

Communiqué

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IRS, Scholarship Issues addressed

Greetings, STARFLEET! Hope this issue of the Communiqué finds you enjoying the summer months!

Things at STARFLEET Headquarters have been moving along very well. As of this writing, all the missing STARFLEET scholarship payments have been made by the Smith/Freas Administration. We are pleased that we were able to accomplish this as quickly as we were, and thanks to the many folks who made that possible. Our apologies go out to the scholarship winners for having to wait so long for the scholarships to be paid.

We are currently working with the IRS to determine exactly how much we owe, and how we can go about paying that debt off. The IRS debt we incurred was due to

lack of timely filings of our 1991 and 1992 Form 990s by the Maddox Administration. The debt to date is around \$9,300, but we hope to be able to work something out with the IRS that will lessen that payment greatly. I will be letting you know how the talks progress. As I said the members of Region 3, don't let that discourage you about STARFLEET. We will work through this just as we have worked through everything else that we have to date. We are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, folks. Just keep having fun with your friends and fellow chapter members doing what it is you do best, making a difference and having fun doing it.

By now, all of you should have received your membership certificate and wallet card, and your membership handbook and

Vessel Registry. We hope to have the backlog of the unprocessed McGinnis memberships done by the International Conference the third weekend of August. We appreciate the patience that so many of you have displayed while we were diligently working to catch up. As some of you know, I went up to the lovely Vermont home of CompOps Chief Sal Lizard over the July 4 weekend. I was accompanied by a large group of STARFLEETers who came by to help stuff membership packets. Thanks to all those who attended the stuffing party!!

In June I was able to attend the STARFLEET Region 3 Summit hosted by Region 3 Coordinator Brad Pense and the Region 3 Command Staff in Fort Worth, Texas. The Texas hospitality is not over-

rated, folks. I had a top notch time there during the weekend, and met many great people, including Mark Vinson, Bill Schwab, and Cassie Hislop (wife of Region 3 VRC Dan Hislop), and many more. Special STARFLEET HQ thanks go to CompOps Staff Assistant Liz Woolf, Vice Chief of ShOC Dan Friesen, and Chief of Staff to the Vice Commander Donna Friesen for their help this weekend. Liz Woolf answered many CompOps questions, and Dan and Donna Friesen carted their computer to Dallas enable Liz to run the database and give out answers. Personal thanks go out to Brad for taking me back to the Airport via Texas Stadium, home of my beloved Dallas Cowboys. I'm certainly looking forward to attending next year's R3 Summit, that's for certain.

FAdm Michael D. Smith

USS Charleston awarded Region One Ship of the Year



The Crew of the USS Charleston at a Star Trek: First Contact promotion

From the Crew of the USS Charleston by Capt. Tim Carlon, First Officer

It is a very humbling experience to be chosen as Region 01 Ship Of The Year. To have the additional honors of Captain Of The Year, Publication Of The Year, and Newsletter Of The Year is also very humbling. It is even more humbling to earn these awards with under 5 years of existence under our belts.

The USS CHARLESTON began as a small group of people who wanted to join STARFLEET in late 1991. She became a STARFLEET shuttle in February 1992 and was awarded her commission as a Starship on October 31 1992.

Her crew currently consists of over 70 STARFLEET and civilian members representing alien races all over the galaxy. To date the Charleston has launched two shuttles in the Charleston area, which are now full STARFLEET Chapters.

The Charleston began as a group of people with one goal in mind - 'have fun while doing trek-like things.' We considered maybe a convention or two, several parties, and an agenda that would get us out of the house for a while, but nothing in a formal constitution that was hard and fast. We had no rules and regulations other than to have
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Second Thoughts

ADMIRAL CHUCK FREAS, VICE-COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings, fellow Star Trek fans! I am glad to report to you that after a very busy first six months, the Smith/Freas Administration believes that we can see light at the end of the tunnel we have been in for the last year or so. We hope to have nothing but good news to announce at the August 22nd International Convention in New Jersey. We believe that we have a good handle on the remaining challenges that face the Fleet, and that we have solid plans for dealing with all matters that remain to be dealt with. We haven't exactly turned the final corner yet, but if all goes as planned we soon will. All I can say is "Yes!!!"

As always, major credit must go the Executive Committee Chiefs and their hard-working staffs. In addition, thanks must go to Howard Cronson, Gary Decker,

Kelly Hilliard, Marlene Miller and other Fleet members some of whom must remain unnamed at this time who have rolled up their sleeves and pitched in to help. Without them and many others like them, nothing would be getting done. Because of their commitment and voluntary service above and beyond the call of duty, membership processing and the vast majority of past-due membership packets are caught up, our financial house is in order, Communiqués are printed and delivered, all past due scholarship have been paid, the Fleetwide voucher program is up and running, and significant contributions to enhancing your membership satisfaction have been achieved. While things have not been as smooth as we had hoped, we are achieving the goals that this Administration set for itself during the election.

One of those goals is a fundamental structural change in the relationship between the Fleet Admiral, the Admiralty Board, and the membership at large. To achieve this, we proposed a new constitution. Copies of that constitution were widely distributed. If you don't have one, ask your Regional Coordinator for a copy, or grab one off our web site (www.sfi.org). We need your input into what is good ó and bad ó with our proposal. Don't be hesitant to speak up about what you don't like. I'll be the first to admit that there are some provisions in there that I'm not crazy about, and that parts of it needs to be reworked or reworded. But we need your thoughts about what you like, and don't like. After all, this is your fan association. So, tell the HQ Staff directly, tell your Regional Coordinator, or tell your Commanding Officer. We're serious

about reform, so please speak up!

And, to those who have spoken up, thanks! We need your input to tell us where we are doing well, and where we need to improve. No, there should be no need to shout vitriolic criticisms from the roof tops. Calm, quiet, private, and well chosen words are all we seek, and we thank you in advance for having given us such feedback. We want all of this to be fun for us, as well as for you.

So, let's all go on out there and HAVE FUN!! And speaking of major league fun, I hope to see all of you at the 1997 IC in Cherry Hill, New Jersey!!!

Admiral Chuck Freas
Vice Commander, STARFLEET

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fun. (The Regs and Constitution came later) That is where the interesting thing began to take shape. Jamie Young was our founding Commanding Officer, and it was his leadership as well as the talents of the Senior Staff that created our direction.

We began seeing ourselves as an extension of the trek universe. After all the voyages, movies, and books could portray, we found ourselves wanting still more. We wanted to do it all, to be there for those who need, to have for those who were destitute, to learn and go, and to do until we felt satisfied. To bring Trek to the Trekless.

When we approached the subject at meetings and activities, we threw our ideas on the table and played cards with them until we had a winning hand. That became the basis for the games we have played since then. For those who balk, yes, life is a grand game if approached properly. Our hand has been a winner — and a loser. Sometimes it only breaks even. But, isn't that what life is? An even break is sometimes the kindest blow.

As I write this, not 3 miles from here lays a friend of mine in the hospital with his life hanging in the balance. He is one

of our crew. That is the part that hurts most — for all the good we can do and have done, with all the accolades heaped upon us, we can't change the nature of life itself. We can only play the game. But this is not an epitaph. Even he had a hand in getting this crew to the point where we stand today.

We are still that same group of people. Sure, some have come and gone since. We're still growing: our youngest member is about 4 weeks old and our oldest member is in his 70s. It is with this mindset that the picture takes form. That form is of a team, not one individual who runs rough-shod over all the others in the club; but, many members acting as one "whole."

That 'whole' gives and gets. There are the parts that stand out and justly so. The Captain (Fleet Captain Victor Swindell) who, with all the upheaval in the Fleet, has kept the course steady and has become a rallying point for our membership's plans and future dreams. Our duty officer, (Capt. Donna MacNeal) who has faithfully kept our records and log of our voyages for over 5 years. Our Chief Engineer, (Capt. Carl Lewis) who is always inventing new ways to make old tasks seem fun. Our Chief Medical Officer, (Cmdr. Kathy Carlon) who runs the telephone notifications. Our volunteers, (Lt.

JG Mark Easterbrook, and staff) who run the newsletter and fanzine, and the others who volunteer their time and efforts on every sort of project imaginable under the sun. The list is endless. I could fill volumes with their hard work and their behind-the-scenes actions.

The same can be said for projects like adopt-a-highway, blood drives, and visiting the sick kids at the Children's Hospital. We participate in parades and charity events (although we did have to cancel the hit-the-Klingon-with-a-pie contest last year). We are active in the Region, and occasionally hanging out with the USS Ronald E. MacNair, and USS Yorktown. We participate in the STAMPEDE, and Overseas Coupon Project. That's the work. Like STARFLEET finest.. we love to party and socialize as well. Our unofficial motto is "Bringing Trek to the Trekless" And we do that pretty darn good.

Yet, for all the trying we still haven't filled the gap. The hunger to do more still lingers. This is what we were when we started. It is what we are still today. Perhaps it is best summed up by the one line that comes in the form STARFLEET's adopted motto — "let me help." Continuing the Adventure....

The crew of the USS Charleston.

IC 97

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Operations

COMMODORE TOM MONAGHAN



Hello Starfleet!

I'm here to make some sense of what's been going on in Starfleet Operations over the past couple months. Hopefully the information I am about to deliver will be more timely than in previous issues. With that said, I'll now move on to the bulk of this issue's report.

