanoke, VA
USS Chronos, NCC-26298	Beckley, WV	USS Powhatan, NCC-1967	Chesapeake, VA
USS Columbia, NCC-621	Wooster, OH	USS Questar, NCC-435	Louisville, KY
USS Columbus, NCC-2006	Columbus, OH	USS Renegade, NCC-2547	Youngstown, OH
USS Constellation, NCC-1728	Paducah, KY	USS Richmond, NCC-2003	Covington, VA
USS Cu'chulainn, NCC-1902A	Terra Haute, IN	USS Ronald E. McNair, NCC-61806	Columbia, SC
USS Dark Star, NCC-61801	Liberty, NC	USS Rutledge, NCC-57295A	Ladson, SC
USS Dilemma, NCC-1541	Harrisonburg, VA	USS Star League, NCC-2101	North Augusta, SC
USS Edgar D. Mitchell, NCC-72016	Thomasville, NC	USS Starward Fury, NCC-2122	Fayetteville, NC
USS Freedom, NCC-71817	Lillington, NC	USS Stonewall Jackson, NCC-71814	Monroe, NC
USS Galactica, NCC-31093	London, KY	USS Tempest, NCC-1566	Charlottesville, VA
USS Hawkeye, NCC-4950	Winston-Salem, NC	USS Tristar, NCC-71829	Knoxville, TN
USS Heimdal, NCC-1793	Madison Heights, VA	USS Tycho, NCC-59325	Fremont, OH
USS Hornet, NCC-1714	Charlotte, NC	USS Wasp, NCC-1721	Bristol, VA
USS Imladris, NCC-3791	Lexington, KY	USS West Virginia, NCC-2008	Scott Depot, WV
USS Imperial Star, NCC-2551	Carey, NC	USS White Eagle, NCC-2302	Midway Park, NC
USS Intrepid, NCC-73501	Kingsport, TN	USS Yeager, NCC-61893	Bluefield, WV
USS Jamestown, NCC-1843D	Newport News, VA	USS Yorktown, NCC-1704	York, SC
USS John B. McKay, NCC61593	Blacksburg, VA		

Shuttles of the First Fleet

Shuttle Athena, NCC-71811/2	Reston, VA	Shuttle Nathan James, NCC-71806/	Grey, TN
Shuttle Bounty, NCC-1728/6	Nashville, TN	Shuttle Providence, NCC-1881/03	Jackson, TN
Shuttle Lewis B. Puller, NCC-71813/	Summerville, SC	Shuttle Sekhmet, NCC-1881/01	Millington, TN
Shuttle Lonestar, NCC-1793/10	Lexington, KY	Shuttle Shiloh, NCC-1881/4	Henderson, TB
Shuttle Mark Twain, NCC-1881/2	University of Memphis, TN		

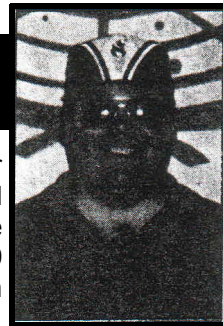


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Ships of the Second Fleet

USS Chung Fu, NCC-61808
USS Confederate, NCC-2042
USS Continuum, NCC-71821
Dark Silence Station, NCC-
USS Dragonfire, NCC-2007
USS Encounter, NCC-2164
USS Excalibur, NCC-1705
USS Guardian, NCC-26244
USS Hawking, NCC-24162
USS Hephaestus, NCC-2004
USS Indestructable, NCC-2017
USS Khai Tam, NCC-81000
USS Macleod, NCC-10524A
USS Magellan, NCC-74673

Pensacola, FL
Laurel, MS
Pensacola, FL
Florence, AL
Fort Meyers, FL
Panama City, FL
Jacksonville, FL
Satellite Beach, FL
Lake Worth, FL
Birmingham, FL
Gordon, GA
Tallahassee, FL
Jonesboro, GA
Savannah, GA

USS Millenium, NCC-2081

USS Odyssey, NCC-454A
USS Paegan, NCC-1755
USS Phoenix, NCC-65420
USS Republic, NCC-1371
USS Royal Sovereign, NCC-1674
USS Savannah, NCC-1894A
USS Star Union, NCC-2112
USS Starquest, NCC-71804
USS Trident, NCC-74692
USS Triumph, NCC-26228
USS Wernher von Braun, NCC-72069
USS Yamato, NCC-71807

