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STATEMENT OF NASA ADMINISTRATOR DANIEL S. GOLDIN ON THE DEATH OF ALAN SHEPARD

The entire NASA family is deeply saddened by the passing of Alan Shepard. NASA has lost one of its greatest pioneers; America has lost a shining star.

Alan Shepard will be remembered, always, for his accomplishments of the past: for being one of the original seven Mercury astronauts, for being the first American to fly in space, and for being one of only 12 Americans ever to step on the Moon. He should also be remembered as someone who, even in his final days, never lost sight of the future.

On behalf of the space program Alan Shepard helped launch, and all those that space program has and will inspire, we send our deepest condolences to his wife Louise, their children, and the rest of the Shepard family.

Alan Shepard lived to explore the heavens. On this his final journey, we wish him Godspeed.

Alan Shepard NASA webpage:
<http://www.jsc.nasa.gov/pao/shepard/>



Jeffery Higdon, CO, USS Shiloh

On May 4, 1961, a little boy in Mountain Home, Idaho celebrated his third birthday. Of the presents he got was a cow boy hat and a set of play "six shooters". No mention was made by his playmates of the impending event that was to come the next day; but, living near a US Air Base, that was all the adults talked about (the impending event and who was going to be strapped atop of it, because no one knew...)

Twenty-four hours later, on May 5, 1961, at a place over 1000 miles away, an American was strapped on top of a Redstone Rocket and hurtled into space. That man experienced weightlessness for about five minutes and became, at the time, one of the most celebrated men in the world. That man was Alan B. Shepard, Jr.

On July 22, 1998, thirty-seven years, two months and fifteen days later, that little boy who celebrated his birthday the day before the launch of Friendship 7 now joins his fellow 'fleeters in STARFLEET, the members of the International Fandom Council, and the rest of the world to mourn the death of this space pioneer and leader of men.

When I think of Alan Shepard, I remember that day almost nine years later when, after a long bout with an ear infection, he with Stuart Roosa and Edgar Mitchell was strapped atop a mighty Saturn V Rocket in the Apollo 14 Command Module. I remember him stepping on the moon. I also remember the golf swing that all who saw have tried to emulate.

After his golf swings (which were during the moonwalk), Shepard said, "Miles and Miles and Miles...". I believe he had in mind more than just the distance that little white ball was going to travel, for he had come many miles, not only in the distance between the Earth and the Moon, but in time. Now he has gone full circle.

If there is a memorial I can give, it is this:



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**Alan B. Shepard, Jr.
Astronaut
First American in Space-Mercury 3
5th Man to Walk on the Moon-Apollo 14
1923-1998
"Miles and Miles and Miles..."**

The Officers and crew of the USS Shiloh, NCC-74683, Intrepid-class Starship, also known as the Rock River Area Star Trek Space Science Association, as well as the members of the STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps and Ambassadors, offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Rear Admiral Shepard, to his associates in the Space Program, and to all those who knew what his achievements and goals meant to him and us - being that he was one of the first to blaze that path to the Final Frontier.

"We Grieve with Thee..."

Jeffery E. Higdon



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FROM THE TOP

FLEET ADMIRAL MICHAEL D. SMITH, COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings, STARFLEET!

Wow...where do I begin? There's plenty of news this issue, so let's get started!

First off, thanks in major part to the hard work of Admiral Chuck Freas, VCS, the IRS situation has been resolved. We no longer owe the IRS any money, and as a matter of fact, we have also received a refund of over \$7,000 from the IRS! Chuck has worked many long hours researching the law for STARFLEET, and STARFLEET awarded him with a Special Service Award at the 1998 STARFLEET International Conference for that effort. Ironically enough, Monday July 6th, which is also my birthday, was when the letters and refunds were issued and mailed to me. Nice birthday present, I must tell you. <Grin>

What does this mean, you ask your-

selves? It's quite simple. STARFLEET is through the long, dark tunnel called "The McGinnis legacy." We are truly and completely in the black now, and aside from the current bills that we generate in the normal operation of the organization, we are solvent! No more IRS shadow lingering over us. I'm pleased to have been a part of the administration that tackled that daunting task head on, and conquered it.

Secondly, thanks to newly-minted Fleet Captain Sam Black and his staff for a successful 1998 STARFLEET International Conference. Sam and his crew were dealt a bad set of cards by the hotel we used this year, and made the best of a bad situation. Many STARFLEET members came from across the country to help participate in STARFLEET's yearly Conference, including our New Zealander, John "Kiwi" Kane! It was a truly International Conference this year. We were also graced with the pres-

ence of Fleet Admiral John Bradbury, the founder of STARFLEET as it has come to be, these 24 years later. John is a great guy, and I look forward to seeing John become active again in the organization he helped found in Lufkin, TX in 1974.

This brings me to my next topic: the 1999 STARFLEET International Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina in August of 1999. This IC is made even more special by the fact that this will be the big gala celebration of STARFLEET's 25th Anniversary as a Star Trek® Fan Association. Fleet Captain Matt Myers and his staff are already hard at work to ensure that this IC fits the bill. You can check it out at

<http://ic99.regionone.com>

I look forward to seeing many of you there next year! Start making those vacation plans now!

Finally, I'm pleased to announce that STARFLEET will be bringing back the STARFLEET Scholarship program for the 1999 Fall Semester. STARFLEET will be pledging \$2,000 towards the Scholarship program from the IRS refunds issued, but we still need plenty of donations from the STARFLEET membership to completely fund the program for 1999. We need to raise another \$3,000 dollars in scholarship money by April of 1999 in order to fund all the STARFLEET Scholarships. I know that we have the dedicated members in the organization to make this happen and remember, these scholarships help out our own deserving members! Please give early and give often!

And that's all I have for this issue! Please take care out there and we'll see you in sixty!

SECOND THOUGHTS

ADMIRAL CHARLES FREAS, VICE COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings! As I'm sure many of you have heard by now, there is *very* good news on the tax front. In addition to abating and waiving the 1995 penalty, the Internal Revenue Service has agreed to abate and waive both the 1991 and 1992 failure-to-file penalties, to issue STARFLEET a refund for all penalties plus interest paid to date, and even to pay Fleet interest on those payments we've already made! This represents a complete, ultimate victory for STARFLEET, as well as final closure on all current tax-related issues. FAdm. Mike D. Smith has already received and deposited our refund checks (totaling slightly over \$7,000 U.S.) for 1991 and 1992 tax year payments.

Credit for this magnificent victory over the Borg rightfully belongs to no one person. It belongs to many persons. In particular, major kudos should go to FAdm. Mike D. Smith (for securing vital documentation and for his steady leadership), FAdm. Jeannette Maddox (whose personal Affidavit regarding reasons and events during 1991 and 1992 helped immeasurably in our favorable resolution), FAdm. Rob Lerman (who got the ball rolling on our application for Section 501(c)(7) status and filed Fleet's first four Form 990's),

RAdm. Marlene Miller (whose tireless accounting efforts and advice allows Fleet to stay out of harm's way), Comm. Howard Cronson (without whose professional assistance and advice we simply could not have won), Comm. Gary Decker (for honest professional advice, timely rendered), and to many others (who wish to remain nameless). These are the *real* heros of Fleet's second battle at Wolf 359! (Or was it Fleet's first battle? Time slipping with the Borg gets so confusing!)

For those keeping track of such things, this closure on I.R.S. matters concludes payment or satisfaction in full of all external debts owed from all prior Administrations. Yes, Fleet is back, and in the black! It's time now to think "Scholarships!" and to think about the future of the Fleet.

Speaking of the future, I remind everyone that chapters and Regions should be sending in their reports on their charitable donations to STARFLEET's International Charity Coordinator (ICC). If sent via e-mail (either cc'd with your MSR or as a separate post), they go to "Charities@sfi.org" and/or "charities@hotmail.com". If sent via postal service, they go to Amy Alexander,

STARFLEET International Charities Office, 10280 Wanzer Hill Rd., Mechanicsville, VA 23116-4714. A reporting form is available now in the ICC's Charities Packet, and will soon be available on STARFLEET's website:

<http://www.sfi.org>

At IC 1998, I was asked by several persons "Why should I do this?" Well, imagine if *every* dime you spent on a Fleet-related charitable function could be taken off *your personal* income taxes. And, did you know that there are millions of dollars out there that *must* be given away each year by charitable tax-exempt foundations, just waiting to be asked for? Imagine if Fleet could obtain even one of those grants for ten thousand, or even fifty or a hundred thousand dollars, to further its charitable activities. Or two, even three, such grants! That's my goal -- to obtain that kind of tax-free funding, plus personal income tax exemptions for every Fleet member. All this lies behind the I.R.S.'Section 501(c)(3) door. And your reports are the *only* key to that door.

Will all of this happen this year? No. Next year? No. The next year? Maybe. The next year after that? Yes, it *can* happen

then. If that happens, will it take all the fun out of Fleet? No, we can still continue with all the fun-filled social and educational activities that we currently enjoy. But, to make it so within our lifetime we must start -- now -- to quantify and qualify our current levels of giving. To achieve this goal will require widespread and systematic reporting of the levels of charitable giving (either in cash, goods, or time) which STARFLEET's members, chapters, and Regions make each year, tracked over several years. Can we do it? Yes.

Will you help? You can help by simply telling your commanding officers and Regional Coordinators to "*Make it so!*" The Mike Smith/Chuck Freas Administration stands ready to assist you in making this possible future come true. Remember, restoring or changing the future takes the crew of just one Starship -- if they're daring enough! We're looking for those daring enough to defy the authorities, resourceful enough to stop the Borg's attack on STARFLEET's homeworld, and dedicated enough to change our future! Join us, as we meet this next great challenge for the Fleet!

Until next time, *Live Long, and Prosper!*

Comp Ops

Commodore Jesse Smith, Chief, Computer Operations, Starfleet

I’ve just returned from what I would consider a very successful International Conference in Lubbock, Texas and would like to pass on a huge thank you to Fleet Captain Sam Black at the members of the USS Quannah Parker. I had a fantastic time meeting new friends and becoming reacquainted with old ones. Many ideas were thrown about for improving the CompOps team and we were able to able to accomplish some items that have been in progress for some time. A very hearty thank you to all who came to me with both their problems as well as their kind words.

While at the IC, I recruited a new member to the CompOps team. Captain Mark Anbinder of USS Accord will be assisting me with several projects including sending out renewal reminders to members who have or are about to expire. We have yet to work out the exact details of the renewal reminders, but by the time you read this the first batch should be well on their way. More details on this will follow in feature articles as we work out the details. If you have any complaints or suggestions about this or any other undertaking by the Computer Op-

erations department, be sure to let me know.

Mark also gave Blair and me a hand in getting a secure on-line membership application form, which is available as a link from the main Computer Operations web site at <http://www.sfi.org/compops/>.

Blair will continue to make improvements on the site, but it is open and accepting credit card transactions for new members as well as renewals. For webmasters that wish to link to the application, please link to <http://www.sfi.org/compops/database/join.asp> as the secure site will be moving in the near future.

I was also pleased to announce that we would begin inserting membership “gifts” into the packets again! This has been one of our largest complaints but was a necessary move that helped enable us to climb out from a deep debt, which we have successfully overcome. Between this and the cancellation of the Chapter Charter Fees it should be readily apparent that Starfleet is well on its way to a full recovery!

Do me a favor: take a break from read-

ing the article, grab the plastic bag, and see when your membership expires. If it expires sometime in the next two months, send in your renewal now so it will be processed before your membership lapses. One of the biggest reasons members miss Communiqués is due to a membership lapse. Remember that your membership takes anywhere from 4 to 8 weeks to process, so if you wait until a few days before it expires to send it in, chances are you will lapse for a short time.

Speaking of renewals, I want to remind everyone that while you are welcome to send your membership return receipt requested, it will not speed up the processing and could lead to up to a week's delay in processing. The membership-processing department is unable to get to the post office lobby during the week since it closes before their work and private lives permit them to get there. This means that the only time they can get there is on Saturday mornings. So, if your mail arrives on Monday, It could wind up stuck at the post office for an additional 5 days.

Before I close, I’d like to a few lines to thank some people who have gone above and beyond. First, to my staff, Greg, PJ,

Chris, Liz, Jeff, Roy, Blair and Mark who are all here to serve you and have devoted a large portion of the free time to ensuring that you get your membership processed and your problems resolved. We all realize that occasional problems happen and that they can be very frustrating, but I encourage you all to keep in mind how much work they do before you send off scathing message. If you have a valid complaint, by all means complain, but please, be gentle. I also want to send out a special thank you to our Ops Liaison Dave McCabe for keeping us up to date on all the chapter changes that happen throughout the fleet. A very special thanks goes out to Sal Lizard who, while seldom seen, is still doing his part for CompOps and Starfleet. And then there is Stephen Buonocore, who reminded me that the IC is not entirely about work; it’s more about friends and sweet potato pancakes. And lastly, my thanks go to my wife Teri, who diligently puts up with being a CompOps widow almost every night.

Onward,

Jesse Smith, Commodore
Chief, Computer Operations
Starfleet

SHOC

Rear Admiral Dennis Gray, Chief, Shuttle Operations, Starfleet

Another IC has come and gone. Left behind in its wake, a lot of memories. New stories to share and regale our fellow fleet members with, and new friendships/contacts made. As a Starfleet member, it is one of, if not THE highlight of the year. At least for me. And judging from what I saw there, it no doubt was for a lot of others, as well. I did learn one thing of importance, though - if the opportunity should present itself to me again, I WILL have a prepared speech for the general session. No more ‘winging it’ as it were...<G>

But, as fun as it was, the IC is also Starfleet’s annual business gathering. And one of my main duties (albeit a pleasant one, I’ll admit) for the weekend, was the launching of FIVE new shuttles! I don’t know if that’s a record or not, but it no doubt has to be up there close. During the general session on Saturday, it was my pleasure to launch the following shuttles, officially:

The Shuttle Centurion, Col. Aaron Murphy, commanding

The Shuttle Normandy, BGen Les Rickard, commanding

The Shuttle Orbit Jet, Commander Jeff Salamon, commanding

The Shuttle Robert E. Lee, Commander Chris Cole, commanding

and finally, the Shuttle Ultimatum, Commander Wayne Killough, commanding.

Please give a hearty welcome to these new groups! Additionally, Vice Chief of Operations Les Rickard, as the representative for Ops, had the pleasure of commissioning another one of our shuttles, the Kensington. So y’all please give a hearty salute to the:

USS Kensington, NCC-75016, a Sovereign-class cruiser, commanded by Col. Diana Harper. Congrats, Kensington!

For those of you who watch, follow, and keep track of all the shuttle listings and commissioning, I will have an updated listing/compilation next issue in the CQ.

START manual update: This fabled, mythical beast really does exist. I swear! <G> It has been the bane of my tenure as ShOC Chief. If not one thing it has been another plaguing me, preventing me from getting it done and out there for y’all. I apologize, and will take full responsibility for its ongoing delay. Now, to resolve the problem, Vice ShOC Chief Denine Malotte is pouring herself heart & soul into its completion, anticipated by the end of July. She is also working closely with START’s original creator and author, Jonathon Simmons, who is also on the ShOC staff, on finishing it off, and making it the best document it can be. Announcements will be made, in all possible forms, when it is ready for distribution. The MOM manual will follow shortly thereafter.

On a quick note - I would ask those planning on submitting VRR’s in the near future, to please not list anyone on your VRR with an SCC# of ‘pending’. This only delays your VRR, sometimes greatly, while we then wait for the member to get his or her SCC# from CompOps, and forward it to ShOC HQ. Take a little extra time to obtain the SCC# before filing your VRR. If you are waiting on a new number from

CompOps, e-mail Denine at VShOC@sfi.org. She has direct access to the CompOps department, and is willing to research and look into overdue memberships and renewals. She will do what she can to get you the information you need ASAP, in order to file the VRR. And on a related note, if you have more than the necessary 5 or 10 members you need to launch or commission, PLEASE list them ALL on your VRR. This way, you have extras, should problems arise with any of the others. Trust me, this happens, a LOT. With extra members listed on your VRR, you can often expedite the processing of your VRR.

Look for a much more detailed, and in depth article next issue. We have some new things pending, and some policy changes in the works. SHOC is getting back on track, and looking forward to a terrific second half of 1998, after a tumultuous first half. With luck, we’ll be around longer. If not, then at least we’ll have the satisfaction of having done our part to serve you, and the Fleet. Here’s looking forward to next year...

Serving the shuttles of the Fleet...
RAdm Dennis Gray

OPERATIONS

RADM. TOM MONAGHAN, CHIEF, OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Greetings from Starfleet Operations! For more than a year and a half, the Starfleet Operations staff has aspired to maintain a level of stability and reliability largely unparalleled throughout the Fleet. Our dedication to meeting the needs of our chapters has been our number one priority and we all firmly believe that we have delivered on our promise to do so. However, despite our level of service and dedication, even Starfleet Operations is not immune to personnel changes. But we're not going to let recent staff changes prevent us from providing the quality of services that you would ordinarily expect from Starfleet Operations. You can still count on us when you need us.

With that said I have a few important announcements concerning the staff within Starfleet Operations that I would like to share with all of you. First, is the addition of Chelle Johnson to Team Ops. Chelle hails from the USS Nomad in Region Twelve and she joins the Starfleet Operations Staff as Assistant Vice Chief for International Chapters. Chelle's primary responsibility will be to collect the Monthly Status Reports from the chapters within our active international regions - currently regions nine, ten, eleven, and thirteen. Beginning in September, all chapters (both domestic and international) within regions nine, ten, eleven and thirteen will be required to send their MSR's (both postal and email) to Chelle instead of Les Rickard and Matt Myers. You can contact Chelle at 528 Ottawa, Leavenworth, KS 66048 or email her at chelle@ussnomad.org.

Second, Mark Vinson has recently stepped down as Director of Correspondence Chapter Operations. Mark's decision was not an easy one for him to make but he felt that it was not right for the head of our correspondence chapters to be a chapter chairperson of a meeting shuttle chapter. Despite Mark's departure, Correspondence Chapter Operations will continue onward in the very capable hands of Michelle Fanelli, former Assistant Director of Correy Ops. As of July, all correspondence chapters will now be required to report to Michelle instead of Mark. Michelle can be contacted at PO Box 591874, Houston, TX 77259-1874 or you can email her at mrbasil@flash.net.

