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## DON HAVEN 1997 STARFLEET Officer of the Year USS Constitution, Region IV

*(At the 1998 Region 4 Conference, the award for 1997 STARFLEET Officer of the Year was awarded posthumously to Don Haven, of the USS Constitution. His wife, Mary Haven accepted the award on his behalf, and gave a speech. Following is a transcript of the speech. Thanks to Mary for transcribing it. – Timothy Winters, Editor, Region IV Subspace Communicator)*

“I don’t even know how to start. It is impossible to express how thankful I am to everyone who made this possible. Don would be as astounded and grateful as our children, Brian and Stacie, and I am.”

“The timing of this award was incredible. I learned about it on July 9th. That would have been our 30th wedding anniversary. Don & I had just started going together in the late 1960’s. We quickly discovered we had another common interest: Star Trek. Instead of going out, we would watch the show. When VCR’s were available, we started taping. Brian reminded me that he had to give up an hour of Saturday morning cartoons so I could tape the episodes.

“Don and I joined StarFleet about 1988. He moved through the ranks – always making sure he was one rank above me. That’s his military background, I guess.

“He transferred the Captaincy of the USS Constitution when his work with Region 4 started. He really enjoyed working with the different committees. He loved organizing the pancake breakfasts at the Visalia Wittman Community Center and the Special Olympics Bowl-a-thon and Awards dinner.



“He especially enjoyed being considered the “Grand Father” of the Region. One thing always bothered him, though: when the politics of the Fleet or the ships got too heated. He wanted the original idea of the club to be first and foremost: people with a common interest – Star Trek fans – getting together to have fun.

“Tonight, he would thank you from the bottom of his heart. I think he would also say: ‘The traditional greeting of the Vulcans is: **Live Long and Prosper**, but the Vulcan response might be even more appropriate: **Peace and Long Life**’.”

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Greetings, STARFLEET.

As I write this column to you from the Holiday Inn in Monroe, LA, I'd like to take a moment to thank the Region 3, Sector 2 folk for their hospitality. While the remnants of Tropical Storm Frances dropped plenty of rain on us, we had a great time, and I once again enjoyed meeting a bunch of new people. Thanks to Christine, Dustin, Colleen, Robin and all the rest who attended!

The next few months will be particularly busy ones for STARFLEET members in many ways. First off, we will be having a Vote of Confidence on the position of Commander, STARFLEET, as no other persons received the proscribed number of nominations in order to be eligible.

I'd like to thank the many STARFLEET Chapter COs and the three Regional Coordinators who sent in nominations for the Smith/Freas election team. We received 55 nominations all told, and that number equates to a full 25 percent of STARFLEET Chapters who sent in nominations for our team. The mandate that speaks is truly humbling, and on behalf of the Smith/Freas team, I thank you for your support.

Our work, however, is not done. We must as an administration and as an organization continue to improve upon the work and effort of the past two years, and I pledge to each one of you reading this

column that we will continue to strive to improve things even more, in order to justify that faith.

Each of you will be receiving a ballot in the mail that will ask you if you have confidence in my office of the Commander, STARFLEET. This ballot will also ask you to vote Yes/No regarding the ratification of the proposed Constitution.

I cannot stress enough the importance of taking a few minutes of your time to read our team's statement elsewhere in this issue of the CQ, to read the proposed Constitution, and to cast a ballot with an informed frame of mind. This is the one time that comes along every two years that gives YOU the individual member of STARFLEET, the ability to directly impact the organization. Casting your ballot gives you a direct say in the workings of the organization, and this ballot is made even more special by the fact that we are also ratifying a new Constitution. This document will bring accountability to the senior leaders of the organization, and will give the members more responsibility in choosing their leaders.

I hope that all of you will vote "Yes" on both issues, in order that our team may continue to work for you, the members, and in order to make sure that a more progressive and member supporting Constitution can be put into effect. Saying "Yes" to both

will help to ensure a healthy, prosperous STARFLEET as we move into the Silver Anniversary of our organization.

This fall will also see the next Star Trek movie released in December. This is a prime time spot to organize and initiate membership drives for both your chapters and for STARFLEET. Contact your local movie theatres and speak to the managers there. Most times you'll find that the free publicity that you and your chapters bring will spark the managers interests, and they'll trade you free recruiting space for members who are dressed in uniform to help promote the movie for them.

These are truly going to be interesting times for our organization.

Please take the time to make sure that you as members and as chapters can make the best of these times, not only for the general membership, but also for your chapters, and for STARFLEET as a whole.

Again, we of the Smith/Freas team thank those of you who have given us your support and encouragement, and we look forward to the change to continue to make things bigger and better for our organization.

Talk to you in sixty!

## PROMOTIONS

### FLEET ADMIRAL MICHAEL D. SMITH

Good day.

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Just a friendly reminder that Flag-level (Captain and above) promotions for deserving STARFLEET members can be submitted at any time by any member of STARFLEET in good standing. We do encourage you to contact your chapter CO and/or Regional Coordinator as a courtesy to let them know the form is being submitted.

You can also send SASEs to this address for a copy of the promotion form.

In addition, you can email the information that is listed on the form to [promotions@sfi.org](mailto:promotions@sfi.org) or you can visit <http://promotions.sfi.org> and fill out the web page form.

They can be US mailed to:

Thanks and we look forward to seeing those promotion requests!

## SECOND THOUGHTS

ADMIRAL CHARLES FREAS, VICE COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings, my fellow Fleeters! Now that the nomination season has ended, I want to use this opportunity to first say, "Thank you!" to the Regional Coordinators, Commanding Officers, and command staffs and members of the many chapters who sent in letters nominating Fleet Admiral Mike Smith to serve yet another term as Commander, STARFLEET. The members of the Smith/Freas Administration are honored that you have entrusted us with the leadership of the Fleet for another two years. We pledge to live up to your high expectations, to stay the course, and to lead the Fleet safely into the next millennium.

It is especially significant to me that we have the firm support of most of the well-qualified leaders within Fleet. Not having another nominee qualify for elec-

tion as Commander, STARFLEET, is a first in the modern history of STARFLEET, and that tells me that we must be doing something right! The absence of any qualified opposition nominee also means that Fleet will not have to hold an election, but may proceed upon a less expensive vote of confidence. So again, I offer a heartfelt "Thanks!" to the many, many persons within the Fleet who have expressed their public support.

Second, to our only announced election opponents, Fleet Captain Daniel Friesen and Capt. Glenn Smith, I give them the full honors for which they are due. Glenn and Daniel intended to run a serious, well-intentioned, and thoughtful campaign. While perhaps, as my Klingon friends say, "It would have been a glori-

ous battle!", it also certainly would have been a frank exchange of ideas and a vigorous policy debate. For your honorable intentions I thank both of you. Peace, and Long Life be unto you and your families.

Perhaps Daniel and Donna may now share computers again. ;)

Even though there will be no election, that does not mean that serious matters need not be addressed. In addition to the Vote of Confidence question, the proposed STARFLEET Constitution will be on the ballot. I urge every member to study and consider this new document, to inform themselves of its merit, and to vote "Yes" to ratify a new constitution. A large turnout of votes in favor of our new constitution is a strong mandate for a next genera-

tion of fiscally responsible Fleet leadership. And while you're there, don't forget to vote "Yes" to a second Mike Smith /Chuck Freas Administration too!

Finally, I want to thank each of the members of the Executive Committee, the STARFLEET Headquarters staff, and the entire staff of the Vice Commander, STARFLEET, for all of their hard work and dedication during the first part of the Smith/Freas Administration. I know that all of the honor now bestowed upon Mike or I on this occasion is really yours. You did the real work, not I. So to you and your families or significant others, I give all the honor that is mine to give. You deserve it.

Live Long, and Prosper!



# SHOC

## REAR ADMIRAL DENNIS GRAY, CHIEF, SHUTTLE OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Greetings all, once again! Geez, but things have been busy here. Lots of VRR's in the past several months, for chapters launching and commissioning, the IC, getting the new ShOC staff settled, and up to speed in their respective positions, etc. A busy summer, overall.

On to business. A letter has been sent to all 'career' shuttle CO's, and their respective mothership CO's. This letter was to inform them, that all shuttles that will have been in existence for 18 months or more as of Dec. 31, will be facing decommissioning at that time. ShOC was approached by several RC's, on as to what they could do to get rid of their long term shuttles. After much thought, and discussion, it was decided to give these shuttles a period of time in which to bring their chapter to commissioning as a full chapter, with ShOC rendering whatever assistance we could to that end. As of this writing, all but a couple of these shuttles have made significant progress towards commissioning, and we're optimistic the rest will commission by the end of the year as well!

Next, on all VRR forms, 'pending' will no longer be accepted in place of an SCC number. Too many chapters have been held up way too long, waiting for one or two members to send in their membership application. During that time, the new shuttle is help up at ShOC, for lack of enough valid SFI members to qualify as a shuttle. This in turn causes ill feelings, and discontent with the new shuttle crew, who, at this time, should instead be full of expectation, and happiness, about their new club. Furthermore, any shuttles that continue to submit 'pending' in place of an SCC number, will not be back dated on their official launch date (the date their RC signed the VRR). Instead, their official launch date will be whenever the 'pending' is cleared up, and a valid SCC number assigned. It is our hope, that this will help prevent any undue delays at ShOC HQ in launching the new shuttle, or passing it on to Ops for commissioning.

You all should know by now, that beginning next year, Starfleet is doing away with the chapter charter fee assessed annually to all full chapters. In conjunction with this, the CSR will be going to a subscription only basis. To assist with this, we are re-designing the VRR form, to include a block to subscribe to the CSR. The VRR form will still contain all the current fields, plus a few that were lost in the current version. An an-

nouncement will be made when it is finished, and an on-line version will be made available.

My staff have been working hard to re-visit, and update and complete the START manual. Jonathan 'Gumby' Simmons, the manual's original author, plus my vice chief, Denine Malotte, have put in many hours on this. A 'beta' version, if you will, has been in review by a number of current shuttles, and their opinions & feedback have been taken in and used, if possible, to make the most informative, and useful manual it can possibly be. It WILL be complete (including layout, graphics, etc) by the end of October, and, SHOULD be printed and in wide release well before the holiday season begins. Work on the MOM manual will begin shortly thereafter.

The next project on the ShOC slate, will be getting the former ASL program back on-line. A preliminary draft has been written. Beginning shortly, my staff and I will begin to discuss the subject in earnest, and see if we can get a workable system hammered out before the holidays, with the goal of making it available to shuttles sometime after the new year begins.

For all shuttle members with email access, we now have a list serve for the shuttles. Contact Denine at vshoc@sfi.org, or vshoc@ussnomad.org to sign up. This is the place to be to ask questions, compare notes with other shuttles, exchange ideas, etc.

Onward. It has not yet been firmly decided, but in all likelihood, the VRR fees will be going up next year. This was mentioned to the Admiralty Board at this year's IC Admiralty Board meeting, and briefly discussed. None of the RC's, as I recall, had any strenuous objections to this. In brief, we are proposing to equalize both the new launch, and commissioning VRR fees at \$10 each, rather than \$5 for new shuttles, and \$10 for commissionings. In conjunction with this, new shuttles will be getting considerably more for their money. All new shuttles will be supplied with a copy of the new START manual, as a part of their launch packet. Second, we will try to send a copy of the MOM manual to the new mothership CO, as well. And, if we can manage it, and co-ordinate with the Starfleet Recruiting Dept., we would \*like\* to include a copy of the recruiting manual, as well. This is an invaluable tool that we feel all new shuttles should have. If expenses permit it, we will include it. More on this later....

A reminder - the shuttle program is set for NINE months. There are up to three - three month extensions on this, making the full potential shuttle term at 18 months. The first extension is automatic, but must be requested by the shuttle CO of ShOC. The second requires RC approval, and the third, also requires RC approval, and will be reviewed by ShOC. A shuttle must show good cause, and probability of commissioning within the last three month extension, in order to get it.

You all should know by now, my new staff. But to recap, for those who might have been on hiatus all summer: My new senior vice chief, is FCapt. Denine Malotte. Denine brings a tremendous reserve of determination, and willingness, to 'get the job done' to ShOC. Denine has been a terrific motivator, and a terrific asset to me so far. Denine's primary duty, however, is to be the collector of all the monthly reports sent to ShOC, and deal with them (in other words, handle or answer any problems or concerns the shuttles list in their MSR's).

Breaking tradition, I have also selected a second vice chief. And he is FCapt. Thomas Rutledge. Tom lives only a few miles down the road from me, thereby giving me the opportunity to get together with him periodically, and go over and discuss ShOC business. Tom will also be getting involved in a lot of the other aspects of ShOC, such as mailings, creating and sending out the launch packets, handling all information inquiries to ShOC, and whatever else we can think of. <G>

Also new (in this administration, anyway <G> ) to the ShOC staff, is Commodore Jonathan 'Gumby' Simmons. Jonathan has been involved in many aspects with ShOC for more years than a lot of us have been in the Fleet. He has extensive experience, and background with ShOC. His advice has been invaluable. He is also assisting us with the publications.