I'm quite certain there are a lot of members and chapters out there that are concerned about what has been going on recently in Starfleet. I know that I haven't made understanding the situation any easier with the adoption of the Six Month Chapter Grace Period, the Addendum to the Six Month Chapter Grace Period, and the Three Month Membership Requirement Extension to the Six Month Chapter Grace Period. It's quite a bit for any one person to comprehend, so, for your benefit, let me briefly explain each of these policies.

The Six Month Chapter Grace Period was established in January when it was discovered that a lot of our chapters were unable to meet their minimum requirements to maintain their chapter charters. It was also noted that this situation was mostly due to the breakdown of membership services by the previous administration. Starfleet Operations decided that we would not punish our chapters for circumstances beyond their control, namely the inability to meet the minimum requirements due to the breakdown of membership services. In an effort to allow the chapters time to meet their minimum requirements for chapter status, the Six Month Chapter Grace Period was adopted.

A few days later it was noted that the chapters had 100% control over their reporting requirement. With this in mind, in addition to the need to update the Starfleet Chapter Database as quickly as possible, the Addendum to the Six Month Chapter Grace Period was adopted. The Addendum simply stated that any chapters that did not report to Starfleet Operations by the end of the February Reporting Period (ending March 5th) would be notified of their placement on 30-day standby status. The chapters that did not report to Starfleet Operations by the end of the March Re-

porting Period would be notified of their decommissioning. Throughout this brief campaign Starfleet Operations was able to not only update a vastly outdated Starfleet Chapter Database with little overall loss in chapters, it also enabled Starfleet Operations to produce the first Vessel Registry of the new administration shortly thereafter.

The Three Month Membership Requirement Extension to the Six Month Chapter Grace Period was adopted in early June when it was discovered that membership processing would not be up to 100% operational capacity by the conclusion of the Six Month Chapter Grace Period as hoped. Again, in an effort not to punish our chapters for situations outside of their control, the Extension was granted for the membership requirement only. Please see the full context of the Extension adoption announcement later in this column for more details concerning the Extension.

With all these policies, exemptions and extensions floating around Starfleet, what exactly is going on and when are the chapter maintenance requirements supposed to be met? That's a good question. This article will hopefully clear up any confusion you may have concerning what exactly are the minimum requirements for chapter status and when it's time to start worrying about them if your chapter currently does not meet these minimum requirements.

First let's review Starfleet Chapter Operations 101: "What it takes to Maintain a Chapter in Starfleet."

1. A chapter needs members. Ten paid Starfleet members to be exact.
2. A chapter needs quality leadership. A Commanding Officer and an Executive Officer both with Officer Training School and Officer Command College qualifications to be exact.
3. A chapter needs to report by the 5th of every month to both the Regional Coordinator for that chapter and to Starfleet Operations (specifically FCapt. Les Rickard if the report is sent via postal system OR to Cmdr. Matt Myers if the report is sent via e-mail). Starfleet Operations needs the information in these monthly

chapter reports in order to update the Starfleet Chapter Database.

4. A chapter needs to pay the annual Chapter Charter Fee. This fee is used to pay for Command Status Reports and other Starfleet Headquarters correspondence sent to the chapters.

Okay, so those are the requirements for all Starfleet chapters. Now what do you do if your chapter fails to meet any or all of these requirements? Panic? Maybe. But before you do, please keep in mind that Starfleet Operations has adopted three major policies over the past six months to help those chapters that are having difficulties maintaining their minimum requirements. Next we will examine how these policies have been and continue helping out Starfleet chapters with their minimum requirements since the beginning of the current administration.

I. The Membership Requirement. Under the Three Month Membership Requirement Extension to the Six Month Chapter Grace Period all Starfleet chapters are exempt from maintaining a minimum of ten paid Starfleet members until 30 September 1997. This does not mean that members of these chapters will have their memberships extended until 30 September 1997. No, this policy simply states that all chapters that do not meet the minimum membership requirement to maintain their charters will not face decommissioning during this time frame. So, if your chapter does not meet the minimum membership requirement, now would be a good time to concentrate on membership recruiting and renewals. Any chapters that do not meet the membership requirement after 30 September 1997 will be sent reminder letters. Any chapters that do not meet the membership requirement after 31 October 1997 will be notified of their placement on standby status. Any chapters that do not meet the membership requirement after 30 November 1997 will be decommissioned.

II. The Leadership Requirement. Under the Six Month Chapter Grace Period the Commanding Officers and Executive Officers of all Starfleet chapters were exempt from being OTS and OCC qualified. However, with the conclusion of the Six

Month Chapter Grace Period on 30 June 1997, all chapters that do not meet this requirement face being sent a reminder letter. All chapters that do not meet this requirement by 31 July 1997 face being placed on standby status. All chapters that do not meet this requirement by 31 August 1997 face decommissioning.

III. The Reporting Requirement. Under the Addendum to the Six Month Chapter Grace Period all Starfleet chapters had to report to BOTH their Regional Coordinators and to Starfleet Operations by the end of the February 1997 Reporting Period (ending March 5th) or they would be placed on 30-day standby status. If these chapters failed to report by the end of the March Reporting Period (ending April 5th) they would be decommissioned. It is now standard Starfleet policy that all Starfleet chapters MUST report to BOTH their Regional Coordinator and to Starfleet Operations by the 5th of every month. Continued failure to do so will result in these chapters first being reminded to report, then being placed on standby status, and eventually decommissioning. The bottom line is the most important contribution your chapter can make to your region and to Starfleet Headquarters is to send in your chapter report every month.

IV. The Chapter Charter Fee Requirement. The 1997 Chapter Charter Fee was due by the end of January 1997. However, under the Six Month Chapter Grace Period (ending 30 June 1997) all chapters that failed to pay their Chapter Charter Fee would not face decommissioning during that time period. However, chapters that have not paid their Chapter Charter Fee will no longer receive Command Status Reports. Reminder letters will be sent out in early July to all chapters that have not paid the fee. If these chapters do not pay the fee by July 31st they could be placed on standby status. If these chapters do not pay the fee by August 31st they could face decommissioning.

That's the current time-table concerning the minimum requirements for all Starfleet chapters. Again, the Six Month Chapter Grace Period ends June 30th. However, the Three Month Membership

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Communications

COMMODORE GORDON L. GOLDBERG

Hailing Frequencies Open! Things have been somewhat hectic in the Communications Division as we try to make up for lost time (and Communiqués). As Greg Trotter can no doubt explain better than I, we had some difficulties with our printer. This resulted in serious delays in the printing and distribution of the last Communiqué. In fact, as I type this, I still haven't gotten my copy. The difficulties we have had are hopefully put behind us, as the current issue goes to press. My appreciation goes out to the Communiqué staff for their tireless efforts in handling the printing crisis, and the work they've put into getting us back on schedule. Please drop them a line if you can, to express your support.

Allyson Dyar and the NetServices staff continue to keep the STARFLEET web site at <http://www.sfi.org> up to date, along

with the European mirror site. Handling the inquiries these sites generate could be a full-time job in itself! Ed Nowlin and the Office of Web Consulting are busy bringing their own web site and mailing list server online. They will provide STARFLEET members, chapters, and regions with a valuable source of information and assistance in developing their own web sites.

Michael Dugas reports that we now have over 831 members and 195 chapters represented in the Fleet Online Directory. The directory can be found at <http://www.sfi.org/directory>. There are 247 members currently registered with the STARFLEET Internet Mailing List at starfleet-l@teleport.com.

Wendy Fillmore tells me that the Fanzine staff continues to grow as the pub-

lication date approaches. The final editing and layout were completed on June 20. By the time you read this column, it should all be printed, bound, and in the mail!

I'd like to take the time to thank all the people who have applied for the SubSpace Communications, Diplomatic Corps, and Language Bank positions. As soon as I've had a chance to speak with my final choices for those positions, I'll be announcing the new Directors. It's been a tough call — there were so many applicants with exceptional qualifications. I suppose I should expect as much from STARFLEET members, but I still found it rather overwhelming.

Speaking of overwhelming — entries for the 1996 Newsletter Contest have been pouring in from all over. Many chapters

have submitted copies of what they consider to have been their best issues from 1996. I'm certain that my staff and I will have a difficult (but enjoyable) time choosing the best of the best. The judging will take place at the upcoming STARFLEET International Conference in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

I'm going to wrap this column up, and save some space for other folks to write. I'm sure I'll have much more to write about in my next column. In the meantime, I'll be keeping all channels open...

In service to the fleet,
Gordon L. Goldberg
Chief of Communications,
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Requirement Extension to the Six Month Chapter Grace Period is in effect until September 30th. If any members or chapters have any questions concerning these policies or what to do if your chapter does not meet any or all of these requirements, please get in touch with me as soon as possible. All concerns of our chapters are concerns of mine.

Now, as mentioned earlier in this column, the following is the Extension adoption announcement as promised.

The Three Month Membership Requirement Extension to the Six Month Chapter Grace Period

Due to the current problems with membership processing, Starfleet Operations is adding a three month extension to the Six Month Chapter Grace Period for all chapters in regards to meeting the chapter membership requirement. It is our firm belief not to punish our valued chapters for any situations beyond their control. The current problems with membership processing have shown no sign of improving by the end of the Grace Period on June 30th. Therefore, in the best interests of all our chapters, Starfleet Operations grants this Three Month Extension to the grace period.

