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USS Athena at Relay for Life

Lisa N. Paradis Berkenbilt, CO, USS Athena

Potomac Falls High School
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It started off innocently enough. Around early September last year, some Athena members crossed paths with someone named Kathy Reynard. She told us about a fun event called Relay for Life which raised money for the American Cancer Society. She said that she thought we would have a good time and would contact us later. Well, in January, I received an email from her the day before Athena's annual business meeting (timing is everything). The crew thought it was a good idea and Maria Hester volunteered to be the team captain.

By our February meeting, we found out there was a catch... our team would have to raise \$1000 (for a team of 10) by mid-May. That was an awful lot to ask of a ship that handles about \$1000 in a calendar year. A representative from the Relay for Life organizers came to one of our meetings and told us more about the campsites, how people have fun, and the more poignant moment such as the luminary ceremony. We decided to give it a try.

Every crew member was challenged to think of ideas to raise money. We went through our stash of science fiction goodies and found a few that would be nice prizes for fundraising challenge. That challenge was issued to all regions of the Fleet. A yard sale was organized and brought in \$100. Some of the crazies on board (me included) came up with some rather interesting auction items for the Region 1 Summit, including an Amanduck and Little Duck pair (went for over \$300) and a Mikey-Duck Smith (went for about \$40). The Dominion even kicked in some money and kidnapped some Fleet notables to raise some extra cash. In the end, we raised \$1550 for the American Cancer Society (not including luminaries

purchased by the crew). Region One won the STARFLEET challenge without any assistance from the Athena.

For the next Region 1 auction, the regional brass need to decide which item they want to auction: the Patrick Stewart autograph, the TNT special edition B5: In the Beginning framed, matted, autographed picture of Mira Furlan as Delenn, or the autographed book "To the Stars" by George Takei.



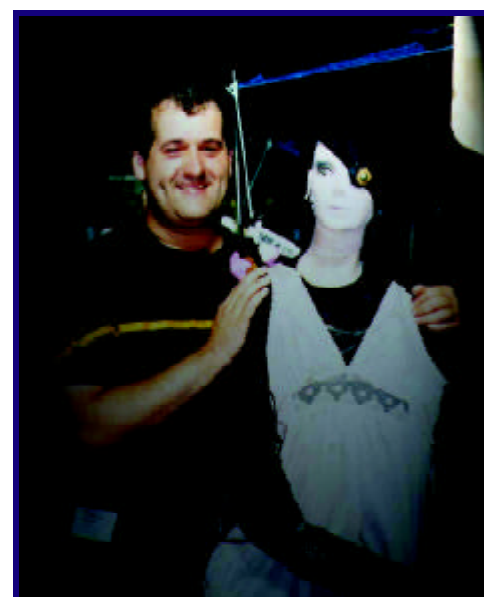
USS Athena campsite at night with our nightwear contestants: "Nikkita" the Borg Drone, Blair Learn (Dauntless), Zelda Gray, Ponch Fenwick, Marty Hester Jr., Karen Donnelly, Lisa Paradis Berkenbilt, "Elvis" Borg Drone, and Mary Hester carrying "Lohootis" of Borg (designation: one of a kind).

Raising money was only part of the work done for Relay. During a rather rainy, miserable drive back from the Region 1 Summit, Karen Donnelly and I (a.k.a. The Wondertwins) discussed ideas for the campsite. Karen presented the ideas and things flew from there. We created a unique campsite consisting of our resurrected Borg ship from First Contact, several computer monitors, a communicator archway, and two Borg drones (Elvis and Nikkita). The Borg were shown as assimilating the STARFLEET monitors, which led to the motto we emblazoned on the shoulders of our Relay shirts: Resistance is futile: Cancer will be conquered. Our campsite won second place.

It was hot day in the upper-80s and humid. Even through the night it was warm enough to wear shorts (nothing like a 3AM stroll around the track). Even with the heat and humidity, we managed to have at least one, and sometimes up to five, people on the track at all times through the Relay.

Athena members also participated in the nightwear competition, but was disqualified because we entered as a team rather than sending one of us along as an individual (hey, we entered as a collective!!). I guess that's what happens when a clown is in charge of judging.

In the end, most of the crew had less sleep than even the most party hardy get at a convention. The DJ blasted music and the field lights were on all through the night and through breakfast at 6AM. By about 8AM or so, it was time to start pulling apart the campsite, sort out stuff and get the cars, vans and trucks loaded with consoles, camping gear and props.



Emissary Blair Learn from the USS Dauntless with his evening "date" the Borg drone "Nikkita."



USS Athena entered the nightwear competition. Here is the crew pictured with the judge. L to R: Mary Hester, Blair Learn (Dauntless), Lisa Paradis Berkenbilt, "Nikkita" the Drone, clown judge, Marty Hester Jr., Karen Donnelly, Zelda Gray, and Ponch

The Relay certainly had its ups and downs, in an emotional sense. We all cheered LTJG Carole McCord when she ran the survivors lap. Several of us walked the caretakers lap, which was difficult and very emotional for those involved. The luminary ceremony was to honor those who have survived cancer and remember those who lost the battle. It really brought home how many people are affected by this disease. The entire Relay at Potomac Falls raised \$108,000 for the American Cancer Society.

The USS Athena crew the morning after the Relay. Back Row: Marty Hester St., Michael Hester, Ponch Fenwick, Marty Hester Jr., Bryan Laubenthal, Blair Learn (Dauntless), Tom Donnelly. Front Row: Maria Hester, Mary Hester, Karen Donnelly, Zelda Gray, Judy Hoff, Lisa Paradis Berkenbilt.



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FROM THE TOP

FLEET ADMIRAL MICHAEL D. SMITH, COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings, STARFLEET! Hope this issue of your international newsletter finds you enjoying the summer season.

Many, many good things have been happening around the Fleet. We've had success in securing the needed affidavit from Jeannette Maddox (even though I had to drive to her veterinary clinic in North Carolina to secure it). And we have secured the CQ materials from former Editor Britt Sloan (even though I had to drive up from Dallas the day before the Region 3 Summit with help from Jeff Salamon to secure the data disks).

The affidavit was filed with the IRS office as appropriate. Our new CQ editor Wendy Fillmore has the CQ disks, has completed Issues 85 and 86 (which all of you should have received by the time you read this), and we have timely filed our 1997 Form 990 with the IRS.

I recently had the opportunity to visit the members of Region 3 during their annual Summit, and I had an exceptional time, as always. Region 3, much like Region 1, 2, and 12, have many fine capable STARFLEET members and it's good to see the spirit and enthusiasm that they bring with them.

It makes me proud to see this spirit and energy; proud to know that the same such spirit and energy came from many STARFLEET members who have been helping to manage this fine Association of ours.

We are continuing to strive to improve the organization, and standing before our Administrations second IC, I feel that we can safely say that while things aren't perfect, that we have a damn good track record to speak of. Communication has improved dramatically, Membership processing is

functioning on a consistently high percentile; questions have been answered in timely fashions, and more.

I can't thank the members of my team and their staffs enough for the hard work and effort that they have all put in, and look forward to continuing to put into STARFLEET. We all work the many long hours that we do each week because we love this organization and we care about the members we serve.

Thanks, and see you in sixty.

SECOND THOUGHTS

ADMIRAL CHARLES FREAS, VICE COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings, fellow Fleeters. As I write this my family and I are just back from the Region III Summit in Fort Worth, Texas, where we had so much FUN!! I want to thank R.Adm. Brad Pense, the entire Region III staff, the STARFLEET Marine Corps, and all of the Region III members for putting on a great Summit. Mary and I had an absolutely great time!! We came home rejuvenated, each thinking that we needed to get out for these events much more often. I can't wait for the 4th of July and the 1998 International Conference in Lubbock! What a party that will be!!

At the Summit, I updated the members of Region III on Fleet's I.R.S. status as of May 16th. Here's what that status is as of today, May 29th. On the whole, it's very good. The failure-to-file penalty (\$3,000.00, including interest) from 1991 has been completely paid off. There was no penalty for 1993 or 1994 because the required forms were timely filed. Mike and I were successful in getting abated the

\$3,790.00 in failure-to-file penalties assessed by the I.R.S. for tax years 1995 and 1996. That means we don't have to pay that penalty; collection of those fines has been waived. The 1997 Form 990, which the law required us to file by May 15th, was filed on May 13, 1998—two days early.

That leaves only the 1992 failure-to-file penalty of \$5,000 plus interest thereon at 10% per year. We're still paying that off at \$600.00 per month or more, for those months in which we can afford to pay more. To avoid interest the final payment will be made early, around September of 1998. However, on May 1, 1998, I filed a request for abatement of the remaining 1992 failure-to-file penalties and for a full refund plus interest of all 1991 and 1992 sums paid to date. I thought we had a reasonable chance to accomplish that. I still think we have a chance, but not as good as I had initially hoped. The case worker in the I.R.S. Exempt Organizations office who

handled our 95/96 abatement request is not handling our 91/92 request, so we can no longer be sure about what that office will recommend.

On a completely different subject, we now have in circulation a total of \$309 in the new \$1 Fleetwide vouchers and \$295 in the new \$5 Fleetwide vouchers. Vouchers have been sent to Regions 3, 7, 11, 12, and to various other localities overseas. Despite long-running computer difficulties, I now have in stock a large supply of both \$1 and \$5 vouchers. So, if anyone needs any, order on! The address to order Fleetwide vouchers from is still: Chuck Freas, Vice Commander, STARFLEET, P.O. Box 8942, Amarillo, Texas 79114-8942.

I do need to announce a slight modification of Fleetwide voucher ordering policies. In the past few months I have received several orders with missing or insufficient postage. Up to now, I have just paid for the required postage my

self. However, from now on if any voucher order is sent in with missing or insufficient postage, I will deduct from that voucher order the amount of postage needed to mail your vouchers back to you, rounded off to the nearest whole dollar. So, please, send in the correct postage on your self-addressed, stamped, return envelope. And remember that twenty-four vouchers (of either denomination) weighs one ounce, and cost thirty-two cents (for the first ounce) and/or twenty-three cents (for the second and all subsequent ounces) to mail domestically.

Finally, I want to wrap this up by thanking each and every Headquarter's Staff member and you, the loyal members of the Fleet, for standing by and helping this great organization during its darkest days. Now that we see that brightly shining light at the end of this Administration's first term, the honor of standing in that light truly belongs not to Mike or I, but to each and every one of you.

CompOps

Jesse Smith, Chief, Computer Operations, Starfleet

Greetings Starfleet!

Summer is upon us! During the next few months, many of the staff will be involved in moving, vacations and assorted summer happenings, but fear not, your membership will be processed in an expedient manner! My Vice Chief, Greg Trotter, is in the midst of moving and should be settling in his new place by the time you receive the CQ but since it's a move across town, the membership PO box will remain the same. Shortly before he finishes moving, I'll be sailing off to Alaska on a long needed vacation, after which I will meet up with him and a few others at a little gathering known as the International Conference! While I'm away, Greg will take charge of CompOps and hopefully no one will even miss me.

We realize that many others in this hemisphere will be using the summer months to take vacations and enjoy the warm weather so I want to remind you to double check your expiration date so your

membership doesn't lapse while your out enjoying yourself. Don't worry about renewing early, we're set up so that you can renew as early in advance as you want.

Speaking of renewals, I wanted to remind everyone that CompOps has a Help Desk, which you should contact with all your questions, concerns, and problems. Our Staff Coordinator, Liz Woolf (contact info in front of CQ), should be your first contact for everything with in the department, except roster request (although she will forward those to the right person if they find their way to her). Her top priority is to make sure that your membership problems are taken care of in a fast, efficient manner and will usually respond within a week of receiving your request. Please keep in mind that Liz receives a large volume of mail in addition to yours and give her at least a week before repeating a request. Many of the problems that she receives require her to check with other members of the staff or to forward your

message on to someone who has your answer. We will try to make sure that you know that your message was received and keep you informed of what's happening with your query.

We are maintaining a turn around of less than eight weeks so if you have not received your membership materials within eight to ten weeks after dropping it in the mail, please contact Liz. There is no need to wait for months on end wondering if we've received your application and if your packet will ever come. Unfortunately, mistakes happen and memberships get lost. If this happens to you, we will be happy to send you another packet, provided your renewal is listed in our database. If it isn't, Liz will request a copy of the canceled check or money order or verification of the credit transaction. Once that is received, she will update your renewal and get a packet sent out to you.

As you may have heard, CompOps is making an effort to get the Starfleet Database on line in a

limited capacity so regions and chapters can obtain rosters, members can check their status and that we can begin accepting application on-line. As the first step in this effort, we've set up a web page at: <http://www.sfi.org/compops/database/> where members may check on their renewal status. To ensure your privacy, no address, e-mail or phone number information is available, only your chapter and expiration date. Please keep in mind that this information will run 2-3 weeks behind the database in which Greg enters membership renewals. If you encounter any problems with this page or have suggestions for improvement, please contact the CompOps webmaster, Blair Learn at blair1@erols.com.

Well, that's it from here, see you in two!

Jesse

OCP

It's been awhile since I have been able to get current information into the CQ, but now that it's back on schedule, I hope to get reports to all of you on a regular basis.

This program is still going strong, thanks to you. Last Year, we ALMOST exceeded a million dollars, but missed it by only 30,000 dollars. This year, I would really like to see this program go over a million dollars in coupon donations. However, we cannot do that without your support.

While I have seen reports from chapters that are doing a lot more than last year, there are too many that either are not reporting their totals to me or who are not collecting as much as last year. I understand that real life does intrude from time to time (been there, done that) but I also know how things are

overseas for the families stationed there. The pay they receive from the government is barely enough to pay for basics. These coupons that we send to them are a Godsend, and helps them to make ends meet and allows them to buy more than just basic foods. I really helps them live instead of exist overseas.

So far this year, with reports and coupons being sent to OCP HQ and myself, the chapters of STARFLEET have collected \$276,165.58 in coupons. Overall, the program has collected more than \$339,304.08 in coupons. This is only about a third of what the program collected last year.

