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## Smith/Freas WIN WITH 56% OF THE VOTE!

On January 2, 1997, the accounting firm hired to perform the Starfleet election announced that Mike Smith and Chuck Freas had been elected to the positions of Commander, STARFLEET and Vice-Commander STARFLEET.

The final tally showed that Smith/Freas won with 1034 votes, or just over 56% of the total votes cast. Other teams were the Coyote/Sean Boyd team with 625 votes, and the Besty Matteis/John Maestu team, with 160 votes.

Smith, who proudly call Region 7's USS Thagard home, is from Oakland, New Jersey, and had previously served as Vice Region Coordinator for Region 7.

Freas live in Amarillo, Texas and is a member of the USS Palo Duro.

The Executive Committee members include Chief of Operations Tom Monaghan from Norfolk, Virginia; Chief of Communications Gordon Goldberg from New York City; Academy Commandant Rom Lerman from Fair Oaks, California; Chief of Shuttle Operations Dennis Gray from Englewood, Colorado, and Chief of Computer Operations Sal Lizard of Northfield, Vermont.

Contact information for all EC members and other important addresses can be found on page 2 of each Communiqué.

## The Communiqué Is Back ... In Black ... ...And Color!

Most of you are now reading your first new copy of the Communiqué in several months. One of the more obvious changes is the change of size, paper, and color. These changes are part of an ongoing plan to ensure each member gets a Communiqué on a timely basis.

Also, this new printing strategy will allow us to print full color photos.

So send those pictures in! We need all kinds of submissions for a quality Communiqué — stories, pictures, and art. And, if you are interested for writing for the Communiqué on a regular basis, look inside for details on our Regional Correspondent program.

Many of you have inquired about the back issues of the Communiqué. These issues were prepared by former Chief of Communications Doug Glenn and his staff, but never printed and mailed by the former administration.

We'd like to hear from you regarding these back issues. Should we print them on high-quality newsprint, such as this? Should we make one "Mega-Issue" with all the back issues? Expand the size of future issues, and include articles from the "lost issues"?

We're open to all suggestions. However, please bear in mind that barring a massive influx of money, printing individual issues using the old printing method will not be possible.

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If you have a specific question and have internet access, check out page 2 for a complete listing of the staff, their departments, and their internet addresses.

Greg Trotter

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STARFLEET

## Saddle Up Your Pilot Seat! The Drive's Under Way!

Ladies and Gentlemen, STARFLEET members of all ages.....

The Smith/Freas Administration, at the suggestion of Region 1 member Anita Davis hereby announces a "STARFLEET Membership Drive!"

Yes, folks, you heard correctly—Just like the public access stations, we are holding a "Membership Drive" to regain some of the membership numbers we lost from the previous administration. The membership drive begins April 1st and lasts until July 1st.

The rules are simple:

The STARFLEET Chapter that brings in the most "NEW" members into STARFLEET during that time period will receive a \$100 cash reward and a plaque stating their accomplishments en-

dorse yours truly.

The Individual STARFLEET Member who brings in the most new members for STARFLEET will receive their next year's membership free, as well as a plaque stating their accomplishments endorsed by yours truly.

Yes, yes, we know that there are going to be some of you saying: "STARFLEET is in debt, how can you afford to give away \$100 and a plaque?" And that answer is simple mathematics. The more members we bring in during this Membership drive, the more money that comes in. For every 10 members that come in, and using the single membership rate for the example, that's \$150. If 20 chapters bring in 10 members each that's 200 new members and \$3000 dollars of membership dues coming in. Out of that money,

we can certainly spare \$100 to give as an incentive, and besides, the plaques are coming out of my own pocket.

I encourage all of STARFLEET's chapters to meet a goal of bringing in at least 10 new members in this three month period. Using 225 chapters as the benchmark, if each chapter brings in 10 new members, that's 2,250 new members, bring in \$33,750 of membership dues. And it will go a long way towards, restoring the membership numbers that we've lost. I hope that all of you will pitch in to do your part to help STARFLEET out.

Regards,

Mike Smith

Fleet Admiral, Commander, STARFLEET

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# From the Top

## MICHAEL D. SMITH, COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings to all of STARFLEET. I must admit that I sit here staring at the monitor pixels in a semblance of awe as I type this, my first CQ article as your new Command, STARFLEET. It's both a humbling thought, and a serious responsibility. While I'd like to thank each and every one of the 1034 members of STARFLEET who voted for Smith/Freas by name, this will have to suffice. THANK YOU! Rest assured, your vote was not cast in vain. I and all the members of the Smith/Freas ticket will do our utmost to ensure that your faith is us was not misplaced.

By now, many of you will have seen the copies of the first Smith/Freas C.S.R. that were distributed to you by your Regional Coordinators. The RC's received them during the last week of January. If your chapter has not received her copy yet, please contact your RC. Most of the info in the CSR is being redistributed in this CQ, because we know that not all members are active with Chapters, and much of the information you receive about STARFLEET is from your CQ subscription.

### Rumors vs. Reality

As I can well imagine, there are probably dozens of rumors running around STARFLEET regarding the state of our organization. I've even heard one person saying that STARFLEET was \$100,000 in debt. Folks, please don't listen to the rumors. STARFLEET IS NOT DEAD! Sure we're not fit as a fiddle, but we're a long way from being dead. Many STARFLEET members have already started helping STARFLEET out by donations, volunteering, or what ever it take to ensure that STARFLEET survives. As some of the old timers may remember, we've been through this sort of situation before. We survived then, and we'll survive now.

I so have to say one thing regarding our situation, though. Please don't expect miracles in a month or three. Contrary to what some of you may think or believe, neither I nor any member of the Smith/Freas team is a miracle worker. People are owed membership packets and CQs going back into early 1996. Are people going to get all those things right away? If you're expecting it, I hate to disappoint you, but there is simply not enough money in the treasury to do that.

That is why we are fund-raising. The Smith/Freas team does intend to make up the lost CQ's to the membership. We intend to make sure that every member receives their membership packets from last year. Both of these will

take time and money. We will do out utmost to make up for what the McGinnis Administration failed to deliver, but just as the membership would like to get the material owed them, they have to give Smith/Freas the time it's going to take to get those materials to them.

Many members have pointed out that we've done more in the time that we've been in office than McGinnis did in over a year. While that's not quite true, we are doing our best. I understand that you want what you paid for. I intend to do my utmost to make sure that you get it. I urge you though, to give us the time we need to get that portion of the job done. I realize that asking for a little more patience is probably asking for more than most of you have left, but without that patience, we'll not be able to get the job done.

### CS Road Trips

Suring the next few months, I will be making trips to the Regional Summits of Region 1 (April), 2 (March) and 3 (May). I'm regretfully missing the Region 12 Summit, as it is the same weekend as the Region 1 bash, which I had already committed to some time ago. Fortunately, I will be able to attend the Anniversary Party of the USS Ranger in March, so I'll be able to get out to Region 12 at least once more this year. I will be at the two Baltimore area conventions that are coming up. Vulkan is in March, and of course Shore Leave in July.

As an update, I plan to continue the precedents of former Commanders, STARFLEET by asking that anyone who would like me to travel has to be willing to pick up most (if not all) of the

travel costs. I can on occasion cover some costs (such as 1/2 the cost of the airline ticket), but as I don't have especially deep pockets, I must regretfully continue the precedent.

### International Conference

I encourage as many of you as possible to attend the 1997 International Conference in Cherry Hill, NJ. This will be a very important occasion, as it will mark the first IC in Region 7 in many years. I'm looking forward to seeing familiar faces there this year, and hope to meet many new people as well.

Of course the IC will be a time when the full Admiralty Board will convene to work face to face in discussing issues that are relevant to our Association. It is my home that by the time the IC arrives that we will be well on our way to climbing out of the ditch we find ourselves in. It is also my hope that the AB might take some time to enjoy the IC, instead of working through all of it.

Further information on the International Conference can be found by sending an e-mail to [ic97info@sfi.org](mailto:ic97info@sfi.org), visiting the IC97 Website at <http://www.webwarren.com/ic97> or by sending a SASE with a request for more information to IC97, PO Box 272, Upper Darby PA 19082.

I think I'll close this article off before our ever daring CQ Editor, Cdr Greg Trotter, screams at me for taking up so much room in the issue. See you next issue!

Regards  
Fleet Admiral Mike  
Commander, STARFLEET

## Region 12 Has Elected a New RC!

On October 16th, 1996, Vice Admiral Coyote announced that she would be stepping down as the Region 12 Regional Coordinator due to problems with the administration of Starfleet which was then run by Fleet Admiral Dan McGinnis. At that time, she also announced the interim RC to be Fleet Captain Bill Browning.

On January 4th, Commodore Michael W. Mallotte announced his intentions to run for the position of RC.

On January 7th, Rear Admiral James Herring announced his intentions to run for the position of RC.

On January 9th, Fleet Captain Sean Boyd announced his intentions to run for the position of RC.

Much debate was held on the internet listserves. And, many of the candidates sent informational packets to the commanding officers of Region 12. It is standard policy to have the commanding officers vote for the regional coordinator on behalf of their chapters.

On February 7th, Fleet Captain Sean Boyd sent out an e-mail message stating that he had received his ballot in the mail and found his name to be on it. He had intended not to run after all—he believed three candidates were too many for and RC election and invited everyone to vote for Rear Admiral Jim Herring.

All ballots were due to be received for tallying by February 28th. The method used for voting was a postal Australian method. This means that each commanding officer recorded two points for their chapter's first choice and one point for the chapter's second choice on a special postcard. The most points wins.

The results of the elections: Commodore Michael W. Mallotte in the new Regional Coordinator for Region 12.

## Existing Fan Club Program is up and Running

Greetings, fellow members of STARFLEET, I have recently been named Director of the Existing Fan Club Program by Chief of Operations Tom Monaghan. For those of you who are not familiar with it, the Existing Fan Club Program (EFCP) is designed to aid and assist already existing Trek fan clubs who want to become part of STARFLEET through the process of joining and becoming chartered. This department is also assigned to work with clubs who were previously a part of STARFLEET and want to return to the fleet.

I am in the process of building the program staff. While I am about to fill some positions, I am still in need of someone who would

like to work in this program. Qualifications are (1) Skilled in working with the public. (2) Experienced in fandom, and has been involved in some form of Organized fandom for at least one year. (3) Experience with other fan clubs, or familiarity with some of them. (4) A willingness to serve. If you are interested, please e-mail me at either [EFCPOPS@SFI.ORG](mailto:EFCPOPS@SFI.ORG), or [phoenix@compunet](mailto:phoenix@compunet) for further information. You can also snail mail me at: Dennis Rayburn STARFLEET EFCP PO Box 1515 Paris, TN 38242.

As I fill my staff positions, I will personally inform all those chosen, and a complete list will appear in the next issue of the CQ. All those interested in applying for a staff position need to

contact me by April 15th. I also need the help of everyone in STARFLEET. If you know of a club that used to be in STARFLEET and would possibly be interested in returning, or a club that would be interested in joining STARFLEET for the first time, I need to hear from you! Please contact me at the addresses above. A new era has begun for STARFLEET. We have the chance to work in the rebuilding of this organization to a greater glory than the former. Together, we can do it!

Dennis Rayburn  
Existing Fan Club Program Director

# Second Thought

## CHUCK FREAS VICE COMMANDER, STARFLEET

First, I want to thank everyone for their vote of confidence in the Smith/Freas team. We shall do our best to live up to the trust you have placed in us.

Now, for those of you who are wondering, “who the heck an I?” The second of three kids, I was born in 1952 in Austin, Texas while my father was in law school there. My paternal grandmother was an indentured servant from Sweden who worked as a house maid for seven years to pay back her passage money. Then she became a citizen, married and raised for kids.

My mother’s family lived on a farm in Arizona during the Depression. They raised what they ate. Mom was one of seven kids; four of whom left the farm and worked their way though college. My maternal grandmother was raised by her aunt (her own parents were dead). My grandaunt was a professional photographer in Louisiana and Mississippi; they traveled from town to town living in rooming houses and tents. After m grandmother married (she was a mail-order bride), she once went for seven years without leaving the farm in Arizona, even to go into to town (which was only 7 miles away). My Maternal Great Grandfather died when Grandma was a child, so she and all seven kids had to work to keep food on the table. As a result of that, my mother’s side of the family is still very close.

I feel very fortunate to have been raised in a home that some undoubtedly would consider rich. Growing up I only knew we were rich in our spirit— In our parent’s expressions of love towards me, my brother and my sister, in our religious upbringing, and in the knowledge and wonder of God’s love for all His children.

Today, I live in Amarillo, Texas with my wife, Mary Anne, our three kids, Stephanie, Brian and Jared, and our dog (a Brittany Spaniel whose A.K.A. registered name is Lt. Word, Chief of Security).

Prior to being elected Vice Commander, I was Regional JAG Officer for STARFLEET Region 3 and founding JAG Officer of the USS Palo Duro. Mary is still CO of the Palo Duro. A member of two other international fan organizations, I have been a Star Trek fan since the original series aired.

In real life, I too am an attorney, employed by the Judicial Branch of the United States government. Before I was licensed in 1989 by the Supreme Court of the State of Texas to practice law, I worked for many years in the commercial and residential construction industry and for a plastic film manufacturer. For several years I was self-employed as the owner of an insulation company and as a photographer. While graduating from law school on an accelerated two and one-half year program, I was an Assistant Research Editor and

Associate Editor of the Texas Tech Law Review and President of Omega Lambda Phi, a service fraternity.

Beyond Star Trek and community service projects with my local chapter, my other interests include Biblical research and teaching, reading, bowling, collecting, and refinishing antique clocks and furniture, photography, computers, and some woodworkings. In addition, I enjoy playing daddy to my three kids and to my older daughter, Rosemary Mone, who is a Junior majoring with honors in math and computer science at Amarillo College. I am a firm believer in actively giving to make this world a better place for my children and grandchildren to inherit.

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### Fleet Finances

Finally, here is a brief update on Fleet finances. Thanks to Kathy Hayden, the Branch Manager at UMB of St. Louis (the former Fleet bank), the STARFLEET funds held by Capt. Dan McGinnis have finally been transferred to our new bank accounts in Oakland, New Jersey. Kathy took the forms by Dan’s office for him to sign, and sent certified checks representing the balance of the three accounts (Scholarship checking, General Accounts and Challenge of the Heart) to FAdm. Mike D. Smith for him to deposit in our new accounts. The Challenge of the Heart funds will be sent directly on to the Ryan White Foundation when the contact person there is identified.

Due to the old account transfer, the donations that have poured in to Fleet Auditor Howard Cronson, the hundreds of membership renewals that have already come in to FCapt. Mandi Herrmann, the Chapter Charter Fees that have been paid to Treasurer Marlene Miller, and the numerous debt payments that have already been made by Mike and others, STARFLEET is well on the way to becoming debt free. No, we’re not out of the woods yet, for there remain some major Scholarship and CQ printing debts to pay, but we are addressing those too.

### Tangible Achievements

In fact, we are beginning to see light at the end of the tunnel. For example the 1997

Vessel Registry (VR) is complete. The electronic masters of the 1995 Fleet Membership Handbook have been obtained. Our first Command Status Report has been sent out to the Regional Coordinators to distribute, and all Chapter CO’s should have it by now.. Under the very capable hand of FAdm. Rob Lerman, the Academy is still up and running. Official Fleet announcements have been coming out of HQ at a record pace, and all online on the brand-spanking new Fleet Web Page ([at>http://www.sfi.org](http://www.sfi.org)) for all to see. Check it out (it’s famous, ya know).

But that’s not all! You have in your hands our first CQ and, in spite of the late and incomplete turnover of Fleet materials, I hope you noticed that it was delivered on time. A low-cost CQ mailing permit has been obtained for our new shipment point in Oklahoma, and with your help a second class mailing permit application will, hopefully, be submitted soon to the U.S. Postal Service. In short, we’re on track on time. Hey — the Fleet is alive and kicking!!

But still, that’s not all!! Stay tuned for a major membership drive. The Fleet membership packets are nearly ready to release — with an up-to-date VR, and up-to-date Membership Handbook, up-to-date STARFLEET membership, Academy course applications, and of course some neat goodies to go with it (no, no hints!). With the resumption of real membership services from HQ, we now have something tangible — besides hope — to offer new and renewing members. So ... what can I say — STARFLEET wants you!!

In Service to Fleet  
Chuck Freas, Adm.  
Vice Commander, STARFLEET

### Events...

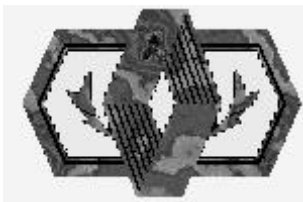
February 1 through April 27, 1997  
The Science Center of Iowa, Des Moines. “STAR TREK: FEDERATION SCIENCE!” This exhibit includes 40 modular displays that cover more 60,000 sf of display space. Hands on components are divided into five thematic areas which explore scientific theories you would find aboard the Starship Enterprise. Cross the galaxy and learn how to navigate through asteroid belts, launch space probes or transport your friends to alien planets. Visually inspect actual uniforms and props used in Paramount Pictures’ hit TV series Star Trek: The Next Generation. For Information contact: Science Center of Iowa, 4500 Grand Ave, Des Moines IA, 50314, 515-247-6868

March 22, 1997  
Indoor Sports Center, Rockford, IL. Guests: Garrett Wang. Write: Trek Productions, 13109 West 88th Street Court, Suite 62, Lenexa, KS 66215-3483. Call (913) 894-TREK (8735) or e-mail: [TrekProd1@aol.com](mailto:TrekProd1@aol.com) (For directions to the Sports Center call 815-885-1135)

March 23, 1997  
University Inn & Conference Center, West Lafayette, IL. Guests: Garrett Wang. Write: Trek Productions, 13109 West 88th Street Court, Suite 62, Lenexa, KS 66215-3483. Call (913) 894-TREK (8735) or e-mail: [TrekProd1@aol.com](mailto:TrekProd1@aol.com) (For directions to the Conference Center call 800-777-9808)

# Operations

## COMMODORE TOM MONGHAN



Greetings from Team Ops! My name is Tom Monaghan and I will be your new Chief of Operations for the new administration. I would like to start things off with a brief summary of my STARFLEET life. I've been an active member for over eleven years and a commanding officer for four of those years. During that time I've associated myself with several chapters in Region One including the USS Heimdal, USS Pathfinder, USS John B McKay, USS Yeager and currently, the USS Maat. My quest to visit as many different chapter meetings and functions as I possibly can has earned me the moniker "Region One Voyeur." Now, as you Chief of Operations, I wish to extend that to now read "Starfleet Voyeur."

### Expectations

Let me first clarify that we are a new administration and we are all in a period of adjustment concerning both our jobs and the future of Starfleet. So bear with us over the next couple of months as we get things up and running not only in Team Ops but also throughout the fleet. One thing that I would like all of you to know is that I am accessible to all of you and I'm willing to do everything I can to meet your needs and the needs of the chapters. Just drop me a line (snail mail, e-mail, phone, whatever) to let me know how Fleet Ops can better server you. If you have an problems or concerns I will do my best give you a response as promptly as my job (both in Fleet, and in the mundane world) permits. (Just remember to include a SASE with your snail mail correspondence, thanks!)