Denine can be reached at:

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528 Ottawa  
Leavenworth, KS 66048  
(913) 651-TREK (8735)  
email: ShOC@sfi.org  
electronic reporting email address: ShOCreports@sfi.org

Tom can be reached at:

Thomas Rutledge  
9805 NE 116th St., Ste. # 7105  
Kirkland, WA 98034  
(425) 806-8325  
email: VShOC2@sfi.org

Jonathan can be reached at:

Jonathan Simmons  
6700 Coach House Ln.  
Plano, TX 75023  
email: gumbyсан@hotmail.com

A few helpful suggestions - remember to start your paperwork (VRR) process at least two months before your desired launch or commission date. With all the different parties it must be mailed to, and possible hangups that could happen, it is always advisable to allow for plenty of time in the process. Print your VRR \*clearly\*. A lot of people's handwriting is very hard to read. We will also be scanning your VRR's, and transmitting them electronically. This process loses some detail along the way. The clearer, and easier you make your VRR to read, the more it will help us process it rapidly. For a new shuttle launch, \*either\* an OTS, or an OCC certificate, is acceptable for the CO & XO. For shuttles going on to commission, only the OCC certificate copy is required, although both OTS & OCC may be included if you so wish.

With next issue's column, I will include the new launch & commissioning listings again (I didn't have time to compile them all for this issue's article). Additionally, we'll try to compile a comprehensive review of how many shuttles have come into fleet, gone on to commissioning, etc. for the Administrations first term. I know a lot of you like to follow these things, so I'll try to make sure we can get a good review for you all. As always, if you have any questions, comments, concerns, criticisms, etc., please feel free to contact any of us, at any time. We are here to serve, and to help you begin new, wonderful, and exciting chapters in Starfleet. Until next issue, I wish you well.

Radm Dennis Gray

# OPERATIONS

## REAR ADMIRAL TOM MONAGHAN, CHIEF, OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Greetings from Starfleet Operations! As usual, I would like to start things off this issue with my usual round of congratulatory statements! First, congratulations to all of our recently commissioned/recommended chapters, namely USS Spiritwalker (R12) under the command of Captain Rebecca Self, USS Flying Fortress (R12) under the command of Fleet Captain Tim Frayser, USS Texas (R3) under the command of Captain Richard Getz, USS Atlas (R12) under the command of Captain Mike Wilkerson, USS Aeon (R1, formerly USS Alacrity) under the command of Captain Kenneth Yarbrough, USS Asimov (R7) under the command of Captain Martin A. Lessem, USS Tempest (R1) under the command of Fleet Captain Robin Pillow (one of my former COs. Yay!), and USS Tsunami (R15) under the command of Captain Cynthia Lee DeMidio.

Congratulations are also in order for our newly appointed chapter commanding officers, namely Captain Gloria Palmer commanding USS Sky Dancer (R5), Captain John Russell commanding USS Bradbury (R12), Captain Margi O'Neill commanding USS Quannah Parker (R3), Captain Jerry Ward commanding USS Ronald E. McNair (R1), Captain Will Burhans commanding Dark Silence Station (R2), Captain Theydon Green commanding USS Nighthawk (R1), Captain Stephanie Slocum commanding USS Rhyanna (R3), Captain Kenneth Yarbrough commanding USS Aeon (R1, formerly USS Alacrity), Captain Dan Murphy commanding USS Concord (R12), Captain Sharon Lambert commanding USS Victory (R3) and Captain Betty Flyzik commanding USS Prevailing Wind (R7).

Finally, congratulations are in order for Rear Admiral Carolyn Donner, Commanding Officer of USS Jurassic and Region One Interim Regional Coordinator, upon her selection as Regional Coordinator for Region One.

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

As of writing this article, The Chapter Assistance Program now has a new director. Please join me in welcoming Peter Lutz to the Starfleet Operations Team as Director of our Chapter Assistance Program. You can mail Richard and the Chapter Assistance Program at 62 Columbia Street, Swampscott, MA 01907 or email him at peterlutz@worldnet.att.net. Peter's top priority is to get this program back up and running again as soon as possible so that

we can help out all our chapters that are finding it difficult to maintain their membership requirement. If you have any questions or comments about the Chapter Assistance Program feel free to send them to me or to Peter and we will be happy to answer them for you.

And now for a few notes that I have been collecting over the past couple months...

All chapters must submit reports to their Regional Coordinator and to Starfleet Operations by the 5th of every month. If you are the Commanding Officer or reporting officer of a chapter in a domestic region (regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 15 & 17), please mail your reports to Starfleet Operations, c/o Vice Chief Les Rickard, PO Box 22, Lexington, NC 27293-0022. If you email them, please send them to Vice Chief Matt Myers at avops@sfi.org \*or\* tomserve@infoave.net. However, if you are the Commanding Officer or reporting officer of a chapter in an international region (regions 9, 10, 11 & 13), please mail your reports to Starfleet Operations, c/o Chelle Johnson, 528 Ottawa, Leavenworth, KS 66048 \*or\* email Chelle at avops-int@ussnomad.org \*or\* avops-int@sfi.org.

Additionally, if you want your chapter's activities to be published in the Communique please send a copy of your MSR to J.C. Cohen. If your chapter is a correspondence chapter you also MUST send another copy of your MSR to Michelle Fanelli, Director of Correspondence Chapter Operations. Likewise, if your chapter is an armed services chapter you MUST send a copy of your MSR to Barbara Paul, Armed Services Program Director. A distribution check list and addresses follow:

### CHAPTER MONTHLY REPORT (MSR) DISTRIBUTION CHECK LIST:

- ☐ Your Regional Coordinator
  - ☐ Les Rickard (POSTAL MSRs for regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 15 & 17)
  - ☐ Matt Myers (EMAIL MSRs for regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 15 & 17)
  - ☐ Chelle Johnson (POSTAL & EMAIL MSRs for (regions 9, 10, 11 & 13)
  - ☐ J.C. Cohen (Chapter MSR summaries for CQ)
  - ☐ \*Michelle Fanelli (Correspondence Chapter MSRs)
  - ☐ \*Barbara Paul (Armed Services Chapter MSRs)
- \*if applicable

### WHOM AND WHERE TO SEND THOSE MSRs TO:

Send POSTAL MSRs for regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 15 & 17 to:

Les Rickard  
PO Box 22  
Lexington, NC 27293-0022

Send EMAIL MSRs for regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 15 & 17 to:

Matt Myers  
avops@sfi.org, \*or\*  
tomserve@infoave.net

Send POSTAL and EMAIL MSRs for regions 9, 10, 11 & 13 to:

Chelle Johnson  
528 Ottawa  
Leavenworth, KS 66048  
avops-int@ussnomad.org \*or\*  
avops-int@sfi.org

Send MSRs for inclusion in Chapter Summaries section of the CQ to:

J.C. Cohen  
108 Ferris Place  
Ithaca NY 14850  
jccohen@14850.com

Armed Services Program chapters also send their MSRs to:

Barbara Paul  
110 Napier Ave  
Warner Robins, GA 31093  
sfasp@aol.com

Correspondence chapter also send their MSRs to:

Michelle Fanelli  
PO Box 591874  
Houston, TX 77259-1874  
mrbbasil@flash.net

If you have concerns listed in the Concerns Section of your MSR and you would like a prompt response to your concerns, please forward a copy of your concerns to the Chief of Operations, Starfleet. Once again, I can be reached at 1341 Maplewood Ave, Norfolk, VA 23503 or you can email me at tomm@exis.net \*or\* ops@sfi.org.

Chapter changes of command are not official until approved by the Chief of Operations, Starfleet.

Chapter changes of address and/or city of charter are not official until notification is sent to the Chief of Operations, Starfleet.

Any starship or station is not officially commissioned until notification is received from the Chief of Operations, Starfleet that your starship or station has been officially commissioned.

Any changes to the Starfleet Vessel Registry must be brought to the attention of the Chief of Operations, Starfleet if you wish your corrections to be made to the VR.

Any problems that you have concerning MSRs that you submitted to Starfleet Operations should be brought to the attention of the Chief of Operations, Starfleet.

If you encounter difficulties with the online MSR form on the Starfleet Operations Website located at <http://www.musc.edu/~mccabedb/ops/> please contact Online Operations Director David McCabe, 2 Saint Teresa Drive, Charleston, SC 29407 or email Dave at onlineops@sfi.org.

All chapter changes of name, number and/or class must first be approved by Department of Technical Services Director Alex Rosenzweig, 980 Linwood Place, N. Brunswick, NJ 08902-2267 or email Alex at dts@sfi.org.

All chapters that desire to be included in the Chapter Summaries section of the Starfleet Communique must forward a copy of their MSRs to Staff Assistant JC Cohen (see contact information above).

If you are a member of a chapter that has recently decommissioned and would like to recommission as a Starfleet chapter or if you are a member of a non-Starfleet group that would like to become a chapter of Starfleet, please contact our Existing Fan Club Program, c/o Dennis Rayburn, PO Box 1515, Paris, TN 38242 or email Dennis at:efcpops@sfi.org or phoenix@compu.net.

When in doubt about whom to contact at Starfleet Operations for any chapter-related problems feel free to first contact the Chief of Operations, Starfleet.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. If there is any way that we can be of assistance to any of you just let us know. All the best from all of us at Starfleet Operations to all of you!

RADM Tom Monaghan  
Chief of Operations, Starfleet



# STARFLEET OPERATIONS BY THE NUMBERS

REAR ADMIRAL TOM MONAGHAN, CHIEF, OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

STARFLEET OPERATIONS BY THE NUMBERS:

A Brief Look at the Chapters and Regions of Starfleet since 9807.16  
Filed by Rear Admiral Tom Monaghan, Starfleet Chief of Operations

CHAPTERS COMMISSIONED OR RECOMMISSIONED 9807.16 - 9809.15:

USS Spiritwalker, Region 12, Captain Rebecca Self, CO  
USS Flying Fortress, Region 12, Fleet Captain Tim Frayser, CO  
USS Texas, Region 3, Captain Richard Getz, CO  
USS Atlas, Region 12, Captain Mike Wilkerson, CO  
\*USS Aeon, Region 1, Captain Kenneth Yarbrough, CO  
USS Asimov, Region 7, Captain Martin A. Lessem, CO  
USS Tempest, Region 1, Fleet Captain Robin Pillow, CO  
USS Tsunami, Region 15, Captain Cynthia Lee DeMidio, CO  
\*formerly USS Alacrity (R1)

CHAPTERS THAT HAVE BEEN DECOMMISSIONED OR LEFT STARFLEET 9807.16 - 9809.15:

USS Oklahoma, Region 12  
USS Wolf, Region 7

NEW CHAPTER COMMANDING OFFICERS 9807.16 - 9809.15:

Captain John Russell, USS Bradbury, Region 12  
Captain Margi O'Neill, USS Quannah Parker, Region 3  
Captain Jerry Ward, USS Ronald E. McNair, Region 1  
Captain Will Burhans, Dark Silence Station, Region 2  
Captain Theydon Green, USS Nighthawk Region 1  
Captain Stephanie Slocum, USS Rhyanna, Region 3  
\*Captain Kenneth Yarbrough, USS Aeon, Region 1  
Captain Dan Murphy, USS Concord, Region 12  
Captain Sharon Lambert, USS Victory, Region 3  
Captain Betty Flyzik, USS Prevailing Wind, Region 7  
Captain Martin A. Lessem, USS Asimov, Region 7

Fleet Captain Robin Pillow, USS Tempest, Region 1  
Captain Cynthia Lee DiMidio, USS Tsunami, Region 15  
\*formerly USS Alacrity (R1)

REGIONAL ROUNDUP (REGIONS REPORTING FOR REPORTING PERIOD 9806):

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

REGIONAL ROUNDUP (REGIONS REPORTING FOR REPORTING PERIOD 9807):

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

REGIONAL ROUNDUP (REGIONS REPORTING FOR REPORTING PERIOD 9808 [as of 9809.15]):

1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 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...

9808: Region Thirteen, Fleet Captain Richard Smith, Regional Coordinator  
9809: Region Five, Commodore Kurt Roithinger, Regional Coordinator  
(Selections by Rear Admiral Tom Monaghan, Chief of Operations)

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

RADM Tom Monaghan

## Fleet Division of Special Services/Quartermaster Program Now Open!

by Tammy Willcox, FDC of SS/Q

Good news, everyone, the Fleet Division of Special Services/Quartermaster is now open! First, let me forewarn you, this program is not attached to, nor does it take the place of, the Starfleet Quartermaster. Laura Reardon is still the Starfleet Quartermaster, and responsible for Starfleet merchandise. Please contact Laura at [quartermaster@sfi.org](mailto:quartermaster@sfi.org) if you are interested in purchasing any Starfleet merchandise for you or your ship.

Let me tell you a little bit about myself, and then I will explain my plans for this division. My name is Tammy Willcox, and I am currently the Chief of Special Services for the USS Maat in Region One. I have also been the RDC of Special Services for Region One for about a year and a half. In addition, I am also the Director of the College of Trade and Commerce.