The top STARFLEET chapters who have contributed and reported so far this year are:

USS Bennu	\$ 61,812.29
USS Ohio	\$ 59,327.16
USS Discovery	\$ 29,578.90

I know that there are a lot of chapters that have not reported, or who only report to me once a year. However, I do need these reports to ensure that all chapters who are participating are recognized for their support of the OCP program.

If your chapter is participating in the OCP, I need to hear from your OCP Officer so that I can make sure your chapter's contribution is recognized. If your chapter is not participating, or if you would like to participate as an individual, please send a SASE to me at:

Carl Lewis
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I would like to see the program exceed a million dollars in donations this year, especially since the coupons are so desperately needed.

Please remember that every coupon you donate helps a military family stationed overseas. They need our help, please give it.

PLEASE NOTE: The mailing address for the Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 17 will be changing in the next few weeks. I should have the new address in the next issue of the CQ. In the interim, please send your coupons to:

Edward Allen
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Again I want to thank everyone and every chapter who has participated in this vital program. I know that it means the world to those stationed overseas.

Thank you.

Capt Carl Lewis

OPERATIONS

BGEN. LES RICKARD, VICE CHIEF, OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Greetings All,

Hello from Ops South. Les Rickard here filling in for the boss who is taking a few days off. This article will thus be short and sweet as I will touch on a couple of issues that need to be addressed and let the numbers speak for themselves.

MONTHLY STATUS REPORTS (MSR s) - HOW, WHEN AND WHERE!

First, where do you send your MSR s?

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Electronically: Go to
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and fill in the Web Page MSR

OR
EMail it to Capt. Matt Myers at
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or
tomservo@infoave.net
(In the event SFI.ORG is down)
Note: No Email Attachments will be accepted.

Second, when do you send them?

As everyone knows the MSR s are required to be filed by the 5th of the month following the reporting period. This means that you send the January 1998 MSR in by February 5th 1998. Also, filing a February MSR before the meeting date is not against regs but it is preferred that they not be filed till after the previous reporting period is up or at least after the first of the month the report is for.

Third, how do you send them?
All MSR s should be filed in one of two ways: US Mail or Electronically. US Mail is pretty much self explanatory, however electronically is a whole different story. If they are submitted electronically then there are only two approved methods: the Operations MSR Web Page or the EMail MSR Template. If you submit your MSR via email please *DO NOT* use attachments. The primary reason is that Matt uses a Macintosh and a lot of the programs being used he just does not have access to nor does he have the space to add them all just to open up MSR s. Also, it makes processing the incoming MSR s more time consuming and much more difficult. We appreciate your understanding in this area and hope that it doesn t inconvenience you.

One final note on the MSR s. Please fill in all fields that are applicable. All of the pertinent information at the top of the form is required! From there you can tell us as much or as little as you want. We always like to know what s going on around the fleet.

CQ CHAPTER SUMMARIES - HOW, WHEN AND WHERE

Yes we have been endeavoring to return the chapter summaries to the CQ since the beginning of the Smith/Freas administration. We found the best way to do so was to put someone on staff whose sole responsibility was to handle this. That person is Cmdr. JC Cohen, Operations Staff Assistant for CQ Summaries, and he has been working with them since shortly after the 1997 International Conference (That s what you get for volunteering, JC! <G>).

How we have designed this is if you wish to have your chapter s activities listed in the chapter summaries section of the CQ then you must also send a copy of the MSR to him. Again this is not required but encouraged so everyone can get an idea what your chapter is up to. Due to the number of chapters and space limitations we can only place a few lines per chapter

into the CQ. A number of the chapters have actually started providing a short summary for JC to use in addition to their full report in the MSR. This may also be an option for many of you. The MSR s are due to JC on the same time schedule as they for Operations.

If you submit your MSR through the Web Page MSR JC automatically receives a copy of it as part of the distribution list. If you use the email template and want to carbon copy your MSR to him then send it to:

cq-summaries@sfi.org
or
jccohen@14850.com

(In the event that SFI.ORG is down). If you send your MSR s by US Mail then send them to:

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Well, that s all from this neck of the woods. Now on to Operations by the numbers.

Semper Fidelis,
BGen Les Rickard, SFMC
Vice Chief of Operations,
STARFLEET

<p>Dear Communique:</p> <p>I just wanted to take a moment to wish the membership and staff of Region 15 - The Spirit of New England all of the best as they celebrate their 5th anniversary as a region.</p> <p>May the original region credo of Getting it done and having Fun live on!</p> <p>Best, RAdm. Alan L. Ravitch Founding RC, Starfleet Region 15</p>	<p>I m trying to improve the cyberspace page by including information on *all* fleet related listservers.</p> <p>Please access: http://www.sfi.org/html/cyber.html#lists and if your list is *not* there and you want to be listed, please send me the following information:</p> <p>name of the list: point of contact & email address: short, one line description of the list:</p> <p>Thank you! Rear Admiral Allyson M.W. Dyar Vice Chief/Communications: Net Services</p>	<p>Hi everyone,</p> <p>I m happy to announce the addition of a new course in the Starfleet Academy College of Communications.</p> <p>BASIC WEB DESIGN</p> <p>Course Director: Bernie Fritts 1812 Wayside Rd. Knoxville, TN 37931 asstdirector@commcollege.com http://www.commcollege.com</p> <p>Carolyn Donner Director, College of Communications - SFA</p>	<p>STARFLEET Now Accepts Mastercard Visa & Discover for Memberships, Quartermaster Items, and All-Purpose Vouchers</p>
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STARFLEET OPERATIONS BY THE NUMBERS

REAR ADMIRAL TOM MONAGHAN, CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

A Brief Look at the Chapters and Regions of Starfleet since 9801.01

CHAPTERS COMMISSIONED OR RECOMMISSIONED 9801.01 - 9805.31:

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USS Ohio, Region One, Fleet Captain Roger Scritchfield, CO
USS Quantum, Region Twelve, Captain David Brower, CO
USS Chautauqua, Region Seven, Captain Virginia Winnie, CO
USS Sun Tzu, Region Seven, Captain Sanford Berenberg, CO
USS Relentess, Region Two, Captain Wade Olson, CO
USS The Sullivans, Region Fifteen, Captain Bob McCann, CO
USS Galahad, Region Twelve, Captain Brett Price, CO
USS Cherokee, Region Two, Captain Tatia Brewer, CO
USS Lunar Dawn, Region Three, Captain Debbie Dennis, CO
USS Tanagra, Region Seven, Commodore Jesse Smith, CO
*USS Arthur C. Clarke, Region Seven, Captain Cheryl Lowe, CO
USS Reprisal, Region One, Captain Greg Franklin, CO
USS Angeles, Region Four, Captain Janice Willcocks, CO

*NOTE: USS Briza (R7) and USS Transcendence (R7) merged to form USS Arthur C. Clarke.

CHAPTERS THAT HAVE BEEN DECOMMISSIONED OR LEFT STARFLEET 9801.01 - 9805.31:

USS Belgica, Region 21
USS Paraclete, Region 12
USS Highroller, Region 4
USS Gemini Dream, Region 1
USS Maud dib, Region 4
USS New Horizons, Region 7
USS Mirage, Region 12
USS Blackheart, Region 7
USS Potemkin, Region 7
*USS Briza, Region 7
*USS Transcendence, Region 7
USS Excalibur, Region 2
USS Kepler, Region 3
USS Ari, Region 7
USS Dilemma, Region 1

*NOTE: USS Briza (R7) and USS Transcendence (R7) merged to form USS Arthur C. Clarke.

NEW CHAPTER COMMANDING OFFICERS 9801.01 - 9805.31:

Captain Marcia Waples, USS IDIC, Region 1
Captain Suzanne Davis, USS Orion, Region 4
Commander Colleen Hadley, USS Babylon, Region 3
Captain D. Justin Taylor, USS Alioth, Region 17
Fleet Captain David Walker, USS Ranger, Region 12
Fleet Captain Roger Scritchfield, USS Ohio, Region 1
Captain David Brower, USS Quantum, Region 12
Captain Michael George, USS Continuum, Region 2
Colonel William Smith, USS Gryphon, Region 13
Captain Virginia Winnie, USS Chautauqua, Region 7
Captain Sanford Berenberg, USS Sun Tzu, Region 7
Captain Wade Olson, USS Relentless, Region 2
Captain Bob McCann, USS The Sullivans, Region 15
Captain Brett Price, USS Galahad, Region 12
Captain Tatia Brewer, USS Cherokee, Region 2

Captain Debbie Dennis, USS Lunar Dawn, Region 3
Captain Lew Jones, USS Phoenix, Region 12
Captain Christine Jordan, USS Babylon, Region 3
Captain Mike Coleman, USS Star Union, Region 2
Commodore Jesse Smith, USS Tanagra, Region 7
Captain Emma Sue Baldwin, USS Arizona, Region 1
Captain Brian Bergman, Troubadour Station, Region 12
Captain Cheryl Lowe, USS Arthur C. Clarke, Region 7
Fleet Captain Thomas Revor, Station Freedom III, Region 3
Captain Greg Franklin, USS Reprisal, Region 1
Captain Royce Bullock, USS Odyssey, Region 2
Captain Mark S. Roddenberry, USS Oberon, Region 4
Captain Ray Seay (acting CO), USS McNair, Region 1
Captain Carl Lewis, USS Charleston, Region 1
Captain Janice Willcocks, USS Angeles, Region 4
Captain Daniel Allgor, USS Trouncer, Region 3

REGIONAL ROUNDUP (REGIONS REPORTING FOR PERIOD 9801):
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 15, 17

REGIONAL ROUNDUP (REGIONS REPORTING FOR PERIOD 9802):
1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 17

REGIONAL ROUNDUP (REGIONS REPORTING FOR PERIOD 9803):
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17

REGIONAL ROUNDUP (REGIONS REPORTING FOR PERIOD 9804):
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17

STARFLEET OPERATIONS REGION OF THE MONTH:

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

9801: Region Fifteen, Commodore Joseph Ruttar, Regional Coordinator
9802: Region Five, Commodore Kurt Roithinger, Regional Coordinator
9803: Region Ten, Fleet Captain Paul Reid, Regional Coordinator
9804: Region Fifteen, Commodore Joseph Ruttar, Regional Coordinator
9805: Region Five, Commodore Kurt Roithinger, Regional Coordinator

(Selections by Rear Admiral Tom Monaghan, Chief of Operations)

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

Fleet Historian

Scott Akers

Greetings, I am Major General Scott A. Akers, SFMC-retired, and your new Fleet Historian.

As head of the Office of the Fleet Historian, I exist to serve you, the rank and file membership. The idea for the office grew out of conversations where people kept asking about the way back when in Starfleet. Members just like you and me wanted to know where there chapter came from, where Starfleet came from, and who exactly were these people whose name we kept hearing about - Jeannette Maddox, Steve Smith, Eric Stillwell, Bryan Ackerman, Chris Lotito. On my own I began to look for the answers myself. I seriously enjoyed the research and love sharing it with people. The more I learned, the more questions I found that needed asking and answering. In light of this FAdm. Smith appointed me to this position, and I thank him for his confidence in me. The motto of the Office of Fleet Historian is Memory is fleeting, History is eternal. In light of this, the office has decided on three major projects:

First, the SFI chapter geneology project. The goal here is to trace the lineage of every chapter and every shuttle of Starfleet from shuttle to mothership to mothership all the way back to the first chapter of what was then called Starfleet Central, The USS Enterprise, under the command of Commodore John Bradbury, the founder of our organization.

Sidenote, I recently discovered that John Bradbury lives and works within 30 minutes of me, and has done so for years. We had lunch and he is planning to attend this year's IC. His stories and recollections of the early early years are enjoyable and enlightening.

Second, after getting all the data to accomplish project one, we will begin writing the Prose History of Starfleet. Just like a history book, we will start at the pre-history and work our way forward administration by administration. Showing not only our successes and accomplishments, we will include our failures and black eyes. Why? Not to embarrass or point fingers, but to allow future members knowledge of the good and the bad. As Churchill said, Those who do not learn from the lessons of history are doomed to repeat it.

Finally, project three, an SFI annual or yearbook. Each year's annual will have several pages for each chapter. The chapters may include whatever they want -

chapter history, photos, diagrams, fictional histories, etc. Volunteers for this particular project are particularly excited and have already begun researching costs.

What do I need from you, the fleet? Your questions. Ask me anything relating to fleet history; I will probably not know the answer...YET!!! However, I will find the answer and we will all benefit from the process. Finally, if your chapter has not completed a chapter survey, please complete the one below.

1. Name of chapter
2. Region
3. NCC number
4. City of charter
5. Class of ship
6. Commissioning date
7. Shuttle launch date
8. Name and number as shuttle.
9. Mothership
10. Commanding Officer
11. Ship's USPS address
12. Ship's e-mail address
13. Ship's telephone number
14. Shuttle's launched by chapter, including their number, region, ship they became.
15. Other information you think important.

Please send your surveys, ship histories, and any research questions to MGen Scott A. Akers at 2204 Webster Street, League City, TX 77573; or e-mail to:

historian@sfi.org
or
chunone@ghgcorp.com
or call 281-332-5992.

Thank you for your time,
Scott A. Akers
Fleet Historian

CQ Re-Mailers News

Tamara Copple

Communique Re-mailers has a new address. I can now be reached at:

copplemate@mwis.net

For those of you who want to put my address in your newsletters for your off-line crewmembers, here it is as well:

Tamara Copple
Communique Re-mailers
11415 Grandview Road #1
Kansas City, MO 64137

If it doesn't work already, cq-remailer@sfi.org should also be re-routed to my personal e-mail account soon.

Just to review what I can do for you, if you or another member of your chapter has not received an issue of the Communique during your membership year, I can re-mail the missing issue to you at no cost.

However, there are a couple of caveats. First, I cannot re-mail CQs to people who did not change their address with Comp Ops and moved while a CQ was in production or in transit. Second, I cannot start sending out Communiques until about 6 weeks after the current issue is

mailed. For example, I won't be able to fill CQ requests for #85 until about the 3rd week of July, assuming it's mailed next week. If you need any issue before that, however (such as #79-84), I can go ahead and mail those out.