Please keep in mind that this extension applies to the chapter's membership requirement only. This extension does not include either the Chapter Charter Fee requirement, the OTS & OCC requirement for COs & XOs, or the monthly reporting requirement. As of July 1st all chapters should be reporting monthly to Starfleet Operations and their Regional Coordinator. As of July 1st all chapters COs & XOs should have passed both OTS & OCC. As of July 1st all chapters should have paid their Chapter Charter Fees. Please note, if you have not already paid your Chapter Charter Fee your chapter will no longer receive the Command Status Report. So send in your Chapter Charter Fee today to ensure that your chapter receives all issues that it is entitled to.

Any chapter that has not met all three of the above mentioned requirements after June 30th will be sent reminder letters letting them know that it is their obligation to maintain these requirements in order to retain their chapter charters. If the chapter does not meet these three requirements by July 31st, they will then be sent a standby status letter. If the problem is not resolved by August 31st, the chapter will be sent a decommissioning notice.

However, the chapters shall be exempt from the membership requirement until

September 30th. After that date, if any chapter fails to meet the membership requirement they will be sent a reminder letter. If the membership requirement is not met by October 31st, the chapter will then be sent a standby status letter. If the membership requirement is still not met by November 30th, the chapter will be sent a decommissioning notice.

It is not the intention of Starfleet Operations to harass or blackmail any of our chapters into doing anything that they find unjust or unreasonable. However, the chapter maintenance requirements were established for a purpose. It is HQ's way of knowing that your chapter has the members and leadership to be a successful chapter. Through the Chapter Charter Fee your chapter is helping fund the Command Status Reports and other Starfleet Headquarters correspondence your chapter receives. And by reporting monthly to both your Regional Coordinator and to Starfleet Operations, you are taking advantage of your chapter's right to let us know the problems and concerns of your members. Your reports also allow us to update your chapter's information in the Fleet Chapter Database so that we can ensure that all correspondence from Fleet HQ reaches your chapter in a timely manner.

I urge all chapters to use this extension

wisely. Take this time to make sure that all your members are up-to-date in the eyes of Starfleet. That means taking the recruiting initiative by making your chapter a visible force at conventions and community events. With the membership drive now underway, your efforts could even be rewarded in the form of cash prizes. It also means taking the necessary steps to make sure your members are up-to-date in the Fleet Membership Database. Please consult Computer Operations with all your membership concerns and inquiries. They will be more than happy to help meet the membership processing needs of your chapter and members.

If you have any questions regarding the Three Month Extension to the Six Month Chapter Grace Period, or any other Starfleet Operations related issues, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached via email at tomm@exis.net or ops@sfi.org. You can also mail be at Starfleet Operations, c/o Tom Monaghan, 1341 Maplewood Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23503. Or give me a call at 757-587-4056. Remember, at Starfleet Operations we are here to serve you.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Shuttle Operations

COMMODORE DENNIS GRAY

Take 3. Time for another Communiqué article. Two more months gone by. More shuttles are on the books, and a few more have commissioned. Life in STARFLEET continues to grow, and thrive. STARFLEET is showing its true strength - its members. That was ever so evident to me when I attended the Region 3 Summit back in June. Folks were happy. They were excited. They were having FUN. I'm having fun again. You?

By the time you read this, the Fleet START and MOM manual should be ready for release & use. While largely based on the Region 3 START and MOM manual, it also incorporates elements of several other regional shuttle manuals, as well as the old Shuttle Handbook. This manual will be invaluable for those wanting to start a shuttle. Even if you've ever been on a shuttle before, it will take you through the process step by step. It will guide you from start up, all the way through to your commissioning as a full chapter in STARFLEET. Additionally, if you're a Commanding Officer of a chap-

ter that wants to launch a shuttle, it will be of great benefit to you, as well. It will help you know what kind of support your shuttle will need, and assist you in helping them achieve their goal.

Currently, the Region 3 version is available for downloading from the ShOC section of the Fleet web page (www.sfi.org). While closely resembling the Fleet version, it is important to remember that the R3 version that is on-line, is NOT official for Fleet use. Meanwhile, feel free to download the R3 version until the STARFLEET version is finished. It will probably go a long way to answering any of your questions about being a STARFLEET shuttle.

Hopefully, by the next issue of the Communiqué, shuttle chapter reports will return to the Communiqué, and be there with chapter reports. We had hoped to have them back with this issue, but do to unforeseen communications problems, this was not possible. Look for them to re-appear in the very near future.

The following shuttles have commissioned since last we talked:

The Shuttle Phantom is now the USS Phantom, NCC-72215, Nebula class, Region 1. Comm. Jack Hopkins commanding.

The Shuttle Belgica is now the USS Belgica, NCC-72301, Peacekeeper class, Region 21. Capt. Jurgen Puype commanding.

The Shuttle Lone Wolf is now the USS Lone Wolf, NCC-72214, Nebula class, Region 7. Capt. Ray Shepard commanding.

The Shuttle Blackstar is now the USS Blackstar, NCC-Region 2. Adm. Deb Maestu commanding.

Now, while ShOC has bid a fond farewell to these shuttles, we also welcome into the fold the following new shuttles:

Shuttle Ohio, Region 1, FCapt. Roger Scritchfield commanding.

Shuttle Reprisal, Region 1, Cmdr. Greg Franklin, commanding.

Shuttle Rodger Young, Region 3, LTC

Adam Thompson commanding.

Shuttle Fox River, Region 6, FCapt. Linda Eppinger commanding.

Shuttle Atlas, Region 12, Cmdr. Mike Wilkerson commanding.

Shuttle Celt, Region 12, Cmdr. Chris Dunivan commanding.

Shuttle Mustang, Region 12, FCapt. Tim Frayser commanding.

Shuttle Renaissance, Region 12, Cmdr. Ben Johnson commanding.

Things are looking up, aren't they? Just think, folks - we're only 6 months into this administration. If we keep getting the things fixed that once went wrong, and Fleet continues its long recuperation and healing, there's no telling how much we'll continue to grow. I think we're on the edge of a booming growth in STARFLEET. We shall soon find out.

Until next time,
Serving the 'Children' of the Fleet,
Commodore Dennis Gray

STARFLEET OPERATIONS BY THE NUMBERS:

A Brief Look at the Chapters and Regions of Starfleet since 9704.15
Alrighty then! You all know the score, so let's get this thing over with...

CHAPTERS COMMISSIONED OR RECOMMISSIONED 9704.15 - 9706.15:

USS Belgica, Region 21, Captain Jurgen Puype, CO
USS Phantom, Region 1, Commodore John "Jack" Hopkins, CO

*NOTE: All New Chapters must have their commissioning approved by the Chief of Operations, Starfleet. If you are a member of a new chapter and it is not listed above please contact the Chief of Operations, Starfleet.

CHAPTERS THAT HAVE BEEN DECOMMISSIONED OR LEFT STARFLEET 9704.15 - 9706.15:

USS Confederate, Region 2
USS Phoenix, Region 2
USS Fearless, Region 3

NEW CHAPTER COMMANDING OFFICERS SINCE 9704.15 - 9706.15:

Fleet Captain Jon Riddick, USS Khai Tam, Region 2
Captain Jurgen Puype, USS Belgica, Region 21
Captain David Goudsward, USS Prevailing Wind, Region 7
Commander Joseph Certeza, USS Tikopai, Region 4
Commodore John "Jack" Hopkins, USS Phantom, Region 1
Captain Robert Mooney, USS Traveler, Region 12
Captain David Horner, USS Rutledge, Region 1
Captain David Schwanke, USS Constitution, Region 5
Captain Jim Cushing, USS Mark Twain, Region 1
Captain Barbara Lariscy, USS Star League, Region 1 (Retroactive to 9612.14)

Captain Cliff Bailey, Jr., USS Gemini Dream, Region 1

*NOTE: All New Chapter Commanding Officers must have their appointment to Commanding Officer and promotion to Captain approved by the Chief of Operations, Starfleet. If you are a new Commanding Officer and you are not listed above or you have not received your commissioning and/or promotion certificates please contact the Chief of Operations, Starfleet.

REGIONAL ROUNDUP (REGIONS REPORTING FOR REPORTING PERIOD 9604):
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 17, 21

REGIONAL ROUNDUP (REGIONS REPORTING FOR REPORTING PERIOD 9705 [as of 9706.15]):
1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 15, 17

*NOTE: if you are a Regional Coordinator and your region is not listed above or you have not submitted your monthly report to the Chief of Operations, Starfleet and the Commander, Starfleet by the 15th of the month please do so as soon as possible.

STARFLEET OPERATIONS REGION OF THE MONTH:

And now the moment you have all been waiting for - the monthly award for Best Region in Starfleet according to Starfleet Operations. As you may or may not know, this award is presented to the region that we at Starfleet Operations feel best represents the true ideals, enthusiasm and integrity of Starfleet: The International Star Trek Fan Association. May I have the envelopes please? And the winners are...