As the Chief of Special Services on the Maat, I am in charge of all parties, fund raisers, moral boosters, and maintain and update regular meeting supplies. I am sure that other SS/Q officers do other things, and I would love to know what you do. Please drop me a line and let me know! I would love to hear from all of the RDCs of Special Services or Quartermasters, as well as any SS/Q officers or Departmental Chiefs. Please feel free to contact me at one of the address listed below.

As RDC of R1 SS/Q, I created a webpage to focus on items for sale by the ships, and fund raising tips and suggestions. The URL is <http://members.aol.com/r1special/index.html>. Please drop by the webpage and check out what R1 has for sale and the various things that they have done for fund raisers. Soon your ship can have their sale items and fund raisers listed on a webpage too!

I plan to create a on-line catalog of all the items that are for sale within the Fleet. Just think of the profit possibilities! One webpage to show all the items that the ships in the Fleet have for sale! I would also like to list the different types of fund raisers that the various ships have held and, maybe one day, be able to create a statistical chart on their success rate.

In addition to creating and maintaining a website for sale items and fund raisers, I will function as a clearing house for questions, concerns, etc. on anything that you feel may be related to the Special Services/Quartermaster division. Please let me know if you have any suggestions, questions or concerns on the matter.

In order to create the webpage, I need information from all of the ships, shuttles, etc. Please forward any and all informa-

tion concerning the FDC of Special Services/Quartermaster webpage to:

Tammy Willcox  
5391 Marlfield Drive  
Norfolk, VA 23502  
Email: [R1Special@aol.com](mailto:R1Special@aol.com)

I hope to have the webpage up and running in the next couple of months. If things go well, I will look at doing a Fleet-wide catalog of items for sale, as well as a fund raising brochure. This is a great opportunity for all of the ships, shuttles and stations to showcase their merchandise, as well as increase communication and assist in helping all of the chapters to have more successful fund raisers.

I'm excited about this position and look forward to assisting you!

ACADEMY NOTES

COMMODORE MANDI HERRMANN, COMMANDANT, STARFLEET ACADEMY

Greetings from STARFLEET Academy! Things have been really busy in the past two months in the Academy. I'll try to be brief, but please make sure you read the entire article for all the latest Academy news as well as a contest of sorts! First of all, there have been some changes in the Academy leadership. FCapt Tom "Little Guy" Restivo, formerly the Special Assistant to the Commandant has been given a "promotion" of sorts to the position of Deputy Vice Commandant and third in charge of the Academy. Tom will still be in charge of keeping the Application and the Brochure up to date as well as coordinating with Greg Staylor on the upcoming update to the SFA website. However, he will be in charge of some Academy projects as well as other tasks which may come up. An Academy flow chart will be worked out soon and presented to the membership for general consumption so that everyone can know exactly who does what at the Academy.

As for the Vice Commandant position, it is currently vacant. Carolyn Donnor recently won the election for Regional Coordinator of the First Fleet and will assume her place on the Admiralty Board. I wish her all the best as the new RC of my home region! However, I will truly miss her as my right hand. Thanks, Carolyn for all the advice and suggestions. She will at this time remain the Director of the College of Communications. Since she has tended her resignation as Vice Commandant there is a void in the Academy leadership structure that needs to be filled. I should have an announcement as to her replacement by the next issue of the Communiqué.

STARFLEET Academy regrets that there have been some issues surrounding the College of Medicine and the College of Federation Studies. For both, a lack of communication has been cited. However, as you all realize, real life can really end up making a mess of the best made plans, and the Directors of SACOM and COFS have been swamped with real life responsibilities in the past few months causing some paperwork to experience delay.

Cmdr Wayne Lee Killough, Jr., has stepped in to take over SACOM from Kevin West as Acting Director. He is taking steps to ensure that those who have paid for SACOM courses do indeed get the tests they paid for. If you signed up for SACOM courses and have not received materials, please contact Wayne with:

Applicant's Name  
SCC #  
E-Mail Address (if they have one)  
Snail Mail Address (if they do not have an e-mail address or if they cannot receive attachment documents through their e-mail)  
Exams that they have applied for  
Approximate time of application

Also, he needs the following information from anyone who is currently in Fleet and has received any diploma(s) from the College of Medicine:

Member's Name  
Test Diploma(s) is/are for  
Date of Diploma(s) (if more than one, date on each)  
College Director that issued the Diploma  
Grade on Diploma

He can be reached at:

CMDR Wayne Lee Killough, Jr., SFMD  
Acting Director, SACOM  
PO Box 359  
Lead Hill, AR 72644-0359  
killough@cswnet.com

For SOFS, Donna Tucker is arranging for her assistant, Ike Turner, to help with processing tests and certificates in and out of her office. She is still in charge of the School and can be reached at the same address listed in the Application.

For the Academy, we appreciate your patience in both matter and apologize for the inconvenience members have experienced. The Academy is committed to quality service and we are continually striving to maintain that service.

We are continuing to update the Application, Brochure, and Website with new and revised information. We thank those who contribute to the flow of information by downloading the information and passing it along to members. Be sure to look at the Website at <http://www.sfi-sfa.com> for the most current information. If you prefer hardcopy, contact Tom at his address in the front cover of this issue. There will be a small copying charge for any brochures. However, once you have a master copy, we encourage you to make as many copies as you want and distribute them to your members!

In the next few months, stay tuned for more information on the STARFLEET Scholarship Program as we prepare put it back online after a year-long hiatus due to

the IRS Situation. Mike Smith and Sue Hampton and myself are really looking forward to getting this project online again!

Some courses in the works for Starfleet Academy include the Counselors College, the School of Literature, and possibly a School of Intelligence. All of these will really help to flesh out the existing course offerings and give you the members more of a chance to participate in the Academy!

Finally, a contest. If the Academy had a mascot or team name, what would it be? For example, the University of Miami is the Hurricanes; Duke University is Blue Devils, the Citadel is the Bulldogs. So, what

would the Academy have? Here are a few suggestions to get you going: the Explorers, the Nebulas, the LeMatyas, the Pioneers. Send your suggestions to me at my home address or email address (in the front cover of this issue). I look forward to hearing from you about this!

Remember, you can take more than one Academy course at a time. OTS is a great Starfleet:101 course for all you new members. I highly recommend it (as well as all the others)! Oh, and the Dean's List will reappear in the next issue of the Communiqué. So stay tuned and see you all in sixty!

Academy Position

Open

AMANDA HERRMANN, COMMADNANT

Greetings from the Commandant of Starfleet Academy! I have some bittersweet news to announce. Carolyn Donner, Vice Commandant and Director of the College of Communications, has been confirmed as the new Regional Coordinator for Region One. Due to this new position, I have accepted her resignation as Vice Commandant of the Academy. She will at this time remain the Director of the College of Communications. I am quite sad to see Carolyn leave as my right hand because I have valued her advice and Academy experience. However, on behalf of the Academy, I wish her all the best as the new RC of the first fleet and I look forward to her continuing service as the director of the College of Communications.

Her resignation as Vice Commandant leaves a void in the Academy leadership structure that needs to be filled. Therefore, I am accepting applications for the position of Vice Commandant, Starfleet Academy. The requirements are as follows:

- 1) Graduate of OTS and OCC.
- 2) Experience as a Director of an Academy School. This means to be a qualified applicant, you must have been a school director at some point in your Starfleet career or you must currently serve as a school director.
- 3) Current member of Starfleet in good standing.

I will accept applications until November 1st and will announce a decision by November 15th. Email access for applicants is encouraged, but not a requirement.



# STARFLEET ACADEMY - COLLEGE APPLICATION FORM

The Scholastic Division of STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc.  
Comm. Mandi Herrmann - Commandant, 9908 Berrywood Drive, Ladson, SC 29456  
(academy@sfi.org) <mandih@bellsouth.net>

Open - Vice Commandant  
FCapt. Tom Restivo - Deputy Vice Commandant, 1218 Stillmeadow Place, #1D, Frederick, MD 21703  
(depvacademy@sfi.org) <tomr@fred.net>

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

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

## INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP - Dean - Adm. Peg Pellerin

✍✍✍ **OFFICER'S TRAINING SCHOOL (OTS)**  
- \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps  
Adm. Peg Pellerin, RFD #3, Box 5460, Winslow, ME 04901 - ots@sfi.org <pilgrim@ctel.net>  
-or- Cmdr. Elizabeth Worth, 12 Perrin Ave., Plumpton, NSW, Australia 2761 - jennifer@ay.com.au  
(You must pass this course to take OCC.)

✍✍✍✍ **OFFICER'S COMMAND COLLEGE (OCC)**  
- \$4.00, SASE, 3 Loose 32 cent Stamps  
Capt. Jim Cushing, P. O. Box 11584, Memphis, TN 38111-0584  
- jcushing@dewey.lib.memphis.edu  
- or- Fleet Captain Alan Yates, PO Box 103, Harbord NSW, Australia 2096, - jennifer@ay.com.au  
(*COPY* of OTS diploma required when applying for this school -  
Do **NOT** send original OTS certificate!)

✍✍✍✍ **FLAG OFFICER SCHOOL (FOS)**  
- \$5.00 for first course  
- \$2.00 each for the second and third course  
Comm Helen Pawlowski, PO Box 22225, St. Louis, MO 63116-2225 - no email -or-  
Fleet Captain Alan Yates, PO Box 103, Harbord NSW, Australia 2096, - jennifer@ay.com.au  
(*Copy* of OCC diploma required when applying for this school -  
Do **NOT** send original OCC certificate!)

✍✍✍✍ **CADET SCHOOL (CS)** - Prices TBD  
Capt. Ben C. Redding., 2917 Heritage Way, Sevierville, Tn. 37876  
cadetdirector@regionone.com -or- <trekscotty@email.msn.com>

✍ **COLLEGE OF CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT (COCD)**  
- LSASE for course listing & pricing  
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- \$1.00, SASE, 3 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course  
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<Security@Sfi-sfa.com>

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# COMMUNICATIONS

RADM GORDON GOLDBERG, CHIEF, COMMUNICATIONS, STARFLEET

Hailing Frequencies Open! Well, it's certainly been an amazing nominations period. Per the Constitution, Chapter Chairpersons and Regional Coordinators are the only people eligible to submit nominations. This means that there are about two hundred and forty qualified nominators in all of STARFLEET, since an RC who's also a CO can only submit one nomination.

During the period of open nominations, from August 1 through September 1, I received a total of 60 nominations (another two arrived after the deadline, and so couldn't be counted). That means that over one quarter of those officers eligible to submit nominations - and there is no requirement that anyone submit one, it's strictly voluntary - actually did submit nominations. What an incredible turnout!

For those of you who haven't already heard, fifty-five (55) of those nominations were for the current Commander, STARFLEET, Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith. The remaining five nominations were divided between three additional candidates, none of whom received more than two nominations (so the two late ones wouldn't have mattered anyway - five is the minimum required to "qualify" a candidate).

I've included the full roster of "official" nominations for your review. Some people have already complained about my decision to release this list. It wasn't an easy decision, but once we had more than two nominees, it started to look like the best thing to do. Before anyone had a chance to start claiming that I'd manipulated the numbers, and demanding that the nominations be re-counted, I thought it would be best to just put it all out in the open. You can see for yourself who got what nominations.

Throughout the nomination period, I was more than happy to confirm to the nominators that I had indeed received their nominations. I also informed the nominees as nominations came in for them.

None of the four nominees voiced any complaints to me - in fact, I've received some very nice, very pleasant feedback from all of them. I salute them all for their integrity, professionalism, and graciousness.

But as for my decision to release the list of nominations? In addition to avoiding any questions of my own integrity, I believe that COs need to be responsible to

their crew members, and RCs to the ships in their regions. I think those crews and ships have a right to know how their representatives chose to act in the nomination process.

Since we only have one qualified candidate, in accordance with the current STARFLEET Constitution, we will be holding a Vote of Confidence, rather than an election. This doesn't reduce the importance of participating in the process and returning your ballots. We'll still be voting on ratification of the proposed new STARFLEET Constitution.

The ballots for the Vote of Confidence and the Constitutional ratification will of course be secret, and only the numbers released (how could it be any way else, since there are no identifiers included on the ballots?)

I'm relying on all of you to get out there and "promote the vote". Regardless of how your crewmates are voting, you should encourage them to exercise their right to do so.

As we approach the Vote of Confidence, questions have been raised regarding what each of the Executive Committee members' plans are for the future. In the Communications Division, my goals are:

1) To improve the appearance, layout, and informational value of the *Communiqué* - as Wendy and I have discussed, I'd like to incorporate the best aspects of our past "Newsletters of the Year" and various professional publications into the improved design of the *Communiqué*.

2) To set a stricter "adherence to deadlines" policy. By eliminating the delays caused by late submissions, issues of the *Communiqué* should be fully edited and laid out, and transferred to the printer on a more timely basis.