Tampa, FL
Hattiesburg, MS
Winter Park, FL
Kissimmee, FL
Snellville, GA
Orange Park, FL
Guyton, GA
Montgomery, AL
Naples, FL
Stuart, FL
Miami, FL
Huntsville, AL
Pinson, AL

Shuttles of the Second Fleet

Shuttle DaVinci, NCC59324/02
Shuttle Durenal, NCC-2112/01
Shuttle Falken, NCC-2101/04
Shuttle Haise, NCC-454/04

Columbus, GA
Troy, AL
Harlem, GA
Ridgeland, MS

Shuttle Merrimac, NCC-81000/01
Shuttle Okatoma, NCC-454/05
Shuttle Starplotte, NCC454/03

Holly Hill, FL
Collins, MS

Region Three



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During September at Stellar Occasions 11 on the 23rd, members from the U.S.S. Asian (host chapter), U.S.S. Comanche, Space Station Freedom III, U.S.S. Infinity, U.S.S. Kepler, Shuttle Quanah Parker, and the U.S.S. Rhyanna participated in our First Annual Gold Press Latinum Tournament to help raise money for the Region. The winner of the tournament was the Shuttle Quanah Parker. On the 29th of September members from the U.S.S. Aurora Vulcanus, U.S.S. Bexar, Space Station Freedom III, U.S.S. Intangible, U.S.S. Kepler, U.S.S. Rhyanna, and the U.S.S. Texas (host chapter) participated in the Annual trip to the NASA Space Center in Houston Texas. At the NASA trip chapters competed to see who could land the Space Shuttle successfully. The winning chapter at this Region 3 Parsi Squares event was the U.S.S. Intangible. Members attended a Creation Convention in Dallas, Texas at Fair Park on November 4th featuring Jonathan Frakes and Robert Picardo. During December various chapters hosted Christmas Parties and celebrated the coming of the New Year.

Ships of the Third Fleet

USS Aslan, NCC-8491
USS Aurora Vulcanus, NCC-1888
USS Bexar, NCC-71718
USS Brissany, NCC-1904A
USS Comanche, NCC-71809
Station Freedom III, NCC-SS001
USS Gagarin, NCC-630
USS Infinity, NCC-661
USS Intangible, NCC-65421
USS Joan of Arc, NCC-10522

Watauga, TX
Houston, TX
San Antonio, TX
Shreveport, LA
Fort Worth, TX
Benbrook, TX
Plano, TX
Waco, TX
College Station, TX
Mathis, TX

USS Kepler, NCC-59324
USS Lancelot, NCC-13982
USS Rhyanna, NCC-1892
USS Sagittarius, NCC-9755
USS Storm Bird, NCC-KL8501
USS Tejas, NCC-9756
USS Texas, NCC-23302
USS Trouncer, NCC-2553
USS Vindicator, NCC-23911
USS Wolverine, NCC-23914

Killeen TX
Arlington, TX
Austin, TX
Garland, TX
Dallas, TX
Vernon, TX
Houston, TX
Texarkana, TX
Denton, TX
Gainesville, TX

Shuttles of the Third Fleet

Shuttle Camelot, NCC-71718/01
Shuttle Dallas, NCC-3700/10
Shuttle Enigma, NCC-59324/01
Shuttle Fearless, NCC-23911/02
Shuttle Palo Duro, NCC-9756/01

Austin, TX
Dallas, TX
Shreveport, LA
Odessa, TX
Amarillo, TX

Shuttle Quanah Parker, NCC-71809/03
Shuttle Samurai, NCC-13982/03
Shuttle Tai Shan, NCC-13892/05
Shuttle Victory, NCC-1892102

Lubbock, TX
Longview, TX
New Boston, TX
San Antonio, TX



Region Four

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Greetings from Region IV HQ. The past month has been full of excitement and was the beginning of some long term projects. Region IV hosted Fleet Admiral McGinnis at a party in November. The party was hosted by Region IV, USS PeaceKeeper, USS Constar, Shuttle Maht Kah, and the flight team Sierra. Nine Chapters were represented including the K'Ehleyr Station from Las Vegas, along with the VRC East, Capt. Richard Benker. The Regional Starfleet recruitment drive is starting off great and we are planning a Regional charity event. The USS Siminov and Oberon have been keeping busy in Region IV North and have attended some conventions. The USS Miramar is going strong in Region IV South and are working hard for the Fleet. Region IV welcomes the USS Matrix NCC-2296. They recently relocated to Region IV from Region 12. Great to have you! The USS Eagle is hanging in there and is rebuilding. We are proud to see her come such a long way. They are still fighting for their name and NCC#. The USS Northern Lights is going strong. They recently helped in a telethon on one of their local TV stations. Region IV is back!