9704: Region One, Admiral Linda Smith, Regional Coordinator
9705: Region Five, Fleet Captain Kurt Roithinger, Regional Coordinator
(Selections by Commodore Tom Monaghan, Chief of Operations)

Congratulations to our winners! Keep on sending in those monthly reports. Remember, your region may already be a winner! Until next time, keep an eye on your mailbox. Take care and the very warmest of regards from all your pals in Starfleet Operations are extended to each and every one of you. See you all next issue!

International Charities Department

Lieutenant P.J. Trotter

Greetings! I would just like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the ships and shuttles that made a great contribution to various charities. The one that stands out is the USS Northstar, Region 7, New York City, NY. By just participating in one project they raised over \$2,000 for AIDS research and education. Just like many other ships in STARFLEET, this is one of their main charitable activities. I would like to encourage all ships in the STARFLEET to get involve in at least one service project a year. You can make a difference. Many other ships do more than one or two projects a year, some do more than two projects a month or even a week.

All are truly striving to make this world into the image that Gene Roddenberry for saw.

Also, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Region 3 Coordinator, Brad Pense, for providing me time at the Region 3 Summit to speak with the Commanding Officers of the Third Fleet. I hope that my mini-panel helped explain a lot and answer any of the questions they had about reporting the community service hours and money donated. It also gave me an opportunity to handout a FAQ and the form that will be used to report the hours and money donated.

Even if you think that your ship is too small, you can get involved. There are many STARFLEET recognized "official" charities that take very little time to participate in. These are the Overseas Coupon Project (OCP), the Stampede, and the Hershey's Chocolate Program. Many times each of these programs has been featured with their own articles, but I would like to take the time to encourage each of you to ask your CO's to participate in these programs. All it takes is to sit down and clip out manufacturer's coupons in your local paper, or clip UPC symbols from a Hershey multi-bar pack or Kodak film box, or even clip the canceled

stamps off of your opened mail. It is that easy. All the proceeds go to help worthy causes, such as the plight of the military family on US bases overseas, donating the profits to five major charities including UNICEF, and Hershey's making a donation to the Ryan White Foundation on behalf of STARFLEET. Make your chapters involvement in Community Service programs important!

Thank you for you time,
Lt. Patricia "P.J." Trotter
International Charities Department
Coordinator
Charities@sfi.org/pj@daily.ou.edu

Stampede

All I can say is WOW! This past month has been absolutely phenomenal. Almost every day, sometimes twice a day, the mail truck has pulled up and delivered another batch of stamps. I've actually managed to keep up so far. You guys have been wonderful! Last week, I took a large carton of stamps to the dealer. It weighed approximately ten pounds, with a few extra stamps, so he paid \$77 for the lot. Many, many thanks to you for all your superbeing efforts. I have another four pounds of stamps already not counting what arrived this afternoon.

ful notes of encouragement. I now have a new computer but still lack a printer. As soon as I have the ability, I'll be sending letters back to you all. I'm still working on the awards for the Stampede, but rest assured, all of you that have sent stamps, ship or individual, will be acknowledged as soon as it's ready. Also, I'm looking at a the idea of a Stampede raffle in the fall, with an entry for each donation.

The only thing I want to emphasize is PLEASE leave a 1/4 inch border (at least) around the stamps. If you trim the stamps the perforation may be damaged, making the stamp unsellable. Again, thanks a million (approximately the number of stamps I've gotten).

Lynn Evans
STARFLEET Stampede

Thank you all as well for the wonder-



Overseas Coupon Project

My name is Linda Oakely and I am a Commander on the USS LeConte in Gatlinburg, TN. I am also a Girl Scout Leader in Tanasi Council. This past spring I brought the Overseas Coupon Project and the Stampede project to the attention of our local council.. Today I received this letter that I wanted to share with the rest of the Fleet.

Dear Linda;

My name is Lorie Romans. I am troop leader for Troop 495 in Halls, TN.

I read about your grocery coupon project in our June/July Leaders Link and our troop would like to participate. This is a project that I can relate to as I am a former Navy wife. Our family spent 2 1/2 years stationed in Guam, and I know how valuable manufacture's coupons are. They didn't come in the Sunday paper like they do here. I was fortunate because my mother sent monthly care packages with loads of coupons she collected from fam-

ily and friends which I in turn shared with friends. I will never forget standing in the checkout line at the commissary and I noticed the couple behind me had a baby and a cart full of diapers and baby food. I gave them the baby coupons I had and you would have thought I'd given them gold!

I think this will be a very worthwhile service project for my troop.

Thank you for the opportunity to help!

Sincerely,

Lorie

If anyone out there isn't sure of the value of this program, I hope this letter helps to convince you that this is a real need. If your ship does not participate in the program now, please start it soon.

Thank you for your time and for the opportunity to "help where we are needed." Which is part of the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

Linda Oakley
USS LeConte
Gatlinburg, Tn

Chocolate, Anyone?

Send those Hershey UPC symbols to:
Starfleet Chocolate Officer
1717 South 5th Street
Leavenworth, KS 66048



Fleet Admiral Mike Smith (left, facing rear), Region 7 Coordinator Bob Vosseller (standing), Shirley Weaver and Tony Rowley answer questions about STARFLEET at Shore Leave 19.
(photo by Brenda F. Bell, USS Avenger)



Doc Jessup displays his Polaris Award, Region 7, Texas. (Communité)

Arrested by the C **Law and Order at Shore Leave 19 •**



Fleet Admiral Mike Smith (center, flailing his arms about), facing certain arrest by a group of Klingons, shows quick thinking by delegating the "arrestee" duty to Region 7 Coordinator, Bob Vosseller.



Bob Vosseller (center, flanked by Marines and Klingons), delegating the duty to them.



est award, at that region's summit in Fort Worth,
o by Brittany Sloan)



Dan Murphy (USS Concord) and writer P.N. "Pat" Elrod use some very ineffective camouflage to avoid having their picture taken by Communiqué News Editor Brittany Sloan.

ain of Command

otos by Brenda F. Bell, USS Avenger



(with a ball-point pen) follows Mike's example by
ey of the USS Malverne.



Tony, it appears, doesn't have anyone to delegate the duty to.

Computer Operations

COMMODORE SAL LIZARD

Greetings again. As I write this, I just finished processing 1165 membership cards and certificates for those active duty members who sent in their applications during last year. Let me emphasize: these are the CURRENTLY ACTIVE MEMBERS from the PREVIOUS administration.

Fortunately, I didn't have to do these alone. I had the help of the Fleet Admiral who drove up from New Jersey. The Vice Regional Coordinator, Jerry Beaulieu and his wife, Liz, came up from Massachusetts. Dave Ryan, CO of the USS Boston, and his wife drove up from Boston and Blair Learn drove up from Maryland. We are got help from Ray Toolan who lives here in central Vermont and Bob Chin from the USS Hood in New Hampshire.

I am happy to report that at this time, we have caught up the membership renewals and applications that have been sent in since the beginning of this year. So far, these are the only noted exceptions:

There has been one mis-directed because of computer error when Michael D. Smith's (Yep, the CS's membership) certificate was erroneously included (as a family member) in that of Michael P. Smith.

There have been 4 packets that were missing one family member's certificate. There have been 8 misspelled names so far.

Folks, I've seen copies of a few of the applications that have been sent in. It sometimes is VERY difficult to decipher the information on them. Please, if you are getting ready to renew or if you know someone who is getting ready to send in their application, make sure that the printing is clear and legible. Mistakes are easy to make and costly to correct. When we have to go back to make corrections, re-print certificates, cards, and mailing labels, it increases our postage and supply expense. It also increases "turn-around-time" for other members. The problem is ESPECIALLY prevalent when you use "alien pseudonyms."

For example, it may be difficult if "Allen" is written (in cursive) and looks like "Allin" (which may be correct). We would be fairly sure it isn't "Allrn" or

some other variation so the possibilities are already greatly reduced. In the "alien cultures" the "rules" are tossed out completely. See our dilemma? Please do your part to help us.

Roy Sesler of the USS Powhatan in Region 1 will be producing and distributing STARFLEET Handbooks and Vessel Registries as STARFLEET resources allow. Again, we will start with those members who have ALREADY been processed and then the current members from the previous administration. This was a CompOps decision and follows the same logic as I have claimed in my previous reports. We anticipate that we will have them all out in relatively short order. I am continuing to take calls at 802-485-3193 for anyone who needs a handbook immediately but I will ask that you try to exercise a bit more patience. Everyone who received a packet so far should have theirs by the end of July, I believe.

I don't know how I can emphasize it more but I continue to get requests to update information or look up memberships. Please remember that Liz Woolf is our department's first point of contact. I rarely (very rarely!) have access to update the database. That task is handled by other members of CompOps. Instead, I have been producing memberships and trying to get the database online so that the information can be more readily accessed and updated by others. Please don't send me update information or inquiries until you've tried to resolve your problem with Liz. Liz can be reached by either of the following:

Via e-mail: CompOpsHELP@sfi.org
Via the postal service:
146 Manor Crescent, Bldg 16
New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1691.

Please remember to be reasonable in your requests and inquiries to Liz. Don't send her long lists of members to lookup. Almost all of those who are active in the membership database should have their cards, and certificate with their SCC numbers, by the time this Communiqué is out.