3) To improve our distribution system. Once the periodicals class permit is in hand (and we're hoping that will be in time for *Communiqué* 89 we intend to have our mailing distributor provide direct mailing not only to members in the US, but to the international members on the North American continent, utilizing the international periodicals rate, which allows for forwarding and address correction. In addition, our mailing house will be directly responsible for mass-shipping of the other international *Communiqués* to the regional distributors. This will eliminate the delays created by

one or two layers of the "middle-men" currently involved in *Communiqué*, distribution. Stricter tracking and control of the redistribution of *Communiqués* by the regional distributors will also improve delivery time.

4) To expand and increase the visibility of the Office of SubSpace Communications and the International Translation Corps.

5) To improve relations with other fan associations via the Diplomatic Corps.

6) To further enhance on-line services and STARFLEET's electronic presence courtesy of the NetServices staff.7) To continue publication of our Fanzine, *Stellar Visions*, and increase the subscriber base through the use of "teaser" campaigns both on-line and in the *Communiqué*.

We've also been asked what we see as the key weaknesses in our areas, and what we plan to do to strengthen them.

In Communications, the weakest area of operation has been timely distribution of the *Communiqué*. While we have managed to meet our obligation to produce and distribute the requisite number of issues, and have attempted to rectify distribution problems by implementing redistribution and remailing procedures, there are still many problems which we recognize and intend to improve upon.

*Communiqué* printing is one thing that isn't a problem - our printer, and our mailing house, are doing an excellent job of getting things printed and out. The delays have been in getting a print-ready product to the printer, and in distribution.

As I said above, to improve the pre-printing time, we are going to hold to a much stricter deadline policy. This, in conjunction with the improved editing and layout process which Wendy has already put into place, will mean that the print-ready product will get to the printer in a timely manner.

I've also addressed the distribution delays. By having the mailing house FedEx the *Communiqués* directly to the regional distributors and cutting out at least one layer of "middle-men", we should see a vast improvement in the delivery times for our overseas members. Improvement of domestic and continental international distribution is dependent upon the periodicals permit - once we've eliminated the middle-men and the third-class mail de-

lays, delivery time should be in the frame of three to five days.

Staff turn-over is the bigger issue, and the only way I've been able to address this is by assuring some degree of redundancy of functions - having Deputy Directors who could take over if the Directors become incapacitated, promoting the concept of distributed workload so no service is dependent upon a single person to assure its continued functioning. From my experience this past year, the only additional change that I'd make is to more closely monitor the external loads on my staff, so I can recognize sooner when those loads are adversely impacting their ability to do their jobs (as in those which resulted in a two-issue delay in *Communiqué* publication earlier this year).

But the big thing is to make sure no one bites off more than they can chew. Delegation of tasks is a key to this, which is why the Communications Division is as large as it is. By involving many talented and motivated people under the direction of good managers who know how to facilitate, delegate, and coordinate, we've managed to expand STARFLEET Communications' services, and yet still keep close tabs on what's happening throughout the division. We're truly an international operation, with a large volunteer workforce, working together to accomplish what needs to get done, to provide one another with the support we need, and to make sure no-one takes on too much of the load and burns out.

I'd rather see someone pass off some of the load to someone else, and stay involved at a level they can keep up with, than see them try to handle too much and end up giving it all up. And so we do our best to make sure there are folks to take up the task, or lend a hand.

And speaking of taking up tasks - after discussion with Wendy Fillmore, and at her request, I'll be accepting applications for Vice Chief of Communications/Fanzine Editor. Wendy wants to be able to dedicate more of her time and energy to improving the *Communiqué* and so she's looking forward to being relieved of her Fanzine duties.

Anyone interested in applying should send me a letter with their background and qualifications and, if available, samples of their previous work. Applications will be

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NOMINATIONS FOR COMMANDER, STARFLEET, 1999-2000

| TERM |   | M.S. | A.H. | G.S. | L.K. |
|------|---|------|------|------|------|
|      | Alex Rosenzweig CO, USS Avenger           | 1    |      |      |      |
|      | Jesse M. Smith II CO, USS Tanagra         | 2    |      |      |      |
|      | Jeffery E. Higdon CO, USS Shiloh          | 3    |      |      |      |
|      | David McCabe CO, SS Lewis B. Puller       | 4    |      |      |      |
|      | Christopher J. Rossman CO, USS Hellfire   | 5    |      |      |      |
|      | Dustin Williams CO, USS Rodger Young      | 6    |      |      |      |
|      | Ben Redding CO, USS Bennu                 | 7    |      |      |      |
|      | Tony Rowley CO, USS Malverne              | 8    |      |      |      |
|      | Lisa N. Paradis Berkenbilt CO, USS Athena | 9    |      |      |      |
|      | Mark H. Anbinder CO, USS Accord           | 10   |      |      |      |
|      | Gary E. Schwanke CO, USS Constitution     | 11   |      |      |      |
|      | Sharon Ann Campbell CO, USS Pendragon     | 12   |      |      |      |
|      | David P. Berube CO, USS Crystal Star      | 13   |      |      |      |
|      | Becky L. Thane CO, USS Infinity           | 14   |      |      |      |
|      | Carl Lewis CO, USS Charleston             | 15   |      |      |      |
|      | Wade Olson CO, USS Relentless             | 16   |      |      |      |
|      | Carolyn Donner CO, USS Jurassic           | 17   |      |      |      |
|      | Cheryl J. Lowe CO, USS Arthur C. Clarke   | 18   |      |      |      |
|      | Michael W. Malotte CO, USS Nomad          | 19   |      |      |      |
|      | Brad Pense RC, Region 3                   | 20   |      |      |      |
|      | Jennifer Thomas CO, USS Crusader          | 21   |      |      |      |
|      | Rick Gale CO, USS Hexum                   | 22   |      |      |      |
|      | Linda Smith CO, USS Heimdal               | 23   |      |      |      |
|      | Gary Ensey CO, USS Triton                 | 24   |      |      |      |
|      | Michael A. Figueroa CO, USS Northstar     | 25   |      |      |      |
|      | Kris T. Klufas CO, USS Thagard            | 26   |      |      |      |
|      | Sally J. Moag CO, USS Valkyrie            | 27   |      |      |      |
|      | Kurt F. Roithinger CO, SS Nexus           | 28   |      |      |      |
|      | Karen Hawkins CO, USS Tri-Star            | 29   |      |      |      |
|      | Kathleen A. Roady CO, SS Camelot          | 30   |      |      |      |
|      | Mary Anne Freas CO, USS Palo Duro         | 31   |      |      |      |
|      | Robert Vosseller, Jr. RC, Region 7        | 32   |      |      |      |
|      | Peter V. Briggs CO, USS Simonov           | 33   |      |      |      |
|      | Michelle Fanelli CO, USS Aurora Vulcanus  | 34   |      |      |      |
|      | Jill J. Rayburn CO, SS Nikola Tesla       | 35   |      |      |      |
|      | David A. Horner, Jr. CO, USS Rutledge     | 36   |      |      |      |
|      | Debbie Dennis CO, USS Lunar Dawn          | 37   |      |      |      |
|      | Gerri Wampler CO, USS Highlander          | 38   |      |      |      |
|      | Greg Franklin CO, USS Reprisal            | 39   |      |      |      |
|      | Gawain Middleton CO, USS Brissany         | 40   |      |      |      |
|      | Theydon H. Green CO, USS Nighthawk        | 41   |      |      |      |
|      | E. Jerry Beaulieu CO, USS Bean Sidhe      | 42   |      |      |      |
|      | Joseph P. Hoolihan CO, USS Matrix         | 43   |      |      |      |
|      | Pete Mohny CO, USS Hephaestus             | 44   |      |      |      |
|      | Stephen M. Buonocore CO, USS Bounty       |      | 1    |      |      |
|      | Ramon Macias CO, USS Northern Lights      | 45   |      |      |      |
|      | Sanford Berenberg CO, USS Sun Tzu         |      | 2    |      |      |
|      | Mark E. Hanford CO, USS Lexington         | 46   |      |      |      |
|      | Stephanie Slocum CO, USS Rhyanna          | 47   |      |      |      |
|      | Blair Wilcox, Jr. CO, USS Maat            | 48   |      |      |      |
|      | Ed Nowlin RC, Region 4                    | 49   |      |      |      |
|      | Suzanne E. Davis CO,                      |      |      |      |      |
|      | USS John Henry "Doc" Holliday             | 50   |      |      |      |
|      | Deanna M. Porter CO, USS Solar Flare      | 51   |      |      |      |
|      | Edward C. Tunis III CO, USS Justice       | 52   |      |      |      |
|      | Daniel T. Hislop CO, USS Comanche         | 53   |      |      |      |
|      | David A. Miller CO, USS A.M. Valsalva     |      | 1    |      |      |
|      | Mike Wilkerson CO, USS Atlas              | 54   |      |      |      |
|      | Mary Samonds CO, USS Hornet               | 55   |      |      |      |
|      | Peggy Kennedy CO, USS Czar'ak             |      |      |      | 1    |
|      | David Kloempken RC, Region 6              |      |      |      | 2    |

Key:  
M.S. = Michael D. Smith    A.H. = Amanda J. Herrmann  
G.S. = Glenn Smith                      L.K. = Linda Reynolds Kloempken

Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle

Karen Englebeck, USS Winter Solstice, Region 4

I like to think of myself and environmentally minded. I live in a big city, in California, so recycling isn't just a good idea, it's the law. As you can probably guess, I was very upset when the Communique decided that the best way to mail their newsletter was to put it in a "useless" paper bag.

I tried to find a use for the things, but in the end, because of their thin construction, and the fact that they had no real bottom, Most of my mailer bags became telephone note paper, and eventually got shoved in the paper box for pickup. Nevermind that some people only received empy bags because their CQ had just "fallen out." Needless to say, I really hated the waste.

Then I got angry. I mean ANGRY! Starfleet, instead of finding a way to put the label onto the actual CQ, had converted to.. PLASTIC BAGS?!?! Oh man, this really hurt me. The Starfleet I had joined had been about blood drives and beach cleanups, donating to save the whales, and many semi-environmental "Good works."

NOW it was cheaper, it was easier, and we'd use materials that don't even biodegrade in our lifetime, for a little baggie that 99% of the readers would just "throw out." I was angry.

Then one night on Internet chat while grousing about the new bags, Ann Garner (CO of the USS Mystique, Region 12) gave me a wonderful idea. Isn't there SOME WAY to use the bags for... STOR-

AGE? We came up with an idea, and after a little tweaking and experimentation, I think I've come up with a way to turn "Trash" into a neat way to securely store the newsprint CQ's... inspired by comic books.

The bag comes with a sealed down flap. The CQ is held inside safe and snug. First, Remove the CQ, and gently turn the plastic bag inside out, making sure to push the corners out too. Now... find yourself an empty cereal box. (In my case it was a family size box of Ore-Ida "Bagel Bites." <grin>) Laying the bag on the box, cut out a flat piece of the paperboard just smaller than the size of the bag. Take the piece of paperboard and insert it into the bag, bending it slightly at the top to slip the card up and under the flap. Then if you have a three hole punch with no side rails, it will work great, otherwise find a single hole punch, and carefully punch three holes along one end.

Now you have a plastic envelope, open at the top, that has a reinforced back, and it can be placed into a binder. Slip your CQ back into the envelope, and store in a 3-ring binder. The process may take some fussing at first, but once you've figured it out, you have a durable storage system for you CQs, and can now protect and neatly store them for years to come.

I guess plastic's not so bad... if you want something to last.

*[Editor's note: I regret that I was unable to include Karen's wonderful illustrations with this article. Thank you for your hard work and great suggestion, Karen!]*



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accepted via e-mail to <Comm@sfi.org>, or via postal mail to:

Gordon L. Goldberg  
330 Haven Avenue, 3C  
New York, NY 10033-5333 USA

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 at the above addresses.

In Service to the Fleet,

Gordon L. Goldberg  
Chief of Communications,  
STARFLEET

# COMPUTER OPERATIONS

## COMMODORE JESSE SMITH, CHIEF, COMPUTER OPERATIONS

Good Day to you all!

Things have been as busy as always at Computer Operations HQ, but we've taken a few minutes to put together a list of questions that we are commonly asked and their answers. As you can imagine, CompOps probably received the most questions of any of the Executive Committee Departments, so the list is rather extensive. To make sure that is enough room to print them all, I'm gonna cut my article short, and get straight to the list.

Take Care,  
Jesse Smith

### The STARFLEET Computer Operations Frequently Asked Questions List

**Q: I have a question about my membership. Whom should I contact?**

A: Acting CompOps Staff Coordinator Teri Smith is your number one choice for most requests. Teri handles all requests for verification of Membership Information and Change of Address. If you aren't sure where to send a question, send it to Teri and she'll see to it that your question gets answered promptly.

Teri may be contacted by sending e-mail to [CompOpsHELP@sfi.org](mailto:CompOpsHELP@sfi.org)

On-line forms are available to help you verify your membership information and submit changes to your membership information. You can find them on-line at: <http://www.sfi.org/compops/>

You may also contact Teri via US Mail:  
Teri Smith  
5126 Niagara Place  
College Park, MD 20740

Please be sure to include a SASE with the appropriate postage.

