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USS Haise Meets Astronaut Fred Haise



On April 20, 1996, the U.S.S. Theilman suggested Mr. Haise since Haise, NCC-74664 was launched in Memphis was close enough for our crew members. Fred later told us he accepted the speaking engagement largely because he wanted to meet the Haise crew.

Due to work schedules and transportation, only one of the U.S.S. Haise's crew, First Officer Lt. Commander John McCarter was able to make it early Friday. When he arrived around five, he found the crew of the Mark Twain playing "Corporate Shuffle", a card game, at the registration desk. They told John that Mr. Haise was taking an extended tour of the Engineering Department. The Con was pretty much dead at that point.

When Karen Cushing of the USS Mark Twain mentioned that they were trying to get an astronaut for the 1997 TigerCon Convention Sept. 5-7 at the University of Memphis, Captain

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Getting to Know STARFLEET's "Rebel Queen" of Membership Services

church, takes part in local politics, and performs within the theatre community. Her college job involved overseeing the insurance billing and procedure coding at a local surgery center. She has a strong penchant for computers as well as a skilled talent with the trumpet.

STARFLEET, meet Commodore Amanda "Mandi" Herrmann, Vice-Chief of Membership Services for Computer Operations. But then again, she has 'met' all of you already.

Her suburban home in Ladson, SC serves as the Membership Processing Center for STARFLEET, where every application is entered and processed into the Fleet database. In addition, Mandi has 'met' a plethora of members backlogged and ignored by the previous Administration.

However, Mandi's impact

within STARFLEET reaches beyond her role for Team CompOps.

After the Region One Conference in April, a gift of a set of duck candles was given to FAdm Michael Smith to prove that he 'had all his ducks in a row'. Unfortunately, the set was left behind by accident. Mandi and her folks rescued them and promised to hold onto them until they met the Fleet Admiral again at the IC. In the interim, Mandi was inspired to send a series of "ransom" messages received from the "Internet Mallard Force (IMF)" to the STARFLEET Internet Message List (the Fleet ListServ). As subsequent messages played upon one another, the "search" for the missing ducks and the "participants" escalated. Ultimately -- and inspired by the Harrison Ford blockbuster, "Air Force One" -- a parallel storyline about

FAdm Smith saving his ducks (with the help of Mandi) from a group of terrorists was written and placed on the World Wide Web, thus perpetuating the running gag of the Fleet Admiral and his ducks for all of cyberspace.

Mandi is also an active participant on the Internet Relay Chat channel #Starfleet. Her playful banter and twisted sense of humor can be infectious to those online. Be forewarned, however -- a disparaging, off-the-cuff comment to Mandi might be the deserving target of a heavy stack of virtual Processed Memberships!

As a result, Mandi has acquired a significant following in Fleet -- especially among the menfolk. The impact of this 'following' made itself apparent at the Yeoman Auction at the International Conference. Employing

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by Capt Tom "Little Guy" Restivo, USS Highlander NCC -10530

At first glance, she's typical and unassuming.

She lives at home with her parents, Bill and Patti, along with her two dogs, Hootie and Q. She is a recent college graduate of Charleston Southern University who goes to

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From the Top

FLEET ADMIRAL MICHAEL D SMITH, COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings, STARFLEET!

I hope all is well as we start to wind down the first year of the Smith/Freas Administration. I can't quite believe that it is almost October already. It's been a year of hard work, dedication, fun and friendship, and we look forward to it continuing into next year.

For those of you that missed the International Conference, I can tell you that you missed a fantastic time. The 1997 IC Committee put on quite a show, and it was a hit with almost everyone I spoke to there. It's only 9 short months until the 1998 IC in Lubbock, Texas over the 4th of July weekend, so start making your plans now!

We're still hard at work with the IRS to start making our payments on the failure to file penalties from 1991 and 1992. Thanks are due to Chuck Freas and Howard Cronson for making this all possible in talking and negotiating with the IRS. We have delivered to the IRS the paperwork they have requested, and we look forward to hearing positive results from them soon.

Recently we acquired information that confirms that STARFLEET had a CD set up for the Scholarship fund under the McGinnis Administration, and we are currently in discussion with the United Missouri Bank in order to ascertain the exact status of the CD. We have presented the bank with a ream of paperwork (at their request) to show them that we are legally able to access their records in relation to STARFLEET. Currently, their legal officials are going over that documentation now.

It is with a mixture of sadness and excitement that I make the following announcements.

Firstly, it is with sadness that I an-

nounce that STARFLEET has accepted the resignation of Fleet Admiral Rob Lerman as Commandant of STARFLEET Academy. Rob has devoted many years of service to STARFLEET, and his value to STARFLEET and her members is immeasurable. Rob will be missed, but his legacy will carry on, and I for one look forward to when Rob can return to active STARFLEET service.

It is with a great deal of excitement that I announce that Commodore Mandi Herrmann, currently Vice Chief CompOps/Membership Services, will take over the reins of STARFLEET Academy effective November 1st, 1997. Mandi has some very good ideas for STARFLEET Academy, including increased publicity, cost cutting measures, bringing the Academy "online" and more.

Mandi is a proven leader and producer within STARFLEET; we have 10 months of her tireless dedication as Membership Services to prove it. She will be a valuable asset, and with folks like Vice Commandant Carolyn Donner and VAS Director Marlene Miller to aid her, the Academy will take great strides forward. Mandi can be contacted via academy@sfi.org.

In addition, I am pleased to welcome back newly promoted Fleet Captain Greg Trotter to the Executive Committee as Mandi's replacement as Vice Chief CompOps/Membership Services, also effective November 1st, 1997. Greg too, is a proven leader and producer within STARFLEET as the former VC/Comm CQ Editor. Greg successfully established printing parameters, staff and production efforts for the CQ, which is back on track after several years.

Greg has an extensive computer background, and already has a built in staff provided by STARFLEET Re-

gion 12 Headquarters. Greg's wife Lieutenant PJ Trotter, STARFLEET International Charity Coordinator; Rear Admiral Michael Malotte, Region 12 RC, his wife R12 Chief of Comm Captain Denine Malotte; Region 12 Chief of Staff Captain Michelle Johnson and her husband, Region 12 Quartermaster Captain Carl Johnson are all standing by to assist Greg in this endeavour. Turnaround time should increase since we will now have more sets of hands to key in new and renewing memberships. Greg can be contacted via membership@sfi.org as of November 1st.

The new membership address will be:

PO Box 482
Leavenworth, KS 66048-0482

The old Ladson, SC Post Office Box will have a forward on it to send all materiel to the new box. Please start using the new PO Box as soon as possible.

Finally, a sad farewell to someone I have known for almost as long as I have been in STARFLEET. A very good friend, confidante and caring STARFLEET member was forced to decide to choose between real life and STARFLEET. Rightly so, she chose real life. For several years she has been a driving force in her chapter, USS Thagard and in STARFLEET Region 7. Her always insightful thoughts and viewpoints helped keep me on my toes while I was serving as Chief of Staff of Region 7, Vice Regional Coordinator of Region 7, and of course, continue today during my tenure as Fleet Admiral.

She served with distinction as one of Thagard's most successful Commanding Officers, served with me as Region 7's Deputy Chief of Staff, as well as with STARFLEET Chief of

Staff Commodore Tony Rowley during his term as R7COS, and as Region 7 Chief of Staff. She was also an instrumental part of the 1997 STARFLEET International Conference, and had the distinct "honor" of being with me as I represented Region 7 during the hell that was the Admiralty Board meetings at the 1995 IC.

STARFLEET and Region 7 will miss the insights, commentary, experience, and wisdom that Commodore Sashi Alexandra German carries with her, and I for one, will miss her active presence in STARFLEET. I look forward to the day where her real life time concerns will lessen, and when she can return to an active role in the regional and international arenas.

Sashi, good luck and best wishes.

See you all in sixty.

IRS Agreement Reached

Ladies and Gentlemen of
STARFLEET:

Today I stand before you, to pass along some important news.

STARFLEET has entered into an agreement with the Internal Reveue Service to begin installment payments on the FY 1991 and 1992 failure to file penalties.

These installment payments will equal \$600 per month until such time as the penalties are paid off in full.

Michael D Smith
Commander, STARFLEET

Operations By the Numbers

Communiqué Q&A

A Brief Look at the Chapters and Regions of Starfleet since 9708.01
Filed by Commodore Tom Monaghan, Starfleet Chief of Operations

CHAPTERS COMMISSIONED OR RECOMMISSIONED 9708.01 - 9709.30:

- USS Crusader, Region 5, Captain Jennifer Thomas, CO
- USS Crystal Star, Region 10, Captain David Berube, CO
- USS Bounty, Region 7, Captain Stephen Buonocore, CO
- Station Nexus, Region 5, Fleet Captain Kurt Roitinger, CO
- USS Accord, Region 7, Captain Mark Anbinder, CO
- USS Alliance, Region 12, Captain Phill Wright, 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 9708.01 - 9709.30:

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| USS Superior, Region 12 | USS Daniel Soule, Region 5 |
| *USS Ambassador, Region 12 | *USS Centurion, Region 12 |
| USS Savannah, Region 2 | USS Archangel, Region 12 |
| USS Darkstar, Region 1 | |

*NOTE: USS Ambassador & USS Centurion merged to form the USS Alliance.

NEW CHAPTER COMMANDING OFFICERS 9708.01 - 9709.30:

- Captain Douglas R. Foulk, USS Columbus, Region 1
- Captain Jennifer Thomas, USS Crusader, Region 5
- Captain Henry DuBose, USS Ronald E. McNair, Region 1
- Captain David Berube, USS Crystal Star, Region 10
- Captain Ben Redding, USS Bennu (formerly USS LeConte), Region 1
- Captain Stephen Buonocore, USS Bounty, Region 7
- Fleet Captain Kurt Roithinger, Nexus Station, Region 5
- Captain Ken Oziah, USS Stellar Wind, Region 12
- Captain Mark Anbinder, USS Accord, Region 7
- Captain Timothy C. Fuss, USS Dauntless, Region 7
- Captain Pill Wright, USS Alliance, Region 12
- Captain Andrew Letch, USS Astra, Region 5
- Captain Aaron Murphy, USS Braveheart, Region 3

*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 9607):
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17

REGIONAL ROUNDUP (REGIONS REPORTING FOR REPORTING PERIOD 9608):
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15

*NOTE: if you are a Regional Coordinator and your region is not listed above or you have not submitted your monthly regional 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:

- 9707: Region Fifteen, Commodore Joseph Ruttar, Regional Coordinator
- 9708: Region Seven, Rear Admiral Bob Vosseller, Regional Coordinator

Howdy! It was suggested to me at IC by several of you that I compile a list of common questions and answers regarding Communiqué production.