Jesse Smith has been producing chapter rosters for the CO's or XO's who request them. Please don't write to him requesting a roster of the fleet members on

your ship. Instead, check with your CO or XO — one of them should have one. CO's and XO's should decide who's going to request it and then send Jesse a message. If you need a "hard copy" of your chapter roster, send him a SASE with your request, otherwise he will e-mail your roster back. Please be reasonable in your requests — once a month might be considered "a little too frequent," eh?

Jesse can be reached at either of the following:

Via e-mail: Database@sfi.org
Via postal service:
5126 Niagara Pl
College Park, MD 20740

When the membership cards were designed, we forgot to include a place for the expiration date and SCC number. Actually, I might have managed to get them both in but I didn't realize it until after I got past the crisis of "starting out behind." All of the certificates have both the expiration date and SCC number, but some of the cards went out without a date and all went out without an SCC number. That should be corrected in future packets. And we can really only move forward with this newly gained experience and insight so fretting it will only be counter-productive as it would be too costly to correct. This is just one of those things that a "proper" turnover might have helped. This is something that we will include in our "CompOps Guide" for our successors.

As far as the SCC number goes, there have been a few people who have expressed dismay over the exclusion of the "regional designator" at the end of the "printed SCC number." Remember, when we started out this term, the database was grossly inaccurate and a great number of the members were listed in the wrong region or had no region information in place. For this reason, I chose not to include the regional designator. The greatest significance of the SCC number is that it is a unique identifier for each member. Because of that the first five digits of the SCC number were critical, whereas, the regional designator was most certainly wrong and not really essential for identification purposes and was excluded. At this time, I have received mixed reaction from the members I've talked to or who

have commented directly to me. Veteran members were the only ones to comment (for obvious reasons). Those in regional positions want it back and those who are "rank and file" members either don't care or like it without the designator. A few didn't like it because it loses its "trekkish" appearance. Of course, that depends on how you write it — some wrote it as "#####-##," while others wrote it as "#####/##." Within the CompOps department, it wasn't worth holding up memberships until it was corrected. Remember, you folks are asking for new certificates when information is not correct. We would never get caught up if we had to keep correcting, reprinting, and remailing cards and certificates — never mind the cost!

There has been much discussion of the Internet that we don't use enough volunteers or that we don't accept suggestions given to us. This is very far from the truth. CompOps receives many suggestions (a few were unkind, by the way). Every Tuesday night the members of CompOps meet in an IRC channel and discuss what is happening, what others have said and what we can and can't do. We also maintain good communication with our members via a departmental mailing list that allows us to share information expediently. Not all the ideas we hear are practical or convenient to do at that time. It might create a greater problem or slow down production too much to stop and reestablish a particular function or method. However, when circumstances change, we jump on EVERY opportunity to "spread the load" and "streamline" or department. Naturally, it is more cost effective to use people around us also rather than spend money shipping "raw materials" about before ultimately paying the postage to get the finished packets to the members.

Well, that's really all I have to report right now. I didn't mention Mandi but she is still working diligently to get your memberships and renewals entered into the database. Printing clearly and legibly would help her tremendously with this arduous task!

Sal Lizard,
Chief of Computer Ops

IC '97 Update

A hearty greeting from STARFLEET Region 7 where many of the ships in the 7th Fleet are preparing for the upcoming International Conference the weekend of August 22-24. Thousands of dollars have been raised to fund this event, and hours of planning have gone into making this the best IC on record! We hope as many of you as possible are able to come join us in Cherry Hill, NJ at the gorgeous Hilton Hotel!

This conference has many things going for it — everything from “business” Fleet-related panels to fun panel discussing everything from Star Trek to Babylon 5 to Xena: Warrior Princess. We have plenty of programming going on over the course of the weekend — something for everyone. This is the opportunity to get together with fellow Fleet members to exchange ideas about Operations and the Communiqué ... or argue about Captain Janeway’s hairstyle (perhaps all at the same time)!

Apart from the various panels, which are running all weekend, we have a number of special events taking place that many people are already looking forward to and are choosing to participate in. On Friday night alone we have three major

events going on (apart from registration). For all you people coming in early to the conference:

* A Taste of Philly — This is a Philadelphia-inspired “mixer” where everyone gets to meet and greet fellow officers while downing local water ice and Philly’s famous soft pretzels. Buy a beautiful IC97 mug and get your water ice for free!

* Yeoman Auction — Here’s a chance to be a Yeoman or buy one for two hours! You can volunteer to “sell” yourself (all money raised goes to STARFLEET). If selling yourself has no appeal, feel free to “buy” someone for two hours to do with what you will (just kidding. Well, almost ...). Yeomans already lined up for auction include FAdm. Michael D. Smith and various members of his administration, as well as IC Committee members (including your truly). A Yeoman can run errands for you, give you back rubs (!) ... do whatever is legal in the state of New Jersey (which isn’t much ...). Seriously, the Yeoman Auction is a new event and is looking to be very successful this year. Help participate in the fun!

* IC97 Opening Ceremonies — Join Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith for a true welcome to the International Conference, featuring details and information about the weekend and who to contact if you have any questions or concerns.

Apart from the morning General Meet-

ing, Saturday features a number of panels and discussion of topics ranging from Special Forces, Captain’s Call, Newsletters and Public Relations to how to make fanzines and sell them, and what possible future (if any) they may have. Saturday evening features the Awards Banquet with a buffet meal, followed by the annual STARFLEET Awards Ceremony. What happens after that you ask? How about our evening entertainment that will not only feature the acting talent of many Fleet members, but also our Ten Forward Dance where everyone is invited to come dance the night away.

Also featured throughout the weekend are some rather original pieces of programming:

* Alien Singled Out — find a date for the weekend!

* Science Fair — Members of Region 7 show off their various science experiments to the rest of the fleet!

* Computer Lab — There will be a whole Intranet set up for you computer users to check out and talk about! Check out the Net! See what’s going on the World Wide Web!

The IC97 Committee has made it very easy for you to come to this conference. We have our own Travel Agent, our own deal with Enterprise Rent-A-Car, and the SkyShuttle airport service! We have online registration via the Internet (<http://www.webwarren.com/ic97/>) — how can

you not come to the conference to share a weekend with all your STARFLEET buddies?

When it’s all over, what is there left to do? How about visit the City of Philadelphia! The City of Brotherly Love is the birthplace of the United States of America so there is much to see and do (Philadelphia is virtually minutes away from the Hilton Hotel). There will be plenty of tourism information at the conference to help you decide where to go in the country’s fourth largest city!

In closing, on a serious note, this conference is especially important concerning the fact that STARFLEET is in the process of really rebuilding itself. This is a chance to meet and greet the hierarchy of STARFLEET and ask them direct questions about some very important issues that are of concern to of us. Newly elected Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith and his Executive Committee will be there to answer your questions and concerns. STARFLEET is getting back on its feet for the first time in years and this a chance to not only help make it happen, but celebrate in its success!

For registration information, please see the IC97 flyer found elsewhere in this issue. I look forward to seeing many of you in Cherry Hill, New Jersey in August!

Commodore Sashi Alexandra German
STARFLEET IC '97 Co-Chairperson

Inspector General

COMMODORE ROBERT WESTFALL

Greetings fellow members of STARFLEET! I am Commodore Robert Westfall, the new Inspector General of the Fleet. I feel very honored that FADM Smith has the confidence in me to appoint me to this position, and I do not plan on letting him, or you, down. First off, let me tell you a little about myself.

I have been a member of STARFLEET for over eleven years, serving in a variety of positions on various vessels. I have served STARFLEET and its members not only at the chapter level, but at the regional and national levels as well. Through the years I have made many friends in Fleet, and am sure that my share of detractors are out there as well. But, no matter what I have been through or observed while in STARFLEET, I would not trade a single moment of it for anything. In real life (such a subjective thing, isn’t it), I currently operate my own Investigative & Consulting Business. I previously served as a patrol supervisor and tactical officer for a Kansas law enforcement agency, and am currently

a reserve officer with a local department. I hold a BA in Criminal Justice, a BA in History with a minor in Business Administration, and am working on an MA in History.

STARFLEET administrations have come and gone in my time in Fleet, yet no matter how good or bad things may have been under any one of them, STARFLEET has persevered.

The position of Inspector General is a very important one, that I feel has been overlooked, or under-utilized, by some administrations, yet abused by others. I am not here to act as an Inquisitor or club for the Commander or Executive Committee of STARFLEET against its members. Rather, I am here to carry out the following duties:

- To oversee regional elections for Regional Coordinator.
- To conduct periodic regional Votes of Confidence on Regional Coordinators.
- To investigate any violations of the STARFLEET Constitution, and provide recommendations for their resolution to the Executive Committee.
- Assist the STARFLEET Chief of Communications in coordinating the biennial election of the Commander, STARFLEET.
- Perform any other duties, as deemed appropriate by the Commander or Executive Com-

mittee of STARFLEET.

I take these duties very seriously, and at no time will I carry out any assignment that I deem unwarranted, immoral, unjust, or illegal. Remember, as STARFLEET members we are not only bound by the dictates of our own Constitution, but of the laws governing the cities, states, provinces, and countries where we live. Some in the past have forgotten that, or felt that they were not bound by such dictates—that was in the past. As long as I am in this position, I will strive to insure that such incidents do not repeat themselves.