Also, please keep in mind that I have plenty of leftovers from all but one batch of CQs, and as a service to chapters, I am authorized to mail bundles of CQs out to chapters for purposes of recruiting, *while supplies last*. By a bundle I mean 15-25 copies of an issue of the CQ. So if you have a recruiting drive coming up, please consider taking some of these CQs to use. Be sure to allow me plenty of time to mail them to you. I can't fill an order overnight, because I have two jobs and am going to graduate school now. Please be kind and give me a couple of weeks lead time! :)

Capt. Tamara Copple
Staff Assistant
Communique Re-mailers

REGION 7's New Correy Chapter

Bud Cullum

This past December, Region 7 received, in my opinion, one of the busiest Correy Starships of Starfleet International (SFI). The U.S.S. MATRIX, NCC-72296, a Gabriel Class Shuttlecarrier (which was designed by our Chief Engineer, James Lythgoe, by the way) is an all Internet 24/7 Chapter, which at the time of this letter boasts a crew of 104 members world-wide. The U.S.S. MATRIX is a mixed ship and has roughly, 30 SFI and 74 Non-SFI. The ship is manned on a daily basis through the use of their SFI List Server, with activities and E-Mails being exchanged on a daily (if not hourly) basis.

Our Captain, Joseph Hoolihan, can often be found on the bridge, trying to respond to the growing mound of E-Mail, which he receives. Under his leadership the Matrix has actually started having small groups of our membership gathering at conventions for face to face contact, as well as having members perform charitable work for their communities. Some examples of these activities are: U.S.S. MATRIX crew members volunteered at the Maryland Science Center during the Star Trek Exposition, a meeting at Vulkan (several of the local members actually attended the Region 7 meeting and helped with contributions to the Dominion, to get our Fleet Admiral back) and some of our California members met at the recent Pasadena Con-

vention and distributed U.S.S. Matrix flyers. Who knows how many of these small groups may decide to spin off and become shuttles? If anything, we hope to get more and more of our members to join together to spread the word of Trek Fandom and of course, the importance of SFI, Region 7 and the U.S.S. MATRIX.

We are very pleased to be in Region 7 and we hope to develop a long lasting friendship with many of members in Region 7. Please feel free to visit our Web page at:

<http://matrix.simplenet.com>

and see what we have going on. The pages are constantly undergoing upgrades, so you never know what you will find. Stop by and say Hi and we will be happy to see you. And keep your eyes open for our crew members at the conventions as they roll around.

Contact me at:
bcullum@erols.com
or Captain Hoolihan at:
uss.matrix@sfi.org
if you want more info!

Commander Bud Cullum,
Executive Officer,
U.S.S. MATRIX, NCC-72296

signing off, Channel Closed!

Starfleet Recruiting

Ron Fell

Greetings from the Recruiting Department!

Things are moving along at a brisk pace at Starfleet Recruiting. I d like to take this opportunity to bring you up to date on a few happenings and changes and also to make a few clarifications.

Our success with the publication and distribution of the Recruiting Handbook has been phenomenal. To date we have gone through three printings of the original edition and have issued the first of what will be an ongoing series of updates. The updated Recruiting Handbook is being issued now. However, if you have purchased one of the original editions, an update supplement is available without having to buy a whole new book. For information on ordering a Recruiting Handbook or Supplement #1, please contact:

Comm. Jack Hopkins
Starfleet Recruiting Office
1635 Bright Leaf Rd.
Pfafftown, NC 27040
SFIPhantom@aol.com.

Contributions to the Recruiting Handbook are very much needed. This handbook is a book of ideas, both good and bad, and of strategies and techniques garnered from the experiences of COs and officers from all over the Fleet. I m REALLY interested in hearing what you have to say. You may well come up with a new idea, or a new take on an old idea, that nobody else has thought of. Please take the time to send me those thoughts. I may be reached at:

Starfleet Recruiting Headquarters
331-D West Main St.
Lexington, SC 29072
Recruiting@sfi.org

FCapt. Lisa N. Paradis Berkenbilt continues to field online inquiries regarding recruiting. Additionally, she is working on a downloadable electronic version of the Recruiting Handbook. This version will not be posted for general consumption, but will be available by contacting Lisa directly. I ll let you know when it s up and ready. Contact Lisa online at:

paradis@ql.org

The newest member of the Recruiting Staff, and my new wife (I prefer to think of it as consolidation of resources rather than nepotism <g>), is Cmdr. Kristi Fell. Kristi serves as Recruiting Staff Adjutant. She handles correspondence and intra-departmental communications. She keeps track of staff and personnel changes and publishes a quarterly department newsletter. All ship and regional recruiting officers are encouraged to contact her with information, reports and other submissions for the newsletter and the department files. Due to her recent change in marital status, Kristi is in the process of changing her online account, so please direct communications to her through the Recruiting@sfi.org address for the time being.

One more quick note while we re on the subject of change: since my recent change in rank, I have upgraded my personal e-mail address from FCaptFell@aol.com to:

CommFell@aol.com

The old address will continue to work for awhile yet, but please do make a note of the change.

Think Fleet!!
RON FELL
Commodore
Director of Recruiting, Starfleet
RDC-Operations, R/1

ShOC

DENNIS GRAY, DIRECTOR, ShOC

Hello once again. This issue s column is going to be short & sweet. I am just going to recap some of the information from last issue s column, add a little new stuff, and let you all be on your way.

First off, we now have two new vice chief s replacing the departed Mr. Friesen in ShOC. Those vice chief s are Denine Malotte, and Tom Rutledge, respectively. Denine will primarily be in charge of accepting and dealing with your shuttle s MSR s. Tom will be assisting me locally, with mailings, getting needed correspondence and launch packets out, and more. Denine can be reached at the following:

Denine Malotte
528 Ottawa
Leavenworth, KS 66048
(913) 651-TREK (8735)

email: VShOC@sfi.org
ShOC MSR emails: ShOCreports@sfi.org

And Tom at the following:

Tom Rutledge
9805 NE 116 St., Ste. # 7105
Kirkland, WA 98034
(425) 806-8325

email: VShOC2@sfi.org

Next, I d like you to welcome Jonathon Simmons as a staff member for ShOC. Jonathon will be helping us out with publications, forms, etc. I have a hunch though that he won t be stuck doing only forms though. He is the original author of the START & MOM manuals, so his knowledge and expertise will be very much welcomed. :) As soon as I have contact info for John, I will release it here, and in the CSR.

Lastly, if you wish to contact me, you may do so at the following:

Dennis Gray
3014 Kromer Ave.
Everett, WA 98201
(425) 339-2038

email: ShOC@sfi.org

Due to my work schedule, and expenses, if you call me, and I m not home, feel free to leave a message. But if you require a return call, it will have to be made collect. Please understand that in advance.

A couple of quick pointers, and I m outta here. (I ve been told to keep it short, as space is limited, and I m late getting this turned in...*grin*) When you submit a VRR, list ALL your Fleet members on it, or on extra sheets. This way, if you have members who have expired, you ll have extras to meet your requirements.

If you wish to commission on a special date or anniversary, plan PLENTY of lead time in before submitting your VRR. Preferably, 6-8 weeks is the optimum. This will give us time to handle un-expected problems, etc. that may crop up in the VRR s journey s through Fleet s offices.

That s it for this issue, my friends. Look for more EXCITING news to come from ShOC in the very near future. We re working on getting set up for web MSR filing, Shuttle listserv, and more! I hope to have most of the details for you all next issue. See you in 60!

Asever...

Radm Dennis Gray

Bits and Pieces...

submitted by Chuck Freas

Star Trek: Birth of the Federation

MicroProse, Inc., a worldwide interactive entertainment company, announced on May 19th that it expects to launch during its December quarter its newest Star Trek game, Star Trek: Birth of the Federation. MicroProse is a leading developer and publisher of interactive en-

tertainment software for use on CD-ROM-based personal computer systems, published under the MicroProse brand name. Products are available nationally and internationally through major distributors, retailers, mass merchants and on the company s World Wide Web site at <http://www.microprose.com>.



Academy Notes

Commodore Mandi Herrmann

Greetings from the Academy Commandant's office! The spring semester is drawing to a close and many students have gone home for the summer. However, all courses are available in our summer term, so have no fear. In fact, one school is just about to reopen and two new schools are opening up as well. Ben Redding, CO of the USS Bennu in Region One (home of the Region One Summit):

trekscotty@email.msn.com has been selected as the director of the Cadet School. He's got some really great ideas for the younger members of Starfleet! There will be plenty of fun stuff, but some educational material as well.

Tammy Willcox, Chief of Special Services and Editor of the Award-winning Short Circuit of the USS Maat:

R1Special@aol.com has been selected as director of the College of Trade & Commerce. Her proposal was very good and she even has some practical Financial Officer plans included in her course.

Finally, Michelle DuBose, of the Spiritwolf in Region Three and FDC of Computer Operations (not THE Compops):

dubose@pdq.net will be the director for the College of Chapter Development. This is

a college I've wanted to see developed for a long time and after discussing it Michelle, she shares a similar vision to what I have. It's a new College and its focus is something that will benefit all of Starfleet. CO's, XO's, Division Chiefs, and even aspiring officers will benefit from the How To courses that will be provided here. Please give these new directors a little bit of time to finish getting course materials together. Each of their addresses can be found on the current Starfleet Academy application. One should be included with this copy of your Communiqué. I'm excited about the growth of the Academy and the great ideas I'm receiving from all of you.

I'm gearing up for IC 98 in Lubbock, Texas this July. In fact, I'll be handing out numerous Academy awards. Each school will recognize their top two students. Also, the top four students (one from each Institute) will be awarded the Academy's highest honor. They will be inducted into Red Squad, the elite cadet squadron. So, stay tuned. Once the awards are announced, I'll be sure to list them here in the Communiqué as well.

Well, take care and have a safe summer. Until next time, keep up the good work you all do for Starfleet!



STARFLEET ACADEMY DEAN'S LIST

March - April 1998

On behalf of the Deans of the Institutes of Arts, Technology, Leadership, and Military Studies, I'm proud to announce the honor graduates for the months of March and April 1998. Each student scored a 95% or better on their course work. Congratulations on a job well done!

Institute of Technology

College of Computer History
Ruth Green
Michael G. Browne

Vulcan Academy of Science

Steve Turner
John Russell
Parker Gabriel
Linda Geiger
David Peifer
Alice Strange
Michael Walker

John Potts
David Klingman
James Gallops
Edith Padgett
Jonas Schlein
Janet Wagoner

College of Medicine

Kris Williams
William Beard
Walter Ewing

Steve Turner
Rodney Yawn
Edith Padgett

Institute of Military Studies

College of Survival Studies
Steve Turner

Security School

Melton Carrillo
Brian Chappell
Marc Harris
Cynthia Sisco
Maud Freifelder
Charles Via
Dean U Delsone
Stephen Idell
Michael Romero

Jeff Spurgeon
Henry Peden
Edith Padgett
Clayton Fallis
James Post
Kathy Skinner
Gordon Bradley
Norm Hackett, Jr
Erik Cowand

Institute of Leadership

Officers Training School
Gordon Bradley
Patricia Hicks
Donald Snyder
Steve Harper
Theresa Szverra

Joseph Mamaril
Charles Menter
Kathleen Harper
Melinda Harper

Flag Officers School

Ken Oziah, Jr
Linda Reynolds
Cyndi Walter
Bette Frantz

Garrick Halverson
Darlene Harper
Erik Cowand

Institute of Arts

None this period. Tests are currently being graded. Stay Tuned next issue!

STARFLEET ACADEMY - COLLEGE APPLICATION FORM

The Scholastic Division of STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc.
Comm. Mandi Herrmann - Commandant, 9908 Berrywood Drive, Ladson, SC 29456
(academy@sfi.org) <mandih@bellsouth.net>
RAdm. Carolyn Donner - Vice Commandant, P.O. Box 158, Hammersville, OH 45130
(vacademy@sfi.org) <Donner.Crafts@worldnet.att.net >

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

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

- ☐ OFFICER S TRAINING SCHOOL (OTS)
- \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps
Adm. Peg Pellerin, RFD #3, Box 5460, Winslow, ME 04901
ots@sfi.org <pilgrim@ctel.net>
-or- Cmdr. Elizabeth Worth, 12 Perrin Ave., Plumpton, NSW, Australia 2761
jennifer@ay.com.au
(You must pass this course to take OCC.)
- ☐ OFFICER S COMMAND COLLEGE (OCC)
- \$4.00, SASE, 3 Loose 32 cent Stamps
Capt. Jim Cushing, P. O. Box 11584, Memphis, TN 38111-0584
jcushing@dewey.lib.memphis.edu
- or- Fleet Captain Alan Yates, Unit 6/22 Queenscliff Road, Queenscliff NSW, Australia 2096 - jennifer@ay.com.au
(COPY of OTS diploma required when applying for this school -
Do **NO T** send original OTS certificate!)
- ☐ FLAG OFFICER SCHOOL (FOS)
- \$5.00 for first course; - \$2.00 each for the second and third course
One manual for all 3 courses
Comm Helen Pawlowski, PO Box 22225, St. Louis, MO 63116-2225 - no email -or-
Fleet Captain Alan Yates, Unit 6/22 Queenscliff Road, Queenscliff NSW, Australia 2096 - jennifer@ay.com.au
(Copy of OCC diploma required when applying for this school -
Do **NOT** send original OCC certificate!)
- ☐ COLLEGE OF CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT (COCD)
- LSASE for course listing & pricing (Ten courses prices vary)
Cpt. Michelle A. DuBose, 7302 Corporate Dr. #1906
Houston, TX 77036 - cocd@sfi.org <dubose@pdq.net>
- ☐ COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATIONS (COC)
- \$4.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps
RAdm Carolyn Donner, PO Box 158, Hammersville, OH 45130
vacademy@sfi.org <Donner.Crafts@worldnet.att.net
- ☐ COLLEGE of COMPUTER HISTORY (COCH)
- Free, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
RAdm Sharon Ann Campbell, P.O. Box 603, Kirkland , WA 98083-0603
coch@sfi.org <sac@wolfenet.com>
- ☐ SCHOOL of ENGINEERING (SOE)
- \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps
Capt. Brian Dougherty, 1445 Fairmeadows Street, St. Louis, MO 63138-2512
soe@sfi.org <briwdou@swbell.net>
- ☐ KLINGON WARRIOR ACADEMY (KWA)
- \$1.00, SASE, 3 Loose 32 cent Stamps per Degree
Capt. Greg Franklin, 910 Cooks Valley Road, Apt #21, Kingsport, TN 37664
kwa@sfi.org <reprisalco@aol.com>
- ☐ COLLEGE of FEDERATION STUDIES (COFS)
- \$1.00, SASE, 3 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
Capt. Donna Tucker, 7066 Goodner Mtn Rd., Pinson, AL 35126
cofs@sfi.org <DTucker937@aol.com>

