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USS KEPLER Keeps Trauma Buddy Program Alive



USS Kepler Trauma Buddies



USS Kepler crew assembles the Trauma Buddies

One evening in May, while researching the old USS KEPLER web page, it came to LTJG Don Ricketts' attention that there once was a program called "Trauma Buddy". Not knowing exactly what this program was, an investigation was launched. A ship member for several years remembered the program and explained that members would solicit donations, conduct fund raisers, and sometimes use their own money to buy stuffed animals. The club members would get together to socialize and replicate (make) Star Trek shirts (or something close to a shirt) with the familiar Star Trek communication badge. These animals were then beamed (donated) to the local Fire Department, policeman, etc. to be given to children who are victims of traumatic events such as car accidents, fires, or domestic disputes.

Inspired by this story, LTJG Don Ricketts decided to resurrect this program. A letter writing campaign was initiated in an effort to get toy manufacturers and department stores to donate unwanted stuffed animals. The premise of the letter campaign was to ask the question, "What do you do with mismanufactured, returned, or unwanted stuffed toys?". Using the Internet and sub-space frequencies, the letter campaign was initiated.

On June 17, 1997 Don received an e-mail from Lachlan Ward of Wombats Australiana from Australia. The folks that work there were so inspired by the e-mail letter about the Trauma Buddy program that they wanted to donate several toys to the USS KEPLER. On July 28, 1997 a box from Wombats Australiana arrived at Don's house in Copperas Cove. Upon opening the box, Don was

amazed by the wonderful toys that had traveled half way around the world. There were 8 brand new toys of various sizes and types, worth over \$200.00.

Not wanting to waste a minute, Don contacted everyone in the club with an e-mail address to tell them the wonderful news. LTJG Bob Edwards asked if the toys could be brought to his house for his wife to see. After looking over the toys, everyone decided to make a cloth "band" to put on the animals and on the band we will put the Star Trek communicator and the words 'USS KEPLER'.

Crew members MCPO Kim Kerr, LTJG Rob Latham, PO3 Trudie Latham, and LTJG Don Ricketts Beamed to LTJG Bob and Crewman Linda Edwards house on August 22, 1997 at 1800 hours (6:00 PM). With the replicator on line and fully functional, the replicating (making) of the Star Trek shirts was underway. Those that could sew - did, those that could keep a good conversation going - did, and those that could eat - did !! By 1000 hours (22:00 PM) the replicator was off line, the conversation was going stale, and worst of all, the food was all gone !! The next step would be to 'paint' the Star Trek communicator and the words "USS KEPLER" on the uniform. This step would have to wait until Sunday when the replicator was back on line. By Monday, the task was complete and the Trauma Buddies were ready to be beamed (donated) to the Copperas Cove Fire department.

Coordination with the Copperas Cove Fire Department and local news papers for the presentation of the Trauma Buddies was quite a feat all by itself. When it was all done and

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From the Top

FLEET ADMIRAL MICHAEL D SMITH, COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings, STARFLEET!

Well, we're through our first year, believe it or not. We not only survived it, but we have thrived. When we took the leadership reins, there were only about 3000 members in this organization. As of the time I write this, we are back to around 4300 members and continuing to grow. Our Communiqués are coming out on time, membership packets are getting back to a normal waiting period, questions are being answered, problems are being solved and not being shoved under the rug, and more. It's truly a wonder to watch as the capable staff I have serving with me tackles one problem after another with bulldog tenacity while overcoming the obstacles with ease.

I hope that each one of you had a healthy and happy holiday season this year. There was a lot to be thankful for, both within STARFLEET and without, and I know I for one enjoyed the season immensely. I'd like to take a moment to thank members of

STARFLEET's Flagship, USS LEXINGTON for helping sort, stuff and mail the holiday greetings that STARFLEET sent to the chapters and shuttles this year. I think it's a fine tradition to start, and look forward to seeing it continue.

As was noted in the last *Communiqué*, we have started our payment arrangements with the IRS and hope to have the issue cleared by the end of our term.

We do have some challenges before us, though. In our ongoing efforts to keep the membership of STARFLEET informed, it is my duty to inform you that the Periodicals Class permit we were assured the local Oklahoma post office was processing has been lost. *Communiqué* Editor Captain Brittany Sloan, upon my direction, contacted the local post office. They indicated that they had no such paperwork on file. This contradicts what they told Greg Trotter on several occasions when he, upon my direction, checked with the post office as to the

status of said permit request. As many of you know, Greg recently moved to Kansas, has been unable to locate his copies of said documentation. I have directed Britt to start the cycle anew, and to provide me a copy of all relevant documents, so two people have copies of the paperwork in question. I shall be "riding herd" as it were, communicating directly with the post office in question to ensure that the permit is followed up in a timely fashion. We are terribly sorry for this inconvenience, but between the two major factors I've noted, we must start the process from scratch.

In addition, it is my sad duty to report that after a conversation with 99 IC Chair Captain Pat Stewart, the Colorado Springs bid has been withdrawn by mutual understanding. It is unfortunate, but the USS WIND SPIRIT is going through some internal upheaval, and I cannot in good conscience sign a contract with the hotel when the local International Conference group is in upheaval.

Upon discussion of the situation with STARFLEET International Conference Committee (SICC) Chair Admiral Cindy Krell, I have contacted Houston Bid Chair Scott Akers and Charlotte, NC 2000 Bid Co-Chair Marlon Ragsdale. These two parties will submit their bids to the SICC and the SICC will choose between the two for the 1999 IC Bid. Bids are due to Cindy no later than 31 Dec 97 and the SICC's decision is due to me no later than 31 Jan 98.

In other news, the Admiralty Board is currently reviewing and ratifying the proposed Constitution for submission to the membership. We anticipate this being done soon, and with ratification voting starting sometime in the late winter/early spring. Please take the time to read over and vote on this Constitution. Aside from voting for Commander, STARFLEET, this is a unique opportunity for you, the member, to get involved in helping dictate the course of our organization.

And that's all for me right now. See you in sixty.

TRAUMA BUDDIES

(Cont from Cover)

over, the presentation was set for Friday, September 5, 1997 at 1530 hours (3:30 PM).

With butterflies in our stomachs and smiles on our faces, we made the presentations on behalf of the USS KEPLER to the EMS unit of the Copperas Cove Fire Department. It was a fantastic warm feeling to see the EMS personnel accept the Trauma Buddies and load them into their vehicles. Now you might think this story is over ... but it is not over by a long shot. You see, when EMS personnel give a Trauma Buddy to a child they also ask the child to give the Trauma Buddy a name. This adds to the comfort of the child as he/she concentrates on the trauma Buddy and what to name their new friend. The EMS personnel will

follow-up on this and record the name the child gave to the Trauma Buddy. The EMS personnel said several people have come back years later with their Trauma Buddies to show the EMS personnel that they still have them and to thank them for helping and caring for them in their time of need.

Now that we have this warm fuzzy feeling, we may have another chance to do it all over again. The USS KEPLER recently received an e-mail from an estate liquidator who indicated he had an estate to sell and that there were several collector Teddy Bears in this estate. The agent indicated that he would ask the owners of the estate to donate any unsold Teddy Bears to the USS KEPLER Trauma Buddy program. "This really is a wonderful world !!"

LT.JG Donald E. Ricketts
USS KEPLER

It's Almost Summit Season...

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| Region One Operations Officer | Gatlinberg, TN | April 17-19, 1998 |
| Region Two | Birmingham, AL | March 6-8, 1998 |
| Region Three | Fort Worth, TX | May 15-17, 1998 |
| Region Four | Visalia, CA | July 24-26, 1998 |
| Region Five | Seatac, WA | April 9-12, 1998 |
| Region Twelve | St. Louis, MO | April 24-26, 1998 |

Check the STARFLEET website at www.sfi.org or check with your Regional Coordinator for more details.

Operations By the Numbers

A Brief Look at the Chapters and Regions of Starfleet since 9710.01. Filed by Commodore Tom Monaghan, Starfleet Chief of Operations

not received your commissioning and/or promotion certificates please contact the Chief of Operations, STARFLEET.

CHAPTERS COMMISSIONED OR RECOMMISSIONED 9710.01-711.30:

REGIONAL ROUNDUP (REGIONS REPORTING FOR REPORTING PERIOD 9709):

- USS Phoenix, Region 12, Captain Tamara Copple, CO
- USS Jamestown, Region 1, Captain Richard Hewitt, CO (Honorary - 15th Anniversary)
- USS Yeager, Region 1, Fleet Captain Jerry Conner, CO (Honorary - 10th Anniversary)
- USS Maat, Region 1, Fleet Captain Blair Willcox, Jr., CO (Honorary - 10th Anniversary)

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 17

REGIONAL ROUNDUP (REGIONS REPORTING FOR REPORTING PERIOD 9710):

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15

*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.

*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.

CHAPTERS THAT HAVE BEEN DECOMMISSIONED OR LEFT STARFLEET 9710.01 - 9711.30:

STARFLEET OPERATIONS REGION OF THE MONTH:

- USS Hawking, Region 2
- USS Toronto, Region 13
- USS Shaun Christopher, Region 12
- USS Wolverine, Region 3

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

NEW CHAPTER COMMANDING OFFICERS 9710.01 - 9711.30:

- Captain Robert Edwards, USS Kepler, Region 3
- Captain Kris T. Klufas, USS Thagard, Region 7
- Captain George F. Malone, Jr. USS Lone Wolf, Region 7
- Captain Tamara Copple, USS Phoenix, Region 12
- Rear Admiral Sharon Ann Campbell, USS Pendragon, Region 5
- Captain Mike Walter, Sr., USS Columbus, Region 1

9710: Region Three, Rear Admiral Brad Pense, Regional Coordinator

9711: Region Two, Vice Admiral Kelly Hilliard, Regional Coordinator

(Selections by Commodore Tom Monaghan, Chief of Operations)

*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

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

Second Thoughts

ADMIRAL CHARLES FREAS, VICE COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings Fleeters, and Happy Holidays! My family and I extend a hearty "Season's Greeting" to our fellow members around the globe. We hope your lives are full of holiday spirit and good cheer.