Q. What happens if I don't get my Communiqué?

A. Send your name, SCC# and complete mailing address to Britt Sloan at the CQ Po Box or via email.

Q. What format is best for electronic submissions to the Communiqué?

A. For text, Word 6 or Word 7 is best. However, plain text (.txt) is fine as well.

Q. What about Photos? What resolution should I scan them at? What format should I send them in?

A. Color items should be scanned at 130 dpi or better. Black and White items should be scanned at 600 dpi. If you are scanning a color item, it is helpful to save it in CMYK format instead of RBG format. If you are unable to do that with your software that's fine. I can convert that as well.

Q. What's the best email address to send my submissions to?

A. CQ@sfi.org. If you mail to that address, it will send a copy to every member of the production staff, insuring that your submission gets to the proper person.

Q. Why do I get my Communiqué in a brown paper bag?

A. Right now we are mailing the

Communiqué Bulk Rate with the USPS. The bags are the best way to send it bulk. We are working on getting a 2nd class (periodicals class) permit. We are looking into wrapping the Communiqué in clear plastic bags at that time.

Q. Why do other members get their Communiqués a week before I do?

A. This is the major problem with mailing bulk. Bulk mailings have a low priortiy, and your post office doesn't have any deadline they have to deliver by. They send you your Communiqué when it's convenient for them. That is why the Communications Department has been working since January to get this permit secured for us.

Q. Why haven't there been any Chapter Summaries in the past three issues?

A. We have lacked the manpower to compile the summaries and include them in the Communiqué. The Operations Department has assigned one person to do nothing but compile MSRs for publication in the Communiqué. You can expect them to reappear starting the next issue.

I hope this helps. Remember: Send those photos in!! Please feel free to send me a letter or email, and I'll be happy to answer any additional questions you might have. =)

Captain Brittany Sloan
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Membership Processing has a New Address!!!

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Second Thoughts

ADMIRAL CHARLES FREAS, VICE COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings, fellow Star Trek fans. I hope this article sees each one of you fit and happy. My prayers go out to one of our fellow Fleet members. F.Capt. Glen Corbin of the USS Trouncer in Region 3. Glen suffered a major heart attack a few days ago, but is getting better. Hang in there, Glen ... we're pulling for you!

I'm proud to announce that the new Fleetwide Voucher program is now officially up and running. Any Chapter and/or member who wishes to purchase the new Fleetwide Vouchers may do so by mailing to me, care of the below address, one dollar U.S. for each voucher desired. For example, if you want ten vouchers, send in \$10.00 U.S. Vouchers are available in five credit (\$5.00 U.S.) And one credit (\$1.00 U.S.) denominations. Please specify in your order how many of each denomination you are requesting.

Payments may be made by money order, cashier's check, certified

check, or international money order. A large self-addressed stamped return envelope must be provided with each voucher order. One of the waterproof envelopes is a good idea and, if your order is large (over \$50.00), I strongly suggest an envelope that is at least 9 inches wide by 6 inches high. This envelope will be used to return your order, so please make sure your return address is legible. For domestic mail (that is, inside the United States), the first sixteen vouchers (of any denomination) you order will take 32 cents to mail, and each additional sixteen vouchers (or any portion thereof) takes 23 cents. Expect about a two-week turn around time from the date I receive your order, plus mailing times.

These vouchers are good at any Fleet-level department. That means that they are good at all STARFLEET Academy schools and colleges, for purchases from the Fleet Quartermaster, for registration at the 1998 STARFLEET International Conferences, when paying for new or renewing Fleet

memberships, and for all other STARFLEET-related purposes. Whether the Regions or individual ships will honor them is strictly up to them. However because the new vouchers have all of their "face value" until they are redeemed by turning them in to a Fleetwide office, I think they should. Also, I should mention that the older SFI Academy vouchers are still good until they are redeemed at any Academy school.

The address from which to order your new Fleetwide vouchers is:

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Please note that regardless of any zip code for me that you might have seen anywhere else, the above is my correct zip code. 79114. Any other zip code that you may have seen published in the Communiqué or the CSR or a VRR is wrong and is, I believe, the result of a clever Romulan plot to

overthrow the established universal order. Maybe Q is "a foot;" I don't know. Where's STARFLEET Intelligence when you really need them?

At the 1997 International Convention in Cherry Hill, the Admiralty Board discussed plans to allow the purchase of these new Fleetwide vouchers from other sources, including the Regional Coordinators and other Executive Committee members. In order to maintain effective control of the funds and to create a (hopefully) efficient international purchase and distribution system for Fleetwide vouchers, the RC's and F.Adm. Mike D. Smith decided that for the time being these vouchers may only to be purchased from one source even though they may be utilized throughout the Fleet.

Well, that's all my news ... that's fit to see in print. ;) Until next time,

Live Long, and Prosper!
Chuck Freas
Vice Commander, STARFLEET

Help for those who Need it....OCP and you!

Hello again. My name is Capt Carl Lewis (for those who may not know). I am the STARFLEET Liaison for the Overseas Coupon Project (OCP) and the East Coast Coordinator for this endeavor. I am writing this article VERY close to deadline (point-blank), and have some late-breaking information to pass along to everyone.

First, the OCP has been doing exceptionally well. The final "Official" totals for 1996 are in, and we have tipped the scales at **\$709,043.00** I want to thank each chapter and individual who contributed to this project last year. So far this year, we have collected and sent more than \$481,000.00 of coupons!! Thank you very much.

With that said, let me tell all of STARFLEET the top three chapters in the 'Fleet for coupon collection last year. They were:

1st PLACE: USS Powhatan
(Chesapeake, VA - Region 1)

\$ 128,000.00
Representative: Frances Stewart

2nd PLACE - USS DISCOVERY
(ST Louis, MO - Region 12)
\$ 82,935.52
Representative: Kate Pfoutz

3rd PLACE - USS HORIZON
(Jefferson City, MO - Region 12)
\$ 32,242.03
Representative: Edward Allen

Thanks to everyone who contributed. I look forward to hearing from you all again this year, and next year, and so on.

Now for an announcement of huge proportions...The OCP home pages are being redesigned and moved!! The new "official" pages will be located at:

<http://members.aol.com/beckythane/ocp.html>
(main page)

http://members.aol.com/beckythane/96_totals.html ("official" 1996 totals)
http://members.aol.com/beckythane/97_totals.html (1997 running totals)
<http://members.aol.com/beckythane/ocp-madd.html> (ocp-Make A Difference Day)

We are in the process of trying to set up a "mirror" site (probably under the same area as the current OCP pages <http://members.tripod.com/~Seadawg/>) in case AOL has another case of "hiccups" as it has in the past. I'll keep you posted. AS I indicated above, the pages have a new look..please stop by and see. My thanks to Comm Becky Thane, the OCP Director, for redesigning the pages and offering to host them on her AOL account.

Just for a little perspective, I have been in contact with a couple in Belgium, who found out about the program through the WWW page. They are asking for coupons to be passed out over there and even have a distribution net set up for other bases in the area.

Even though they might have found out about the program through the Web, or even word of mouth, they could never have been able to receive any coupons without the help and support of the members of STARFLEET and the many other organizations that are contributing. To each and every one of you (and I cannot say this enough)..

"THANK YOU!!!!!"

If you have any further questions or concerns, please either go to the web page (if you are able) or send a letter (with SASE) to me at:

Carl Lewis
5600 Dorchester Rd
Apt 1205
N Charleston, SC 29418

Thank you for helping, and I look forward to more in the coming months.

Operations

COMMODORE TOM MONOGHAN

Greetings from Starfleet Operations! Most of us are still recovering from the International Conference but that's not going to stop us from getting our work done. It was a sincere honor to get to meet old friends and make new friends. It was also a privilege to personally commission the USS Bounty (R7), Nexus Station (R5), USS Crystal Star (R10), officiate the change of command of USS Stellar Wind (R12), and recommission the USS Accord (R7) as a chapter of Starfleet. I only wish that I had more time to spare so that I could get to know better everyone who attended. Hopefully, as Starfleet grows and Starfleet Operations evolves, there will be plenty of opportunities to acquaint myself with all of you in the near future.

For now, it's business as usual (or unusual, depending on your point of view). As of the publication of this issue of the Communiqué, the Extension to the Grace Period has finally come to an end. This means that all chapters in Starfleet are now, once again, required to maintain a minimum of ten confirmed Starfleet members. We're a pretty casual and gracious bunch here at Fleet Ops HQ, but we still believe that the chapter maintenance requirements were established for a good reason. We will do our very best to ensure that all our chapters abide by these requirements.

So, you're still not exactly sure what those requirements are? I can understand your confusion. With the Grace Period and Grace Period Extension policies in place for the better part of the past nine months it's probably worth some Communiqué space to bring all you Commanding Officers out there up-to-date. Listed here are the Starfleet chapter maintenance requirements. Feel free to copy this part of the Ops Report and put it in a handy place. I've got a feeling you might want to refer back to this from time to

time.

1. Starfleet chapters need a minimum of ten paid Starfleet members. This requirement is pretty simple and to the point. If your chapter doesn't have members, then it's not really a chapter, is it? You can check on the members in your chapter by requesting an official Starfleet chapter membership roster from Jesse Smith in Computer Operations. You can get in touch with Jesse at 5126 Niagara Place, College Park, MD 20740 *or* database@sfi.org.

So what do you do if your chapter has less than ten members? My recommendation is to start recruiting heavily. To assist you in that effort is the Starfleet Recruiting Office manned by Ron Fell and Jack Hopkins. They will be more than happy to assist you with any suggestions or strategies to help you bring more members into your chapter. You can get in touch with the Starfleet Recruiting Office in care of Jack Hopkins, 1635 Bright Leaf Rd. Pfafftown, NC 27040 *or* SFIPhantom@aol.com.