Third, Michael Dugas, Director of our Advanced Starship Design Bureau, has decided to step down in order to pursue his new responsibilities as Chief of Operations for newly created Region Thirteen. Enter Thomas Spiker, who will hold the office of Acting Director of ASDB until Alex

Rosenzweig, Director of the Department of Technical Services, finds a new director for ASDB. For more information please contact Thomas at 1760 Yule Drive, Moore, OK 73160 or you can email him at tspiker@telepath.com.

Fourth, a hearty round of congratulations are in order for both Vice Chief Matt Myers and Staff Assistant J.C. Cohen. At the International Conference Matt was promoted to Fleet Captain while J.C. was conferred the title of Assistant Vice Chief, both in recognition of Matt's and J.C.'s dedicated service to our chapters, the department and all of Starfleet. However, Matt's and J.C.'s jobs within Starfleet Operations will still remain the same - all email MSR's are still required to go to Matt while all MSR's are required to go to J.C. if you wish your chapter to be included within the chapter summaries section in the Communique.

Fifth, congratulations to all of our recently commissioned/recommissioned chapters, namely USS Angeles (R4) under the command of Captain Janice Willcocks (recommissioned through EFCP), USS Hellfire (R12) under the command of Captain Christopher J. Rossman, USS Osiris (R7) under the command of Captain Edgar Torres, USS Fox River (R6) under the command of Fleet Captain Linda Eppinger, USS Kensington (R5) under the command of Colonel Diana L. Harper, USS Endurance (R17) under the command of Captain Paul S. Reed, and USS John Henry "Doc" Holliday (formerly USS Orion, R12) under the command of Colonel Suzanne Davis.

Congratulations are also in order for our newly appointed chapter commanding officers, namely Captain Carl Lewis commanding USS Charleston (R1), Captain Daniel Allgor commanding USS Trouncer (R3), Captain Joy Spurger-Flynt commanding USS Braveheart (R3), Captain Tim Brown commanding USS Powhatan (R1), Captain Connie Williams commanding USS Horizon (R12), and Captain Gloria Palmer commanding USS Sky Dancer (R5).

I'm not done just yet! Finally, congratulations are in order for Fleet Captain Richard Smith, Commanding Officer of USS Empress, upon his selection as Regional Coordinator of Region Thirteen and Captain Jerry Tien and the crew of USS Eagle (R4) upon the twentieth anniversary of the commissioning of their chapter.

Congratulations to all of you from all of us in Starfleet Operations!

In closing, I have just a few simple requests for all of our chapter commanding officer's. First, whenever your chapter has a change of command you are required to send a properly filled out Starfleet Chapter Change of Command form to both your regional coordinator and to the Chief of Starfleet Operations. The reasoning behind this is simple - if you want all mail from Starfleet HQ and your regional coordinator to go to your new commanding officer you will have to let us know that there's been a change of command in your chapter. Informing us of your chapter change of command will also allow us to update your chapter's listing in the Starfleet Vessel Registry and on the Starfleet Operations website. You can obtain a Chapter Change of Command form from your regional coordinator, the Starfleet Documents webpage, or myself.

In the same vein, if your chapter CO has moved, changed address (postal or email), you are also required to inform us of these changes for the very same reasons mentioned in the previous paragraph. It's also a very good idea to let us know when your chapter has created a website or if your website's URL has changed so that we can update your chapter's website information in the Starfleet Vessel Registry and on the Starfleet Operations website. This can be sent to me either by email or snail mail. They both work just fine for me. One small note here, shuttle chapter CO's should not send the above mentioned changes to the Chief of Starfleet Operations. All shuttle chapter CO's should send these changes to the Chief of Shuttle Operations Command instead.

Finally, a word about chapter commissionings. I cannot not stress this enough - a chapter is not considered an officially commissioned chapter of Starfleet until you receive notification of your chapter's commissioning from the Starfleet Chief of Operations himself. The Commander, Starfleet CANNOT commission chapters. The Vice Commander, Starfleet CANNOT commission chapters. Your Regional Coordinator CANNOT commission chapters. Only the Starfleet Chief of Operations has the authority to commission chapters within Starfleet. If you are uncertain if your chapter has been officially commissioned or not, please feel free to contact me and I will gladly let you know the status of your group. Remember, if you don't have official commissioning papers from the Starfleet Chief of Operations himself, your chapter IS NOT commissioned.

On a side note, when you are in the

process of filling out your Vessel Registration Request (VRR) form please plan ahead and follow the proper channels to get your chapter commissioned. The VRR has to first go to your mothership CO, then to your Regional Coordinator, and then to the Chief of Shuttle Operations Command. When ShOC finally approves your shuttle for commissioning, the VRR is then sent to the Starfleet Chief of Operations for official commissioning of your chapter. Please allow 6 to 8 weeks for this process to run it's course. Add another 2 weeks to this timeframe if you need to get the approval of both your shuttle's RC and your mothership's RC (if these entities are in two different regions). If you have a certain target date in mind for your chapter commissioning, plan on sending in your VRR form 2 to 3 months in advance. And ALWAYS remember to follow the proper commissioning paper trail: shuttle CO to mothership CO to regional coordinator(s) to Chief of ShOC to Chief of Operations. If you follow his plan your chapter should commission on time and without a hitch.

MORE NEWS FROM FLEET OPS

I just recently received the resignation of FCPT Marlon Ragsdale as Director of Starfleet Operations Chapter Assistance Program. So, if you are a chapter participating in the program and you have not heard from Marlon in awhile, well, there's your answer. The Chapter Assistance Program is a program within Starfleet Operations devoted to assisting all our chapters having difficulty maintaining their chapter charter requirements. These requirements are (1) the chapter must have at least 10 Starfleet members, (2) the chapter must report monthly to its Regional Coordinator and to Starfleet Operations, (3) both the CO & XO must be Starfleet members and both must have passed OTS & OCC. The Director of CAP uses all of Starfleet's resources, from Membership Processing to the Recruiting Office, to assist him/her to help our chapters in need to overcome their charter requirement problems which, if left unresolved, could lead to decommissioning of these chapters.

As of writing this (July 15th) the program has no director. However, the search is currently underway to find a new director in order to get this program back up and running as soon as possible. The sooner I find a new director, the sooner we can help out all our chapters that are finding it difficult to maintain their charter requirements. As always, I'll let you all know the new Director of CAP in the next issue.

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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 9806.01

CHAPTERS COMMISSIONED OR RECOMMISSIONED 9806.01-9807.15:

USS *Hellfire*, Region Twelve, Captain Christopher J. Rossman, CO
 USS *Osiris*, Region Seven, Captain Edgar Torres, CO
 USS *Fox River*, Region Six, Fleet Captain Linda Eppinger, CO
 USS *Kensington*, Region Five, Colonel Diana L. Harper, CO
 USS *Endurance*, Region Seventeen, Captain Paul S. Reed, CO
 *USS *John Henry "Doc" Holliday*, Region Twelve, Colonel Suzanne Davis, CO
 *formerly USS *Orion* (R12).

**CHAPTERS THAT HAVE BEEN DECOMMISSIONED OR LEFT STAR-
FLEET 9806.01-9807.15:**

USS *Dauntless*, Region Seven

NEW CHAPTER COMMANDING OFFICERS 9806.01-9807.15:

Captain Christopher Rossman, USS *Hellfire*, Region Twelve
 Captain Joy Spurger-Flynt, USS *Braveheart*, Region Three
 Captain Tim Brown, USS *Powhatan*, Region One
 Captain Edgar Torres, USS *Osiris*, Region 7
 Fleet Captain Linda Eppinger, USS *Fox River*, Region Six
 Colonel Diana Harper, USS *Kensington*, Region Five
 Captain Paul Reed, USS *Endurance*, Region Seventeen
 Captain Connie Williams, USS *Horizon*, Region Twelve
 Captain Gloria Palmer, USS *Sky Dancer*, Region Five

REGIONAL ROUNDUP (REGIONS REPORTING FOR PERIOD 9805):

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17

REGIONAL ROUNDUP (REGIONS REPORTING FOR PERIOD 9806 [as of 9807.15]):

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 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...

9806: Region Thirteen, Fleet Captain Richard Smith, Regional Coordinator
9807: Region Two, Vice Admiral Kelly Hilliard, 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!

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If you have any questions or comments about the Chapter Assistance Program feel free to send them to me and I will be happy to answer them for you.

MORE VIEWS FROM FLEET OPS

I've been hearing recently from a few chapters that your problems and concerns that you list in your MSRs are not being addressed. Well, part of the problem stems from Starfleet being a volunteer organization. The staff at Starfleet Operations actually do have lives and from time to time they enjoy living them, too. Then there are work commitments, personal commitments, emergencies and other unforeseen circumstances that can arise any day of the week. Figure in some time to eat, sleep and conduct other necessities in life and, before we know it, we're left wondering where all the time has gone. I think that this situation is similar in all of the other departments at Starfleet HQ. These are not excuses. They are simple facts of life.

However, this does not mean that we are not going to give our members and chapters the best service we possibly can with the time available for us to do so. Still, you can choose to either be part of the problem or part of the solution. For the most part, my Vice Chiefs - Les and Matt - collect

and summarize the basic facts of the MSRs that you send to them. When they note problems they pass that info on to the person or office that can best resolve those problems. If they find something questionable, they pass that info along to me. They also generate a report for my use which tracks the reporting record for all our chapters not only for the month but also for the year.

With all the responsibilities that my Vice Chiefs have to manage (not to mention the 200 plus MSRs they receive every month), I believe that they can be forgiven if it takes them a few days before they pass on your problems and concerns. But there is still so much more that you, as a chapter CO, can do than just listing your problems in your MSRs. It says right on the MSR form (version 9701.01 or later) that if you want a quicker response, please send your problems and concerns directly to the Chief of Operations (that's me). I know that the responsibilities that Les and Matt have can make their lives hectic from time to time so I invite all chapter CO's with problems to write to me regarding those problems and I will either try to resolve the issues myself or I will forward your concerns on to the person or program that can best handle it. Again, my postal address is 1341 Maplewood Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23503 and my email address is tomm@exis.net. Just keep in mind that my mailbox is always open and I will do everything that I

can to help you resolve your problems or I'll find someone else on staff that can.

It's that simple. There's more than one path to getting your problems in Starfleet resolved. If you've only tried one person or one angle, then given up, you're doing a great disservice to your chapter. Let your Regional Coordinator know that your members are having problems. Go to the contact people within the Starfleet HQ departments and let them know your problems. Inform the members of the Executive Committee that you are having problems. The key to your success is to be persistent and, if at first you do not succeed, send a follow-up letter or try someone else at HQ. It's not our intention at Starfleet HQ to impede your enjoyment of this association but sometimes it takes that little extra effort to get your problems resolved. If you have any questions concerning the problem solving policies of the various departments at Starfleet HQ, please feel free to write the Department Chiefs (including myself). I'm quite certain they will gladly inform you

whom to contact with your problems and concerns.

That's it from me. As always, if you have any questions at all concerning anything that may involve Starfleet Operations please feel free to contact me. If I can't answer your questions or solve your problems then I will definitely direct you to the person that can. One final reminder: chapter reports are due the 5th of every month regardless if your chapter has done something or not. And just so that you all aren't as confused as I am by this point, I've included a Starfleet Operations Staff listing at the conclusion of this article. Enjoy and all the best!

RADM Tom Monaghan
Chief of Operations, Starfleet

ED. NOTE: Due to space constraints, I was unable to keep the staff listing here... please refer to page 2 of this publication for the full Operations Stafflisting. Thank you!



The Proposed 1998 STARFLEET Constitution

June 30th, 1998 Revision

<p>PREAMBLE:</p> <p>We, the members of STARFLEET, The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc. (hereafter known as “STARFLEET”), a not-for-profit organization incorporated in the state of North Carolina, in order to provide a social organization in which people of diverse backgrounds with similar interests can interact to promote the optimistic future as envisioned in the Star Trek universe and to support that optimistic future through community services, social activities, and creative endeavors, do hereby establish this Constitution for the organization, STARFLEET.</p> <p>ARTICLE 1: MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>Section 1: Application and Classification</p> <p>All persons seeking application to STARFLEET shall be awarded membership and shall remain members so long as they maintain all membership requirements as provided in the current Membership Handbook. STARFLEET believes in the value of Infinite Diversity in Infinite Combinations (IDIC). Therefore, membership in STARFLEET is open to all.</p> <p>All members will hold either the classification “Active Duty Member” or “Associate Member.” All persons who are in compliance with membership requirements as stipulated in the most current Membership Handbook, be they Active Duty or Associate Members, shall be deemed voting members of the organization. Active Duty members shall be those members who wish to be assigned a fictional rank and position aboard a STARFLEET chapter or chapter-in-training or who seek to participate in STARFLEET in some active fashion via Sector, Regional, or International Offices and also by participation in official STARFLEET Electronic Communications or the STARFLEET Academy. Associate Members shall be those members who may or may not belong to a STARFLEET chapter or chapter-in-training who do not wish to be assigned a fictional rank or position and do not seek to participate within STARFLEET by any other means.</p> <p>Any STARFLEET member may cancel his/her membership at any time by a written and signed request sent to STARFLEET Computer Operations, or by any other means deemed acceptable to the Executive Committee. Requests for cancellations are subject to verification via telephone. All membership dues are non-refundable. Reinstatement of a previously canceled membership will be decided on a case-by-case basis by the STARFLEET Executive Committee.</p> <p>Involuntary revocation of membership in STARFLEET may be made only upon a majority vote of the Admiralty Board, after giving the member advance notice of the intended action and an opportunity to be heard. In case of revocation of membership, any pre-paid membership dues shall be refunded on a pro-rated basis.</p> <p>Section 2: Office Held by Members</p> <p>Only Active Duty STARFLEET members may hold an office or position of responsibility within the organization, where said positions are defined in the current STARFLEET Membership Handbook.</p> <p>Section 3: Not-For-Profit Status</p> <p>STARFLEET is a not-for-profit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of North Carolina. No member of STARFLEET, of whatever classification, shall have any interest in, or right to, the property and assets of STARFLEET. However, not all assets dedicated to the promotion and growth of STARFLEET are exclusive to the organization. Chapters and individual members have the right to maintain their own assets apart from those of STARFLEET though they may be dedicated to a common purpose.</p>	<p>ARTICLE 2: DEFINITION OF TERMS</p> <p>Section 1: STARFLEET</p> <p>STARFLEET is based upon “Starfleet” as depicted in the Star Trek television series, motion pictures, and literature. STARFLEET operates within the Star Trek universe to enhance the experience and fun of membership. Therefore, the following terminology shall be considered interchangeable within STARFLEET:</p> <p>Chapter Commissioned Duty Station (Starship, Space Station, etc.) as defined in the current Membership Handbook (hereafter referred to as “ship”)</p> <p>Chapter-in-training Shuttlecraft (hereafter referred to as “shuttle”)</p> <p>Chapter/Chapter-in-training President Commanding Officer (CO)</p> <p>Chapter/Chapter-in-training Vice-President First (or Executive) Officer (XO)</p> <p>The President of the organization STARFLEET or the Fleet Admiral Commander, STARFLEET (CS)</p> <p>The Vice-President of the organization STARFLEET or the Vice Fleet Admiral Vice-Commander, STARFLEET (VCS)</p> <p>Section 2: Fictional Rank</p> <p>Ranks awarded to STARFLEET members as described in the current Membership Handbook are fictional and serve only to reflect a member’s length of time in, and contribution to, the organization. Fictional ranks alone do not give any member authority over another member in STARFLEET. A position assigned to a member in a ship, shuttle, or in the Fleet may give that member responsibility to administer the assigned duties of that position. However, no member has the right to misuse responsibility granted by STARFLEET to violate another member’s legal rights.</p> <p>ARTICLE 3: ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE</p> <p>Section 1: Organization</p> <p>The Administrative bodies of STARFLEET shall be the Admiralty Board and the Executive Committee.</p> <p>Section 2: Admiralty Board</p> <p>The governing body of STARFLEET shall be the Admiralty Board whose members also make up the corporate Board of Directors. The Admiralty Board shall consist of the Regional Coordinators of the various Regions of STARFLEET as specified within the bylaws of the corporation and shall be chaired by the Commander, STARFLEET. The function of the Admiralty Board shall be to adopt and enforce policies as suggested by the Executive Committee as well as the members of STARFLEET itself. The Admiralty Board shall be the final authority in the interpretation of this Constitution and of the policies and procedures of the organization.</p> <p>Voting authority within the Admiralty Board is given to all Regional Coordinators currently sitting, with the Commander, STARFLEET chairing proceedings as a non-voting member, except in the case of a tie. In such instances, the CS can be called upon to cast the tie-breaking vote. A non-voting member of the AB, The Vice-Commander, STARFLEET shall act as the official Archivist of The Admiralty Board. The Inspector General, STARFLEET shall be responsible for conducting the votes of the Admiralty Board and is given observer status at all Admiralty Board proceedings.</p>
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Section 3: Executive Committee

The administrative body of STARFLEET shall be the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is appointed by the Commander, STARFLEET and consists of the following (in order of succession):

- Commander, STARFLEET / President - Elected by the general membership.
- Vice-Commander, STARFLEET / Vice President - Elected by the general membership as a slate candidate on the same ticket with the Commander, STARFLEET.
- Chief of Operations - Appointed by the Commander, STARFLEET
- Chief of Communications - Appointed by the Commander, STARFLEET
- Commandant, STARFLEET Academy - Appointed by the Commander, STARFLEET
- Director, Shuttle Operations Command- Appointed by the Commander, STARFLEET
- Chief of Computer Operations - Appointed by the Commander, STARFLEET

The function of the Executive Committee (with the exception of the Commander, STARFLEET and the Vice-Commander, STARFLEET) shall be to oversee the operational activities of the organization as well as the process of formulating and crafting policies, which are subsequently subject to approval by the Admiralty Board. The Executive Committee also reviews and grants promotions to the fictional ranks of Captain or higher.

Each member of the Executive Committee shall appoint at least one executive assistant, with the advice and consent of the remaining members of the Executive Committee, to assist in the discharge of duties. The executive assistant shall assume the duties of office in an acting capacity in the event of the appointing member’s death, incapacity, absence, or removal from office, until such time as a formal successor may be appointed in accordance with this Constitution and the current Membership Handbook by the Commander, STARFLEET. Successors to Executive Committee members must be named within no less than 60 days from the effective date of the resignation of an office holder. If no formal successor is named within that time period, then executive assistant who is serving on a temporary basis shall be automatically appointed to the position.