**Q: What's my SCC Number? When does my membership expire?**

A: The fastest way to check your SCC Number and expiration date is to look it up on the World Wide Web. We have created an on-line form at: <http://www.sfi.org/compops/database/memberlookup.asp> using either your name or SCC number you can look up your own membership information with your SCC number, membership expiration date, and chapter assignment.

Members who don't have Internet access may request a copy of their membership record by sending a SASE to:

Teri Smith  
5126 Niagara Place  
College Park, MD 20740

**Q: How can I verify that CompOps received my membership application or other request?**

A: If you wish, you may send membership applications and requests as certified mail. Please be aware however that this adds at least a week to the processing time because certified mail must be signed for and the CompOps staff can generally only go to the post office on weekends. (There's already been one instance of a piece of certified mail being returned to the sender because the staff member it was sent to was on vacation.)

A less expensive method of verifying receipt of your request is to include a self-addressed, stamped postcard (The US Post Office sells these for the price of the postage) with a note asking that it be mailed back to you when the request is received.

**Q: What means are available for submitting my membership application?**

A: New and renewing STARFLEET Membership applications should be sent to Greg Trotter, the Vice Chief of Membership Processing.

An on-line membership form is available at: <http://www.sfi.org/compops/database/join.asp>

Membership applications being submitted via the US Mail should be sent to:  
STARFLEET Membership Processing  
PO Box 482  
Leavenworth, KS 66048-0482

Membership applications being submitted with a credit card payment may be sent via fax to: 202-478-0301

Printable membership applications are available from the online STARFLEET Document Archive, located at: <http://www.halcyon.com/dyar/region5/docs.html>

**Q: Have you processed my membership application yet?**

A: From the time you send in your application, it can take from six to eight weeks

to process the application (though we frequently get them out much faster).

One quick way to check whether your application has been processed is to examine the on-line database. Go to: <http://www.sfi.org/compops/database/> and use the Membership Lookup page to check your expiration date.

If your membership expiration date is now a year in the future, then your renewal has been processed. Your membership materials will be arriving soon! (Please bear in mind that the on-line information is up to two weeks behind the data entry process.)

Another way is to include a self-addressed, stamped postcard (The US Post Office sells these for the price of the postage) with a note asking that it be mailed back to you when the request is received.

**Q: It's been two months since I sent in my membership application. I haven't received my membership materials yet. What should I do?**

A: Send a note to Acting CompOps Staff Coordinator Teri Smith. The note should be along these lines:

Hi Teri,

My name is Joe Member  
My SCC number is 00000  
My mailing address is:  
123 Your Street  
Your Town, State, 12345

I sent in my membership application on MM/DD/YYYY but have not received anything back from STARFLEET. My check was / was not cashed on MM/DD/YYYY. Will you please look into it?

Thanks!

- Joe

You may send the message through either electronic mail to [CompOpsHELP@sfi.org](mailto:CompOpsHELP@sfi.org) or conventional mail to:

Teri Smith  
5126 Niagara Place  
College Park, MD 20740

When using conventional mail, please don't forget to include the Self Addressed, Stamped Envelope.

Within two weeks of receiving the inquiry, Teri will respond with instructions on how to resolve the problem.

**Q: My check was cashed, but the on-line database doesn't show my membership as having been processed. What do I do?**

A: Keep in mind that the on-line database is generally updated every other week. In other words, the on-line information may be up to two weeks behind the actual data entry.

The first step is to contact Teri Smith as outlined above with a message along the lines of:

Hi Teri,

My name is Jane Member.  
My SCC number is 00000  
My mailing address is:  
123 Your Street  
Your Town, State, 12345

I sent in my membership application on MM/DD/YYYY, and my check was cashed on MM/DD/YYYY. The on-line database says my membership wasn't processed and I haven't received my membership materials yet.

Will you please look into it?

Thanks!

- Jane

If your membership was processed after the last database update, Teri will let you know. Otherwise, it will be necessary to send a copy of the cancelled check.

Please make a photocopy (front and back) of the cancelled check and mail it to:

Jesse Smith  
5126 Niagara Place  
College Park, MD 20740

Your membership will be activated upon receipt of a copy of the cancelled check. If the check was not cashed, you may have to re-send the application.

**Q: The issuing agency charges me to run a trace on money orders. Will STARFLEET pay for the trace?**

A: If STARFLEET has cashed the money order without processing your membership, you will be reimbursed for the cost of the trace (up to a limit of \$5).



The reimbursement will be in the form of STARFLEET vouchers which can be used for Academy courses, purchases from the Quartermaster, or the next year's membership renewal.

Be sure to include the receipt for the trace along with the printed trace results from the bank.

**Q: The Membership Lookup page has the wrong information, what do I do?**

A: Contact Acting CompOps Staff Coordinator Teri Smith with the following information:

Your name  
Your SCC Number  
Address  
Reason for believing the lookup page is wrong, and what you think it \*should\* say.

Please bear in mind that from the time a correction is made in the membership database, it takes up to two weeks for the new data to appear on-line. (On rare occasions, it may take longer.)

**Q: I just moved. How do I let STARFLEET know my new address?**

A: Address corrections may be submitted via e-mail to CompOpsHELP@sfi.org, by using the online form at: <http://www.sfi.org/compops/shared/correct.htm>

or by sending a note to:  
Teri Smith  
5126 Niagara Place  
College Park, MD 20740

**Q: How do I get a copy of my chapter's roster?**

A: Chapter rosters are only available to the chapter's Commanding Officer, Executive Officer, Regional Coordinator, or their designated representatives. (COs, XO's, and RCs may contact Blair Learn in order to designate an alternate contact person.)

Rosters are available by sending e-mail to CompOps Roster Guy Blair Leam at Rosters@sfi.org

Chapter representatives who don't have Internet access may request a copy of their chapter by sending the request, along with a SASE (For most chapters, a single 32-cent stamp is sufficient) to:  
Blair Learn  
415 West Side Drive, Apt #204  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878-3126

If you are not one of the chapter's representatives as outlined above, you may

only obtain a roster by contacting the chapter chairperson.

**Q: How quickly do membership requests get serviced?**

A: It varies with the type of request.

Membership processing should run at 6 to 8 weeks.

Greg and his staff process a membership within 4 weeks of receiving it which gives 1 week for Roy to get the packet mailed out and 3 weeks for the US postal system on either end. Greg and his staff strive to beat this and most often do...The only time that they fell behind on that was during their move which was brought on by unseen circumstances.

Roy also strives to beat that and has set up his own personal deadline of 48 hours after receiving the membership information. As far as we know, Roy has yet to miss his personal goal this year.

Requests to CompOpsHELP should be answered in two weeks.

On occasion, some problems take longer than two weeks, but in most cases you will receive an answer within that time frame. If your case is one of the exceptions, you will receive notification of such.

Roster requests should be answered in two weeks. Blair and Terry usually answer most of them in seven days or less.

Chapter vanity address updates should be processed within three weeks of being received.

**Q: I haven't received my copy of the Communique, what do I do?**

A: The CQ is still being shipped at bulk rate instead of with a periodicals permit, so first, allow three to four weeks from the announced mailing date before assuming it was lost.

As a general rule of thumb, wait until the end of the time frame the CQ is supposed to cover. For example, if you believe you've missed the June/July issue, wait until the end of July before inquiring. This allows the Post Office time to get the issue to you and also allows time for Tamara to receive copies of the CQ for re-mailing.

If your CQ doesn't appear within that time frame, contact CQ Re-mailer Tamara Copple. First she will verify that we have your current address (moving without sending an address correction is the most common reason for missing the Communique.)

You may contact Tamara by sending e-mail to cq-remailer@sfi.org or by writing:

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

Please note that you will not receive a copy of the CQ if a hold was placed on your membership due to a bounced check. You will also not receive back-issues if you failed to send your new address to CompOps before labels were made for the missed issue. For example, labels for the June/July mailing are created at the beginning of June. Therefore, if you do not change your address before that time, your issue will not be mailed to the correct address, and \*will not be replaced\*.

Tamara will be the last person you need to contact to get any back issues. Once she has verified your membership and current address, she will mail your back-issues to you by first-class mail.

**Q: If I'm late renewing, how does my renewal date relate to getting the Communique?**

A: The CQ mailing labels are generated according to this schedule:

| To receive this issue | You must be a member as of |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Feb/Mar               | February 1                 |
| Apr/May               | April 1                    |
| Jun/Jul               | June 1                     |
| Aug/Sep               | August 1                   |
| Oct/Nov               | October 1                  |
| Dec/Jan               | December 1                 |

The labels are produced within the first two weeks of the months of February, April, June, August, October, December.

In order to avoid missing a Communique, we recommend you renew your STARFLEET membership six to eight weeks before its expiration date.

**Q: I'm having problems accessing the STARFLEET web site.**

A: The best way to report problems with the SFI.ORG web site is to send a message to one of these addresses:

NetServices@sfi.org — Allyson Dyar  
(Main SFI.ORG web site)  
CompOps@sfi.org — Jesse Smith  
(CompOps Chief)  
WebBoy@sfi.org — Blair Learn  
(CompOps web site)

**Q: I'm having problems with my vanity @sfi.org e-mail address.**

A: Please send a message to Greg Trotter at aliases@sfi.org.

The SFI.ORG e-mail addresses are run through the same mail server as USSNOMAD.ORG. The chances are good that Greg will notice any problem long before it affects your e-mail.

**Q: Who do I contact for a vanity address?**

A: Commissioned chapters receive one free vanity email address. Starfleet staff can get an sfi.org email alias by approval and recommendation of their department. In either case, requests may be sent to aliases@sfi.org.

For personal aliases, a fee of \$10 is required. This should be mailed to:

STARFLEET Membership Processing  
ATTN: Vanity e-mail  
PO Box 482  
Leavenworth, KS 66048-0482

Vanity web addresses are handled by the Office of Web Consulting. Please contact Ed Nowlin at OWC@sfi.org for details.

**Q: I disagree with the answer I received from Membership Services. Who do I contact with my complaint?**

A: If you disagree with the answer you receive from a member of the CompOps department, please direct the complaint to CompOps Chief, Commodore Jesse Smith.

You may contact Jesse by sending e-mail to CompOps@sfi.org or by postal mail to:  
Jesse Smith  
5126 Niagara Place  
College Park, MD 20740

Please include a SASE with appropriate postage for the reply.

The next step up the chain of command after Jesse is the Commander, STARFLEET. You may contact Fleet Admiral Mike Smith by sending e-mail to CS@sfi.org or by sending postal mail to:

Mike Smith  
200 Hiawatha Boulevard  
Oakland, NJ 07436-3643

After the Commander, STARFLEET, you may contact the STARFLEET Admiralty Board. Contact your Regional Coordinator for assistance. (Contact information for the Regional Coordinators is located in the front of each issue of the Communique.)

Starfleet, TISTFA, Inc.

Income Statement - 1/1/98-6/30/98

Howard Cronson, Auditor

Following is the income statement for Starfleet, the International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc. for the six months ended June 30, 1998. This statement was compiled by me from information provided by Starfleet Treasurer Marlene Miller.

If you have any questions regarding this statement, please contact me via email at capnho@hotmail.com or via U.S. Mail at P.O. Box990056, Boston, MA 02199.

Respectfully submitted,

Commodore Howard Cronson  
Internal Auditor, Starfleet

Starfleet: The International Star Trek Fan Association  
Income Statement  
For the six months ended  
June 30, 1998

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| Revenue:                                 |       |
| Membership fees                          | 15019 |
| Quartermaster Income                     | 3110  |
| Chapter Charter Fees                     | 2068  |
| Academy Income                           | 1247  |
| Donations from members                   | 1180  |
| Total Revenue                            | 22624 |
| Expenses:                                |       |
| Tax Penalties                            | 4600  |
| Communique postage and shipping          | 2900  |
| Telephone                                | 2679  |
| Membership materials                     | 2319  |
| Communique printing                      | 2180  |
| Quartermaster Expenses                   | 1969  |
| Other postage and shipping               | 1773  |
| International conference expenses        | 1400  |
| Office supplies                          | 1054  |
| Equipment Purchases                      | 1050  |
| Equipment Leasing                        | 586   |
| Operations department expenses           | 510   |
| CSR Expenses                             | 500   |
| Reimbursable from Fleet Admiral Smith    | 400   |
| Chapter support expenses                 | 400   |
| Computer software                        | 315   |
| Starfleet Academy expenses               | 278   |
| Voucher Printing                         | 150   |
| Charitable donations                     | 100   |
| Total Expenses                           | 25163 |
| Net Loss                                 | -2539 |
| Cash, Beginning of Year                  | 9924  |
| Total cash on hand                       | 7385  |
|  |       |
| Scholarship Account Balance (Restricted) | 219   |
| General Operating Cash (Unrestricted)    | 7166  |

NASA NEWS

submitted by Chuck Freas

Donald Savage  
Headquarters, Washington, DC  
July 14, 1998  
(Phone: 202/358-1727)

Mary Beth Murrill  
Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, CA  
(Phone: 818/354-5011)

RELEASE: 98-123

NASA ESTABLISHES NEAR-EARTH OBJECT PROGRAM OFFICE AT JET PROPULSION LABORATORY

A new program office to coordinate NASA-sponsored efforts to detect, track and characterize potentially hazardous asteroids and comets that could approach Earth will be established at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), Pasadena, CA.