### ... Moe Events ...

April 5-6, 1997  
Maritime Science Fiction Fest,  
Dartmouth, NS Canada. Guests: DC Fontana,  
Kevin J. Anderson, TBA. Call: 800-622-6199 Fax:  
902-454-5548

April 4-6, 1997  
ICON XVI, SUNY Long Island, NY. Guests:  
Rene Auberjonois, J. Michael Straczynski, Harlan  
Ellison, Julius Schwartz. Call: 516-632-6045  
Fax: 516-632-6355

April 4-6, 1997  
Novacon 6, Tysons Corner, VA. Guests:  
Nana Visitor, Robert Duncan McNeill. Call: 703-  
280-5373 Fax: 703-280-0745.

So, what do I expect from the chapters of the Fleet? Simply that the chapters follow the minimum requirements necessary to maintain active chapter status. (We all know what those are. If not, just drop me a line and I will be more than happy to remind you.) This means open communications between the chapters and Fleet Ops. How is this done? Simple. We guarantee you a Command Status Report every two months if you guarantee us a chapter reports every month. I think everyone can understand that.

Open and honest communication is very important to myself, Team Ops, and the new administration. We are striving to become the most service oriented club in the world. We can only accomplish this by knowing what you like as well as what you don't like. Don't be afraid to write to us if you have any concerns or complaints. I think we all know that we have our work cut out for us rebuilding this great club of ours, but without your help all of our efforts will have been made in vain. So I urge all of you to get involved! Show us your support and/ or your concerns. The more you get involved, the more you learn. The more you learn, the easier it is to solve the problems of the club.

### Team Ops

At this time I would like to introduce the new Team Ops staff. Your new Vice Chief of Operations will be Les Rickard, USS Hawkeye. He has selected Matt Myers, USS Hawkeye to be his assistant. The ever resilient Alex Rosenzweig, USS Avenger CO, will be supervising the Department of Technical Services. Correspondence Chapters will continue to report to Mark Vinson, Space Station Freedom III. Participants in the Armed Services Program should report to Barbara Paul, SS Paegan, and any established independent groups wishing to join Starfleet should contact Dennis Rayburn, Space Station Nikola Tesla for further details about our Existing Fan Club Program. David McCabe, Shuttle Lewis B. Puller, will also be assisting us as our Staff Assistant for On-line Operations by maintaining the all new Starfleet Operations Web Site. Finally, Donna Mort, USS Maat, will be helping me our with the really tough decisions here at the Fleet Ops Home Office in Norfolk, Virginia.

### Monthly Status Reports

Speaking of Les, since it is my desire to take a more "hands on" approach to dealing with the problems and needs of chapters, I would like all chapters of Starfleet to start sending your monthly reports to Les. Les will also be maintaining the Monthly Status Report Archives at our Lexington, North Carolina office. Regional Coordinators should send their monthly reports directly to me at the Norfolk, Virginia office. In addition, any chapter CO's that have encountered ongoing or unresolved problems are encouraged to write me so that we can work together on finding solutions to those problems. Now that's not so bad either, is it?

New Monthly Status Report forms, dated 1/1/97, will be distributed to all the chapters to use from this point on. If you did not receive the new report form please feel free to contact Les or myself for a copy. Les has mentioned that you can also e-mail your reports to him. Feel free to contact him for full details on how you can take advantage of this option.

As for you Regional Coordinators out there, keep sending in your reports as if you were sending them to Jim Herring. Of course, the name and address has changed but Jim's problems are now my problems. If you have any concerns, new or unresolved from the previous administration, I urge you to bring those to my attention as soon as possible. The soon you do, the sooner we can solver them.

I will also be following Jim's policy concerning chapters failing to report. Just to reiterate the policy (with slight modifications, so pay attention!): All chapters that miss a report will be brought to the Regional Coordinators' attention, and it will be up to the RC's to investigate the matter themselves. Once a chapter has missed two consecutive reports, that chapter will be put on standby status and both the RC and the CO will be notified of this status. At this point it is safe to assume something is wrong. I will then try to contact the CO and/or XO of the chapter to determine what the matter is (cc: the RC so that they know the problem is being handled by Fleet Ops, but the RC is still encouraged to help resolve the problem). If a chapter has failed to file a report for three months, and the RC and Chief of Operations have not been able to contact the chapter chairperson of they have failed to file a report when they said they were going to, at the end of the month following the third missed report, the CO will be relieved and the XO will assume temporary command. After the fourth consecutive missed report, that chapter will be decommissioned.

That's simple enough to understand. I can understand from time to time, situations arise that can make reporting a bit difficult. However, I cannot stress enough that importance of hearing from each chapter every month in order to keep our records up-to-date-. If you, the CO, or your reporting officer cannot file a report by the deadline, then get someone that can do it to report. If you don't want to be an active chapter of Starfleet anymore, that's fine too. Just send us a note stating that you're not interested anymore so that we can stop sending you letters and CSRs. The important thing is to communicate with us. You let us know what is going on and we'll let you know what is going on.

### Problem Resolution

Yes, I firmly believe in open and honest communication but I also firmly believe in the chain of command. If you or your chapter has a problem or concern that does not directly involve Fleet Ops I urge you to first go to your CO and then to your RC to resolve the problem before bringing it to our attention. That's part of their jobs. However, if the situation is outside the chain of command or if your CO and RC are unable to resolve the problem (or part of the problem), then please bring the situation to my attention. That's when it becomes part of my job.

In a nutshell, we in Team Ops are here to serve you. If you have any questions or concerns about the current state of the Fleet, our future, or anything at all, please feel free to contact me or any other member of the staff. We'll be more happy to help you out, or at the very least, point you in the right direction. If look forward to hearing from all of you.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members of the Maat, my home chapter, for their continued encouragement and support throughout the campaign and the start of the new administration. Without their assistance, and the assistance of all the members of Team Ops, we wouldn't have the outstanding Operations department that we have today. Big thanks to all of you!

In service to the Members and Chapters of Starfleet,

Tom Monaghan  
Chief of Operations, Starfleet



# Communications

## COMMODORE GORD GOLBERG

Hailing Frequencies Open! Greetings from Communications Central, and welcome to the new age of STARFLEET Communication. I'm Commodore Gordon Lloyd Goldberg, new Chief of Communications for STARFLEET. My staff and I are very excited about the future and the job ahead of us. As you can hopefully tell just from the fact that you are holding this copy of the Communiqué, we are dedicated to keeping you informed on a timely basis. Yet your will that the Communiqué is only part of our new approach to 'fleet communications. As you will see for yourselves in the coming months, our Communications team will be making good use of both postal and internet services in our efforts to make sure that STARFLEET Headquarters and the membership stay in close touch.

### Introductions

Before I get to the business of introducing the rest of the team, I'd like to let you know a little about myself. In addition to serving as STARFLEET's Chief of Communications, I'm currently based on board the USS Northstar in New York City. Prior to joining the Northstar, I was a Communications Specialist on the New Jersey-based USS Avenger, to which I had transferred after the decommissioning of the USS Tai Shan, where I had served variously as Chief of Communications and Operations, as well as Executive Officer. I was also the founder of the STARFLEET Internet Mailing List, which I continue to assist in administering. In real life, I'm a former special-education teacher with degrees in computer science, business administration, and psychology, now serving as Labor Relations Director for the New York City Department of Transportation. I'm also an active community volunteer and political activist, fantasy and science fiction fan (duh!) and computer enthusiast. Somewhere in and among all that, I manage to find time to spend with my boyfriend, Sven, who has finally gotten hooked on Star Trek. I can be reached on the Internet at [Comm@sfi.org](mailto:Comm@sfi.org), or by posatl mail at the following address:

Gordon L. Goldberg  
Chief of Communications  
330 Haven Avenue  
3C New York, New York 10033-5333 USA

Remember those addresses—later in this column, I'll be discussing some openings that are available in the Communications Division, and I'll be accepting applications via e-mail or postal mail. In fact, any communication with this Division can be sent using either medium. For the most

urgent, time sensitive issues, I can also be reached by phone at 212-781-5745.

Now to the real business. The Communications Division is now divided into four departments: Communiqué, Fanzine, NetServices, and Support Services. The first three report to their respective Vice Chiefs (who report to me, of course), while the directors of the Support Service Offices (who have yet to be appointed) will report directly to me.

The Communiqué you are holding is the first of many that will be brought to you through the efforts of Commander Greg Trotter, who heads up the Communiqué team along with Tonea Morrow, Brittany Sloan, Kris Harah, and their staffs. In addition to getting new Communiqués out to you every other month. Greg and company hope to be able to deliver the back-issues none of us received during the previous administration. This will ensure that the hard work our predecessors put into producing those issues will not have been wasted. I ask you to join me in applauding their efforts so far. Communiqué submissions can be sent to [CQ@sfi.org](mailto:CQ@sfi.org) or:

STARFLEET Communiqué  
PO Box 722038  
Normon, OK 73070-8546 USA

Captain Wendy Fillmore and her Fanzine team will be calling upon STARFLEET's writers and artists to provide material for our yet-to-be-named literary/art publication, which will be printed twice a year. Look for Wendy's article elsewhere in this Communiqué for submission guidelines and how to subscribe to the 'zine. The Fanzine staff can be reached by-mail at [Fanzine@sfi.org](mailto:Fanzine@sfi.org), or:

Capt. Wendy Fillmore  
Vice Chief of Communications—Fanzine  
72 Dickens Road North  
Brunswick, NJ 08902-3448 USA.

Rounding out the existing staff is Commodore Allyson M.W. Dyar, whose NetServices staff has done a phenomenal job in setting up the STARFLEET website at <http://www.sfi.org>, and responding to the e-mail which the site has brought in. In the near future, NetServices will be setting up various international e-mail auto-responders, as well as an announcements—only mailing list server for those of you on the net who want all the facts without any of the chatter found on the general mailing list. NewServices will also be moderating the Commander, STARFLEET's monthly fireside chats on the Internet Relay Chat server at <irc.lips.net>. Questions, comments, and suggestions may be sent to [NetServices@sfi.org](mailto:NetServices@sfi.org) or:

Comm. Allyson M.W. Dyar  
PO Box 941  
Kirkland, WA 98083-0941 USA.

### Help Wanted

And now for the "Help Wanted" section. Three offices are being created as part of the Communications Division's Support Services Department: the Office of Subspace Communications, the STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps, and the STARFLEET Language Bank. Applications for the leadership positions for all three offices are currently being accepted, and may be sent to my e-mail or postal addresses.

The Office of Subspace Communications will be responsible for promoting open communications between Starfleet chapters within their regions and worldwide. This includes not only an on-line pen-pal program, but a Subspace Relays program for those chapters without e-mail. These chapters will have the opportunity to be partnered with a neighboring e-mail-enabled chapters or other liaison in order to keep them informed on up-to-the-minute fleet news. In addition, this office will be responsible for coordinating STARFLEET's participation in OPERATION: EAGLE, a pen-pal project which promotes communications between STARFLEET members and real-life members of the armed services overseas.

Fleet Captain Bill Herrmann will be serving as acting Director of Subspace Communications. Anyone who is willing to be a volunteer Subspace Relay liaison should contact Bill at [Subspace@sfi.org](mailto:Subspace@sfi.org). Ships who need a liaison can write to Bill at:

FCPT Bill Herrmann  
9908 Berrywood Drive  
Ladson, SC 29456 USA

The Diplomatic Corps will be responsible for opening and maintaining communications between STARFLEET and other fan organizations, initiating inter-fandom activities and newsletter exchanges. The Director of the Diplomatic Corps will also serve ex officio as STARFLEET's ambassador to the International Fan Council.

The Language Bank will consist of volunteers who may be called upon to provide translations services (spoken/written Terrestrial languages, sign language, Vulcan, Klingon, Romulan, Dwarvish, Elven, et cetera) in their Regions or over the Internet as needed. The Language Bank Coordinator will be responsible for recruiting and organizing the volunteer translators. Anyone who is interested in any of these

positions please get in touch with me as quickly as you can. I would like to fill these positions as rapidly as possible in order to get these programs underway. I plan to announce the appointments in my next column.

In closing, I'd like to ask your assistance in a communications project I've just started up, STARFLEET In The News. We'll be putting together an online scrapbook of STARFLEET-related news stories, starting with the January 22nd article in the New York Post, at <http://www.sfi.com/comm/inthenews.html>. If you see any articles about STARFLEET, its chapters, or members in the news, please let me know! Until then, I'll be keeping all channels open ...

In service to the fleet,

Gordon L. Goldberg, Commodore  
Chief of Communications, STARFLEET

### ...More Events...

April 4-6, 1997

BabelCon 2, New Kensington, PA, Guest: Marc Okrand. E-mail: [ncc1901@aol.com](mailto:ncc1901@aol.com)

April 11-13, 1997

Vulcan, Atlanta, GA. Guests: Robert Beltran, TBA. Call: 954-434-6060 Fax: 954-434-2470.

April 11-13, 1997

Creation Convention, New York, New York. Guests: William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy, DeForrest Kelley. Call: (818) 409-0960.

May 1997

Cruise Trek '97, The Treasures of Tahiti, aboard a Holland America Windstar cruise ship from Papeete, Tahiti to Moorea, Huahine, Raiatea, Tahaa and Bora Bora. Guests: Eric Stillwell plus more TBA. Write: Cruise Trek, PO Box 2038, Augora Hills, CA 91376-2038 (include SASE). E-mail: [cruisetrek@aol.com](mailto:cruisetrek@aol.com), Call: 818-597-2940. WWW Site: <http://home.aol.com/CruiseTrek>

May 2 -5, 1997

Sea-Con1, aboard the SS Ecstasy (Carnival Cruise Lines) Sailing from Miami to Nassau and back. Guest: Robert O'Reilly. Write: Sea-Con 1997, 633 S Main Street, Milpitas, CA 95035. E-mail: [rhammond@libertyusa.com](mailto:rhammond@libertyusa.com). Call 800-980-9192. Pin1701. WWW:<http://members/aol.com/kurkura/seacon/html>

May 2-5, 1997

Wolf 359—The Mission, Blackpool, England. Guests: TBA, Write: 37 Brankstone Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, England, SS2 4HG

# Academy and schools

## STARFLEET ACADEMY - COLLEGE APPLICATION FORM

The Scholastic Division of STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc.

STARFLEET ACADEMY, Fadm Rob Lerman—Commandant, P.O. Box 554, Fair Oaks, CA 95628-0554 (academy@sfi.org)  
TYPE or CLEARLY PRINT all information:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ STARFLEET SCC#: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE/PROV: \_\_\_\_\_ POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

- [ ] **OFFICER’S TRAINING SCHOOL (OTS)** - \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps - (You must pass this course to take OCC.)  
Adm. Peg Pellerin, RFD #3, Box 5460, Winslow, ME 04901 - or  
RAdm. Leanne Jackson, Unit 2, 10 Lynette Ave, Hectorville, SA 5073, Australia - no email
- [ ] **OFFICER’S COMMAND COLLEGE (OCC)** - \$4.00, SASE, 3 Loose 32 cent Stamps- (Copy of OTS diploma required when applying for this school)  
RAdm Carolyn Donner, PO Box 158, Hammersville, OH 45130 or occ@sfi.org  
Intergalactic Information BBS - baud rates from 300 to 14,400 accepted - 24 hrs, 7 days a week: 937-379-2832 (\$2.00 for on-line course)
- [ ] **FLAG OFFICER SCHOOL (FOS)** - \$5.00 for first course / \$2.00 each for the second and third courses / One manual for all 3 courses. -  
Comm Helen Pawlowski, PO Box 22225, St. Louis, MO 63116-2225 - no email yet  
(Copy of OCC diploma required when applying for this school - do NOT send original OCC certificate!) - no email yet
- [ ] **CADET SCHOOL (SACS)** - \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course - (For STARFLEET International members ages 10 to 15 ONLY)  
Comm. Raymond Quinones, 1400 Ft. Bragg Rd., Fayetteville, NC 28305—sacs@sfi.org
- [ ] **COLLEGE of COMMUNICATIONS (COC)** - \$4.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course -  
Capt. Laura J. Begley, 312 Potomic Dr., Winchester, KY 40391-8409
- [ ] **COLLEGE of COMPUTER HISTORY (COCH)** - Free, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course - coch@sfi.org  
RAdm Sharon Ann Campbell, P.O. Box 603, Kirkland, WA 98083-0603
- [ ] **SCHOOL of ENGINEERING (SOE)** - \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps - soe@sfi.org  
Cmdr. Brian Dougherty, 5630 Pershing Apt #32, St. Louis, MO 63112-1759
- [ ] **COLLEGE of FEDERATION STUDIES (COFS)** - \$1.00, SASE, 3 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course - cofs@sfi.org  
Capt. Donna Tucker, 7066 Goodner Mtn Rd., Pinson, AL 35126
- [ ] **SCHOOL of LANGUAGE STUDIES (SOLS)** - \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course - no email yet  
Comm. Sherry Anne Newell, 5 NW 40th, Lawton, OK 73505
- [ ] **COLLEGE of MEDICINE (SACOM)** - \$3.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course - sacom@sfi.org  
LCmdr. Kevin West, P.O. Box 1418, Colonial Heights, VA 23834
- [ ] **COLLEGE of SURVIVAL STUDIES (COSS)** - \$3.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course - coss@sfi.org  
Capt. Carol Thompson, P.O. Box 135, Ester, AK 99725
- [ ] **VULCAN ACADEMY of SCIENCE (VAS)** - \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course - vas@sfi.org  
RAdm. Marlene Miller, 461 Harmony Lane, Campbell, OH 44405
- [ ] **COLLEGE of TACTICAL OPERATIONS (COTO)** - \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course - coto@sfi.org  
Comm. Paul C. Dyl, 16G West Luzon Dr., Ft. Bragg, NC 28307-5100
- [ ] **SECURITY SCHOOL (SASS)** - \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps for each of the four courses available - sass@sfi.org  
Capt. Brian Allen, 920 Hollydale Ln., Fayetteville, NC 28314
- [ ] **COLLEGE of TRADE and COMMERCE (COTAC)** - \$3.00, SASE. 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course -  
Cmdr Teddy Begley, 312 Potomic Dr., Winchester, KY 40391-8409
- [ ] **COLLEGE of HISTORY (COH)** - \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course - no email yet  
Cmdr George K. Clark Jr., 8100 Lichen Dr., Citrus Heights, CA 95621
- [ ] **COLLEGE of STARSHIP OPERATIONS (COSO)** - \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course - coso@sfi.org  
Cmdr James W. Lee, 214 Jamestown Dr., Spring Lake, NC 28390
- [ ] **SCHOOL OF COMMAND STUDIES (SoCS)** - \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course -  
Fleet Captain Mark Hanford, 21 E 65th Street Apt 3, West New York, NJ 07093
- [ ] **MARINE COLLEGE (MA)** - Send a SASE to the Marine College for course costs and application  
College under development
- [ ] **POST GRADUATE SCHOOL.(PGS)** - \$, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course  
College under development

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# Shuttle Operations

## COMMODORE DENNIS GRAY

Howdy!

If anyone had told me, many years ago, that I would one day be writing an article for the Communiqué as the Chief of Shuttle Operations, I would have told them they were nuts. Me? Write an article for the CQ? Yeah, right. It's funny how some things change, isn't it?

Over a year ago, an old friend of mine, Michael D. Smith, approached me and told me he was going to run for Fleet Admiral. To say the least, I was shocked (no pun intended). It was rather bold and gutsy move. Shortly thereafter, Mike came to me again, wanting to know if I would be willing to be his future Chief of ShOC.