ARTICLE 4: TERMS OF OFFICE, OFFICERS’ DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1: STARFLEET Officers

The leadership of STARFLEET has the right to remove or refuse to recognize any officers described within Article 4, Sections 2 through 11, inclusive, upon good cause shown. For purposes of such refusal only, “good cause” is specifically limited to:

- a) that individual’s demonstrated, repeated failure to comply with STARFLEET’s mandatory reporting requirements,
- b) prior financial improprieties by that individual related to any STARFLEET chapter’s or Region’s finances,
- c) that individual’s demonstrated failure in the past to properly maintain any STARFLEET chapter’s or Region’s financial records or to allow a chapter or Region member upon request to review a chapter’s or Region’s financial records or documentation,
- d) proof of a criminal conviction or civil judgment based upon an offense involving rape, theft, fraud, or any felonious offense, or
- e) proof of sexual harassment of a member or sexual misconduct (as currently defined in the Membership Handbook) with a member.

Should the leadership of STARFLEET choose to refuse to recognize any individual for such good cause shown, that individual has the immediate right of appeal of that refusal by contacting any one member of the Admiralty Board, who then shall forward the request to the full Admiralty Board. The full Admiralty Board may overrule the refusal by a two-thirds majority vote of all its members and order that the individual be reinstated or recognized. That appellate process shall be concluded by the AB within sixty (60) days of the date of the refusal decision, unless the AB is refused information needed to make an informed decision. In such instances, the AB has the option to vote to extend the period or terminate the appeal altogether for lack of input. The officer in question may retain his/her current position for the duration of the appeal.

Section 2: Commanding Officer

The Commanding Officer must meet all of the qualifications for office as set forth in the current Membership Handbook and be at least 18 years of age. A CO serves at the pleasure of his/her crew and can be removed by such if so desired. After the individual chapter decides upon the CO, the appointment will either be affirmed or denied by the Chief of Operations, STARFLEET based on a review of the potential CO

meeting the above criteria as well as being a member in good standing. Without compelling reasons to the contrary, denial is based solely on the inability to meet the above criteria. In such cases, the Chief of Operations, STARFLEET is expected to inform the potential CO of these shortcomings and give him/her not less than 60 days to correct them. The potential CO can continue to serve as Interim CO during this period.

All COs shall be responsible for sending a monthly chapter status report to their Regional Coordinator as well as the Chief of Operations, STARFLEET or the Director, Shuttle Operations Command, as they may be required to do so in the manner set forth in the current Membership Handbook or Shuttle Operations Command Manual. In addition to all duties imposed by law, all CO’s are responsible for the general welfare and administration of their chapters or chapters-in-training, as well as the administration and disbursement of their ship’s or shuttle’s funds and the maintenance of the chapter’s financial records.

COs in general are expected to set an example for their fellow crew members while also promoting the ideals of STARFLEET and Star Trek in general. They are also expected to aid in fostering growth and harmony within their chapters while trying to keep discord at a minimum.

Section 3: Regional Coordinators

All Regional Coordinators must be residents of the geographic area they represent and at least 21 years of age. The COs of the Chapters and Shuttles of the Region elect via popular election or confirm via votes of confidence their Regional Coordinators to a two-year term, in accordance with the current guidelines as set forth in the Membership Handbook. The primary duty of the Regional Coordinator is to represent the membership of his/her Region to STARFLEET in general and the Admiralty Board specifically. The Regional Coordinator is charged with administering and implementing the organizational policies as set forth by the Admiralty Board. Regional Coordinators hold regional funds in trust for the benefit of their regions, and are charged with the responsibility of handling, or appointing someone to handle, the administration and disbursement of his/her region’s funds, the maintenance of adequate regional financial records, and the full, regular, and periodic public disclosure thereof.

Additionally, the collective assembly of all Regional Coordinators shall constitute the Admiralty Board. As such, the Regional Coordinators are required to vote on the various issues submitted for their consideration. These votes should reflect the will of the Region and not solely that of the Regional Coordinator whenever possible.

Regional Coordinators report monthly on the status of their regions to the Chief of Operations, STARFLEET with a copy going to the Commander, STARFLEET and to exercise all other duties as outlined in the current Membership Handbook. The Regional Coordinator is required to appoint at least one Vice Regional Coordinator of his/her own choosing to serve in his/her absence as needed. Any and all additional staff is at the sole discretion of the Regional Coordinator.

Section 4: Chief of Computer Operations

The Chief of Computer Operations reports monthly to the Commander, STARFLEET and is responsible for maintaining STARFLEET’s membership databases. This office is also charged with producing the official membership application, processing membership packets, verifying STARFLEET membership status for Vessel Registry Requests, producing crew rosters for vessels and Regions to qualified personnel within the Fleet, and providing such further information as instructed by the Commander, STARFLEET and as provided in the current Membership Handbook. The Chief of Computer Operations is also responsible for assisting the Chief of Communications in the assembly and production of mailing labels for official STARFLEET publications. The Chief of Computer Operations shall be at least 23 years old.

Section 5: Director of Shuttle Operations Command

The Director of Shuttle Operations Command reports monthly to the Commander, STARFLEET and is responsible for overseeing and administering the STARFLEET Shuttle Operations Program as defined in the current Membership Handbook and Shuttle Operations Command Manual, which includes providing an updated list of all newly-launched shuttles to the Chief of Computer Operations. The Director of Shuttle Operations Command shall be at least 23 years old.

Section 6: Commandant of STARFLEET Academy

The Commandant of STARFLEET Academy reports monthly to the Commander, STARFLEET and is responsible for the administration of STARFLEET Academy, the organization’s correspondence educational facility, which consists of various corre-

spondence colleges, as defined in the current Membership Handbook. This office is also charged with producing the current Academy Application and Curriculum Guide for the Chief of Computer Operations and for distribution to the general membership, and providing the Chief of Computer Operations with an updated list of Officer Training School and Officer Command College graduates as set forth in the current Membership Handbook. The Director of STARFLEET Academy shall be at least 23 years old.

Section 7: Chief of Communications

The Chief of Communications reports monthly to the Commander, STARFLEET. This office is charged with the production and publication of the organization’s official bi-monthly newsletter, the COMMUNIQUE, as well as the maintenance of STARFLEET’s Department of Internet Services. The Chief of Communications shall be responsible for the coordination of the biennial election of the Commander, STARFLEET. The Chief of Communications shall be at least 23 years old.

Section 8: Chief of Operations

The Chief of Operations reports monthly to the Commander, STARFLEET and is responsible for the commissioning of new ships. The Office of the Chief of Operations is also charged with reviewing the monthly status reports from every Fleet chapter and Regional Coordinator and producing the Vessel Registry as a monthly report on the status of the Fleet, as outlined in the current Membership Handbook. This report is due no later than 30 days after the last day of the month to be reported on. These reports shall be accessible to all members who desire such access.

Furthermore, members of the Office of the Chief of Operations shall be available to the chapters and Regional Coordinators to assist them with operational programs as defined in the current Membership Handbook. The Chief of Operations is also charged with providing an updated list of newly commissioned ships to the Chief of Computer Operations. The Chief of Operations shall be at least 23 years old.

Section 9: Vice-Commander, STARFLEET

The Vice-Commander, STARFLEET (or Vice-President) reports monthly to the Commander, STARFLEET and is second in command of the organization. The office of the Vice-Commander, STARFLEET is charged with the production and revision of the Membership Handbook, the basic guide to Fleet’s structure, policies, operations, and the Headquarters Informational Newsletter, the journal for STARFLEET’s command personnel, as well as with various duties as assigned by the Commander STARFLEET. The Vice-Commander, STARFLEET acts for the Commander, STARFLEET in his/her absence from office or disability as defined in the current Membership Handbook, and also discharges those duties as may be specified therein.

If for any reason a vacancy shall occur in the office of Vice-Commander, STARFLEET, other than as set forth pursuant to Article 5, Section 2, then the Commander, STARFLEET shall appoint, preferably within 45 days after the vacancy occurs, a successor of his choice to serve out the remainder of the term. If a vacancy occurs pursuant to Article 5, Section 2, then the procedure set forth therein shall be followed for appointment of a successor Vice-Commander, STARFLEET. The Vice-Commander, STARFLEET shall be at least 25 years of age and must meet all other qualifications for office as set forth in the current Membership Handbook.

Section 10: Commander, STARFLEET

The Commander, STARFLEET (or President) shall be elected by the members of STARFLEET and shall serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee and corporate Board of Directors, the Admiralty Board. The Commander, STARFLEET shall coordinate the activities of the entire organization, as provided in the current Membership Handbook, and shall be fiduciarly bonded in the sum of at least U.S. \$25,000.00 before taking office, using funds provided by the organization. Should the Commander-elect fail to obtain a bond commitment before January 1st, despite the general availability of organization funds to do so with, the Admiralty Board may by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the sitting members of the Admiralty Board forbid the Commander-elect’s assumption to office until such time as the Commander-elect fully complies with said bond requirement. Should such a vote be carried, the Admiralty Board may then may appoint a temporary Commander, STARFLEET to serve only until such time as the Commander-elect’s bond has been obtained.

The Commander, STARFLEET shall be at least 25 years of age and meet all other qualifications for office as set forth in the current Membership Handbook. Decisions of the Commander, STARFLEET are considered final unless overturned by a two-thirds majority vote of the Admiralty Board. If for any reason a vacancy shall occur in the

office of Commander, STARFLEET, the Vice-Commander, STARFLEET shall immediately assume the office and responsibilities of Commander, STARFLEET. A replacement VCS shall be put into office in accordance with the guidelines set forth in Article 5, Section 2.

Section 11: Inspector General, STARFLEET

The Inspector General, STARFLEET is nominated by the Commander, STARFLEET and is then submitted to the Admiralty Board for final confirmation by a majority vote, with a re-confirmation to be conducted by the Admiralty Board at least once every 2 years. The Inspector General, STARFLEET acts as STARFLEET’s chief investigator in matters where his/her expertise is called upon. The Inspector General is invested with broad investigative powers in accordance with the guidelines established in the Membership Handbook. He/she can also draw upon any Fleet Personnel to aid in any matter relevant to the operation of STARFLEET. It is also at the discretion of the Inspector General, STARFLEET to assemble a staff to carry out his/her duties within selected Regions or areas. These Staff Officers shall report directly to the Inspector General, STARFLEET who shall be held liable for the results brought about by his/her staff.

The Inspector General is charged with overseeing electoral processes to elect or confirm the Regional Coordinators within the various Regions in order to safeguard the processes from wrongdoing. He also cooperates with the Chief of Communications, STARFLEET to coordinate the procedure of electing a new Commander, STARFLEET and in consultation with the Chief of Communications, is personally responsible for hiring an independent CPA who is in no way associated or affiliated with any chapter or member of STARFLEET to oversee the tallying of the returned ballots.

The Inspector General reports and answers directly to the Commander, STARFLEET and shall be at least 23 years old.

ARTICLE 5: REMOVAL OF OFFICER FROM POSITION

Section 1: Regional Coordinators

If any Region’s Commanding Officers (COs) become dissatisfied with the performance of their RC, after first exhausting all avenues to reconcile their differences with said RC, the COs shall petition the Inspector General, STARFLEET, to initiate a process to remove said RC from office. Upon receiving the petition signed by at least 25% of the Region’s COs, the Inspector General, STARFLEET will orally interview and/or request written statements from any and all parties involved. The Inspector General, STARFLEET may recuse himself and his staff from the matter only if he believes that his/her office’s participation in the matter would create a conflict of interest or the appearance of impropriety. In this case, if there is no one on the Inspector General’s staff who may assume jurisdiction over the matter, the petition shall be sent to the Commander, STARFLEET for further action.

After giving all positions due consideration, the Inspector General, STARFLEET (or the investigator who assumed authority over the case), in consultation with the Commander, STARFLEET, must decide whether to submit the petition to the Admiralty Board (AB) for further consideration or call for an immediate Vote of Confidence by the Commanding Officers of the Region the RC represents.

If the petition is submitted to the Admiralty Board, the AB shall first deliberate on the matter and then by a majority vote of all Regional Coordinators holding office, excluding the RC who is the subject of the removal petition, vote on whether to request a Regional Vote of Confidence in the affected Region. No voting proxies shall be accepted in this balloting process.

If the petition to remove the RC is accompanied by the signatures of more than 50% of the Region’s COs, the Vote of Confidence process shall be initiated automatically by the Inspector General, STARFLEET.

If the Regional Vote of Confidence is in favor of removal, the CS shall promote the senior-most sitting Vice-Regional Coordinator to serve as Interim Regional Coordinator to serve until a called RC election can be held.

Section 2: Commander, STARFLEET

If at any time the Commander, STARFLEET (CS) neglects his or her duties, as set forth within this Constitution and the Membership Handbook, or if the CS causes harm to come to the reputation and stature of STARFLEET by any of his/her actions, and upon receipt of a petition with the signatures of at least 5% of the current membership from no fewer than 10 chapters from no fewer than 2 separate Regions, the process of impeachment may be initiated by the Admiralty Board. During such procedure, the CS shall be allowed to defend his/her actions to the assembled Admiralty Board.

The CS shall be allowed to select any member of STARFLEET to act as his/her advisor during this procedure. If the CS is unable or unwilling to secure an advisor of his own choosing, the AB may appoint one for the CS.

The Admiralty Board shall appoint a STARFLEET member, who may be a current Regional Coordinator, to act as the advocate for the AB during this proceeding. All or any portion of the proceeding may be conducted in closed session if necessary to prevent potentially defamatory material from being released. However, at an appropriate time after the conclusion of the proceeding, a transcript of the proceeding shall be made available for public review, unless both the Admiralty Board and the CS mutually agree and request in writing that the transcript not be so made available.

After a full and fair review of the charges brought against the CS, if two-thirds (2/3) of the sitting members of the Admiralty Board vote in favor of removal of the CS, then the CS shall be ordered to resign within thirty (30) days or any lesser time period as set by the Admiralty Board. If the CS fails to comply with this order in a timely fashion, the AB shall remove him/her from office and shall install the Vice-Commander, STARFLEET (VCS) as the new Commander, STARFLEET. The new CS shall, within ten (10) days after taking office, nominate a candidate for appointment as the new VCS. The Admiralty Board shall then either confirm or reject the nominee within no more than thirty (30) days by a majority vote.

If the former CS for any reason fails to cooperate with the new CS or the Admiralty Board in the timely transition of all required STARFLEET files and materials, as may be set forth in the Membership Handbook or other appropriate official STARFLEET resolution, either the new Commander, STARFLEET or the Inspector General, STARFLEET will be charged with and authorized to pursue appropriate legal action in accordance with the laws of the United States of America and the State of Incorporation of STARFLEET.

Section 3: Member of the Executive Committee

Any member of STARFLEET has the right to petition the Commander, STARFLEET (CS) for removal of a member of the Executive Committee (EC). Removal petitions may be based only upon the EC member’s alleged lack of performance of official duties. No member of STARFLEET may petition for removal of an EC member based upon a personal dispute between the petitioning member and the EC member. Such a petition is subject to summary denial.

Upon investigation by the CS or the IG, if the EC member is unable or unwilling to execute the official duties of his/her position in a manner that is in the best interest of STARFLEET, then the EC member shall be asked to resign by the CS, effective on a date determined by the CS.

Should the EC member fail or refuse to resign in a timely fashion and as requested by the CS, the CS may, at his/her discretion, remove the EC member from office. The appointment of a replacement is at the sole discretion of the CS but should occur within 60 (sixty) days of the office becoming vacant.

Section 4: Commanding and Regional Officers

The Commanding Officers of all STARFLEET Chapters shall serve at the discretion of their Chapters’ crews, and except under the circumstances as set forth in Article 4, Section 1, the removal of such Officers by anyone other than the Chapters’ members shall not be permitted.

Regional Officers, such as Vice-Regional Coordinators, serve at the discretion of the Regional Coordinator, and removal of such officers by any other person other than the Regional Coordinator shall also not be permitted.

ARTICLE 6: FINANCIAL AFFAIRS/STANDARDS

Section 1: Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of STARFLEET shall commence on January 1 and terminate on December 31 of each calendar year. All transactions of STARFLEET shall be conducted in the currency of the United States of America.

Section 2: Accounting System

The Executive Committee shall install and maintain an accounting system for STARFLEET in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles sufficient to maintain STARFLEET’s tax-exempt status and which will generate concise and easy-to-understand financial statements no less than three times a year, which shall be published in the COMMUNIQUE.

Section 3: Funds Invested

Funds belonging to STARFLEET, except as necessary to pay current expenses, must be invested in United States Federally insured bank deposits or instruments guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America, or in other investments as the Executive Committee may authorize. No funds may be deposited in a safe deposit box. No funds shall be invested or loaned in a manner that results in the personal profit or advantage of any officer or member of the organization. Except for funding the annual International Conference and reasonable and necessary business operations and expenses, no STARFLEET funds may be invested or spent in any business venture or any other manner that results in an actual loss of money. Any person or persons authorizing any such business undertaking will be personally liable to the corporation and its members for all losses so incurred.

Section 4: Fiduciary Bonded

All members or designates of this organization who handle funds received or expended by STARFLEET in excess of \$750 shall be bonded in such amounts as the Executive Committee shall from time to time determine, except for the Commander, STARFLEET, who shall be fiduciarily bonded as set forth in Article 4, Section 10.

Section 5: Money and Property

All money and property belonging to this organization, any Region thereof, or any individual chapter (including chapters-in-training) shall be held and used solely for the benefit of the organization, region or chapter and its members or the charity or fund for which the money or property is designated. No contracts or expenditures of STARFLEET funds shall be made which will result in the personal profit or advantage of any officer or member of STARFLEET.

Section 6: Disbursements

All disbursements of STARFLEET shall be made by voucher checks, which shall show the date, payee, the type of service rendered or goods or property purchased, the budget line item into which they should fall and the amount of payment.

Section 7: Financial Reviews

The Executive Committee shall provide for the annual review of the books of accounts of STARFLEET by independent certified public accountants that are in no way affiliated with or related to any member of STARFLEET. The CPA shall be selected by the Inspector General, STARFLEET and approved by a majority vote of the Admiralty Board. At the discretion of the Executive Committee, a review can be performed at more frequent intervals.

Section 8: Internal Auditor

The Admiralty Board may appoint a person who is experienced in finance, accounting, and audits or financial reviews to serve a two-year term as STARFLEET’s Internal Auditor. The Internal Auditor is responsible for instituting and/or maintaining a system of three financial reviews per year in accordance with generally accepted accounting principals. If necessary, the Internal Auditor may request of the EC that a financial appropriation be made to fund the secure and safe transmission of the materials necessary to complete the reviews outlined above. Any noncompliance with these directives will result in the matter being referred to the Commander, STARFLEET for appropriate action. If the noncompliance persists beyond this stage or the subject in question is in fact the Commander, STARFLEET, the specific matter may then be referred to the AB for further action.