Ships of the Fourth Fleet

USS Alliance, NCC-2113
Cascade Station, NCC-SS003
USS Constar, NCC-71827
USS Constitution, NCC-1700
USS Gallant, NCC-1869
USS Golden Gate, NCC-2562
USS Harrier, NCC-2295
USS Harry Benjamin, NCC-30285
USS Highroller, NCC-23103
K'Ehleyr Station, NCC-SS009
USS Miramar, NCC-2210
Mystere Station, NCC-SS008

Los Angeles, CA
Shasta Lake, CA
Visalia, CA
Visalia, CA
Fresno, CA
San Francisco, CA
Richmond, CA
San Francisco, CA
Sun Valley, NV
Las Vegas, NV
San Diego, CA
Las Vegas, NV

USS Northern Lights, NCC-27001
USS Notorious, NCC-61811
USS Oberon, NCC-71820
USS Onizuka, NCC-71815
Pacifica Station, NCC-SS004
USS Palavra, NCC-2021
USS PeaceKeeper, NCC-73200
USS Shadow Guard, NCC-23105
USS Simonov, NCC-2002
USS Tikopai, NCC-1800
USS Trieste, NCC-1994

San Jose, CA
Santa Barbara, CA
Citrus Heights, CA
Chico, CA
San Francisco, CA
San Diego, CA
Visalia, CA
Hanford, CA
Fairfield, CA
San Jose, CA
Pleasant Hill, CA

Shuttles of the Fourth Fleet

Shuttle Diablo, NCC-1717D/17

Concord, CA

Shuttle Shogun, NCC-2002/08

Vacaville, CA



Region Five

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Region Five is in the midst of selecting a permanent Regional Coordinator. No one person received 50%+1 of the nominations on the first ballot which necessitated the very first time a second ballot was issued. Six people were nominated with four accepting nomination: Commodore Keith Marshall, Captain Steven Idell, Captain Dana Marshall and Captain Tom

Rutledge. With any luck, the new RC will be writing the report for Communiqué #74! Region Five is the first Region to have its own World Wide Web Page: <<http://www.halcyon.com/dyar/region5.html>>. Check it out and see what's going on in Region 5.

Ships of the Fifth Fleet

USS Apollo, NCC-2546
USS Bismarck, NCC-3141
USS Buckaroo Banzai, NCC-71869
USS Crazy Horse, NCC-3144
USS Daniel Soule, NCC-1810
USS Destiny, NCC-97301
USS Liberator, NCC-2561

Portland, OR
Spokane, WA
Kent, WA
Gooding, ID
Kent, WA
Salem, OR
Idaho Falls, ID

USS Pendragon, NCC-2005
USS Rubicon, NCC-71816
USS Sky Dancer, NCC-5910
USS Starchaser, NCC-71801
USS Stellar Wind, NCC-1501
USS Yakama, NCC-61813

Bellevue, WA
Richland, WA
Old Town, ID
Seattle, WA
Kirkland, WA
Yakima, WA

Shuttles of the Fifth Fleet

Shuttle Agamemnon, NCC-1861/04
Shuttle Crusader, NCC-5910/

Coeur d'Alene, ID
Otis Orchards, WA

Shuttle John F. Kennedy, NCC-3141/01

Boise, ID

Region Six



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Region 6 is getting ready for the Holidays (and most are trying to keep warm) and are busy recruiting. The Czar'ak hosted the Twin Cities local "Trek Holiday party" for the local five or six clubs. Others are just planning their local Chapter Holiday parties. Several Chapters are answering phones for their local PBS stations. We are all looking forward to the New Year and all of our activities. Several chapters are working on things for the "Challenge of the Heart".

Ships of the Sixth Fleet

USS Alam'ak, NCC-1796
USS Beheak, NCC-1797
USS Czar'ak, NCC-1798A
USS Farragut, NCC-1702