I gave the decision a lot of thought. Starfleet was in dire straights. I wanted to do what I could to help, and turn Starfleet around. I accepted Mike's offer to be part of his future E.C.

Granted, ShOC was one of the few bright spots in the McGinnis Administration. Linda and Peggy did an excellent job running ShOC these past two years. I had nothing really to 'fix'. But the opportunity to be responsible for the formation of new chapters, and new friendships, to help others to get back from their Starfleet membership what STARFLEET has given me, was an opportunity I could not resist.

So. Here I am, writing my first CQ article for the members of Starfleet. We've already seen many great changes in the Fleet. I personally have seen enthusiasm soar these past two months. If this kind of energy, this kind of excitement keeps up and continues to grow. I have a feeling that is going to be fun two years indeed.

I have asked FCapt. Daniel Friesen to be my Vice Chief of ShOC. Daniel is the Region 3 RDC of ShOC, and brings some great experience to the ShOC offices. But Daniel and I, we had a little problem. We live nearly 1000 miles apart from one another. So the problem arose, how could we work together, help each other out? We finally came to a decision. We would split ShOC. Daniel and I would each handle approximately half the shuttles in Fleet. Daniel would be responsible for all the shuttles in Regions 1, 2, 7 & 15. These four regions alone comprise over half the Fleet. I would handle the shuttles in all the other Regions. We will both accept Monthly Status Reports (MSR's) for the shuttles in those respective Regions. We both have the authority to accept VRR's, and launch or commission shuttles. In short, we have two working ShOC offices. This splits the normal work load down in half for each of us, and let's us devote more time and attention to those shuttles in the regions we cover, and give them better service.

How do you reach us? Read on. Starfleet members and shuttles in Regions 1, 2, 7, & 15 can reach the Vice Chief of ShOC, FCapt. Daniel Friesen, and send their monthly reports and VRR's to:

Daniel Friesen  
5820 Old Mooringsport Rd., #5820  
Shreveport, LA 71107

(318) 929-3783

e-mail: VShOC@sfi.org

For the remaining regions 3\*, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 & 21, the Chief of Shuttle Operations, Comm. Dennis Gray, can be reached at, and MSR's and VRR's sent to:

Dennis Gray  
2652 W. Hampden Ave.  
Englewood, CO 80110  
(303)- (phone number pending)  
e-mail: ShOC@sfi.org

**\*PLEASE NOTE\*** Because FCapt. Daniel Friesen lives in Region 3, shuttles in R3 may feel more comfortable dealing with Daniel, for whatever reason (proximity, familiarity, etc.). Therefore, shuttles in R3 are invited to send their inquiries, reports, or VRR's to Dan.

The following is a list of shuttles as Given to me by outgoing ShOC Chief Linda Reynolds. If your shuttle is not listed, and you feel it should be, please contact either Daniel or myself and let us know! Shuttles:

Alabama	Darkseed	Lone Wolf
Anasazi	Eclipse	Lonestar
Bengal	Emerald Star	Nathan James
Blackstar	Excelsior	Phantom
Broadsword	Fire Fox	Providence
Chautauqua	Golden Hind	Quantico
Cherokee	Gorkon	Quantum
Chimera	Iowa	Sierra
Crusader	Krela Orla	Tolkien
Crystal Star	Lafayette	Uintah
Cydonia	Lewis B. Puller	

Also, I am happy to report that since we have taken office, Daniel and I have launched 4 shuttles. We'd like to welcome them into the fold:

Kidd	Region 3
Lunar Dawn	Region 3
Canaveral	Region 12
Cicero	Region 12

Daniel & I look forward to working with these shuttles in the coming months, and with those that are yet to come. We have an enormous responsibility. The last two years have seen a terrible depletion in the number of chapters and members in Starfleet. As the department of Shuttle Operations, it is our responsibility to create 'new' chapters. It is our business to 'repopulate' the Fleet. And the way things are going, we hope to have more business than we can handle before our time here is done. Time will soon tell.

Have fun!

Serving the 'children' of the Fleet,  
Commodore Dennis Gray

## “Why Should I Attend IC ‘97?”

by Captain Matt Black

I am happy to report that planning is on courses for STARFLEET's International Conference in Cherry Hill, NJ on August 22-24, 1997. (\$15 Conference Membership or \$55 Membership plus Baquet.) For those of you who are unfamiliar with the IC, or just need a reminder, allow me to explain as best as I can.

The annual International Conference is the one time each year that the geographically diverse Executive Committee and Admiralty Board of STAREFLEET get together in person to handle the “business” of STARFLEET.

The Executive Committee is the Command Staff appointed by the Commander, STARFLEET to handle the administration of our international association. The Admiralty Board is the collection of our Regional Coordinators around the globe.

So, you might ask, what does this mean to me as an average member of STARFLEET? Well, the IC is also your one chance each year to totally immerse yourself in STARFLEET. It is an opportunity for you to get to know other STARFLEET members from around the world. Sure, you may have learned about other chapters and members through the pages of the Communiqué, or even met them on-line or through the mail... but this is the one major annual event where you can meet other STARFLEET members face-to-face.

But why come to the International Conference if it's all business?

Because it's not all business. The Operations Chair and Programming Committee are hard at work planning a wide range of other events and activities. Sure, we'll have the usual “Section Meetings” for Command, Communications, Engineering, Medical, Operations, Science, Security and Special Forces... as well as a “Captain's Call” for Chapter CO's and a “Regional Roundup” for RC's and their Command Staff.

## Planned Activities

However, there will also be discussion panels on other topics such as Chapter/Regional Newsletters, Electronic Communications, Fanzines, and Creating Chapter Fiction. If you are just getting your chapter started, or are considering changing your starship class, you can come to the “Meet the Department of Technical Services” panel. Sessions of “Meet the Fleet Admiral”, “Meet the Executive Committee”, and “Communiqué Q&A” are also in the works. To make this your IC too, we need your ideas for panels and activities, so please send them in! (See the contact information below.)

Just for fun... Region 7 will be hosting a

Philadelphia-themed Social on Friday night of the IC. Saturday night features the International Conference 1997 Awards Banquet followed by the STARFLEET USO Show, a showcase of talent from across the fleet. In fact, the SF USO Show is still looking for talented performers... but they'll settle for you! (Just kidding!) Singing, Dancing, Comedy, and Skits are all welcome. (See the contact information below.)

Add to all of these planned events, the many unplanned activities that inevitably happen whenever you get a group of Science Fiction fans together! Trips to see the local sights, room parties, filk singing, and late-night debates on everything from Babylon 5 to X-Files. All in all, it's an event not to be missed... if you can afford to make the trip. Geez, aren't those transporters working yet?

## Contact Information

For more information about STARFLEET's IC '97:

Fleet Captain Tony Rowley  
Co-Chair/Operations Chair, IC97  
Post Office Box 272  
Upper Darby, PA 19082-0272  
E-Mail: ridire@netaxs.com  
IC 97 Web Page  
Http://www.webwarren.com/ic97/

Send ideas for IC97 panels or activities to:

Lt. Cmdr. Marla Bush  
Programming Chair, SF IC97  
Joshua House  
2607 Welsh Road/#D206  
Philadelphia, PA 19114-3321  
E-Mail: seonia@ix.netcom.com

For more information about the SF USO Show:

Cmdr. Mara Yoresh  
SF USO Director  
60 Burnet Street  
Maplewood, NJ 07040  
E-Mail: SFUSODir@aol.com

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# Computer Operations

## COMMODORE SAL LIZARD

Greetings and SALutations from Starfleet Computer Operations! We'd like to just update you on the status of Team CompOps at the start of this new administration and let you in our immediate goals and future goals. First of all, a brief introduction of who we are, what we do, and how you can contact us.

Chief of Computer Operations Commodore Sal Lizard, 49 Vine Street Northfield, VT 05663 compops@sfi.org. Sal Lizard is a long distance member of the USS Rutledge in R1 and has the responsibility of overseeing the entire CompOps staff and ensuring our goals and the members needs are met. Sal also will be maintaining the SFI.ORG internet domain. This includes vanity e-mail addresses, listservers, the fleet website and ftp site.

Vice Chief—Membership Service Fcapt Mandi Herrmann, PO Box 362 Ladson, SC 29456-0362 membership@sfi.org. Mandi Herrmann is a member of the USS Rutledge in R1. She receives all membership applications and keys them into the database. She and her staff of volunteers will be responsible for sending out membership packets as well.

Vice Chief—Database Fcapt Jesse Smith 5126 Niagara Place College Park, MD 20740 database@sfi.org. Jesse Smith is a member of the USS IDIC in R7 and is responsible for database maintenance and functionality. He ensures that it is set up to allow retrieval of information and reports for the Executive Committee, Admiralty Board and chapter CO's.

Staff Coordinator Lt. Cmdr Liz Woolf, 146 Manor Crescent N. Brunswick, NJ 08901-1691 compopshelp@sfi.org. Liz Woolf is a member of the USS Avenger in R7 and will keep track of our current status and goals. Her main responsibility will be to assist the CompOps staff by serving as a kind of help desk for this department. You can contact Liz with membership inquiries and general CompOps questions.

## Membership Information

Currently, CompOps is having membership certificates and cards printed. The handbooks are at the printers. One hundred handbooks were printed using the previous administration's materials. These will be sent to those of you who joined and renewed in 1996 and never received a membership packet. New membership handbooks are currently being produced. They will basically be the same, but with

a letter of introduction from FADM Mike Smith, current Commander, Starfleet. New membership packets will begin to be shipped out once the new handbook is finished and the database is entirely on-line. Please be patient with us in this regard. We are dedicated to meeting the needs of the membership, and if you should have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

In order to make it easier to process new and renewing membership applications, \*please\* TYPE or PRINT neatly all information on the membership application. We are aiming for complete accuracy in the database. If you find your address or info to be incorrect, please let us know and we will correct it. Please include your e-mail address and website if applicable on your membership application. Also, remember to make checks or money orders payable to Starfleet and not any one person. We would also like all chapter CO's to send us a current roster of their members so that we can have complete information. The information on your chapter will be accessible to you in the future. Hopefully, we will have rosters available for CO's and RC's in the next few weeks.

## Starfleet On-line

For those of you who are on-line, you'll be happy to hear that Starfleet has its very own domain name "sfi.org" and it has been registered for our use. SFI represents Starfleet International. At present it is run as a virtual domain on TrekNet servers at Sal Lizard's house in Vermont. All EC members, departments, and most AB members can be reached online using the "sfi.org" addresses. These are easy to remember addresses such as Compops@sfi.org or Ops@sfi.org or CQ@sfi.org.

Also, with each paid Chapter Charter Fee, Chapters will receive on complimentary e-mail address, such as ussrutledge@sfi.org or uss.thagard@sfi.org. As a fund-raiser for Starfleet, \*you\* can purchase your very own sfi.org e-mail address. For \$10 a year with each dollar going to the Starfleet treasury, you can have a pointer e-mail address such as marlene.miller@sfi.org or sal@sfi.org. What really happens is that all mail addressed to such an address will be forwarded to your actual account. Fun ones like smithers@sfi.org or LittleGuy@sfi.org can be purchased as well. However, certain ones like NumberOne@sfi.org will be auctioned off to benefit Starfleet. Please contact Sal Lizard for more information, or you can make check or money order payable to

Starfleet and send to Sal at the above address.

Also, the Starfleet website has moved to the sfi.org domain. You can visit and learn all about Starfleet by surfing over to www.sfi.org. Check out the page and all the links to learn about Starfleet's many offices, projects, and activities. You can also find the online directory from this site allowing you access to all of Starfleet's chapter and member e-mail addresses.

## Status and Goals

The main goal of CompOps is to run an efficient department that will serve the membership effectively. We are serious when we say we are in service to Starfleet. Once membership handbooks and certificates are back from the printers, we will strive to have materials in your hands within 6 weeks of processing your membership. Currently we do have a backlog due to the lack of transition time from the previous administration to this one. However, we will work hard to catch up quickly!

Also, we hope to have an interactive website for the Starfleet membership. Later this year, we hope to have online a system which will allow those of you with web access to access parts of the database to verify your personal and chapter information and submit changes to our staff. We are aiming for a fax-back service included in this as well. You will be able to use your modem or fax machine to receive a printout of your current data in the membership database. More on this, however, in the future.

For those of you who do not have online access, please do not hesitate to write us via the postal service. Please however, do include a SASE for quick responses. We are here for members online and off-line!

Remember, Starfleet has been through a rough time. We are dedicated to helping to get this organization back on its feet as soon as possible. If you would like help Starfleet save some \$\$, we welcome donations of stamps in order to send out membership materials. Also, remember to get your personal vanity e-mail address today. We have many ideas and services planned for the Starfleet membership. It looks to be an exciting year for this organization and if we can be of any assistance to you, please let us know.

Sal Lizard  
Chief of Computer Operations

## Rural Chapter Support Network Forming

The Rural Chapter Support Network will soon be available. This is a program that is designed for ships and shuttles that are located in communities of 55,000 people or less. Other ships and shuttles who would just like to participate are welcome.

Usually ships that are located in rural areas must be far more creative when it comes to chapter events, fund-raising, recruitment and obtaining community acceptance. Some ships and shuttles struggle with these issues without success until they fail. We would like to help prevent this. Thus RCSN will serve as a forum for the participants to exchange ideas and information relating to the above identified problem areas or any other topic that the individual participants wish to explore. What has worked for you could be shared with other ships!

The program is not geared towards political issues, but to aid in the search for new ideas and fresh approaches. A newsletters will be initiated, and eventually a handbook for Rural Chapters. If you would like more information, please contact:

Cheryl Stevens, Captain  
U.S.S. New Horizons  
P.O. Box 643  
Dexter, NY 13634

Or, by e-mail at 4Stevens@northnet.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

Cheryl A. Stevens, Captain  
USS New Horizons NCC-71676

## Regional Correspondents Wanted

The Communiqué is looking for correspondents in each region. The chosen persons must be able to make their submissions by floppy disk or e-mail.

Applications, must be received by April 30, 1997, and may be sent to the Communiqué editor by e-mail (CQ-Editor@sfi.org) or by postal mail:

STARFLEET Communiqué  
PO Box 722038  
Norman, OK 73070-8546 USA

# STARFLEET: Status Report

## FLEET ADMIRAL MIKE SMITH

### Greetings

As most of you know by now, I have been elected your next Commander, STARFLEET, I thank those of you who chose to vote for our ticket in the election, and for the mission that you have entrusted us to. Our administration is excited to be able to serve STARFLEET's membership, and is ready to take on the long hard road that it will be to bring STARFLEET back to where it should be, the shining jewel atop the many Trek fan groups in the world.

I would like to thank each member of our opposing tickets for their dedication to the organization and encourage them to turning their energies to supporting STARFLEET and working with us to help get STARFLEET back on track.

Over the next few days, we will be releasing information to each Admiralty Board member. Each AB Member will be required to ensure that this information is in the hands of each chapter CO within 2 weeks of their receipt of the mailer. This packet will contain news and information that will be vital to help the transition to the new administration, as well as what our administration will expect of each Regional Coordinator over the next two years.

I would to take a few minutes to pass along some information.

### STARFLEET Executive Committee

Commander, STARFLEET: FAdm Michael D. Smith; Chief of Staff, CS: FCapt Tony Rowley.

Vice Commander, STARFLEET: Admiral Chuck Freas; Chief of Staff, VCS: Capt Donna Friesen.

Chief of Operations: Commodore Tom Monaghan; Vice Chief of Operations: Captain Les Rickard

Chief of Communications: Commodore Gord Goldberg; VC Comm/CQ Editor: Cdr Greg Trotter

VC Comm/Fanzine & Projects: Captain Wendy Fillmore; VC Comm/Net Services: Commodore Allyson Dyar

Chief, Shuttlecraft Operations: Com-

modore Dennis Gray; Vice Chief of ShOC; FCapt Dan Friesen

Commandant, STARFLEET Academy: FAdm Rob Lerman; Vice Commandant, STARFLEET Academy; FCapt Helen Pawlowski

Chief of Computer Operations: Commodore Sal Lizard; VC Comp Ops/Membership Services; FCapt Herrmann; VC Comp Ops/Da-

tabase Management: FCapt Jesse Smith

### STARFLEET Addresses

My e-mail address for STARFLEET related business will now be cs@sfi.org. STARFLEET's official address will now be:

STARFLEET  
200 Hiawatha Blvd.  
Oakland, NJ 07436-3643

STARFLEET's phone # is 201-337-3645 and fax # during normal business hours will be 201-337-0760.

Memberships will be sent directly to Capt Mandi Herrmann, Membership Services Vice Chief for Computer Operations. In the time that we will be securing a PO Box for membership apps, please send them to 9908 Berrywood Drive, Ladson, SC 29456.

Other addresses will be released as our other EC offices are brought up to speed. Because of all the snafus regarding the election, we are in the unenviable position of having to not only hit the ground running, but trying to do the transition as smoothly and quickly as possible so that services to the membership are as uninterrupted as possible.

### STARFLEET Electronic Information

STARFLEET now has its own domain on the Internet: sfi.org. What this means is that from now on, such things as STARFLEET's World Wide Web site will now be distinct in it's address: <http://www.sfi.org>. EC members will have addresses ending in "sfi.org" making them also distinctive.

As a STARFLEET fund-raiser, we will be offering members the opportunity to purchase one of their own distinctive e-mail addresses.

What I mean is that you can choose to purchase an address such as "ussthagard@sfi.org" or "Trekfan@sfi.org." These addresses are available for \$10 per year, and can be obtained through STARFLEET Computer Operations. Checks of money orders should be made out to STARFLEET. Chapters will be given one courtesy e-mail address as a tangible benefit of the Chapter Charter Fee.

We will also be instituting a moderated ListServ for those members who don't or can't read the STARFLEET ListServ. This ListServ will be for important announcements from HQ or others. We encourage all of you who have e-mail access but can't tolerate the large amounts of traffic that the main ListServ generates to subscribe to the Announcements list. To subscribe please contact Commodore Allyson Dyar ([netservices@sfi.org](mailto:netservices@sfi.org)).

Also, please visit our Web site for directions on how to join our IRC channel. I plan to make myself available regularly, and many of our EC members and their Vice Chiefs are available there from time to time. Feel free to stop by and chat with your fellow STARFLEET officers.

### STARFLEET Membership Dues

STARFLEET's membership dues will be the pre-IC96 rates of \$15 for single membership and \$22 for family of three, etc. This price will continue to include your 6 issue subscription to the Communiqué.

### STARFLEET Communiqué

Due again because of the problems with the elections, we were unable to get the Communiqué out before the end of February as was planned. It takes up to 45 days to transfer the Second Class permit from Belleville, IL, to our new distribution point in Tecumseh, OK. Normally we could have started the process after the election announcement date, but as the winner wasn't known until into the second day of what is supposed to be the new administration, we did the best we could. Your next Communiqué should be on time in April.

### STARFLEET Chain Of Command

I'm certain that each of you have many other questions that you want to direct. Please direct them to your CO's, who in turn will pass them up to their RC's, who will pass them onto the appropriate EC member.

I am a firm believer in the chain of command, and it's consistent use. While my office will always be open to anyone who would like to call, if I am called about a situation or problem that can be handled at a lower lever, I will redirect the caller to the appropriate level for the resolution of the problem at hand.