I'm pleased to report that the offices of the Vice Commander have settled down enough to allow us to finally begin to address some of the agenda items that were pushed to the "back burners" once we took office. Since the first of the year, my staff and I have been planning to return the Fleetwide departmental resource programs to warp speed capability. My, how time flies! You turn around and the year is nearly gone! Thankfully, now that STARFLEET's long-term financial situation has been stabilized, we are ready to address the vacancies that exist in several of the programs. If you are interested, you must immediately send your resumé ("real world" and Fleet) to my Chief of Staff, Capt. Donna Friesen, care of her new mailing address. In case you don't have that new address, it is:

Donna Friesen
11605 Newport Mill Road,
Wheaton, MD 20902.

I'm also happy to announce that copies of STARFLEET's 1995 and 1996 tax-exempt organization's

financial reports as filed with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (commonly referred to as "Form 990's") are available for inspection at Fleet Headquarters during our normal business hours. If for some reason you can't make it to Oakland, New Jersey, but would like to look at these reports, copies are available to our members for a nominal charge covering copying and postage costs. Look for an announcement in this edition for more details.

If you are interested in purchasing one of the new Fleetwide vouchers, I'm proud to announce that the new Fleetwide Voucher program is 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.

Money order, cashier's check, certified check, or international money order is the acceptable payment method. A large self-addressed stamped return envelope must be provided with each order. One of the wa-

terproof 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) your order takes 32 cents to mail, and each additional sixteen vouchers (or any portion thereof) takes 23 cents. You should expect approximately two weeks 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 Conventions, 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 but, since 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.

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 Regional Coordinators and F.Adm. Mike D. Smith decided that for the time being these vouchers should only be purchased from one source - me — even though they may be utilized throughout the Fleet.

Last, but not least, my prayers go out for the wife and family of Fleet Captain Glen Corbin of the USS TROUNCER, in Region 3. Glen was a fine man, a gentleman, and a strong supporter of STARFLEET and all of its best ideals. His family, his crew, his Region, and all who had the privilege to know him will miss him. Until we meet again,

Keep the Faith!

Adm. Chuck Freas
Vice Commander, STARFLEET

NOTICE

Pursuant to Title 26, United States Code, Section 6104, notice is hereby given that a copy of STARFLEET's 1994, 1995 and 1996 annual informational tax returns (commonly known as Form 990's), filed under section 6033 (relating to returns by tax exempt organizations), has been made available for inspection during our regular business hours by any individual at the principal office of STARFLEET, Located at 201 Hiawatha Blvd. in Oakland, New Jersey (STARFLEET HQ). Further, notice is hereby given that a copy of STARFLEET's original application for tax-exempt status (together with a copy of all papers submitted in support of such application and any letter or other document issued by the Internal Revenue Service with respect to such application) has been made available by the organization for inspection during our regular business hours by any individual at said principal office of the organization.

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Operations

COMMODORE TOM MONOGHAN



Greetings from STARFLEET Operations! Another *Communiqué*, another Ops Report. Boy, does time fly! I really cannot believe that it's been a whole year since taking on the job of Chief of STARFLEET Operations. It's been a real adventure, and I must admit that for the most part, it's been fun. One thing I really do love about my job is commissioning new chapters. Although it has been relatively slow the past two months, I did have the pleasure of recommissioning the USS Phoenix, NCC-2155 in Region Twelve as a chapter of STARFLEET.

I also enjoy hearing from all our chapters throughout the Fleet. Although most of what I hear from our chapters is concerns, suggestions and complaints, I still think that this is a wonderful sign. It tells me that our chapters and their members are still very concerned about STARFLEET and are doing their very best to meet the needs of their chapters and members instead of simply giving up.

Always remember, if you have a suggestion, concern or gripe that you want us to hear about, let us know! We're not going to bite. I promise. I know I want to hear from our chapters - both the good and the bad. And we want you to hear from them, too. That's why we've brought back chapter summaries to the *Communiqué*. To accomplish this task for us is one of our new additions to STARFLEET Operations, JC Cohen, Chief of Operations, USS Accord, Region 7. You'll be seeing more from JC later on in this issue. However, I still would like all of you to give JC a warm STARFLEET welcome!

We're not finished just yet! STARFLEET Operations has heard from our chapters and we would like all of you to rest assured that we are here to help meet the needs of ALL our chapters. Yes, the Chapter Grace Period is over but that's no reason to fear that your chapter is on the verge of decommissioning because you do not meet the minimum membership requirement.

Thanks to the efforts of USS YORKTOWN Commanding Officer Marlon Ragsdale and Vice Chief Les Rickard, STARFLEET Operations has launched its latest program designed especially for our smaller chapters.

Introducing the Reserve Chapter Operations Program! This program, under the care of director Marlon Ragsdale, is totally devoted to helping your chapter meet its membership needs. Through a close working relationship with Membership Processing and the STARFLEET Recruiting Office, Marlon will work with your chapter to help your chapter rebuild its membership base and offer advice on developing a winning recruiting strategy. The program is still in the developmental stage so look forward to more information concerning this essential program to appear in this publication and elsewhere in the very near future. A warm welcome is extended to Marlon Ragsdale as our Director of Reserve Chapter Operations.

In the meantime, please allow me to address an issue of personal concern with all you. Chances are great that the rumors you have heard are true. But that's beside the point. I would like to set the record straight with a brief account of my early involvement in STARFLEET from my own perspective. Biased as it may be, I believe that it will give you the most accurate overview of my first experiences with STARFLEET.

To begin with such an undertaking, I must first go back to early autumn of 1984 to put the overall situation into the proper context. I was not a STARFLEET member at that time, nor was I even contemplating joining. I was a Junior in high school, Cave Spring High in Roanoke, Virginia to be exact, and I wasn't what you would call the sociable type. However, I did have friends who more than made up for that particular personality defect.

It was at RoVaCon (the number escapes me) in October 1984 when I was first "exposed" to STARFLEET.

My first glimpse of STARFLEET came from Linda Smith (then known as Linda Neighbors) and the crew of the Shuttle ASGARD from Lynchburg, Virginia. That memorable incident still leaves a permanent impression on my mind after all these years. That's a good thing, Linda. I was a shy guy and I really enjoyed my first prolonged exposure with these kindred spirits but my thoughts were elsewhere. Soon enough the memories of my first encounter with STARFLEET members were quickly replaced by more pressing matters such as homework, tests, and mowing the parents lawn. My best friend on the other hand was converted er, I mean convinced. He joined up that very month and soon began his quest to convince me to join up. I'm no namedropper, but Michael O'Brien (current Second Officer of the USS YEAGER) was ever the extroverted science fiction enthusiast. In marked contrast, I was the introverted sci-fi lover who happened to "go along for the ride" on most of Michael's adventures. Well, I was the one with the car.

For six months I endured Michael's requests to join him on his trips to ASGARD meetings. Make no mistake, I really liked Star Trek. To this very day my appreciation for the program borders on lust. However, being the introverted sci-fi dabbler that I was, I meekly declined and went about other things, which mostly included tinkering with my home computer (if you could classify a TI 99-4/A as a computer) or nothing at all. Michael was a persistent fellow, and so was the rest of the ASGARD crew from the Roanoke area, namely Robin Pillow (current Region One ShOC Director).

Together Michael and Robin were a formidable force and their attempts to convince me that attending ASGARD meetings would be a good experience for me grew more and more irresistible. One day in May 1985, Michael and Robin decided they

were no longer going to take no for an answer. They drove up into the driveway of my parent's home and demanded that they see me. I knew something was up. Both of them had emerged from the vehicle. My attempts to convince them that I had other things to do like walking the dog or dehumidifying my basement bedroom fell on deaf ears. One grabbed hold of me and escorted me to the car while the other informed my parents that I was being "borrowed" for the evening and that they'll bring me back by ten, intact.

So, I was to attend an ASGARD meeting after all, no questions asked. It turned out that this was no ordinary meeting. It was the group's commissioning ceremony as the USS HIEMDAL. The event was held at a local pizza parlor. It was comforting to note that the members of this group were just as strange as I was and also shared my love for pizza. In awe of such an open display of organized weirdness, I joined up that very same day as the ship's helmsman.

Now is a good point to bring up what exactly I was thinking at this time. The most dominant thought was, "What the hell have I gotten myself into?" Early on I seriously doubted the existence of a Shuttle ASGARD and the thought of a newly minted Heavy Cruiser in low earth orbit was way outside my belief structure. Then came the question, "What are these people on?" I was a depressive with situational anxiety so my medication was known to put me into a blissful trance now and then. But all these people couldn't possibly be on antidepressants, too. Or could they? They seemed strangely capable of accomplishing anything they wanted and, if they DID own a starship parked in stationary orbit over central Virginia, I was going to do my best NOT to rock the boat.

At the HIEMDAL commissioning Linda was going on about the
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Computer Operations

FLEET CAPTAIN JESSE SMITH, ACTING CHIEF

Greetings from Computer Operations!