Cottonwood, MN
St. Paul, MN
Minneapolis, MN
Sartell, MN

USS Imperium, NCC-2125
USS Itasca, NCC-2123
USS Thunderchild, NCC-3122

Fargo, ND
Fargo, ND
Rapid City, SD

Shuttles of the Sixth Fleet

Shuttle Betelgeuse, NCC-1778/02

Ashland, WI

Shuttle Krela Orla NCC-14514/04

Marion, IA

Region Seven



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The Seventh Fleet certainly knows how to throw a good party, and at no time is that more evident than during the holidays when many ships host festive gatherings. Within Sector One alone the USS Blackheart hosted a Philly area party featuring members of the USS Sovereign, USS Briza and Outpost Shadowstar while the USS Avenger's annual bash turned out to be populated by members of the USS Challenger, USS Malverne and USS Thagard. Good food, dancing and plenty of conversation was available at both events. The Flagship of R7, the USS Challenger, held their party the afternoon of Dec. 3 with the ships in Upstate New York, Maryland, Delaware and other sections of Pennsylvania holding parties the remainder of the month. Congratulations go out to USS Thagard Communications Officer Kris Ragan and USS Avenger Communications Chief Mike Klufas on their recent wedding! Many officers saw the start of the new year with the USS Thagard's annual New Year's party. The Seventh Fleet is going strong and wishes a great New Year for all of STARFLEET!

Ships of the Seventh Fleet

USS Aegis, NCC-1674
USS Albany, NCC-587
USS Alpha Centauri, NCC-71812
USS Ari, NCC-1723
USS Ascension, NCC-2520
USS Avenger, NCC-1860
USS Blackheart, NCC-2327
USS Briza, NCC-26518
USS Challenger, NCC-1676
USS Endurance, NCC-1862
USS Hazard, NCC-91813
USS Highlander, NCC-
USS IDIC NCC-71811
USS Justice, NCC-556
USS Lexington, NCC-1703B

York, PA
Guilford, NY
Camp Springs, MD
Williamsville, NY
Bath, PA
N. Brunswick, NJ
Oakford, PA
Cinaminson, NJ
Ortley Beach, NJ
Hatboro, PA
Erie, PA
Frederick, MD
Silver Spring, MD
Florham Park, NJ
West New York, NY

USS Malverne, NCC-2205
USS Merlin, NCC-61802
USS New Horizons, NCC-71676
USS Odin, NCC-1875
USS Potemkin, NCC-1711
USS Sovereign, NCC-2505
Susquehanna Station, NCC-SS013
USS Thagard, NCC-652
USS Thor, NCC-2549
USS Transcendence, NCC-
USS Trinity, NCC-74653
USS Triton, NCC-71819
USS Valiant, NCC-1709
USS Wolf, NCC-3921

Upper Darby, PA
Oxford, PA
Dexter, NY
Halethorpe, PA
Pittsburg, PA
Philadelphia, PA
Selinsgrove, PA
Philadelphia, PA
Parkton, MD
Lindenwold, NJ
Ocean City, MD
Glen Byrnie, MD
Rochester, NY
Youngstown, OH

Shuttles of the Seventh Fleet

Shuttle Adamant, NCC-652/02
Shuttle Dauntless, NCC-22121/09
Shuttle Halpat, NCC-1676
Shuttle Shadowstar, NCC-2505103

Valley Forge, PA
Westminster, MD
Harrisburg, PA
Seaside Heights, NJ

Shuttle Sidra, NCC-1703B/05
Shuttle Temperance, NCC-1703B/05
Shuttle Thunderheart, NCC-1674101
Shuttle Tolkien, NCC-2549/01

Yorktown Heights NJ
Brooklyn, NY
East Brunswick, NJ
St. Mary's County, MD



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Ships of the Ninth Fleet

USS Europe, NCC-1792

Tübingen, Germany



Region Ten

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The Sci-Med Department of the Astra just completed its death-defying Toboggan Challenge, with home-made toboggans and intrepid souls competing for the coveted right to the Departmental Trophy. The Astra is also having a Casino Night on New Year's Eve, complete with Dabo tables and other strange things. The shuttle Chrysalis is eagerly looking forward to its commissioning, for which they have been waiting for three years. Meanwhile, they are busy with Open Houses in the mall to earn money for the SPCA and the Child Development Centre in Nanaimo. They are also giving a food hamper and Christmas gifts to a designated family through the Salvation Army program. The shuttle Celestia has just completed its fifth issue of the Arcana Celestia newsletter, and is looking forward to its Christmas and New Year's parties. The USS Majestic has completed its newsletter, the Subspace Static (issue #25), and has run its first, very successful Star Trek Jeopardy night. They are also looking forward to working on a regional fanzine. The USS Sol's CO, Commodore Anderson, returned from adult space camp, and gave a report to the ship on her experiences there. She recommends attendance by members of Region 10 and the rest of Starfleet.