The Chain of Command works, folks, when used properly and consistently. Please be forewarned, and pass along to your memberships that the chain can and will be adhered to:

Commanding Officer, Chapter  
Regional Coordinator  
Chief of Operations  
Vice Commander, STARFLEET  
Commander, STARFLEET

\*Admiralty Board (final place of appeal, if necessary)\*

Half of HQ's hectic pace is having to field calls from people who fail to follow the chain of command. Problems need to be solved at the lowest level possible. That's why we have CO's and RC's, and ultimately, and problem \*should\* be able to be solved at that level. Use the IG to help you if necessary. That's what he's there for.

That's all there is now, for the moment. We will be getting up to speed as quickly as we can, but we will appreciate your patience as the other EC offices transition, and we begin bringing the warp drives up to speed.

Again, I thank all of you who supported Smith/Freas is the election. It's a rather humbling thought to think that the majority of the memberships who voted feel that our team is the one to bring us out of our problems and forward into the future. I promise to do my utmost to not let you down.

In Service to STARFLEET  
FAdm Michael Smith  
Commander, STARFLEET

# INTERNET ACCESS?

BY CAPT. SUSAN C. VAUGHN CO USS ALARIC

What we want to know is this — Are you connected? Connected to the Internet, that is.

For some time many members have been wanting to use the Internet as a means of quicker communications with other member and Fleet HQ. The previous administration decried the use of the Internet as an official means of communication on the grounds that not every member/ship had E-Mail access. We know that not everyone is connected, but the present administration wants to make the maximal use of resources available.

We would like you to send us information on your E-mail status — if you are connected. All this information and your address (es) will remain confidential and will be used only for fleet purposed (distribution of official info). It will not be disseminated to any other person, group, or business without your permission.

Please send your name, member number, ship, region, and E-mail address and/or web address to Striin@aol.com. Please infidate whether you would be willing to be your ship's access to official info if yours is the only E-mail address available to your ship.

If it is found that we have at least one person with E-mail access on each ship, use of the Internet for official communication would enhance our contact with one another.

There is an inline Starfleet Internet directory (<http://www.port-huron.k12.mmi.us/~mdugas/members/>) to which your E-mail address would/ could be added. Please let us know if you want your address included in this 'phone book'. Otherwise the list will be distributed to only one designated person on each ship and will be used only for official communications, unless your specify to the contrary.

Use of the net will bring Fleet closer together and keep us all informed on the status of Fleet in the times between CQ's. See you on the net.

## ADDENDUM TO THE SIX MONTH CHAPTER GRACE PERIOD POLICY

Dear Regional Coordinators,

The following will be the policy adopted by Starfleet Operations concerning Starfleet chapters currently listed in the Fleet Chapter Database. As of today (January 17, 1997) all chapters have a "clean slate" in the eyes of Starfleet Operations. We will be monitoring the reports of all chapters that are received by Operations, mostly for areas that chapters need to work on meeting or exceeding the minimum chapter status requirements. But, especially, we will be noting which chapters are actively sending in reports, and subsequently, which ones are not.

Since the current status of a great number of chapters listed in the Fleet Chapter Database is debatable at best, Starfleet Operations WILL NOT put any chapters on Standby Status until we can determine which chapters are active and which ones are no longer active. This can be determined by which chapters are sending in reports to Starfleet Operations. Following the chapter reporting period ending March 5th, Starfleet Operations will begin tagging chapter entries in the Fleet Chapter Database as on "Standby Status" if no reports are received by that date. Operations will then send out letters notifying these Standby chapters of their status and give them until the end of the next chapter reporting period (April 5th) to reply or to report in. As an F.Y.I., RC's will be furnished with lists of Standby Status chapters in their region.

Following the chapter reporting period ending April 5th, any chapter on Standby Status will have their entry in the Fleet Chapter Database tagged as "Decommissioned." All chapters that are decommissioned will be notified of their status. As an FYI, RC's will be furnished with lists of decommissioned chapters in their region. If chapters wish to have their Chapter Charter reinstated they will have the opportunity to appeal the decision to the Chief of Starfleet Operations by July 5th. I will be more than happy to restore their active status in the Fleet Chapter Database and reinstate their Chapter Charter upon their request. However, following the chapter reporting period ending July 5th, any decommissioned chapter will have their entry in the Fleet Chapter Database removed and archived.

Starfleet Operations is taking this measure to ensure that all chapters listed in the Fleet Chapter Database are active and their information is correct. This will be Starfleet Operation's opportunity to remove the "deadwood" from the Fleet Chapter Database to ensure that the records of the active chapter on hand are as accurate as possible. With this information we will then be able to generate a vastly more accurate report on the true state of Starfleet.

I would like to reinforce that the previously adopted six month grace period is still in effect concerning all other minimum chapter requirements (i.e.: at least 10 paid members, CO & XO have passed O.T.S. & O.C.C., and the chapter charter fee has been paid). Following the end of the reporting period ending July 5th, if any chapter fails to meet any of the minimum requirements for chapter status those chapters will be put on Standby Status and will be notified of their status. Again, as an FYI, RC's will be furnished with lists of Standby Status chapters in their region.

I thank you all for your cooperation and understanding of this additional policy. If you have any questions concerning this addendum to the six month chapter grace period policy please feel free to let me know.

Please pass this information along to all the chapters in your regions.

In Service to the Members & Chapters of Starfleet,

Tom Monaghan  
Chief of Operations, Starfleet



# Scholarship Auction by Region 2

## VAdm Mike Henigan

Over the last 2 months Region 2 has been running an Online Auction with Star Trek, Science Fiction and related items for the general membership who are subscribed to anyone of several fleet mailing lists. The Items were originally donated by members of Region 2 and then other chapters and members wanted to donate them, so who were we to refuse. So the auction grew from there.

At the end of January after the auction had been running for a short while, Kris Harah sent me an e-mail suggesting that maybe some of these items we had should be made available for auction to those people who are NOT online as well. It was an excellent idea and so here we are.

This Auctions benefits the Scholarship Program. In the last 2 years Starfleet has awarded numerous Scholarship Awards, but the recipients never received their funds in most cases. Therefore, we are running both the Online Auction and this CQ Auction for the benefit of those individuals.

The Items listed below were donated by various Starfleet Members who were so generous with their donations. We thank them for their generosity and help in this most noble endeavor.

### Rules

1. We will accept Bids, either my mail, telephone or e-mail.
2. Please indicate which item you are Bidding on and what your Bid amounts is.
3. You may send as many Bids as you'd like, just contact Vadm Mike Henigan at the contact info listed below for an update.
4. Once the final bid is received, then that person will be notified in writing to the item they successfully bid for and the address to send the payment to.
5. Once the funds have been received and have cleared the bank, then the Bidder's address will be supplied to the Donator of the item they won for arrangement of shipping.
6. The Auction will close on May 1, 1997.
7. ALL SALES ARE FINAL!

### Items for Auction

- OB \$10.00

1.

Lmtd Ed. Gold Hologram Card—USS Enterprise, NNCC-1701D.  
You had to collect and send in so many card packages to get one of these. Very awesome and very collectible in prime condition. The card number on the back is O5H, from the 1992 Impel series.  
-- Donated by: FCapt Kris Harah
- OB \$10.00

2.

Picard and Riker Cardboard Standups (Set)  
These Standups are very useful for Picture Taking, Decoration or just to have as one of "Those" collectibles you can't live without.  
-- Donated by: USS Republic NCC-1371
- OB \$20.00

3.

Autographed Picture - Ethan Phillips - Personalized!  
This Item when won will be sent to Mr. Phillips for personalizing.  
-- Donated by: EPIC & Capt Kate Clark
- OB \$25.00

4.

Custom Designed - Data, LaForge & Worf Plaque - Solid Oak.  
On the face is a picture behind glass w/gold foil of Data, LaForge, and Worf located on the left half of the plaque. (10"x7") and on the right side is a lone collectors card of Data (top) in the middle is an engraved black metal with the words "Lt Commander Geordi LaForge, Lt Commander Data, Lt Commander Worf" in gold below are 2 side by side collectors card (all behind glass w/brass studs) of Geordi and Worf.  
-- Donated by Franklin Pantoz & USS. Transcendence NCC-74677

- OB \$100.00

5.

Original Letter - General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, Commander in Chief US Central Command, in OPERATION:DESERT STORM and OPERATION DESERT STORM. This letter was sent to myself, as Director, OPERATION: EAGLE, the Volunteer Mail Project. It is signed by General Schwarzkopf, and comments on the impact of the OPERATION: EAGLE efforts to help lift the morale of the US Armed Forces in the Persian Gulf. A True "collectors item", since DESERT STORM, and General Schwarzkopf, who had the code name "SKYWALKER" during the Gulf War, and the letter itself came from US Central Command, where the code name for the Top General's was the "Jedi Knights"  
-- Donated by: FCapt Bill Herrmann
- OB \$10.00

6.

Photograph - USN Aircraft carrier USS ENTERPRISE CVN-65  
A beautiful color photograph showing the ENTERPRISE sailing out of the USN Base Homeport in California. As many know, today, the ENTERPRISE is homeported in Virginia. Thus, this photograph is a "collectors item", as far as the history of the ENTERPRISE is represented.  
-- Donated by: FCapt Bill Herrmann
- OB \$40.00

7.

Autographed Photograph - Deforest Kelly  
-- Donated by: Chery & Bryan Stevens
- OB \$10.00

8.

1993 Skybox DS9 Cards, #1-100  
-- Donated by: USS Hephaestus
- OB \$10.00

9.

1995 Skybox Voyager Series 1, #1-98  
Includes Ti-Cast Card, PI-preview (S2) & Survey Card  
-- Donated by: USS Hephaestus
- OB \$120.00

10.

1991 Hallmark Keepsake Ornament, the NCC-1701 TOS Enterprise  
Has been Opened, the box and internal plastic holder are still in good condition.  
-- Donated by: MGen Scott Akers
- OB \$25.00

11.

Hamilton Collection Plate - Captain Jean-Luc Picard  
By Thomas Blackshear II from the Star Trek: Next Generation Edition. Plate number is 1986D.  
-- Donated by: Murry J. Faraday
- OB \$25.00

12.

Hamilton Collection Plate - Star Trek 25th Anniversary Plate  
By Thomas Blackshear II plate. Plate number is 1445S.  
-- Donated by: Murry J. Faraday
- OB \$10.00

13.

Lursa and B'Etor - Autographs  
Both signatures are on a 4.5" x 6" black and white note card picture of them  
-- Donated by: USS Werner Von Braun
- OB \$130.00

14.

Autographed script for "Homecoming" Signed by Armin, Nana, Frank Langella, Rene, and Richard Beymer. & Alexander Siddig.
- OB \$10.00

15.

Enterprise 1701-D Cardboard Mobile (3 x 4 Feet)  
-- Donated by: USS Republic

Please note that all items have OB - Opening Bids listed for them, those are the prices that were requested to start the Bidding at. If we do not receive a matching Opening Bid, the item will remain unsold.

Bid Contact:  
Vadm Mike Henigan  
840 Rimington Lane  
Decatur, GA 30030  
Tel. (404) 294-1009 (No calls after 10pm EST)  
Email: sfichq@macconnect.com

Everyone Enjoy!

VAdm Mike Henigan  
Region 2 Chief of Staff  
YOUR Online/CQ Auctioneer

# Blinded By Science!

## HERE ARE SOME GOOD ARTICLES FROM THE MISSING COMMUNIQUÈS

### THE FERENGİ ARE MISUNDERSTOOD

Comdr. Edward B. Kiker, Science Editor, 9610.31

Economics is a science, too. Some have called it the “dismal science,” usually ending up with too much month left over at the end of the money. The “Want To” is always short of the “Can Afford To,” and most of us in the lower income brackets know very well that we cannot have what we cannot afford. It is just a fact of life. Most of us who want to go into space want to go there just for the thrill of exploration, and money is not a prime motivator, but we are also realistic enough to know from personal everyday experience that somehow we will have to find a way to pay for our spaceship ticket to the stars just as we pay for our airline ticket at the airport.

Now, some people hold an Ivory Tower view that commerce and banking are evil, with “crass commercialism” a danger to the purity of space exploration. Others, like the Ferengi, believe that endless Acquisition is noble. Most people take the middle view, and correctly recognize that no matter how altruistic or technically advanced humanity and its assorted cousins may become by the twenty-third century, everything that is done, every asteroid that is mined, every starship that is built, and every Starfleet cadet who is trained must be paid for in some way by someone. No free lunch, no free launch. Deal with it.

In the 14-20 October 1996 issue of “Space News,” page 13, there was an article by a Ms. Linda Billings which was so very, extremely Ivory Tower that it was funny. I recommend it. It may be in your local library, and I’m sure it can be found in the World Wide Web. The article wanted commerce of any kind to stay out of space forever, leaving it as the pure, exciting preserve of the space explorer to extend and inspire the human spirit. No mining of the Moon or asteroids, no solar power satellites, never a dime of usefulness produced. It said that “Warrior, conquerors, exploiters and colonizers should turn in their space explorer badges. They should have no place in shaping the future of space exploration.” It went on to state that what space needs are “a few good social theorists and moral philosophers.” Like most Ivory Tower advocates she did not indicate how such pure exploration would be paid for, but I am sure that she would condemn as miserly anyone who did not want to cough up the bread. Don’t get me wrong - nothing wrong with inspiring the spirit. That is my own reason for wanting to go whether a dime is ever made in space or not. It is just that I profoundly realize that if space does not provide an economic incentive, and a profit, thus enlarging the tax base which provides more tax revenue, there will never be any money available to pay for that pure science effort. Space must at least pay for itself, and there are many possibilities that space resources will also help to mitigate problems here on Earth.

Shopkeepers, miners, bankers and accountants are not to be confused with robber barons. There is a difference. Both exist, and regulations exist to keep the robber within limits. But profit, exploitation, money, military, ownership, development, superiority, contest, competition, protection, police and warrior are not dirty words - without them we have no roofs over our heads, no food in the pantry, no security in the home or homeland, no improvements in standards of living, no education, and no concept of relative worth. Ms. Billings said that the American people will never get excited about “crass commercialism” in space. Did Americans not get excited about the commercial aspects of the Oklahoma Land Rush, the California Gold Rush, the Alaska Gold Rush, the opening of the Great Plains to farming, and the world Industrial and Communications Revolutions? It was these, and the commercial civilization they spawned, which provided the taxes to pay for much of our pure science, which in turn has created more businesses, more jobs, and an ever-increasing standard of living for the entire world.

Ms. Billings is not alone in her Ivory Tower. I was an attendee at the International Lunar Workshop in Interlaken, Switzerland, in 1994. The scientist organizers of that Workshop did indeed try to present a press statement to the effect that the Moon would always be the preserve of pure science, a place for scientists only, and would never have mining, tourism, or any other commerce. The Americans, Russians, Japanese, and many other Europeans all jumped to their feet at once in protests, including our own astronaut Harrison H. Schmitt of Apollo 17, and I took out a sheet of paper and wrote a new press release. I got many of the Russians, Japanese, Americans, and others to sign it, and we forced a rewording of the final press release.

Economics may be the dismal science, but what we want in space is exactly like what we want for our families - if we want something, we have to find a way to pay for it. If we want more, we must create more, or we will rob Peter to pay Paul until both are broke. Not only that, if we want the general public to really be interested in space, they must be personally involved, and that means getting the general public (that’s us) into space in the same manner we got into airline travel and taking routine vacations across the continent or across the world. Space must be routinely accessible for all, and be a source of economic opportunity, and only commercial economics will make that happen. If space remains the private hobby of a few scientists, the public at large will not support it very well. It will continue to limp along on short funding as it always has. With a large commercial sector in space, exploration will be fast, broad, and far-flung. When that happens, Starfleet leaves the home television screen and appears on the forward viewscreen, in reality.

### ITS SPACE BANDWAGON TIME!

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The space bandwagon is beginning to roll as we approach the year 2000. In the area of launch facilities: The State-run Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation’s Kodiak Island Spaceport has received notification of “no impact” to launch orbital spacecraft. The Chief Executive Officer is LTC (Air Force retired) Pat Ladner who used to be the head of the Delta Clipper single stage to orbit development office. In Canada, Akjuit Aerospace Inc. of Winnipeg, and the Russian firm of Scientific and Technological Center Complex in Moscow have agreed to launch Russian’s Start orbital launch rockets from a site called SpacePort in Canada. The State of New Mexico is also planning the White Sands Spaceport facility. Legislators, scientists, and the voting public are beginning to see space as the change driver of the future, and spaceports are being built even though the quick-turn-around launchers are not here yet. I have heard unofficially that there is also a movement to get the State of Kansas to establish a spaceport in Hutchinson, Kansas. I will try to get more information on that, and look for other US states and individual countries that are trying to develop local launch facilities.

On Oct. 1, 1996, the joint venture company of United Space Alliance (a consortium of Lockheed Martin Corp. and Rockwell International Corps.) took over the daily operations of the Space Shuttle. They will be very actively trying to improve efficiency and safety of Shuttle operations, and find innovative ways to make it pay for itself in useful products and services. At the same time, five leading space station contractors have formed an alliance to manage the daily operations of the Space Station. I expect that Hyatt Hotels, Carnival Cruise Lines, and similar travel businesses cannot be far behind.

China has just jumped onto the space bandwagon. They have committed themselves to a greatly increased space budget, and recently announced that during their next Five Year Plan they will have a demonstrated capacity for almost every type of civilian and military satellite, and may put a Chinese astronaut into orbit. Their aim is to develop an entirely indigenous space capability dependant upon no other countries. However, they are not isolating themselves. They are already party to several international joint ventures, and intend to continue them. What is significant is that they recognize that space is a driver of the future, and countries which do not participate cannot be leaders.



## Editor's Note

The center spread of each issue will be a photo essay of the fleet. At press time, we did not have a large number of photos available to us. Send in those pictures! Check page 2 for the mailing address.



Members of the USS Star Empire recruit at a mall using a bridge set on loan from the USS Oklahoma.



Crew members of the Shuttle Darkseed after too much sun in the park.





Fleet Admiral Mike Smith (right) hams a pose with Capt. Kyle Sloan of the Shuttle Cicero



The list of dignitaries is announced at the USS Star Empire's 10th anniversary party.



Chief of Operations Tom Monaghan strikes a pose.



# Target Earth

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Invasion from Space! In November 1999 will come the Leonid meteoroid shower which is the wake of the comet Temple-Tuttle. This comet returns to the inner solar system every thirty-three years, and the storm of particles in it will be traveling about 250,000 kilometers per hour. Hitting a satellite or space station at that speed, even a small pebble would have the effect of a high-explosive bomb. The last passage of this meteoroid storm was in 1966, when there were a few satellites and no astronauts in orbit. The Leonid shower will create a 10,000 fold increate in meteoroids passing close to the Earth, any one of which could cause major damage to the space station or any other satellite. NASA is studying evasive space station maneuvers and other options, and satellite insurers have cause for concern. The greatest density of the shower will be 18 November. The results of this pass will be very instructive for the future, and I expect that well will have a lot of telescopes and orbital instruments out to learn form it. We cannot tell at this stage what actions will be taken, but my guess is that astronaut personnel will be evacuated back to Earth's surface from both the new NASA space station and the Russian space station MIR for the period of the shower, and that both stations will be given additional meteoroid strike-detection and close-pass instruments in addition to what is already planned. Better to be on the safe side. All of the information gathered during this period will help us understand more about space hazards and how to deal with them.