Computer Operations seems to be a constant flow of changes these days. Last issue, we informed you that Mandi was leaving for the Academy and that Greg Trotter was coming on board to fill her old position. Everything went as planned for that transition, but shortly before Mandi left, I received a call from CompOps Chief Sal Lizard. His business was booming and he would not be able to give CompOps the time it deserves over the next few months, so he was taking a Leave of Absence. As we all know, real life must take precedence, so if his business continues to grow, Sal may find the need to permanently step down (but we won't let him leave totally without a fight!)

We realize that packets have been slow getting out and we are striving to change that. We recently moved our packet-processing center from Sal's house to Virginia where a new Comp Ops team member, Captain Roy Sesler, will manage it. Unfortunately,

this moved caused a backlog of packets. We are close to finishing the backlog at this time. If you renewed between the IC and the end of September, your packet is in the mail. If you renewed between October 1st and December 1st, you should have your packet by the end of the year. Once those are taken care of, we will be back on schedule to have your packets to you within 6-8 weeks of receiving your application. If you are still waiting on your packet and you joined or renewed before the IC (mid-August), please drop a note to Liz Woolf (address can be found in the front of the Communiqué) and she will help you in receiving a replacement.

Recently, we noticed that more and more members are sending in their application "return receipt requested". While there is nothing wrong with this, please do not be under the false impression that this will speed your processing. In fact, Greg can only pick up return receipt packages on Saturdays, so it could slow your processing by a few days.

On the electronic frontier, Comp

Ops finally has a web site, thanks to Blair Learn of the USS DAUNTLESS. You can view it by pointing your browser to www.sfi.org/com pops. When all the bugs are worked out, you will be able to notify us of changes in your address or ship assignment via the web page as well as by US Mail. You will also be able to request a vanity address and a few other tidbits. For now, members wishing to have a vanity@sfi.org e-mail address should contact me for the specifics (it's only \$10 and all proceeds help Fleet!) A big thank you goes to Blair for his work on this site. Thanks to Allyson in Communications who maintains the SFI web site, which by the way is visited over 7,000 times a month!

We have also brought back pre-paid packets! These are available from Greg Trotter and are valid for new single memberships only. They may be purchased at any volume, however we do not buy-back unused packets. If you over order and find that you have a large surplus let Greg know and he may be able to put you in touch with someone who wants them. Monies for

pre-paid packets and postage must be received before the packets will be mailed. These are a great item to have at conventions so your chapter may want to keep a few on hand.

We are all here to help the members and will gladly answer your questions, but it helps us tremendously if you route them through our staff coordinator, Liz Woolf. Liz ensures that you receive a quick reply to your question, even if it's a question for another staff member. She is also responsible for address changes and chapter assignment changes. She does great job with the volume of mail she receives so give her a week or two and she will get back to you. Lastly, she receives a lot of requests for expiration dates and SCC numbers. Please help me give her fingers a break by looking on the label of your brown bag, both pieces of information are there, above your address.

Onward,

Jesse Smith, Fleet Captain
Acting Chief,
Computer Operations

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future of the USS HIEMDAL and their parent organization, STARFLEET. She mentioned that leadership was the key to their success and some other stuff that I never remembered because I was busy stuffing my face full of pizza. One thing I do remember was that she had received copies of the new OTS test and recommended that we take them. Tests? I was a Junior in high school. I had already surpassed my recommended daily allowance of tests. Why did I need to take another silly test? Because if I wanted to get anywhere in STARFLEET I needed to take OTS, she explained. "Oh, but wouldn't my car do that just fine?" Then she went

on about STARFLEET and the HIEMDAL needing qualified leadership. Yadda, yadda, yadda. I smiled, took the test forms, and began stuffing my face again.

By the next meeting in June, which I actually attended without the "encouragement" of Michael and Robin, I had received my OTS certificate and was given a promotion to Ensign. It was still very early in my "STARFLEET career" and I was seriously beginning to wonder if I had actually been recruited as a reservist in some lesser known branch of the DoD. STARFLEET, I began to think to myself. Maybe it was a joint venture between NASA and the Air Force to recruit brilliant sci-fi enthusiasts as candidates for covert missions launched

against some classified alien menace from outer space. Well, who else could be more qualified for such duty than die hard Trekkies?

Those first few meetings of the USS HIEMDAL were fun and memorable, although my belief that I was actually on the payroll of the United States Government took a fatal beating. It slowly sank in that I was among a bunch of Star Trek and science fiction fans very much like myself. But that was okay. I needed to be among my own kind. For years I used to think that I was the only one like me in the world. Trekkies rarely advertised and if I happened to see one in the news it usually prompted me to deny my true feelings in front of my entire family and their acquaintances. Was there any

way that I could enjoy Star Trek and science fiction without the stereotyping? Or was it part of the Fandom Code of Conduct for all Star Trek fans to act like mindless lemmings? If I believed in anything, it was that I could actually enjoy Star Trek and NOT have to wear yellow pajamas and pointy ears to prove it.

See you all next issue!



Communications

COMMODORE GORDON GOLDBERG

Hailing frequencies open...

Greetings from Communications Central! As I'm sure you're aware, there have been a few changes around here since the International Conference. First off, Greg Trotter has moved over to CompOps, and his place at the helm of the Communiqué has been filled by Brittany Sloan, who is now Vice Chief/Communique Editor. Britt is committed to continuing to provide STARFLEET with quality Communique. She is continuing to work to get STARFLEET the periodical postal permit we've all been waiting for, and to clear up the distribution problems that have continued to plague us.

Britt can be reached by email at CQ@sfi.org, or by postal mail at:

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Oklahoma City, OK 73154 USA

The second issue of Stellar Visions, the Fanzine of STARFLEET International is about ready for sale, and submissions are now being accepted for the third issue, which is due out in June of 1998. Deadlines for submissions to Stellar Vision III are 4/1/98 for postal text, 4/8/98 for emailed text (which can be sent to Fanzine @ sfi.org), and 4/15/98 for all artwork.

Subscriptions for issues 2 and 3 (and a limited number of remaining copies of our fabulous first issue!) can be ordered at a single-issue price of \$13, or a full-year (two issue) subscription for \$24!!! And that includes

postage!

Checks should be made payable to STARFLEET, and sent to:

Capt. Wendy Fillmore
Vice Chief of Communications-
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The above address may also be used for postal submission of written or artistic works.

On the Internet front, the NetServices staff continues to update the STARFLEET web site at <http://www.sfi.org>, and a mirror site is available at <http://www.starfleet.broadnet.co.uk> for faster access by our European members! The Commander,

STARFLEET's "fireside chat" on the Internet Relay Chat server at irc.lips.net draws ever-growing crowds on odd-numbered months, alternating with various "specialty" forums on the even-numbered months, all moderated by Allyson Dyar.

If you have any comments or ideas on how the Communications Division can further serve you or the membership in general, please feel free to contact me by email at Comm@sfi.org, or by postal mail at 330 Haven Avenue, Apartment 3C, New York City, NY 10033-5333 USA. I'll be keeping all channels open...

In service to the fleet,
Gordon L. Goldberg
Chief of Communications,
STARFLEET

Control Board Reports International Space Station Launch on Target, Finalizes Assembly Sequence

Michael Braukus
James Hartsfield

RELEASE: 97-222

With the first launch nine months away, representatives of the 15 nations building the International Space Station gathered in Houston this week to finalize the station's assembly sequence and confirm that construction remains on target.

"All of the partners reported they were on schedule with their contributions to the station," International Space Station Program Manager Randy Brinkley said. "The first elements, the Functional Cargo Block and the U.S. Node 1, remain on track for launches next year. In September, during a General Designer's Review for the third element, the Russian Service Module, we were reassured by the Russian Space Agency that they can meet the scheduled launch date of December 1998."

The latest assembly sequence approved by the board maintains a launch of

the European Space Agency's Columbus Orbital Facility in October 2002 and establishes the launch of a third connecting module, called Node 3, to the station. The Revision C Assembly Sequence had been approved in preliminary form during a May board meeting. The last 15 flights of the 45-flight sequence remained under review following the May meeting, pending further evaluation of launch date options for the Columbus module.

The Service Module, the first fully Russian contribution to the station, completed a critical milestone Sept. 12 when the general designer's review was held in Moscow. Under construction at the Khrunichev State Research and Production Space Center in Moscow, the module has progressed rapidly this summer. It remains on target for the December 1998 launch from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

Manufacturing of the module will be completed at Khrunichev in November and it will be moved to Rocket Space Corpo-

ration Energia (RSC-Energia) facilities to begin final testing. Another general designer's review is scheduled for January 1998, and the module will be shipped to Baikonur to begin launch preparations in late May 1998.

The first station element, the U.S.-funded, Russian-built Functional Cargo Block, is on track for a launch in June 1998. Modifications to the module begun earlier this year have been completed that will allow it to be refueled and to accommodate Soyuz dockings. It completed manufacturing at Khrunichev Sept. 15 and was moved to the RSC-Energia facilities where it is undergoing final testing. In January 1998, it will be shipped to Baikonur.

The first U.S.-built station element, Node 1, was shipped from its Alabama factory to the Kennedy Space Center, FL, in June to begin preparations for launch on the first Space Shuttle assembly mission, STS-88, set for July 1998. The second of two conical-shaped pressurized mating adapters that will be attached to

either end of the node is being shipped from its California factory to Kennedy this week.

"With the Node and pressurized mating adapters now at Kennedy for launch processing and the FGB ahead of schedule for its shipment to Baikonur, it's a busy and exciting time as we prepare for the launch and assembly phase," Brinkley said.