Section 9: Financial Liquidation

As set forth in Article 1, Section 3, in the event that STARFLEET should be dissolved or liquidated, or otherwise cease operation, the property and assets of STARFLEET shall first be used to pay all outstanding debts, with any remaining assets being contributed on behalf of the membership to a charitable corporation that is recognized under Title 26, United States Code, Section 501 (c)(3) or (c) (7), as selected by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 7: ELECTIONS		
Section 1: Term of Office		
The Commander, STARFLEET (President) and the Vice-Commander, STARFLEET (Vice-President) of the organization shall take office on January 1st of each year following the Fleet general elections, which shall be held biennially. The offices of President and Vice-President shall be filled by the slate of candidates which receives the plurality of votes cast by the general Fleet membership during the election, as set forth in the current Membership Handbook.		
In no event shall any person holding the office of President be permitted to hold that office for a period of more than 24 months without there being a vote by the general membership of the organization. No person may hold the office of President for more than two (2) elected terms, and no person who has held the office of President, or acted as President, for more than half the duration of a term to which another person was elected, shall be elected to the office of the President more than once.		
Section 2: Schedule of Election		
The schedule of election events, including but not limited to campaigning and the publication of candidates’ statements in the official Election Publication during an election year and members’ eligibility to vote in Fleet general elections, are those as may be prescribed in the current Membership Handbook.		
Section 3: Tabulation of Ballots		
Unless the Chief of Communications is an announced candidate for President or Vice-President, he/she shall be responsible for coordinating all election activity for President or Vice-President, except as noted below, including but not limited to the receipt and verification of nominations under Article 7, Section 4. Should the Chief of Communications be such a candidate, the next member of the Executive Committee in order of succession as defined in Article 3, Section 3, shall assume the responsibilities of coordinating the election process. The Inspector General, STARFLEET, shall oversee the hiring of an independent CPA to tabulate all ballots cast and shall take appropriate steps to ensure close adherence to the election guidelines set forth by the Admiralty Board.		
Section 4: Nomination of Candidates		
Nominations of candidates for President may be submitted to the Election coordinator by Chapter (but not Chapter-in-Training) COs or Regional Coordinators. All nominations must be signed and dated, and no person shall nominate more than one candidate in each election. A minimum of five (5) nominations is required to qualify as a candidate for President. Once a member has been accepted as an eligible candidate for President, that candidate must publicly announce within ten (10) days of notification of eligibility his/her choice for Vice-President. Candidates for President and Vice-President shall run together as a slate. In this fashion, the office of Vice-President is subject to the general election of the Fleet membership.		
Section 5: Election Publications		
The Official Election Publication is defined as the information resource containing the platforms and proposals of the various eligible candidates for Commander, STARFLEET. This publication may be distributed either as part of an issue of the COMMUNIQUÉ or as a standalone mailing. If sent as a standalone mailing, the Election Publication must be sent using the United States Postal Services 1st class mail specifications or the international equivalent thereof. If permissible under the guidelines of the election, the Election Publication may also include the ballots necessary to cast one’s vote. Size and parameters of the Election Publication are set forth in the current Membership Handbook.		
Section 6: Timetable		
The timetable for the election of the position of Commander, STARFLEET shall be as follows:		
June 1st to July 15th	Nominations for the position of Commander, STARFLEET are accepted.	
July 16th	Qualified candidates and their choices for Vice-President are announced via the most expedient means possible and campaigning officially commences.	
August 1st	The deadline for campaign literature to be submitted for publication in the official Election Publication.	
September 1st	All ballots and Election Publications must be in the mail.	
November 15th	The CPA hired to conduct the election must receive all ballots by this date	
November 20th	The winning candidate is notified and incumbent Commander, STARFLEET begins a transition period, if necessary.	
December/January	Results are announced in the COMMUNIQUÉ.	
January 1st	The newly elected officials take office.	
Section 7: One Eligible Candidate		
If only one person shall qualify as an eligible candidate for President, a vote of confidence for that candidate shall be held by the general membership. Ballots shall be distributed according to the election schedule as defined in the current Membership Handbook. Should the sole candidate fail to obtain a majority of the votes cast in the election, the candidate shall not assume office. The Admiralty Board shall then elect from its membership an Acting Commander, STARFLEET, who shall discharge the duties of President until the next regularly scheduled STARFLEET general election.		
Section 8: Withdrawal From Candidacy		
Should any nominee for Commander, STARFLEET accept the candidacy and then withdraw from the election, that person shall not re-enter the same election. The candidate must notify the Chief of Communications, by certified mail, of his/her withdrawal from the election.		
Section 9: Office Turnover		
An out-going President must make provisions to turn over all materials connected with the office of President to the incoming President on or before December 31st of the election year. If the out-going President fails or refuses to promptly turn over all such materials, the incoming President or his designee is authorized to take all appropriate actions, including but not limited to the filing of legal proceedings and the filing of a criminal complaint, which may be needed to ensure compliance with this Section.		
ARTICLE 8: ASSESSMENTS		
Section 1: Membership Dues		
Every candidate for membership in STARFLEET shall be assessed dues as established by the Admiralty Board, the payment of which is a precondition to continued membership, as set forth in the current Membership Handbook. Honorary memberships in STARFLEET without assessment of dues may be awarded at the discretion of the Admiralty Board after consultation with and approval by the Executive Committee.		
Section 2: Lifetime Memberships		
The Admiralty Board, after consultation with and approval by the Executive Committee, shall be empowered to grant lifetime memberships in STARFLEET pursuant to criteria it may from time to time determine, consistent with the current Membership Handbook. An outgoing Commander, STARFLEET shall be awarded such a membership unless a motion to deny this privilege is carried by a majority of the combined Admiralty Board and Executive Committee.		
Section 3: Chapter Charter Fee		
The Admiralty Board shall be empowered by simple majority vote to assess an annual Chapter Charter Fee or a Vessel Registration Fee upon the Chapters or Chapters-in-training of STARFLEET. The Chapter Charter Fee will be assessed to all chapters beginning in the calendar year in which the chapter completes its first year of service. Chapters-in-training and commissioning chapters are subject to a Vessel Registration Fee that shall serve as the equivalent of the Chapter Charter Fee. Any such annual Chapter Charter Fee shall be reasonable in amount and shall be used only to provide services and benefits to all chapters and chapters-in-training.		

ARTICLE 9: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Constitution Amendments

This Constitution may be amended or superseded, either in whole or in part, by an affirmative majority vote of the general membership, in a manner consistent with the current Membership Handbook and the parliamentary authority of the organization.

Section 2: Petition For Amendment

An amendment may be placed before the general membership for their approval after submission to and approval by the Admiralty Board or after receipt of a petition for an amendment. If by petition, the proposed amendment to be submitted must be set forth at the top of each signature page of the petition, which must contain the signatures of 10% of the general membership, calculated as of the time the petition is turned in to the Commander, STARFLEET. The signatures on the petition will be verified by STARFLEET Computer Operations to ensure that every signee has a proper SCC number and is a member in good standing at that time.

Section 3: Cosmetic Changes

Should it be necessary to amend this Constitution to correct misspellings, mistakes in numbering, or similar grammatical errors, the Admiralty Board by two-thirds vote may authorize such cosmetic amendments, except that no such amendment may have the intent or effect of altering the basic meaning, purpose, or function of any Constitutional provision. Any and all substantive changes in this Constitution must be undertaken as set forth in Article 9, Sections 1 and 2.

ARTICLE 10: STARFLEET OPERATIONAL AND OTHER MANUALS

The Membership Handbook shall be the member's guide to features and functions of STARFLEET and shall govern all STARFLEET matters where not inconsistent with this Constitution. Adoption of the Membership Handbook, or any revision thereof, shall be only upon the approval of a majority of the Admiralty Board.

The Departments and Divisions of STARFLEET as defined in the current edition of the Membership Handbook shall be empowered to adopt manuals of operation, information, and procedure to assist in the governance and administration of STARFLEET, subject to the approval of a majority of the Executive Committee, so long as they are not inconsistent with this Constitution. These manuals may be revised as the Departments and Divisions of STARFLEET deem necessary, subject to the approval of a majority of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 11: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The parliamentary authority of STARFLEET shall be the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by this Constitution, the Membership Handbook, or the other operational manuals as may be adopted by the Fleet.

The official language for STARFLEET shall be English. The Admiralty Board may authorize translations of STARFLEET documents into languages other than English. Such authorized translated documents may be used for all purposes for which the original documents were produced.

This Constitution supersedes all previous editions of the Constitution.

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STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps

Captain Jeffery Higdon, Director

Greetings and Felicitations from the office of the Director of the STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps. The berth of my responsibilities within STARFLEET is to establish a dialogue with other Star Trek Fan clubs and organizations throughout the world initiating inter-fandom activities and newsletter exchanges.

My immediate staff includes Commander Karen "Number One" Higdon, who serves as my Senior Administrative Assistant, and SCPO Janie Wilson-Cook, who will serve as my DiploCorps Communications Assistant. The position of Vice Director remains vacant as of this publication.

When Admiral Goldberg announced my appointment he included the statement that "in another dimension I am the Vice Chair of the International Fandom Council". I was elected to that position last December after serving as the IFC Communications Coordinator, and Representative to the General Assembly for the USS Shiloh. Normally as Director of the STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps I would serve as the STARFLEET Ambassador to the IFC Security Council. But due to the IFC Constitution, which states that the IFC Chair and Vice Chair cannot hold Ambassadorial or Representative status, Gordon Goldberg will continue to serve as STARFLEET's Ambassador to the IFC. But applications are being accepted for qualified persons who may wish to serve as the STARFLEET Ambassador.

There are three subject which I believe this office touches upon, one which is mentioned above. Our contacts with other organization such as UFPI, KAG, IFC, etc., are very significant to us. Many members of STARFLEET have dual memberships with these various organizations and it would be beneficial to cooperate with our fellow Star Trek organizations. The need to establish these contacts is of supreme importance.

That is why the position of STARFLEET Liaison was created. The liaison is to be the main link between this

office and each organization. Each liaison would make contact with the appropriate personnel in the sister association in order to foster better ties of cooperation and mutual understanding between us. I will act as liaison to with some of the organizations we still need liaisons for others. if you hold a membership in STARFLEET and another Fan organization you may be fit to become a STARFLEET Liaison.

Another subject is how each Region or Chapter within STARFLEET deals with other chapters or organizations outside our association. Some have already set up ambassadorial or Diplomatic offices to deal with such dealings as well fictional alien relations. I have no problems with the later but this office does not deal with the fictional unless they are major part of the organization (i.e.-KAG, RSE, KDC, etc...). To this purpose our office wishes to contact those Regional Diplomatic or Ambassadorial office to see if they can assist this office. In other regions it the intention of this office, in cooperation with the individual Regional Coordinators and their staffs, to set up regional branches of the Diplomatic Corps to help in the smooth communications with other organizations and independent chapters.

It may also be feasible to have an ambassadorial or diplomatic liaison aboard each chapter (such as Neelix's position on board Voyager). It is hoped that a chapter does not have this department within their structure that they may look at including in the future.

Contact me if you have any interest or ideas concerning any of the items I have addressed. If you are interested of filling any of the positions mentioned please send me a real-life resume and fan resume (covering your activities in fandom) to:

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A SURE CURE FOR WHAT AILS YOU

Matt Myers, IC 99 Chair

Are you upset, now that you've thought of a perfect, insightful and witty question for the Admiralty Board, three days after the IC98?

Do you fantasize as you stand in front of your mirror in your STARFLEET uniform and pretend you are being auctioned off at the yeoman's auction (and for a really high price too.)

Are you unsatisfied by spending hours at a time, browsing through photos, cutting out the people, and making dioramas of the IC98, so you can relive it in 3-D?

You may be suffering from POST IC98 DEPRESSION! But do not despair, there is hope for you and you do not have to let it trouble you any longer. Relief is just 12 short months away, AND WE HAVE THE CURE !!!!

August 6th-8th, 1999, at the Marriott Executive Park in Charlotte, NC you will have the chance to do it all again:

- * Meet the people
- * Ask the questions
- * Sell yourself to strangers for charity
- * and Get out of your hotel room and party with the best that STARFLEET has to offer

as we celebrate STARFLEET'S SILVER ANNIVERSARY 1974-1999 in the beautiful Queen City of Charlotte, NC. Yes, you too can have the chance to enjoy months of anticipation and preparation as the IC99 Committee programs the events and fine tunes the details. Organized, hosted, planned and tailored for STARFLEET personnel, we want this to be YOUR CONVENTION. At this time, you have the opportunity to let us know what you want to see in 1999.

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So beat the rush. Browse through our website and be the first on your ship to register. See what Charlotte, NC has to offer. Look at the merchandise available. Check out the hotel. And don't forget to fill out the survey. Make your crewmates green with envy.

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Surprises galore await you. Register now. STARFLEET wants you!

But, while you are in North Carolina, why not make the IC99 more than just a weekend convention. Make it a vacation. Enjoy the many and diverse attractions available to you in the Tar Heel State.

FIRST IN FLIGHT

After many centuries, the dream of man to soar through the sky was realized on Dec. 17,1903 as Wilbur and Orville Wright piloted a mechanically driven, heavier-than-air machine. Located on the Outer Banks at Kitty Hawk, NC, the flight traveled 120 ft. across a stretch of sand and remained aloft for 12 seconds. The Wright Brothers National Memorial at Kill Devil Hills is open to visitors with markers designating take-off and landing locations, an outdoor memorial, and a museum. There you can see a replica of their plane. The original is located at the Smithsonian in Washington, DC.

THE GRANDEST HOME IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE

In the western part of NC is Ashville, a town of quaint and beautiful charm, where the most elegant home in North and South America is located. Built by the Vanderbilt family, the Biltmore Estate has been drawing crowds of visitors since it was first opened to the public. Considered to be without equal at the time of its construction in 1895, it is still without equal today, over 100 years later. Aside from the magnificence of its French renaissance architecture, it also houses furniture and masterpieces of unfathomable beauty. Artists who work graces the rooms include Durer, Baccarat, Sargent, Renoir, Wedgwood and Bitter to name only a few. Most of the rooms are preserved in an historical fashion to represent life at the time of construction. After touring the chateau, visitors can also visit the gardens and winery or dine at one of the elegant restaurants located on the 12,000 estate.

STRIKING IT RICH!!!!

North Carolina, from the piedmont to the mountains, is rich with deposits of precious ores and minerals. The first gold nugget found in America was at what later became the Reed Gold Mine. Weighing around 17lbs it was used as a doorstep for several years before its worth became known. Later a 28lb nugget was found near the same location. Located just 30 minutes north of Charlotte, the Reed Gold Mine is still open and now features a free museum and for a nominal fee, panning is available too. Silver is also found in the state, and the first silver mine established in America was in 1838 at what became Silver Hill town, 10 miles outside of Lexington. But don't overlook the mountains. There you will find gem mines, both public and private. Tiffanys and other famous jewelers owned and operated many of the mines from which they got their gems. Now you too have the opportunity to strike it rich (just as one woman did when she found a \$50,000 emerald in a public tourist mine).

THE X-FILES GRANDFATHER

Fans of the X-Files tv show may remember an episode where Mulder says he is going to visit Grandfather. Non-plussed, Scully responds that she knows that it is a place, not a person, where UFOs have been spotted and that North Carolina is 4th in UFO sightings. Now the choice is yours. You can visit Grandfather Mountain for its natural beauty or its unnatural sightings. The mountain has several scenic hiking trails, from easy to difficult for the outdoor enthusiast. On the mountain is also a nature museum, a zoo featuring native animals, a restaurant and a gift shop, all designed not to overpower the scenic vistas. If you are also feeling brave, you can cross the Mile High Swinging Bridge which gives you a breathtaking experience as you cross over to a pinnacle of rock for a better view of the surrounding countryside. Or you can look for UFOs. Your choice.

SOMETIMES NOTHING IS BETTER

Why not just do nothing? Lie back, relax, and enjoy the sun & surf at any one of North Carolina's barrier islands. Some are geared to the tourists with all the tacky souvenir shops and motels you could want. Others are quiet and peaceful, far from the traffic and hubbub so many seek to escape. Prime for fishing, sailing, swimming and surfing, you can do it all....or

nothing. Another exciting pastime is just to the east of the beaches, in the "graveyard of the Atlantic". Those with PADI or other scuba diving certification can dive the area, which contains many wonderful sights such as tropical fish from the gulf stream and shipwrecks from the Civil War, WWI, WWII and on up to current times.

IN CLOSING

But this is only a portion of what North Carolina has to offer. Whatever your interest may be, we are sure you can find it here. So visit us at our website for information about the IC, as well as Charlotte and the surrounding areas. We look forward to seeing you here in 1999!

IC registration is now open; however, the Marriott Executive Park will start accepting hotel reservations AFTER October 1st, 1998. Be sure to ask for the STARFLEET INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SPECIAL RATE! Contact the Marriott at 1-800-541-4089.

For more information on STARFLEET's IC99/25th Anniversary Celebration, contact us at the following:

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Kiran Maldonado, son of Carlos & Heidi Maldonado (all of the USS Avenger in NJ, and one of the Fleets youngest members at 4 1/2 months old here), being held by John Bradbury (the original founder of STARFLEET 24 years ago) at the '98 IC in Lubbock, TX





Kiran Maldonado & "girlfriend"
Diana "Alethia" Harper, IC '98

Pictures provided by
Carlos & Heidi
Maldonado

John "Kiwi" Kane, IC '98

USS Palo Duro float, IC '98
parade



Three-legged race at Spring fling '98



Brittany Sloan and Greg Trotter at Spring fling '98

Pennies From Starfleet

Fleet Captain Tim Frayser

Dispatch From : USS Flying Fortress
NCC-31904
Date: March 27, 1998

The Region 12 Space Camp Fund got \$50 richer at the Oklahoma Sector Dinner with a donation from the newly-commissioned USS Flying Fortress. Where did the money come from?

From pennies – simple pocket change.

Starfleet members in Tulsa began collecting pennies back when the USS Excelsior was still in service, and in a surprisingly short time had a substantial amount of money. At each monthly meeting, the hat would be passed for pennies and any other spare change. Once the practice was started, members would accumulate piles of pennies over the month and bring their collections to the meetings. Collecting pennies is an easy way to make money for special projects.