Ships of the Tenth Fleet

USS Astra, NCC-77210
USS Majestic, NCC-61804

Calgary, AB, Canada
Victoria, BC, Canada

USS Sol, NCC-1733A

Fairbanks, AK

Shuttles of the Tenth Fleet

Shuttle Celestia, NCC-77210/02

Calgary, AB, Canada

Shuttle Chrysalis, NCC-77210/01

Nanaimo, BC, Canada



Region Eleven

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The December meeting took the form of our Annual Christmas Party held at the Chueng Long Chinese Restaurant. The financial report and a summary of the year's events were submitted to the members. Amounts to be donated to our charities were determined. Upcoming events were planned. Christmas messages from around the 'Fleet were read. The meeting was adjourned when a person in an Interplanetary Space Suit (red) beamed down into our midst to distribute some very nice and thoughtful gifts.

Ships of the Eleventh Fleet

USS N'Dele, NCC-1758

Hectorville, SA, Australia

USS Southern Cross, NCC-1886

Harbord, NSW. Australia

Why was the runabout *USS Yangtze Kiang* replaced & by what?

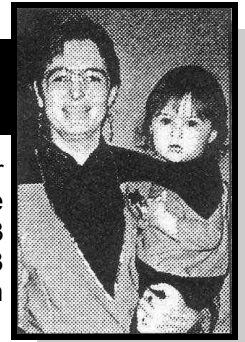
Destroyed in a crash on a penal-colony moon in the Gamma Quadrant, she was replaced by the USS Orinoco.

Region Twelve



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Ships of the Twelfth Fleet

USS Alexandretta, NCC-71001
USS Ambassador, NCC-10512
USS Antonio M. Valsalva, NCC-4101
USS Battlestar, NCC-23110
USS Centurion, NCC-61806
USS Cochrane, NCC-74525
USS Concord, NCC-19890
USS Delta Clipper, NCC-
USS Discovery, NCC-1306
USS Empress, NCC-15025/0
USS Gemini Dream, NCC-64739
USS Gryphon, NCC-74661
USS Hexum, NCC-2199
USS Horizon, NCC-10008
USS Jeannette Maddox, NCC-14514
USS Krazny Oklyabr, NCC-23102
USS Lewis & Clark, NCC-658
USS Locksley, NCC-3192
USS Maelstrom, NCC-65000

Kansas City, MO
Fayetteville, AR
Chesterfield, MO
Fort Smith, AR
Fayetteville, AR
Mauumelle, AR
Oklahoma City, OK
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St. Louis, MO
Utica, MI
Mountain Home, AR
Dearborn, MI
Belleville, IL
Columbia, MO
Wichita, KS
Shawnee, KS
Independence, MO
Carbondale, IL
Midwest City, OK

USS Marko Ramius, NCC-23103
USS Matrix, NCC-2296
USS Mirage, NCC-72213
USS Missouri, NCC-71825
USS Morning Star, NCC-4123
USS Nightshade, NCC-10529
USS Nomad, NCC-1805
USS Oklahoma, NCC-23137
USS Pony Express, NCC-13994
USS Ranger, NCC-2206
USS Sally Ride, NCC-643A
USS Shaun Christopher, NCC-1620
USS Star Empire, NCC-2116
USS Stargazer, NCC-2893
USS Superior, NCC-2020
USS Traveler, NCC-3145
USS Umiak, NCC-3142
USS Valkyrie, NCC-2597
USS Vanguard, NCC-2546

Fayetteville, AR
Marshall, AR
Midwest City, OK
Barnhart, MO
Lawton, OK
Lawton, OK
Leavenworth, KS
Oklahoma City, OK
St. Joseph, MO
Oklahoma City, OK
Cape Girardeau, MO
Prairie Village, KS
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Shuttles of the Twelfth Fleet

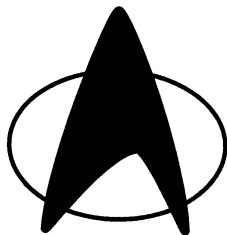
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Shuttle Mystique, NCC-23103/03

Colcord, OK
St. Charier, IL
Topeka, KS
Olathe, KS
Walnut Grove, MO
Russellville, AR

Shuttle Nimitz, NCC-4126/01
Shuttle Paraclete, NCC-6180/01
Shuttle Silverfox, NCC-23102/02
Shuttle Sunflower, NCC-2893/07
Shuttle Ursus, NCC-1308/09

Oklahoma City, OK
Siloam Springs, AR
Coffeyville, KS
Augusta, KS
Springfield, IL

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Ships of the Thirteenth Fleet

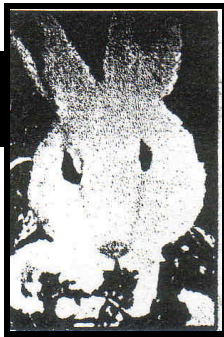
USS Toronto, NCC-2771

Willowdale, ON, Canada

Upcoming *Communique* Deadlines ...