What if you've contacted the Starfleet Recruiting Office and your chapter is still low on members? Now is a good time to get in contact with me at Starfleet Operations. My address is 1341 Maplewood Ave, Norfolk, VA 23503 *or* email me at ops@sfi.org. We can then work on some creative alternatives to help you reach your membership goals depending on your chapter's situation. Well, it's a lot better than getting a membership requirement reminder notice from me, eh?

2. Commanding Officers must report to their Regional Coordinator AND to Starfleet Operations once a month. This one is pretty simple and to the point, too. Your monthly reports (MSRs) are our indicator of how active and enthusiastic your chapter is.

It is also your opportunity to voice your opinions and complaints concerning the issues that are troubling you and your chapter. Finally, we actually use the information that you send to us to make sure that your chapter's listing in the Starfleet Chapter Database is correct and up-to-date.

I personally think that reporting every month is the most important requirement of any chapter Commanding Officer. You may feel that reporting is pointless and a big waste of time. Nothing could be further from the truth. If you fail to report it is only hurting you and your chapter. Without your reports how can we address your problems and concerns? How else can we make sure your chapter information at Starfleet HQ is correct? How else can we conclude that your chapter wishes to continue an active association with Starfleet? All this (and more!) can be determined by the timely reports that you send in.

So how and to whom in Starfleet Operations should you send your report to? First, all chapter reports (MSRs) are due by the 5th of every month. If you are mailing your report, please mail it to Starfleet Operations, c/o Vice Chief Les Rickard, PO Box 22, Lexington, NC 27293-0022. You can also contact Les at the previously mentioned address for the official MSR form to compose your report on. If you wish to email your report, please email it to Vice Chief Matt Myers at avops@sfi.org *OR* tomserve@infoave.net. You can contact Matt at the previously mentioned email addresses for an official email MSR template to compose your report with. The most important thing to remember about reporting is to report. Reporting to Starfleet Operations is handled in greater detail later on in this article.

3. The Commanding Officer and Executive Officer of every Starfleet chapter needs to have passed OTS and OCC. This one is also very to the point and understandable. Our chapters need quality leadership. The best way to instruct our members on handling the

responsibilities and situations that arise within a chapter and throughout Starfleet is through both our Officer Training School and Officer Command College courses. The courses are also a fun way to get to better know Starfleet as an organization without having to leave your home.

Leadership skills and knowing the proper procedures within this association are very important to the growth and success of all of our chapters. I believe that it is in the best interests of all our current and future commanding officers and executive officers to provide the best leadership for their chapters. Without proper leadership and guidance many of our chapters probably would not be the successes they are today. I'm not saying that by taking OTS and OCC you will have all the answers, but it will give you a broader perspective to make the best decisions you possibly can under the circumstances. So go take the courses already!

That's the chapter maintenance requirements in a nutshell. As always, if you have any comments, concerns or problems concerning the maintenance of your chapter requirements feel free to contact me. I'm here to serve you and all of our commanding officers and chapters.

COMMUNIQUE CHAPTER SUMMARIES

Chapter summaries are finally returning to the Communiqué! But we need your help to accomplish this. We are requesting all chapters to send copies of your monthly reports (both postal and email MSRs) to J.C. Cohen, Starfleet Operations Staff Assistant, if you want your chapter included in the chapter summaries section of the Communiqué. J.C., Chief of Operations on the USS Accord (R7), joined the Starfleet Operations staff last month and will be solely responsible for compiling your chapter monthly reports into brief summaries for publication in future issues of the Communiqué.

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REBEL QUEEN

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her charming Southern persona of the “Rebel Queen” (and with the help of a devastating black evening dress), she was able to raise a record \$415 by herself for the coffers of Fleet. In addition, Mandi was the sought-after ‘prize’ for a Trek version of MTV’s “Singled Out”, called “Q’Pid’s Love Shack”, at the IC HoloApollo. In the days following the conference, her fame manifested itself further with the recommendation of a new Fleet Currency Unit -- \$415 equal to one ‘Mandi’ -- and the creation of a Mandi Herrmann Fan Page on the World Wide Web.

Still, a substantial part of the membership knows her only by a name listed under the CompOps roster, or by word of mouth from her reputation. For me, even after meeting her in person and talking with her online, I was still left with the question, “Who is Amanda Herrmann?”

Shortly after the IC, I asked Mandi for an on-line interview to introduce her to the rest of Fleet. She agreed, replying, “I hope to let them get to know me. I’m here to serve them.” Here’s the interview:

TomR: One of your nicknames from the Yeoman Auction was the “Rebel Queen”. How did that come about, and how does that reflect who you are?

MandiH: I’m a Southern girl by birth... I love the area I’m from, and Charleston, SC in particular. A good friend online gave me the nickname... It’s kinda stuck since then.

TomR: Everyone starts out as a new recruit. You’ve been in Fleet since 1990. How did you get introduced to Fleet in the first place?

MandiH: It’s a pretty amazing story here. I was at my first Star Trek convention with my parents. It was Dixie Trek in Atlanta, GA. The USS Republic had a recruiting table. My family and I saw the table and talked to the people there. We picked up and flyer, and I started begging to join... A few hours later, we were in the con suite enjoying popcorn, soda, and free goodies, when this lady sat down and started talking to us. It was no one

other than Carolyn Donner {Current Director of OCC}. She talked so much about Fleet, that we were convinced. We sent off our membership a few weeks later. On a side note, as I looked back at these photos about a year ago, I saw a picture of some people in Trek uniforms. One of them was none other than Cindy Krell {Former Chief of Operations for STARFLEET}, wearing a Lt. Commander’s Pin.

TomR: You mentioned you begged to join at the table. What attracted you to Fleet at the time?

MandiH: Okay, well, I was very much into Trek at the time. I liked the setup of the organization. In Charleston, SC at the time, there were no Trek clubs. And as many of the people in Fleet know, if you like Trek in high school, you get teased by other people, so it was nice to know that there were others out there who enjoyed the show as much as I did.

TomR: Well, you joined up ... and then you help bring STARFLEET into Charleston, correct?

MandiH: Actually, we were about to start a shuttle. We were going to shuttle off the former USS Polaris or the USS Republic. At the time, my father was going to be CO. We started recruiting, but then Desert Storm/Desert Shield came about. My dad’s volunteer military mail organization got priority, and the shuttle plans were put on hold. We were actually Associate members that first year. Then, just as we were starting to get the shuttle going, we got a call from another STARFLEET member, Jamie Young. He was originally on the USS Challenger and had moved to Charleston and was starting a shuttle. So, we combined efforts, along with a few others, and started the Shuttle Charleston.

TomR: When you joined the Charleston, you started in Security and eventually becoming Chief. Why?

MandiH: Well, I was disappointed I couldn’t be a CO or XO because of my age. So, my next favorite area of Fleet was Security -- Tasha Yar and all -- I like to lead. That’s why I wanted to be a Department Chief.

TomR: What Regional and Fleet positions have you been involved in?

MandiH: Well, I served as Assistant RDC for R/1 Security, and during

that time, I produced the R/1 Security Manual. It was a joint effort of the RDC at the time and myself. She resigned, and I applied and was accepted as RDC for R/1 Security. I served there for a while. Then, when the FDC position for Security became available, I applied, and served as the Fleet Security Chief for a while. However, this was during the turbulent time in Fleet in the last Administration. I couldn’t, in all good conscience, stay as part of that admin. That is why I resigned. Also, I served as ’95 IC Programming Chair. That’s when I got my fourth pip.

TomR: Obviously, you’re back in a Fleet position through the Mike Smith Administration. What brought you aboard, and why move from a Security focus to Membership Services and CompOps?

MandiH: Well, actually, Security will always be my first love. I guess that’s why I keep my Marine Reservist designation. But, I needed a change of pace. When Mike first mentioned he thought he might run, I told him I would do what I could to help. Well, he then recruited Sal Lizard as Comp Ops Chief. Sal, at the time, lived in Charleston, and was a member of the Rutledge. He, mentioned to me that he wanted me as his Vice Chief. He later moved to Vermont, but we worked out the details, and I joined the CompOps team. Computers, of course, are a passion of mine as well. Basically, I took the position because I wanted to help. I wanted to get Fleet back on its feet.

TomR: Tell me what you do for Membership Services.

MandiH: Well, I collect the mail for new and renewing memberships. I have a post office box at the Ladson post office that I check regularly. It’s kinda funny to go in there because the guys behind the counter always kid me about “Star Trek.” If I miss a day or two of stopping in, they ask me if I’ve been in the Neutral Zone. [Grins]. Anyway, I keep a deposit log of all the check and money orders, enter the memberships into the database and make whatever changes need to be made. I answer a lot of mail. And I forward the checks up to Fleet HQ for deposit in the bank. Basically, it’s a

part time job.

TomR: When you first took charge of Membership Services, what obstacles did you encounter and how did you overcome them?

MandiH: Well, I’ll be blunt. The membership records were a wreck. Thanks to Kris Harah who helped try to make the transition smoother by sorting through the data first. We are still constantly updating data as current. Basically, I rolled up my shirt sleeves, dug into the hundreds of apps that poured in the first few months, and entered memberships... Will Fleet pay for my Carpal Tunnel surgery? [Grins.]

MandiH chuckles.

TomR: But, tell me about the improvements you see as a member of this Administration when it comes to Fleet.

MandiH: Well, I feel I can’t be totally partial, since I am part of the Administration. But, I feel communication is more open. I know that we process memberships on a regular basis. The CQ is out regularly. Honestly, morale is climbing again. People are becoming interested in Fleet as a whole again. I love the little notes and cards I get at the PO Box saying, “Thanks.... Fleet is doing better.” “Keep up the good work!”

TomR: In your view, what’s the biggest shortcomings yet for Fleet to face? What still needs improvement?

MandiH: We still are working on better turn-around time with memberships packets. Financially, Fleet is getting better, but we still have the IRS to finish dealing with. I think there are a few programs we could be doing more with. And most of all, Fleet needs a new Constitution. One that will institute the safe-guards necessary to keep this organization from going through the difficulties it faced in the past Administration. That, in my opinion, is our top priority.

TomR: What do you find important in STARFLEET to be part of it?