Many agencies do not even consider pennies to be legal tender. Most people ignore pennies, and tend to cast them aside

when emptying their pockets... but when collected, pennies can add up quickly. Even if a membership only manages to scrape together five dollars of pennies each month, in a year that pot would grow to \$60 – sixty dollars that might just have easily have been thrown away!

The Tulsa City/County Library system has followed the lead of Tulsa Starfleet members and is currently collecting pennies at each of their branch libraries. Their goal is to collect a “Mile of Pennies” – enough pennies that, laid end to end, would stretch a mile in length. (A penny is 3/4 of an inch in diameter, which would take 4 to equal three inches, or 16 pennies for a foot. A mile is 5,280 feet, so multiplied by 16 cents a foot it would take 84,480 pennies to stretch a mile, totaling \$844.80). In the first two months of gathering pennies, the Library has collected over \$100 (or six-hundred twenty-five feet of pennies).

Collecting pennies is an easy way for chapters to raise funds for charity, special projects, or just about anything.

Spring fling '98

submitted by Tim Frayser

May 30, Little Axe Community Center, Norman, OK. Sponsored by the USS Concord. Activities include softball, volleyball, basketball, horseshoes, indoor activities, and “all the food you can eat.” Admission: \$2, large bag of chips, one 6-pack of canned pop and a bag of buns. Cash drawing! Contact the CO for more information.



Community
Corner

COMMUNICATIONS

RADM GORDON GOLDBERG, CHIEF, COMMUNICATIONS, STARFLEET

Hailing Frequencies Open! To round out the appointments I announced in my previous column, it is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Ensign Chuck Dobbins as Director of SubSpace Communications. Chuck, a Communications Specialist aboard the USS Wasp in Region 1, brings to the position his experience as a 10-year veteran of the US Navy and an active participant in a pen-pal program outside of STARFLEET.

The Office of Subspace Communications is responsible for promoting open communications between STARFLEET chapters within each region and worldwide. This includes not only an on-line pen-pal program, but a "SubSpace Relays" program to provide Internet-connected contacts for those chapters without email access. In addition, this office is responsible for working with Bill Hermann in coordinating STARFLEET's participation in OPERATION:EAGLE, a pen-pal project which promotes communication between STARFLEET members and real-life members of the armed services overseas. Applications for Deputy Director and volunteer "SubSpace Relay" liaisons are currently being solicited.

Chuck can be reached by email at cdobbins@zoomnet.net, SubSpace@sfi.org, or by postal mail at:

Chuck Dobbins
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Moving right along... I'm also pleased to announce the winners of the 1998 STARFLEET newsletter awards, which are given by the Communications Division in recognition of the outstanding chapter and regional newsletters which were published in calendar year 1997.

There were many excellent publications submitted for this year's contest, and I'd like to thank everyone who sent in an entry. Choosing the best of the best was not an easy job, which is why you'll notice that several categories have multiple honorable mentions. And now, without further ado, here are our winners:

The winner in the category of **OUTSTANDING COVER** on a newsletter published in 1997 is *Star Trek: The Motion Picture*, published by the **USS Maat**, Region 1. Honorable mention goes to *The Granite Viewscreen*, published by the **USS Hood**, Region 15.

The winner in the category of **OUTSTANDING GRAPHICS** in a newsletter published in 1997 is *Accord Abstractions*, published by the **USS Accord**, Region 7. Honorable mention in this category goes to *The Legend*, published by the **Shuttle Atlas**, Region 12 and *The Short Circuit*, published by **USS Maat**, Region 1

In the category of **OUTSTANDING PRESENTATION** of a newsletter published in 1997, the winner is *Subspace Static*, published by the **USS Wernher von Braun**, Region 2. Honorable mention goes to *The Short Circuit*, published by the **USS Maat**, Region 1 and *The Legend*, published by the **Shuttle Atlas**, Region 12.

The winner for **MOST INFORMATIVE** newsletter published in 1997 is *The Short Circuit*, published by the **USS Maat**, Region 1. Honorable mention goes to *Subspace Static*, published by the **USS Wernher von Braun**, Region 2 and *Carolina Communicator*, published by the **USS Alaric**, Region 1.

And the **STARFLEET Newsletter of the Year** for 1997 is *The Short Circuit*, published by the **USS Maat**, Region 1.

lished by the **USS Maat**, Region 1.

Please join me in extending warmest congratulations to all.

And now on to the most serious item...

As most of you are aware, we have a very important election coming up in a few months. Not only will we be voting for Commander and Vice-Commander, STARFLEET, but we will also be voting on ratification of STARFLEET's proposed new Constitution, which was approved by the Admiralty Board at the International Conference. It is essential that we have everyone's correct postal address in the membership database, in order to assure that everyone will receive a ballot.

If you, or a member of your family, or a friend, or any of your crew, or any other fleet member you know or know of, have any doubts that their address is properly listed in the STARFLEET membership database, make sure that Liz Woolf, the CompOps Staff Coordinator, is informed so she can make the necessary corrections. Liz can be reached by email at CompOpsHelp@sfi.org, or by postal mail to:

Liz Woolf
146 Manor Crescent
North Brunswick, NJ 08901-1691 USA

Please help us to make sure that everyone gets the opportunity to cast their vote.

For those of you who are interested in the current election timeline:

Nominations for Commander, STARFLEET will be accepted by me from August 1 through September 1. They

should be sent to me **only by postal mail** at the address below, and should contain the name of the member being nominated, the nominator's signature, and the date of the nomination. Only Chapter Chairpersons and Regional Coordinators may submit nominations. Note that the current Constitution requires that the Commander, STARFLEET be at least 21 years of age.

Individuals who receive at least five nominations will be considered "qualified candidates" and may announce their choice for Vice-Commander and begin campaigning as of September 2 (and no earlier!)

The deadline for submission of a campaign letter, to be included in the October/November issue of the Communique, is September 15.

Ballots will go out in October, and voting takes place until November 15, at which time an independent Certified Public Accountant will tally and certify the vote, and the results will be announced in the December/January issue of the Communique.

The elected candidates will take office on January 1, 1999.

Pretty simple, huh?

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.

In service to the fleet,

Gordon L. Goldberg

PUBLICATIONS

FCAPT. WENDY FILLMORE, VICE CHIEF, COMMUNICATIONS

Greetings!

First, let me say that it's been my pleasure working on the past three issues of the Communique. CQ#85, 86, and 87 should all be in your hands by now. My thanks to FAdm. Mike Smith for entrusting me with this job, and for all of his help as I've learned the ropes.

If you are missing any issues of the CQ up through #87, you should first contact Liz Woolf at: compopshelp@sfi.org or Liz Woolf, 146 Manor Crescent, North Brunswick, NJ 08901-1691. If your address is correct and your membership is up to date, then you should contact Tamara Copple at copplemate@mwis.net or: Tamara Copple, 11415 Grandview Rd. #1, Kansas City, MO 64137. Tamara gets extra copies of the CQ to mail out to folks when the post office loses them.

Please remember that the deadline for CQ#89 is September 15. All submissions welcome with the exception of fictional works (those should go to the fiction website run by Paul Reed or the next issue of the fanzine). Artwork and cartoons would be nice, though, as well as pictures

to go with your write-ups of local events. All e-mail submissions should be sent to cq@sfi.org. Hard copy that needs to be typed should be mailed to: FCapt. Wendy Fillmore, 72 Dickens Road, North Brunswick, NJ 08902.

NOTE: Chapter summaries (MSRs) are still going to J.C. Cohen, as always. If you don't send it to J.C., it won't make it into the CQ. Sorry! J.C. can be reached at: jccohen@14850.com or: J.C. Cohen, 108 Ferris Place, Ithaca, NY 14850

If you've been running an ad in the

Talaxian Trade show portion of the CQ, please let me know if it needs to continue running or if it should be deleted. I wouldn't want to advertise something for sale that's already been sold, for example. Thanks! All ads submitted starting with CQ#89 will run for one issue only unless otherwise noted.

Also, please double-check your contact information on pages 2 and 3 (if you're listed there) and notify me of any changes that need to be made, like change of address, or adding people on to a division, or
(Cont. next page)

NETSERVICES

RADM GORDON GOLDBERG, SENIOR VICE CHIEF,
COMMUNICATIONS,

The Second Annual Web Awards were presented by Fleet Captain Ed Nowlin and Rear Admiral Allyson M.W. Dyar at the 1998 International Conference at the Awards Presentation on Saturday Afternoon.

The Awards went to:

Chapter Website of the Year: USS *Khai Tam*, NCC-81000, Region Two

Regional Website of the Year: Region Thirteen

Informational Website of the Year: STARFLEET Computer Operations;

Fun Website of the Year: STARFLEET Fiction Archives.

The three judges each awarded their own **Award of Excellence**. These went to: the STARFLEET Marine Corps, the STARFLEET Memorial Page, and Region Seven.

Last year's winners were not eligible for a web award prize this year, therefore, they chose their own best web site of the year. **The Winners' Choice:** USS *Northstar* NCC-10462, Region Seven.

The **Best Website of the Year** went to: STARFLEET Computer Operations, Blair Learn, Web Master.

To view the winners, please link to the STARFLEET Web Page: <<http://www.sfi.org/>> or our back up pages:

<<http://www.halcyon.com/dyar/starfleet/starfleet.html>> and link to the dedicated Web Awards Page.

The judges were Rear Admiral Allyson M.W. Dyar, Senior Vice Chief of Communications/NetServices and Space Station Nexus; Fleet Captain Ed Nowlin, Director, the Office of Web Consultants and Cascade Station; and Lt.(jg). Anne F. Bellenger, USS *Matrix*.

The third annual Web Award judging will occur mid-July 1999, and the awards handed out sometime during the 1999 International Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask me at NetServices@sfi.org.



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deleting people from a division.

NOTE: Kris Harah has regretfully informed me that she needs to step down as Features Editor. Many thanks to Kris for her many years of dedicated service and hard work. Mike Shappe has agreed to take on both the Features and News editing for now. If it becomes too much work, we'll be sure to ask for a new victim... uh, volunteer. <grin!>

Thanks, and enjoy the rest of the CQ!

Sincerely,

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IC Review Committee

FAdm. Michael D. Smith

Greetings.

Effective this notice, on my authority as Commander, STARFLEET, the STARFLEET International Conference Committee is hereby disbanded.

STARFLEET thanks the original Executive Director, Vice Admiral W. Michael Henigan, the current Executive Director, Admiral Cindy Krell, and the various members of the Committee over the years, for their work and efforts on behalf of the organization.

The structure of the SICC is changing to provide a more streamlined approach to the bid process, and to ensure that the needs of the organization are met.

The Executive Committee will now be charged with the decision making process of awarding bids for future International Conferences, as it is ultimately STARFLEET's responsibility for the success or failure of an IC.

The SICC, renamed the IC Review Committee, will be downsized to a three-person committee composed of the last three calendar year IC Chairpersons. This year's committee will hold the 1998, 1997 and 1996 committee chairs, and the oldest year chairperson will drop off at the end of the current year's IC. This committee will be responsible for reviewing and making recommendations on current bids and forwarding them to the Executive Committee, who will make the final decision and award the bid.

The ICRC committee members are: 1998 IC Chair Sam Black, 1997 IC Co-Chair Tony Rowley, and 1996 IC Chair Marian Murphy-Tompkins.

Thanks for your time.

Regards,
Mike



Aerospace Fleet Division Center

Randy Bisig

Attention All Aerospace craft designers!

On authority from FCPT Dustin Williams, Director of FDC Program, the Aerospace Fleet Division Center has officially been approved.

The purpose of the Aerospace Fleet Division Center is to provide a forum for STARFLEET International members to converse and explore the aspect of small craft in the Star Trek genre. FDC/Aerospace will be a place for discussion on how STARFLEET would design and fly small fighter craft and support craft. With permission, it will incorporate any existing SFMC Aerospace small craft. Any small craft fighters designed by members will be reviewed and distributed (with permission) among the participating chapters.

Activities will include a quarterly newsletter, an active e-mail mailing list, and a functional web site. Occasional IRC chat can be held with ASDB personnel participating to get their viewpoints of the functionality of any design. A formal STARFLEET Academy will be developed in conjunction with the FDC under a separate proposal sent to Commandant, STARFLEET Academy.

Areas of discussion will include, but not limited to: sublight vs. Warp speed fighters, single man vs. multiple seat cockpits, atmospheric vs. microgravity fighters, etc.

Gregory Sheets (CO, USS COLUMBIA) and myself will serve as co-directors. I will handle the day-to-day operation of the FDC whereas Captain Sheets will handle the topic discussion and "in character" aspects of the FDC. Other positions within the FDC may be created as needed. In addition, FDC/Aerospace will encourage and work with the Regions to develop local RDCs.

FDC/Aerospace hopes to touch on the underdeveloped aspect of Star Trek and fandom; the small craft. It should be a valuable addition to the many areas of fun and fandom in Star Trek and STARFLEET.

As soon as Greg Trotter initiates the Aerospace e-mail mailing list on the SFI.ORG server (which was paid for six weeks ago), I will post its address to the main Starfleet list, and we can start discussing things Aerospace. The ASFDC web site is <http://whitenoise.org/aerospace>.

MSR Activity Reports: March & April, '98

J. C. Cohen

Due to space limitations this month, chapters with no reports have been deleted.			
REGION ONE			
USS ALARIC NCC-503 City of Charter: Asheville, NC Activities: Stargazing, computer training, and away missions to various movies.	USS DILEMMA NCC-1541 City of Charter: Harrisonburg, VA Activities: Working on recruiting.	STATION NIKOLA TESLA NCC-SS005 City of Charter: Murray, KY Activities: Planetarium trip. Planning trips to 6 flags and Tigercon.	USS BLACKSTAR NCC-75003 City of Charter: Miami, FL Activities: Held dinner and a movie (Godzilla). Went to Vulkan. Ship celebrated ships anniversary. Recruiting table set up at Sci-fi con. Participating in OCP.
USS ARIZONA NCC-71839 City of Charter: Canton, OH Activities: Attended Sci-fi Expo. Collecting for ‘fleet charities. Went to several movie openings.	USS HAWKEYE NCC-4950 City of Charter: Winston-Salem, NC Activities: Meetings and game night. Starfleet day at Carowinds. Attended Shore Leave. Display at King library.	USS OHIO NCC-75007 City of Charter: Barberton, OH Activities: Worked with local cinema to promote Armageddon. Worked on yard sale and planning parade stuff. Planning to recruit at Star Trek 9. Taking donations for “Adopt a family”.	DARK SILENCE STATION NCC-SS007 City of Charter: Florence, AL Activities: Holding social meetings once a month. Preparing for command election.
USS ATHENA NCC-51896 City of Charter: Reston, VA Activities: Had a bowling party. Participated in Novacon security. Work parties for Relay for Life, raised lots of money. Started new charity raffle. Attended Shore Leave. Ship’s writing contest.	USS HORNET NCC-1714-D City of Charter: Charlotte, NC Activities: Held 11th anniversary picnic.Held Hornet night out. Attended Phenomicon.	USS PROVIDENCE NCC-71796 City of Charter: Jackson, TN Activities: Held meetings. Started fund-raising projects. Having a “make up a contest” contest. Starting can food drive. Planning away team to IMAX movie.	USS GUARDIAN NCC-26244 City of Charter: Cape Canaveral, FL Activities: Co-hosted Star Trek day at Kennedy Space center. Held X-files marathon and movie opening. Watched DS9 finale. Monthly meetings with Trek version of “March Game”.
USS BENNU NCC-74657 City of Charter: Gatlinburg, TN Activities: Worked with various charities. Had a “shore leave”. Prepared ships float for summer. Viewed “Deep Impact”.	USS IMPERIAL STAR NCC-2551 City of Charter: Cary, NC Activities: Chapter picnic. Volunteered at soup kitchen and for Women’s Shelter bake sale.	USS RONALD E. MCNAIR NCC-61809 City of Charter: Columbia SC Activities: Held a fund-raising car wash.	USS HAISE NCC-74664 City of Charter: Jackson, MS Activities: Regular meetings. Away team to USS Odyssey picnic. Preparing for Spaghetti Bridge contest. Collecting for OCP. Recruiting continues.
USS BONAVENTURE NCC-102-A City of Charter: Greensboro, NC Activities: Helped with Phenomicon. Planning trip to Space and Rocket center. Celebrated 10th anniversary.	USS JAMESTOWN NCC-1843-D City of Charter: Newport News, VA Activities: Did a display at Virginia living Museum. Worked on Relay for Life. Held chapter picnic. Participated in USS Maat’s casino night.	USS STARWARD FURY NCC-2122 City of Charter: Fayetteville, NC Activities: Held monthly meetings. Went to convention. Held activity days, anniversary party with Fury Olympics.	USS HEPHAESTUS NCC-2004 City of Charter: Birmingham, AL Activities: Attended one convention, planning to attend another. Ships garage sale.
USS CHARLESTON NCC-71813 City of Charter: Charleston, SC Activities: Held general meetings. Assisted American Diabetes Association. Went to opening of Armageddon.	USS JURASSIC NCC-3500 Correspondence Chapter Activities: Working on ship blueprints. Ship raffles underway. Afghan project continues. Starfleet stampede work continues. Medical division away team to King’s Island.	USS STONEWALL JACKSON NCC-71814 City of Charter: Concord, NC Activities: Held Knite Starr III, planning begun for IV. Celebrated ship anniversary.	USS MACLEOD NCC-10524-A City of Charter: Ellenwood, GA Activities: Held bowl-a-thon. Away team to Vulkan. Assisted Republic with 10th anniversary.
USS CHESAPEAKE NCC-1887 City of Charter: Richmond, VA Activities: Away mission to Star Wars exhibit followed by dinner with USS Tanager. Began planning for 10th anniversary.	USS KITTY HAWK NCC-1659 City of Charter: Raleigh, NC Activities: Worked at Jazz and Arts festival to benefit children’s hospital. Manned phones for radio-thon and telethon. Laser tag competitions and convention away teams.	USS TRISTAR NCC-71829 City of Charter: Knoxville, TN Activities: Held regular meetings. Crew marriage.	USS ODYSSEY NCC-454-A City of Charter: Hattiesburg, MS Activities: Had annual picnic. Participating in OCP. Donated materials for youth groups yard sale and for them to make puppets with.
USS COLUMBUS NCC-2006-A City of Charter: Columbus, OH Activities: Held monthly meetings. Attended Marcon convention. Took a trip to C.O.S.I. Delivered cans for food drive. Assisted with an MS event.	USS LAGRANGE NCC-3916 City of Charter: Cuyahoga Falls, OH Activities: Held meeting. Participated in Memorial Day parade. Went to Godzilla. Set schedule for next few months. Worked at Vulkan.	USS TYCHO NCC-59325 City of Charter: Fremont, OH Activities: Participating in various charity projects. Working on ship’s model for parade. Held anniversary party. Planning to recruit at next Star Trek film.	USS REPUBLIC NCC-1371 City of Charter: Atlanta, GA Activities: Chapter celebrated 10th anniversary. Attended Vulkan. Held fund raiser for Children’s Miracle Network.
USS CU’CHULAINN NCC-75012 City of Charter: Terre Haute, IN Activities: Collecting for STARFLEET charities. Adding fictional naval aviation squadron. Held two fun-days. Planning barbeque.	STATION LEWIS B. PULLER, SFR-123 Summerville, SC Activities: Went to Star Trek day at Kennedy Space Center. Held memorial day party. Went to Shore Leave.	USS YEAGER NCC-61893 City of Charter: Bluefield, WV Activities: Working on various cons. Refurbishing a Korean War tank. Supporting local free clinic.	USS STAR UNION NCC-2112 City of Charter: Montgomery Activities: Held regular meeting. Attended X-Files premiere. CO hosted a pool party and barbeque.
	USS MAAT NCC-1794-A City of Charter: Virginia Beach, VA Activities: Held annual Yard Sale fund raiser. Held business meetings and social nights. Held 4 th annual casino night. Participating in various charities. Away team attended Shore Leave.	USS YORKTOWN NCC-1704-A City of Charter: York, SC Activities: Monthly meetings. Planning Starfleet day at Carowinds. Planning annual pool party.	USS TRIUMPH NCC-26228 City of Charter: Fort Lauderdale, FL Activities: Crew attended Vulkan and Scifi Con. Worked with Toys for Tots. Supporting STARFLEET charities, as well as Adopt a Street locally.
REGION TWO			
USS AUBURN NCC-71856 City of Charter: Auburn, Alabama Activities: Held cookouts, movie nights, and ship awards.			