During the next nine months leading to the start of the International Space Station's five-year, 45-flight orbital assembly sequence, the first truss structure, a third mating adapter and the first solar arrays, batteries and radiators for the station will be shipped from factories nationwide to Florida to be readied for launches in early 1999. Less than a year from now, in August 1998, the first station laboratory, the U.S. Laboratory Module, will be shipped from a Huntsville, AL, factory to Kennedy to begin final testing and launch preparations.

STARFLEET Academy

COMMODORE MANDI HERRMAN, COMMANDANT

Greetings, STARFLEET! I'm your new Academy Commandant, and I am looking forward to serving in this position and bringing the Academy up to 100%. I have received all the Academy records and reports from the last few years, and I see overall a pretty good picture. But things aren't quite where I want them to be. One thing I really want to see improve is Academy Enrollment. Folks, we have a great thing going here. Starfleet Academy is quite unique and has a wide variety of courses, some of them pure fun, some a mix of work and play, and others that are down right educational.

Starfleet Academy can now be found on the internet! The Academy website is up and running! You can find the Academy online by accessing www.sfi-sfa.com/. Many thanks to Captain Greg Staylor, Security School Director and Captain Tom Restivo, the new Special Assistant to the Commandant, for working together and getting

this site fully functional! Just a note... it is "under constuction" in that, we intend to constantly improve it and add to it. So, check it out frequently! We are also looking to offering as many SFA courses online as possible as an option for those members with online access. More on this as it develops.

Rear Admiral Carolyn Donner has graciously agreed to stay on as Vice Commandant. I've know Carolyn since before I joined fleet, so I look forward to working with her. I know she will do a great job as Vice

Commandant! She organized the Academy records and served as Acting Commandant in an admirable fashion. I'm looking at a few ways to improve the communications and flow of information in the Academy between directors and between members as well. I know that many international members expressed their concern about the "loose postage stamp" re-

quirement of many schools. I'm looking into

options for this. More on this as details are worked out. We are also going to re-institute the Academy Honors Program. Starting with the next Communiqué, look for names of honor graduates this column. This is yet another great reason to encourage everyone to take Academy courses! You too can see your name in print! I hope to extend this as well into chapter and regional competitions as well. Likewise, at

each IC, I'll present a Dean's List and give out certificates to the finest Academy students. Now, if you are thinking, "I'd love to take a course, but I'm not sure where to start," well, let me give you a few ideas. For someone new to 'Fleet, the best place to start is Officers Training School (OTS). Here you learn the basics of this organization, how to operate in the chain of command, and you even get to ex-

ercise some command prerogative on how to solve a few minor issues you might find as a member or officer of a chapter. I'd highly recommend OTS for all new members as well as those members who haven't taken it yet. It allows you to get a good feel for the organization and the Academy as well.

Well, that's all for now. I have plenty of ideas and look forward to hearing from you as well with your thoughts and ideas. The Academy will be undergoing some minor tune ups in the next few months, so look forward to great things from this department of 'Fleet. Each School director and myself will be glad to assist you in whatever way possible. Please be sure to include a SASE for quick response. If I can be of service in any way, please let me know. Take care, happy new year, keep your eyes on your own test papers <grin>, and see you in 60.....

Space Research Shines a Light on Tumors to Save Lives

Michael Braukus
Steve Roy
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Special lighting technology developed for NASA's commercial plant growth experiments in space may help treat cancerous brain tumors in children.

A treatment technique called photodynamic therapy is using tiny pinhead-size Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs) — developed for NASA Space Shuttle plant growth experiments — to activate light-sensitive, tumor-treating drugs.

Experiments indicate that when special tumor-fighting drugs are illuminated with LEDs, the tumors can be more effectively destroyed than with conventional surgery. The light source, consisting of 144 of the tiny diodes, is compact — the size of a small human finger about one-half-inch in diameter — and mechanically more reliable than lasers and

other light sources used to treat cancer. The entire light source and cooling system is only the size of a medium suitcase.

Dr. Harry Whelan of the Medical College of Milwaukee, WI, has obtained Food and Drug Administration approval to use the LED probe for the treatment of children's brain tumors on a trial basis. Dr. Whelan's therapy involves injecting the patient's bloodstream with a drug called Photofrin II. Photofrin II attaches to the unwanted tissues and permeates into them, leaving the surrounding tissues unaffected. Dr. Whelan then places the new solid-state LED probe near the affected tissue to illuminate the tumor and activate the Photofrin II drug. Once activated by the light, the drug destroys the tumor's cells, leaving the normal brain tissues virtually untouched.

"This new probe," said Dr. Whelan, "illuminates through all nearby tissues. We've used lasers too, but they are often unreliable and limited in color spectrum. Lasers also are very expensive and lose power in their fiberoptic cables."

The LED probe can be used for hours at a time and remains cool to the touch. The entire LED unit can be purchased for a fraction of the cost of a laser.

The feasibility of using LEDs in cancer treatment was demonstrated through a NASA Small Business Innovation Research contract managed by the Technology Transfer Office at the Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, AL. The small business, Quantum Devices, Inc., of Banrevel, WI, developed the LEDs as a light source for a chamber used by NASA to conduct plant research in space. These LEDs now form the tip of a new nine-inch neural probe.

"We're very happy to be a part of this innovative procedure," said Rose Allen, manager of the Space Product Development Office at Marshall. "It is exciting to see how NASA's commercial space research results in benefits on Earth. Who would have thought that experiments searching for ways to improve agricultural products would lead to a medical procedure that could save children's lives?" said Allen.

"The LED technology developed by NASA offers new hope to children with cancer," Dr. Whelan said. "Every one of our cases will be a critical case with no hopeful alternatives. We think this new probe will help give

children with tumors a chance to live healthy, happy lives."

After Whelan concludes the FDA clinical trials, he anticipates full approval of what soon could be the operating technique of the future. Further research combining LEDs and new promising drugs is showing the possibilities of deeper tumor penetration with the probe, faster reaction times and shortened patient sensitivities to sunlight.

LED's low-energy technology flew on the second United States Microgravity Laboratory Spacelab mission in October 1995, as part of the Astroculture Plant Growth Facility. That experiment was led by Dr. Raymond J. Bula of the Wisconsin Center for Space Automation and Robotics in Madison, WI, a NASA Commercial Space Center. Commercial Space Centers, supported by NASA, pursue opportunities for continued growth of U.S. industry through the use of space.

"NASA has played a number of important roles," Dr. Whelan said. "NASA has funded the development of these LEDs for space research over the years," he added. "If it wasn't for the pre-existence of all that technology, it wouldn't have been possible for us to walk right in and use it to treat cancer."

Augustans Gained Memorabilia On Susan Still Day

By Lillian Wan

AUGUSTA FOCUS Staff Writer

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Hundreds of Augustans turned out for Susan Still Day events on Saturday, Sept. 27. Many people turned out at the three event to catch a glimpse and some words from Augusta-born astronaut Lt. Cmdr. Susan Still. Augustans and Augusta got much more.

At the morning concert and ceremony held at the Riverwalk Jessye Norman Amphitheatre, Ms. Still was presented with a number of items from Augusta including a key to the city by Mayor Larry Sconyers and a plaque from Langford Middle School presented by Langford seventh grader Anthony Mayers. Lt. Cmdr. Still also presented items to the city for display at the Mayor's office. A major part of the morning activity for many Augustans was not the ceremony itself but the time and efforts before and after the ceremony on the part of Ms. Still to sign autographs and to pose for pictures, especially with the children. Sweating, shorts-clad runners from the nearby John Deere Health Care River Run race trotted down to the amphitheater to also ask for autographs. A unique item that was given away before the start of the ceremony was the handsomely printed and gold bow-tied souvenir program of the ceremony.

A major afternoon presentation ceremony was held at the Augusta-Richmond County Museum. People eagerly crowded the rotunda as Lt. Cmdr. Still was presented with the Good Luck Card by Carnell Eubanks. Mr. Eubanks had begun the card project back in October of last year to collect what ended up being 4,156 signatures of people who wished "Good Luck" to Ms. Still and the rest of the crew of STS-83. Ms. Still in turn presented the card along with the other NASA items to museum director Scott Loehr. It was later noted that Ms. Still requested to keep the Good Luck Card

herself. How flattering that she treasured something so much from the Augusta people. Next, the special exhibit in honor of Lt. Cmdr. Still was unveiled in the museum on the ground floor. Then the crowds were entertained in two sessions by Ms. Still in the second floor theatre. Ms. Still involved various children in her visual demonstration of the distance involved in her shuttle mission. She also used a video and slides with scenes from her shuttle flights. At the end of each session, she graciously signed autographs and posed for pictures.

The last event of Susan Still Day took place in the form of a small parade down Reynolds Street. Despite the off and on drizzle of rain, spirited watchers lined either side of Reynolds Street and cheered the few floats and marching units. By 6:30 p.m., weary participants of the day's events started to leave the downtown area after a last scramble for autographs from Ms. Still before she was driven away. Many different items throughout the day had been presented for autographs including the souvenir programs from the morning ceremony, T-shirts, various scraps of paper, runner's tags and even a sign on the harness of a guide dog.

Lt. Cmdr. Still presented a lot of items to the city of Augusta and the Augusta-Richmond County Museum that will be cherished and appreciated and viewed in the future. She also entertained Augustans with her informative and humorous speeches and chances for many photographs and autographs. Saturday may have been designated by the mayor as Susan Still Day but it turned out to be a unique thrill day for many Augustans.