- ☐ SCHOOL of LANGUAGE STUDIES (SOLS)
- \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
Comm. Sherry Anne Newell, 5 NW 40th, Lawton, OK 73505 - no email
- ☐ COLLEGE of MEDICINE (SACOM)
- \$3.00, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
Cmdr. Kevin West, P.O. Box 1418, Colonial Heights, VA 23834
sacom@sfi.org <MedDirSFA@aol.com>
- ☐ COLLEGE of SURVIVAL STUDIES (COSS)
- \$3.00, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
FCapt. Carol Thompson, P.O. Box 135, Ester, AK 99725
coss@sfi.org <72703.667@compuserve.com>
- ☐ VULCAN ACADEMY of SCIENCE (VAS)
- \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
VAdm. Marlene Miller, 461 Harmony Lane, Campbell, OH 44405
vas@sfi.org <aa324@yfn.ysu.edu>
- ☐ COLLEGE of STARSHIP OPERATIONS (COSO)
- \$2.00, SASE
Capt James W. Lee, 214 Jamestown Dr., Spring Lake, NC 28390
coso@sfi.org <Jlee569968@aol.com>
- ☐ SECURITY SCHOOL (SFASS)
- \$2.00, 3 Loose 32 cent Stamps for each course
FCapt. Gregory Staylor, P.O.Box 9796, Chesapeake, VA 23321-9796
sass@sfi.org <Security@Sfi-sfa.com>
- ☐ COLLEGE of HISTORY (COH)
- \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
Cmdr George K. Clark Jr., 8100 Lichen Dr., Citrus Heights, CA 95621- no email
- ☐ STARFLEET OFFICERS RADIO SCHOOL (SORS)
- SASE, 3 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
Cmdr. Jeff Salamon, 3535 East 14th #104, Plano, TX 75074-7060
sors@sfi.org <N3fht@aol.com>
- ☐ CADET SCHOOL (CS)
- Prices TBD
Capt. Ben C. Redding,, 2917 Heritage Way, Sevierville, Tn. 37876
cadetdirector@regionone.com <trekscotty@email.msn.com>
- ☐ COLLEGE OF TRADE AND COMMERCE (COTAC)
- Prices TBD
Cmdr. Tammy Willcox, 5391 Marlfield Drive, Norfolk, VA 23502
cotac@sfi.org <R1Special@aol.com>

Continuing To Learn From the Past...

Jeffery Higdon, CO, USS Shiloh

The Creation and Development of a Starship, Part Two
The Continuing Story of the Starship USS Shiloh, NCC-74683

The three STARFLEET officers were brought before the assembly with an air of nervous tension on every side of them. Pulling a sheet of paper out of the packet, the Commodore stepped forward. She read the orders. Each of the officers were to be commissioned to command the newest Starships in STARFLEET; the USS Sekhmet, (Millington, Tennessee), the USS Mark Twain, (University of Memphis) and the USS Shiloh (Henderson, TN).

In accordance with tradition the Wetting Down of the newly minted captains took place. Captains Karen Cushing, John McGill and Jeff Higdon received the appropriate Christening from Commodore Deb Leafey of the mothership USS Alacrity.

It has been a long time coming, commented Lieutenant Commander Timothy Raines, Second Officer of the USS Shiloh.

The year of 1996 started on a lively note as old and new members gathered on March 2 to celebrate the first anniversary of the Shuttlecraft Shiloh.



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The final paper work for the commissioning was sent out and plans for both the Commissioning and a Christening of the USS Shiloh were planned. At the same time the Shuttlecraft Shiloh became the first chapter-in-training to be profiled in the STARFLEET Focus of the Communiqué (Issue 72).

Lieutenant Robert Baker, Chief Engineering Officer, had constructed a model of the Shiloh to be used at official functions. Inside it he placed two warp cores, or sealed pill bottles, containing water from the Bloody Pond in the Shiloh National Military Park.

On March 30, Captain Higdon was interviewed by television station WBBJ, Channel 7, out of Jackson. Appearing on its 10 o'clock newscast (later rebroadcast), Higdon reported the chartering of the USS Shiloh and the efforts of the crew to help Shiloh NMP in the Adopt-a-Monument program (See Communiqué Issue 73).

On Saturday, April 13, the officers and crew, with assembled guests and onlookers, gathered in front of the Information Center at Shiloh National Military Park for the Official Christening of the USS Shiloh. This event coincided with the park's celebration of the 132 anniversary of the Battle of Shiloh.

Besides the Shiloh crew other special guests included the Command Staff of the USS Sekhmet and the Region One, Sector One Chief, Commander Gretchen Clark who traveled from Louisville, KY.

USNPS Ranger Paul Hawk, Chief of Resources and Management for the park, gave the welcome from Shiloh NMP. He stated that the park was proud that the ship was named for the park and hoped that many good things could come from the relationship that has grown. He then called forward Ranger Brian McCutchen, coordinator for the Adopt-a-Monument program, to present the Shiloh crew the USNPS Certificate of Appreciation.

McCutchen mentioned the value of the promotions that Captain Higdon had done.

Every time I turned on the TV, there was Jeff, McCutchen said. Every time I turned on the radio, there was Jeff. Every time I open up the newspaper or magazine, there's Jeff promoting the program. The promotions given by your organization have been more valuable than the actual work you will be doing on the monuments. He then stated that several other associations, groups and individuals had contacted the park about the program due to the ship's efforts.

Captain Higdon was then called upon to Officially Christen the USS Shiloh, using water from the Bloody Pond; In the name of STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association, for the Officers and Crews of Sector One and the First Fleet, I Christen Thee - - SHILOH!

After several Ship's Awards were handed out Captain Higdon reminded the group assembled why the name Shiloh was picked, asking all to remember the brave soldiers who fought the battle over 132 years before. Then the STARFLEET members took a brief tour of both monuments that the Shiloh had adopted.



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The next official meeting of the USS Shiloh convened again at Shiloh NMP on April 20 for the express purpose of cleaning the monuments for the first time. Biodegradable soap, water and brushes along with lots of STARFLEET muscle on both the Putnam Stump and the 15th Infantry Monument made them shiny and clean. After visiting the US National Cemetery to pay respects to Private JD Putnam, who was initially buried at the foot of the tree that became the Putnam Stump, the crew adjourned to the picnic area. Later in July the crew would travel to Shiloh for maintenance duty, adding the Cemetery Commemoration Monument to their responsibilities.

The new year began with the election of a new Commander, STARFLEET, and a certainty that the USS Shiloh would continue its mission. But it almost came to a screeching halt in July.

...in Order to Seek the Future...

1997 started out fruitfully as the USS Shiloh held its second anniversary of their first meeting as well as the first year of being a starship on March 21, 1997. Members of the USS Mark Twain visited Henderson to help with the celebration. The day started traveling to Shiloh NMP and cleaning the Cemetery Commemoration Monuments, as well as several headstones surrounding the monument. Later, the main celebrations were held with members of the USS Providence out of Jackson attending.

But in July, 1997 the very existence of the USS Shiloh was at stake. Captain Higdon had accepted a new job in his hometown of Rockford, Illinois. Both the commander and the first officer would have to resign and, because no one else was eligible for those positions, the USS Shiloh would cease to exist.

The crew made a successful attempt to save the chapter. It was determined that the chapter would change its City of Charter to Rockford, since efforts to begin a shuttle in Rockford and moving an existing chapter to the Rock River Area appealed to all. The crews unanimous vote for the move was soon followed by the approval of STARFLEET Operations and the Coordinators for Region 1 and 12.

On August 14, 1997, the Higdon's left Henderson.

On September 8, 1997, the USS Shiloh, now also know as THE ROCK RIVER AREA STAR TREK SPACE SCIENCE ASSOCIATION, met for the first time in the Rockford area. Shortly after that, the Rockford Area Chamber of Commerce contacted them in order to add USS Shiloh to their list of non-profit, public service organizations in the Area.

On February 28, 1998, the third anniversary party was held. Members of the USS Bradbury, St. Charles, IL, joined in the festivities

When the Intrepid Class Starship was picked for the USS Shiloh, it was done so to reflect the town and area in which the Shiloh was based at the time. In recent months, the present crew of the USS Shiloh have decided that a new larger class of starship need to be developed to reflect the area it is now based in. Thus, the Black Hawk Class Development Project was born. Projected completion and presentation of the new USS Shiloh is expected by February, 1999, in time for the fourth Anniversary of the chapter.

The Officers and Crew of the USS Shiloh have voyaged a long journey to get to this point - three years and 600+ miles. From a concept in a movie theater in Jackson, to the banks of the mighty Rock River, the good ship Shiloh has come a long way, both in distance and in standing within fandom.

Where are the voyages of the USS Shiloh taking its gallant crew next? Perhaps to tackle some roadway to clean or to gather food for the needy. Maybe doing some joint ventures with her sister ships or flying in formation with the other ships in the area. Or perchance we will become another of the Fleet's party barges. If so, its captain and crew will continue to learn from the past, and the present, in order to seek what is the true final frontier -- the future!



Members of the USS Shiloh, including Captain Jeff Higdon, holding the Starfleet banner in front of the entrance to the U.S. National Cemetery in Rockford, Illinois.



A group of people, including children and adults, are seen cleaning and painting headstones in the cemetery. The group includes Captain Jeff Higdon, his wife, and other crew members.



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REGION ONE

USS ALACRITY NCC-1881
City of Charter: Memphis, TN
n/r

USS ALARIC NCC-503
City of Charter: Asheville, NC
Activities: Stargazing and away missions to various films. Also having laser-tag tournaments.

USS APPALACHIAN NCC-3181-A
City of Charter: Fall Branch, TN
n/r

USS ARIZONA NCC-71839
City of Charter: Canton, OH
Activities: Held annual luncheon. Attended Camp Dover Peace conference. Away Team to Comicon.

USS ATHENA NCC-51896
City of Charter: Reston, VA
Activities: Held monthly meeting. Attended Vulkan. Raised money for Relay for Life. Had a craft day. Went to Star Wars exhibit at Smithsonian. Attended R1 summit. Held a yard sale for charity. Planning anniversary party.

USS BENNU NCC -74657
City of Charter: Gatlinburg, Tn
Activities: Worked for food bank. Collected for STARFLEET charities. Away team to Tri-Star meeting. Planning spring events. Hosted R1 summit. Played a Battletech King of the Hill contest.

USS BEST DESTINY NCC-71828
City of Charter: Lexington, KY
n/r

USS BONAVENTURE NCC-102-A
City of Charter: Greensboro, NC
Activities: Planning for Phenomicon. Attended StellarCon. Also planning away team to Vegas for Star Trek Experience.

USS CARSON NCC-0592-A
Correspondence Chapter
n/r

USS CHARLESTON NCC-71813
City of Charter: Charleston, SC
Activities: General meeting. Attended the R1 summit.

USS CHESAPEAKE NCC-1887
City of Charter: Richmond, VA
Activities: Monthly meetings and staff meetings. Went ice skating. Collected for OCP and Stampede.

USS COLUMBIA NCC-73621
City of Charter: Wooster, OH
n/r

USS COLUMBUS NCC-2006
City of Charter: Columbus, OH
Activities: Held monthly meetings. Went to Lost in Space premiere. Went to Dover Peace conference.

USS CONSTELLATION NCC-1728
City of Charter: Paducah, KY
n/r

USS CU CHULAINN NCC-1902-A
City of Charter: Terre Haute, IN
Activities: Collecting for various STARFLEET charities. Planning a middle-ages tournament. Monthly fun day and participation in the March of Dimes Walk-a-thon. Visited crew-member in the hospital.

USS DARK STAR NCC-61801
City of Charter: Asheboro, NC
n/r

USS DILEMMA NCC-1541
City of Charter: Harrisonburg, VA
Activities: Held 5th anniversary party at a convention. Group did security at this convention. Participating in a membership drive. Planning to go to Madicon.

USS GEMINI DREAM NCC-64739
Correspondence Chapter
n/r

USS HAWKEYE NCC-4950
City of Charter: Winston-Salem, NC
Activities: Went to Lost in Space . Held general meetings. Planning trip to Shore Leave.

USS HEIMDAL NCC-1793
City of Charter: Madison Heights, VA
n/r

USS HORNET NCC-1714-D
City of Charter: Charlotte, NC
Activities: Monthly meetings. Setting up yard sale. Held a night out. Volunteered at PBS. CO went to R1 summit. Getting ready for annual yard sale.

USS IMPERIAL STAR NCC-2551
City of Charter: Cary, NC
Activities: Volunteered at a telethon and

held a gaming session. Held a movie party. Planning zoo trip and picnic.

USS JAMESTOWN NCC-1843-D
City of Charter: Newport News, VA
Activities: Helped with opening of the Virginia Air and Space center s Destination Space and the Off-World festival. Participated in WalkAmerica. Planning for Relay for Life.

USS JURASSIC NCC-3500
Correspondence Chapter
Activities: Planning game day. Attended R1 summit. Looking into IRC chats for crew members.

USS KHITOMER NCC-61812
City of Charter: Evansville, IN
n/r

USS KITTY HAWK NCC-1659
City of Charter: Raleigh, NC
Activities: Away team to Stellar Con and Icon. Answered phones for PBS. Planning trip to Washington DC and debating which of several cons to go to next. Holding Laser tag sessions.

USS LAGRANGE NCC-3916
City of Charter: Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Activities: Held a movie night and meetings. Planning picnic and other events.

USS LECONTE NCC-61858
City of Charter: Gatlinburg, TN
n/r

STATION LEWIS B. PULLER, SFR-123
City of Charter: Summerville, SC
Activities: Looking for new XO. Went to R1 summit and planning 1 year anniversary. Marine Strike Group and members won awards.