MandiH: What makes Fleet special? Fleet members, overall, are accepting. No matter what you look like, who you are, your social status, everyone is glad to meet another Fleet member. That is important about Fleet.

TomR: Okay, let’s move beyond Fleet to the basis of being in Fleet --

STAR TREK. You mentioned you were a big Trek fan in high school. What hooked you?

MandiH: Actually, it started when I was a kid. Star Wars was "the thing." I had all the toys, everything. One of the local radio stations had Classic Trek (the only Trek at the time) on Saturday afternoons. The first episode I saw was "Arena." The Gorn reminded me of Greedo in a way. I got hooked.... Then, another station aired it nightly, and I was taken over by the "Trek side of the force." [Grins.]

TomR grins.

MandiH: The movies, the subsequent series.... I like them all.

TomR: You just mentioned STAR WARS. Were you into that or Science Fiction in general? Do you have any favorite genre beyond Trek?

MandiH: My favorites would be Star Wars & Babylon 5

TomR: Tell me about your future, both in and out of Fleet. What do you see yourself doing?

MandiH: In Fleet, I would like to serve the organization at a higher level one day. If the membership allows [Grins.]. Outside of Fleet, I'd like to get married, live the normal mundane life God has in store for me. The future -- it hasn't been written yet, but if anyone has a rough draft of it, please

let me see.

TomR: We've done a bit of talking about the roles and positions you've taken in Fleet, and a little bit of your background. Tell me, from all this, who is Amanda Herrmann?

MandiH: Lil ole' me? I'm a regular person who just happens to like Star Trek, happened to join Fleet, and happens to enjoy life. I'm a true friend. I'm dependable, and that's about it. Get to know me, and you won't be disappointed.

Or, as Meredith Brooks would say, "She's a little bit of everything all rolled into one".

THE CHAPTER SUMMARIES ARE Back!

STARTING NEXT ISSUE, THE
COMMUNIQUE WILL
ONCE AGAIN FEATURE SHIP ACTIVITIES
TAKEN FROM THE MSR. A COPY OF
THE MSR FORM NEEDS TO GO TO JC
COHEN AS WELL AS OPERATIONS AND
THE RC. HIS INFORMATION IS:

J.C. COHEN
108 FERRIS PL.
ITHACA, NY 14850

JCCOHEN@GEOCITIES.COM

HAISE

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Just a few folks registering for gaming.

Mr. Wood and Mr. Haise returned from their campus tour, and they joined up with about six folks from "Allies for Star Trek" for dinner at R. Grissanti's down the road. (Good food, but bad for the arteries and wallet.) Dinner went well, and John believed all involved had a good time.

Unfortunately, Mr. McCarter was then unable to return to the Con on Saturday due to a small family crisis.

Seaman Pepper and Captain Theilman (along with pre-cadet Theilman) got to the con at about 6:30pm Friday night and everything was dark except for a very few gamers in various rooms. Nobody knew anything about where Mr. Haise or the dinner was, so we went to the hotel and watched TV until midnight. At that point we gave up on the male contingent of the Haise and went to sleep.

Chief of Ops Joe Mamaril, Chief of Engineering Charles Baucum and Science Officer Bhaskar Dutt arrived at the motel about 1:00 a.m. They woke us up with a call and cheerfully asked if they could come up and bug us. Grrrrr.

Saturday Morning about 5:30 Evan and Pepper woke up. After the guys got up at about 10:00 and had breakfast, The U.S.S. Haise contingent

returned to the con. Fred ("Freddo" on his name tag) was sitting playing "Corporate Shuffle" a card game, with Karen Cushing of the U.S.S. Mark Twain and a bunch of the con people.

We set up a table in the room Karen had reserved for us on the Startrek hall.

Mr. Haise brought the Enterprise Test Landing tapes and a hilarious tape of the roast each Apollo Backup Crew did of the mission of the "real" crew and what went wrong on their mission. He offered us a private showing in his hotel lounge, but the con was so dead that we decided to show it there to liven things up. After Engineering solved a few technical problems involving tape-eating VCRs, we decided to move the whole thing into the main Video hall, preempted the film that was playing and Mr. Haise narrated the silent films of him flying the Space Shuttle Enterprise on its test landing missions. People wandered in throughout the Enterprise presentation and the laughter at the roast films brought in even more. Everyone loved it, and Mr. Haise was buttonholed for autographs after the presentation.

He escaped to the USS Haise room for about an hour and signed autographs for all the con-goers. We took lots of photos with Mr. Haise, and Chief of Ops Joe Mamaril, always thinking of marketing potential, had him hug a big pile of tribbles for one shot. We actually sold a bunch of tribbles!

The USS Haise presented Mr.

Haise with a titanium Cross pen inscribed with USS Haise NCC-74664. We hoped to give him something more useful than another plaque for the attic.

At 17:00, Mr. Haise gave the convention a talk on the Apollo 13 mission and how the movie depicted the actual mission. True to the subject matter, the audio-visual equipment was plagued with numerous technical problems. Not the least of which were the loose nuts behind the controls.

With true class, Fred joked about the problems and tailored his presentation around them. Fred's verdict on Apollo 13 was that it was a good movie. He approved of the special effects, but said that in order to get a week long mission into 2 hours that much was left out. He also said that there was little truth in the tensions portrayed between the astronauts, and that the profanity and crude stuff was inserted later because the producers wanted the astronauts to seem 'more human' A lot of the mission was skipped, and much was added for dramatic effect and such. He was asleep while the other guys were making the CO2 scrubber for example.

We learned that Fred is in the Guinness book of World Records because Apollo 13's trajectory around the moon made that crew the humans who have been the farthest from the Earth.

After that, we took him out to Spaghetti Warehouse and had a great dinner. Especially since Precadet Evan

slept through the whole thing. While we argued for Mr Haise's check, the waiter asked what the occasion was. Chief of Engineering Charles Baucum piped up that Mr. Haise had been the farthest from home. Everyone cracked up, including Fred, and the waiter remained clueless.

Mr. Haise invited us all up to the lounge in his hotel after dinner where we had coffee and tea and he talked about the test piloting he had done, the different planes and all kinds of things. For example, Mr. Haise has crashed 5 times, once burning 60 percent of his body, and he drives a van with a TV/VCR for the grandchildren to watch on long trips. We took lots of photos (some on the wrong film setting, arrgh.)

We would have been happy to listen to him all night, but felt that Mr. Haise needed sleep for his early morning flight home to Texas, so before midnight, we began to try to give Fred an "out" if he wanted to get rid of us. As Chief of Ops, Joe Mamaril told Mr. Haise, "We will stay until you throw us out," so after laughing, Fred suggested that we would wrap up at 12:30 a.m. As it was, we probably didn't get out of there until 1:00 Sunday morning.

After we dragged everyone out of bed just before checkout time at the motel, it was agreed that meeting and talking to Fred had been one of the greatest, coolest things the USS Haise crew had ever done.

Around



William Bassett (USS Wind Spirit) with two colonists
on the lawn of Independence Hall



Fred Haise poses with some tribbles....guaranteed "neutered"
by the crew of the Haise



The crew of the USS Palo Duro pose with George Takei



Members of the EC field questions from the membership. Pictured are (l to r):
Gordon Goldberg, Tom Monaghan, Dennis Gray, Sal Lizard, Mike Smith

The Fleet



Cadet Evan (USS Haise) found a moment to get some rest during TigerCon



Region 2 Coordinator Kelly Hilliard smiles for the camera at IC.



Several Starfleet members spent Friday afternoon of IC sightseeing in historic Philadelphia. This photo was taken of 'fleeters standing on the platform where George Washington presided over the Constitutional Congress. Front: William "Biff" Bassett and Brittany Sloan Back: Michelle Johnson, Chris Rossman, Greg Trotter, Michael Malotte, and Denine Malotte.



IC Attendees mix and mingle at the Friday night Italian Ice Social

Shuttle Operations

Commodore Dennis Gray

Hi! And welcome to the new game called 'Where in the world is ShOC?' Between both my vice chief and myself moving within a few weeks of one another... Well, needless to say, ShOC is in a bit of chaos as I write this. Hopefully, by the time you READ this, things will have settled down and stabilized a bit. But to brings those of you up to speed on what has happened, who do not already know....

At the end of September, I moved up to Everett Washington (just to the north of Seattle) from Denver in order to start a new job. (Yay!) While this is great for me, albeit a bit chaotic, and tumultuous, it has made things a bit confusing where ShOC has been concerned. There was a period there where I had no new address or telephone number available for people to contact me. Well, the move is complete, and ShOC HQ is ready once again to handle things.

ShOC's (and incidently, mine as well) new address and telephone are as follows:

Dennis Gray
3014 Kromer Ave.
Everett, WA 98201
(425) 257-3276 (5:00-10:00 pm) Pacific time.

This may change, depending on my work shift. If I'm not in, leave a message; date, time, name, number, and subject. Calls requiring a reply will be made collect. Please leave a note as to when to call. Calls made in the middle of the night will probably receive a rude reply. *grin*)

Now, to top THAT off, Vice Chief of Shuttle Ops, Daniel Friesen, is preparing for a move to the opposite coast. He & his family are moving to Maryland, for similar reasons that I am moving out to the west coast. He will be making his move in the coming week, although, again, by the

time YOU read this, that move should be complete as well. However, that means I/we have no address or telephone to release for Daniel yet. Once the info is available, both Daniel's and my info will be sent out via US mail to all shuttles ASAP.

Meantime, all mail sent to my previous address will be forwarded to me ASAP. There should not be a delay of more than a few days for any correspondence sent to that address. The same should be true for any mail sent to Daniel, as well. All mail should get though, although, maybe a few days delayed. My email address (ShOC@sfi.org) is still working. HOWEVER, I do NOT have access to it at this time. It may be some weeks yet, before I have the means by which to read and send email on a daily basis once again. In light of that, for the time being, until further notice, PLEASE conduct all ShOC business through the US Mail, or telephone calls. This should not last longer than a month or so, worst case. THANK you.