The author, Lillian Wan, and the creator of the Good Luck Card, Carnell Eubanks, are members of the USS Star League, NCC-2101, R/1.

Membership Processing Update

Greetings from the office of Membership Processing!

Since late October, I have been the Vice-Chief of Computer Operations for STARFLEET. From the stately Membership Offices in Leavenworth, Kansas, we process all the application forms for STARFLEET.

Instrumental in timely processing of your applications are PJ Trotter, who tracks all the paperwork and basically keeps me organized, and Chris Rossman, who acts as relief on anything we ask — and never met a Membership application he didn't like!

I'd like to take a little but of your time to address some frequently asked questions that come my way.

One of my crewmembers sent her membership to the old PO box in Ladson, SC. Will you get it?

Yes. That box is forwarded to me. It may be delayed a week or so, but it'll make it.

Has my membership been processed yet?

While I get this question quite often, it is more appropriately directed toward Liz Woolf at the Computer Operations help desk. You can find her address on page 3 of this *Communiqué*.

Can I get someone to send myself (or my CO) e-mail when my application is processed?

Sure! Just include a note with your application and we'll be happy to send you your SCC number and expiration date when we process it.

But I don't have e-mail! Is there

any way I can find out when my membership was processed?

We are in the process of implementing a system to send out postcards upon processing of your membership. It is my hope that the system will be in place by the time you read this.

I sent in a money order with my application, and I've not heard anything back. What should I do?

First off, check with Liz Woolf to check the status of your application. It may have been processed, even though you don't have a membership packet yet. If not, then contact the money order issuer, and ask them to put a trace on your money order. There is typically a fee associated with this service. Should the trace reveal that STARFLEET has cashed your money order without renewing your membership, STARFLEET will update your membership and refund the money order trace fee.

Will my membership get there faster if I send it certified mail?

Actually, sending items certified will typically increase the processing time. The reason for this is that in order to retrieve the certified mail, I have to go to the post office. Since they have the same hours I do, that typically means going on a Saturday. Many people send their mail certified, and they are welcome to do so; however they should take care to give it adequate lead-time to arrive.

Captain Greg Trotter

Vice-Chief of Computer Operations, Membership Services
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This issue was late going to press. As I expect, you have probably been late in receiving it. I wanted to take a moment to clarify that my staff, and this administration had nothing to do with this. I became very busy through the holidays, and this was the unfortunate result.

Captain Britt Sloan, Vice Chief of Communications

Chapter Summaries

| (n/r = no report) | |
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| Region One | |
| USS ALACRITY NCC-1881 City of Charter: Memphis, TN n/r | USS CHARLESTON NCC-71813 City of Charter: Charleston, SC n/r |
| USS ALARIC NCC-503 City of Charter: Asheville, NC Activities: Stargazing and Computer gaming room at Karmacon. | USS CHESAPEAKE NCC-1887 City of Charter: Richmond, VA n/r |
| USS APPALACHIAN NCC-3181-A City of Charter: Fall Branch, TN n/r | USS COLUMBIA NCC-73621 City of Charter: Wooster, OH n/r |
| USS ARIZONA NCC-71839 City of Charter: Canton, OH Activities: Held a mini-auction for charity. Held a shuttle rally competing against the local Klingon vessel. Held a Halloween party. Attended a con and are holding a raffle. | USS COLUMBUS NCC-2006 City of Charter: Columbus, OH n/r |
| USS ATHENA NCC-51896 City of Charter: Reston, VA Activities: Heavy work with the MDA activity center. Collected clothes for foster children. Toured Goddard space center. Sent delegation to Farpoint. Attended a Halloween party. Holding a charity raffle. And the Captain was kidnapped and held for ransom, the money going to a good cause. | USS CONSTELLATION NCC-1728 City of Charter: Paducah, KY n/r |
| USS BENNU NCC-74657 City of Charter: Gatlinburg, TN Activities: Participated in a movie marathon for the Boys and Girls club, joined the USS Tristar in WalkAmerica's March against Diabetes. Provided Security along with the USS TriStar at Tenn-Conn. Participated with TriStar in Knoxville annual Boo at the Zoo. | USS CU'CHULAINN NCC-1902-A City of Charter: Terre Haute, IN n/r |
| USS BEST DESTINY NCC-71828 City of Charter: Lexington, KY n/r | USS DARK STAR NCC-61801 City of Charter: Asheboro, NC Activities: Planing on Fall Festival in October and maybe a Road trip to Beach later on next month |
| USS BONAVENTURE NCC-102-A City of Charter: Greensboro, NC n/r | USS DILEMMA NCC-1541 City of Charter: Harrisonburg, VA n/r |
| USS CAPE FEAR NCC-61810 City of Charter: Winnabow, NC n/r | USS GALACTICA NCC-31093 City of Charter: London, KY n/r |
| USS CARSON NCC-0592-A Correspondence Chapter n/r | USS GEMINI DREAM NCC-64739 Correspondence Chapter Activities: The RPG group has been increasing in activity. |
| | USS HAWKEYE NCC-4950 City of Charter: Winston-Salem, NC Activities: Went to an air show, sent a delegation to Farpoint, and had general meetings. Also had a Halloween party and a Winter Walk. |
| | USS HEIMDAL NCC-1793 City of Charter: Madison Heights, VA n/r |
| | USS HORNET NCC-1714-D City of Charter: Charlotte, NC Activities: Held a DS9 premiere party. Monthly meeting and Blood Drive. Had a "night out" at a local restaurant, and saw Ray Bradbury speak at Spirit Square. |
| | USS IMPERIAL STAR NCC-2551 City of Charter: Cary, NC n/r |
| | USS JAMESTOWN NCC-1843-D City of Charter: Newport News, VA Activities: Held the 15th anniversary party. Gave out the annual ship's awards. |
| | USS JURASSIC NCC-3500 Correspondence Chapter n/r |
| | USS KHITOMER NCC-61812 City of Charter: Evansville, IN n/r |
| | USS KITTY HAWK NCC-1659 City of Charter: Raleigh, NC n/r |
| | USS LAGRANGE NCC-3916 City of Charter: Cuyahoga Falls, OH n/r |
| | USS LECONTE NCC-61858 City of Charter: Gatlinburg, TN n/r |
| | STATION LEWIS B. PULLER SFR-123 City of Charter: Summerville, SC Activities: Attended a local con, planning an Italian night at a meeting. Also attended Farpoint '97. |
| | USS MAAT NCC-1794-A City of Charter: Virginia Beach, VA n/r |
| | USS MARK TWAIN NCC-23106 City of Charter: Memphis, TN n/r |
| | USS NIGHTHAWK NCC-2301 City of Charter: Richmond, VA n/r |
| | STATION NIKOLA TESLA NCC-SS005 City of Charter: Murray, KY n/r |
| | USS PHANTOM NCC-72215 City of Charter: Pilot Mountain, NC n/r |
| | USS POWHATAN NCC-1967 City of Charter: Chesapeake, VA n/r |
| | USS PROVIDENCE NCC-71796 City of Charter: Jackson, TN Activities: Held the normal information and news-sharing meeting. |
| | USS QUESTAR NCC-435 City of Charter: Louisville, KY n/r |
| | USS RENEGADE NCC-2547 City of Charter: Youngstown, OH n/r |
| | USS RICHMOND NCC-2003 City of Charter: Covington, VA n/r |
| | USS RONALD E. MCNAIR NCC-61809 City of Charter: Columbia SC Activities: Manned the phones at the MDA telethon, had a paint ball tournament, a Halloween party and general meetings. |
| | USS RUTLEDGE NCC-57295-A City of Charter: Ladson, SC Activities: Held the "Rutledge family reunion". Participated in the Walktoberfest for diabetes. Held a meeting / birthday party celebration, and celebrated their second commissioning anniversary. |
| | USS STAR LEAGUE NCC-2101 City of Charter: N. Augusta SC n/r |
| | USS STARWARD FURY NCC-2122 City of Charter: Fayetteville, NC n/r |
| | USS STONEWALL JACKSON NCC-71814 City of Charter: Concord, NC Activities: Planning a May convention. |
| | USS TRISTAR NCC-71829 City of Charter: Knoxville, TN n/r |
| | USS TYCHO NCC-59325 City of Charter: Fremont, OH Activities: Held annual Captain's dinner. Held a Star Trek: First Contact video viewing. Looking into helping PBS membership drive, and volunteering at the American Cancer Society's gift wrapping booth. |
| | USS WASP NCC-1721 City of Charter: Bristol, VA n/r |
| | USS WEST VIRGINIA NCC-2008 City of Charter: Charleston, WV n/r |
| | USS WHITE EAGLE NCC-2302 City of Charter: Jacksonville, NC n/r |