USS MAAT NCC-1794-A
City of Charter: Virginia Beach, VA
Activities: Held an activity night and monthly meeting. Voted on theme for this years Halloween party. Updating the crew manual. Also had a social night. Went to Lost in Space . Plans for casino night continue.

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
Activities: Held a pizza party at Domino s. Holding one meeting a month in public to attract people to the club.

USS OHIO NCC-75007
City of Charter: Barberton, OH.
Activities: Held yard sale, planning summer events including movie premiers.

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: Had an informational meeting night for recruiting. Are going to try it again later in the year. Planning summer projects. Monthly meetings. Planning to up meeting frequency to twice a month. Working on expanding cadet programs.

USS QUESTAR NCC-435
City of Charter: Louisville, KY
n/r

USS RENEGADE NCC-2547
City of Charter: Youngstown, OH
n/r

USS REPRISAL NCC-1896
City of Charter: Kingsport, TN
n/r

USS RICHMOND NCC-2003
City of Charter: Covington, VA
n/r

USS RONALD E. MCNAIR NCC-61809
City of Charter: Columbia SC
n/r

USS RUTLEDGE NCC-57295-A
City of Charter: Ladson, SC
Activities: Planning for summer events.

USS STAR LEAGUE NCC-2101
City of Charter: N. Augusta SC
n/r

USS STARWARD FURY NCC-2122
City of Charter: Fayetteville, NC
Activities: Held business meetings and activity days. Went to Magnum Opus Con-13. Away team to R1 summit. Did local charity work.

USSSTONEWALL JACKSON NCC-71814 City of Charter: Concord, NC Activities: Preparing for KniteStarr III, including a radio interview.	victims. Planning for Space week at the cape. Away team to Vulkan.	USSSTAR QUEST NCC-71804 City of Charter: Naples n/r	USS COMANCHE NCC-71809 City of Charter: Fort Worth, TX n/r
USS TRISTAR NCC-71829 City of Charter: Knoxville, TN Activities: Working on and attending R1 summit. Planning on participating in charity Bowl-a-thon.	USS HAISE NCC-74664 City of Charter: Jackson, MS Activities: Attended R2 summit. Held general meeting. Planning fund raising sales. Planning recruiting activities. Collecting coupons for OCP. Away team to Splendors of Versailles .	USSSTAR UNION NCC-2112 City of Charter: Montgomery, AL n/r	USS ESSEX NCC-1727 City of Charter: Dallas, TX n/r
USS TYCHO NCC-59325 City of Charter: Fremont, OH Activities: Participating in Stampede and food bank projects and OCP. Redoing ship s model. Worked on modifying handbook and bylaws. Attended R1 conference. Working on anniversary party.	USS HAWKING NCC-24162 City of Charter: Lake Worth, FL n/r	USS TRIDENT NCC-74692 City of Charter: Stuart, FL Activities: Planning trips to Kennedy space center and IMAX. Held annual picnic and answered phones for pledge drive. Away team to a blues festival.	SPACE STATION FREEDOM III NCC-SS001 Correspondence Chapter n/r
USS WASP NCC-1721 City of Charter: Bristol, VA n/r	USS HEPHAESTUS NCC-2004 City of Charter: Birmingham, AL Activities: Recruiting contest continues. Attended R2 summit.	USS TRIUMPH NCC-26228 City of Charter: Fort Lauderdale, FL Activities: Volunteering at Miami Museum of Science. Held a Star Trek fantasy weekend. Lazer tag continues. STARFLEET charity work continues as well as can collection for recycling.. Attended R2 summit. Attended Vulkan.	USS INFINITY NCC-651 City of Charter: Waco, TX Activities: Activities on hold due to the restructuring involved in changing to Correy chapter.
USS WEST VIRGINIA NCC-2008 City of Charter: Charleston, WV n/r	USS INDESTRUCTABLE NCC-2017 City of Charter: Warner Robbins, GA n/r	USS WERNHER VON BRAUN NCC-72069 City of Charter: Huntsville, AL Activities: Held monthly meetings. Went to R2 summit. Planning planetarium visit and summer events/ recruiting attempts, including the fifth anniversary. Helped with Panoply arts festival.	USS INTANGIBLE NCC-65421 City of Charter: College Station, TX n/r
USS WHITE EAGLE NCC-2302 City of Charter: Jacksonville, NC n/r	USS KHAI TAM NCC-81000 City of Charter: Tallahassee, FL n/r	USS YAMATO NCC-71807 City of Charter: Pinson, AL n/r	USS JOAN OF ARC NCC-10522 City of Charter: Corpus Christi, TX Activities: Working on ship s constitution. Held a DS9 viewing party. Away team to Aggiecon. Held a recruiting event at Lost In Space .
USS YEAGER NCC-61893 City of Charter: Bluefield, WV n/r	USS MACLEOD NCC-10524-A City of Charter: Ellenwood, GA n/r	REGION THREE	USS KIDD, NCC-3207 City of Charter: Baton Rouge n/r
USS YORKTOWN NCC-1704-A City of Charter: York, SC n/r	USS ODYSSEY NCC-454-A City of Charter: Hattiesburg, MS Activities: Announced the rewards the club received at the Regional summit. Held monthly meeting. Had a recruiting drive. Started a marine strike group. Still working on STARFLEET charities. Held road trip to Jackson. Plans for fund-raisers and other activities continue.		U.S.S. LUNAR DAWN, NCC-1621 City of Charter: Grand Prarie Activities: Hosted a recruiting drive at Lost in Space . Assisted with security at a convention. Attended Sector 1, R3 meeting. Made a donation o the American Heart Association.
REGION TWO	USS OKATOMA NCC-74695 City of Charter: Collins, MS n/r	USS ASLAN NCC-8491 City of Charter: Ft. Worth, TX n/r	USS PALO DURO NCC-61914 City of Charter: Amarillo, TX Activities: Held general meetings, cadet meetings and ship s garage sale.
USS BLACKSTAR NCC-75003 City of Charter: Miami, FL n/r	USS PAEGAN NCC-1755 City of Charter: Orlando, FL n/r	USS AURORA VULCANUS NCC-1888 Correspondence Chapter Activities: Mailed out creative fiction offering. Holding a raffle for charity. Web page is getting ready to launch. Away team to Spirit Wolf meeting. Trying out interactive fiction.	USS QUANAHA PARKER NCC-73628 City of Charter: Lubbock, TX n/r
USS CHEROKEE, NCC-75009 City of Charter: Richton, MS n/r	USS RELENTLESS NCC-81001 City of Charter: Valdosta, GA n/r	USS BABYLON NCC-75014 City of Charter: Monroe, LA n/r	USS RODGER YOUNG NCC 75500 City of Charter: Shreveport, La Activities: Monthly bowling and game nights. Away team to R12 summit. Worked with volunteer center and did some recruiting.
USS CHUNG FU NCC-61808 City of Charter: Pensacola, FL Activities: None to report this month.	USS REPUBLIC NCC-1371 City of Charter: Atlanta, GA Activities: Held joint activity with KAG ships. Planning Bowl-a-Thon. Collecting coupons for OCP. Gearing up for Vulkan, where the ship s tenth anniversary will be celebrated.	USS BEXAR NCC-71718 City of Charter: San Antonio n/r	USS RHYANNA NCC-1892 City of Charter: Austin, TX n/r
USS CONTINUUM NCC-71821 City of Charter: Pensacola, FL n/r	USS ROGUE PHOENIX NCC-75005 City of Charter: Savannah, GA n/r	USS BRAVEHEART NCC-51002 City of Charter: Arlington, TX n/r	USS SAGITTARIUS NCC-9755 City of Charter: Garland, TX n/r
DARK SILENCE STATION NCC-SS007 City of Charter: Florence, AL Activities: Held regular meeting and participated in Panoply.	USS SAVANNAH NCC-1894-A City of Charter: Guyton, GA n/r	USS BRISSANY NCC-1904-A City of Charter: Bossier City, LA n/r	USS TEJAS NCC-9756 City of Charter: Vernon, TX n/r
USS DAVINCI NCC-74671 City of Charter: Columbus, GA n/r		SPACE STATION CAMELOT SFR-303 City of Charter: Austin, TX n/r	
USS GUARDIAN NCC-26244 City of Charter: Cape Canaveral, FL Activities: Collected money for tornado			

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<p>USS TROUNCER NCC-2553 City of Charter: Texarkana, TX Activities: Ship is dealing with Change of Command, holding general meetings.</p>	<p>USS SIMONOV NCC-2002 City of Charter: Fairfield, CA Activities: Final planning for R4 WOOZ day. Held Easter egg hunt at monthly meeting. Planning for convention work and yard sale. Also working on the activities for the rest of the year.</p>	<p>party. Donated for Easter to local domestic violence shelter.</p>	<p>USS ALBANY NCC-587 City of Charter: Guilderland, NY n/r</p>
<p>USS VICTORY NCC-9754 City of Charter: San Antonio, TX n/r</p>	<p>USS TIKOPAI NCC-1800 City of Charter: San Jose, CA Activities: Held general meetings and a hobby day. Helped with annual KTEH auction. Held “Merlin” viewing.</p>	<p>USS SKY DANCER NCC-5910 City of Charter: Newport, WA Activities: Cadets toured newspaper. Worked at Channel 7 telethon. Planning open house. Researching bringing a convention into the area.</p>	<p>USS ALPHA CENTAURI NCC-71812 City of Charter: Washington, DC Activities: Participated in charity “Christmas in April”.</p>
<p>REGIONFOUR</p>	<p>USS WINTER SOLSTICE NCC-62133 Activities: Held a general meeting. Went to planetarium. Building Chapter web site. Planning raffle as fund-raiser. Planning away team to BAYCON. Working on recruiting, chapter quilt.</p>	<p>USS SOLAR FLARE NCC-71885 City of Charter: Boise, ID Activities: Participated at IPTV festival. Planning to participate in St. Luke’s Hospital “Kid for a Night” program.</p>	<p>USS ARTHUR C. CLARKE NCC-63544 City of Charter: Cinnaminson, NJ n/r</p>
<p>USS CONSTAR NCC-71827 City of Charter: Visalia, CA n/r</p>	<p>REGIONFIVE (Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington)</p>	<p>REGIONSIX</p>	<p>USS ASCENSION NCC-2520 City of Charter: Lehigh Valley-Allentown, PA Activities: Away team to Vulkan, including regional meeting. Planing summer picnic and security at an upcoming convention and other summer events. Ordering more ships merchandise.</p>
<p>USS EAGLE NCC-1719 City of Charter: Fremont, CA n/r</p>	<p>USS CONSTITUTION NCC-1700 Correspondence Chapter Activities: The chapter is currently trying to contact some missing members.</p>	<p>USS ALAM’AK NCC-1796 City of Charter: Cottonwood, MN n/r</p>	<p>USS AVENGER NCC-1860 City of Charter: North Brunswick, NJ Activities: Recruiting efforts continue. Held general meetings, one with guest speaker from the Klingon Language Institute. Held a bowling night. Divisional activity planning continues. Held a movie nights, game night and a project night. Attended Tanagra commissioning and Challenger anniversary party.</p>
<p>USS HIGHROLLER NCC-23104 City of Charter: Reno NV n/r</p>	<p>USS CRUSADER NCC-74711 City of Charter: Spokane, WA Activities: Had movie party at Captain’s house. Held a game party.</p>	<p>USS CZAR’AK NCC-1798-A City of Charter: Minneapolis, MN Activities: Away team to MiniCon. Participating in FanFaire. Away team to R12 summit. Held 14th anniversary party.</p>	<p>USS BOUNTY, NCC-8494 Correspondence Chapter Activities: Newsletter and fiction production continues. Beginning on-line gaming activities.</p>
<p>K’EHLEYR STATION NCC-SS009 City of Charter: Las Vegas, NV n/r</p>	<p>USS DANIEL SOULE NCC-1810 City of Charter: Kent, WA n/r</p>	<p>USS IMPERIUM NCC-2125 City of Charter: Fargo, ND Activities: Went to DraCon and MiniCon. Planning Laser Tag tourney.</p>	<p>USS CHALLENGER NCC-1676-D City of Charter: Dover Township n/r</p>
<p>USS MIRIMAR NCC-2210 City of Charter: San Diego, CA n/r</p>	<p>USS DESTINY NCC-97301 City of Charter: Salem, OR Activities: Away team to R5 summit. Movie night following monthly meeting. Planning community service projects and trip to Las Vegas to the Star Trek Experience. Went to “Lost in Space” premier.</p>	<p>USS FARRAGUT NCC-1702-A City of Charter: Sartell, MN n/r</p>	<p>USS CHAUTAUQUA NCC-74670 City of Charter: Sherman, NY n/r</p>
<p>USS MUAD’DIB NCC-74988 City of Charter: Suisun, CA n/r</p>	<p>SPACE STATION NEXUS NCC-DS021 Online Correspondence Chapter n/r</p>	<p>REGIONSEVEN</p>	<p>USS DAUNTLESS NCC-74668 City of Charter: Westminster, MD Activities: Held monthly meetings and trip to the national air and space museum to see the Star Wars exhibit with other ships. Planning cookout and away team to Oriole’s game.</p>
<p>USS NORTHERN LIGHTS NCC-27001 City of Charter: San Jose, CA Activities: Held a video night. Helped with KTEH auction. Planning for upcoming conventions.</p>	<p>USS PENDRAGON NCC-2005 City of Charter: Bellevue, WA Activities: Held a meeting/ anniversary party. Went to Norwescon. Participated in MS walk.</p>	<p>USS ACCORD NCC-1842 City of Charter: Ithaca, NY Activities: Held a non-a-thon. Held general meetings, the April one had special guests. Went to Sun Tzu and Tanagra commissioning. Planning Shore Leave and IC’98 trips. Attended local Fire Department’s BBQ to thank them for use of their facilities for meetings. Engineering is working on 3D model of Accord.</p>	<p>USS HAZARD NCC-91813 City of Charter: Ene, PA n/r</p>
<p>USS OBERON NCC-71820 City of Charter: Citrus Heights, CA Activities: Participated in Grand Slam in Pasadena.</p>	<p>USS RUBICON NCC-71816 City of Charter: Richland, WA Activities: Held monthly meeting. Went to “cosmic bowling”. Planning the years activities. Held a “females night out”. Helping local school with fund raising. Participating in March of Dimes. Went to Sci-fi invasion. Participated in March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon. Held annual “Everybody on Board” birthday</p>	<p>USS ADAMANT NCC-3029 City of Charter: Valley Forge, PA Activities: Various activities with Thagard. Attended Vulkan. Working on T-Shirts and summer events. Monthly meetings and a game day.</p>	<p>USS HIGHLANDER NCC-10530 City of Charter: Fredrick, MD n/r</p>
<p>USS ONIZUKA NCC-71815 City of Charter: Chico, CA n/r</p>			<p>USS IDIC NCC-71811 City of Charter: Washington, DC Activities: Attended Tanagra commissioning.</p>
<p>USS PEACEKEEPER NCC-73200 City of Charter: Visalia, CA Activities: Held a poker night. Restarting collecting for OCP. Planning picnic with other groups. OCP participation continues. Held April meeting followed by mini-golf.</p>			