In order to assist me in the duties of this office, I will be appointing an Assistant Inspector General (AIG) for each Region. Anyone interested in applying for these positions, please send a STARFLEET and real world (there’s that term again) resume, along with a cover letter explaining why you would like to be an AIG to me at the following address:

13214 W 62nd Terrace
Box 138
Shawnee, KS 66216

I do not require that you have prior investigative experience, though it is helpful. I want people who are dependable, trustworthy, and capable of being unbiased and fair. People who can set aside any petty differences they

may have to carry out an assignment for the betterment of STARFLEET as a whole. I do not play favorites, nor will I play politics with this office.

All the members of the Inspector General’s Office are here for the benefit of STARFLEET, not the detriment of it. I personally do not seek any higher office in this organization, as I told Mike when applying for this position, you couldn’t pay me to do it. However, I do want the highest quality of people running this organization. It is only with your help, as members, that we can make STARFLEET grow into the organization it has the potential to be. Running away when your candidate loses the election doesn’t help. Sitting around griping about the past doesn’t help. Only by pitching in to help, in whatever capacity, will you be able to help shape this organization’s present and future. You may not respect, or even like, the people in charge of things — be they Chapter COs or the Commander, STARFLEET — but you must respect the position they hold. Because they are doing a job that very few others ever wanted, and without your participation and input, they cannot effectively do their job.

I am here to help, not harm this organization and its members. Where do you stand?

Armed Services Program

BARBARA PAUL, DIRECTOR

Greetings from ASP Headquarters,

The Armed Services Program (ASP) has been in a revamp phase. We have been looking over the way the program has been structured and organized and are working on the final draft of the ASP Chapter Operations Manual. As Director, I've been in communications with Computer Operations, Fleet Shuttle Operations, Membership and the Communiqué staff to help merge this program into the infrastructure of STARFLEET. To date, everything has been completed except for the Satellite Program that is being reviewed as we speak.

The ASP was originally created under the Steve Smith Administration. It was developed to bring the fun and fandom of this club to our Active Duty military members who serve our country in the Armed forces. Because of their schedules, duties and training not to mention the fact they travel a lot, it's been very difficult for these folks to be active members of a chapter. I know this from personnel experience. This program is structured to allow these folks the opportunity to establish a chapter of their own on their respective facility. This allows them to meet at a time convenient to them and permit them the opportunities we share in the civilian sector, like chapter command. Stability has been looked on as a requirement of a sound chapter in the past. Chapters that frequently replaced their CO's were usually penalized or shut down as being unstable. This is but one area that has been addressed with this program and worked out. It is now possible for a military member to command his or her own chapter now.

There is one central address for all lines of communications and a staff to assist with any problems that may come up. The members of this program are either Active Duty, ex-military people serving the military in some civilian capacity. The truth is we have military experience and training to be able to meet just about any need that may arise. An example is the current staff. The Director is ex-Navy. The

Deputy Director is a DOD civilian assigned to the Air Force and deals directly with the Base he's assigned to. The Chief of Staff is ex-Marine. The Air Force Liaison Officer is Active Duty Air Force stationed in Arizona. The Army Liaison Officer is Active Duty Army stationed in South Carolina. We are in discussions with a person who may be coming aboard as our Navy Liaison who's Active Duty Navy.

This Program is an integral part of the Operations Department of this club. There is a constant flow of information and material being exchanged on a daily basis with those in this Department and with the rest of the club. This means we are on top of all the latest happenings now and as such are in a much better position to assist chapters as needed. The Director has been in the club for over 15 years and has served in many areas including Regional and chapter Command.

We have looked at this program from all aspects and have consulted with people at the Fleet level for their insights and comments. We feel we're now ready to slip the mooring lines and set sail to the future. We've tried anticipating as many problems as possible. Like everything else in real life; however, we'll probably come up on something we hadn't thought of somewhere along the line. Nothing is totally foolproof or perfect. However, we have the means to meet these challenges now with a seasoned and experienced staff and the support and backing of this club and it's many diverse members. Together we hope to see this program build into something we all can be proud to say we had a hand in.

We are having Computer Operations verify and update our Registration Roster for us. With so many folks moving, and leaving this club we've lost contact with many folks. If you have registered with us in the past or are new and wish to join, please contact us at the following addresses. One of the benefits we offer our registered members is the opportunity to obtain and wear program specific items

like T-shirts and ball caps, sweatshirts, shorts, windbreakers, etc. The program logo on it helps identify you with this new and unique arm of STARFLEET. Once our numbers pick up to where we have enough to financially cover setup costs and materials, this Office will be opened and a Director appointed for it. However, right now we're too small to even think of it. With your help we can change this and bring it on-line in the very near future.

Below are our contact addresses and the list of the MIA's we have. Please check this list and if you see your name, please drop us a line and let us know where you are and if you're still interested. At present we are looking at expanding to Korea. In the next few months, we will be reviving Region 16. We have made contacts on bases stateside and are growing. Here's an open invitation to join us in this expansion and help us build this program and STARFLEET up to the Glory it once had and can have again.

ASP Headquarters: 110 Napier Ave.
Warner Robins, Ga. 31093
tmbrwolf@cyberhighway.net

MIA Listing

Adam C. Self	Allyson M.W. Dyar
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Jason Johnson	Paul C. Dyl
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Patricia Fryer	Jim Douglas
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Any chapters with military personnel aboard are encouraged to notify their members of this program. The ASP Program is a voluntary program and just because you're military, this doesn't mean you have to join it. The program is geared to meet your special needs and requirements and deserves at least a passing thought. Those interested please contact us at the addresses above.

To all Regional Coordinators: I am interested in your comments. I need to know how you would like to handle military chapters in your jurisdiction. Some of the things I need to know are what kind of reporting procedures are you wanting? Do you want us to let you know if a group wishes to start a Satellite, Shuttle or Chapter in your area? How do you want to work out problems that may crop up between a military chapter and a local STARFLEET Chapter in your Region? These are but a few of the things we need to know from a Regional standpoint. We have tried to work with all the Fleet Departments in this club cooperatively for the mutual benefit of all concerned. I'm very serious when I say we have a sincere wish to co-exist peacefully with our civilian counterparts. This is a vital necessity if this program is to function and operate at its peak. Your cooperation here can help us build this program into something we all can enjoy and prosper from. Let us know what you think and need. We're here to serve.

This is about all I have for now. As soon as things begin to pick up I'm looking at having an article in every issue of the Communiqué. This will allow me to keep everyone up to speed on what we're doing and where we need help. For now, all military personnel wishing to join please refer to the following list of officers as contacts. My staff is there for a reason and they serve an important part in helping this program operate in a smooth and orderly manner. Please utilize them accordingly. Thank you for your time and interest. Till next time.

Membership Processing

FLEET CAPTAIN MANDI HERRMANN

Well, since taking on this daunting task of processing memberships, I've come to realize that there might need to be a refresher on how to successfully join STARFLEET or renew your STARFLEET membership. Here are a few pointers. Please be sure to pass this information to your region, crew, friends, and new recruits!

1) When paying, please send a check or money order made payable to STARFLEET. Please, do not send cash! Do not make any checks payable to Mike Smith or myself. Again, make checks payable to STARFLEET. Also, be sure to fully complete your check or money order by writing the date and amount of the check.

2) Please be sure to fill out a membership application. Don't just throw a check into an envelope without including something stating name, address, phone number, date of birth, and chapter affiliation. Please ensure that your application is completed. We have received quite a few applications lacking vital information such as Zip codes and street numbers. Please use the two letter postal abbreviation for your State. This ensures that our data is as current as possible.

3) Please print or type membership information NEATLY. We can't read chicken scratch, Romulan, Greek, or Klingon. This also ensures that our data is as accurate as possible.

4) Please send us your change of address promptly. This ensures that you receive your packet and Communiqués in a timely fashion.

5) Please don't include an envelope for us to send you your membership packet. I process the memberships and Sal Lizard sends the packets. I live in South Carolina and he lives in Vermont. If you would like to send stamps to alleviate costs, that is appreciated. It is easier for me to forward stamps to Sal than envelopes.

6) If you have a question and need answers about your membership and you write us, please send a SASE. This will speed up our responses to your inquiries,

plus it saves up money in the long run.

7) Please don't put your Social Security Number (SSN) on your application. Your SSN is private information that we don't need.

8) If you are renewing please include your SCC number. Your SCC number is your STARFLEET membership number.

Well, that is all for now. Please contact us in CompOps if you have any questions. By email, you can reach us at CompOpsHELP@sfi.org or at the addresses listed in the inside cover of the Communiqué. We are here to help you. So, help us help you!

Commentary

Why our Constitution has to change

FAdm. Michael D. Smith, Commander, STARFLEET

Recently, a STARFLEET member was heard to say:

"And let the FADM know that he can veto ANY such resolution when it makes no sense. Article IV Section 9 of the Constitution states that the Fleet Admiral can do whatever he wants as long as he has a majority of the EC behind him."

Well folks, that power that the Fleet Admiral has is what got us into the organizational and financial problems that our administration inherited on January 2, 1997. That power left the membership with no effective way to protect themselves against the person who abused it. That power left us with little to no official STARFLEET records, practically no finances, shattered morale and speculation whether STARFLEET could survive.