Allrrriiggghy then. On to business. Beginning November 1, ShOC will change how we operate. Beginning with that date, all shuttle monthly reports, be it via email or hard copy, from ALL regions, will be sent to my vice chief, Daniel Friesen. All shuttles will be notified in writing of the new address to report to, probably by mid-October. Of course, that info will also appear in the next issue of the CQ. Daniel will be responsible for collecting the reports, keeping track of who reports, etc. When the shuttle reports return to the CQ with the chapter reports, Dan will handle those, as well. All OTHER ShOC business, from ALL regions, up to, and including VRR's, will be handled by myself. This is a major change in the way we have been operating in ShOC, but experience has shown us these last 9 months, that it's the better way to go.

I personally apologize to everyone for the confusion, but this change was coming, even without our respective moves. Maybe it's better to do this all at the same time, in conjunction with the moves. That way, all the changes happen at once, and we don't have to disrupt things again down the road. It's all over with in one shot.

A quick note here as well, to all shuttle CO's, and all mothership CO's - the CSR is NOT issued to shuttles, only full chapters. It is the mothership CO's responsibility to make a copy of the CSR, and get it to their shuttle(s). This is part of the support that motherships are supposed to give their shuttles. If you are a shuttle CO, and wondering why you haven't seen a CSR, check with your mothership CO. He or she needs to make you a copy, and get it to you ASAP after they receive it.

The Accelerated Shuttle Launch (ASL) program currently is offline. By that, I mean that it is not available for use right now. We are currently in the process of drafting up a set of guidelines on how ASL works. Meaning, what it takes to qualify, etc. These did not exist before. We only had a definition of what it was, not how it worked. I expect this to be finished by the end of the year. MEANTIME, any shuttle wishing to commission BEFORE their 9 month period is up, needs to contact me personally. I will handle all requests on a case-by-case basis. But be warned - for the most part, I am NOT allowing any early commissionings at this time, with a few exceptions.

Reminder - ShOC is still looking for a logo. If you, or any of your crews are interested, and talented enough, and want to create and submit an idea for a logo for the fleet ShOC Dept., then please, by all means, have them send their submission to me. It should be in the mail no later than Dec. 1. Preferably b&w submissions. Color is ok, but please send a b&w version of same along as well. This is because most, if not all stationery, etc., will be in b&w. The winning submission will be published here, and in the

first possible issue of the CQ.

Onward to more informative and fun news. Since the last issue, The following shuttles have commissioned to full starship or station status:

The Shuttle Bounty is now the USS Bounty, NCC-8494, Klingon

B'rel-Class Scout, Region 7. Captain Stephen Buonocore, commanding.

The Shuttle Crystal Star is now the USS Crystal Star, NCC-1160,

Akyazi class, Akula-subclass Perimeter Action Ship, Region 10.

Captain David P. Berube, commanding.

And this issues newbies are:

Shuttle Celestial, Region 2. Commander Rebecca Self, commanding.

Shuttle Hellfire, Region 12. Cmdr. Christopher Rossman, commanding.

Also, we've lost a few along the way. The following shuttles have been decommissioned, either due to disbanding, Failure to Report (FTR), etc. They are:

Shuttle Excelsior, Region 1.

Shuttle Firefox, Region 12.

Shuttle Darkseed, Region 12.

Wow! Was the IC a hoot, or what?!? What a wonderful chance to meet again old friends. And to meet new ones. To meet friends I've only talked to through means other than in person. Others have reviewed the IC far better than I can. I can't come close to putting it in the same light they have. I CAN say that I got my pillow back. *grin* Thanks, Marian! I got to see and hold 'The Whip'. I got to enjoy a weekend where fellow Fleet members from all over the country came together to have fun. To relax, and enjoy one another's company. To enjoy an IC where politics had little or no part. To see an RC spend a generous amount of money to purchase a slave. To see and hear Sashi sing (That would've been enough all by itself)! It was a weekend that I, and probably all those who were there, will not soon

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forget. That's what STARFLEET's SUPPOSED to be all about. I'm glad to see we haven't lost that.. I really am. Gee, (checking the calendar) next year's IC is only 9 months away.....

Well folks, that's all for now. That should be enough. Never let it be said that STARFLEET is a dull place, where nothing ever happens. *grin* It's always something. People move, get new jobs, change jobs, etc. Not just in the real world, but in Fleet, too. Anyway, y'all enjoy the fall. Have fun at those Halloween parties, raking the leaves, etc. I'll let you know how things have turned out for me in the soggy Northwest in the next issue. Keep dry, keep warm, talk to you soon.....

Serving the `Children' of the Fleet,
Commodore Dennis Gray

Operations

A BRIEF NOTE ON REPORTING

To bring all our commanding officers and/or reporting officers up to speed, you **MUST** submit a chapter monthly report (MSR) to **BOTH** your regional coordinator and STARFLEET Operations by the 5th of every month. When sending in your reports to STARFLEET Operations please send them to **EITHER** Les Rickard **OR** Matt Myers. Send your MSR to Les if you plan on mailing it in via postal system. Send your MSR to Matt if you are emailing them. Additionally, if you want your chapter's activities to be published in the Communiqué please send a copy of your MSR to J.C. Cohen. If your chapter is a correspondence chapter you also **MUST** send another copy of your MSR to Mark Vinson, Director of Correspondence Chapter Operations. Likewise, if your chapter is an armed services chapter you **MUST** send a copy of your MSR to Barbara Paul, Armed Services Program Director. A distribution check list

and addresses follow:

CHAPTER MONTHLY REPORT (MSR) DISTRIBUTION CHECK LIST

- [] Your Regional Coordinator
- [] Les Rickard (ALL Chapter POSTAL MSRs)
- [] Matt Myers (ALL Chapter EMAIL MSRs)
- [] J.C. Cohen (Chapter MSR summaries for CQ)
- [] *Mark Vinson (Correspondence Chapter MSRs)
- [] *Barbara Paul (Armed Services Chapter MSRs)

*if applicable

ADDRESSES

Send POSTAL MSRs to:
STARFLEET Operations
c/o Les Rickard,
Vice Chief of Operations
PO Box 22
Lexington, NC 27293-0022

Send EMAIL MSRs to:
Matt Myers,
Vice Chief of Operations
avops@sfi.org *OR*
tomserve@infoave.net

MSRs for summarization in the CQ sent to:
J.C. Cohen,
STARFLEET Operations Staff Assistant
108 Ferris Place
Ithaca NY 14850
jccohen@geocities.com

Correspondence Chapter MSRs sent to:
Mark Vinson,
Director of Correspondence Chapter Operations
1047 Cottonwood Trail
Benbrook, TX 76126
correy@sfi.org *OR*
correy@flash.net

Armed Services Chapter MSRs sent to:
Barbara Paul,
Director of Armed Services

Program
110 Napier Ave
Warner Robins, GA 31093
aspops@sfi.org *OR*
tmbrwolf@cyberhighway.net

ONE LAST REMINDER FROM THE CHIEF

Remember, send all chapter problems, concerns, suggestions, changes of command, changes of address, and Vessel Registry corrections (NO MSRs PLEASE) to me, Tom Monaghan,

Chief of Operations, 1341 Maplewood Ave, Norfolk, VA 23503. Email: ops@sfi.org *OR* tomm@exis.net.

When I get MSRs by post (which I shouldn't be getting in the first place) I let them collect and then I send them all as a batch to Les in Friday's mail. Email MSRs fare better since I just forward those on directly to Matt as soon as I receive them. Still, if you want to make sure that your MSR gets to us **ON TIME, DO NOT** send them to me. Follow the above mentioned procedure and your reporting worries should be few and far between.

FCAPT. LES RICKARD VICE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Well this is going to be short and sweet for y'all as I only have a couple of things to go over.

The first concerns our new Staff Assistant here in Operations. Please welcome Lt.Cmdr. J.C. Cohen to Operations. He will be taking on the position of Staff Assistant, Chapter Summaries. By the title you can imagine what his job is, summerizing the chapters activities for the Communiqué. "So how do we get him the info?" you may ask. Well, if you want your chapters activities to be included in the Communiqué Summaries you need to send out another copy of your MSR to JC each month. Yes one more MSR must be sent, but that streamlines the operation so you don't have Capt. Myers and myself entering all of the MSR info for the entire fleet then turning around and doing the summaries as well (which is a mammoth job itself). Here's where you can send them:

Lt.Cmdr. J.C. Cohen
108 Ferris Pl.
Ithaca, NY 14850
jccohen@geocities.com

As for those that file their MSR's electronically through the Web Page MSR he will automatically get them from that site. Those that file them using the MSR Email form just add his address to your distribution list.

I need to pass along to the CO's one bit of housekeeping info that assists Capt. Myers and myself in filing your MSRs. The first note concerns those that file their MSRs using the Email Form. When filing we suggest that you use a standardized subject line, something like "SUBJECT: MSR USS HAWKEYE". This way we can sort these MSRs easier. As for those that file their MSRs by US Mail I would ask a favor. Please do not write all over the form. It makes it difficult sometimes to keep track of what part is for what section. You can use the back of the form, or a new Continuation Page that Capt. Myers has recently put together. That and all of the STARFLEET Operations Forms are going to be re-sent to the RCs by me within the next couple of weeks for distribution to the Chapter CO's.

That's about it from this little corner of STARFLEET Operations. Take care.

Editorials

An open letter to the membership:

I'll preface this commentary with a statement: This missive is not written as Chief of Staff to Fleet Admiral Smith, nor is it written from the standpoint of co-chairman for the 1997 STARFLEET International Conference, and it is not meant as a chronology of events. What you are now reading comes straight from the heart of a STARFLEET member fortunate enough to be in attendance at the recently-concluded IC97 in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

If there is one word which fits as a theme for IC97, it would have to be "affirmation". This event served as an affirmation that we as an organization are still here and still together, despite a fairly recent past of strife and uncertainty. It was a time for affirmation and renewal of friendships and a reinforcement that we, after all, really *are* an extended family.

I witnessed the resolution of more than one long-standing conflict or animosity over the course of the week end. I saw people walking arm-in-arm

who I honestly never thought I'd see in the same place at the same time without some sort of fight breaking out. I'd never in my wildest dreams have expected to see these occurrences a year ago, speaking as one of the parties involved.