Crew has volunteered at Air and Space museum Star Wars exhibit. Recruiting efforts continue.	USS THAGARD NCC-652 City of Charter: Philadelphia, PA Activities: Dinner and movie nights. Held a game day and a general meetings. Held poker nights and DramaTREK. Also held a movie marathon and had many events with other groups in the area.	REGION 12	USS HEXUM NCC-2199 City of Charter: Belleville, IL Activities: Continuing recycling and environmental programs. Attended R12 summit. Planning summer activities. Held quarterly dinner. Clipped coupons for OCP and working on Stampede. Supported March of Dimes Walk America.
USS JUSTICE NCC-556 City of Charter: Florham Park, NJ n/r		USS ALLIANCE NCC-1849 City of Charter: Springdale, AR Activities: Launched shuttles this month. Have begun Adopt-a-highway.	
USS LEXINGTON NCC-1703-C City of Charter: West New York, NJ n/r	USS THOR NCC-2549 City of Charter: Parkton, MD n/r	USS ANTONIO MARIA VALSALVA NCC-4101 Correspondence Chapter Activities: Members worked on charity events at many levels. Went to a River Otter presentation and a safety demonstration. Move watching continues. Went to Blue-grass festival. Away team to “UFOs in Cyberspace” presentation. Cadets went to Eagle Day and members went to aquarium. Appointed new OIC for Marine Strike Group.	USS HORIZON NCC-1000-B City of Charter: Columbia, MO Activities: Held monthly meetings and held a dinner night. Participated in an AIDS walk.
USS LONE WOLF NCC-72214 City of Charter: Ocean City n/r	USS TRITON NCC-71819 City of Charter: Glen Burnie, MD n/r		USS JEANNETTE MADDOX NCC-14514 City of Charter: Wichita, KS n/r
USS MALVERNE NCC-2205 City of Charter: Upper Darby, PA Activities: Working on launching shuttle. Working on Regional conference bid. Watched “From Earth to the Moon” at monthly meeting. Looking for the maroon movie era uniforms and props. Looking for ways to make it to the IC.	USS WOLF NCC-3921 City of Charter: Hermitage, PA Activities: Planning inter-ship events with USS Hazard. Held Battletech workshops. Planning summer events.	USS ARCHANGEL NCC-2294 City of Charter: Gentry, AR n/r	USS KRAZNY OKTYABR NCC-23102 City of Charter: Shawnee, KS n/r
	REGION 8		
	REGION 9	USS ARLINGTON NCC-2375 Correspondence Chapter n/r	USS MARKO RAMIUS NCC-23103 City of Charter: Fayetteville, AR Activities: Attended the commissioning of the Celt. Planning next Klingon Games. Attended a convention in KC. Began collecting for OCP. Attended R12 summit and B5 experience.
USS MATRIX NCC-2296 Internet Correspondence Chapter Activities: Attended Vulkan. Book discussions continue as do storytelling sessions and scavenger hunts. Tech manual is in development. RPG list server activity continues.	USS BELGICA NCC-72301 City of Charter: Gent (Belgium) n/r	USS BATTLESTAR NCC-23110-A City of Charter: Fort Smith, AR Activities: There was a ship’s wedding. Monthly meetings were held. Chapter is looking for new meeting place.	USS MIRAGE NCC-72213 City of Charter: Midwest City n/r
	USSEUROPE NCC-1792 City of Charter: Tuebingen, Germany n/r		
USS NORTHSTAR NCC-10462 City of Charter: New York, NY Activities: Held Voyager parties. Attended Sun Tzu commissioning. Held monthly meeting. Held a sports day. Went to “Lost in Space” opening. Away mission to the UN.	REGION 10	USS BRADBURY NCC-72307 City of Charter: St. Charles, IL n/r	USS MORNING STAR NCC-4126 City of Charter: Lawton, OK Activities: Attended sector dinner. Attended Heart Walk. Collected for various charities, both STARFLEET and non-fleet. Held meetings, gave out quarterly awards.
	USS ASTRA NCC-77210 City of Charter: Calgary, AB Activities: General meeting, movie night and went to a con.	USS BROADSWORD NCC-73288 City of Charter: Jefferson City Activities: Chapter held monthly meetings. Crew received awards. They are looking into changing to a correy chapter. Planning to attend the region summit.	USS MYSTIQUE NCC-58929 City of Charter: Russellville, AR Activities: Cleaned the ship’s mile of highway. Participating in STARFLEET charities as well as local ones. Attended R12 summit.
USS PREVAILING WIND NCC-74667 City of Charter: Harrisburg, PA Activities: Had medieval club put on a presentation at monthly meeting. Did security at Sci-fi Expo and are planning to do security at future sci-fi events. Held a martial arts demonstration and are planning an aerobic show.	USS CRYSTAL STAR, NCC-1160 City of Charter: Eagle River, AK n/r		
	USS MAJESTIC NCC-61804 City of Charter: Victoria, BC Activities: Held a joint meeting with the Roberta Bondar. Work on Preservers’ Children continues. Holding video nights.	USS COCHRANE NCC-74525 City of Charter: Maumelle, AR Activities: Attended USS Celt commissioning, attended R12 summit, and planning activities for rest of year.	USS NIGHTSHADE NCC-10529 City of Charter: Lawton, OK n/r
USS SOVEREIGN NCC-75000 City of Charter: Philadelphia, PA n/r	USS ROBERTA BONDAR NCC-74669	USS CONCORD NCC-1989-D City of Charter: Oklahoma City Activities: Proceeding with Spring Fling despite some glitches.	USS NIMITZ NCC-74680 City of Charter: Oklahoma City Activities: Held meeting. Away team to Oklahoma dinner. Went to R12 summit. Cutting coupons for OCP and looking into service projects.
USS SUN TZU NCC-5373 City of Charter: Middletown, NY n/r	City of Charter: Nanimo, BC n/r		
USS TANAGRA, NCC-20023 City of Charter: Rockville, MD Activities: Held commissioning. Helped with crowd control at National Air and Space Museum’s Star Wars exhibit.	USS SOL NCC-1733 City of Charter: Fairbanks, AK n/r	USS CYDONIA NCC-74687 City of Charter: St. Louis, MO Activities: Held video night/ coupon clipping for OCP. Held monthly meetings.	USS NOMAD NCC-78500 City of Charter: Leavenworth Activities: Recruited at a convention. Attended the Oklahoma sector dinner. Held a “Burgers and Bowling night”. Attended R1 and R12 summits.
	REGION 11	USS DISCOVERY NCC-1308 City of Charter: St. Louis, MO Activities: Formation of ships Marine Strike Group approved. Preparing for R12 summit.	USS OKLAHOMA NCC-23137-A City of Charter: Oklahoma City Activities: Held meetings and planning recruitment drive.
USS TEMPERANCE NCC-2582 City of Charter: Brooklyn, NY n/r	USS SOUTHERN CROSS NCC-1886 City of Charter: Sydney, NSW Activities: Held a technical meeting, and a social meeting.	USS GALAHAD, NCC-63542 City of Charter: Oklahoma City Activities: Held commissioning party, planning future events.	

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V.A.S. GRADUATE PROFILE:
SUSAN VAUGHN

<p>USS ORION NCC-61815 City of Charter: Wichita, KS Activities: Attended USS Jeanette Maddox meeting. Volunteered at a local convention. Participating in Neighborhood clean-up. Attended Summit and the Independence commissioning.</p> <p>USS PARACLETE NCC-31903 City of Charter: Siloam Springs n/r</p> <p>USS PHOENIX NCC-2155 City of Charter: Columbia, MO Activities: Held monthly meetings. Held a fund raising raffle.</p> <p>USS QUANTUM NCC-1734-E City of Charter: Springfield, MO. Activities: Held general meetings. Planning trips to cons. Went to R12 summit.</p> <p>USS QUO VADIS NCC-74681 City of Charter: Belle Vista, AR n/r</p> <p>USS RANGER NCC-2206 City of Charter: Oklahoma City n/r</p> <p>USS SHILOH NCC-74683 City of Charter: Rockford, IL Activities: Continued recruiting drive. Fund-raising plans continue as do plans for charity projects.</p> <p>USS STAR EMPIRE NCC-2116 City of Charter: Norman, OK n/r</p> <p>USS STARGAZER NCC-2893 City of Charter: Kansas City n/r</p> <p>USS STELLAR WIND NCC-40513 Correspondence Chapter Activities: Newsletter production continues. Began work on convention proposal.</p> <p>USS SUNFLOWER NCC-74679 City of Charter: Augusta, KS n/r</p> <p>USS TRAVELER NCC-3145 City of Charter: Emporia, KS Activities: Attended the Nimitz anniversary. Away teams to various conventions. Went to Oklahoma Sector dinner. Held a movie watch-a-thon. Recruited at “Lost in Space”. Went to the R12 summit. Recruited at “Lost in Space”. Began highway clean-up project. Planning for casino night.</p>	<p>TROUBADOUR STATION SFR-1201 City of Charter: St. Louis, MO n/r</p> <p>USS UMIAC NCC-3142 City of Charter: St. Louis, MO Activities: Worked on Channel 9 membership drive. Worked at “Name that Con”. Planning summer activities.</p> <p>USS URSUS NCC-2011 City of Charter: Springfield, IL Activities: Held general meetings, with an Easter Egg hunt. Preparations for charity work activities continue.</p> <p>USS WHITESTAR NCC-71012 City of Charter: Port Huron, MI n/r</p> <p>REGION 13</p> <p>USS EMPRESS NCC-15025-A City of Charter: Sterling Heights n/r</p> <p>USS GRYPHON NCC-74661 City of Charter: Kalamazoo, MI Activities: Held a movie night and general meetings.. Played lazer tag. Challenging Klingon group. Planning trips, cons, and community service.</p> <p>USS VALKYRIE NCC-74658 City of Charter: Dearborn, MI n/r</p> <p>USS WHITE STAR NCC-71012 City of Charter: Port Huron, MI Activities: Hosted FrostBite, a convention.</p> <p>REGION 14</p> <p>REGION 15</p> <p>USS ATLANTIS NCC-71803 City of Charter: South Eaton, MA Activities: General meeting. Planning spring and summer events. Preparing for mini-golf tournament.</p> <p>USS BEAN SIDHE NCC-9186 City of Charter: Boston, MA Activities: Went to creation con. Participated in KAG Day of Honor. Went to a Hercules/Xena con. Held monthly meetings and are planning summer activities.</p> <p>USS BOSTON NCC-74482 City of Charter: Lowell, MA Activities: Attended regional summit. Held movie night. Participated in MS walk. Planning to attend Shore Leave. Had an Earth Day cleanup.</p>	<p>USS ENDEAVOR NCC-1716 City of Charter: Ledyard, CT Activities: Working on Constitution re-write. Visited aquarium. The chapter is working on a full-length video. Future events being planned.</p> <p>USS EQUINOX NCC-584 City of Charter: Winslow, ME Activities: Held Red Cross blood drive. Participated in Walk American. Collected for OCP. Preparing ship for parade season.</p> <p>USS HOOD NCC-1707 City of Charter: Nashua, NH Activities: Continuing recruitment drive. Got autographs from Leonard Nimoy at local mall. CO was interviewed in local paper. Away team to USS Constitution (the real one). Plans continue for summer events.</p> <p>USS O'BANNON NCC-5372 City of Charter: Sanford, ME Activities: Working on recruitment drive. Went to convention. Had a B5 CCG playing tournament. Hosted R15 summit. Planning on parade participation.</p> <p>USS THE SULLIVANS NCC-5370 City of Charter: Portsmouth, NH Activities: Worked on official fleet paperwork. Started Marine Strike Group. Planning recruitment drive. Working on change of command.</p> <p>REGION 16</p> <p>REGION 17</p> <p>USS ALIOTH NCC-71832 City of Charter: Orem/Provo, UT n/r</p> <p>USS MIR NCC-73281 City of Charter: Las Cruces, NM Activities: Away mission to White Sands National Park and planning for May picnic.</p> <p>USS WIND SPIRIT NCC-14110 City of Charter: Colorado Springs n/r</p> <p>REGION 18</p> <p>REGION 19</p> <p>REGION 20</p>	<p><i>Capt. Richard Heim, Assistant RDC Sciences, Region One</i></p> <p>Starfleet Academy s Vulcan Academy of Sciences is a very special school. In VAS you can earn up to 14 fictional degrees in two fields Biological Sciences and Physical Sciences with over two dozen electives. You learn a lot about <i>real</i> science as you do the course work, and have a great deal of <i>fun</i> while you re at it!</p> <p>In the history of Starfleet, there are only nine members who have completed <i>all</i> of the courses offered at the time they were enrolled. VAS would like to honor these special people for their commendable accomplishment.</p> <p>The Vulcan Academy of Sciences gives a hearty <i>SALUTE</i> to: <i>Susan Vaughn!</i></p> <p>A former Chief Sciences Officer, Susan is currently Commanding Officer of Region One s <i>U.S.S. Alaric</i>. She s been interested in science since I learned to read, and took about two and a half years to finish all of the VAS courses.</p> <p>In real life, Susan Vaughn is a registered nurse in a major Asheville-area hospital, working on her Masters degree with emphasis on Clinical Informatics (computers in nursing). She is interested in all fields of science. Her hobbies include bird watching, stargazing (astronomy), and nature (weather, trees & flowers, rocks, etc.). I watch science programs on anything and everything. I also have an interest in nutrition and dietary supplements to improve my own health and physical well-being, and yoga or Tai Chi to improve not just my body but my mind and soul. It <i>all</i> fascinates me!</p> <p>Science is very important in today s world, Susan notes. It can be our ruin or our salvation, depending on how we use it. Science has the means to solve problems, but it can also be used to destroy everything we have or ever will have. The question that should be asked is this, <i>Can we use science responsibly?</i> Future generations depend on the answer to that question.</p> <p>Her favorite scientists include DaVinci, Einstein, Hegel, Sagan, Hawking, and Asimov. When asked if science specials like Cosmos influenced her interest in science, Susan said, Carl Sagan was my idol long before this program came on, but I found the series fascinating and hoped that others would likewise find it appealing.</p> <p>As to her favorite scientific discovery: Besides the wheel and fire? Any and all discoveries that make life more worth living and that don t destroy more</p>
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than they help. Advances mean nothing if they ruin life for future generations. After all, we don't want to soil our own nests. Favorite scientific discovery? Probably the telescope. Though not necessarily the most important to mankind, it does prompt thought about our beginnings and our future. Looking at the stars, realizing that the light you are seeing left that star before this planet was even formed.