In a larger scale, this pass of meteoroids associated with comet Temple-Tuttle may once again attract notice to the many asteroids and some comets which frequently pass near the Earth. These are called Near-Earth-Objects, or NEO's, and many are much larger than pebbles. Many tons of asteroidal material fall into the Earth's gravitational attraction each year, and most are small and burn up in the atmosphere. However, some larger ones explode into small fragments high in the atmosphere, sometime with multi-megaton bursts, and then fall as smaller pieces. The North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) Deep Space Tracking Network detects many such objects entering the atmosphere every year, and must distinguish quickly whether these high-altitude detonations are from asteroidal material or possible hostile missile explosions. However, there are also larger ones which reach the ground intact, and in the geological past some very large ones kilometers in diameter have caused world-wide devastation. That is not speculation: we can still see the remnant craters, often kilometers across, and find the layers of debris around the world. We can also look out into space and see large ones still orbiting across Earth's orbit, and very slowly we are beginning to look for and track them.

However, since we have had no large strikes in the recent past, most of the public and therefore the legislators are not willing to devote scarce funds to this. There are fewer than a dozen full time NEO trackers in the world. Since we know that these objects are out there, and we do not know specifically where or which ones can hurt us, and we do in fact have the technology to look for them and predict their orbits, then not looking for them in a planned manner is exactly like crossing a street with our eyes closed hoping not to get his by a truck. "If I can't see it coming, it can't hurt me!" A proper tracking program was designed by NASA just a few years ago, directed by Congress when the asteroid 1989FC passed close to Earth. Then the project was dropped due to lack of support as other events took center stage in the news. The NASA-designed tracking program would not be very expensive to build or operate, being six Earth-based telescopes plus analysis computers, about \$60 million to build, and \$10 million or less per year to operate for twenty four years, the period of most asteroids. It would be largely automated and would be able to tell us probably, years in advance if there is a dangerous object coming against which we should take action, or if there is no danger at all for hundreds of years. In any case, it would catalog all these NEO's for future mining, should we decide to do that. The alternative may be a President standing on the edge of the smoking crater that used to be Kansas, thinking: "Shazam, I wonder if this will have an effect on my re-election?" Needless to say, once the barn has burned to the ground, then the fire trucks will be called (the system will be built). Too late. Also remember that a large strike does not affect just the spot it hits: the effects are global, as if hundreds of large volcanoes had erupted all at once. Cubic kilometers of rock and water would be thrown into the atmosphere blocking the sunlight, there would be continental-size firestorms, global tsunamis, and storms that could last for years. I hate it when that happens. Ruins the whole day. Cancels the picnic. We can only hope that either we wake up and implement the NEO tracking program before a strike, or that when (not if) a strike comes it is small enough to cause minimal damage but large enough to get attention and get the tracking program implemented. Waking up is better.

I recommend to all Starfleet members the NOVA videotape titled: "The Doomsday Asteroid," program number #2212. It is available for \$19.95 plus \$3.95 shipping and handling from WGBH, 19 Gegory Drive, South Burlington, Vermont, 05403, telephone (800) 255-9424. It gives very good food for thought.

## Nasa Press Release- 2/13/97

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ASTRONAUT LINENGER WRITES LETTERS FROM MIR

NASA's Shuttle-Mir Web this week will begin sharing personal accounts of life aboard the Russian space station Mir through letters written by American astronaut Jerry Linenger to his 14-month-old, John.

A few weeks before Linenger's sojourn on Mir began, he was asked what he would miss most about being away from Earth. He said it would be hard being away from his son for so long. Linenger has been writing frequent letters share since his arrival on Mir and forwarding them to the Johnson Space Center in Houston via the NASA Consulting Group in Moscow. The first letter is dated Jan. 23, 1997.

Access to the letters is through the NASA Shuttle-Mir Web, which maintains a constant address of: <http://shuttle-mir.nasa.gov>

A link to an index of the letters has been added in the "Hot Borscht" section. Additional letters will be placed in the index as soon as they can be received and processed.

## Nasa Press Release- 2/13/97

### SOFTWARE FOR THE FIRST NEW MILLENIUM CLOSEST YET TO “HAL 9000”

As the fictional birthdate for the HAL 9000 main computer from the landmark science fiction tale “2001: A Space Odyssey” approaches, NASA is preparing the most advanced spacecraft artificial intelligence software yet developed for launch aboard the New Millennium program’s Deep Space One (DS1) spacecraft.

According to the 1968 book by highly acclaimed author Arthur C. Clarke, Hal “became operational” on January 12, 1997, in Urbana, IL, home of the University of Illinois. It then served as the “brain and nervous system” of the 400-foot-long spaceship Discovery that carried astronauts on a thought-provoking voyage to the planet Saturn (changed to Jupiter in the movie version).

The robotic DS1 spacecraft carries no crew and is much smaller than the spaceship in “2001,” at a total mass of 945 pounds, but its computer artificial intelligence program, known as Remote Agent, shares the same basic goal of operating and controlling a spacecraft with minimal human assistance.

“We don’t want to give the impression that Remote Agent is an artificial lifeform,” said Kanna Rajan, a DS1 computer scientist at NASA’s Ames Research Center, Mountain View, CA. “However, the software will logically reason about the state of the spacecraft, and the Remote Agent will consider all the consequences of its actions.”

Following its scheduled July 1998 launch, DS1 will fly by the asteroid McAuliffe in 1999, and the comet West-Kohoutek-Ikemura and the planet Mars in 2000. DS1 is the first scheduled mission in NASA’s New Millennium program, which is designed to test and validate cutting edge technology for the systems and instruments on-board future NASA science spacecraft. The Remote Agent is being developed in a collaborative effort between Ames and Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), Pasadena, CA.

“The goals of the Remote Agent development are two-fold: to reduce the cost of exploration, and to extend exploration to realms of space where no ground-controlled craft could venture,” said Dr. Bob Rasmussen, a computer autonomy expert at JPL.

“Remote Agent should enable future spacecraft software to be more easily designed,” said Dr. Barney Pell, another DS1 computer scientist at Ames. “The first version of Remote Agent will be the hardest to write. After that, we can copy it for the next mission and make improvements in it rather than developing the software from scratch.”

“This is made possible by model-driven software,” Rasmussen explained. “Models of the spacecraft’s components and environments are given to Remote Agent and it figures out the necessary detailed operation procedures on its own. Only the models need to be updated for each new spacecraft.”

Given NASA’s continuing efforts to develop smaller, less expensive science spacecraft, “we also need to perform each mission with less than a dozen ground controllers instead of the hundreds of people now needed to run a major planetary science mission,” said Dr. Brian C. Williams, DS1 team leader.

for the development of the Remote Agent fault protection software. “The large distances inherent in planetary exploration result in communications that can be to slow during emergencies,” Pell added, “and sometimes your communications pathway is blocked when a planet is between the spacecraft and Earth.”

Three parts of Remote Agent will work together to demonstrate that is can autonomously operate a spacecraft: High Level Planning and Scheduling, Model-based Fault Protection (also called Livingstone) and Smart Executive. “Some estimates show a 60 percent reduction in mission costs using Remote Agent. The software would replace a large section of the human spacecraft team back on Earth,” said Dr.

Nicola Muscettola, team leader for the planning software.

The High Level Planning and Scheduling part of Remote Agent will constantly look ahead into the schedule for several weeks of mission activities. “Planner is mostly concerned about scheduling spacecraft activities and distributing resources such as electrical power,” Muscettola said. “The Planner allows a small spacecraft control team on Earth to command the spacecraft more effectively by sending goals instead of detailed instructions to DS1.”

“After DS1 we want to work on even more autonomous spacecraft that could reconfigure themselves. If some part of such a spacecraft performed differently during the mission than expected, the craft would be able to detect this and change software models algorithms to self-adapt,” Muscettola added.

“Future systems also should be able to learn about their environment and act in partnership with scientists to find and analyze new discoveries,” said Dr. Guy Man, the co-leader of the New Millennium Autonomy Integrated Product Development Team at JPL.

The fault protection potion of the Remote Agent, known as “Livingstone,” functions as the mission’s virtual chief engineer, according to Dr. P. Pandurang Nayak of Ames. “If something should go wrong with the spacecraft, Livingstone would use the compute model of how the spacecraft should be behaving to diagnose failures and suggest recoveries,” Nayak said.

Livingstone was named for David Livingstone (1813-1873), the 19th century medical missionary and explorer. “Like David Livingstone, the Livingstone computer program is concerned with exploration and the health of the explorers,” Nayak said.

The third part of the Remote Agent software, Smart Executive, will act like an “executive officer” of the mission, issuing general commands to fly DS1. “The Executive has to be able to execute the plans that are produced by the Planner and Livingstone,” said Pell. “If the Planner had to worry about every single detail, it would be hard pressed to produce a plan. SO, the Executive takes care of the details.”

The Executive also can receive a plan directly from ground controllers. “However, if the ground’s plan won’t work, the Executive can say, “Sorry, Ground, I can’t do that,”” Pell said, comparing Remote Agent to Hal. “This can actually be a big help to ground controllers who must currently spend enormous effort double-checking every command,” said Rasmussen.

“In the event that the Remote Agent won’t cooperate under some unusual circumstance, we will be developing a surgery mode where ground control can really get into Remote Agent and do a lobotomy,” Pell added. “Remote Agent may someday lead to software that would be incorporated into a space robot that would be as intelligent as HAL 9000.”

The New Millennium program “has accelerated technology development in spacecraft automation by at least ten years,” Man said. “The Remote Agent will open up new exploration opportunities for us, allowing us to really begin the in-situ era of space science.”

The ultimate goal of the New Millennium program, according to Wesley Huntress, Associate Administrator for Space Science at NASA Headquarters, is to generate and validate technology “to allow us to build a fleet of these smart spacecraft, called spacecraft constellations or armadas, and let them explore different places, share their findings, and even divide amongst themselves the work of achieving complex goals. Systems like the Remote Agent will be crucial supporting components of this vision.”

The New Millennium program is managed by JPL for NASA’s Office of Space Science and Office of Mission to Planet Earth, Washington, DC.



# Starfleet Awards

## REAR ADMIRAL M.L. MURPHY-TOMPKINS

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GREETINGS FROM THE DARK SIDE OF THE MOON!  
To the new administration, the Starfleet Awards Department offers its' congratulations.

Now on to business, to those of you who are not familiar with this department I invite you to check out the awards page attached to the Starfleet web site. This will give all vital information concerning the who, what, when and how of the Awards Department works.

The most basic thing that must be remembered is that this department is for YOU, the general member. It is Starfleet's way of publicly thanking and rewarding (for lack of a better word) those member who go that extra mile and then some but never stop to think about what it will gain them. A great deal of thought and effort has gone into making this department truly for the MEMBER.

There are only Nine International Awards. Quality not quantity. These are done on a quarterly and annual basis. Check with your region to see if there is a regional program in place, if not, please feel free to contact me, either by e-mail: [mimw@telepath.com](mailto:mimw@telepath.com) or in writing. Ships in regions that do not have programs in place may submit directly to the Awards Dept. Again, check out the web page for specifics.

Listed below are the 1995 Quarterly and Annual Winners. If your region is not among them, it is because the Awards Committee received no submission.

M.L. Murphy Tompkins  
Director, Awards Program

### SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT:

1 <sup>ST</sup> Quarter:	Jody Isaaskson	Region 6
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter:	Carissa Walker	Region 12
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter:	Sean McLennan	Region 10
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter:	Loriann Higdon	

CARISSA WALKER, REGION 12

### NEWSLETTER

"The Freedom Press"  
Region 3, Edited by Mark Vinson  
(Note: This award is chosen by the Chief of Comm. Awards receives only the winner. All submissions should be forwarded to Chief of Communications)

### HELPING HANDS

1 <sup>ST</sup> Quarter:	Joe Llamantia	Region 1
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter:	Dave Pitts	Region 16
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter:	Charles Cole	Region 13
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter:	Monika Kirchenmaier	Region 9

PO2 CHARLES COLE, REGION 12

### JUNIOR OFFICER

1 <sup>ST</sup> Quarter:	No Submissions	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter:	No Submissions	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter:	Morgan Allen	Region 12
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter:	Megan Conner	Region 5

MEGAN CONNER, REGION 5

### ENLISTED MEMBER

1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter:	Jason Powders	Region 12
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter:	Kate Pfoutz	Region 12
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter:	Eva Heflin	Region 12
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter:	Earl A. MacDiamid	Region 4

EARL A. MACDIAMID, REGION 4

### OFFICER

1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter:	Christine Leddon	Region 12
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter:	Gary Donner	Region 1
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter:	Gloria Palmer	Region 5
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter:	Ben Johnson	Region 16

GARY DONNER, Region 1

### SHUTTLE

1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter:	USS Nimitz	Region 12
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter:	USS ASLAN	Region 3
	USS SHILOH	Region 1
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter:	Shuttle Celestia	Region 10
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter:	USS Quannah Parker	Region 3

USS QUANAH PARKER, REGION 3

### SHIP

1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter:	USS JURASSIC	Region 1
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter:	No submissions	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter:	USS SKY DANCER	Region 5
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter:	USS ALIOTH	Region 17

USS JURASSIC, REGION 1

### MEMBER OF THE YEAR

1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter:	Tamara Owens	Region 5
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter:	Michelle Johnson	Region 12
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter:	Alvin Dozier	Region 2
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter:	Caitlin Hawinks	Region 17
	Beatrix Reuschling	Region 9

MICHELLE JOHNSON, REGION 12

## ... More Events...

May 30, 31 & June 1, 1997 ThunderCon 7, Oklahoma City OK. Guests: Robert Picardo, Richard Briggs, Richard Hatch. Call: 405-692-7035	97, 8306 Mills Drive, Box 198, Miami, FL 33183 (include large SASE). Call 800-326-8735 or 305-388-2890.	June 14-15, 1997 Akron Sci-Fi Expo, Akron OH Guests: Marina Sirtis, TBA Call: 703-280-5373	August 15-17, 1997 William Campbell's Fantasticon, Los Angeles, CA. Guests: 60 TBA, Call: 954-434-6060 Fax: 954-434-2470.
June 15-22, 1997 Seatrek 97, cruise from Los Angeles to Puerto Vallarta / Mazatlan / Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Guests: George Takei, Tim Russ, Roxann Biggs-Dawson, Majel Barrett Roddenberry, William Campbell, John deLancie, Robert Duncan McNeill, Ethan Phillips, Garrett Wang. Write: Seatrek CruiseTrek	June 13-20, 1998 Cruise Trek 98, The Alaska Adventure II aboard a Princess Cruise Line Ship from Vancouver, B.C. To Seward, AK. Guests: Eric Stillwell plus more TBA. Write: Cruise Trek, PO Box 2038, Augora Hills, CA 91376-2038 (include SASE). E-mail: <a href="mailto:cruisetrek@aol.com">cruisetrek@aol.com</a> , Call 818-597-2940. WWW Site: <a href="http://home.aol.com/">http://home.aol.com/</a>	June 27-29, 1997 Vulcon, Orlando, FL, Guests: TBA Call: 954-434-6060 Fax: 954-434-2470	October 26, 1997 Maquis Gras, Portage IN. Guests: Grace Lee Whitney, Margaret Wander Bonanno. Call: 219-759-2272.
		July 11, 1997 Shore Leave 19, Hunt Valley, MD. Guests: Bob Greenberger, Tim DeHaas, Howard Weinstein, A.C. Crispin, E-mail: <a href="mailto:shoreleave@aol.com">shoreleave@aol.com</a>	

# Admiralty Board

## The following resolutions were approved by the Admiralty Board

AB-91-01: A motion from Paul Reid, R10 RC, and seconded by R5 RCC Kurt Roithinger to suspend AB96-0025 and all it's provision for a period of 90 days. Further the motion calls for R2 RC Kelly Hilliard and R3 Brad Pense to review their existing guidelines and to present a draft proposal for the AB review.

AB97-02: Regarding the voting procedures of the Admiralty Board:

Section 1 All votes of the Admiralty Board shall be conducted in a manner where each member will receive notice of the call for a vote by way of the most effective means of communication per AB Member including, but not limited, to electronic means. If a request for voting by mail is made on an issue or issues and if this request is permitted within the limitations set forthin.

Section 2 Each Admiralty Board member shall be given no less then 30 days but no more than 45 days from the date of mailing of the notice to return their vote on the issue or issues being voted upon. The following issues are deemed critical and are exempt from the 30/45 day voting requirement set forth in section 1: financial matters, issues dealing with the Internal Revenue Service and the State of North Carolina, Issues concerning allegations of misconduct by a member, and any as-yet unforeseen issue that may affect the survival of STARFLEET.

Section 3 Issues and initiatives on which a numeric majority of the votes in the AB have been received, shall be considered either "Passed" or "Failed" at the time said numeric majority has been achieved.

Section 4 This resolution shall take immediate effect upon ratification by a simple majority vote, however cast.

AB97-03: Command Level Promotion Guidelines for STARFLEET in accordance with the will of the STARFLEET Admiralty Board, the Regional Coordinators are authorized to grant promotions to the rank of Captain, to any eligible and deserving STARFLEET member within their Region who fulfills the requirements outlined below:

Eligibility for Promotion: 1. All candidates for promotion must be a member in good standing of STARFLEET—The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc. 2. All candidates for promotion must be a graduate of STARFLEET Academy's Officer Training School and Officer Command College 3. All candidates must have been a member in good standing of STARFLEET for a minimum of three (3) years 4. All candidates for promotion, unless otherwise indicated, must have at least two (2) years time in grade as a Commander.

Types of Promotions: In addition to the eligibility qualifications outlines in Paragraph 1 above and pursuant to the STARFLEET Command Grade Promotion Criteria, a member of a Region can be nominated for a promotion as a result of the four following instances. Any and all of these qualifications can be augmented by the Region, if necessary. 1) Outstanding Service-Qualifications for Outstanding Service to one's Chapter or Region, shall include, but are not limited to the following: a. Performed their duties aboard their Chapter or within their Region with distinction

and to the satisfaction of their Crew and Commanding Officer or Regional Coordinator. b. The Regional Coordinator or designate receives a letter of recommendation for the candidate from either their Commanding Officer or a member of the Regional Staff who holds the rank of Commander or above. 2. Exception Service - When a member's exceptional service to Chapter or region warrants a promotion and the candidate has held the rank of Commander for less than two years, the candidate may be promoted in accordance with the following criteria. a. The candidates has performed above the call of duty and has done so consistently for no less then six (6) months. b. The candidate's performance has had significant impact on the Chapter, Area or Region itself. c. The candidates have received letters of recommendation from no less than two Officers of members of the Regional Staff (or a combination of the two) who currently hold the rank of Captain or above. If there are fewer than three STARFLEET members who currently hold the rank of Captain or above residing in the region, the above requirement may be reduced to one (1) letter of recommendation from a Commanding Officer or Regional Staff member with the rank of Commander or above. 3. Steadfast Service-Long-standing members of STARFLEET may be promoted to the rank of Captain provided they have held the rank of "Commander" for no less then five (5) years and have met the requirements set forth in Paragraph 1 above, as well as those set by their Region, and provided sufficient cause or reason is not found to warrant the withholding of said promotion. 4. Noted Responsibility - A Regional Coordinator may confer the rank of "Captain" upon a newly instituted Commanding Office of a STARFLEET Chapter under the following circumstances: a. The Regional Coordinator is satisfied that all forms necessary to become a Chapter or new Commanding Officer are filed and in order. In the case the Commanding Officer of a newly commissioned Chapter, the RC should coordinate with the Chief of Operations, STARFLEET. b. The Regional Coordinator informs The STARFLEET Chief of Operations for the purpose of keeping STARFLEET's records up to date. c. The Officer promoted under these guidelines must hold their rank and position for no less than twelve (12) months. If the Officer fails to meet this criteria, his or her rank will revert back to the previously held rank. Founding Commanding officers may apply up to six (6) months of their time served as a Shuttle Commanding Officer towards the twelve month probationary period.