NASA's Near-Earth Object Program Office will focus on the goal of locating at least 90 percent of the estimated 2,000 asteroids and comets that approach the Earth and are larger than about 2/3-mile (about 1 kilometer) in diameter, by the end of the next decade.

"These are objects that are difficult to detect because of their relatively small size, but are large enough to cause global effects if one hit the Earth," said Dr. Donald K. Yeomans of JPL, who will head the new program office. "Finding a majority of this population will require the efforts of researchers at several NASA centers, at universities and at observatories across the country, and will require the participation

by the international astronomy community as well."

"We determined that, in order to achieve our goals, we need a more formal focusing of our near-Earth object tracking efforts and related communications with the supporting research community," said Dr. B. Carl Pilcher, science director for Solar System Exploration in NASA's Office of Space Science, NASA Headquarters. "I want to emphasize that science research solicitations and resulting peer reviews, international coordination, and strategic planning regarding future missions will remain the responsibilities of NASA Headquarters."

In addition to managing the detection and cataloging of near-Earth objects, the new NASA office will be responsible for facilitating communications between the astronomical community and the public should any potentially hazardous objects be discovered as a result of the program, Pilcher said.

JPL was selected to host the program office because of its expertise in precisely tracking the positions and predicted paths of asteroids and comets. No significant additional staff hiring at JPL is expected at this time.

A fact sheet describing NASA's research and spacecraft missions related to asteroids and comets is available on the Internet at the following address: <http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/pao/facts/HTML/FS-023-HQ.htm>



Captain Cindi DeMidio, CO of the newly commissioned USS Tsunami, cuts the commissioning cake.

For full story and more pictures, see color center spread on pages 18-19



## Region One Awards Program on-line

VADm. Stephen C. Thomas, STARFLEET Region One Awards Program

After many months of research and development, the STARFLEET Region One Awards Program is now on-line. This is a scaled-down version of the proposed one that was put together by Steve Thomas and Robert Hilton during the Maddox Administration. Our system is designed to acknowledge the accomplishments of the many talented STARFLEET members in Region One, who give much of their time, energy, and sometimes money, to make their communities better.

One of the features of the program is the unique 'Trek Triangle' ribbons, inspired by those used in Classic Trek episodes. There is a very comprehensive Awards & Ceremonies Manual that describes each of the different awards that can be earned or given to any member of the region by any other member in Region One or STARFLEET.

The presentations are divided into five groups.

The first group is comprised of the individual awards, which acknowledge personal accomplishments or achievements. Examples include the Star Cross, given for saving a life or lives; the Purple Heart, for being injured at a STARFLEET event (like the accidents that occur at our annual Spring Summits); the Good Conduct Award, given for each five-year-span of faithful service to STARFLEET; and the Final Frontier, for those members that promote and support the space program or promote science fact. There is a Commendation and Distinguished Service ribbon for those that go beyond what is required of them.

The second group of awards is designed to acknowledge aid and work done by non-STARFLEET members or organizations to chapter or Regional projects.

These Unit Awards serve to acknowledge teamwork and accomplishments.

Examples include the Joint Meritorious Service Award that acknowledges working with an outside club on a project or activity; the Campaign Citation for being involved in a challenge that benefits a charity or cause, and the "E" Ribbon for the victor of a formally-declared recreational competition.

The next group of awards are the

scholastic ones, to acknowledge academic or SFA excellence. Members can get ribbons for passing OTS/OCC, or a Legion of Honor for making the Honor roll in school and/or SFA or being the recipient of a STARFLEET Scholarship.

The last group of awards is given to the best of Region One in the Annual Award competition. These are for the top chapters, shuttles, Commanding Officer, Members, Cadets, Departments, Department Chiefs, Newsletters, and other publications.

The Region One Awards and Ceremonies Manual gives a description and criteria of all the currently-available awards, so that the members who are deserving of the awards can be recommended for them by their superiors or any Region One Staff member. The manual also gives instructions and/or suggestions on how to perform various ceremonies such as a STARFLEET Ball, an Award Ceremony, Commissioning Ceremony, Change of Command Ceremony, and Marriage Ceremony. The manual represents over a year of work and hundreds of hours of telephone, research, and production time. It includes many photos from the various Star Trek shows, and some fan-produced work. The manual can be purchased for \$9.00 from STARFLEET Region One HQ. There is also a colorized Awards Recognition Chart that can be purchased with the manual for \$1.00 more, or for \$2.00 without the manual.

Region One is a first-class Region, and we feel that the program that we put together is a first-class program. If you want more information about what the different awards are, or if you want to order any awards or an award manual, either write to the address below or go to our web page at [www.regionone.com/awards](http://www.regionone.com/awards).

Now I would like to announce the winners of the 1997 Region One Annual Awards.

**STARSHIP OF The YEAR** - USS Jurassic NCC-3500

**STARSHIP OF EXCELLENCE** - USS Charleston NCC-71813

**SHUTTLE OF THE YEAR** - Shuttle Reprisal NCC-61858/2

**SHUTTLE OF EXCELENCE** - NONE

**BEST SHAKEDOWN CRUISE** - USS Phantom NCC-72215

**CLASS OF EXCELLENCE** - Capt. David J. Rose, USS Tycho NCC-59325

**REGION ONE MEDAL** - Capt. Eric Larkin, Shuttle Reprisal

**REGION ONE HONOR ROLL** - Cdt. Ens. Ashley Smith, Shuttle Reprisal

**REGION ONE ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL**

These chapter Department Chiefs have distinguished themselves by participating in the Region One Regional Department Chief program as the best Department Chiefs in the Region One in their areas. The Region One RDCs determined these.

**ENGINEERING** - Lori Vaughn - USS Jamestown

**SCIENCES** - Capt. Richard Heim - USS Alaric

**SECURITY** - Michael Callair - USS Ronald E. McNair

**MEDICAL** - Parketta Cartwright - USS Questar

**CHAPLIAN/COUNSELOR** - Cmdr. Jana Sandburg - USS Star League

**SPECIAL SERVICES** - Lt. JG Angela Hitson - USS Benuu

**ALIEN AMBASSADORS** - Mitch Dotson - USS Reprisal

**COMPUTER OPS** - Margaret Grunwell - U.S.S. Heimdal

**RECRUITING** - Robert Ryden - U.S.S. White Eagle

**NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR AWARD** - SHORT CIRCUIT, USS MAAT.

**COMMUNICATIONS EXCELLENCE AWARD** - Membership Manuals (Tie)

The USS Charleston NCC-71813 Membership Reference Manual - USS Charleston

The USS Tycho Membership Handbook - USS Tycho

Best Web Site

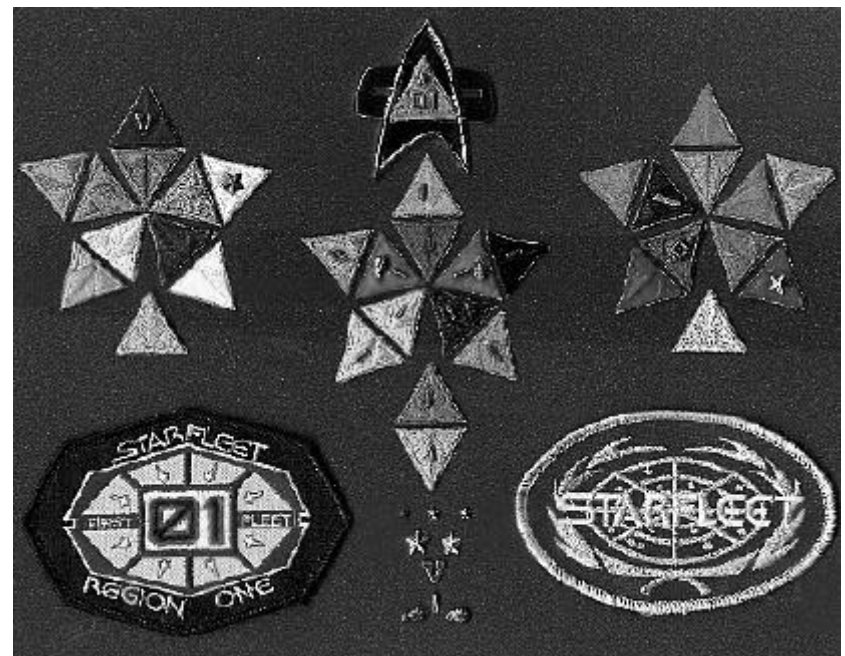
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS's EXCELLENCE -Web Page - USS Hornet

Best Department Newsletter

BEST DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER - The Heim Page, USS Alaric , Science Department

The 1998 Region One Annual Awards are gearing up soon. We hope to have more participation this year.

VADm. Stephen C. Thomas,  
STARFLEET Region One Awards Program  
7301 River Rd. #117  
Newport News, VA 23607-1764



## Hershey Program Needs New Director

Commander Amy Alexander

Hi everyone!

First of all, a little announcement. I've recently moved to North Carolina to continue my education at Appalachian State University. This means I've got a new address. It is:

Amy Alexander  
746 Howard Street  
Apt B9  
Boone, NC 28607

I will receive anything sent to my Virginia address, so there is no need to resend. My e-mail address is now:

<charities@sfi.org>.

Our current Hershey Director has recently moved and is unable to continue his duties to this program. Until a new director is chosen, send your Hershey materials to:

Donna Friesen  
12037 Veirs Mill Road  
Wheaton, MD 20906

At this time, I am accepting applications for the Hershey Project director. To apply, send your real world and Fleet resumes with a cover letter that states what you want to accomplish with this program as its director. Applications are due to me by December 31, 1998. Send this to me at my new address from the beginning of this article. If you have any questions or comments about the Hershey Director position or about anything in the Charities Program please send them, too.

I hope you all have a great day.

Commander Amy Alexander  
USS Hawkeye  
International Charities Coordinator

## New Director Chosen For Advanced Starship Design Bureau

By Alex Rosenzweig

I am pleased to announce that a decision has been made regarding the appointment of the new Director of the Advanced Starship Design Bureau.

I must say that this was an extremely difficult choice. I had some exceptionally talented applicants, and I was extremely impressed by what I saw. I was also very happy that such talented officers of this Fleet were so willing to contribute to the organization. Trying to choose among them was a great challenge. That there could be only one Director was frustrating indeed.

After carefully weighing all of the candidates' qualifications, backgrounds, and experience, and balancing all that with the criteria I had set forth for the position, I finally settled upon one individual as the person who best balanced all the different aspects of the position. Finding that balance was perhaps the hardest aspect of the choice, but I believe that I have.

Having said all this, I would like to congratulate the choice for Director, Advanced Starship Design Bureau, Department of Technical Services, Starfleet: CMDR Thomas Spiker.

Tom brings a keen interest in engineering and vessel design to the position, along with a supportive and interested style when dealing with fellow members of Starfleet. That's coupled with a great enthusiasm for the post that is sure to make ASDB a fun office to be around.

Tom is moving quickly to take the reins at ASDB, and he is gathering his staff. If you're interest in joining in, contact either Tom or myself. And if you're ready to submit that new ship or station design you've been working on, Tom's the man to get in touch with. Both his and my contact info is in the Directory at the front of the Communique.

Once again, congratulations Tom! Watch for more news from ASDB and DTS soon.

## Office of International Translators Corps

Captain Andrea Haag, Director

Greetings, fellow STARFLEET members. The International Translator Corps is looking for a few good members. If you would like to volunteer some of your time in translating documents for STARFLEET, then we welcome you aboard!

The ITC's main purpose is to help International members in understanding the functions and services of STARFLEET, and to help explain to potential new members what STARFLEET is all about.

We all take for granted that all of STARFLEET's information is in English, but have you ever wondered how many new members STARFLEET loses because of the language barrier? For you and me its great fun to take Academy courses, or to read the CQ cover-to-cover and understand; but it's harder to do these things when it's difficult to understand. Finally, we can rectify all that because of ITC!

We're a free service, open to all STARFLEET members and departments! We need help in translating all languages, so if your interested please get a hold of Martin Lessem, or myself.

Andrea Haag  
7312 Pinehurst  
Dearborn, MI 48126  
email: andrea Haag@aol.com,  
or ITC@sfi.org

Or, contact:

Martin Lessem  
email: MufasaTL@aol.com

Also, the ITC has a contest going on to design the new logo for this department. The contest is open to all STARFLEET members. The due date to have submissions in has been moved back to November 20, 1998. The winner shall receive these prizes: A pound of Starbucks Coffee (are you listening TomLG), a Hallmark Shuttlecraft ornament, and a *Star Trek* 25th Anniversary Collectors plate (Spock). In addition, an article about the winner and the winning logo will appear in the next *Communique* after the con-

## Division of Temporal Affairs

LCdr David Klingman

Greetings from the Science Department of USS Hornet, Region 1. For those of you who think that time travel is perhaps the most interesting thing we have ever seen in the Star Trek Universe (and for that matter on Babylon 5 and movies like BACK TO THE FUTURE) I would like to welcome you and offer you the chance to join me in the pursuit and avoidance of the temporal paradox by joining the Division of Temporal Affairs.