If there's one lesson to be brought home from IC97 and passed around to everyone in regions and chapters worldwide: STARFLEET isn't about membership packets, or Communiqués, or boundaries, or fandom politics. It's about PEOPLE; you, me, all of us. This is part of the "IC buzz" that many of us are still feeling almost a week after the IC, and it's something that we all need to partake in and remind ourselves of as we roll through the calendar towards IC98 in Lubbock, Texas. Perhaps I'm restating the obvious, but reminders like this never hurt anyone.

Thanks for your time, and see you 'round the Fleet!

Commodore Tony Rowley
USS Malverne, Region Seven



Deadline for FDC Positions Extended

Well, folks, I'm going to try to make this short, sweet, and simple. In the previous CQ, I mentioned several Fleet Division Chief (FDC) positions which are currently available and for which I am receiving applications. At the time, I set a post-mark deadline of September 30. However, since then I have made a very major move and am no longer located at the given address (although up until very early on the morning of the writing of this article, Daniel was). For this reason, I am extending the deadline by which I must have all applications in for any of the positions listed below. If you have already send me an application either via e-mail or U.S. Post Office, I should already have it, and you do not need to resend one.

The following positions are currently open and available to the most qualified applicant:

STARFLEET Chocolate Officer
FDC-Cadets
FDC-Communications
FDC-Command

FDC-Sciences
FDC-Operations
FDC-CompOps

If you wish to apply for any of these positions, please send them to me via U.S. Post Office at:

Cpt. Donna Friesen
c/o Dixie Lance
11605 Newport Mill Rd.
Wheaton, MD 20902

I must have them by no later than December 15, 1997. If you have any questions, you may e-mail me at gibbie@cq.cqi.com or phone me at (301) 942-9170. This information is currently not only the temporary address for the Chief of Staff to the Vice-Commander, STARFLEET (me) but also for the Vice-Chief of Shuttlecraft Operations Command (FCapt. Daniel Friesen). If you need to know what I am looking for in the applications, please check out my article in the last CQ (#82).

One final note: I have started working and am currently available Monday through Friday after 630 p.m., usually all day on Saturday and after 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. Please do not call any later than 10:00 p.m. on any given day. You can call anytime and leave a message for me to call you back, and I will do so collect just as soon as I can.

May you have fair seas and following winds,

Cpt. Donna Friesen
Chief of Staff to the Vice-Commander, STARFLEET

STARFLEET MARINES

Brigader General Scott Akers

On Saturday, September 6th, Princess Diana, Lady Spencer and mother to the Heir to the Crown of England has just been buried. Her funeral procession has unified our cousins in the British Isles in their grief and passion for such a stately Lady. I have never been a “Royals” watcher, never gave them more than a passing thought, but for some reason her death and passing has affected me like it has many Americans, and the rest of the population of Earth. For a week I have reflected upon my own grief and wondered. I think I know why she has affected us all. Diana was not just a member of the Royal Family, but a regal woman who has touched every common man and women by showing that the traits of Nobility, Honor, and Service come not from a certain bloodline but from a choice made in each of our hearts.

Eleven days later, my nephew David Allan Crowder passed away, another victim of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. Within hours I was making plans to fly from Houston to my family in Portland, Oregon. That night I grieved for a nephew I never knew, and a life that had only lasted for five months. I grieved, not just for David, but for his twin Devon and my “baby” sister Deborah their mother. I was bolstered by my wife, my local friends and by my fleet family. The men and women of the Fleet showed their Nobility that night and the days to follow. E-Mails, Telephone Calls, and Cards both here and in Oregon showed the compassion and love the members of Fleet have for each other. Hundreds of people I have never met, talked to, or even communicated with reached out to hold me up. People, who I had fought with savagely, put their arms

around me and kept me strong for my sister and my parents when they needed me. For this I am grateful and blessed.

A week later Fleet Captain Glen Corbin suffered a Massive Heart Attack and again within hours the members of Fleet mobilize to rally behind Glen. Hundreds of cards and emails, and thousands of people praying for him and his family; again ‘Fleet showing its love, its Compassion and its Honor.

Charities, Service Projects, Sponsorship of shelters, food drives, toy drives, the Marines with their Campaign for Youth, the auctions for the Scholarships, on and on, the Corps and the Fleet have shown a commitment to the motto of the USS JAMESTOWN (my first chapter) — Let Me Help. Service often Above and Beyond what is expected, time and time again is shown from the ten year veteran to the brand new and even youngest members.

Nobility of Purpose, Commitment of Honor, and Compassionate Service—these are Hallmarks of Lady Spencer and Trademarks of the STARFLEET Marines. In December, we the STARFLEET Marines will be marking our 15th Anniversary. In celebration of that date, December 12th, 1982, the STARFLEET Marine Corps re-commits itself to those principles. May we always have that extended family known as STARFLEET, and may the principles and vision that Gene Roddenberry brought to us steer us to being the Nobility of the future.

Major General Scott A. Akers
Commandant,
STARFLEET Marine Corps

ATTENTION ALL HANDS!!

This is to announce that the following items are now available for ordering from SFMC Support Command. To order, simply fill out this form and send it with payment (check/money order to Support Command) to:

SFMC SUPCOM
c/o Randy Bisig
1719 Independence Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65109

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ITEM	Number	Price	=	Total
SFMC Insignia	_____	\$5.00		\$_____
SFMC Patch	_____	\$5.00		\$_____

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Uniform patterns should be available by end of October.



STARFLEET Net Services

presents the
First Annual Web Awards

The First Annual Web Awards were presented at the 1997 IC at the IC Banquet on Saturday Night.

The Awards went to:

Chapter Website of the Year,
USS Maat - NCC-1794
(Region 1);

Regional Website of the Year,
Region 5;

Informational Website of the
Year,
STARFLEET Internet Directory:
WWW Edition (Mike Dugas,
Webmaster);

Fun Website of the Year,
USS Morning Star - NCC-4126
(Region 12).

The three judges each awarded
their own Award of Excellence to:

STARFLEET Operations Website,
USS Endeavor - NCC-1716
(Region 15), and AREA 52.

To view the awardees, please link
to the STARFLEET Web Page:

<http://www.sfi.org> or our back up
pages: [http://www.halcyon.com/dyar/
starfleet/starfleet.html](http://www.halcyon.com/dyar/starfleet/starfleet.html) and link to the
dedicated Web Awards Page.

The judges were:

Rear Admiral Allyson M.W. Dyar,
Vice Chief of Communications/
NetServices and Space Station
Nexus;

Captain Ed Nowlin
Director, the Office of Web
Consultants and Cascade Station

Lt.(jg). Anne F. Bellenger,
USS Matrix.

STARFLEET Stampede

First of all, many thanks for all the
notes and inquires during my
husband's recent stay in the hospital.
He is out now and doing much better.
It's wonderful to know that we have
so many good friends.

I continue to be amazed.

In August I sold 15 pounds of
stamps for another \$65 for our chari-
ties. The amount is lower because the
dealer has requested that we not in-
clude some of the more common of
the definitive stamps. I have begun
sorting them out from those you send,
so the stamps add up more slowly.
Never mind though, they are still use-
ful. More about that later.

Thanks this month go to the fol-
lowing ships and individuals from
whom I received stamps during Au-
gust: the LeConte, Ascension, Shuttle
Lonestar, Chesapeake, Stellar Wind,
Discovery, Region 10, and Melissa
Haines (not of the Fleet, just a Trek
fan and friend. Also my boss.)

October marks the Stampede
Raffle. All who sent stamps, ship or
individual, have been entered into the
drawing, which will be held the 31st.
The prizes will be sent out by the end
of November and I will post the win-
ners and their prizes in the next
Communiqué.

Now, about the stamps the dealer
does not want. If everything goes ac-
cording to plan, the Fleet will soon
have its most unusual shuttle to date, I
think. I am attempting to found a jun-
ior stamp club in conjunction with our
local recreation and parks department:
The Saturday Stampers. I am using
the stamps the dealer did not want as
"seed" for the Stampers. I'll keep you
posted.

In the meantime, keep those
stamps and postcards comin' in!

Admiralty Board Meeting 23 August 1997

Voting Results

Agenda Item #1: Region 09 and Region 21 Situation

In response to the Project Phoenix Proposal made by Regions 09 and 21, a committee made up of ADM David Kloempkin, VADM Kelly Hilliard, RADM Brad Pense, COMM Michael Malotte, and COMM Jack Hopkins, will draft a letter advising both regions that said proposal is unacceptable in its current form. They are to be given until 1 January 1998, to present another proposal, working within established STARFLEET guidelines, to repair the problem(s) involving their regions. Until such a proposal is made and approved by the Admiralty Board, both Region 09 and Region 21 will retain their current configurations.

APPROVED by a Majority vote of the Board.

Agenda Item #2: AB97-06

STARFLEET Flag Promotion Guidelines (Officially replacing EC-217).

AB97-06 — PASSES by a vote of:

**18 Aye (R01, R02, R03, R04, R05, R07, R10, R11, R12, R15,
R21, CS, VCS, OPS, COM, SFA, SOP,
COP)**
01 Nay (R06)
03 Abstain (R09, R13, R17)

Agenda Item #3: AB97-07

STARFLEET Vouchers - for use as official script for all internal STARFLEET mon-
etary transactions (i.e., memberships, merchandise, Academy courses). To be produced in
denominations of \$1.00 and \$5.00 (US), and requiring either certified checks, cashiers checks,
or money orders to purchase. Vouchers will be numbered and distributed from a centralized
location, director and location to be announced at a later date. NOTE: The old Academy
Vouchers (Red), which are still in circulation, will still be honored for Academy courses.

AB97-07 — PASSES by a vote of:

**20 Aye (R01, R02, R03, R04, R05, R06, R07, R10, R11, R12,
R15, R17, R21, CS, VCS, OPS, COM,
SFA, SOP, COP)**
01 Nay (R09)
01 Abstain (R13)

Agenda Item #4: Membership Handbook

An Ad-Hoc committee is to be formed to draft a new version of the STARFLEET
Membership Handbook to better reflect the proposed STARFLEET Constitution. The com-
mittee will be made up of ADM David Kloempkin, ADM Linda Smith, ADM Jennifer
Yates, COMM Michael Malotte (Chair), COMM Joe Ruttar, FCAPT Paul M. Reid, and
Jessie Smith (EC Rep). This committee replaces, and nullifies, the current Membership
Handbook Committee, established under the current version of the Constitution.