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| USS YEAGER NCC-61893 City of Charter: Bluefield, WV n/r | USS KHAI TAM NCC-81000 City of Charter: Tallahassee, FL n/r | USS ASLAN NCC-8491 City of Charter: Ft. Worth, TX n/r | USS RHYANNA NCC-1892 City of Charter: Austin, TX n/r |
| USS YORKTOWN NCC-1704-A City of Charter: York, SC Activities: Attended a Ray Bradbury appearance. Movie day for the opening of “Starship Troopers”. | USS MACLEOD NCC-10524-A City of Charter: Ellenwood, GA n/r | USS AURORA VULCANUS NCC-1888 Correspondence Chapter n/r | USS SAGITTARIUS NCC-9755 City of Charter: Garland, TX n/r |
| REGION TWO | USS ODYSSEY NCC-454-A City of Charter: Hattiesburg, MS n/r | USS BEXAR NCC-71718 City of Charter: San Antonio n/r | USS TEJAS NCC-9756 City of Charter: Vernon, TX n/r |
| USS BLACKSTAR NCC-75003 City of Charter: Miami, FL n/r | USS OKATOMA NCC-74695 City of Charter: Collins, MS n/r | USS BRAVEHEART NCC-51002 City of Charter: Arlington, TX n/r | USS TROUNCER NCC-2553 City of Charter: Texarkana, TX n/r |
| USS CHUNG FU NCC-61808 City of Charter: Pensacola, FL Activities: Continued reading at Books-A-Million. Planning a holiday party. | USS PAEGAN NCC-1755 City of Charter: Orlando, FL n/r | USS BRISSANY NCC-1904-A City of Charter: Bossier City, LA n/r | USS VICTORY NCC-9754 City of Charter: San Antonio, TX n/r |
| USS CONTINUUM NCC-71821 City of Charter: Pensacola, FL n/r | USS REPUBLIC NCC-1371 City of Charter: Atlanta, GA Activities: Attended Vulkan and worked STARFLEET table. Attended birthday party for the CO of the MacLeod. Held a trip to Disney world, despite torrential rains. Attended the Stone Mountain Highland Games. | SPACE STATION CAMELOT SFR-303 City of Charter: Austin, TX n/r | REGION FOUR |
| DARK SILENCE STATION NCC-SS007 City of Charter: Florence, AL n/r | USS ROGUE PHOENIX NCC-75005 City of Charter: Savannah, GA n/r | USS COMANCHE NCC-71809 City of Charter: Fort Worth, TX n/r | CASCADE STATION NCC-SS003 City of Charter: Redding, CA Activities: Hosted the R4 conference. Held a video trivia competition. Held a Halloween “No Starfleet uniforms” party. Hosting a gift exchange. |
| USS DAVINCI NCC-74671 City of Charter: Columbus, GA n/r | USS SAVANNAH NCC-1894-A City of Charter: Guyton, GA n/r | USS ESSEX NCC-1727 City of Charter: Dallas, TX n/r | USS CONSTAR NCC-71827 City of Charter: Visalia, CA n/r |
| USS EXCALIBUR NCC-1705 City of Charter: Jacksonville, FL n/r | USS STAR QUEST NCC-71804 City of Charter: Naples n/r | SPACE STATION FREEDOM III NCC-SS001 Correspondence Chapter n/r | USS EAGLE NCC-1719 City of Charter: Fremont, CA n/r |
| USS GUARDIAN NCC-26244 City of Charter: Cape Canaveral, FL Activities: Held a recruiting drive and a DS9 premier party. Planning a Halloween Party. | USS STAR UNION NCC-2112 City of Charter: Montgomery, AL n/r | USS INFINITY NCC-651 City of Charter: Waco, TX n/r | USS HIGHROLLER NCC-23104 City of Charter: Reno NV n/r |
| USS HAISE NCC-74664 City of Charter: Jackson, MS n/r | USS TRIDENT NCC-74692 City of Charter: Stuart, FL n/r | USS INTANGIBLE NCC-65421 City of Charter: College Station, TX n/r | K’EHLEYR STATION NCC-SS009 City of Charter: Las Vegas, NV n/r |
| USS HAWKING NCC-24162 City of Charter: Lake Worth, FL n/r | USS TRIUMPH NCC-26228 City of Charter: Fort Lauderdale, FL n/r | USS JOAN OF ARC NCC-10522 City of Charter: Corpus Christi, TX n/r | USS MATRIX NCC-2296 Internet Correspondence Chapter n/r |
| USS HEPHAESTUS NCC-2004 City of Charter: Birmingham, AL n/r | USS WERNHER VON BRAUN NCC-72069 City of Charter: Huntsville, AL n/r | USS KEPLER NCC-59324 City of Charter: Killeen, TX Activities: Had a general meeting and election, a night out, and participated in the R3 Olympics. | USS MIRIMAR NCC-2210 City of Charter: San Diego, CA n/r |
| USS INDESTRUCTABLE NCC-2017 City of Charter: Warner Robbins, GA n/r | USS YAMATO NCC-71807 City of Charter: Pinson, AL n/r | USS PALO DURO NCC-61914 City of Charter: Amarillo, TX n/r | USS MUAD’DIB NCC-74988 City of Charter: Suisun, CA n/r |
| USS JOLLY ROGER NCC-74665 City of Charter: Marietta, GA n/r | REGION THREE | USS QUANAH PARKER NCC-73628 City of Charter: Lubbock, TX n/r | USS NORTHERN LIGHTS NCC-27001 City of Charter: San Jose, CA Activities: Held a video party, a Barbecue, a newsletter party and model rocketry and stargazing event. Held a Halloween party. |