Our goals will be:

- the prevention of temporal paradox;
- the prevention of incursions by the mirror universe;
- the discussion and analysis of time travel in the Star Trek Universe; and
- a general warped sense of reality.

I have prepared an official logo which is currently the Omega with our ship's logo in the center and our motto "We have reached the end of the universe... now beyond..." - of course, other ships that get involved can place their ship's logo in the center as they see fit.

So, anyone who is as interested as I can drop me an email at mirodon@mindspring.com or snail mail me at our ship's address: USS Hornet - Starfleet PO Box 8283, Charlotte NC 28203 (Attn: Division of Temporal Affairs).

Hope to hear from you!

LCDR David Klingman  
USS Hornet Department of Sciences  
Director, Division of Temporal Affairs  
(ex officio)





## International Fandom Council

Captain Jeffrey Higdon

The below is information on the International Fandom Council. Where it is the job of the STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps to foster relationships between STARFLEET and other associations, it is IFC that brings fandom into a united voice for the good of all.

This description comes from the STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps Website:

The mission of the International Fandom Council is to provide a forum of communication and cooperation between the various Star Trek Fan Associations, their Chapters, and Independent Fan Club Chapters. The IFC as a group can let each other know about activities in our areas and chapters, discuss projects being undertaken, jointly work on projects, and help each other with the common problems that we as officers of our associations and our chapters may face.

The IFC is made up of two Houses: the Security Council, which is made up of Associations, Organizations, and Independent Fan Clubs, (Gordon Goldberg sits on the Security Council as STARFLEET's Ambassador); and the second house, the General Assembly, which is made up of individual chapters of 10 or more members, who serve as "Representatives".

Joost Ueffing of Canning, Nova Scotia, Canada, serves as IFC Chair. His job includes chairing the IFC Security Council.

Jeff Higdon of Rockford, Illinois, USA, serves as IFC Vice Chair. His job includes chairing the IFC General Assembly. Higdon also serves as the editor of the on-line IFC Newsletter.

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Here are the requirements for admission to the IFC General Assembly:

A request must be filed with the Vice Chair of the IFC (Chair of the General Assembly) at [higdon@xta.com](mailto:higdon@xta.com) and must have all of the following information:

Chapter name, NCC# & Class (if applicable)  
Affiliations  
Representative Name and E-Mail\*  
CO/President Name\*  
Membership Size of Chapter (10 or more members as of the time of the petition)  
URL addresses for chapter and affiliates.

After a review from the IFC Chair and Vice Chair and after an investigation of the potential member, a judgement will be rendered by both the IFC Chair & Vice Chair resulting in the admission of the potential member and announced by the Vice Chair as Chair of the General Assembly.

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To subscribe to the IFC-L list, send mail to: [listserv@mana.landofhaze.com](mailto:listserv@mana.landofhaze.com)

The subject of your message is ignored. In the body write: subscribe ifc-l yourfirstname yourlastname

To sign off just post to the above address on the subject line: signoff ifc-l yourfirstname your last name

IFC Communications Director Luke Davis oversees the IFC-L Mailing List.

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The official IFC Website is managed by Web Director S. Adam Day. The site is found at:  
<http://mana.landofhaze.com/ifc/>

Jeff Higdon  
Vice Chair, International Fandom Council  
[Chair-The General Assembly]

## STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps

Captain Jeffrey Higdon, Director

*From the Starfleet Listserve:*

Greetings from the Captains' Ready Room aboard the USS *Shiloh*, which serves as the Office of the Director for the STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Fleet Captain Eric Wade Larkin as Deputy Director of the DiploCorps. Fleet Captain Larkin currently serves as Region 1 RDC for the Alien Ambassador Corps and is the XO for the USS *Repulse*. He will be continuing in both positions until further notice with the added position of contact in charge of the Region 1 Diplomatic Corps office. You may reach Fleet Captain Larkin at [AlienRDC@aol.com](mailto:AlienRDC@aol.com).

I know that Wade's extensive experience in the area of Diplomatic Relations, both in his current positions and past postings, will make him invaluable to STARFLEET and the DiploCorps. His main job within the DiploCorps will be to make contact and establish Diplomatic Relations with Alien Organizations such as KAG, RSE, RDC, etc.

I also wish to announce the appointments of Commander Karen Higdon, XO, USS *Shiloh*, to the position of Chief of Staff, and Brevet Lieutenant, j.g. (SCPO) Janie Wilson-Cook, Comm/CompOps Officer, USS *Shiloh*, to the position of Communications Assistant. Commander Higdon has been serving as an assistant to me aboard

the *Shiloh* and will continue it with the DiploCorps. Brevet Lieutenant Wilson-Cook will oversee the website and assist the Director in the communications of this office.

Also, if it has not been announced, the DiploCorps Website has been opened. It is at:

<http://www.webstuff.net/shiloh/diplocorps.htm>

It is hosted by the Officers and Crew of the USS *Shiloh*.

Honored to Serve the Fleet,

Captain Jeff Higdon, Director  
STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps

*From the Region 7 Listserve:*

I am the newly-appointed Director of the now open Region 7 Diplomatic Corps Branch which is based on the USS *MATRIX* of the same Region. I am trying to access the chapters of this Region to let them know that Communications are now available to them. Also, please let me know of any Non-fleet trek groups in Region 7; I would like to have their information for my files for communication purposes.

Captain Frank Faas, Director  
Liaison Region 7 Diplomatic Corps

**STARFLEET  
Now Accepts  
Mastercard, Visa  
& Discover for  
Memberships,  
Quartermaster Items,  
Vouchers, etc.**

# THE TSUNAMI TIMES

## Captain Cindi DeMidio, Commanding Officer, USS Tsunami

### THE TSUNAMI TIMES

“Welcome to an exposé on the newest Region 15 Ship. We hope you enjoy your FREE edition of our little review. Read on, and Enjoy.”

### HEADLINES!

#### SHUTTLE TSUNAMI BECOMES USS TSUNAMI NCC-5374

One of Starfleet’s newest Shuttles, has finally become one of the Starfleet Region 15 “SULLIVANS” Class Heavy Tactical Frigates.

Under the expert guidance of the U.S.S. O’BANNON, and the excellent command and dedication of its Command Officers- CDR. Cindi DeMidio, and CDR. Trina McLaughlin, the TSUNAMI Commissioning was officially announced on 1 August 1998 at “RebelCon” in Taunton, MA. Final paperwork being received on 8 September 1998.



Captain Cindi DeMidio Commanding Officer USS TSUNAMI with Singe

The TSUNAMI began its life as an idea in the hearts and minds of the Command Officers in late 1997. A small but dedicated group of members split from their former Ship. After much time and effort spent with the Command Officers of the U.S.S. O’BANNON, the SHUTTLE TSUNAMI NCC-5372/01, was born.

CDR. DeMidio, and CDR. McLaughlin led the fledgling Shuttle with hard work and dedication to duty. Along with a well-motivated and dedicated crew, the Shuttle flew along for its short life without any serious problems. With a lot of hard work and fun, and an experienced Chief Engineer, along with the rest of the fine Crew, the team of DeMidio and McLaughlin made our journey almost flawless.

A Commissioning Party was held at the home of the TSUNAMI’S resident JAG Officer on 8 August 1998, in Braintree, MA. It would seem that this Reporter missed out on most of the fun. A prior Commitment forced me to leave early.

On the more serious side, if it were possible, these Command Officers would definitely be ready to take Command of a real Navy Frigate. Perhaps one day, women will be allowed to Command Combat Vessels.

And Women like these, would definitely qualify.

### POLICE BLOTTER

The Missing Persons Bureau has identified that Captain S.C. Starchy Spuds, Commanding Officer of the “Potato Corp” and temporarily assigned to SHUTTLE TSUNAMI, has turned up AWOL from his posting. He was last seen under an umbrella, in the company of a “Potato”, possibly heading off to a rotisserie grill. Physical description: Brown Potato Head, Next Generation Red and Black Command Uniform with 4 pips, all around Good Spud. If found, please return to Captain Cindi DeMidio of the USS TSUNAMI for his eventual return to Mothership USS O’BANNON.

### STELLAR CUISINE

The CFO of the USS TSUNAMI has just returned from the Klingon Home World, complete with updated certification for preparation of the grueling “Klingon Right of Ascension Buffalo Wings” ordeal. This is a strenuous process with both physical and verbal assault. “This certification course to date utilizes state of the art technology for insuring sufficient pain for loyal gladiators,” said CFO Rich DeMidio, Klinzhai Master Wing Chef. “I am confident that this latest recipe will foster even better relations between the Federation and the Klingon Empire.” The master chef has submitted plans to the USS TSUNAMI command staff for the construction of a warrior kitchen on board the ship. Access will be granted to only duly qualified combatants. Stay tuned for updated status and qualification course availability.

### THE SOCIAL REGISTER

#### RUMINATIONS USS TSUNAMI COMMISSIONING EXTRAVAGANZA

In commemoration of the Commissioning of the New USS TSUNAMI and the transfer of Captain S. C. (Sour Cream) Starchy Spuds, we all reviewed a clever and quite humorous story prepared by the TSUNAMI’S most creative Captain, replete with artwork and, of course, laminated. Highlights included Captain Spud’s remarkably woeful encounter with a rotisserie, and a chance meeting with Dexter, the boy genius.

In between conversations we all observed the Cadet Corp splashing around in the clear blue water of the Holodeck pool. Since it was such a perfect warm summer afternoon, it wasn’t long before most of us gave in to temptation and jumped in as well. Of course there were a couple not quite so brave members of the crew who stayed out; “Ooh, that looks too cold for me”. Wimps. In fact the water was quite refreshing, and so, that’s where I stayed for most of the afternoon. The Chief Financial Officer boasted that he could swim two laps (4 crossings) of the pool - the long way - without coming up for air. Dubious, we watched as he ... performed a few warm up attempts.

Scrimmaging with the Cadet Corp was a lot of fun. We invented several games using Two Brightly Colored Foam Rubber Flotation Devices (TBCFRFD’s for, uh, short). One of my favorites was the “Mick Jagger Shark Attack”, in which an admittedly abstract “shark” indicated by the TBCFRFD’s arranged as two gigantic “lips”, smacked its way toward unwary swimmers. The Cadets will have to excuse me for the following heretical remark, but perhaps I spent a little bit \*too\* much time in the pool. I must have spent at least two hours mostly submerged, and by the time I decided to raise myself I discovered that gravity was much stronger than it used to be a few years ago.

After the swimming, we sat down for more conversationalizing. A game erupted, quite spontaneously, one of the major categories was “Movie Quotes”. Specifically, someone would recite a quote and the rest of us would try to guess the movie. The easiest ones were quotes from the Star Trek movies, but I suppose that goes without saying.



Finally, once all the chips were gone, people started to head back home. And so it was that the TSUNAMI'S excellent and wonderfully laid back summer pool party and commissioning extravaganza came to a close.



Shuttle Tsunami - model by Paul Belanger

Region 15 Frigate Division 1 executing the Kamikaze Maneuver.  
Ships: USS The Sullivans NCC-5370, USS OBannon NCC-5372, USS Tsunami NCC-5374.  
(3D images of Sullivans Class Heavy Tactical Frigate by Graphic Artist Shaun Donnelly-USS OBannon)

# TECHNOLOGY ON THE MOVE

The Warp Drive Research Development Project has come out with an innovative new method to boost the Warp Drive capability of the older version Starfleet Shuttles. Said Chief Engineer Paul Belanger of the new USS TSUNAMI, "The possibilities of the extra energy flow are uncanny. There's no telling what one of these ol' beauties can do now." The Commander was referring to the new practice of installing "Warp Drive Batteries on the top of the Shuttles. SHUTTLE TSUNAMI was so equipped as a test subject for the procedure and won the Kessel Run in 10 parsecs, much faster than anyone had anticipated. "The only trouble is," the Chief stated, "the XO keeps noticing a sensor blip when we use the batteries. She said it looks like a 'fuzzy pink bunny with a drum'."

## ON THE LITERARY PAGE

### WHAT'S HOT!

Bursting on the scene is a hot little periodical entitled "Wind, Waves and Warp Drive". It's the official newsie of the new USS TSUNAMI in Region 15. This little journal just celebrated its tenth edition with its first full color cover, courtesy of the philanthropic USS BEAN SIDHE. In its pages, the astute reader can find reports, reviews, analysis and the annals which chronicle the ongoing adventures of this "Little Ship That Could". In the current narrative, Frigate Division 1 and all of Region 15 battle the Borg in this first "enterprising" crusade to save the Portsmouth Spacedock Shipyards and all the latest ships being built there, including the new Sullivan's Class Heavy Tactical Frigate USS TSUNAMI. No tabloid journalism this. Reviews are Thumbs UP for some interesting reading.