It's not about power, folks. It's about responsibility. The responsibility that we all have to do the right thing. Responsibility to ensure that what the members want is what happens. Responsibility to

know that just because an individual has that power, that it doesn't mean that such power should be used.

Do I have that power? Sure I do. It's written into the STARFLEET Constitution. Am I going to use that power? Hell, no. That's why our team was elected into office. To ensure that STARFLEET is run fairly and for the members, not just for a cadre of elite few.

The proposed Constitution that is being distributed in this Communiqué has verbiage written into it that takes that power away from the Executive Committee. It places that power squarely into the hands of the Admiralty Board, the body that directly represents the membership and their wishes.

The quotation at the top of the page is the very reason why we need a new Constitution, folks. That's why I hope that you will join me in supporting it.

Thanks for your time.

Communication in Starfleet

Comm. Sal Lizard, Chief of Computer Operations, STARFLEET

Every day, I read mail or get phone calls from people in fleet. Some of them are angry, some are dissatisfied, some are disappointed, and some are anxious. Now that's not the majority of them: many are happy, many are understanding, many are patient, and many express their relief. Many of these people are on one or more of the various STARFLEET-related electronic mailing lists — many more are not. The curious thing is that most of the previous group claim that they haven't heard any of the CompOps news coming out of headquarters. Some say they haven't heard ANYTHING! Of course, neither have a few of the second group. Despite this, I know that I keep sending out report after report.

Of course, there were many incorrect and "no-longer-current" addresses in the database. I'm sure that would account for who claim no knowledge of STARFLEET news; and the second one was delayed ... But I also reported in the CSR that goes out to all chapter CO's. I'm especially certain that the CO's and the XO's read the information they receive so that they can keep their crew's informed and answer the questions that come up at meetings.

This person may not have been on a ship and didn't get a Communiqué because their information was wrong. Now we're into May and they still haven't heard anything from STARFLEET "in over a year," I ask, "do you know anyone else in STARFLEET?" Usu-

ally, they do, but that person hasn't told them anything or I hear "they're fed up, too!" I also see that CO's consistently point to membership problems on the MSR's and I wonder what THEY are communicating with their people.

The reason I told you all of this, the reason I emphasized the lack of news throughout the fleet, is that I need volunteers. Daily, CompOps and HQ are met with STARFLEET members claiming a desire to volunteer, a desire to help STARFLEET. I want to use every one of them - I want to use everyone reading this information to better STARFLEET! We all talk about the need for communication. We all say that the members need to know what's happening. I know that the EC is producing information about their activities. I don't see it getting to those individual members. I ask everyone to decide that they CAN help STARFLEET most by simply "spreading the news."

You've heard me say it before... When you get the news, be it by Communiqué, CSR, or listserv, pass it on to someone who didn't have your resource. Don't just tell them, copy it off and give it to them! Better yet, READ IT TO THEM! People will listen to news. You can accept it and pass it along without negativity, or, if anything, with your own enthusiasm and faith added, STARFLEET will not only benefit, it will prosper and grow.

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 and send application to the program you selected below:

NAME:
STARFLEET SCC#:
ADDRESS:
E-MAIL:
CITY:
STATE/PROV:
POSTAL CODE:

- o OFFICERS 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- ots@sfi.org
RAdm. Leanne Jackson, Unit 2, 10 Lynette Ave, Hectorville, SA 5073, Australia - no email
- o OFFICERS 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 - 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)
- o FLAG OFFICER SCHOOL (FOS) - \$5.00 for first course / \$2.00 each for the second and third course / One manual for all 3 courses
Comm Helen Pawlowski, PO Box 22225, St. Louis, MO 63116-2225
(Copy of OCC diploma required when applying for this school - do NOT send original OCC certificate!)
- o 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
- o COLLEGE of COMMUNICATIONS (COC) - \$4.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
College closed, pending a new director.
- o COLLEGE of COMPUTER HISTORY (COCH) - Free, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
RAdm Sharon Ann Campbell, P.O. Box 603, Kirkland , WA 98083-0603 - coch@sfi.org
- o SCHOOL of ENGINEERING (SOE) - \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps
Cmdr. Brian Dougherty, 5630 Pershing Apt #32, St. Louis, MO 63112-1759 - soe@sfi.org
- o COLLEGE of FEDERATION STUDIES (COFS) - \$1.00, SASE, 3 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
Capt. Donna Tucker, 7066 Goodner Mtn Rd., Pinson, AL 35126 - cofs@sfi.org
- o SCHOOL of LANGUAGE STUDIES (SOLS) - \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
Comm. Sherry Anne Newell, 5 NW 40th, Lawton, OK 73505
- o COLLEGE of MEDICINE (SACOM) - \$3.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
Cmdr. Kevin West, P.O. Box 1418, Colonial Heights, VA 23834 - sacom@sfi.org
- o COLLEGE of SURVIVAL STUDIES (COSS) - \$3.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
Capt. Carol Thompson, P.O. Box 135, Ester, AK 99725 - coss@sfi.org
- o VULCAN ACADEMY of SCIENCE (VAS) - \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
RAdm. Marlene Miller, 461 Harmony Lane, Campbell, OH 44405 - vas@sfi.org
- o COLLEGE of STARSHIP OPERATIONS (COSO) - \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
Cmdr James W. Lee, 214 Jamestown Dr., Spring Lake, NC 28390 - coso@sfi.org
- o SECURITY SCHOOL (SFASS) - \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps for each of the four courses available
Capt. Gregory Staylor, P.O.Box 9796, Chesapeake, VA 233321-9796
- o COLLEGE of TRADE and COMMERCE (COTAC) - \$3.00, SASE. 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
Cmdr Teddy Begley, 312 Potomec Dr., Winchester, KY 40391-8409 - cotac@sfi.org
- o COLLEGE of HISTORY (COH) - \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
Cmdr George K. Clark Jr., 8100 Lichen Dr., Citrus Heights, CA 95621
- o SCHOOL OF COMMAND STUDIES (SoCS) - \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
Fleet Captain Mark Hanford, 21 65th St. Apt 3, West New York, NJ 07093-4103 - socs@sfi.org
- o STARFLEET OFFICERS RADIO SCHOOL (SORS)
New program to help possible new Amateur Radio (Ham) Operators.
- o SCHOOL OF THE PARANORMAL (SOLP)
College under development

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STARFLEET watches: gold trim with a shock and water resistant quartz assembly. The watch face is the STARFLEET logo in blue and white. Leather-like adjustable band. Cost: \$30 (includes P&H). Send check or money order to: USS Stargazer, PO. Box 411793, Kansas City, MO 64141.

FOR SALE white mesh knit polo shirts with embroidered STARFLEET logo on left breast. Cool and comfortable. S-M-L-XL-2XL \$23 plus \$3 s&h. Checks payable to STARFLEET-Region 2 at 110 Napier Ave., Warner Robbins, GA 31093

Stellar Wind is disbanding in August and has back issues (some dating back to the late 80s, early 90s), Membership & Writer's Handbooks for sale. SASE to Allyson M.W. Dyar, PO Box 941, Kirkland WA 98083-0941 or e-mail dyar@halcyon.com.

Embarrassed by unsightly, inauthentic belt clips on your TNG phaser and tricorder? Patterns now available with detailed instructions for making attractive leather holsters. Send \$3.00 for one (indicate phaser or tricorder), or \$6.00 for both to Kathy Warren, 1183 Lawrence Rd., Murfreesboro, TN 37128.

Hallmark Christmas ornaments, 1992, mint condition in original boxes, \$35 each plus postage. Shuttlecraft Galileo with Spock's voice! Captain Pete Mohny, USS Hephaestus NCC-2004, 1105 Oak Creek Trail, Birmingham AL 35215, or call (205)680-5723.

Hallmark Starship Enterprise - 1701 twenty-fifth Anniversary Edition ornament, still in original box. \$600 or best offer. Contact Tamara Owens at (509)445-1000 or send email to raponte@povn.com

Complete set of nine (9) Star Trek: TOS Commemorative Plates, Hamilton Collection, issued and bought 1984-86, artist Susie Morton, all with original boxes and inside flyer papers. Descriptions with plate ID #s available with SASE. Total new price \$294.92. Will take best offer. Write Larry W. Jones, 23 NW 57th Street, Lawton, OK 73505-5809.

Over 500 film clip cells: from 1966-1969 ST:TOS mounted in slide casings. Lincoln Enterprise sold these in the 1970s (all mounted in slides!) Inquiries call Kirk (314)949-2976

Large collection of Robert Summers limited-edition art prints. Mostly Western and Indian themes, some artist's proofs. Also, a

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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 per year (12 issues). For a sample issue, send 2 stamps. Captain Pete Mohny, USS Hephaestus NCC-2004, 1105 Oak Creek Trail, Birmingham AL 35215.

Sci-Fi Spotlight. Star Trek, Babylon 5, Dr. Who, and 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. Send to: Bjo Trimble, PO Box 6858, Kingswood, TX 77325-6858

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, Hammersville, OH 45130 or email to: Carolyn.Donner@galaxy.weyr.org.

Attention unassigned STARFLEET members in NW Louisiana! The Shuttle Roger Young is looking for recruits. For more information contact: (LTC) Adam R. Thompson, 340 College Street, Apt. 4, Shreveport, LA 71104, hail by phone (318)227-0053, or by email: eagle@prysm.net.