CQ# 74 February 29, 1996
CQ# 75 April 30, 1996
CQ# 76 June 30, 1996
CQ# 77 August 31, 1996
CQ# 78 October 31, 1996





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Region 14 continues to expand at a moderate, but steady pace. Inquiries continue to come into Starbase 14 and information is sent out via the Internet or Snail Mail. During the upcoming months, both the U.S.S. Avalon and the Shuttle Invincible will be taking advantage of the winter to hold sliding parties and the like. These have been very successful in past years. The Invincible is planning to take part in the 25th Annual Winter Carnival in her home town of Corner Brook. She is also looking into taking the crew on a skiing party at the local ski resort.

Ships of the Fourteenth Fleet

USS Avalon, NCC-2550 St. John's, NF

Shuttles of the Fourteenth Fleet

Shuttle Invincible, NCC-2550/01 Corner Brook, NF



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Ships of the Fifteenth Fleet

USS Atlantis, NCC-71803
USS Carson, NCC-592
USS Christa McAuliffe, NCC-860
USS Endeavor, NCC-1716
USS Equinox, NCC-584
USS Hood, NCC-1707
USS Intrepid II, NCC-72301
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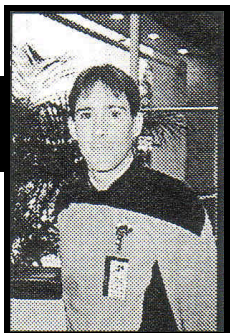
South Easton, MA
Bridgeport, CT
Boston, MA
Ledyard, CT
Winslow, ME
Nashua, NH
Springfield, MA
New Haven, CT

USS Longfellow, NCC-2358
USS Nautilus, NCC-1718
USS O'Bannon, NCC-53721
USS Ronald W. McNair, NCC-849D
USS Sparrow Hawk, NCC-581
USS Starseeker, NCC-10527
USS The Sullivans, NCC-5370

Portland, ME
Hartford, CN
Sanford, ME
Boston, MA
Montpelier, VT
Raynham, MA
Portsmouth, NH

Shuttles of the Fifteenth Fleet

Shuttle Alan B. Shepard, NCC- 1707/02 Manchester, NH



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Ships of the Sixteenth Fleet

USS Henri Dunant, NCC-23912 Japan



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Ships of the Seventeenth Fleet

USS Alioth, NCC-1828
 USS Fahrion, NCC-2510
 USS Nokib'ral, NCC-2211

Orem, UT
 Sandy, UT
 Orem, UT

USS Pioneer, NCC
 USS Romulus, NCC-2031
 USS Trinity Dawn, NCC-21168

Denver, CO
 Layton, UT
 Los Luna, NM

Shuttles of the Seventeenth Fleet

Shuttle Nexus, NCC-21186/1

Las Cruces, NM

USS Mitchell

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had just begun. We had also been approved for the Accelerated Shuttle Launch Program and set our site on a commissioning date. October 28, 1995 at Knight Star Con One, the 1995 Region One Conference to be held in Charlotte NC. We began a very active recruiting program which included placing flyers in local business's and putting ads in the *Where & When* section of the local newspapers.

As I said the real journey had just begun. We were on our way and now had to start making same decisions on what we, as a chapter, wanted to accomplish. What role we wanted to play in the local community. A passive one where we just held our meetings and functions and recruited when the opportunity presented itself. An active one where we not only held our meetings and functions, but contributed something back to the community we live in. Well the obvious choice was as an active chapter, but what area organizations should we contribute time and assistance to. For me as a Police Officer in this community I immediately proposed the Davidson County Domestic Violence Center and Davidson County Domestic Violence Shelter. I have seen and personally transported families to one of our shelters with literally nothing but the cloths on their backs. Our group agreed that this is one of the fastest growing problems in our country, domestic abuse and violence. We have, with the blessing and support of Brenda O'Brien as well as the Captain and crew of the USS *Yeager*, extended the BLUE RIBBON CAMPAIGN Against Violence and Sexual Abuse to Davidson County. We are working closely with Davidson County Domestic Violence Services (DCDVS) and their Domestic Violence Shelter. In the works for the future is a Dance to raise money for the DCDVS as well as other fundraising and Public Awareness Campaigns.