<p>USS WERNHER VON BRAUN NCC-72069 City of Charter: Huntsville, AL Activities: Had a movie night. Monthly meetings.</p>	<p>USS OBERON NCC-71820 City of Charter: Citrus Heights, CA Activities: Planning of summer activities underway.</p>	<p>USS SOLAR FLARE NCC-71885 City of Charter: Boise, ID Activities: Helped local hospital in “Kid for a Night” program. The group participated in a river festival parade. Planning participation in a fourth of July parade. Working on recruitment.</p>	<p>USS DAUNTLESS NCC-74668 City of Charter: Westminster, MD Activities: Held monthly meeting with a cook-out. Held a car wash and park trip.</p>
<p>REGION THREE</p>	<p>USS PEACEKEEPER NCC-72300 City of Charter: Visalia, CA Activities: Held ship’s picnic. Sent in coupons for OCP. Planning to attend R4 conference. Held ships meeting.</p>	<p>REGION SIX</p>	<p>USS HIGHLANDER NCC-10530 City of Charter: Fredrick, MD Activities: Collecting can goods, coupons and stamps. Attending several cons. Held a picnic. Planning car-wash and recruiting, as well as Trek Olympics attendance.</p>
<p>USS AURORA VULCANUS NCC-1888 Correspondence Chapter Activities: Sent out newsletter. Work continues on reference guide and ‘zine. Held mystery raffle. Mailed coupons to OCP. Planning trip to Space Center.</p>	<p>USS SIMONOV NCC-2002 City of Charter: Fairfield, CA Activities: Held garage sale. Planning on trip to the Star Trek Experience. Went to R4 WOOZ.</p>	<p>USS CZAR’AK NCC-1798-A City of Charter: Minneapolis, MN Activities: Attended R12 summit. Adopting a tiger at the Minnesota Zoo. Planning to participate in a late summer min-golf tournament, so are practicing now. Celebrating 14th anniversary.</p>	<p>USS IDIC NCC-71811 City of Charter: Washington, DC Activities: Went to Deep Impact. Volunteering at Smithsonian’s Star Wars exhibit. Attended Shore Leave.</p>
<p>USS INFINITY NCC-651 City of Charter: Waco, TX Activities: Threw going away pool party / barbeque for CO.</p>	<p>USS TIKOPAI NCC-1800 City of Charter: San Jose, CA Activities: Held general meetings. Attended “Greek Festival Day”. Qzar day. Held a stargazing camp out. Held 2nd annual barbeque.</p>	<p>USS IMPERIUM NCC-2125 City of Charter: Fargo, ND Activities: Monthly meetings, including planning for Valleycon. Held a laser tag tournament. The June meeting was a picnic meeting.</p>	<p>USS MALVERNE NCC-2205 City of Charter: Upper Darby, PA Activities: Attempting to launch two shuttles. Trip to IC and attendant parties are planned.</p>
<p>USS JOAN OF ARC NCC-73289 City of Charter: Corpus Christi, TX Activities: Participated in TeleAuction. Chapter is attempting to get online. 1998 Trek-a-thon to benefit Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation. Held a surprise birthday party for a few members. Held summer poker night.</p>	<p>USS WINTER SOLSTICE NCC-62133 City of Charter: Mountain View, CA Activities: Monthly meetings. Attended Baycon. Fund raising raffle. Held pool party. Planning recruiting. Designing new t-shirts.</p>	<p>REGION SEVEN</p>	<p>USS MATRIX NCC-72296 Internet Correspondence Chapter Activities: Updated ship operations manual. Ongoing story sessions and RPG sessions. The Ship that Reads that continue. Away teams to Klingon and Triton Olympics planned. Away team to Shore Leave.</p>
<p>USS LUNAR DAWN, NCC-1621 City of Charter: Grand Prairie Activities: Sent out charity report, away teams to Godzilla and Armageddon. Monthly meetings. Collecting for OCP.</p>	<p>REGION FIVE</p>	<p>USS ACCORD NCC-1842 City of Charter: Ithaca, NY Activities: Away team to Shore Leave. Monthly meetings. Cleaned Ithaca’s planet walk. Away team to Avenger’s 13th anniversary party.</p>	<p>USS NORTHSTAR NCC-10462 City of Charter: New York, NY Activities: Voyager nights. Monthly meetings. Participated in GMHC’s Aids Walk. Away team to USS Intrepid. Participated in Pride events.</p>
<p>USS PALO DURO NCC-61914 City of Charter: Amarillo, TX Activities: Held general meetings. Attended R3 summit. Cadet meetings.</p>	<p>USS CRUSADER NCC-74711 City of Charter: Spokane, WA Activities: Participated in Bloomsday race. Volunteered for Postal Workers Food Drive. Helped out with Jamborade. Viewed a Monty Python film festival. Participating in Rodeo parade.</p>	<p>USS ADAMANT NCC-3029 City of Charter: Valley Forge, PA Activities: Attended Thagard picnic. Bowling nights. Monthly meetings and game days. Held a ship picnic.</p>	<p>USS OSIRIS NCC-75011 City of Charter: Bronx, NY Activities: Went to X-files premiere. Held monthly meeting, watched season finale of DS9.</p>
<p>USS RODGER YOUNG NCC-75500 City of Charter: Shreveport, LA Activities: Held meeting. Had annual bowling tournament. Beginning volunteer work.</p>	<p>USS DESTINY NCC-97301 City of Charter: Salem, OR Activities: Held 4th anniversary. Went to convention. Recruiting drive and community service projects continue. Planning to help in future area conventions.</p>	<p>USS ALPHA CENTAURI NCC-71812 City of Charter: Washington, DC Activities: Ship meeting followed by mini-golf. Went to Shore Leave. Preparing for summer events. Preparing for cook-out / pool party.</p>	<p>USS THAGARD NCC-652 City of Charter: Philadelphia, PA Activities: Held movie nights, voyager parties. Went roller blading. Had a barbeque, monthly meetings, and poker nights. Crew went to Shore Leave.</p>
<p>USS TEXAS NCC-74207 City of Charter: Killeen, TX Activities: Texas round-up. Fund-raiser. General meeting.</p>	<p>USS PENDRAGON NCC-2005 City of Charter: Bellevue, WA Activities: Attended Anglicon. Held meeting, had “most creative sandwich” contest.</p>	<p>USS ASCENSION NCC-2520 City of Charter: Lehigh Valley -Allentown, PA Activities: Planning late summer picnic. Attended X-files Expo . Visited Air and Space Museum.</p>	<p>REGION 9</p>
<p>USS TROUNCER NCC-2553 City of Charter: Texarkana, TX Activities: Away team to R3 summit. Working on raising funds for charity.</p>	<p>USS RUBICON NCC-71816 City of Charter: Richland, WA Activities: Held general meetings, pot luck dinner. Star Trek murder mystery game. Fund raising yard sale. Annual minigolf tournament. Swimming and barbeque to kick off the summer. Ship did security for local Faire.</p>	<p>USS AVENGER NCC-1860 City of Charter: North Brunswick, NJ Activities: Held ships meetings. Working on division’s newsletters. Designed membership flyers. Bowling night, movie night, game night. Away team to Thagard picnic. 13th anniversary party. Began selling the ship’s deck plans. Ship’s yard sale. Attended Shore Leave.</p>	<p>USS EUROPE NCC-1792 City of Charter: Tuebingen, Germany Activities: Ship meeting, and members visited the Sternwarte Tuebingen.</p>
<p>REGION FOUR</p>	<p>USS SKY DANCER NCC-5910 City of Charter: Newport, WA Activities: Held raffle, participated in parade. Gearing up for next charity project and Channel 7 telethon. Cadets touring planetarium and park with picnic.</p>	<p>USS BOUNTY, NCC-8494 Correspondence Chapter Activities: Sent out ballots for ship election. Began online gaming. Working on Bounty fiction. Many members attended / held parties at Shore Leave.</p>	<p>REGION 10</p>
<p>CASCADE STATION NCC-SS003 City of Charter: Redding, CA Activities: Attended R4 WOOZ. Held fun day. Challenged USS Onizuka to bowling. Chapter Barbeque.</p>			<p>USS MAJESTIC NCC-78601 City of Charter: Victoria, BC Activities: Working on chapter fiction. Planning multi-ship picnic. Outing to Nanaimo.</p>
<p>USS NORTHERN LIGHTS NCC-27001 City of Charter: San Jose, CA Activities: Attended BayCon, with lots of events therein. Sponsored Child Identification Packet give away. Answered phones for local public television station.</p>			

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REGION 11

USS SOUTHERN CROSS NCC-1886
City of Charter: Sydney, NSW
Activities: Held 16th anniversary. Working on astronomy class for the ship. Developing web site. Charity dinner for the under-privileged was held.

REGION 12

USS ALLIANCE NCC-1849
City of Charter: Springdale, AR
Activities: Attended Godzilla and X-premieres. Attended Expo 98.

USS ANTONIO MARIA VALSALVA NCC-4101
Correspondence Chapter
Activities: Participating in many charity events at local, regional and national levels. Went to St. Louis Art Museum. Watched last episode of Seinfeld. Went to a number of summer festivals.

USS ATLAS NCC-75013
City of Charter: Bridgeton, MO
Activities: Fund raised at the R12 summit for Oprah's Angel Network. Collected canned goods at monthly meetings. Away teams to films. Held fund raising games table. Began work on OCP, holding anniversary party.

USS BROADSWORD NCC-73288
City of Charter: Jefferson City
Activities: Attended baseball game. Held monthly meetings. Worked on recruiting campaign.

USS CYDONIA NCC-74687
City of Charter: St. Louis, MO
Activities: Held 1st anniversary barbeque. Having monthly video nights and meetings. Participated in charity fund raiser. Planning summer events. Working on expanding the web site.

USS GALAHAD NCC-63542
City of Charter: Oklahoma City
Activities: Monthly meetings with parties.

USS HEXUM NCC-2199
City of Charter: Belleville, IL
Activities: Continuing recycling/environmental programs. Movie nights. Voyager video nights. Attended Memorial Day services. Planning summer activities. Ships meetings. Attended Sci-fi-fest.

USS HORIZON NCC-1000-B
City of Charter: Columbia, MO
Activities: Held a trip to St. Louis. Held Barbeques and a birthday party. Ship had monthly meetings. Charity projects ncluded annual cancer walk and a Red Cross disaster services training.

USS MARKO RAMIUS NCC-23103
City of Charter: Fayetteville, AR
Activities: Annual Klingon Games at Quarks. Participating in STARFLEET charities. Romulan Food Fight continues. Attended Expo 98.

USS MORNING STAR NCC-4126
City of Charter: Lawton, OK
Activities: Held a movie night watching "Moby Dick". Ship donated to many charities, including holding a charity garage sale. Had a stargazing session.

USS MYSTIQUE NCC-58929
City of Charter: Russellville, AR
Activities: STARFLEET charities, recycling, cleaned the chapter's mile of highway. Collecting UPCs to benefit 4-H.

USS NIMITZ NCC-74680
City of Charter: Oklahoma City
Activities: Attended USS Concord's spring fling. Looking into local charities. Planning future events.

USS NOMAD NCC-78500
City of Charter: Leavenworth
Activities: Crew went to KC zoo, and helped the compound move. Attended Kansas picnic. Celebrated 4th of July early, due to the fact many would be in Texas for the actual 4th.

USS ORION NCC-61815
City of Charter: Wichita, KS
Activities: Hosted KS picnic. Attended Nomad party and Independence launching. Attended LQ.

USS PHOENIX NCC-2155
City of Charter: Columbia, MO
Activities: Working on sector picnic. Preparing for CONjuration.

USS QUANTUM NCC-1734-E
City of Charter: Springfield, MO
Activities: Planning summer activities.

USS QUO VADIS NCC-74681
City of Charter: Belle Vista, AR
Activities: Preparing for fireworks fund raiser.

USS RANGER NCC-2206
City of Charter: Oklahoma City
Activities: Planting moon garden with phosphorescent plants.

USS SHILOH NCC-74683
City of Charter: Rockford, IL
Activities: Continuing recruitment drive. Fund raiser's being planned as are public service projects. Picnic is scheduled for August.

USS STELLAR WIND NCC-40513
Correspondence Chapter
Activities: Sent out newsletter. Recruiting efforts continue. Planning future convention.

USS TRAVELER NCC-3145
City of Charter: Emporia, KS
Activities: Held annual casino night. Cadets went to Topeka Zoo and Air Combat museum. Attended opening of Godzilla. Held a Scorsese-Thon. Planning R12 fall conference. Attended Worlds of Fun.

USS UMIAK NCC-3142
City of Charter: St. Louis, MO
Activities: Continuing work on sci-fi game fest, and preparing for future events.

USS URSUS NCC-2011
City of Charter: Springfield, IL
Activities: Went to Special Olympics. Participated in Children's Miracle Network Street Fair. Working on summit bid. Beginning work on recruiting and fund raising displays.

REGION 13

USS GRYPHON NCC-74661
City of Charter: Kalamazoo
Activities: Activities suspended for the summer, much of crew on vacation on own.

USS VALKYRIE NCC-74658
City of Charter: Dearborn, MI
Activities: Attended Vulkan. Preparing for Toronto Trek.

USS WHITE STAR NCC-71012
City of Charter: Port Huron
Activities: Monthly meetings, preparing for FrostBite '99. Attended X-files opening.

REGION 15

USS ATLANTIS NCC-71803
City of Charter: Brockton, MA
Activities: Chapter is beginning more social events. Planning recruiting efforts, kicking off at Rebelcon with new flyer. Practicing mini-golf for regional mini-golf tournament..

USS BEAN SIDHE NCC-9186
City of Charter: Boston, MA
Activities: Monthly meetings. Watched Starship Troopers and away teams went to other films.

USS BOSTON NCC-74482
City of Charter: Worcester, MA
Activities: Fund raising yard sale. Attended Shore Leave. Trip to Riverside Amusement Park. Regional mini-golf.

USS ENDEAVOR NCC-1716
City of Charter: Clinton, CT
Activities: Held ship beach party / meeting. Practicing mini-golf for region tournament. Participating in walk-a-thon for charity and supporting OCP.

USS EQUINOX NCC-584
City of Charter: Winslow, ME
Activities: Small team in Maine State Parade. Participated in Children's Festival. Preparing for summers parade season. Mailed coupons to OCP.

USS HOOD NCC-1707
City of Charter: Nashua, NH
Activities: Continuing recruitment drive. Visit to USS Constitution (the real one). Working on region mini-golf. Planning summer trip to planetarium.

USS O'BANNON NCC-5372
City of Charter: Sanford, ME
Activities: Assisted Equinox with parade. Held recruitment drives. Started a cadet page in newsletter. Working with Renaissance fair.

USS THE SULLIVANS NCC-5370
City of Charter: Portsmouth, NH
Activities: Club is reorganizing, CO elections held. Members went to Shore Leave.

REGION 17

USS MIR NCC-73281
City of Charter: Las Cruces, NM
Activities: Held picnic. Planning to go to IC98. General meetings and barbeque.

Picture on Page 21:

USS Bradbury crew at the Batavia Post Office to promote the "vote for your favorite stamp of the 1960's"... we voted for Star Trek!

Left to right: Etta Bigert, Captain Princilla Russell, First Officer John Russell, and a Klingon friend (Frank Waxman)

Starfleet News Service: An AP for the 24th Century

Captain Mark H. Anbinder

The joke in Starfleet is that the only thing that can travel faster than warp 10 is news.

Of the many jokes in Starfleet, this one at least seems true.

For a Federation of hundreds of planets, spread sparse as comet-tail dust over thousands of light-years, news is life-blood: without it, every world is as alone as if there was no other life, no other thought but its own.

Diane Duane, "Spock's World"

This past March, the Starfleet News Service began operating under the joint auspices of Starfleet Communications and Starfleet NetServices. The Starfleet News Service (also known as SNS) is designed to supplement the material available for publication in Starfleet's many chapter and regional newsletters, some of which experience occasional shortages of locally written articles and features to fill their pages. Many of you have already seen SNS-distributed material in your chapter newsletters.

As SNS affiliates, Starfleet chapters and regions receive periodical material through the SNS Wire Service, modeled after the Associated Press. We've also encouraged affiliate newsletters to submit any locally written articles and features, plus graphics suitable for use throughout the Fleet, and all affiliates will have the opportunity to use these materials in their own newsletters.