Additional Guidelines: 1. The mechanism by which the Region may institute these promotion procedures, is strictly at the discretion of the Region and it's Regional Coordinator. 2. Regional Coordinators may not promote members from outside their Region, with the exception of Correspondence Members. 3. Members should be treated as entities of the Region their Chapter is assigned to (which is not necessarily the Region they are physically located in) and therefore are subject to said Region's promotion policy. 4. The Regional Coordinator should consult with the candidate's Commanding Officer, especially if said CO is not sponsoring the application - whether it be to just keep the CO appraised of these matters or be it to consult with the CO about the candidate's performance. 5. Notification (to either the nominator or nominee) of success or failure shall be outlined in the regions procedures and should be handled in the a timely manner. 6. When the promotion is not granted, the nomination may be resubmitted to the Executive Committee. 7. While Regions and Regional Coordinators are now enabled to promote members to the rank of Captain, the STARFLEET Executive Committee still retains the right to do the same. 8. Each Regional Coordinator will promote monthly to the Chief of Operations all promotions to Captain that they have approved.

## STARFLEET Stampede

Greetings! I'm Lynn Evans CMO of the USS Chesapeake Richmond, Virginia. I'm coordinator of the STARFLEET Stampede.

Our twenty-third century personae know a world where war, hunger, and illiteracy have been eliminated and two little pills can grow a new kidney, In this century we can help advance towards these ends through donations to the International Committee of the Red Cross, The Bishop's Fund for World Hunger Relief, UNESCO, and the National Kidney Foundation.

You can do all this and more through the simple acct of clipping the stamps off your letters and sending them to: Linda Evans, STARFLEET Stampede 1318 Garber St., Richmond, Virginia 23231.

When you cut your stamps off the envelopes, please a 1/4 inch off the border around each on. DO NOT peel the stamps from the envelopes or attempt to remove them from the envelope in any other way. If you do not wish to cut up the envelope, you may send the whole thing, but PLEASE do not damage the stamp. If you open envelopes by tearing one end off, tear the other end. Better yet, use a letter opener and slit open the top.

If you work in a office, where the envelopes are stapled to the contents, be sure the staples do not perforate the contents.

All types of stamps are acceptable, with the exception of US Christmas stamps before 1995. Please send postcards and pre-stamped envelopes whole, if possible. If this is not possible, leave a larger (3/4 inch) border around the stamp area. It is not necessary to sort the stamps.

I am attempting to gather prizes for a raffle in which all ships and/or individuals who send stamps will be entered.

Stamped on over. I look forward from hearing from you all.

## Get your own **sfi.org** vanity address!

We have registered "sfi.org" as a domain for our use. The price of the first two year's registration was donated so there is no cost to Starfleet. "SFI" is supposed to represent Starfleet International. We are offering each chapter one address as a benefit of the Chapter Charter Fee. Additional addresses can be purchased for \$10 annually. All fees collected to directly to the Starfleet treasury. To get yours, send an e-mail to [Compops@sfi.org](mailto:Compops@sfi.org).

# Flag Promotions

## Promotions by the Jim Herring Administration:

EC-341 Commadore James Herring to Rear Admiral	EC-375 Captain Paul Shirley to Fleet Captain	EC-409 Captain Walter Otten to Fleet Captain
EC-342 Rear Admiral Chris Wallace to Vice Admiral	EC-377 Captain James Van Cleeve to Fleet Captain	EC-410 Commander Brian Allen to Captain
EC-343 Captin Kris Harsh to Fleet Captain	EC-381 Captain Tony Rowley to Fleet Captain	EC-411 Commander Robert Weissman to Captain
EC-344 Captina Hartriono Sastrowandoyo to Fleet Captain	EC-382 Captain Karen Hinckley to Fleet Captain	EC-412 Commander Jonathan Lobi to Captain
EC-346 Fleet Captain Michael Urvan to Commodore	EC-384 Captain David Summers to Fleet Captain	EC-413 Commander William Lais to Captain
EC-348 Captain Sarah Peugh to Fleet Captain	EC-385 Captain David Englebeck to Fleet Captain	EC-415 Commander Mary Francen to Captain
EC-353 Captain Carol Burhans to Fleet Captain	EC-386 Captain Kevin Hanna to Fleet Captain	EC-416 Commander Dawn Weil to Captain
EC-354 Captain Richard Benker to Fleet Captain	EC-387 Captain Beryl Washington to Fleet Captain	EC-417 Commander Kate Pfoutz to Captain
EC-355 Captain Donna Burke to Fleet Captain	EC-389 Captain Michael Miller to Fleet Captain	EC-418 Fleet Captain Scott Stone to Commodore
EC-356 Captain Roger Scritchfield to Fleet Captain	EC-390 Captain Diane Griffin to Fleet Captain	EC-419 Fleet Admiral Dan McGinnis is demoted to Captain for the following charges:
EC-357 Fleet Captain Keira Russell-Strong to Commodore.	EC-392 Captain Brian Moore to Fleet Captain	1. Failure to make the annual audit available to the membership.
EC-358 Captain Kevin Miles to Fleet Captain	EC-393 Captain Roy Newsome to Fleet Captain	2. Violation of Article V: Section III Elections. Tried to interfere with the duly appointed Election Coordinator. Also failure to fully turn over an accurate database from which to hold elections.
EC-359 Captain Donna Hanlon to Fleet Captain	EC-394 Captain Wade Hoover to Fleet Captain	3. Failure to turn over monies due STARFLEET, and all other official financial records.
EC-362 Captain Victor Swindell to Fleet Captain	EC-395 Captain Karen Hawkins to Fleet Captain	4. Failure to provide membership packets.
EC-363 Captain Cynthia Walter to Fleet Captain	EC-396 Captain Richard Trulsonto to Fleet Captain	5. Failure to provide Communiques.
EC-364 Fleet Captain Don Haven to Commodore	EC-397 Captain Audrey Toney to Fleet Captain	6. Having an overwhelmingly devastating effect on the general membership's morale.
EC-365 Captain Valerie Rose to Fleet Captain	EC-398 Fleet Capt Isaac Turner to Commodore	
EC-367 Fleet Captain Joseph Ruttar to Commodore	EC-400 Captain Jody Isaackson to Fleet Captain	
EC-368 Captain Scott Robinson to Fleet Captain	EC-401 Rear Admiral Karen Emerson to Vice Admiral	
EC-369 Captain Wendy Gilliatt to Fleet Captain	EC-402 Commodore Carolyn Donner to Rear Admiral	
EC-370 Captain Chris Avilla to Fleet Captain	EC-403 Commodore Barbara Paul to Rear Admiral	
EC-371 Captain Pete Mohny to Fleet Captain	EC-404 Fleet Captain Rick Gale to Commodore	
EC-373 Captain Jerome Conner to Fleet Captain	EC-405 Fleet Captain Christine Leddon to Commodore	
EC-374 Captain RevellaRussell to Fleet Captain	EC-406 Captain Eddie Allen to Fleet Captain	
	EC-407 Captain Kathy Schopp to Fleet Captain	
	EC-408 Captain Candie Arnold to Fleet Captain	

## Promotions by the Mike Smith Administration:

P-97-01 Commander Donna Friesen to Captain	P-97-09 Captain Candi Arnold to Fcapt	P-97-16 Brigadier General Rex Moffet to Major General
P-97-02 Commander Les Rickard to Fleet Captain	P-97-10 Commander Kurt Roithinger to Captain	P-97-17 Fleet Captain Sashi German to Commo-dore
P-97-03 Cmdr Wendy Fillmore to Fleet Captain	P-97-11 Brigadier General Scott Akers to Major General	P-97-21 Captain Bob Fillmore to Fleet Captain
P-97-04 Capt Dan Friesen to Fleet Captain	P-97-12 Lt Col John Jones to Colonel	P-97-23 Commodore Carolyn Donner to RAdm
P-97-05 Capt Mandi Herrmann to Fleet Captain	P-97-13 Lt Col Matt Copple to Colonel	P-97-24 Commander Tom Brinkley to Captain
P-97-06 Capt Jesse Smith to Fleet Captain	P-97-14 Captain Blair Wilcox to Fleet Captain	P-97-25 Captain Roithinger to Fleet Captain
P-97-07 Commander Kyle Sloan to Captain		
P-97-08 Captain Troy Cash to Fleet Captain		

**Please note that the new numbering system for promotions reflects the new procedures for handling promotions. For more information, check with the commanding officer of your chapter, your RC if you are not currently assigned a chapter, or with Rein Stanley, the Promotions Coordinator, at [promotions@sfi.org](mailto:promotions@sfi.org) or 4740 Whitwil Blvd. Charleston, SC 29418-5007**



# STARFLEET International Conference Guidelines

## REAR ADMIRAL MIKE HENIGAN

### SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE

The STARFLEET International Conference Committee (SICC) will be responsible for the promotion of the bidding process, review all certified bids, select the bid for International Conference, and be an Advisory Board for the Host Committee. The SICC may consist of 6-8 STARFLEET members.

### 1. Bids

Bids will be solicited from any Ship/Conference Committee that would like to host STARFLEET's International Conference. This is a "stand-alone" Conference for Starfleet. Bids need to contain:

- Commitment Letter from Host Hotel
- Commitment Letter from Host Committee
- Conference Outline Budget
- Guests Invited and/or Signed
- Promotion/Advertising Outline
- Meeting Facilities Availability
- Date, Time, Location
- Security
- Other Information deemed necessary

The bids must be postmarked to the SICC by May 1, 1997 for selection of the 1999 IC. The Original Bid must be directed to the Executive Director, SICC for bid valuation.

Mike Henigan  
840 Rimington Lane  
Decatur, GA 30030  
Tel. (404) 294-1009  
Email: sicc@sfi.org for questions

Once the Bid is validated or judging, copies of the Bid MUST be mailed to each member of the SICC in prompt time to the due date/deadline. SICC Members addresses will be supplied to each Bid Committee for that purpose.

### 2. Awarding of Bids

The final selection of the SICC will be provided to the STARFLEET Commander by June 15th. The SICC must be notified, in turn, of the Commander's approval by July 1st. The Executive Director will then notify the Ship/Bidding Committee whose bid has been selected. The Conference would be announced either prior to, or at the preceding International Conference.

### 3. Conference Dates

The time period that is desirable would be June 1 - September 30. Conference times would be Friday Evening - Sunday Afternoon. To encourage stronger attendance a holiday weekend is preferred as it would make travel plans that much easier. The time period is open for some allowances if the particular case warrants it.

### 4. Conference Site

Starfleet would like to rotate the site, geographically around the country every year to a Major Metropolitan Area, although it is not the primary criteria. The geographic area, transportation access, facilities, and location of past conferences will be a criteria of the Site Selection Committee.

### 5. Conference Location

A hotel would be necessary to secure the needed overnight rooms and meeting spaces. The hotel/Conference host must provide the necessary meeting space for all convention activities. The Conference host must also provide the Fleet Admiral with an overnight room for their use, during the conference.

### 6. General Session & Meetings

There will need to be a hall capable of holding 3-500 people in the general session. Opening Ceremony to be held on Friday Evening with the remaining Programming to be held on Saturday and Sunday. The sessions, which should be either 60 or 90 minutes in length, may range from: Newsletter Workshops, Recruitment Training, Ask Your Executive Committee or an Admirals Fireside Chat. Exact needs will be determined on a conference-to-conference basis.

### 7. Ambassador's Ball/Ten-Forward Party

The host ship would provide the possibility of having an Ambassador's Ball/Dance on Saturday Evening with music for socializing. The host would also make it possible (in connection with the Hotel) for ship's and regions to host individual meetings, socials and parties as well (per Hotel Regulations)

### 8. On Site Visitation

The SICC Executive Director will conduct, if possible, an On-Site visitation once the Bid has been determined. The dates will be determined between the Director and the Host Chairperson.

The Host Committee is responsible for arranging for facilities tour, and lodging for this visitation.

### 9. Promotion

The host ship must provide ample promotion and publicity on the conference in the Communique and make the information available to all Regional Coordinators for publication in Regional Newsletters.. The conference must be announced with dates and prices in the first Communique published after the awarding of the bid.

### 10. Reporting

Once the International Conference is awarded to the host, they must provide regular monthly reports to the Executive Director apprising him of their progress. At the Conference the Host Committee must conduct a poll of the Attendees for their input about the con. Once International Conference is completed the host must provide a detailed written report within 45-60 Days to the SICC. The Conference report must consist of: Registration Counts of STARFLEET members, Funds raised for Charity and for STARFLEET, Ad Income and Expences, Dealer information etc.

It must also include the polling results of the attendees.

### 11. Responsibilities

It is the Responsibility of the Host Committee Chair to oversee their committee and the running of the IC. It is the responsibility of the Executive Director, SICC to be the overall Chairman of each year's IC. The HCC reports directly to the ED-SICC and will have to have the approval of the Executive Director in matters pertaining to the running of the IC, or if there are changes to the original Bid approved. It is also the responsibility of the ED-SICC to make regular reports to the CS on the ongoing details of each IC.

Failure to provide ANY report may ultimately results in the REVOCATION of the Bid.

### STARFLEET International Conference Committee Members

Kelly Hilliard  
Peggy Kennedy  
Cindy Krell  
Marion Murphy Tompkins  
Tony Rowley  
Cheryl Whitmore  
W. Michael Henigan, Executive Director

### STARFLEET International Conference Sites

1990 - Delecon I	Kansas City, MO	USS Stargazer
1991 - Shoreleave 13	Hunts Valley, MD	USS Odin
1992 - Delecon III	Kansas City, MO	USS Stargazer
1993 - Tex-Trek '93	Arlington, TX	USS Comanche
1994 - Vulkan	Altamonte Springs, FL	Region 2
1995 - Dragon*Con '95	Atlanta, GA	Starfleet Atlanta
1996 - Armada '96I	Oklahoma, OK	USS Ranger and OKC Ships
1997 - Fleet '97	Cherry Hill, NJ	Region 7

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Executive Director, SICC  
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# Chapter Reporting Summaries

## LES RICKARD

Greetings from the little corner of the STARFLEET OPERATIONS that is the Vice Chief's Office. Well, here they are back in the Communiqué, Chapter Reporting Summaries. This is just a quick note concerning the Chapter Monthly Status Report (MSR). First of all, MSR's should no longer be sent to the Chief of Operations, but the Vice Chief's office here in Lexington. There are new MSR forms which have been sent to all of the Regional Coordinators. You should be able to get a copy through your RC, but if you are unable to you can get the MSR form by sending a request and SASE to:

Les Rickard  
STARFLEET OPERATIONS  
P.O. Box 22  
Lexington, NC 27293-0022

Also, not that MSRs are now due by the 5th of the month following the reporting period. So that means that a January MSR is due by the 5th of February. As for how to submit MSRs, you have three methods.

The first method is U.S. Mail and they should be sent to the above address. The second and third way are both by electronic means. The second way is through an E-mail form available by contacting the Vice Chief's office at Vops@sfi.org or mmartian@mindspring.com. The third method is by using the Operations Hypertext link from the STARFLEET Web site at www.sfi.org.

One note concerning electronic submissions of the MSR. Please do not send MSRs in attached files as I can not convert these files with much ease and sometimes they get to me as just Long rows of code.

If you do not see your chapter listed in the summaries please contact me in the provided mail or e-mail addresses and I will assist you.

That is about it from this corner of OPERATIONS for now. Take care and go boldly!

In service to the Fleet and its members.

Capt. Les Rickard  
Vice Chief of Operations, STARFLEET

### REGION ONE Chapter Summaries

#### USS ALARIC NCC-503 Asheville, NC

Had our annual Christmas Party in December and puzzle party in January. As always we continue to host stargazing gatherings.

#### USS APPALACHIAN NCC-3181-A Fall Branch TN

In January of 1997, the APPALACHIAN along with other area chapters, assisted Trek Prod. In running a Trek Con. The guests were Marina "Troi" Sirtis and Chase "Leeta" Masterson. The con was a success and all had a great time.

#### USS ARIZONA NCC-71839 Canton OH

Working with the Ohio PBS by participating in their Fund Raiser. Assisted in January and scheduled again for March.

#### USS ATHENA NCC-51896 Reston VA

In Dec. held our annual Christmas Party and Cookie swap. Continued interest in our "Borg" Adventures. In January gathered clothes and goods for the poor kids in Prince William Co. We will select a different charity each month to which donations will go to.

#### USS CHARLESTON NCC-71813 Charleston SC

We had a light month, our January meeting being a planning meeting for 1997. Members of the ship attended the RONALD E. MCNAIR change of command ceremony.

#### USS COLUMBBIA NCC-73621 Wooster OH

We held our chapter elections and Greg Sheets was elected CO. We are planning our "Away Missions" to VULKON and MARS-CON in March. Chapter promotions were handed out and vacancies in positions were posted to members.

#### USS COLUMBUS NCC-2006-A Columbus OH

We held our ships meeting and then made a group trip to local mall. We also set up a recruiting table at the STAR WARS Special Edition Premier.

#### USS CU'CHULAINN-1902-A Trea Haute IN

Continue to collect food cans, aluminum cans, coupons and stamps for charity. We welcomed a new and interested person to our January meeting, explaining the chapter, its history, and STARFLEET. We also discussed the new Sovereign class ships.

#### USS DARK STAR NCC-61801 Asheboro NC

We participated in a bowling challenge with a local Klingon Chapter, lost by 14 pins. On January 31st several members of the crew attended the Star Wars Special Edition on January 31st. We are planning a recruiting table for Stellarcon in March as well as making plans to attend the Region One Summit in April.

#### USS EDGAR D. MITCHELL NCC-72016: Lexington NC

Enjoyed the holidays and trying to gather together the projects and plans for 1997.

#### USS HAWKEYE NCC-4950 Winston-Salem NC

In Dec. 1996 we held our annual Chapter Christmas Party in Lexington, NC. We are planning trips to the IMAX in Charlotte NC. The show is the Lucasfilm Special Effects Show. We are planning Away Missions to Technicon and Stellarcon in March.

#### USS HEIMDAL NCC-1793 Madison Heights VA

A guest speaker from the VA. UFO Authority spoke at our January meeting. Planned trip to R1 Summit as well as planned recruiting effort at the premier of STAR WARS. Also ships crew held a surprise wedding shower for the CO and Chief Science Officer.

#### USS HORNET NCC-1714-D Charlotte NC

We raised over \$300 during the Entertainment Book '97 and gave to our new charity school supplies for Nathaniel Alexander Elementary School. Had our Hornet night out at Godfathers Pizza. Held our (Belated) New Years Party on Jan. 4th and everyone had a great time.