Now we had to decide on a name and class for our new chapter. Do we want to stay with the Regiment or go with a new name? I was decided that we would choose a new name to suit our philosophy and Motto: "If you can dream it, you can do it." After taking nominations we voted to become the Nebula class, USS *Edgar D. Mitchell* named for the

Apollo 14 Lunar Excursion Module pilot. We are very fortunate to have someone among our crew who is related to the retired Navy Captain. He forwarded us a letter expressing his permission and honor to have a STARFLEET vessel named in his honor. Not to mention a keen photo of him from the Apollo 14 days in full gear, signed to the chapter. By this time, with myself and Keith editing, we had already published one issue of our quarterly newsletter, now renamed, *The Fra Mauro Gazette* in honor of the Apollo 14 lunar landing site, the Fra Mauro Highlands.

As the time to commissioning grew nearer we worked harder and harder to be ready. The hardest part of our journey, was the wait for the paperwork that would make us a full ship of the line in STARFLEET. But, that wasn't quite all we had to do. We still had a commissioning party to plan.

BIRTH

Now we can talk about coming down to the wire. The commissioning paperwork was received by Ops in time to get processed and stuffed into Cindy and Deb's "life" (Their Ops briefcase) and personally hand delivered to the Region One Conference.

At 8:30 am on October 28th, 1995 the Shuttle Regiment docked aboard the USS *Edgar D. Mitchell*, a STARFLEET ship of the Nebula Class and the journey which had begun almost a year before had ended. And a new journey was about to begin.

That evening the Commissioning festivities commenced at the opening of the ships Lounge, Pancho's Happy Bottom Ridin' Club Bar & Grill, on Deck Ten, Forward. We were toasted by Cindy Krell, Chief of Ops STARFLEET; Deb Leafy, Vice Chief of Ops STARFLEET & Vice Regional Coordinator, Region 1; Jack Hopkins, Inspector General STARFLEET; Vice FAdm Sue "Adm. Mom" Hampton (Ret.); as well as numerous other members of Region 1. We dearly missed the presence of Admiral Linda Neighbors who was home, under the weather, and could not attend the Conference. We also missed having our new friends from the *Hawkeye* there as they had to depart earlier in the evening. The CMO and myself tended Bar and proffered the Ships Official Drink, Fuzzy Navels, as well as sodas to our guests.

After all of the excitement and fun of

Commissioning on Saturday there was but one thing left to do on Sunday. No, not go home. Not yet anyway. We, first, had to have breakfast with Uncle Hershal (Hence our unofficial motto from ST:TWOK, "Can I cook or can't I?" We love a good meal). That is we upheld a con tradition of having breakfast at the local Cracker Barrel restaurant where we treated ourselves to Uncle Hershal's Breakfast, (Eggs, country ham, grits, toast, etc. You get the idea.) then headed home.

Some brief thanks need to go to the following: Adm. Cindy Krell, Commodore Deb Leafy, Adm. Linda Neighbors, FCapt. Linda Reynolds, Capt. Wayne Cavalier, Capt. Richie Boyd, Brenda O'Brien of the USS *Yeager*, Capt. Jerry Conner and the crew of the *Yeager*, Capt. Wendy Nabors and our new friends aboard the USS *Hawkeye*, FCapt. Willy Smith as well as others too numerous to mention. These and others are the ones who helped us get realize our motto: "If you can dream it, you can do it," and we did!



Wedding

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members served as bridesmaids, ushers and *Thagard* CO FCapt. Sashi German spoke as lector at the ceremony.

The newlyweds were kind to each other in serving up the wedding cake. By sheer coincidence (yeah, right) Avenger Officer Stephanie Richards caught the bouquet of flowers while *Thagard* Officer Tye Campbell caught the garter. Both are engaged to each other, so this won't be the last *Avenger/Thagard* marital union.

An after-reception party was held by *Avenger's* Stephen Bonnacore and Liz Wolfe (one of the beautiful bridesmaids) for STARFLEET members at their nearby hotel room.

The next day a mid-day brunch concluded the wedding weekend with everyone but the happy couple invited from the STARFLEET contingent, after all they were officially on their honeymoon time.

A beautiful occasion and a special event for many officers in Region 7, best wishes to the new bride and groom from all your friends in Region 7!