APPROVED by a Majority vote of the Board.

STARFLEET Academy Application

STARFLEET ACADEMY - COLLEGE APPLICATION FORM

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

TYPE or CLEARLY PRINT all information and send application to the program you selected below:

NAME: _____ STARFLEET SCC#: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

STATE/PROV: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____ EMAIL: _____

- [] **OFFICER’S TRAINING SCHOOL (OTS)** - \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps - (You must pass this course to take OCC.) - ots@sfi.org
Adm. Peg Pellerin, RFD #3, Box 5460, Winslow, ME 04901 - [or](mailto:peg@sfi.org)
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](mailto:occ@sfi.org) 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)
Closed, pending a new Director
- [] **COLLEGE of COMMUNICATIONS (COC)** - \$4.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course -
Closed, pending a new Director
- [] **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
Cmdr. 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 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
- [] **SECURITY SCHOOL (SASS)** - \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps for each of the four courses available - sass@sfi.org
Capt. Gregory Staylor, P.O. Box 9796, Chesapeake, VA 23321-9796
- [] **COLLEGE of TRADE and COMMERCE (COTAC)** - \$3.00, SASE. 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course -
Closed
- [] **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
- [] **SCHOOL OF COMMAND STUDIES (SoCS)** - \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course -
Closed
- [] **STARFLEET OFFICERS RADIO SCHOOL (SORS)** - \$1.00, SASE, 3 Loose 32 cent Stamps - sors@sfi.org
Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Salamon, 1003 Bittersweet Road, Pikesville, MD 21208-3505
- [] **SCHOOL OF THE PARANORMAL (SOLP)** -
College under development

ALL CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS MUST BE MADE OUT TO “STARFLEET - ACADEMY FUND”, DO NOT SEND CASH.
SEND DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL YOU WISH TO ATTEND. INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS DO NOT NEED TO INCLUDE STAMPS,

USE THE INTERNATIONAL VOUCHERS FOR SALE AT \$1.50 EACH.

Talaxian Trade Show

FOR SALE

Star Trek comics, books, action figures and other stuff, all for sale at 1/3 of price guide values! For list, send long SASE to Captain Pete Mohney, USS Hephaestus NCC-2004, 1105 Oak Creek Trail, Birmingham AL 35215, or call (205) 680-5723, or email pdmohney@aol.com.

For Sale: handmade fuzzy, stuffed tribbles \$13, handmade wooden phasers that fire rubber bands \$25, USS Mir logo cups \$4. Make check or money order payable to Nancy Lynch, 1737 Avenida de Quintas, Las Cruces, NM 88005 or contact nlynch@nmsu.edu.

George Takei's "To The Stars", autographed \$20, unsigned \$15, (s/h \$3); proceeds to help with USS MIRAMAR's abused children project. Inquires to: 8686 Jade Coast Dr, San Diego, CA 92126.

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.

Ever ask one of your officers about a late report and get "Well, I'll get around to it." ? Well, now you can provide them with one! Cascade Station is now producing the "Official" STARFLEET Round Tuit. Only \$2 plus S/H gets you one of these beauties! You can also order one with your regional logo on them for \$1 more! Chapter rounds are dealt with on a case by case basis. For more information or to order, send check or money order payable to Ed Nowlin to Cascade Station, Attn: Round Tuit 2651 Kenco Ave. Redding, CA 96002-1410 or send email to:capt_ed@earthlink.net. Allow up to 4 weeks for delivery.

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.

USS BRIZA patches. For your collection. Measures approx. 4.5" high x 2.5" wide. Colors are green, white, black and gold. Send a check or money order for \$5 to: USS BRIZA, PO. Box 2794, Cinnaminson, NJ 08077.

FOR SALE

Embarrassed by unsightly, not authentic 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 Galaleio with Spock's voice ! Captain Pete Mohney, USS Hephaestus NCC-2004, 1105 Oak Creek Trail, Birmingham AL 35215, or call (205) 680-5723, email pdmohney@aol.com.

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For Sale: Star Trek Collectibles including Hallmark Ornaments (Enterprise NCC-1701 in original box - \$400) Must sacrifice all. For list send \$1.00 and SASE to CAS, PO Box 93, West Point, PA 19486.

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.

USS Stellar Wind NCC-1501A is making way for the new NCC-40513. All of the NCC-1501A publications are available for postage: back issues, membership and writers guides. SASE Allyson Dyar, PO Box 941, Kirkland WA 98083-0941 or e-mail dyar@halcyon.com.

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 Mohney, USS Hephaestus NCC-2004, 1105 Oak Creek Trail, Birmingham AL 35215.

FOR SALE

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.

Large collection of Robert Summers limited-edition art prints. Mostly Western and Indian themes, some artist's proofs. Also, a complete Connelly Collection of ten very limited edition art prints by different noted western artists. Sold as a collection. Contact Chuck Freas at PO Box. 8942, Amarillo, TX, 79114-8942.

MEMBERS WANTED

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.

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.

UNASSIGNED CORRESPONDENCE STARFLEET MEMBERS: The Starship Gemini Dream awaits you! While primarily an online chapter, a few stamps will keep you up with our newsletter. Contact Adrienne Paradis, 2147 W. Romneya Dr. Anaheim, CA 92801-1639 e-mail: Neila8@aol.com : Homepage: <http://members.aol.com/akaxo/USSGeminiDream/Onboard.html>.

The USS IDIC NCC-71811 is taking on new crewmembers. We are a regular meeting chapter serving Metropolitan Washington, DC. Our mission is to have fun. For more info, contact uss.idic@sfi.org, or USS IDIC, PO Box 22578, Alexandria, VA 22304.

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CONVENTIONS

United Fan Con VII, October 31-November 2, 1997, Springfield Marriot, Springfield, MA. Guests: Roxann Dawson, Geoffrey Beevers, Caroline John, Jason Carter. Write: United Fan Con VII, 500 Monroe Tpke, Monroe CT 06468; call 617-986-TREK; email ufancon@aol.com; <http://www.pcnet.com/~alanr/ufc.html>.

MACE '97, November 7-9, 1997, Holiday Inn Market Square, High Point, NC. This is a gaming con. call 901-282-5562, email mace97@iname.com

CONVENTIONS

Sci-Con 19, November 7-9, 1997, Virginia Beach, VA. Guests: James Patrick Kelly, Lubov, Steve Luminati, more. call 757-868-6738, email info@scicon.org, <http://scicon.org>.

Nashville Fantasy Convention, November 8-9, 1997, Nashville Convention Center, Nashville, TN. Guests: John Romita Sr. and Jr., Chase Masterson, many others. Call 615-833-0717.

Atlantis, November 14-16, 1997, Castlegate (Midtown) Howard Johnson, Atlanta, GA. Guests: Jane Yolen, Brad Strickland, Robert and Marilyn Teague. Write: SF&MBS Ltd., c/o Irv Koch, 1623 White Oak Rd., Chattanooga, TN 37415.

ConRad Seattle, November 21-23, 1997, DoubleTree Suites, Seattle, WA (Southcenter). Guests: Armin Shimmerman, Kitty Swink, Andrew Robinson, Max Grodenchik, many more. Write: ConRad, c/o Rainy Daze Productions, PO Box 31892, Seattle WA 98103. Call: 206-745-2700, email: rainydazer@aol.com, <http://members.aol.com/rainydazer/index.html>.

Cincinnati Science Fiction Expo, December 5-7, 1997, Cincinnati Convention Center, 525 Elm Street, Cincinnati, OH. Write: Galactic Entertainment, 105 Pepper Drive, Collegeville PA 19426, call 610-454-1197, email galenter@aol.com, <http://www.galacticentertainment.com>.

Chattacon XXIII, January 16-18 1998, Clarion River Plaza Hotel, Chattanooga, TN. Guests: Howard Waldrop, Nancy Kress, Bruce Jensen, Terry Bisson, others. Write: Chattacon 23 Registration, PO Box 23908, Chattanooga TN 37422-3908; call 770-578-8461; email dilson@mindspring.com, <http://www.chattanooga.net/chattacon>.

JaxCon '98, February 27-March 1, 1998, Ramada Inn on Arlington Expressway, Jacksonville, FL. This is a gaming con. Call 904-724-7086, email jaxcon@usa.net, write JaxCon, Box 14218, Jacksonville FL 32238-4218.

Swilcon '98, March 6-8, 1998, Swarthmore College, PA. Guests: Jeff Menges, Mark Poole, James Patrick Kelly, James P. Hogan, others. Write: SWILCon 1998, 111 S. Chester Road, #3 B, Swarthmore, PA 19081. Email swilcon@swil.org, or <http://www.swil.org/swilcon/>. Megacon/SunQuest '98, March 13-15, 1998, EXPO Center, Orlando, FL. This is a gaming con. Write: Megacon/Sunquest, 217 Orange Terrace, Winter Park FL 32789; email info@sunquestgames.com; call 407-679-9666; or <http://www.sunquestgames.com>.

CONVENTIONS

AggieCon XXIX, March 26-29, 1998, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX. Guests: Robert Asprin, Joe R. Lansdale, Kerry O'Quinn, Radio Free Oz. Write: AggieCon XXIX, MSC Student Programs, Box J-1, College Station TX 77844; call 409-845-1515; <http://cephheid.tamu.edu/aggiecon>.

CoastCon XXI, March 27-29, 1998, Broadwater Beach Resort East, Biloxi, MS. Guests: Margaret Weis, Tracy Hickman, George Alec Effinger, Barbara Hambly. Write: CoastCon, PO Box 1423, Biloxi MS 39533-1423.

Oasis 11, May 15-17, 1998, Orlando, FL. Guests: Larry Niven, Mary Hanson-Roberts, many others. Write: Oasis 11, PO Box 940992, Maitland FL 32794-0992; call 407-263-5822.

TachyCon, June 5-7, 1998, The Adam's Mark Hotel at the Florida Mall, Winter Park, FL. Guests TBA. Write: Tachycon, PO Box 3382, Winter Park FL 32790-3382; call 407-628-1454; email tachycon@ao.net.

Jurassicon, June 5-7, 1998, Howard Johnson Midtown, Atlanta, GA. Guests: Dr. David R. Schwimmer, Rick C. Spears, others. Write: JurassiCon, PO Box 98308, Atlanta GA 30359. Email jurassicon@juno.com.