#### USS IMPERIAL STAR NCC-2551 Cary NC

We will be volunteering during the PBS pledge drive again this year. Our new ships business cards will be in soon and new ships flyers were made. Over 500 flyers were distributed around the city. We plan to attend the Premier of STAR WARS in January.

#### USS JAMESTOWN NCC-1843-D Newport News VA

We put on WARP-ED FACTOR 2 and it was a great success. Raising approximately \$1100 at the auction and all monies will go to "OPERATION SMILE". We also raised over \$100 for the STARFLEET Relief Fund.

#### USS JURASSIC NNCC-3500 Correspondence Chapter

Donated afghans to local Pregnancy Crisis Center. Some of the members attended a New Years at the home of the XO Joy Menges.

#### USS KITTY HAWK NCC-1659 Raleigh NC

The KITTY HAWK sold 1068 buttons for the Raleigh First Night which brought in \$534. We recycled 102 pounds of aluminum over the last eight months which brought in \$41 in donations to the Duke Childrens Hospital. We have signed up to work two shifts at the PBS Telethon.

#### USS LECONTE NCC-1794-A Gatlinburg TN

Assisted in the Trek Productions Convention with the guests Marina Sirtis and Chase Masterson. Participated in a Morning Interview with the Trek Productions Promoter prior to the convention.

#### USS MAAT NCC-1794-A Virginia Beach VA

Held Chapter Holiday party on Dec. 15th after general meeting. Members attended the JAMESTOWN's WARP-ED FACTOR 2 Mini-Con and the Powhatan's seventh anniversary party. At the January meeting we began discussion on our Annual Casino Night Fund Raiser.

#### USS MARK TWAIN NCC-23106 Memphis TN

Held Tigercon I and are preparing to submit Tigercon II in August for the 1997 R1 Conference Site. Tigercon III has been submitted as a possible 1998 Starfleet IC Site.



<p>USS NIGHTHAWK NCC-2301 Richmond VA</p> <p>Chapter held its New Years Eve party as well as holding our chapter meeting and awards ceremony. Ship had a “Hat Party”.</p>	<p>NCC-55005 : Murray KY</p> <p>We assisted with the Mega Skate for MDA by assisting one of our younger members collect money for this worthy cause.</p>	<p>History sometime in 1997.</p>	<p>USS PHOENIX NCC-65420 Sanford FL</p> <p>We are discussing a possible trip to Cape Canaveral in March. We have plans to assist in answering phones for the MDA. Also planned in visiting a local nursing home with flowers and care baskets.</p>
<p>USS POWHATAN NCC-1967A Chesapeake VA</p> <p>We held our movie night at Eric Kossoff's residence and enjoyed that. Also maintained a recruiting display at MARS-CON on Jan. 12th. On Jan. 18th we assisted the JAMESTOWN with WARP-ED FACTOR II, a one day Con they put on. Also, we celebrated our 7th Anniversary on the evening of January 18th with a dinner.</p>	<p>USS TRISTAR NCC-71829 Knoxville TN</p> <p>We worked with other chapters on the Trek Productions Convention with Marina Sirtis. Along with the LeConte, we provided Con Security.</p>	<p>USS GUARDIAN NCC-26244 Cape Canaveral FL</p> <p>Commanding Officer was appointed as Vice Regional Coordinator for Region 2 Zone 1. Have formed a committee to organize a Fall 1997 Zone 1 Summit. We have started our planning for the year.</p>	<p>USS REPUBLIC NCC-1371 Atlanta GA</p> <p>We are working quite well with the local KAG chapters and joined together for the First Contact Premier last year. We also worked the Star Wars premier in January at the request of the theater which we worked during the First Contact premier.</p>
<p>USS QUESTAR NCC-435 Louisville KY</p> <p>We held our annual Christmas Party and went Christmas Caroling at a local retirement home.</p>	<p>USS WEST VIRGINIA NCC-2008 Charleston WV</p> <p>Will be assisting in a Trek Productions Con where Marina Sirtis and George Takei are the guests. At our meeting discussed the upcoming Region One Summit and continue to work with the United Food Operation for Hurricane relief.</p>	<p>USS HAISE NCC-74664 Jackson MS</p> <p>Held our monthly meeting and made a contact with a local Klingon group in Meridian. We are planning a Blood Drive at MidSouthCon this year. We hope to have a Klingon/STARFLEET “Blood/Feud”. Our “Away Team” in London is checking out British Fandom this semester.</p>	<p>USS STAR UNION NCC-2112 Montgomery AL</p> <p>We attended the January 12th convention here in Montgomery with George Takei as guest. Continuing to send stamps to the Stampede and planning activities for 1997/</p>
<p>USS RONALD E. MCNAIR NCC-61809: Columbia SC</p> <p>Held our Change of Command ceremony and banquet on January 18th. Ceremony was conducted by Victor Swindell, CO of the USS CHARLESTON. We held our crew meeting on January 26th.</p>	<p>USS WHITE EAGLE NCC-2302 Jacksonville NC</p> <p>Working with numerous charities including the Manufacturers Cent Off Coupon and St. Judes Ranch for Children Project. Also continuing with the Aluminum Can recycling and Adopt-A-Highway Program. Held our Annual Ball on January 18th and Social Night (Bowling) on January 21st.</p>	<p>USS HAWKING NCC-24162 Lake Worth FL</p> <p>Continuing to work on filming “The Hawking Adventure”. Held an informal get together for the re-release of Star Wars. We are also looking into getting a more permanent meeting place for the chapter.</p>	<p>USS TRIDENT NCC-74693 Stuart FL</p> <p>We worked as the Adopt-A-Highway Roadkill Cookout Team on January 25th. Continuing to support the Stampede and UPC Hershey collection programs. Worked the March of Dimes car wash on Feb. 15th. We also had our Chapter Commissioning Plaque presented at our 2nd Anniversary on January 14th.</p>
<p>USS RUTLEDGE NCC-57295-A Ladson SC</p> <p>RUTLEDGE is assisting with CompOps processing of STARFLEET applications and assisting with the Operation Eagle Mail project. We are also planning the anniversary of our founding.</p>	<div>REGION TWO</div> <div>Chapter</div> <div>Summaries</div>		
<p>USS SHILOH NCC-74683 Henderson TN</p> <p>We continue in our ongoing Adopt-A-Monument Project at Shiloh National Military Park. We have developed a squadron called “The Midsouth Squadron” with several other area chapters. Preparing to work with the USS PROVIDENCE in an Adopt-A-Highway program.</p>	<p>USS CONTINUUM NCC-71821 Pensacola FL</p> <p>We are still in the planning stages for the Fleet Academy South Convention. We continue to participate in the Baby Hold Me Tight” program, collecting scrap cloth and sending them to a local prison where the inmates make Ragdolls out of them. The dolls are sent to hospitals, Police Dept.'s and Fire Dept.'s to be given to children in traumatic events.</p>	<p>USS LYNX NCC-8495A Marietta GA</p> <p>New CO was elected and the LYNX recently moved into Region 2 from Region 1. The LYNX is also changing from a Correspondence Chapter to a meeting chapter. Our recruiting efforts have begun.</p>	<p>USS TRIUMPH NCC-26228 Ft. Lauderdale FL</p> <p>We continue to support the Stampede, Hershey's Chocolate and Challenge of the Heart projects. We have gotten a stretch of road for the Adopt-A-Highway program and are looking forward to a sign with our name being placed there. Attended the Star Wars premiere and set up a recruiting table there.</p>
<p>USS STARWARD FURY NCC-2122 Fayetteville, NC</p> <p>We made plans for the upcoming year and a new Chief of Communications was appointed by a unanimous vote. Planning to reschedule a postponed trip to the Museum of Life and Science</p>	<p>USS DAVINCI NCC-74671 Columbus GA</p> <p>A number of the DaVinci crew attended the first local Columbus Con in a while. Afterwards retiring to the CO's quarters for a small get together. Held our first Adopt-A-Highway cleanup on Feb. 8th.</p>	<p>USS MACLEOD NCC-10524A Ellenwood GA</p> <p>We held our annual holiday activities and a good time we had by all. Some of our crew attended a Con in Columbus GA with George Takei.</p>	<p>USS WERNER VON BRAUN NCC-72069 Huntsville AL</p> <p>Annual ships elections were held in January and Richard Trulson was elected as CO for the BRAUN. We attended the Star Wars premier on January 31st. Currently accepting applications for the position of XO.</p>
<p>USS STONEWALL JACKSON NCC-71814: Concord NC</p> <p>Held our annual Christmas party on Dec. 21st and everyone had a great time.</p>	<p>USS EXCALIBUR NCC-1705 Jacksonville FL</p> <p>Members attended a Con with Denise Crosby as quest on Jan. 12th. Where we set up a recruiting table. We also had a small get together for both the AFC Championship game with our own Jacksonville Jaguars and he Super Bowl. We set up a recruiting table for the Star Wars release. Planning to visit the Museum of Science and</p>	<p>USS OKATOMA NCC-74695 Collins MS</p> <p>We attended a Christmas party with “Mom” - USS ODYSSEY. We have worked with the Collins Salvation Army with collecting canned goods and rang bells in the Collins area. We are planning to attend the upcoming R2 Sunny Summit and celebrate our first anniversary in March.</p>	<p>USS YAMATO NCC-71807 Pinson AL</p> <p>We attended the opening of Star Wars on February 1st. Members attended a Con in Montgomery where George Takei was the guest. We are also planning to turn our anniversary into a banquet this year.</p>
<p>SPACE STATION NIKOLA TESLA</p>		<p>USS PAEGAN NCC-1755 Orlando FL</p> <p>We have a new Shuttle forming and hope to hear more about that soon. Also we attended the Star Wars Premier.</p>	

<div>REGION THREE</div> <div>Chapter Summaries</div>			
<div>USS ASLAN NCC-8491</div> <div>Ft.Worth TX</div> <div>We attended WARCON 91 in January and our awards and promotion meeting was held on February 9th. Plans to attend the Region 12 Oklahoma Sector Dinner and the USS RANGER Anniversary party in March.</div>			
<div>USS AURORA VULCANIS NCC-1888</div> <div>Houston TX</div> <div>Aurora's Glory #1 is in production and we are trying to put some of the important info from the new STARFLEET Administration in it. We are also working on our history booklet which has an early spring release date</div>			
<div>USS BRISSANY NCC-1904A</div> <div>Boosier City LA</div> <div>The crew of the Brissany recently its 2nd Anniversary on Dec. 31st. The Brissany also has a new CO, former XO CDR. Gawain Middleton. We also plan to be active in the March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon in April or March. We are also trying to organize a spring Anime festival.</div>			
<div>Space Station Camelot SFR-303</div> <div>Austin TX</div> <div>Initiated what we call the "Ready Team" concept. This is a group of members from month to month who can, on short notice, assemble a recruiting effort for cons. This is due to some cons such as the Creation Cons who give short notice of their cons in the area occasionally. We have joined the overseas coupon project.</div>			
<div>USS COMANCHE NCC-71809</div> <div>Ft. Worth TX</div> <div>As a result of recruiting efforts during First Contact last fall we have gained 10 new members. We also attended the Star Wars Premier the end of January. We are also holding a pizza party for new members late in February and preparing for The Empire Strikes Back premiere.</div>			
<div>SPACE STATION FREEDOM III</div> <div>NCC-55001: Benbrook TX</div> <div>We have plans to attend the Region 3 Spring Conference in March at Aggie Con.</div>			
<div>USS JOAN OF ARC NCC-10522</div> <div>Corpus Christie TX</div> <div>We held our 4th Anniversary party on January 5th. At that time we also presented our promotions and awards, which were plentiful. We are also instituting a "Shadow" program where we allow members assist and watch as senior officers perform their chapter duties. This will allow us to more easily replace gaps in the senior offier ranks.</div>			
<div>USS PALO DURO NCC-61914</div> <div>Amarillo TX</div> <div>At the January Senior Officers meeting we discussed our promotions point system as well as our involvement with the Amarillo Ronald McDonald House and Toys for Tots donations programs. We also attend a Con on Feb. 2nd with George Takei.</div>			
<div>USS QUANAH PARKER NCC-73628</div> <div>Lubbock TX</div> <div>We held our staff meeting and general meetings to work on plans for the coming year. Working on site for 1998 IC Bid which was inspected by Mike Henigan.</div>			
<div>USS TEJAS NCC-9756</div> <div>Vernon TX</div> <div>The crew attended Stellar Occasions as well as worked on collecting many items. We have collected aluminum cans for the Humane Society; Stamps for the Starfleet Stampeded; Newspapers for Vernon Ind. And coupons for First Step Humane Society. Plan a Parisi Squares toumey in April.</div>			
<div>USS TROUNCER NCC-2553</div> <div>Texarcana TX</div> <div>We held a model construction class on January 11th and the crew meeting on January 25th and pizza party at Mr. Gatti's. Crew attended the Star Wars premier on January 31st. Our second annual Deanna Troi's Chocolate Party was held on Feb. 8th. Plans to attend the Sector 2 Conference in March are being made.</div>			
<div>REGION FOUR</div> <div>Chapter Summaries</div>			
<div>CASCADE STATION NCC-55003</div> <div>Shasta Lake CA</div> <div>We held a gift exchange with the USS ONIZUKA over the holidays which went well. Also we have been working on new t-shirts and badges for CASCADE members as well as doing a clean up of trails at the Whiskeytown Recreational Facility.</div>			
<div>USS CONSTAR NC-71827</div> <div>Visalia CA</div> <div>We are working on the Tulare County Special Olympics Bowl-A-Thon in March. We raised over \$5000 in 1996 and hope to increase that number in 1997. We have also visited the Golden Leaves Retirement home lately.</div>			
<div>USS CONSTITUTION NCC-1700</div> <div>Visalia CA</div> <div>Working on the 1997 Tulare County Special Olympics Bowl-A-Thon with the USS CONSTAR. We are also working on a bid package to get the 1998 STARFLEET IC in our area.</div>			
<div>USS EAGLE NCC-1719</div> <div>The crew attended the International Auto Show in January. We also are planning a hike and camping trip to the Pinnacles National Forrest for the near future. We attend the Star Wars premier with the USS NORTHERN LIGHTS and USS TIKOPAI.</div>			
<div>K'EHLEYR STATION NCC-55009</div> <div>Las Vegas Nevada</div> <div>We are busy planning coming events for 1997, one oof which will be a chapter BBQ.</div>			
<div>USS MATRIX NCC-2296</div> <div>San Diego CA</div> <div>Our engineering division is currently working on a couple of projects. One is the Matrix MUSH Telnet Site and a refit of the Matrix. The command staff is working on an advanced command course through ISFA. The Matrix Rangers are developing an HTML tutoring course for our member.</div>			
<div>USS MUAD'DIB NCC-74988</div> <div>Suisin CA</div> <div>The holiday season went well. We celebrated our commissioning on 12-25-96. Had in conjunction with out Christmas party. Also held the New Years Party and Sleep-over. We also donated clothes and other items to the California Flood Victims.</div>			
<div>USS NORTHERN LIGHTS NCC-27001</div> <div>San Jose CA</div> <div>We held our club newsletter party to prepare it for release. We attended the Star Wars premier as well as held a poker night. Listened to a guest speaker from the are speak on satellite and telecommunications now and in the futures. We also held command staff elections and Tracy Newby was elected CO.</div>			
<div>USS ONIZUKA NCC-71815</div> <div>Chico CA</div> <div>We started the new year with a vote of confidence in STARFLEET. To remain with the organization and grow with the new administration. Held a chapter bowling night and plan to include other chapters in the future.</div>			
<div>USS SIMONOV NCC-2002</div> <div>Fairfield CA</div> <div>Our January meeting included our awards and promotions ceremony. We also attended the Star Wars re-release. The SIMONOV is hosting the quarterly R4 Q-Zar challenge. A blood feud with the local Klingon chapter is planned for March. We are also in an Aluminum can drive to help out STARFLEET, referring to it as the Wolf 359 Fleet Rebuilding Fund.</div>			
<div>USS TIKOPAI NCC-1800</div> <div>San Jose CA</div> <div>We have donated toys to the Santa Clara Childrens Shelter as well as "Pre-Loved" stuffed animals to the Bay area. We have had two great speakers at our recent meetings, one from the NASA Aames research facility and an Air Force Officer. Members gave blood at the Red Cross on January 25th. The crew also attended the Star Wars premier.</div>			
<div>REGION FIVE</div> <div>Chapter Summaries</div>			
<div>USS DESTINY NCC-97301</div> <div>Salem OR</div> <div>The crew attended the Creation Con held on January 11th &amp; 12th. We are planning the events for 1997 including a trip to the Oregon Museum of Science and History wit a meeting to follow.</div>			
<div>USS PENDRAGON NCC-2005</div> <div>Redmond WA</div> <div>We began the new year with a new CO, Rochelle Eldridge and the planning for the coming year has begun. We attended the Star Wars premier and had a great time. Plans are under way to hold our 9th anniversary party in March and participate in the MS Walk in April.</div>			
<div>USS RUBICON NCC-71816</div> <div>Kennewick WA</div> <div>The new Dept. Heads were announced and each spoke on the plans for the coming year. Our Medical Division is planning a free CPR class for members and Sciences is planning a visit to the Observatory in Goldendale. Our cadets are planning to bake cookies for sale at RadCON a fund-raiser.</div>			
<div>USS SKY DANCER NCC-5910</div> <div>Newport WA</div> <div>The first part of the year has been a little slow but we are planning to work a telethon for a local TV station in March and an Open House/ Recruiting Drive in April.</div>			
<div>USS SOLAR FLARE NCC-71885</div> <div>Boise ID</div> <div>We are scheduled for the annual IPTV fund-raiser. We are also planning to hold our commissioning party in the first part of March.</div>			
<div>USS STELLAR WIND NCC-1501</div> <div>Kirkland WA</div> <div>Continued work on the ISM. Wrote 48,000 words so far. Would like to welcome our new RC Kurt Roithinger and wish him luck.</div>			