Once Capt. Vaughn discovered science fiction, that's where most of my interests gravitated. In her mind there has never been enough SF to quench her thirst.

It is especially satisfying to see things that were once science fiction become everyday occurrences. TOS communicators look remarkably like modern cell phones. Science fiction literature wrote of fictions like atomic-powered subs and trips to the Moon and these are now realities of life.

If she could decide NASA's space missions for the next 30 years, Susan would give highest priority to the expansion of efforts on a space station, our next step to the stars.

Capt. Vaughn had a couple practical science-related suggestions for *STARFLEET*, too. Bringing a scientist guest to cons or meetings (like the recycling specialist we had at a recent Alaric meeting), maybe the author of *The Physics of Star Trek*, or the writer of the business management book *Make It So*. Or any of the authors of the trivia books or encyclopedias. We are always taking up collections for one disease or another, how about *studying about the disease*, to educate and inform. Then folks will know what there is to fear about AIDS or cancer.

In closing, Susan added: I hope that everyone, especially young people, discover the joys of *reading*. It can give them more in the job market and it can give them the means to escape after a particularly hectic day at work. Science fiction is but one escape. But, in my case, it has also provided an opening to new job possibilities, linking computers to my old job, nursing. It promises to be a real adventure. May it be so for everyone.

On behalf of the Vulcan Academy of Sciences, I would like to take a moment to thank Susan for corresponding with us, and to ask you to join me in a hearty round of applause! If you would like to learn more about VAS, or take some courses, check out the VAS web page at:

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COMMUNICATIONS

GORDON GOLDBERG, CHIEF, COMMUNICATIONS, STARFLEET

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Once again, there have been some changes around Communications Central. No, nobody else has left - this time we've had some long-awaited additions to the staff.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Captain Andrea Haag and Commander Martin Lessem as Director and Deputy Director, respectively, of the STARFLEET International Translation Corps (ITC) - formerly the STARFLEET Language Bank.

The International Translations Corps will be available to provide translations of the STARFLEET Constitution and other pertinent documents (STARFLEET Academy exams, the Membership Handbook, and recruitment flyers, for example). The ITC can also be utilized by Divisions, Regions and Chapters who wish to have other documents (by-laws, manuals, etc.) translated.

The ITC is currently looking for volunteer translators in all languages currently in use in STARFLEET.

The ITC's goal is to assist in making STARFLEET a more international-friendly and linguistically accessible organization.

Andrea and Martin can be reached by email at ITC@sfi.org. Postal mail should be addressed to:

Andrea Haag
7312 Pinehurst
Dearborn, MI 48126

In addition, Captain Jeffery Higdon (who, in another dimension, also serves as Vice-Chair of the International Fan Council) has accepted the position of Director of the STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps. The Diplomatic Corps is responsible for opening and maintaining communications between STARFLEET and other fan organizations, and initiating and coordinating inter-fandom activities and newsletter exchanges.

Jeff can be reached by email at DiploCorps@sfi.org, or by postal mail at:

Jeffery Higdon
1019 N. Court Street #2
Rockford, IL 61103

If all has gone well, this issue of the

Communiqué should be in your hands around the time of the STARFLEET International Conference in Lubbock, Texas. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to arrange things so I could be there, though I will be (or will have been?) in communication with Allyson Dyar, who graciously agreed to be my proxy for the Admiralty Board meetings.

One item the Admiralty Board intends to have accomplished before the conclusion of the IC is its final approval of the proposed replacement Constitution which we've been working on since last year. Once approved by the Admiralty Board, it will be published in the Communiqué, and the membership will be asked to ratify it. If the membership approves (and hopefully you will), STARFLEET will then have a completely new (and actually reasonable) guiding document.

Many people have asked why it has taken so long for the Admiralty Board to complete its review of the Constitution when, after all, it was completed last September. I assure you, it was time well spent. Over these many months, we've wrangled over, discussed, solicited input on, negotiated, re-written, re-negotiated, torn apart, and put back together this document so many times that it bears little resemblance to what we started with - and yet the basic skeleton, the purpose, and the goals we had in mind when we started have, if anything, become more solid and more clear.

I am proud to be working with a Commander, STARFLEET who has chosen not to abuse powers, and an Executive Committee that has strived to put together a new Constitution that removes much of their (our) own authority, and with a group of Regional Coordinators who have worked closely with us to develop a workable structure for the future of our organization.

This proposed Constitution makes STARFLEET more democratic, giving the Regions the authority to appoint their own Regional Coordinators.

It provides for assurances of the fiscal responsibility of those who are in control of STARFLEET funds.

It greatly diminishes the power, but not the responsibility, of the appointed Executive Committee, and increases the authority and responsibility of the elected Admi-

ralty Board.

It provides for a system of checks and balances, so that the abuses which have occurred in the past can not happen again.

I think you'll like it.

I know I do. I'm proud to be a part of the effort to put to rights all the things that are wrong with STARFLEET's current Constitution - a document which gives the Commander, STARFLEET dictatorial powers over the organization. I'm proud to be working with a Commander, STARFLEET who has chosen not to abuse powers, and an Executive Committee that has strived to put together a new Constitution that removes much of their (our) own authority, and with a group of Regional Coordinators who have worked closely with us to develop a workable structure for the future of our organization.

We've had our differences, we've had our arguments - and not just between the Executive Committee and the RCs. Every one of us is an individual, with our own individual ideas and preconceptions and agendas, not to mention our own real or perceived constituencies, all of which have come into play in our interactions. And yet we've listened to one another, and exchanged ideas, compromised or stood firm at times, and hammered out a solid document that we all feel serves the best interest of STARFLEET as a whole.

To the entirety of the Admiralty Board, to my fellow Executive Committee members, to the various Regional Coordinators and Acting RCs and everyone else who has been involved in the Constitution project: I'm so very proud of you all.

It's amazing what a willingness to communicate can accomplish.

If you have any comments or ideas on how the Communications Division can further serve your chapter or the fleet, 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.

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Are you a Ham Operator? USS JURASSIC has two aboard at the moment who would like to communicate with other Trekking Hams and perhaps get a net started. For more information contact: wb8nll@juno.com or visit webpage: www.qsl.net/wb8nll.

PEN PALS

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

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

Companion wanted: 35 y/o, SWM; sincere, honest, cook, inmate, many interests. ISO SF, 25-32, for later marriage. Playful, open-minded, romantic, honest. Kids/pets okay. Photo. Write soon and often. Bill Skinner, AM8585 SCIWM, PO Box 256, Waymart, PA 18472-0256

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Wanting to Buy: Original tribble used in the ST:TOS episode "Trouble With Tribbles". Must be authenticated. Contact Mariellen Chidiac, cestmoi@emirates.net.ae or write to PO Box 23215, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

CONVENTIONS

DragonCon, September 3-6, 1998, Atlanta's Inforum Convention Center and Hyatt Regency Hotel, Atlanta, GA. Guests TBA. Four day memberships \$40 through March 15, \$50 through May 15, and \$60 at the door. Write DragonCon '98, PO Box 47696, Atlanta GA 30362-0696, <http://www.dragoncon.org>, call 24 hour info line at (770) 623-6321. Tickets available through Ticketmaster with Visa, MC or Amex at (404) 249-6400.

Tigercon 3, October 2-4, 1998. University of Memphis, Memphis TN. Special guest is Dr. Lawrence Schoen, Director of the Klingon Language Institute. Free convention! Only expense is the dinner on Saturday Night; \$25 for adults, \$15 under 16. (Toddlers and below are free.) Contact Karen Cushing at: kcushing@memphis.edu or: Tigercon, Campus Box 528032, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN 38152. <http://www.people.memphis.edu/~kcushing/tigercon/index.htm>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION: If you have been promoted to Captain or above and have not received a promotion certificate, please email your name, SCC#, and the date that you received it to the promotions coordinator Michael Malotte: promotions@sfi.org.

The Security School has reopened with all new courses and exams. Currently, the Basic and Convention Security Officer's Courses are available. Other courses are being developed and will be announced when complete. See Academy application for costs and mailing info.

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Welcome New Shuttle Independence!

Joe Brouhard

On stardate 9805.23, the USS Nomad crew (RADM Michael Malotte, Michelle Johnson, Denine Malotte), Brian PackRat Davis and his wife, and various members of the pre-shuttle Independence got together to celebrate the launching of the Shuttle Independence. (This was a little premature due to the fact that XO Adam Copple's OTS apparently got lost in the mail). The party went quite well.

Also, the CO, Commander Joe Brouhard, started a listserv for the

Independence and her crew. the following is an excerpt from the post that is sent out to subscribers.

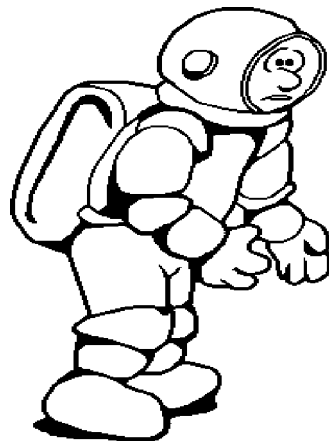
This is a list for the crew of the USS Independence.

In order to subscribe to this list, you must be a member of STARFLEET-The International Star Trek Fan Club Association. If you are not, please do not attempt to subscribe to this list.

This list is to inform the crew of the USS Independence of any announcements in SFI and to announce any-

thing important to the ship.

Lieutenant Colonel Joe Brouhard
CO Shuttle Independence
CO 224th MSG Wolf Pack



Membership packet
late? Missing CQ's?

For Membership
Assistance, please
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Staff Coordinator
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N. Brunswick, NJ
08901-1691
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Convention Helps Trekkies Prosper

By SEAN KIM, Courier-Post Staff
Submitted by Rhonda E. Green

CHERRY HILL If you could ignore the stray uniform or two, it could have passed for a conference of any civic or business organizations, replete with panel discussions on leadership, charity, computers and public relations.

But it was hard to dismiss the occasional person among hundreds walking around in a *Star Trek* uniform Sunday at the Hilton Hotel on Route 70. It was the finale of a three-day conference of Starfleet, which claims to be the world's oldest and largest fan-run *Star Trek* organization, with 4,000 members in some 15 countries.

About 250 people attended the conference from more than 250 Starfleet club chapters. Established chapters are named after star ships; the fledgling groups after shuttles.

Lacking at the conference were the regalia insignias, posters, gizmos, hordes of vendors, costumed individuals and celebrity speakers normally found at *Star Trek* fan club conventions. This was business.

At the conference, members shared ideas, such as tips on improving newsletters, starting fanzines and communicating via the Internet.

We're not the get a life type that show up at a trial in uniform, said Mary Collier-Corson, 40, of Magnolia, referring to an alternate juror in the Whitewater trial in Arkansas who showed up at court every day in a *Star Trek* uniform, until the judge dismissed her.

Some Star Trek groups outside of Starfleet, such as Klingon Legion of Assault Warriors, are far more into costumes, make-up and role-playing, said Kelly S. Hilliard, 37, a vice-admiral for his Atlanta Starfleet chapter.

He hates the connotations of Trekkies, a common term. We're not dweebs. We're real

people with real jobs, said Hilliard, an electronic database operator at Georgia State University.

The series and movies amount to more than just distraction and entertainment for many of its fans. Hilliard pointed out all the charities that the organization runs.

There are also club-sponsored college scholarships. For aspiring physicians there's the DeForest Kelley grant, named after the actor who played Dr. Leonard Bones McCoy. For wannabe actors there is the Patrick Stewart, named for the Shakespearean actor who played Capt. Jean Luc Picard. And business students can vie for the Armin Shimerman, who plays the Ferengi capitalist Quark.

Despite the lack of Vulcan-eared convention-goers, members at this weekend's conference like London-raised Anya Malina are a reminder of what sets *Star Trek* fans apart.

Malina, 30, now a resident of Jackson, has been hooked on the show since she was 3, as were her parents, now deceased.

As immigrants from England, the family loved the message of tolerance and peaceful coexistence conveyed by *Star Trek*'s creator, Gene Roddenberry.

It's not, Let's get the big guns out first, it's, Let's find a peaceful solution first, she said.

[This article was accompanied by a photograph by Chris LaChall of *The Courier-Post*. Starfleet Marines Eric Lerfald and Gerri Wampler and Starfleet Officer John Lentz in line at the Burger King were pictured.]

<editor's note: This story was written about the International Conference held in Cherry Hill, NJ last year>

Seeking Tech-Minded Starfleet Members!

Alex Rosenzweig

APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR DIRECTORSHIP OF ASDB

On 5 June 1998, CAPT Michael Dugas submitted his resignation as Director of the Advanced Starship Design Bureau (ASDB). He has accepted a position within the administration of Region 13, and with the various posts he holds, there is not time for all of them. Regretfully, I have accepted Mike's resignation, and wish him all the best in his new position as Chief of Operations, Region 13. I also would like to thank him for his service to STARFLEET and DTS.