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| <p>USS OBERON NCC-71820 City of Charter: Citrus Heights, CA n/r</p> | <p>food drive for one of the local food banks. Preparing for a Special Star Trek Day at a new Mall Opening. Have just implemented our Turkey Drive for Pend O'Reille county. Starting Region 5 cookbook.</p> |
| <p>USS ONIZUKA NCC-71815 City of Charter: Chico, CA n/r</p> | |
| <p>USS PEACEKEEPER NCC-73200 City of Charter: Visalia, CA Activities: Participated in an event to raise money for a local boys heart surgery. Had a meeting and attended the Region 4 conference. Held a poker night.</p> | <p>USS SOLAR FLARE NCC-71885 City of Charter: Boise, ID Activities: Worked on festival of trees, to benefit the hospital.</p> |
| <p>USS SIMONOV NCC-2002 City of Charter: Fairfield, CA Activities: Attended the R4 conference. Held a Halloween and shuttle launch party. Working for Toys for Tots. Planning a caroling trip to a local hospital. Preparations begun on holding on-line meetings.</p> | <p>USS STARCHASER NCC-71801 City of Charter: Seattle, WA Activities: Held annual picnic, planning Halloween & Christmas parties. Plan to attend local cons.</p> |
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| <p>USS TIKOPAI NCC-1800 City of Charter: San Jose, CA n/r</p> | <p>USS ALAM‘AK NCC-1796 City of Charter: Cottonwood, MN n/r</p> |
| <hr/> REGION FIVE <hr/> | |
| <p>USS CONSTITUTION NCC-1700 Correspondence Chapter n/r</p> | <p>USS CZAR‘AK NCC-1798-A City of Charter: Minneapolis, MN Activities: Crew members raised \$257 for the American Diabetes Association by participating in Walktoberfest. Attended the Region 6 Conference at ValleyCon 22 in Fargo. Volunteered at Zoo Boo, a safe trick-or-treat fundraiser for ComoZoo. Held a Halloween party.</p> |
| <p>USS CRUSADER NCC-74711 City of Charter: Spokane, WA n/r</p> | <p>USS IMPERIUM NCC-2125 City of Charter: Fargo, ND Activities: Did work for the R6 conference held at Valleycon, and hosted the Region 6 conference there. Hosted a hospitality suite, the proceeds of which went to flood relief.</p> |
| <p>USS DANIEL SOULE NCC-1810 City of Charter: Kent, WA n/r</p> | <p>USS FARRAGUT NCC-1702-A City of Charter: Sartell, MN n/r</p> |
| <p>USS DESTINY NCC-97301 City of Charter: Salem, OR n/r</p> | <p>USS THUNDERCHILD NCC-3122 City of Charter: Rapid City, SD n/r</p> |
| <hr/> REGION SEVEN <hr/> | |
| <p>SPACE STATION NEXUS NCC-DS021 On-line Correspondence Chapter n/r</p> | <p>USS ACCORD NCC-1842 City of Charter: Ithaca, NY Activities: Published two new pieces of fiction. Launched Marine strike group: the 771st. Held the 8th annual Watkins Glen hike. Participated in the opening of the Sagan Planet Walk.</p> |
| <p>USS PENDRAGON NCC-2005 City of Charter: Bellevue, WA Activities: Had meetings and held a garage sale. Also held a pizza creations party/meeting.</p> | <p>USS ADAMANT NCC-3029 City of Charter: Valley Forge, PA Activities: Sent delegation to regional hike. Attended a haunted hayride.</p> |
| <p>USS RUBICON NCC-71816 City of Charter: Richland, WA n/r</p> | <p>USS ALBANY NCC-587 City of Charter: Guilderland, NY n/r</p> |
| | <p>USS ALPHA CENTAURI NCC-71812 City of Charter: Washington, DC n/r</p> |
| | <p>USS ARI NCC-1723 City of Charter: Williamsville, NY n/r</p> |
| | <p>USS ASCENSION NCC-2520 City of Charter: Lehigh Valley-Allentown, PA Activities: Attended a haunted hay ride. Held an anniversary dinner.</p> |
| | <p>USS AVENGER NCC-1860 City of Charter: North Brunswick, NJ n/r</p> |
| | <p>USS BLACKHEART NCC-2327 City of Charter: Oakford, PA n/r</p> |
| | <p>USS BOUNTY, NCC-8494 Correspondence Chapter Activities: Beginning to organize to STARFLEET based calendars. Fictional works are proceeding forward. Planning a holiday party with USS Avenger. Heavily recruiting at cons.</p> |
| | <p>USS BRIZA NCC-26518 City of Charter: Cinnaminson, NJ n/r</p> |
| | <p>USS CHALLENGER NCC-1676-D City of Charter: Dover Township n/r</p> |
| | <p>USS DAUNTLESS NCC-74668 City of Charter: Westminster, MD Activities: Held monthly meeting and combined it with a Laser Tag game. Also attended Farpoint. A car wash fundraiser was rained out. Sent a delegation to Highlander Halloween party.</p> |
| | <p>USS HAZARD NCC-91813 City of Charter: Ene, PA n/r</p> |
| | <p>USS HIGHLANDER NCC-10530 City of Charter: Fredrick, MD n/r</p> |
| | <p>USS IDIC NCC-71811 City of Charter: Washington, DC n/r</p> |
| | <p>USS JUSTICE NCC-556 City of Charter: Florham Park, NJ n/r</p> |
| | <p>USS LEXINGTON NCC-1703-C City of Charter: West New York, NJ n/r</p> |
| | <p>USS LONE WOLF NCC-72214 City of Charter: Ocean City n/r</p> |
| | <p>USS MALVERNE NCC-2205 City of Charter: Upper Darby, PA n/r</p> |
| | <p>USS NEW HORIZONS NCC-71676 City of Charter: Dexter, NY Activities: Planning a Halloween trip and party. Beginning to plan 1998 R7 camporee.</p> |
| | <p>USS NORTHSTAR NCC-10462 City of Charter: New York, NY n/r</p> |
| | <p>USS POTEMKIN NCC-1771 City of Charter: Pittsburgh, PA n/r</p> |
| | <p>USS PREVAILING WIND NCC-74667 City of Charter: Harrisburg, PA n/r</p> |
| | <p>USS SOVEREIGN NCC-75000 City of Charter: Philadelphia, PA n/r</p> |
| | <p>USS TEMPERANCE NCC-2582 City of Charter: Brooklyn, NY n/r</p> |
| | <p>USS THAGARD NCC-652 City of Charter: Philadelphia, PA n/r</p> |
| | <p>USS THOR NCC-2549 City of Charter: Parkton, MD n/r</p> |
| | <p>USS TRANSCENDENCE NCC-74677 City of Charter: Lindewold, NJ n/r</p> |
| | <p>USS TRITON NCC-71819 City of Charter: Glen Burnie, MD n/r</p> |
| | <p>USS WOLF NCC-3921 City of Charter: Hermitage, PA n/r</p> |
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| USS EUROPE NCC-1792 City of Charter: Tuebingen, Germany n/r | | USS BRADBURY NCC-72307 City of Charter: St. Charles, IL n/r | the Alliance. The usual paint ball is being held each month. Attended a Halloween party. Invitations have started being sent out for their 5th anniversary celebration. | |
| REGION 10 | | USS BROADSWORD NCC-73288 City of Charter: Jefferson City Activities: Attended and Participated in USS Phoenix panel discussion. Attended the opening of Starship Troopers. | USS MIRAGE NCC-72213 City of Charter: Midwest City n/r | USS RANGER NCC-2206 City of Charter: Oklahoma City Activities: Command staff visited Mexico, snorkeled, hiked in the jungle, visited ancient ruins. Attended a sector command meeting. |
| USS ASTRA NCC-77210 City of Charter: Calgary, AB n/r | | USS COCHRANE NCC-74525 City of Charter: Maumelle, AR Activities: Planning to help in local events, planning Christmas dinner and laser tag party. | USS MORNING STAR NCC-4126 City of Charter: Lawton, OK n/r | USS SHILOH NCC-74683 City of Charter: Rockford, IL n/r |
| USS CRYSTAL STAR NCC-1160 City of Charter: Eagle River, AK n/r | | USS CONCORD NCC-1989-D City of Charter: Oklahoma City n/r | USS MYSTIQUE NCC-58929 City of Charter: Russellville, AR Activities: Cleaned their mile of highway, collected Best Choice UPCs for a local 4-H club | USS STAR EMPIRE NCC-2116 City of Charter: Norman, OK n/r |
| USS MAJESTIC NCC-61804 City of Charter: Victoria, BC n/r | | USS CYDONIA NCC-74687 City of Charter: St. Louis, MO Activities: Assisting with Salvation Army Bell-ringing. Recruited at the opening of Starship Troopers. Assisted with security at a local con. | USS NIGHTSHADE NCC-10529 City of Charter: Lawton, OK n/r | USS STARGAZER NCC-2893 City of Charter: Kansas City n/r |
| USS ROBERTA BONDAR NCC-74669 City of Charter: Nanimo, BC n/r | | USS DISCOVERY NCC-1308 City of Charter: St. Louis, MO n/r | USS NIMITZ NCC-74680 City of Charter: Oklahoma City, OK Activities: Attended USS Nomad anniversary party. Had anime night. Planning to assist restoring the homes of the elderly. | USS STELLAR WIND NCC-40513 Correspondence Chapter n/r |
| USS SOL NCC-1733 City of Charter: Fairbanks, AK n/r | | USS EMPRESS NCC-15025-A City of Charter: Sterling Heights n/r | USS NOMAD NCC-78500 City of Charter: Leavenworth Activities: Crew held Nomad’s 5th Anniversary Bash, with about 70 attendees. Crew hosted 1st annual Region 12 Fall Conference/Youth Fair. | USS SUNFLOWER NCC-74679 City of Charter: Augusta, KS n/r |
| REGION 11 | | USS GRYPHON NCC-74661 City of Charter: Kalamazoo n/r | USS OKLAHOMA NCC-23137-A City of Charter: Oklahoma City n/r | USS TRAVELER NCC-3145 City of Charter: Emporia, KS Activities: Had a Rocky Horror Picture show night at the general meeting. Attended the Nomad anniversary. Held a “take it easy” party. Held a Watch-a-thon. Recruited at Starship Troopers. |
| REGION 12 | | USS HEXUM NCC-2199 City of Charter: Belleville, IL Activities: Participating in a Toys for Tots program. Promoting a letter writing campaign to ban land mines. Recruited at a con. | USS ORION NCC-61815 City of Charter: Wichita, KS Activities: The captain cooked for the crew. Attended the Nomad anniversary party. Began election procedures. The crew participated in an area clean-up. Held a garage sale, participated in a Halloween event at the local zoo. | TROUBADOUR STATION SFR-1201 City of Charter: St. Louis, MO n/r |
| USS ALLIANCE NCC-1849 City of Charter: Springdale, AR Activities: An extremely busy period. Among other items: attended cons. Went to Nomad anniversary. Held commissioning ceremony and launched the marine strike group: the 275th. | | USS HORIZON NCC-1000-B City of Charter: Columbia, MO n/r | USS PARACLETE NCC-31903 City of Charter: Siloam Springs n/r | USS UMIAK NCC-3142 City of Charter: St. Louis, MO Activities: Held a bowling party and pot luck dinner. Worked at the Jerry Lewis telethon. Attended Archon. Held a haunted yard for area children and plans are being made for 6th anniversary party. |
| USS ANTONIO MARIA VALSALVA NCC-4101 Correspondence Chapter n/r | | USS JEANNETTE MADDOX NCC-14514 City of Charter: Wichita, KS n/r | USS PHOENIX NCC-2155 City of Charter: Columbia, MO Activities: Had a regular meaning with panel discussion on organized fandom. Had a Star Trek: The Customizable Card game tournament. Visited the Shuttle Atlas to watch the DS9 premiere. Attended Region 12 Fall Conference. | USS URSUS NCC-2011 City of Charter: Springfield, IL Activities: Had a general meeting and an Anniversary party. Preparations for ChamBanaCon Security Detachment. |
| USS ARCHANGEL NCC-2294 City of Charter: Gentry, AR n/r | | USS KRAZNY OKTYABR NCC-23102 City of Charter: Shawnee, KS n/r | USS QUO VADIS NCC-74681 City of Charter: Belle Vista, AR Activities: Had a general meeting and | USS VALKYRIE NCC-2597-A City of Charter: Dearborn, MI n/r |
| USS ARLINGTON NCC-2375 Correspondence Chapter n/r | | USS MARKO RAMIUS NCC-23103 City of Charter: Fayetteville, AR Activities: Attended the Nomad’s Fifth Anniversary, along with the launch of | | USS WHITESTAR NCC-71012 |
| USS BATTLESTAR NCC-23110-A City of Charter: Fort Smith, AR Activities: Answered phones for MDA Telethon. Attended Fort Smith Air show. Making plans for blood drive. | | | | |