<div>REGION SIX</div> <div>Chapter Summaries</div>	<div>USS AVENGER NCC-1860</div> <div>North Brunswick NJ</div> <div>Membership has been increasing since the First Contact premier of last year. Many departments aboard are working on individual projects. A number of Avenger members attended the IMAX showing of L5: First City in Space as well as the Star Wars Premier.</div>	<div>USS NORTHSTAR NCC-10462</div> <div>New York NY</div> <div>We are celebrating our commissioning as a chapter in R7 Plans are underway for the 1997 schedule. We are holding our general meeting as well as our monthly VOYAGER night.</div>	<div>USS WOLF NCC-3921</div> <div>Hermitage PA</div> <div>Plans for an open house and recruiting drive in mid-February. We also assisted the USS RENEGADE with recruiting during the opening of Star Wars. We are planning to attend the Klingon Heritage day in February.</div>
	<div>USS BRIZA NCC-26518</div> <div>Cinnaminson NJ</div> <div>The chapter will be donating money to the Animal Adoption Shelter in Voreehes. We are planning a party soon, possibly a joint venture with the USS TRANSCENDENCE.</div>	<div>USS PREVAILING WIND NCC-74667</div> <div>Harrisburg PA</div> <div>We tagged books for the E.S. Library as we are working their spring book sale as well as recruiting at this event. Also planning a mini-auction in February.</div>	<div>REGION NINE</div> <div>Chapter Summaries</div>
	<div>USS DAUNTLESS NCC-74668</div> <div>Westminster MD</div> <div>At our January meeting we adopted our new chapter bylaws and a point system for ran promotion was instituted. The crew attended the premier of Star Wars. We have several members planning to attend local conventions in the coming months.</div>	<div>SHADOWSTAR STATION SFR-721</div> <div>Seaside Heights NJ</div> <div>The next Newsletter went our in February with drafts of bylaws and constitution to be presented to members. We continue to collect stamps for the STARFLEET Stampede and Tabs for the R7 Ops Project. Attended the IC '97 planning meeting.</div>	<div>USS EUROPE NCC-1792</div> <div>Tubingen Germany</div> <div>We are currently in the pre-production phase of filing "USS EUROPE—THE MOTION PICTURE". Shooting is scheduled to begin May of this year as we are still building sets and such. We have changed the release of our newsletter from a monthly to quarterly.</div>
<div>REGION SIX</div> <div>Chapter Summaries</div>	<div>USS HIGHLANDER NCC-10530</div> <div>Fredrick MD</div> <div>We continue to collect canned food items for donation as well as pocket change and coupons for charity projects. We have several cons we plan to attend to recruit for Fleet and the Highlander.</div>	<div>USS SOVEREIGN NCC-2505</div> <div>Philadelphia PA</div> <div>Completed the holiday raffle drawings as well as investigating future community service projects. IC '97 summaries were presented to the crew along with its participation in that event. The SOVEREIGN's Anniversary party will be at the Philadelphia ZOO in August, plans are being made now.</div>	<div>REGION TEN</div> <div>Chapter Summaries</div>
	<div>USS IDIC NCC71811</div> <div>Washington DC</div> <div>Our first meeting of the year consisted of a planning session for the coming year. Some plans include a trip Las Vegas to the "Star Trek Experience". More details concerning this and other projects will be noted as we have more information.</div>	<div>USS THAGARD NCC-652</div> <div>Philadelphia PA</div> <div>Individual department meetings scheduled throughout the month. Members attended StarCon 97 in Cherry Hill NJ and poker night attended by many. A number of members attended the Star Wars premier and we plan to at-temd the opening of Empire and Jedi in the next couple of months. Project HOME volunteer day set for March 1st.</div>	<div>USS MAJESTIC NCC-61804</div> <div>Victoria B.C. Canada</div> <div>We are continuing our recruiting efforts and hope to be back up to strength soon. We are planning the activities for 1997. When weather is better we hope to do some hiking and Capture the Flag.</div>
	<div>USS LEXINGTON NCC-1703C</div> <div>West New York NJ</div> <div>We worked security for a recent Creation Con as well as attended the Star Wars premier. Some of the crew attended the Justice's Poker Night.</div>	<div>USS TRANSCENDENCE NCC-74677</div> <div>Lindewold NJ</div> <div>We have passed our chapter by-laws. We are currently working on the Badge-A-Minute project which will be turned over to the IC'97 committee for fund-raisers. We are working on a joint anniversary party with the USS BRIZA at IC '97.</div>	<div>USS ROEBRT BONDAR NCC-74669</div> <div>Nanaimo B.C. Canada</div> <div>We held a successful HAMPER DRIVE for the Salvation Army by filling two generous hampers with donations. We are planning an open house in the coming months and our new Security Chief if making plans to insure the safety of the event.</div>
<div>REGION SIX</div> <div>Chapter Summaries</div>	<div>USS ALPHA CENAUINCC-71812</div> <div>Washington DC</div> <div>We held our chapter meeting and discussed the plans for 1997. We went to the Star Wars premier and will be attending Vulkan and Novacon. The Triton's change of Command dinner was held in mid-January.</div>	<div>USS TRITON NCC-71819</div> <div>Glen Burnie MD</div> <div>The TRITON crew attend the change of command ceremony and the new CO, Capt. Gary Ensey, was recognized as the new CO of the TRITON. Many members attended a tour of Goddard Spaceflight Center and we held a bowling night. We continue to plan for our upcoming anniversary party.</div>	<div>USS SOL NCC-1733</div> <div>Fairbanks AK U.S.</div> <div>We are planning a trip to a Con in Anchorage in March as well as the Winter Carnival in late March. We are donating money to the STARFLEET treasury to help rebuild FLEET.</div>
	<div>USS ASCENSION NCC-2520</div> <div>Lehigh Valley PA</div> <div>We held our chapter meeting and attended the IC'97 meeting. We are continuing to work on restructuring the ships departments and recruiting. Planning details for the Annual R7 picnic.</div>	<div>USS NEW HORIZONS NCC-71676</div> <div>Dexter NY</div> <div>Planning our weekend retreat to Antwerp NY. Many things planned including a spaghetti dinner, working on persona characters for chapter fiction, video watching and sledding.</div>	<div>REGION ELEVEN</div> <div>Chapter Summaries</div>
			<div>USS SOUTHERN CROSS NCC-1886</div> <div>Sidney NSW Australia</div> <div>We are continuing fund-raising projects. We plan to continue our food donations to needy families through a local welfare organization.</div>

REGION TWELVE Chapter Summaries	
<p>USS AMBASSADOR NCC-10521 Springdale AR</p> <p>Members joined other members of the Arkansas Alliance in attending a one day convention featuring Denise Crosby as the guest. We also traveled to the USS STAR EMPIRE's 10th Anniversary Party. Accommodations were, once again, graciously provided by Marian and Booker Tompkins.</p>	<p>of the USS MARKO RAMIUS. We continue our support of the OCP and Hershey's coupon program's. Also still collecting stamps for the STARFLEET Stampede.</p>
<p>USS ANTONIO MARIA VALSALVA NCC-4101: Chesterfield MO</p> <p>Members continue to support the DeForrest Kelly/Leonard McCoy Allied Health Scholarship program by raising money for the fund. The CO attended the UMIAK's five year anniversary party where he was a speaker along with Bjo Trimble. Members across the country have participated in many other charitable efforts.</p>	<p>USS HEXUM NCC-2199 Belleville IL</p> <p>We are having a lot of success with our recycling program. We also continue our "Labels for Education" Challenge. Our friends on the DISCOVERY attended the January meeting and discussed the Mardi Gras parade in Soulard. The CO attended the UMIAK's fifth anniversary party where Bjo Trimble was the guest speaker.</p>
<p>USS BATTLESTAR NCC 23110A Fort Smith AR</p> <p>We are building a life size Shuttle Pod and continue to compile a list of blue prints to do finish the project. We are also preparing to order new t-shirts for the R12 Summit.</p>	<p>USS JEANETTE MADDOX NCC-14514 : Wichita KS</p> <p>We donated 125 bears to the local sheriff's Dept. on January 4th. We attended the Traveler's and Mirage's anniversary parties. We continue to collect stamps for the STARFLEET Stampede, coupons for Project Infinity and the Challenge of the Heat.</p>
<p>USS BRADBBURY NCC 72307 St. Charles IL</p> <p>We are continuing to support the O.C.P. and STARTFLEET Stampede. We assisted a local Klingon chapter with a fund-raiser for Big Brother/Big Sisters. We are also starting a fund raiser for the Easter Seals.</p>	<p>USS MARKO RAMIUS NCC-23103 Fayetteville AR</p> <p>We are trying to recover from the Holiday season and our festivities. We will be coming back strong in February.</p>
<p>USS CENTURION NCC-61806 Fayetteville AR</p> <p>We are continuing or collection and disbursement of coupons for the Overseas Coupon Project.</p>	<p>USS MIRAGE NCC-72213 Midwest City OK</p> <p>We are in the of upgrading and refitting the MIRAGE. We held our Anniversary party in February.</p>
<p>USS COCHRANE NCC-74525 Mt. Vernon AR</p> <p>We held our annual Christmas party and a good time was had by all. We are planning several things including a bowling party and gaming night after our regular meetings. The COCHRANE has a new CO, Tony McSpadden.</p>	<p>USS MORNING STAR NCC-4126 Lawton OK</p> <p>We delivered popcorn and tea bags to the Salvation Army for the "Watch Party". We also delivered food to the Salvation Army's homeless shelter and children's shelter. We are continuing our recycling program which has been a success.</p>
<p>USS EMPRESS NCC15025A Sterling Hts.</p> <p>Our holidays went quite well, enjoying our holiday festivities. We also adopted a family and sent them gifts.</p>	<p>USS MYSTIQUE NCC-58929 Russellville OK</p> <p>We are working on our recycling project as well as picking up litter on our stretch of highway of the Adopt-A-Highway program. we are still collecting coupons for the OCP, Stamps for the STARFLEET Stampede and Project Hershey.</p>
<p>USS GEMINI DREAM NCC64739 Mountain Home AR</p> <p>The crew attended the Arkansas Alliance Christmas Party with Desserts. We also donated some items to the Happy Hearts charity</p>	<p>USS NIGHTSHADE NCC-10529 Lawton OK</p> <p>Our First Contact recruiting drive went well as we distributed over 1,000 flyers during the premiere. We held our New Year's party and everyone had a great time. We still continue to work on our recycling efforts.</p>
	<p>USS NOMAD NCC-1805 Leavenworth KS</p> <p>The crew attended the USS STAR EMPIRE'S 10 Anniversary party. We also have</p>

<p>taken trips to the Star Wars Premier, Ice Skating for a monthly birthday bash and attended the USS TRAVELER's Anniversary party.</p>
<p>USS ORION NCC61815 Wichita KS</p> <p>We have held a couple of work nights to finish up the ORION's handbook and plan activities for 1997. We had our New Years bash which was a great success.</p>
<p>USS PARACLETE NCC-31903 Siloam Springs AR</p> <p>The crew attended two cons recently. The first was a joint venture with the Ambassador and the Marko Ramius. The guest was Denise Crosby. The second was again a joint trip with just the Marko Ramius crew and the guest was Rene Auberjonois. We also cleaned up our section of Highway and are planning to work on a bridge display.</p>
<p>USS QUO VADIS NCC-74681 Bella Vista AR</p> <p>We are planning 1997's activities. Some of which include singing at a local nursing home and recycling project. Members attended the Marko Ramius meeting recently.</p>
<p>USS SUNFLOWER NCC-74679 Augusta KS</p> <p>We have been busy working on our Overseas Coupon Project. We also attended the 2nd anniversary of the USS TRAVELER.</p>
<p>USS SUPERIOR NCC-2020 Marquette MI</p> <p>Some of our activities including the business meeting canceled due to snow storm. We have placed a lot on hold till the weather improves.</p>
<p>USS TRAVELER NCC-3145 Emporia KS</p> <p>We celebrated our 2nd Anniversary party recently. Members from many chapters attended and a good time was had by all. We are planning several social nights including a Casino Night. Members also attended the re-release of Star Wars.</p>
<p>SPACE STATION TROUBADOR SFR1201: St. Louis MO</p> <p>We are still collecting coupons for the OCP as well as stamps for the STARFLEET Stampede and Hershey's pops/.</p>
<p>USS UMIAC NCC-3142 St. Louis MO</p> <p>We held our 5th Anniversary party where Bjo Trimble was the guest speaker. members from many area chapters attended. We are planning a bowling party for around the first of March.</p>

REGION FIFTEEN Chapter Summaries	
<p>USS URSUS NCC-2011 Springfield IL</p> <p>We are working on future plans as well as "Fun Events" for 1997. Our food drive concluded in February and we have a "Beta Crew" setting up in Champaign IL. It's growing fast.</p>	
<p>USS VANGUARD NCC-2548 Fayetteville AR</p> <p>We have worked for the Habitat for Humanity concession stand at the U of A basketball games. We will be in the MS Walk for the 4th year. We are planning our 4th Anniversary for March 15th.</p>	
<p>USS ATLANTIS NCC-71803 South Easton MA</p> <p>Ship elections were held and there were no changed in the command staff. Following this was an awards luncheon where we handed out some promotions as well. We are looking forward to hosting the bowling tournament in March.</p>	
<p>USS BEAN SIDHE NCC-9186 Boston MA</p> <p>The 95th Marine Strike Group has been assigned to the BEAN SIDHE. The MSG command staff designed the Sentinal Class Interceptors. The CO and XO have been working on the Technical Schematics and stats for the BEAN SIDHE. Other departments aboard are working on similar projects.</p>	
<p>USS BOSTON NCC-74482 Lowell MA</p> <p>The chapter attended the Star Wars premier as well as a party at Barnes &amp; Noble bookstore. The CO attended the KONK's anniversary party and in planning on attending the R1 Summit in April.</p>	
<p>USS ENDEAVOR NCC-1716 Ledyard CT</p> <p>The chapter 4th anniversary party was a big success. The crew is planning a "One month of Winter left" party. Plans are being finalized for the first annual Star Trek Marathon in Wildwood NJ.</p>	
<p>USS EQUINOX NCC-584 Winslow ME</p> <p>We spent two hours at our local hospital making quarter calls for their blood drive held by the Red Cross. This was our third year participating in this event. We just made our 6th anniversary the first of January by having our annual "Pig Out" at a local deli.</p>	



USS HOOD NCC-1707  
Nashua, NH

We are planning recruiting events for the Star Wars Trilogy release. Also planning a sledding party soon.

USS O'BANNON NCC-5372  
Sanford, ME

Our meeting was primarily a blueprint meeting as we are working on the layout of the USS O'BANNON. Also planning a trip to see Star Wars when it opens.

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USS ALIOTH NCC-71832  
Orem/Provo UT

We held our Christmas party and a great time was had by all. Also held our general meeting and a movie night. We watched "War of the Worlds" and clipped coupons for the OCP. Collected over \$200 in coupons.

USS MIR NCC-73281  
LAS Cruises, NM

The crew sent an "Away Team" to the Space Museum and Hall of Fame. We also held a Valentines party and we are planning a membership rally and plans for our anniversary.

Pen Pal Matching

Compatible pen pal matching is a service from Space Station Freedom III's Communications Department. Continental US residents may obtain a service questionnaire by mailing a .32 SASE to: Curtis J. Stenovich, 1409 Maryland Drive #3, Corpus Christi, TX 78415-4949.

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Fanzines

The Anvil

The Anvil is the 40-page monthly zine of the USS Hephaestus, Region 2. We exchange with other chapters, and subscriptions are available for \$10 year (12 issues). For a sample issue, send 2 stamps. Captain Pete Mohnney, USS Hephaestus NCC-2004, 1105 Oak Creek Trail, Birmingham, AL 35215.

Sci-Fi Spotlight

Star Trek, Babylon 5, Dr. Who & More! Sci-Fi Spotlight (formerly Space-Time Continuum) newsletter for visual media fans. Great behind-the-scenes tidbits, celebrities, appearances, letters! Sample copy \$2 US \$3 foreign. Bjo Trimble, PO Box 6858, Kingwood, TX 77325-6858.

Companion Wanted

ISO SWF 19-37 that loves ST for companionship. I am SWF, 35, SF Officer and love ALL ST. Contact CPT Larry D. French, Sr., 1220 Vermont Avenue, White Oak, PA 15131-1630.

Seeking companionship, SWF 17-25 in D/FW area who loves all Sci-Fi, esp. Trek, Star Wars, Doctor Who and B5. I'm SWM, 21, Starfleet Office on USS Comanche. Contact (Ensign) Russell Jackson, 1624 Pelican Ct. N., Azle, TX 76020-4785.

Members Wanted

USS Jurassic, a correspondence chapter, is looking for new members. We have a newsletter, computer bbs and lots of other projects. For more information send SASE to: USS Jurassic, PO Box 158, Hamersville, OH 45130 or send an electronic message to Carolyn.Donner@galaxy.weyr.org.

Honor Above All Else! The RSE/Romulan Star Empire seeks those loyal to the Empire for adventure and battle. For details send a SASE to RSE INC., PO Box 3508 Dayton, OH 45401, or e-mail to info@homeworld.com

The Romulan International Empire is seeking to expand its borders. To join or start a local chapter, or for more information, please send your request and a LSASE to RIE: 36 Forest Street, Asheville, NC 28803.

S.E.A.L.S. Operations Command, structured after the 20th Century Navy SEALs, is dedicated to the promotion of the Star Trek philosophy of IDIC and to fostering and understanding of Unity, Peace, Brotherhood and the need for Science Fiction and Space Explorations. Send LSASE to: Larry D. French, Sr., 1220 Vermont Avenue, White Oak, PA 15131-1630.

Define the final frontier with the Outpost Shadowstar Cathedral Flight Team, a correspondence ship that field tests spacecraft and related systems. No dues, just 6 first-class stamps for newsletter. SASE to Hartriono Sastrowardoyo, PO Box 446, Seaside Heights, NJ 08751-0446.

Members Wanted

Romulan International Chapter IRC KAVAR needs Terrans, Vulcans, Klingons. Contact Sub-Commander Jason Taylor, 5225 Canyon View Drive, Sparks, NV 89436 or hail him at (702) 626-7334. Must join the R.I.E., must enclose a LSASE.

Cool New Shuttle! The Shuttle Orion (correspondence chapter) has just launched. We're looking for new members to join our awesome crew! For more info, write to: Cdmr Larry Ferguson, 1415 Borth Vassar, Wichita, KS 67208-2925 or e-mail to: Lfergy@aol.com.

Sign up on the USS Stellar Wind, a correspondence ship, and receive our 1994 Starfleet Best Newsletter, the IntraStellar Medium featuring fiction based on member-created characters. All this for \$15, which includes our membership handbook. SASE Allyson M.W. Dyar, PO Box 941, Kirkland, WA 98083-0941 or e-mail dyar@halcyon.com for further details.

Correspondence Chapter Profiles are available for a large SASE. This booklet contains information on correspondence-based chapters in 'Fleet, maintained by the Correspondence Chapter Ops Directors, Commodore Allyson Dyar, PO Box 941, Kirkland, WA 98083-0941. Also available via e-mail from: dyar@halcyon.com

Members wanted to help form a new group in Colville, Washington area. Contact: Burt Mader, 1331 E Elep, Colville, WA 99114, e-mail to: bmader@plix.com.

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Uniforms-Made to Order: If you would like a ST:TNG or DS9 Uniform top made to order, write to Coyote, c/o USS Stargazer, PO Box 411793, Kansas City, MO 64141. Next Gen. available in all sized from babies to XXXL, costs up to \$40. DS9 available from kids to XXXL with or without gray neck insert, costs up to \$45. All colors available.

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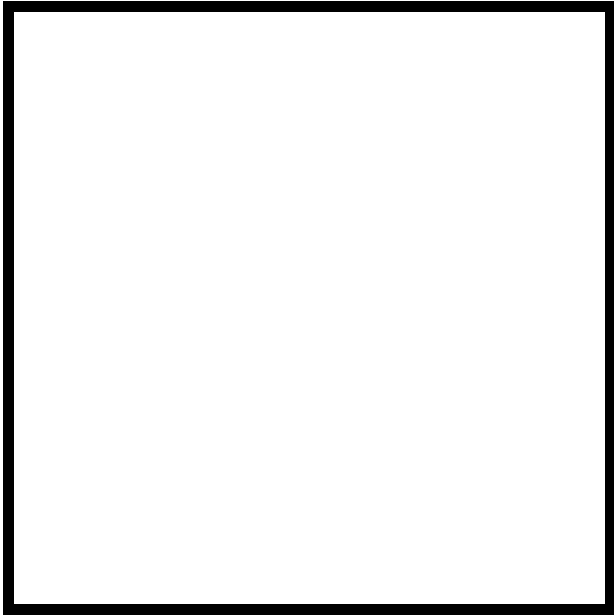
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