Mike will continue to work with DTS, although the final role he will play is still in the process of being sorted out. I am delighted that he will continue to work with us and bring his considerable talents to the service of DTS, ASDB, and the Fleet.

I am also pleased to welcome CMDR Thomas Spiker as Acting Director, ASDB. Tom will be helping out while the process of selecting the new permanent Director is followed.

With regard to that process, after some consideration, I felt that this position should be offered to the entire Fleet through the Communiqué. Many members have voiced concerns that position openings are not being advertised, and while it is sometimes true that positions must be filled more quickly than can be allowed for with the Communiqué schedule, ASDB is not in that situation. Therefore, what follows are the specific criteria for the position of Director, Advanced Starship Design Bureau:

The Director of the Advanced Starship Design Bureau is charged with assisting STARFLEET members/shuttles/chapters in the creation of new starship designs and/or the upgrade/modification of existing designs within the framework of a coherent, established Star Trek Universe.

The successful candidate will:

1] Be comfortable with and possess full understanding of Star Trek technology and engineering in all eras of the Star Trek Universe in which the fictional Star Fleet operates (from 2161 through 2375, *not* just TNG/DS9/VOY).

2] Be comfortable with Star Trek engineering and starship design as explicated in fan-tech, as well as Paramount-tech,

materials (manuals, blueprints, and such), as the former are critically important to the proper development of the Star Trek Universe.

3] Be willing to guide groups designing starships to develop their projects to fit realistically within the existing framework. (e.g., if we already have 2 extant shuttlecarrier designs {and actually, we have about 8 right now}, a group creating a third should show that the new design does something that the others do not.) New designs created simply for the purpose of being new will not necessarily be accepted, but the ASDB Director can assist groups in giving the new design a fresh characteristic that might allow its acceptance. Alternatively, the ASDB Director will show the group the existing designs and see if one of those might not suit the purpose.

4] Coordinate the design activities and functions of DTS, often in cooperation with the STARFLEET Corps of Engineers and the FDCs of Engineering and Sciences, as well as the Office of Technical Information within DTS.

The ability to access the Internet and communicate on-line is recommended, but not required.

I will accept applications for a period of one month after the release of the Communiqué. At the end of that time, they will be reviewed and an appointment made. Applicants should, as specifically as possible, explain how they will fulfill each of the above-mentioned criteria.

Applications may be sent to:

Department of Technical Services,
STARFLEET
ADM Alex Rosenzweig, Director
980 Linwood Place
North Brunswick, NJ 08902-2267
E-Mail: alexr@castle.net

I look forward to seeing many fine applications. There is a lot of talent in this organization, and I fully expect the choice to be a difficult one. Thanks for your attention, and I hope to hear from you.

Marketing 101: The First Contact Team

Glenn Smith

Our clubs are now focused into lean, mean, fun-havin' machines. We have a marketing plan that would make a Fortune 500 company green with envy. The guests are flying in left and right. All we have to do now is hand out membership applications and collect dues, right? Well, you actually have a little bit of work left to do.

Many clubs are sort of like the 1997 Dallas Cowboys; you get to the 20-yard line but just cannot seem to get the ball into the end zone. If you find that the vast majority of your guests tend to be one stop wonders, you might be in this group. Now, I do not want to deceive you into thinking that every guest should turn into a full member, but you should be drawing a good percentage of them back for a second look.

If your club has a focus and your marketing materials present that focus properly, the guest already knew that they were interested in the club when they came to the front door. The only reason the person should not join is a lack of chemistry. Not every person belongs in every club; sometimes people just do not fit in. This is to be expected now and then. However, it would be a shame to lose a potentially great member just because things did not click in the first few minutes.

Thus, we create the club welcoming committee, or First Contact Team (FCT).

Some of you may already balk at the idea of doing anything out of the ordinary when a guest comes to the meeting. You want them to see how you really are, to know what you regularly do. You do not want to set up a false impression that will be shattered over time. I agree with all of this; I do not want you or your club to pretend to be something you are not. I am just reminding you that you only have that one chance to make a first impression and some of us need a little preparation to make the best impression we can. As an

example, I want to share how I came to be a STARFLEET member.

I had a life-long friend who had joined the USS Trouncer. She spent months telling me how wonderful the club was and inviting me to visit. I even helped her a little bit with the newsletters since I had more experience with computers than she. Thus, I was quite familiar with what the USS Trouncer and STARFLEET were all about. One meeting night, I had two other friends visiting me and we all decided to check out this club.

When we arrived, the CO greeted us and led us to a table by ourselves. The three of us sat through a meeting we did not understand and, when game time began, we sat alone and played chess. We had fun since we were used to acting crazy on our own anyway, but we left the meeting with the impression that the club was worthless. The CO took six months to talk me into giving the club a second chance and I did eventually join. My friends, who have the same interests as I, still cannot see why I bothered.

Now let me share some steps with you to keep this from happening to your guests.

Set up a First Contact Team to welcome guests and ensure they feel comfortable the first two meetings. This team should have at least two members who do not have prominent roles in the regular meeting's activities. You need more than one person so that their absence from a meeting will not shut down the FCT's duties altogether. These FCT members cannot have major roles in the meeting itself because they need to spend the meeting with the guest.

Before the formal meeting starts, introduce the guest to the top three officers in the club. If your club is small and you want to point out others, just use their first names. The guest is going to be introduced to a lot of people and a lot of material in that first meeting, there is no need to

overwhelm them in the first five minutes. Then take a seat at the back table, the last row, or the seats farthest from the podium. Your guest will need to have items and events of the meeting explained and you do not want your FTC member's remarks interrupting the meeting.

The goal here is simple: ensure the guest understands, and feels a part of, the entire meeting. The above plan works for a standard business/information meeting. If the gathering breaks into departmental subgroups, take the guest around to each of the gatherings and give them a brief description of what the departments do and get the guest's feedback on where their interests might lie. If you go into a game or recreational mode, the task is to get the guest in a game, introduced to the other players, and having a good time.

Another goal of this meeting is for the club to get a little feel for who the guest is and how they might fit into the club's social structure. Your FCT will need to understand that this is best achieved through conversation throughout the meeting. Do not just sit down and ask twenty questions in a row as this could put the guest on the defensive, especially if they tend to be shy. And, under no circumstances, should you ever double-team or dog-pile a guest. When they arrive, assign one, and only one, member of your FCT to work with them. The other members of the club need to understand to be polite and, when appropriate, engage the guest in light conversation but leave the FCT room to do their jobs.

Your final goal for this meeting is to get the guest back for a second meeting. Do not try to pressure the guest into filling out an application and paying their dues at this first meeting; you will run off as many members as you gain. Of course the guest needs to know what the dues are and what membership gains them, however be just as quick to state that this can be dealt with at the next meeting. Of course, if the

person insists on joining at the first meeting, by all means let them. However, I recommend that you still treat them as a First Contact at the second meeting they attend.

This whole plan speaks of a guest who came on his or her own initiative. If an existing member brings a guest, you still want to stick to the plan as much as possible. The inviting person should sit with the guest so they do not feel abandoned at the door; however, the FCT member should handle the bulk of the conversation. Remember that we want the guest to eventually feel comfortable with the whole club. We do not want that guest to feel their only attachment to the club is the person who originally invited them.

From this article you can see that your First Contact Team, just as in the show, needs members with special talents and training. These club members must be outgoing and comfortable with talking to new people. They should also have a knack for making others feel comfortable with talking to them. Finally, your FCT must understand the roles they perform and what is expected for the guest at their first two meetings. Star Trek clubs normally attract intelligent folks with pretty good people skills; I'm sure you will find a few in your club who will be perfect for this duty.

Next time out, the final installment in the series. The Second Visit: How to close the deal. I will discuss the follow up to the first meeting, what to do with the guest at the second meeting, and, finally, how to get their name on the dotted line.

DS9 Guest Star Returns to New Jersey

By Radm Bob Vosseller

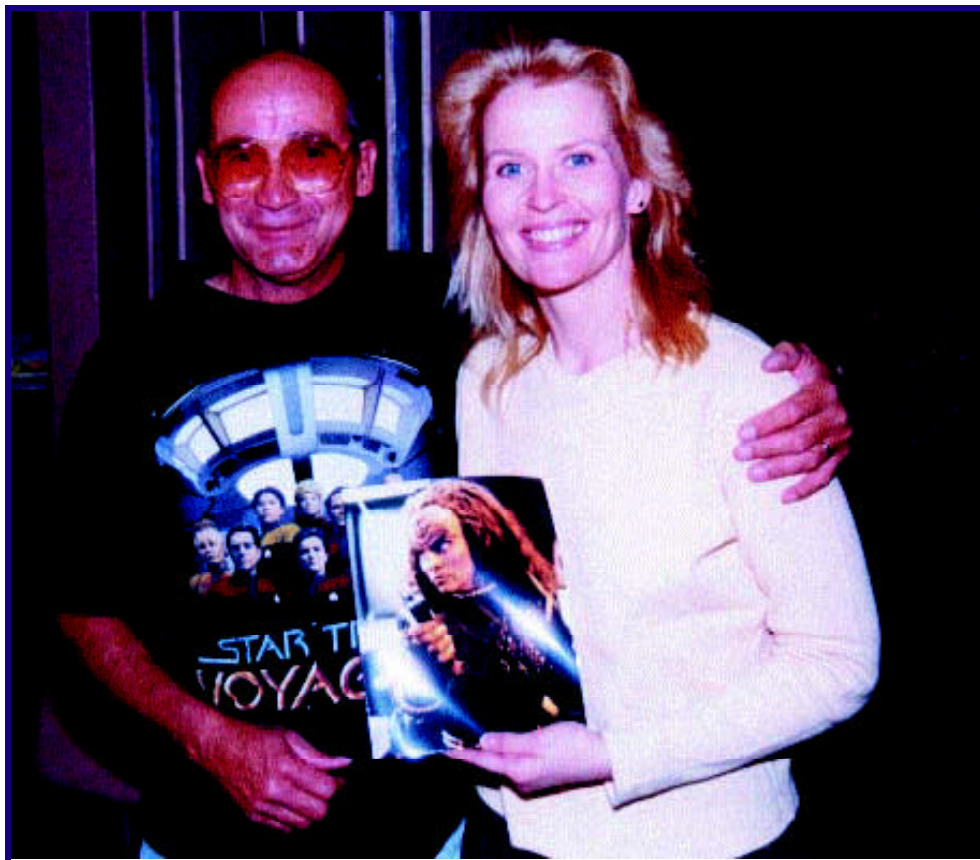


Photo by RAdm. Bob Vosseller: USS Adamant First Officer Jim Clevens joins actress Mary Kay Adams during a collectible show in Bordentown, NJ, in May. The actress is seen holding up a photo of her character Grilka who appeared in two episodes of ST:DS9 and may be returning for another episode next season.

It is hard to picture the slender blond actress Mary Kay Adams playing an angry, manipulative character, but she's played three fearsome females of that description during her career.

The Middletown New Jersey native whose parents now reside in Ocean County, NJ, started out in theater. "I went to school for acting. My first big job was in 1984." That was when she won the part of India Von Halkien on the daytime soap Guiding Light.

"It was originally written as India Raines from the mid-west but they decided to rewrite her as a European aristocrat. I had a wonderful time on the show," Adams said.

It is safe to say that Adam's portrayal of the beautiful yet manipulative India helped the long established CBS soap to become number one in the ratings through most of the 1980's.

A few years after she left the role she returned to add more intrigue to the soap through pursuing Phillip (Grant Alexander) Spaulding and going toe-to-toe with the show's matriarch Alexandra (Beverly McKinsky) Spaulding.

"We had a great head writer, Patricia Long. We also had a great writer in Doug Marland when I was on As the World Turns. Guiding Light, though,

was my baptism of fire."

She recalled her first meeting of John Bolger who briefly took over the role of Phillip Spaulding. "I met him when they were screen-testing him for the role. I thought he was the most handsome man I had ever seen and he was he was my personal choice for the part. I loved for Grant to appeal to the audience." Bolger's first scene with Adams was a shower scene with India.

The character evolved from a manipulative vixen to a caring mom who adopted an orphan. Adams blushes; "The actress who played Dory, Kimmy Parks, is now... 26 years old. She is a good friend of mine."

Eventually the actress left the east coast where Guiding Light was video taped to venture out into Hollywood. During the same week she received two roles which her own parents wouldn't be able to recognize her in.

"It is the most fun I have ever had," Adams said of her role as the Klingon Grilka in the syndicated science-fiction series STAR TREK: Deep Space Nine. The role required heavy makeup for her portrayal of the character. "Just a day apart I learned I got the role of Na'toth," on Babylon 5. In the latter role, Adams could relate to her former cast mate on "Guiding Light" who had taken over the role previously established by another actor. Na'toth had been played by actress Caitlin Brown in the first season of Babylon 5 and more recently in a guest appearance this season. The role was Mary Kay's throughout the second season until the character was written off the show.

She seemed, however, to prefer the role of Grilka who married Quark (played by Armin Shimmerman), a regular on the series. Shimmerman attended high school in Lakewood, NJ. "He is a wonderful guy, a king among men," Adams said.

While it took at least two hours to apply the prosthetic makeup for her roles in the two shows she learned to deal with "...all the sensory deprivation. Because I hadn't been with B5 from the start, DS9 seemed to have more of a fluid flow."

Next season is believed to be Deep Space Nine's last. While the actress returned to reprise the role last year she said "... there is talk of bringing the character back for a kind of closure. I'd love to do it."

Adams would also love to return to the role that made her famous on daytime TV, the part of India on Guiding Light. "That is what I'd really like to do. That first year was just so chock full of stuff that writers came up with more than anything I could ever come up with."

Living back on the east coast might also give the actress more opportunities to visit her parents who accompanied her to the Bordentown show during the weekend. When asked if she would be willing to appear as a special guest of the USS Challenger (based in Ocean County) if her schedule allowed (and promised lunch or dinner) she smiled, "Sure, but you don't have to buy me lunch, just a frozen custard from the Seaside Heights boardwalk."