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| City of Charter: Port Huron, MI n/r | City of Charter: Colorado Springs n/r | which is great for you. However, the summaries that go into the Communiqué have to be brief- there is simply not room to report all the details on every ship in Fleet. Therefore, I may have to heavily cut your report. That said, I want to encourage anyone to contact me with suggestions or complaints about these activity summaries. If you think something should be included, or if you think I made a mistake with your chapter, please, contact me so that I do not make that mistake again. These summaries will evolve as I receive feedback- and hopefully I will consistently improve them. So, please, if you have any concerns regarding these summaries, contact me at jccohen@geocities.com and I will see what can be done. Thank you. Lt. Commander J.C. Cohen Staff Assistant, Chapter Summaries | <h1>Annual Newsletter Awards</h1> <h2>OUTSTANDING COVER</h2> <p>Winner: <i>The Short Circuit</i> USS Maat Region One</p> <p>Honorable Mention: <i>Infinite Wisdom</i> USS Infinity Region Three</p> <h2>OUTSTANDING GRAPHICS</h2> <p>Winner: <i>The Arrow of the Centaur</i> USS Sagitarius Region Three</p> <p>Honorable Mention: <i>The Short Circuit</i> USS Maat Region Three</p> <h2>OUTSTANDING PRESENTATION</h2> <p>Winner: <i>The Manifest</i> USS Destiny Region Five</p> <p>Honorable Mention: <i>The Short Circuit</i> USS Maat Region One</p> <h2>MOST INFORMATIVE</h2> <p>Winner: <i>Carolina Communicator</i> USS Alaric Region One</p> <p>Honorable Mention: <i>The Shunt Squirt</i> USS Thagard Region Seven</p> <h2>NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR</h2> <p><i>The Short Circuit</i> USS Maat Region One</p> |
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| USS ATLANTIS NCC-71803 City of Charter: South Eaton, MA n/r | REGION 21 | | |
| USS BEAN SIDHE NCC-9186 City of Charter: Boston, MA n/r | USS BELGICA NCC-72301 City of Charter: Gent (Belgium) n/r | | |
| USS BOSTON NCC-74482 City of Charter: Lowell, MA Activities: Held Trek Chats on AOL for WLVI-tv ch 56. Attended United Fan Con. n/r | This issue brings the chapter activity summaries back to the Communiqué. Basically, what I do is take the “Activities” section of the MSR (Monthly Status Report) and condense it down to one or two sentences, or at most a short paragraph. This allows members of STARFLEET vessels around the world to read, in brief, what all the other ships and fellow members are doing. However, since this is my first time out, so to speak, I would just like to note a few things. The first thing is that an “n/r” after any ships name and city of charter denotes “No Report”. This does necessarily mean that the ship did not send in an MSR. It means that for whatever reason, I did not receive activity information. This could be because an MSR was not received, or whoever sent the MSR decided not to send one to me, or that the activities section was left blank. Many ships that use the United States Postal Service seem to not be sending me MSRs, and that’s fine, but understand that unless I receive an MSR I can not possibly fill out your activities section. MSRs sent through email can easily be cc’ed to me at jccohen@geocities.com and when you use the Web page to fill out an MSR it will automatically be cc’ed to me. The second thing to note is that the summaries are exactly that: summaries. Many ships fill out paragraphs of information in the activities section, and that’s great! In fact, I encourage it, it gives me more to work with; and of course it means your ship is busy | | |
| USS ENDEAVOR NCC-1716 City of Charter: Ledyard, CT n/r | | | |
| USS EQUINOX NCC-584 City of Charter: Winslow, ME Activities: Collecting cereal box tops to benefit local schools. Walking in Walkathon. Making calls for the American Red Cross. Held quarterly phone calling for the local hospital/Red Cross blood drive. Involved in the national “Make A Difference Day” - got together to clean and rake our town’s park. Collecting stuffed animals and toys for the children of homeless families. | | | |
| USS HOOD NCC-1707 City of Charter: Nashua, NH n/r | | | |
| USS O’BANNON NCC-5372 City of Charter: Sanford, ME n/r | | | |
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| USS ALIOTH NCC-71832 City of Charter: Orem/Provo, UT n/r | | | |
| USS MIR NCC-73281 City of Charter: Las Cruces, NM Activities: Held a Halloween Party | | | |
| USS WIND SPIRIT NCC-14110 | | | |

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Taking on the World...and More

Greetings from the Shuttle ATLAS, in St. Louis, Missouri. My name is Mike Wilkerson and I am its Commanding Officer. First to the crew of the COCHRANE: I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to you all for allowing us to be taken in under "your wing" as one of your offspring, your "children", a shuttle of the chapter named after the man that "created" one of the most important influences on the TREK genre.

First a little about our little band of merry folks. The ATLAS is comprised of (at this writing) 15 incredibly excited STAR TREK Fans that are intent on making the very best, positive, and fulfilling environment for everyone that joins, mingles with, or associates themselves with our chapter. While its true that we are a young shuttle, the collective experiences that the crew of the ATLAS have lay a perfect foundation for our chapter to build, learn, and grow from.

The majority of us (12 to be specific...) came from another local chapter in the area, the USS UMIK, that had a proud tradition of serving the public, fraternizing with the local Fan organizations, and helping out various charities in the immediate area. It was ultimately decided upon that we would Launch for various reasons. The ship we ultimately selected to launch from, was the COCHRANE.

Selecting what our chapter would be named was one of our first, most important, and arduous tasks. Originally, we wanted to be known as the Shuttle OKUDA, in honorarium to the Artistic Scenic Guru on STAR TREK, Michael Okuda, but we found that the current STARFLEET regulations in regard to name selction would not allow it. Nonetheless we contacted Mike Okuda (via Email) and found that while he was honored and knew of the proud tradition of STARFLEET and other Fan organizations, that he would prefer it if we used one of the names he supplied. While we started with more than 20 names (both from Mike and what our crew had suggested), we finally narrowed it down to two names that we would name our chapter.

We were THIS close to being the Shuttle SAGAN, in honorarium of the famed Astronomer, Carl Sagan who had passed just earlier this year. While It would have been an honor to represent him with our shuttles efforts in this area of the US, we ultimately decided that a more "worldly view" would be appropriate. In addition to the "global attention" we also thought that being a different class of shuttle would be appropriate to our situation as well. After doing some searching we decided to utilize the Peregrine Class Personnel Transport. For those that are unfamiliar, it is the ship that Chakotay commanded in the very first VOYAGER Episode. We chose it for several reasons. For one, it held more people, up to fifty, we were starting with 12 (instead of the traditional five), and it has a real personality. So much so in fact that many have thought of just keeping the ship class for a longer period of time! In anycase, The Shuttle ATLAS launched on June 22nd, 1997, at Dick Clark's AMERICAN BANDSTAND Bar & Grill in Bridgeton, Missouri. (cue Emotional Theme music...)

"So since launching, what has your chapter DONE, Mike?" you might ask... It would be easier to say "alot", however it wouldn't do justice to my crews hard work and enthusiasm to say just that. Let me expound a little...

In just this last two months the ATLAS has compiled, tweaked and generated a Complete Constitution. It gives the power of the chapter back to the collective membership, and allows more real-world interaction within her ranks, as opposed to one person (normally the CO, or on some cases the "Command Staff Advisor") being the end-all say-all of a chapter. We have also compiled in tandem with the Constitution the first section of our Technical Manual, which describes departmental duties in detail. That is something else that STARFLEET chapters have not had the benefit of having.

Like Peter Parker said (for hose of you that are Spiderman Fans...) "with great power come s great responsibility..." I don't think that anyone can deny that taking on a Department Head position IS and should be a responsibility. We have succeeded in making those responsibilities CLEAR, which makes the person taking on the duties of a Department Head feel more focused, and satisfied that they are doing what they want to do. It's incredibly satisfying to know what you need to do, when you need to do it, and how people like it done when you volunteer for something. It's not unlike a framework to build on.

We also have been able to have constant activity during the last two months.



The Party was held at Dick Clark's AMERICAN BANDSTAND Bar & Grill. The people shown are: (From bottom Left to Right...)

Renee' White (Treasurer), Brian Young (Asst Chief of OPS)
Gloria Wilkerson (crewmember), Mike Wilkerson (Commanding Officer)
Albert Bjorge (Visitor), Verdalee Bjorge (Visitor), Robert DeVoe ((Executive Officer)
Warren Gibbs (Crewmember), Eric Bigman (Visitor), (BACK ROW from L)
Larry Middleton (Cremember), Walter Otten (Visitor), Jack Bayer (Crewmember)
Dee Bayer (Crewmember), Kris Harah (Chief of Communications)
Joyce Schowengerdt (Crewmember), Kip Lewis (Crewmember)

Activities have included Fundraisers, Network Gaming Away Missions, Movie Premiers, Convention visits (where we took pictures of Tony SLEEPING... :)), Crew Birthday Celebrations, Away Missions with existing chapters in the AREA, and our current crowning achievement... Being one of the key chapters for the 1998 REGION 12 SUMMIT to be held in our HOMETOWN!

That's right! The 1998 Summit, enthusiastically called "The Summit on the Edge of Forever" will be held in the Gateway city of St. Louis, Missouri on April 24, 25 and 26th. The event will feature NETWORK GAMING action from the Shuttle ATLAS in conjunction with its Official Network Gaming Center, the Epicenter, bringing the fast and furious gaming action of QUAKE, WARCRAFT, and the NEW STARFLEET Academy Battle Simulator to the already fun-packed Summit to help round out your Summit-experience. It promise to be a WILD Extravaganza of fun and what is being hailed as a "True Show", so get your registration sent in today (see the enclosed form for details and pricing, or access <http://members.aol.com/moonhawkad/summit/index.htm> via the WWW...).

Of course, the most significant event at Summit will be the commissioning of the USS ATLAS, NCC-75013, an achievement that all of us look forward to. And that tells you a little about the Shuttle ATLAS. For those that are looking for MORE specific information, please feel free to visit the Shuttle ATLAS WWWsite at: <http://www.cptmike.com/atlas.htm> which will lead you all thru our crew roster, our Email addresses, pictures of events, and a complete CHRONOLOGY of our activities that is sure to satisfy any questions you might have about our chapter. However, should you need MORE input, or just want to say "Hi" please contact me via Email at: CPTMIKE@cptmike.com or via the telephone at: 314.770.1589 V/TTT/Fax/TTY.

Again I extend my thanks to the entire crew of the USS COCHRANE, and most notably to Proud Papa, Tony McSpadden, her Commanding Officer, for allowing the ATLAS to continue in carrying out the tradition of pride, comraderie, and FUN that STARFLEET, Region 12 and the COCHRANE provide to anyone who wished to participate.

From behind the "Electrified Pencil"...

Mike Wilkerson; Commanding Officer

Shuttle ATLAS: "We're Ready To Take On The World"