STARFLEET: The Fanzine

WANTED: Fiction, Poetry, and Artwork by STARFLEET members for a special issue Fanzine commemorating the 22nd anniversary of STARFLEET and 30th anniversary of Star Trek!

Since we came into office, your Communications Department has been kicking around the idea of producing another STARFLEET fanzine. (At least one has been attempted previously, albeit several years ago.)

Fanzines are a great tradition among Star Trek enthusiasts and were one of the things that kept fandom building through the seventies when there wasn't much coming out of Paramount. What better way to celebrate 30 years of Star Trek than a special publication focusing on the kind of fan involvement that has made this phenomena as enduring as it has been.

This is your opportunity to get some of those things published that we can't really print in the *Communiqué*. We're looking for fictional stories involving your ship and crew (not to exceed 7000 words), plus all sorts of artwork and poetry relating to Trek. Also to be included is a comprehensive 22 year history of STARFLEET!

This will be a self-supporting project. In order to keep costs down, we will be soliciting ads for this one-shot publication. **Chapters and Regions (or even individuals)**, make your mark by placing your message for the 30th anniversary in this unique publication. Space will be available from business card size on up. Send a SASE or E-mail klharah@aol.com for rates.

Our target date for publication is August, 1996 so that we can debut it at the International Conference... just one week before the 30th Anniversary of Star Trek's debut on NBC! In order to reach that goal, we must have your submissions by June 30, 1996.

A portion of the funds generated by this project will go to support the JASON Project in building towards the future by educating young people in Science and Exploration!

Please send all inquiries and/or submissions to

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CAPTAIN MIKE by Mike Wilkerson



"I suppose running to WALMART for another one is out of the question..."



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1995 STARFLEET Newsletter Contest

Can you believe it? 1995 is over, and you know what that means....it's time again to submit your Regional and Chapter entries for the 1995 Newsletter of the Year Contest! So, get together and spread out your issues for 1995 on the table... pick out your best issue and send it to: STARFLEET Communications, 1995 Newsletter of the Year Contest, PO Box 836, St. Charles, MO 63302-0836, by April 1, 1996. Winners will be announced at the 1996 International Conference in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

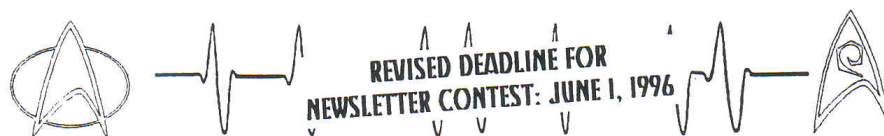
Contest Guidelines:

- ? Only one issue may be submitted for each chapter's newsletter and each region's newsletter.
- ? The issue must come from the 1995 publication year. For those submitting bi-monthly issues, newsletters dated December 1995 / January 1996 will count as a 1995 issue. Newsletters dated December 1994 / January 1995 count as 1994 issues and are not eligible.
- ? Our apologies to the hardworking and creative staff (that's you Cap'n Mike!) on the USS Umiak's Spock II News, but they are not eligible to participate.
- ? Submissions will not be returned unless accompanied by enough postage to cover the return. It is our suggestion that you send your submission in an envelope to protect it during its journey.
- ? If you have an electronic newsletter that you'd like to submit, please send your best issue to: klharah@aol.com or, print it off and mail it in - being sure to note that it is an electronic newsletter.
- ? Your best issue **MUST** be received by April 1, 1996 to be eligible. The *Communiqué* is not responsible for late, lost or misdirected mail.

Please make sure that you include the following with your newsletter submission:

Newsletter Name, Chapter Name, Region, Editor, Frequency of Publication (Weekly, Monthly, Bi-monthly, Quarterly, Annually, Other [please explain]). Address for submissions/questions/subscriptions, Cost per year or cost per issue for the newsletter or, is the newsletter Included in chapter membership dues? If the subscription is included in chapter dues, is a subscription available to those who are not chapter members? If so, what is the cost? Do you "exchange" with other chapters?

We're looking forward to hearing from your chapter! Send your entry in today!



STARFLEET's 1996 International Conference

Armada '96

Date

Place

Host Chapter Host Committee Chair Email

Here is the latest from OKC on the revised rates and dates for the 1996 IC in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Please Note: These Rates and Dates Supersede ALL OTHER RATES!

August 30, August 31, and September 1996

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Package C — \$30 — Registration only by April 15, 1996. \$35 by July 15, 1996. And \$45 afterwards and at the door.

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Art Show Panels - \$50 each.

Pre-Ordered Merchandise:

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Watch for updates in upcoming Communiques