Note that individual members of Starfleet aren't the intended SNS "customers." We're serving the Communications and Publications divisions and officers of Starfleet's chapters and regional organizations, who want to obtain publishable items for their newsletters. The result is that many Starfleet members will get to see SNS materials in the various newsletters they receive in the mail.

We're still looking for SNS columnists, Starfleet members who'd like to have their writings distributed regularly. There are various topics we can imagine, but specific topics aren't even necessary!

Our assumption is that most Starfleet

chapters have at least one member online who can take advantage of this Internet-based service and obtain material for publication in local newsletters. Chapters with no members online are being encouraged to subscribe to another affiliate chapter's newsletter, and reprint SNS articles found therein.

If you're a chapter or regional newsletter editor and would like more info about SNS, or would like to apply as an SNS affiliate, please visit our web site at:

<http://www.sfi.org/sns/>

If you're not a newsletter editor, but haven't seen any SNS material in your chapter's newsletter yet, by all means encourage your editor to check out SNS!

If you have any questions that aren't addressed in the web site, please contact the SNS staff at <sns@sfi.org>. This operation will be evolving in the months and years ahead, and your feedback and participation will be crucial.

Capt. Anbinder is commanding officer of USS Accord <mha@ussaccord.org> in Ithaca, New York, and a CompOps staff assistant, in addition to being Director of Starfleet News Service.



Duckling for Charity

Lisa Paradis-Berkenbilt

The USS Athena and WonderTwin Enterprises Presents:

The Wilma Duckling Charity Raffle!!

Remember Wilma Dearing from Buck Rogers (played by Erin Gray)? Remember that white spandex spacesuit of hers? WonderTwin Enterprises has recreated that outfit on a 6" beanie duck, complete with black belt, gold wing medalion, rainbow armband and helmet.

AND this adorable duckling has been AUTOGRAPHED by Erin Gray herself (who thought this was "the cutest thing").

All proceeds from this raffle go to the Julien Fleming Fund and the Challenger Center.

Chances: \$2 for 1; \$5 for 3; \$8 for 5; 10 for 7.

To enter, send check, money order or cash to USS Athena Charity Raffle, P.O. Box 311, Merrifield, VA 22116-0311. (make checks out to "USS Athena").

Drawing September 15, 1998. Winner will be notified by paper mail, email or phone. Void where prohibited by law. Chances of winning 1/n where n is the number of tickets sold. Must be this tall

to enter. No ducks were harmed in the creation of this production.

FEEL FREE TO SPREAD THE WORD TO ANYONE INTERESTED!!

ABOUT THE CHARITIES

Julien Fleming Fund: Julien Fleming is a 4 year old boy in Sterling, VA who is suffering from the late stages of GM1 gangliosidosis, a very rare, terminal neurological disease. He can no longer see, talk, swallow, sit up, or walk. His family has no medical insurance and his medical bills typically are \$1000/month. The Julien Fleming Fund was set up by the community to help defray the costs of his ongoing care.

For more information about Julien and how to help, check out:

<http://www.ql.org/julien/>

Part of the proceeds of this raffle will go to this fund.

Lisa Paradis-Berkenbilt
CO, USS Athena



Wilma Duckling as signed by Erin Gray (Wilma Dearing, *Buck Rogers*) at Shore Leave

Marketing 101: How to Close the Deal

By Glenn Smith

In last issue's installment, I discussed forming the First Contact Team (FCT) and explained what needs to happen during a first visit. In this, our last part of the marketing series, I will cover what to do after that first meeting and what needs to happen during the second visit.

As I have said before, you should not try to get a guest to sign up during their first visit to the club. However, you need to ensure you do have their contact information. Within two days of that first visit, the CO of the club should contact the guests and thank them for coming to the meeting. Having the CO make this call serves two purposes: 1) some folks will be more impressed or flattered that the top person in the club took the time to personally follow up; and 2) this allows the CO to get feedback on how well the FCT is handling guests. Keep this phone call short and pleasant and end it with an invitation to join the club at the next meeting.

Most clubs have back issues of the club's newsletter that they will give a guest. I like this plan but you do not need to overwhelm them; one or two issues should be more than enough. If you hand out a new copy of the newsletter at the meeting the guest attends, make sure the guest gets one. (You do remember from the second part of the series where I mentioned having guest versions of your newsletters available?) If the newsletter gets mailed after that first visit, have a copy mailed to the guest as well. I have seen some clubs set up each guest to get the next three issues but I think this is a little much. If the guest has not joined by the second meeting, sending more newsletters is not really going to change things.

What if the club has a special event between the guest's first two visits? Should you invite them to the event or wait until they are paid members? Each club will have to come up with their own rules on this, but my recommendation is to include them. Remember, you want to show this potential member how your club does what it does and how much they will enjoy being a part of it all. Your special events can make a better impression than just about any meeting. Just remember to use your FCT to keep the guests involved and interacting with the other club members. If they attend the event only to feel left out, they will most likely not bother with the next meeting at all.

A days before the next meeting, another member of your FCT should call the guest with a reminder. In the last article, I mentioned that you want multiple members on the FCT. At this point, we want a member other than the one who worked with the guest at the first meeting making the call. The reason for this is to keep the guest from feeling like they just know one person in the club. During this phone call, give them the highlights of what will be happening and make arrangements to meet them there. This will ensure that the guest realizes they are not coming to the meeting alone but will have a friend waiting on them.

Make sure the FCT member gets to the meeting before the guest and is waiting on them. In the first meeting, you focused on introducing your senior command. For this meeting, you want to work on finding a department for the new member. Now every club is different, some of you have strong departmental identities while others just have departments because STARFLEET clubs have departments. For this article, I am going to assume that your departments are actually functional subsets of the overall club. The guest should already be familiar with the departments of your club and probably has a good idea of where they would like to go. Ensure the guest sits with the other members of that department and gets introduced to all of its members.

At this point, the FCT can start pulling back their involvement. If all has gone as planned, the guest will spend the majority of this meeting interacting with the other members of their new department. You do not want to just walk away, however. Remember that the FCT is better qualified to make sure the guest is starting to fit in. If the FCT spots a problem, they can quickly jump back in to solve it. The last duty of the FCT will be to take the guest over to the financial officer (or whoever takes the money) at the end of the meeting and get them signed up as a full member.

You should actually have to do nothing at this point to convince the person to join your club. They saw the marketing materials that told them what to expect. They came to two meetings and are currently involved with one of the departments. They have seen several issues of the club's newsletter and know what events are coming down the road. They may even have already joined in a special activity. If they are not ready to commit to the club,

there is probably nothing more you can do to convince them at this point. But, as I have already told you, even with this plan you will not get every guest to join. All you can do is make sure they have the best possible information upon which to make their decision.

For the most part, you will find that those who made it back for a second meeting plan to join. However, you can find yourself with a leech on your hands. The Trouncer ran into this when a person (a good friend of a club member) came to eight months' of meetings and events and still would not join. When I finally confronted this person, they let me know in very plain terms that they had a great time with the club but they would not spend a penny to join. I let them know that, until they were willing to formally join, they needed to find another form of recreation. The Trouncer now holds that if you are not paying your dues by your third meeting, you will be asked not to return until you do. Your club will have to make your own policy to cover this problem.

As I wrap up this series on marketing your club, I want to restate some of the main points from all of the articles.

1. Find a focus for your club. With a large club, you can have many sub-groups covering many aspects of science fiction fandom. With a smaller club, especially a new club, you just cannot be everything to everyone. Form an identity for your club and build on that until it naturally grows into other areas.

2. Advertising your club must be done continuously and creatively. Take ad-

vantage of every medium available to you to get the word out. Keep your marketing materials up to date with your latest activities; this is better than having generic materials designed to be used over the next year. Make sure when you do have members getting together in public, they are using those shirts and caps to tell everyone who you are.

3. Create a team of specialists who meet your guests and create a positive environment for them to join your club. Your First Contact Team will be the most important element of your marketing machine. Very few people will join the club just because you have a pretty flyer; they will have to enjoy their first two visits before they can be sure your club is right for them. Make sure they are as involved as possible so that they can see what all you have to offer.

4. Keep at it. I do not believe in membership drives. Seeking new members should be a year round process.

In closing, I would like to thank you for taking the time to read my articles and I hope that I have given you something useful to take back to the club. If you look at the whole organization long enough it becomes easy to forget that STARFLEET is really a coalition of individual clubs. These chapters are what make belonging to STARFLEET worthwhile. When we make the chapters better, we make STARFLEET better. If you have enjoyed this series, or have any comments on this or some future articles you would like to see, please contact me. Writers always have fragile egos and I would love to hear from you. Take care out there.



VULCAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

GRADUATE PROFILE:

STEVE TURNER

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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 *real* science as you do the course work, and have a great deal of *fun* while you’re at it!

In the history of Starfleet, there are only nine members who have completed *all* of the courses offered at the time they were enrolled. VAS would like to honor these special people for their commendable accomplishment.

The Vulcan Academy of Sciences gives a hearty *SALUTE* to: *Steve Turner!*

A member of STARFLEET for about one and a half years, Lt. Turner is the Chief Medical Officer of Cascade Station and also the RDC Medical Officer for all of Region 4. It took him about eight months to finish all of the VAS courses.

Steve has the distinction of being the first and only VAS graduate to get a score of 100% on all of the VAS tests. To honor his perfect record, school director Marlene Miller will be awarding him the VAS IDIC pin, “the first one I’ve awarded in quite some time.”

In real life, Steve Turner is a school bus driver in northern California. He is also a paramedic/fire fighter with his local volunteer fire department, “and I have given classes in the past for the American Heart Association, American Red Cross, Redding Medical Center, and NorCal EMS. I am the only one in northern California to teach CPR, first aid, semi automatic defibrillator, and First Responder classes for free.” The Turner’s have three children of their own and six foster children that they take care of full time.

Steve’s science-fiction interests center around *Star Trek* and *Battlestar Galactica*. And he has a penchant for learning.

“I started taking Starfleet Academy classes in September of 1997,” he said. While “my main interest is in the medical field, my station captain recommended that I take classes both in the medical field and in VAS. While waiting between both of these classes I started to take others.”

During the last year, Steve has completed over 30 SFA courses, including OTS, OCC, Flag Officers School, Academy of Starfleet Engineering, Security School, and the colleges of Medicine, Language Studies (first officer to do all of the classes), History, and Starship Operations, in addition to VAS. His goal: to take *all* of the Starfleet Academy classes (“at least this will keep me off the streets!”).

His commander proudly notes, “Steve’s a great CMO!” And I might add that Steve has accomplished more in his first two years than most of us dream of for our entire STARFLEET tenure! At the 1998 International Conference in Lubbock, Texas, he was given the Red Squad Leader honor as Starfleet Academy’s top student. “He has constantly been on the Dean’s List in the Academy,” according to Commandant Mandi Herrman, who added, “Steve also has now won as many Academy Awards as *Titanic*!” Add to that list: Officer Of The Year in 1997 on his chapter.

Congratulations, Steve!

(On behalf of the Vulcan Academy of Sciences, I would like to take a moment to thank Steve 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:

<http://www.Starfleet-Academy.com>

or send a SASE to VAS Director VAdm. Marlene Miller, 461 Harmony Lane, Campbell, OH 44405-1212, or email her at <VAS@sfi.org>.

LL&P! Capt. Richard Heim, Assistant RDC Sciences, Region One.)

Will Burhans, XO of *Dark Silence Station*, cradles an armful of tribbles to be thrown at Dustin Williams, FDC Director and former Region 2 member. Pete Mohny, CO of the USS *Hepheastus*, can be seen in the background.

(See back cover for R2 Awards and more pictures!)

Commander SG, Tim Keltner
Executive Officer
USS Stellar Wind NCC40513

The USS Stellar Wind invites the ‘Fleet to assemble in the Heartland at:

Stellar Travels Con ‘99. **February 13-14, 1999.** Ramada Inn - KCI Airport. Room rate \$59.00 per night 14 occupants. For hotel reservations call 816-741-9500 or 800-234-9501.

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Stellar Travels Con is a benefit for the Breakthrough House

THIS JUST IN: The membership rate goes up in September. I am offering an unheard of discount to several groups including Starfleet; 50% off if you pre-reg. I am also in contact with Mike Malotte about a region 12 meeting.

Tim Keltner, USS Stellar Wind

Greetings!

Tigercon 3 will be held at the University of Memphis, Memphis TN on **October 2-4, 1998**. Our special guest is Dr. Lawrence Schoen, Director of the Klingon Language Institute.

This is a free convention. The only expense is the dinner on Saturday Night, which is \$25 for adults, and \$15 for those under 16. (Toddlers and below are free, of course.)

If you would to schedule an event during the convention, such as RDC meetings, ship meetings, panels, or whatever, now is a really good time to arrange for it. Contact Karen Cushing by e-mail at <kcushing@memphis.edu> or by snail-mail at Tigercon, Campus Box 528032, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN 38152. The majority of meetings and panels will be on Saturday.

There is now a web page up at:

<http://www.people.memphis.edu/~kcushing/tigercon/index.htm>

This page includes an on-line registration form, GM registration form, list of hotels, directions to the university, and a list of who is in charge of what at this point. As the con gets closer, more people will be added to this list.

The name of the hotel on campus is the Fogelman Executive Center. To reserve a room, call 901-678-5410. They will only let 2 people stay in each room. This is why I have included other hotels in the list on the web site.

From that list, Karen Cushing recommends the Memphis Marriott, located close to the highway, across from IHOP and the Mall of Memphis; and the French Quarter Suites hotel, which has rooms with jacuzzi’s, as well as honeymoon packages and such.

The convention site is the most accessible building on campus. Ramps, elevators, and braille are commonplace. There are bathrooms on each floor, an additional Gameroom on the first floor, and a cafe on the second floor.

Academy Notes

Commodore Mandi Herrmann

I had the great pleasure to present the following awards at IC 98 in Lubbock. Each of these individuals truly represents the best of Starfleet Academy. Please forgive me for any misspellings or incorrect chapters. I tried to be as accurate as possible with the records I had been given.

Each school had 2-3 top students.
The four top Academy students were designated RED SQUAD and the top student was RED SQUAD LEADER.

INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP - Dean - Adm. Peg Pellerin
OFFICER'S TRAINING SCHOOL (OTS)
Eliseo Banuchi Chapter: Coyote (100% with accuracy), Region 7
Melissa L. Karnosh Chapter: Triumph, Region 2
J. Kevin Topham Chapter: Lunar Dawn, Region 3

OFFICER'S COMMAND COLLEGE (OCC)
Liz Woolf Chapter: Bounty, Region 7
Diana Harper Chapter: Kensington, Region 5

FLAG OFFICER SCHOOL (FOS)
Charles Flowers Chapter: Highroller, Region 4

INSTITUTE OF ARTS - Dean - RAdm. Carolyn Donner
COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATIONS (COC)
Bernie Fritts Chapter: Tristar, Region 1

COLLEGE of HISTORY (COH)
Steve Turner Chapter: Cascade Station, Region 4
Shelia Benton Chapter: Hephaestus, Region 2

SCHOOL of LANGUAGE STUDIES (SOLS)
Larry Jones - High Honors in Levels I, II, III - Chapter: Morning Star, Region 12
Steve Turner - First & Only student to complete all 4 levels and is requesting an add'l level. - Chapter: Cascade Station, Region 4

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY - Dean - VAdm. Marlene Miller
VULCAN ACADEMY of SCIENCE (VAS)
Edith Padgett Chapter: Charleston, Region 1
Steve Turner is the most recent VAS grad to complete all degrees... and the FIRST and ONLY to have a 4.0 average. - Chapter: Cascade Station, Region 4

COLLEGE of COMPUTER HISTORY (COCH)
Michael B. Browne Chapter: Questar, Region 1
Larry Goldman Chapter: Freedom III, Region 3

SCHOOL of ENGINEERING (SOE)
Edith Padgett Chapter: Charleston, Region 1
Steve Turner Chapter: Cascade Station, Region 4
Barney Cole Chapter: Oklahoma, Region 12

COLLEGE of MEDICINE (SACOM)
Edith Padgett Chapter: Charleston, Region 1
Steve Turner Chapter: Cascade Station, Region 4

STARFLEET OFFICERS RADIO SCHOOL (SORS)
Carolyn Donner Chapter: Jurassic , Region 1

INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES - Dean - FCapt Greg Staylor
SECURITY SCHOOL (SFASS)
David Adkins Chapter: Bennu, Region 1
Maud Freifelder, Chapter: Triumph, Region 2
both with perfect score on the 3 courses we currently offer

COLLEGE of SURVIVAL STUDIES (COSS)

The CoSS STUDENTS OF THE YEAR for 1997 are
Treavor Pence Chapter: Unassigned
Phyllis Fest who completed the entire series of the Mapping Survival School (Associates thru Ph.D.) - Chapter: Bean Sidhe, Region 15

COLLEGE of STARSHIP OPERATIONS (COSO)
These two individuals successfully completed all four Starship Operations courses.
Lee Campbell Chapter: Jurassic, Region 1
Sanford Berenberg Chapter: Sun Tzu, Region 7

AUSTRALIAN CAMPUS - Director - FCapt Alan Yates
The Australian campus of Starfleet Academy is one of the newest Academy projects. It is currently being developed and fine-tuned by myself, Tom Restivo, and Jennifer and Alan Yates of Region XI. All in all, Region XI has over 50 SFA degrees. This is quite impressive due to the fact that Region XI is a smaller region with less than 50 members. Due to this, I am pleased to announce that Australian Campus Honor Students are Elizabeth Worth, USS Southern Cross and Vanessa Taylor, Shuttle Woomera

RED SQUAD MEMBERS
Steve Turner (Cascade Station, ** Red Squad Leader, Region 4) has taken over 30 SFA courses in the past year. Steve has completed 13 VAS courses and completed 32 VAS electives. Not only has Steve completed all VAS courses he is qualified to take at this time, he has maintained an average of 100% for Every course! According to Marlene Miller, VAS Director, Steve is the only person to have done this since she took over the school in 1989. He has constantly been on the Dean's List in the Academy and has mastered such schools as VAS, SACOM, Survival Studies, Security School, School of Language Studies, and OCC. As you can tell, he stays busy with Academy courses and even asks some instructors to make new tests. Steve was officer of the year in 1997 on his chapter, Cascade Station in Region 4. Steve also has now won as many Academy Awards as Titanic <G>.