SEEKING UNASSIGNED STARFLEET MEMBERS Region 04 is in desperate need of your help. We NEED Starfleet members to strengthen the ranks of all 15 existing chapters. If you can help, Contact VAdm Kim Lerman: P.O.Box 554, Fair Oaks, CA 95628, kimmy@pacbell.net, http://www.best.com/~mousepad/region4

Attention Star Trek Fans seeking members to join the Starship Constitution There are ample opportunities for advancement. Contact: (Cpt.) Gary E. Schwanke 105 SE Lake Street, Albany, OR 97321 E-Mail: CmdrSaren@aol.com.

Members wanted to help form a new chapter in the Colville WA area. If interested contact: Burt Mader, 1331 E. Elep, Colville, WA 99114 or e-mail at: bmader@plix.com.

MEMBERS WANTED

Space Station Nexus is an internet-only, dues free chapter. Our primary focus is All Things Internet and our own Fiction. We are especially looking for anyone interested in Administrative positions. Query Fleet Captain Kurt Roithinger gren@teleport.com for more info.

Define the final frontier with the Outpost Cathedral flight team, a correspondence ship that field tests spacecraft and related systems. No dues, just six (6) first-class stamps for newsletter. Send SASE to: Hartriono Sastrowardoyo, PO. Box 446, seaside Heights, NJ 08751-0446.

The newly commissioned USS Belgica is looking for additional staff to help the outer reaches of Fleet. For more information contact (Capt.) Jurgen Pyupe, 107 Stokstraat, B-8650 Houthulst, Belgium; or region21@sfi.org.

COOL NEW STARSHIP! The USS Orion, a regular meeting chapter, is looking for new crew members to join our AWESOME CREW! For more information, write to: (Capt.) Larry Ferguson, 1415 North Vassar, Wichita, KS 67208-2925, phone: (316)682-3086, or email to: lfergy@feist.com.

United Starfleet Command, Ship's leaving for exploration of space, new officers and ships are welcome to join! For more Info send a LSASE to USC PO Box 5864, Asheville, NC 28813-5864 or email us at FAdmCliff@Aol.com.

Honor above all else! the RSE/ Romulan Star Empire seeks those loyal to the Empire for adventure and battle. For details, send SASE to RSEINC., PO Box 3508, Dayton, OH 45401 or email to: info@homeworld.com.

Romulan International Chapter IRC Kavar needs Terrans, Vulcans, and Klingons. Contact (Sub-Commander) Jason Taylor, 5225 Canyon View Drive, Sparks, NV 89436, or hail him at (703)626-7334. You must join the R.I.E., and you must enclose LSASE.

MISCELLANEOUS

Want your chapter to sport a NEW LOOK? Need that little extra OOMPH! to make your chapter something special? Then check out the GIANT FEATURE FOR THE CHAPTER Promotional Sweepstakes in THIS edition of the COMMUNIQUÉ, or visit http://

www.cptmike.com/promo.htm TODAY!!

COMPANION WANTED

Seeking companionship, SWF, 17-25 in D/FW area who loves all sci-fi, especially Star trek, Star Wars, Dr. Who, and B5. I am a SWM, 21, STARFLEET officer on the USS Comanche. If interested, contact: (Ensign) Russell Jackson, 1624 Pelican Court, Azle, TX 76020-4785.

ISO: SWF, 19-37, that loves ST, for companionship. I am SWM, 35, STARFLEET officer and love ALL ST. If interested, contact: (Capt.) Larry D. French, Sr., 1220 Vermont Avenue, White Oak, PA 15131-1630.

Single White male in search of Single Female, must be willing to send letters overseas to New Zealand I am 31 years old, love all Star Trek Series contact John Kane kiwinz@royal.net or P.O.Box 68-474 Newton, Auckland, New Zealand.

PEN PAL MATCHING

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

NOTICES

ATTENTION: If you have been promoted to Captain or above and have received a promotion certificate, please email your name and SCC# to the promotion coordinator Michael Malotte: promotions@sfi.org.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

FREE ADS TO STARFLEET MEMBERS. 80 word maximum on any classified ad. First 40 words are free to STARFLEET members. There is a 25 cent per word charge for each additional word. Phone Numbers and email address count as one word each. Please include your SCC# and phone number where you can be reached when submitting an ad. Maximum of two (2) ads per issue. Classified rate for Non-STARFLEET members is \$1 per word. Ads must be resubmitted each issue. Make check or money order payable to STARFLEET and send to: Communiqué Classifieds, PO Box 722038, Norman, OK 73070-8546. Ads for STARFLEET members that are 40 words or less may be submitted electronically to CQ@sfi.org, Subject Line: CQ AD.

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Region 3 Summit '97 "A New Hope"

Region Three held its second annual Summit, June 20-22, 1997 at the Green Oaks Park Hotel in Fort Worth, Texas. This year's Summit was titled "A New Hope." "We couldn't have chosen a better theme," said Rear Admiral Brad Pense, Regional Coordinator. "Throughout the weekend, everyone seemed to demonstrate a positive attitude toward the future of the Region and STARFLEET."

Approximately 125 attendees from Region Three (Texas and Louisiana), surrounding regions and STARFLEET Headquarters journeyed to Cowtown for the weekend activities. Participants heard panel discussions on everything from starship design to how to handle security at a convention. Attendees also got the opportunity to contribute to a number of fundraising events for charity.

The Region's very special guest for the weekend was new Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith, Commander, STARFLEET. The Fleet Admiral also was joined by the following members of the STARFLEET staff: Commodore Dennis Grey, Chief of Shuttle Operations; Fleet Captain Daniel Freisen, Vice-Chief of Shuttle Operations; Captain Donna Freisen, Chief of Staff to the Vice-Commander, STARFLEET; Captain Greg Trotter, Vice-Chief of Commu-

nications and Editor of the Communiqué; Captain Brittany Sloan, News Editor for the Communiqué (who took the accompanying photos); Commander Liz Woolf, Computer Operations Staff Coordinator; Fleet Captain Laura Reardon, STARFLEET Quartermaster; and Major General Scott Akers, Commandant, STARFLEET Marine Corps (the winner of the Second Annual Region Three Gold-Pressed Latinum Poker Tournament). Commodore Mike Malotte, Regional Coordinator for Region Twelve (Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, Arkansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma) also dropped in on his southern neighbors for the weekend.

Region Three welcomed the following media guests: Eric Kristianson, Shane Johnson, George W. Proctor and P.N. "Pat" Elrod. Eric, Shane and George participated in our special starship design panel, while Pat brought her own unique style and contributions to our program.

The region hosted an informal welcome for the summit attendees on Friday evening. Saturday morning started off with an awards and promotions ceremony. Rear Admiral Brad Pense and Commodore Mark Vinson, Chief of Staff for Region Three, handed out numerous awards to many members for their

contributions both to their chapters and to the region.

After the ceremony, attendees dispersed to find their panels of interest. Several newly registered STARFLEET members also took the Officer Training School (OTS) test. They received their promotion to Ensign and hearty congratulations from the Fleet Admiral on Sunday.

The region sponsored a charity auction on Saturday afternoon with our very own "Myhr," whom you may remember from Stellar Occasions, acting as the chief auctioneer. All sorts of goodies were offered up for sale and the bidding was fast and furious. This year's funds are earmarked for the recent tornado victims in the Jerrell, Texas area. Another of the activities that raised funds for the region itself was the "Pie in the Face." Each member of the regional staff had a money collection jar and the two who receive the most money receive a pie in the face. This year's lucky recipients were Rear Admiral Brad Pense and Commodore Dan Hislop, Senior Vice Regional Coordinator. The chance to deliver the pie in the face was also auctioned. Fleet Captain Laura Reardon and Commander Cassie Hislop (Dan's wife) were the lucky bidders on "the dynamic duo" with Laura winning Brad and Cassie get-

ting her husband. Both Brad and Dan graciously accepted their "pies in the face" during the Saturday evening pool party.

Saturday evening was also the "Superstar Sports Banquet" with the attendees decked out in their favorite sports team attire. Jim Waddell, a professional magician, entertained the crowd with a number of tricks. His act included a fire-eating demonstration, he also managed to "pull a fast one" on Fleet Admiral Smith. Just when everything seemed to settle down, two Klingon warriors (portrayed by Scott Fredericksen and Jim Wilson of the USS Intangible), drinking what appeared to be Romulan ale, interrupted the proceedings. The Klingons also stayed around for the pool party (ever seen a Klingon swim)?

Sunday morning, the Klingons returned and, along with Cmdr. Scott Stamm presented an entertaining bat'lth demonstration to the crowd. The closing ceremony followed with Fleet Admiral Smith and Rear Admiral Pense once again addressing the crowd. Everyone then got a chance to say good-bye (until next year) to their friends from across the region and around the Fleet.

Commander Joyce Fink
Vice-Chief of Communications, Region Three



Liz Woolf, Ready to answer any and all CompOps questions



Scott Fredericksen and Jim Wilson, USS Intangible give a Klingon Bat'lth demonstration with Scott Stamm their Federation "Assistant"



Mike Malotte, RC of Region 12 (left) and Scott Akers, Commandant of the Starfleet Marine Corps (right) show off their new shirts