Jumpgate Jax, June 12-14, 1998, Radisson Riverwalk Hotel and Conference Center, Jacksonville, FL. Guests: Jack McDevitt, Peggy Ranson. Write: Jumpgate Jax, PO Box 1662, Yulee, FL 32041-1662. <http://members.aol.com/jumpg8jax;emailjumpg8jax@aol.com>.

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Academy application for costs and mailing info.

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Missed the IC? Couldn't afford \$415 for that special someone? Want to "keep in touch" with the babes and hunks of STARFLEET?

The USS Bounty is proud to announce the 1999 STARFLEET Pinup Calendar Contest. Two calendars, "The Women of STARFLEET" and "The Men of STARFLEET" will be debuting at the 1998 STARFLEET International Conference, in Lubbock, TX.

STARFLEET Wants You!

If you're interested in gracing the pages of the calendar, please send a snapshot of yourself for consideration (so that we know what you look like). Once the hunks and babes have been selected, we will contact you regarding having the actual calendar photos taken. And if you're chosen, you'll get a free calendar! Photos can be mailed to STARFLEET Pinup Calendar, c/o CMDR Liz Woolf, 146 Manor Crescent, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1691. If you would like the snapshot returned, please include a SASE. If you have access to a scanner and e-mail, the photos can be e-mailed to Pinup@sfi.org OR USS.Bouny@sfi.org.

Just in case you're wondering or worrying.... You don't have to take off your clothes to be in this calendar, though you're more than welcome to take off some of them. Think Tom Paris on shore leave, not Captain Picard in "Chains of Command."

Chapter CO's, please contact us with your chapter's launch date, so that we can include your ship's anniversary in the calendar! Launch date information should be mailed to Captain Rhonda E. Green, 1314B Pine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107-5820. No e-mail available for that, sorry.

Perspectives on the IC from a Starfleet Heckler, or “*Brother, can you spare a ‘Mikey’?*”

by Captain Stephen M. Buonocore, CO USS Bounty

Rejoining STARFLEET was not only a tough decision for me, but it was a long time in the making. You see, I joined STARFLEET a long way back... during the Smith Administration. That's STEVE Smith, not Michael D. Smith.

Since leaving STARFLEET, I had become a “STARFLEET Heckler”, that is, I scoffed at the organization, the people, their egos, anything STARFLEET related. Fleet Admiral Mike Smith called me “irreverent” (or was it “irrelevant”, Mike?), but I seriously doubted the ability of STARFLEET to manage itself out of an ever deepening hole into which it continued to spiral.

So, I left STARFLEET, because I saw a lack of spirit, unity, family. STARFLEET was full of corruption, bickering, and frankly STARFLEET didn't offer me anything...

... until now...

The 1997 STARFLEET International Conference was.... incredible, outstanding, momentous! To describe it in less flowery words would be to do it an injustice. After my experiences from the commissioning of my new ship, the USS Bounty, and those from being a part of the IC's entertainment program, I can now say that STARFLEET is back... big time!

Let me give you the highlights of the IC from a personal perspective, and that of the newly commissioned USS Bounty, the ship that I now command:

Friday night:

The Slave Auction was officially called a “Yeoman Sale”, since some were trying to keep a PG rating on the event. However, they forgot that I was MCing and producing the show, so that just wasn't going to happen! With the indispensable assistance of Commander Liz Woolf, my Chief of Communications on the USS Bounty, The Slave Auction was a resounding success! We sold 21 people into “slavery” for a two-hour period, and we raised \$1865 for STARFLEET! Commodore Mandi “Rebel Queen” Herrmann went for a remarkable \$415! Fleet Admiral Mike Smith went for a paltry \$43. This, by the way, has led to a new monetary system created for STARFLEET, which has as units the “Mandi” (a large amount) and the “Mikey” (a small amount).

While on stage, I took the opportunity to announce the USS Bounty's Commissioning Party to be held in my room, after the organized Water Ice Social, with everyone at the Conference invited to attend. True, we were not to be commissioned until the following morning, but that was not going to stop The Pirates of the USS Bounty from throwing one hell of a party in preparation for the next morning's commissioning. And besides, we had just raised \$1865 for STAR-

FLEET! That's a lot of favors, Mr. Smith.... <grin>

The party was well attended, with much loud music, dancing, socializing, and libations provided courtesy of The Bounty's Pirates. We closed down the party at around 1:30am, as I had to be up early to complete some paperwork, primp, and be ready for 8:30am, ensuring that the USS Bounty would commission at the General Meeting to be held at 9am.. So, I set the alarm for 7pm, and went to bed...

Saturday morning:

... yes, I said 7pm, so when the alarm didn't go off and I just happened to look at the clock at 8:15am, I jumped about 10 feet into the air, completed the paperwork, brushed my teeth, put on the wonderful USS Bounty T-shirt that Liz made for me, and ran like a maniac to the gathering. “Murphy” reared his ugly head.

At the General Meeting, there was a roll call. Each Regional Coordinator announced all ships and shuttles in his/her respective region, ships first and then shuttles, alphabetically. When Commodore Bob Vosseler, RC Region 7, got to the “C”s in Region 7's ships, he stopped, and said, “Wait a minute, I can't leave the B's until I say this: For the first time, THE USS BOUNTY!” The entire place rose to their feet, applauded, and cheered. The Slave Auction and the Bounty Commissioning Party had put us on the map! I was very appreciative of this display... and truly humbled.

Fleet Admiral Mike Smith officially commissioned the USS Bounty, as he pinned the Captain's bars on my chest, and (my new best friend) Commodore Tom Monaghan, Chief of Operations, read the commissioning papers. I gave a short acceptance speech, calling on everyone to be “part of the solution, not part of the problem,” a theme by which I believe we all should operate.

Saturday afternoon:

I attended the “Captain's Call” for all chapter COs. This was extremely well thought out and well run! Imagine me, the former “STARFLEET Heckler”, now a chapter CO, stating that a “business meeting” was excellent! Reality is stranger than fiction! Tax implications of a STARFLEET chapter and the Fleet Awards Program were two of the superb presentations.

I spent the remainder of the day getting organized for hosting and participating in the evening's entertainment... and contrary to what anyone will tell you, I was totally stressed out about having to be on stage that evening!

Saturday night:

The Bounty crew that was present at the IC ate dinner at the Awards Banquet. Since I

was preparing so heavily for the entertainment portion of the evening that was to follow the banquet, we were the last ones to arrive for dinner. There were exactly 4 seats left in the hall, so each of us (Liz Woolf, Joe Toland, Rhonda Green, and I) sat at a different table. I had the honor and privilege of sitting with the USS Northstar, a ship based in New York City. The Northstar is an extremely colorful and absolutely wonderful group, and I truly enjoyed their company over dinner. I look forward to partying with them in the near future.

The entertainment, “An Evening at the Holo-Apollo,” was very well received by the audience. The Voyager parody, “Amok Tuvok”, was presented by “The Pirate Players of the USS Bounty and Friends,” and it starred members from the USS Bounty, USS Avenger, and USS Thagard. Liz Woolf's direction of the play brought the entire production together, and as they say in show biz, “We killed them!”

I did a Clark Kent costume quick-change from my “Chakotay” uniform in “Amok Tuvok” into my spandex ST:TNG first season uniform. For the final event at the Holo-Apollo, I had written and produced “Q-Pid's Love Shack”, based on the MTV game show, “Single Out”, but totally rewritten with all irreverent, sexy, Star Trek-related questions. In my version, “Q” (played by myself) shows up in the quarters of Kathryn Janeway (played by Sashi German), tries to seduce her, but of course is rebuffed. “Q” decides that while he is “omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipotent”, he does need to learn about the subtleties of human relationships. Therefore, “Q” creates a game show to explore this complex process!

Special thanks to my two Contestants, Commodore Mandi (\$415) Herrmann and Captain Mark Anbinder, who were perfect in their parts! They were the ones who selected their “perfect mates” from all of the audience members. Mandi chose Captain Tom “Little Guy” Restivo, while Mark picked Captain Dominique Oakley, both selections done blindly by asking questions from behind a curtain. The countless hours of preparation for this production paid off royally, as the audience, almost all of whom participated in the event on stage, enjoyed themselves immensely.

Finally, I was able to relax at 10 Forward, and relax I did. Everyone danced, drank, danced, drank, danced, drank... well, you get the picture. The praise that was lauded was very flattering... as were the propositions that I received... but, I finally went to bed alone at around 3am....

Sunday morning:

I was scheduled to perform my “slavery” this morning, so I was up and around at 10am,

looking very tired, very haggard... but totally in love with the feeling that this weekend had simply gone so well! The women (yes, plural) who purchased me in the Slave Auction were the notorious women of the “PMS Amazon”, a fictional fictional ship. You are required to be a “certified bitch” (their words!) to be on PMS Amazon. Don't tell them, but they are anything but “bitches”! Chelle, Britt, PJ, and Denine were all wonderful, and I attempted to service, err, I mean serve my Mistresses well.... <eg>

Sunday afternoon:

At the Closing Ceremonies I was presented with a Commendation for “The Slave Auction” and “Q-Pid's Love Shack”. When I came up to accept my award, Fleet Captain Matt Black played the theme to “Love Shack” through the hall's sound system! I guess this has become my theme song!

Saying goodbye to all my new friends was very hard. Hugs, kisses, and good-byes were spread around to all the wonderful people with whom I had shared this special weekend. Some of us (about 50!) went to Chi-Chi's restaurant for “Dead Dog Dinner Party”, and then it was homeward bound...

Epilogue

In a very short period of time, I went from professional “STARFLEET Heckler” to a lover of this organization and its people, and a believer in what we can achieve when we work together. Initially, I decided to rejoin STARFLEET to help out my good old friend, Mike Smith, who was taking charge of what could only be described as a disaster.

However, the spirit, the unity, the family that was STARFLEET is coming back. The organization has now grown and flourished, thanks to Mike, thanks to his staff, and especially thanks to all of you.

Here is to a very bright future for STARFLEET. I look forward to more great fun within Starfleet in the years ahead. I look forward to even more uproarious, sexy entertainment at next year's IC... and I will be there!

Captain Stephen

“The Rogue” Buonocore

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