Edith Padgett (Charleston, Region 1) is a remarkable lady. For as often as I saw Steve Turner's name on the Academy reports from various schools, I likewise saw Edith's name on just about every Academy report. She, too, has excelled at taking courses from each area of the Academy. Marlene Miller, VAS Director, states, "She is a wonderful lady, and is overcoming quite a physical challenge." Edith serves on the USS Charleston, Region 1, as Asst CMO and is jokingly called Miss Academy on her chapter. Edith is extremely active on her chapter and between her and Steve, I think they single handedly fund the Starfleet Academy.

Larry Jones (Morning Star, Region 12) is another one of the Academy's most active students. He has earned honors in many courses and earned the highest honors in each level of the School of Language Studies. He serves on the Morning Star in Region 12.

While **Krystal Harper (Columbus , Region 1)** didn't earn recognition as the top student in any one course, I firmly believed she deserved this honor. Why? Krystal is an Ensign assigned to the USS Columbus in Region One. She is one of their most active members and has been for 3 years now. She enjoys taking Academy courses and loves to appear in costume of just about any Trek era at Columbus events. She is just about ready to send her OCC test in for grading after having scored a 94% on OTS. Now, why does she deserve this honor of Red Squad? Well, Krystal is only 10 years old. Yes, 10 years old. She is very adamant about not getting any "adult" assistance on her academy courses. Red Squad recognizes excellence in the Academy. Well, any 10 year old who scores a 94% (which is better than *many* adults scores on OTS) on her OTS exam deserves to be honored as one of the Academy's finest students.

INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR
Sherry Newell, School of Language Studies Chapter: Morning Star, Region 12. Sherry is one of the Academy's most faithful directors. Her reports are always timely and she is always open to student needs. She creates new levels and courses for students who just "want more" and she is always thinking of ways to better Starfleet Academy. She is a true asset to Starfleet Academy and though her school may not have the enrollment of OTS or VAS, she runs it well and gives the majority of her time and energy to the Academy and her chapter, where she serves as CO of the Morning Star.

SCHOOL OF THE YEAR
Vulcan Academy of Sciences - Marlene Miller, Director
Chapter: Renegade, Region 1
The Vulcan Academy of Sciences is the jewel in the crown of Starfleet Academy. Definitely the most popular non-command course (I say that because OTS & OCC draw a large number of students due to many chapters requiring them for promotion), VAS is always busy & Marlene Miller does a superb job at keeping things running and course material available and fresh for students of all ages and interests. In fact, I know people that have really had to "study" for their VAS exams by going to the library, borrowing friends college textbooks, and trek resources. VAS is challenging and interesting. For the past 9 and ½ years, Marlene has served faithfully as its director and the success of the school is a tribute to her leadership.

STARFLEET ACADEMY - COLLEGE APPLICATION FORM

The Scholastic Division of STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc.
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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)
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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)
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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 -
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✍ 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)
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vacademy@sfi.org <Donner.Crafts@worldnet.att.net

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Capt. Brian Dougherty, 1445 Fairmeadows Street, St. Louis, MO 63138-2512
soe@sfi.org <briwdou@swbell.net>

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- \$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)
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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
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sors@sfi.org <N3fht@aol.com>

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cotac@sfi.org <R1Special@aol.com>

MEMBERS WANTED

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

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The Space Station Freedom III Communications Dept. offers a pen pal matching program for all continental USA residents. Obtain an annual membership by mailing a \$2.00 money order to: Curtis J. Stenovich, 1647 Rutland Drive #136, Austin TX 78758-6048.

MISC

PEOPLE SEARCH. My friend moves every two years and I lost her new address. If anyone knows Diana Richard, United States Air Force, please ask her to E-mail her new address to Dale Kagan at dalek@sprintmail.com. Thanks!

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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

For World Wide Pen Pal service, send SASE to International PenFriends, PO Box 720074, Redding, CA 96099-7074 USA "It's well worth joining and the rates vary - from \$12 up - anyone can join!"

SWF SFO seeks SFI pen pals interested in: sports, paleontology, Egyptology, oceanography, all Trek, B-5, Sci-fi novels, rock'n'roll, trivia. Contact: Cmdr. Michalene Biber, 159 Miller Avenue Apt. 1-A, Buffalo, NY 14211-3309.

Seeking Pen Pals, 15-17, who love Sci-Fi, especially Trek and XFiles. I am SWF, 16, a Starfleet Officer on the USS Sol. If interested, contact: Lt Cmdr. Emily McDonald, PO Box 58362, Fairbanks, AK 99711 (3)

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 laterr 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

WANTED

WANTED: Star Trek First contact Uniform pattern or a pattern for Star Trek: Generations uniform. I have two Star Trek uniforms that are out of date, and with the next Star Trek TNG movie on the way, I need to make a newer uniform, so I can join the club for promoting the movie. Please respond to: John A. Long, 3521 Pioneer Lane, Redding, CA 96001 USA

CONVENTIONS

~~CREATIONCON, Saturday, Aug. 8, 1998~~
Guests: George Takei ("Sulu"), Ethan Phillips ("Nelox") and Marc Alaimo ("Gul Dukat")
SHOW HOURS: 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm
GENERAL ADMISSION TICKETS are available in advance for \$17.00 at TICKETMASTER*, or by calling CREATION at (818) 409-0960**, 9am - 3pm Pacific Time. The MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION CENTER is located at 1301 2ND AVE SOUTH. For directions only call (612) 335-6000.

Dragon*Con, September 36, 1998 at the Atlanta Apparel Mart and Hyatt Regency Atlanta in Atlanta, Georgia. DragonVCon is the host of the 1998 First FandomReunion and Hall of Fame Awards. Over 300 Attending Guests include: Forry Ackerman, C.J. Cherryh, Rudy Coby, Nancy A. Collins, Storm Constantine, Roger Dean, Bob Eggleton, Harlan Ellison, Larry Elmore, Stephen Furst, Jonathan Harris, Ray Harryhausen, Tracy Hickman, James P. Hogan, Scott Mosier, Larry Niven, James O'Barr,

Jerry Pournelle, Julius Schwartz, Kevin Smith, PatriciaTallman, Margaret Weis, and Bernie Wrightson. Anthony Daniels (Star Wars' C3PO) will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Hyatt Regency Atlanta rooms are \$119 per night single and double (\$10 additional per person for triple / quad); suites are discounted at 30% off published rates: call (404)577-1234. For info: Call our 24-hour info / fax line at (770) 623-6321 or call the Dragon Con office at (770) 909-0115 or e-mail to dragoncon@dragoncon.org or link to <http://www.dragoncon.org>. If you would like us to send you a full Progress Report by mail, call our office or write to us at Dragon Con '98, P.O. Box 47696, Atlanta, GA 30362-0696. You can register by mail or charge your four-day membership using Visa, MC, or AMEX by calling TicketMaster at (404) 249-6400 through September 5, 1998.

Mephit Furmeet '98, September 47. Memphis, TN, Holiday Inn, 5795 Poplar Avenue. Guest — Bill Holbrook. Membership — \$25.00; \$30.00 after May 1st. Web Site — <http://www.mindspring.com/~dpickett1/mfm.html>. Email - growltiger@mindspring.com
Snail Mail — P.O. Box 771803, Memphis, TN 38177-1803.

OutsideCon 11, 11-13 September 1998, Camp Marymount, Fairview TN, Just South of Nashville, TN. Preregistration (Before 1 Sept 1998) is only \$25* for Adult Membership After Sept 1st and at the door the price is only \$35* for an Adult Membership. Children 7-13 yrs half price, under 6 yrs old free. ALLCHILDREN UNDER 18 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A LEGAL GUARDIAN. Featuring SPECIAL LEFT COAST GUEST FAN Jason Loveday. NOTE: Membership price includes food! Friday light supper, 3 meals Saturday, and Breakfast Sunday! Cabin space is limited and is available on a first-come, first served basis. Tents are welcome and might be needed if you don't pre-register and request a cabin early. Small dealers are welcome with no extra dealer fees. Persons caught with controlled substances will be turned in to da man. OUTSIDECON reserves the right to deny a membership to anyone for any reason that is within reason. FOR MORE INFORMATION Write to: Robert W. Embler, PO box 30695 Clarksville, TN 37040.

Anime Weekend Atlanta 4, October 911, Location — Atlanta, Georgia. Hotel — Atlanta Marriott North Central. Guests — Amy Howard, Tony Butler, Elin Winkler, Pat Duke, Lea Hernandez, many more. Membership — \$15 until March 1, 1998; \$20 March 2 to June 1, 1998; \$25 June 2 to September 1, 1998. Web Site — www.anime.net/~awa. Email — awa@anime.net. Snail Mail — Anime Weekend Atlanta, P.O. Box 13544, Atlanta, GA 30324-0544

Constellation XVII, October 9-11, Huntsville, Alabama. Guests — Tim Powers, Bob Eggleton, David O. Miller. Web Site — www.hsv.tis.net/~constell/. Email — constell@traveller.com. Membership Rates: \$25 through 25 May, \$30 through 11 September, \$35 thereafter and at the door, Children's Rates Available. To Register or Request information Write to: (Please Send a Self -Addressed Stamped Envelope) Con*Stellation XVII: Hydra, P.O. Box 4857, Huntsville AL 35815-4857. Email to: constell@traveller.com or visit us at our WWW site: <http://www.hsv.tis.net/~constell/constell/>

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[index.html](#) Phone: 256-880-8210 ask for Marie (no collect calls, please). Con*Stellation is presented by NASFA, the North Alabama Science Fiction Association. Hotel Information : Airport Sheraton ITT Sheraton, 1000 Glenn Hearn Drive, Huntsville AL. Rooms are \$59 (plus all applicable taxes) for 1-4 people per night. For reservations, call them at (800) 241-7873 or (256) 772-9661, mention Con*Stellation for the convention hotel rate, and be sure you make your reservations early.

Tropicon XVII, November 13-15, 1998. The South Florida Science Fiction Convention, Sponsored by the South Florida Science Fiction Society (SFSFS), Guest of Honor: Neil Gaiman. Artist Guest of Honor: Charles Vess. Other Confirmed Guests: Lynn Abbey, Hal Clement, Charles Fontenay, Joseph Green, Caitlin R. Kiernan, Holly Lisle, and Mike Resnick. Tropicon will be held at the luxurious Sheraton Suites on Cypress Creek Road in Fort Lauderdale (within sight of I95). The room rates are \$84.00 single/double, \$94.00 triple/quad. For reservations, please call (800) 325-3535 (locally (954) 772-5400 or Fax (954) 772-5490) or contact them by mail using the Hotel Reservation form. Registration: The rates for three days of fun and excitement are: \$23.00 until May 31st, \$25.00 until October 31st, \$28.00 thereafter. As always, children 8 years old and under are free with an adult membership. Special Combination Rate: \$35.00 for a Tropicon membership and a one year membership to SFSFS. Offer valid until October 31st (Halloween). To Register or for more information, including Dealer's Room or Art Show Show information, please contact Pete or Shirlene Rawlik: TROPICON XVII, c/o The Rawliks, 539 37th Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33047-4307, (561) 844-6336 or send an e-mail message to tropicon@scifi.squawk.com.

Concat 10, November 27-29, Knoxville, TN, The Knoxville Radisson. Guests — Spider & Jean Robinson, Darrel Elliot, One of the Webb Clan. Web Site — <http://members.aol.com/knoxsf/cradle/concat.htm>. Email — knoxsf@aol.com Snail Mail — ConCat 10, 316 E. Scott Ave, Knoxville, TN 37917.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Region 6 Conference is going to be held Sept. 25-27, 1998 in conjunction with Valleycon 23. Doublewood Inn in Fargo, ND. For more information, contact COMM. Mike Urvand at commmu@hotmail.com or (218)287-2354 or PO Box 10881 Fargo, ND 58106-0881

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1998 Region 2 Award Recipients

Rich Trulson

The purpose of the Region 2 Awards Program is to recognize the members, shuttles, chapters and Regional Staff for their activities, involvement, and support within this Region. These awards are given annually to the best of the best. The winners serve as a model for others to emulate. Apologies for any inaccuracies that may appear, as they are not intentional.

Chapter Of The Year:
Winner: USS *Hephaestus*
Runner-Up: USS *Continuum*
Honorable Mention: USS *Odyssey*

Rookie Chapter Of The Year:
Winner: USS *Rogue Phoenix*

Crewmember Of The Year:
Winner: Brenda Bullock (USS *Odyssey*)
Runner-Up: Kevin McNulty (USS *Khai Tam*)
Honorable Mention: Zane Banister (USS *Okatoma*)

Cadet Of The Year:
Winner: Brenda Elizabeth Bullock (USS *Odyssey*)
Runner-Up: Melissa Hoffman (USS *Okatoma*)
Honorable Mention: Sydney Marsh (USS *Rogue Phoenix*)

Officer Of The Year:
Winner: Kevin McNulty (USS *Khai Tam*)
Runner-Up: Jamie Hoffman (USS *Okatoma*)
Honorable Mention: Lorrie Wilkinson (USS *Continuum*)



Kevin McNulty of the USS *Khai Tam* wins Officer of the Year. Barbara Paul, Region 2 Awards and Armed Services Program Director, is also seen on the left.

Commanding Officer Of The Year:
Winner: Joann Banister (USS *Okatoma*)
Runner-Up: Shaughn O'Connor (USS *Rogue Phoenix*)
Honorable Mention: Wade Olson (Shuttle *Relentless*)

Newsletter Competition Award:
Winner: USS *Khai Tam*
Runner-Up: USS *Wernher von Braun*

Honorable Mention: USS *Continuum*

Distinguished Service Award:
Winners: Danny Potts (USS *Hephaestus*), Wade Olson (Shuttle *Relentless*), Tatia Brewer (Shuttle *Cherokee*), and Royce Bullock (USS *Odyssey*)

Regional Commendation:
Winners: Freddy Keller (USS *Davinci*), Richard Trulson (USS *Wernher von Braun*), Wade Olson (Shuttle *Relentless*), Kevin McNulty (USS *Khai Tam*), Lesley Pike (USS *Continuum*), and USS *Yamato*

Recruiters Award:
Individual Winner: John McCarter (USS *Haise*)
Ship Winner: USS *Haise*
Ship Runner-Up: USS *Republic*

Superior Performance Award:
Winners: Jennifer Rosbury (Vice-Regional Coordinator) and Michael Henigan (USS *Republic*)

Scholastic Achievement Award:
Winner: Neil Rodney Yawn (USS *Hephaestus*)
Runner-Up: Sydney Marsh (USS *Rogue Phoenix*)

Stephen H. Perry Scholastic Memorial Award:
Winner: Brenda Elizabeth Bullock (USS *Odyssey*)
Runner-Up: Ashton Stuart (Runabout *Cherokee*)
Honorable Mention: Sydney Marsh (USS *Rogue Phoenix*), Timbre Brewer (Runabout *Cherokee*), Haley Stuart (Runabout *Cherokee*), and Melissa Hoffman (USS *Okatoma*)

Interactive Achievement Award:
Individual Winner: J. Michael Long (USS *Odyssey*)
Individual Runner-Up: Wade Olson (Shuttle *Relentless*)
Individual Honorable Mention: James Brunton (USS *Okatoma*)
Chapter Winner: USS *Rogue Phoenix*
Chapter Runner-Up: USS *Okatoma*
Chapter Honorable Mention: USS *Odyssey*

Brenda Bullock Mothership Award:
Winner: USS *Wernher von Braun*
Runner-Up: USS *Okatoma*
Honorable Mention: USS *Khai Tam*

Helping Hands Award:
Winner: Danny Potts (USS *Hephaestus*)
Runner-Up: Royce Bullock (USS *Odyssey*)
Honorable Mention: Tatia Brewer (Shuttle *Cherokee*) and Wade Olson (Shuttle *Relentless*)

J. Michael Long Explosive Decompression Award:
Winner: Pete Mohny (USS *Hepheastus*)

Promotions:
The following promotions were given during the awards ceremony.



Michael George (CO, USS *Continuum*) shaking Cadet Commander George Keith's hand. Commander STARFLEET Mike Smith and Mike Henigan can be seen in the background

Promoted to Cadet Commander: George Keith (USS *Continuum*, the first in their history)

Promoted to Lieutenant, Senior Grade: Steven Riley (Dark Silence Station)

Promoted to Ensign: Denby Potts (USS *Hephestus*)

Promoted to Commander: Lesley Pike (USS *Continuum*)

Promoted to Captain: Jay Gallops (USS *Continuum*), Steven Rosbury (R2 ShOC Chief), Danny Potts (USS *Hephaestus*), Lori Wilkerson (USS *Continuum*), and Wade Olson (USS *Relentless*, ship commissioning)

Promoted to Colonel: Kevin McNulty (USS *Khai Tam*)

Promoted to Fleet Captain: John Lockhart (USS *Continuum*), Donna Tucker (USS *Yamato*), Jeff Kirkland (USS *Republic*)

Promoted to Commodore: Bethany Thielman (USS *Haise*) and Pete Mohny (USS *Hephaestus*)

Other Awards:
The following awards were also given out, but were not part of the Region 2 Awards Program.

Marine Awards:
Community Service Citation: DeJay Allen (USS *Khai Tam*, 78th MSG)

Community Service Citation: Lori Long (USS *Khai Tam*, 78th MSG)

Shield of Valor Ribbon (Volunteer of the Year): Lori Long (USS *Khai Tam*, 78th MSG)

Recruiters Award: Mark Lateman

Overseas Coupon Project Competition:
First Place: USS *Triumph* (over \$9000 in coupons)
Second Place: USS *Hephaestus*
Third Place: Shuttle *Celestial*

Stampede Competition:
First Place: USS *Hephaestus*
Second Place: USS *Rogue Phoenix*
Third Place: USS *Wernher von Braun*

Miscellaneous Events:
Michael George (USS *Continuum*) was crowned the Great Dalmuti

Kevin McNulty (USS *Khai Tam*) won the shuttle *Celestial* Mystery Box. It contained a variety of fun and useful items such as pens, paper, whoopie cushion, Tums, marbles, and more. A \$15 donation was made to the regional funds.

George Keith (USS *Continuum*) was given the 1997 STARFLEET Runner-Up Cadet of Year, which was awarded at the 1997 International Conference.

Shuttle *Cherokee* (off the USS *Okatoma*) commissioned as the USS *Cherokee*, NCC 75009

Shuttle *Relentless* (off the USS *Khai Tam*) commissioned as the USS *Relentless*, NCC 81001



The STARFLEET School of Hugs promoted by Cindy Krell, seen here hugging Danny Potts, XO of the USS *Hepheastus*. Denby Potts can be seen working the registration table in the background.