THE TSUNAMI TIMES is a Tidal Wave Creation. Contributing writers: Paul Belanger-Chief Engineer, Jeremy Gilbert-CompOps, Rich DeMidio-Chief Financial Officer, Cindi DeMidio-CO USS TSUNAMI NCC-5374 Sullivan's Class Heavy Tactical Frigate, The Power Forward of Frigate Division 1, Region 15 New England. "USS TSUNAMI to Admiral Mike: Happily Reporting For Duty, Sir."



Shuttle Banting Launches in R13

Or R13 Gives Birth to a Bouncing Baby Shuttle

Chesapeake’s 10th Anniv.

Lieutenant Dave “Maverick” Blaser

Commander Cheryl Lynn Jones

Picture the following: A bright sunny day on the first of August at a park next to a river with people taking leisurely walks, relaxing in the shade, paddle boating in the river, just enjoying the day. Now just add in 16 Starfleet Members and two dogs playing badminton, horseshoes and paddle boat racing in true Starfleet style, and you’re getting the idea of what happened at this year’s Annual Banting Picnic.

This year’s Banting picnic was somewhat special. Not only did the attendance triple from last year, but there was something new and special to celebrate.. our commissioning as an official Starfleet Shuttle, and a renewed presence of Starfleet in Ontario.

Fleet Captain Richard Smith (R13C, USS Empress), along with Ruth Smith (USS Empress), Commander Dwayne Sklar and Captain Sally Moag (both from the USS Valkyrie) from Region 13 joined us to christen the Banting. In addition to our Region 13 comrades, the Banting was very proud to be host to two special guests from Region 7, Commodore Tony Rowley and Lt. Cmdr. Beth Toll (both from the Banting’s mothership, the USS Malverne).

After our meal of barbecued burgers and hot dogs with a wide assortment of salads, both green and pasta, Commodore Rowley did us the honor of presenting Commander Bernard Guignard with the official paperwork and certificate recognizing the Banting as an official Starfleet Shuttle.

And on to the games we went! Captain Moag and Commander Sklar were victorious in the paddle boat race, beating Commander Guignard and Ensign Susan Moffatt (the Banting’s Science Officer) by only inches. But don’t fret folks, the crew of the Banting cleaned up in the rest of the games.

Commander Neil Arnold (XO of the Banting) and Ensign Moffatt won in the pairs Badminton Match (sorry folks, I don’t know who they were playing) while Ensign J.G. Matt Baillie (Communications Department) and yours truly went undefeated in the horse shoes first against Commodore Rowley and Commander Guignard, then again against FCapt. Smith and Commander Sklar. The winning duo have declared themselves “The Banting’s Reigning Horse Shoe Champs” and welcome any and all challengers at next years picnic.

As Second Officer of the Banting, I’d like to say a personal thanks to everyone who attended from Michigan – FCapt. Smith, Ruth, Captain Moag and Commander Sklar. Many thanks to Commodore Rowley and Lt. Cmdr. Toll of the Malverne for joining us for that special occasion, and to everyone who sent congratulatory messages to the Banting on the Internet. To our other friends in Michigan who couldn’t attend, but sent their best wishes, thanks to you, and to everyone else, we really hope to see you for next year’s picnic!

In August 1988, a group of courageous (or totally insane, depending upon your point of view) Virginia residents met in Battlefield Park to discuss forming a STARFLEET shuttle in Richmond, VA. From this meeting sprang forth the Shuttle Chesapeake which eventually became the U.S.S. CHESAPEAKE in August 1989.

In commemoration of the ten years since that fateful meeting in the picnic shelter, current and past members of the CHESAPEAKE met at Roma’s Restaurant in Highland Springs, VA for an anniversary buffet. Also in attendance were members of the ACCORD, POWHATAN, JAMESTOWN, HIGHLANDER, and HORNET. We also had a ‘foreign’ guest in the guise of Major John ‘Kiwi’ Kane of New Zealand.

After socialization and dinner, Captain Jerry Martin was presented with a certificate and letter from RADM Tom Monaghan, recomissioning the CHESAPEAKE; this was presented to us by Fleet Captain Roy Sessler of the Senior Captains’ Network, Region One. This was immediately followed by another Region One tradition—the baptism of the ‘new’ captain with water. (Commander Cheryl Lynn Jones did the honor on this.)

After this, there were awards. Lt. (jg) Bill Lemmond received a certificate for providing the most coupons for the CHESAPEAKE to send to the Overseas Coupon Project. Major Ursa, ship’s mascot, received the ‘Most Huggable Award’. Fleet

Captain Kris Baril received the Cochrane Award for overcoming adversity and for taking in stray cats from the Hanover Humane Society. Captain Baril’s Husband, Pete Baril, received a certificate thanking him for putting up with us all those years. Commander Patricia Jordan, Commander Lynn Evans, and Lt. Lemmond received Service Awards. Lt. Commander Amy Alexander received the Brenda Carroll Memorial Award for her charitable work, as well as a certificate for graduating from Officers’ Command College. Amy was also promoted to full Commander at this time.

After awards and dessert, the games began. Captain Martin had lost his marbles and we had to find one of them. It took the guests a while to find the hidden marble! We also played trivia games and “Win, Lose, or Trek”, a drawing game. Captain Baril dug into her famous stash of chocolate and had a pull game where, for a dollar, you could pull on a string and receive chocolate candy. The proceeds of this are going to help a young man with Cerebral Palsy go to Atlanta to receive and train with an assistance dog. We also got to reminiscence over a memory book that Colonel John Jones, Commander Cheryl Lynn Jones, and Gunny Sergeant Jon Carroll had produced on their computers.

All in all, it was a fun evening. We got to share in good memories, sad reminiscences about members that we had lost, and generally being our usual (nutty) selves. Here’s to many more years of the CHESAPEAKE!!!

Regional Newsletter Information

Compiled from postings to the Starfleet Listserve

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# Election Season Thoughts

## Fleet Captain Lisa Paradis-Berkenbilt

[Assistant Editor's Note: Lisa wrote this article before it became clear that STARFLEET would be facing only a Vote of Confidence, not a full election. Nevertheless, many of the points she makes are important ones. /MSS]

As election season for Commander, STARFLEET is upon us, questions such as "what is STARFLEET", "are we a business or a fan club" and "are we having fun" will come up often. This article shares my thoughts on this organization as someone who has been an active member of STARFLEET at various levels over the past six years.

STARFLEET has been in existence for 24 years and currently consists of approximately 250 chapters in the United States, Canada, and overseas. We are one of the largest and oldest fan organizations in existence. Every chapter is unique. Some chapters have meetings, and others are correspondence only. Every chapter has its own balance of fun, interest in education, flavors of science fiction, and community service work. Many believe that in order to achieve the vision of the future Gene Roddenberry created in *Star Trek*, we have to work today to support education and improve the world around us. This can be readily seen in fandom today as even many of the conventions we attend directly benefit the community (Novacon and Easter Seals, Farpont with a food drive and fund-raising for MPT Hospital, Vulkan fund-raising for MPT Hospital and Hospice, Shore Leave with blood drive and fund-raising for Make a Wish Foundation, Sci Fi Dreamin' and Habitat for Humanity, and the list goes on).

STARFLEET provides a network where groups of like interests can get to

know each other and interact. As an umbrella organization, it also offers a forum where we in fandom can do a whole lot more than we can as individuals or individual chapters. For instance, no one chapter could have provided millions of dollars in coupons to our overseas military bases, or hundreds of pounds of stamps to raise money for charity.

The USS *Athena* has tried raising money for the Challenger Center so they can offer a summer scholarship to an inner-city child. Actually, we work with another STARFLEET chapter to accomplish this goal, and together we raise enough to send **one** child to camp. However, it would be very difficult for our single chapter, or even two chapters, to offer several scholarships on an annual basis, which is something that STARFLEET has done for most of the past six years. We had our financial difficulties that caused the organization to suspend the program for a while, but we're back on track. This is another area where STARFLEET excels at combining the might of many.

Well, that covers some of the charitable aspects of STARFLEET. What about *Trek*? The umbrella organization has a wonderful mail-order academic program called "STARFLEET Academy". *Athena* has tried to start its own local version, but after all the other jobs are divvied up among the active crew, there really aren't a lot of people left to handle creating and executing courses that range from informational learning experiences to treknologic fun.

Then, there's STARFLEET's fanzine. It is one of the newest additions to the Fleet, and to my ship, a very important one. We have several writers on board, several of which publish material in our newsletter.

However, this gave them a chance to give their work a much wider audience. Imagine how they felt when they started receiving letters from people from all over who sent them e-mail saying "hey, I liked your story"!!

In addition, STARFLEET has given me and many people in my crew the networking to get to know other chapters and form friendships with people all over the world. When I go on a business trip, I can send electronic mail to the STARFLEET list and end up spending time with someone else in the STARFLEET family. For instance, a couple of months ago, I had to head out to Kansas City for training and was able to spend some time with the *Nomad* compound.

Before I joined STARFLEET, it would **never**, **ever** occur to me to even want to travel more than 100 miles away for a convention. Now I'm willing to make a seven-hour drive to attend a summit (no convention, mind you) because I will be spending time with my friends in my STARFLEET family and have a good time.

Some people have claimed that STARFLEET has grown "too big for its britches." I disagree. Yes, we started off as just a fan club, then grew to a network of fan clubs. However, as we grew, we had to face the same real-life rules and regulations as any large organization based in the United States. In order to publish those bi-monthly newsletters and fanzines and not send our STARFLEET Academy (SFA) directors to the poor-house, STARFLEET had to take in capital. We need to have accountability for those funds in order to ensure that money is not mishandled. If we handle more than a certain amount of money, US law states that certain other re-

porting criteria must be met. Even my small science fiction group has rules regarding handling of funds, financial reporting, and how we report to the IRS. Any organization that takes in money (which in many cases is a necessary evil, unless someone is paying for everything "out of pocket") risks problems with the "real world" and its laws by **not** taking these issues seriously.

Even the 100 person symphonic band I play in is comprised of musicians who are there to have fun playing music, but we're still an incorporated organization with by-laws, elected positions, non-profit status and a treasurer! STARFLEET is **not** unique in this fashion and I am glad that there are some people willing to handle the business end of things so the rest of us can have fun.

In summary, STARFLEET does have a lot to offer as an umbrella organization. However, because of the services offered and the fact that handling finances is a necessary evil, there are real world issues that we have to contend with. Anyone who even considers running for a high office in this organization must keep this dichotomy in mind and be ready to handle the business issues so the organization can continue to exist within the confines of the real world.

So, as we approach the election season, keep in mind how **you** view STARFLEET, review all the facts (not innuendo or hearsay) and choose the best person that you think is best suited to move this organization into the next century.

FCAPT Lisa N Paradis Berkenbilt  
CO, USS *Athena*

## 60's Stamps

### Vice Commander Chuck Freas

A rundown on some of the winning topics to be postage stamps celebrating the 1960's. The 60's winners, with their vote totals, are:

1. Man walks on the Moon, 534,734;
2. Super Bowl, 459,578;
3. peace symbol, 407,964;
4. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, 392,441;
5. the Green Bay Packers, 385,334;
6. the Beatles, 380,177;
7. the Ford Mustang, 371,804;
8. the Vietnam War, 356,113;
9. the Barbie Doll, 350,115;
10. Roger Maris breaks Babe Ruth's single-season home run record, 342,958;
11. the computer chip, 335,593;
12. lasers, 322,700;
13. Woodstock, 303,200;
14. Star Trek, 257,395; and
15. the Peace Corps, 248,063.



USS Chesapeake's  
Commanding Officer and  
Second Officer at the Chesapeake's 10th  
Anniversary party.

See story on opposite page.

# MSR Activity Reports

J. C. Cohen

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| REGION ONE   |   |  |  |
| USS USS AEON NCC-75022<br>City of Charter: Memphis, TN<br>Activities: Restructuring of chapter complete. Moving on to charity fund-raising, including a yard sale.   | USS HAWKEYE NCC-4950<br>City of Charter: Winston-Salem, NC<br>Activities: General meetings.   | USS TYCHO NCC-59325<br>City of Charter: Fremont, OH<br>Activities: Participating in various charities. Participated in a parade. Conduct-ing a membership survey. Held first ship’s picnic.  | USS REPUBLIC NCC-1371<br>City of Charter: Atlanta, GA<br>Activities: White Water away mission. Working on new convention displays. Working for food bank. Held Annual Battle for Stone Mountain against Klingons.  |
| USS ALARIC NCC-503<br>City of Charter: Asheville, NC<br>Activities: Star-gazing and trips to various movies.   | USS HORNET NCC-1714-D<br>City of Charter: Charlotte, NC<br>Activities: Held business meetings and nights out and in. Members went to S.E.T.I. con. Selling Entertainment coupon books as fund raiser.       | USS YEAGER NCC-61893<br>City of Charter: Bluefield, WV<br>Activities: July meeting with model rocket fly-off. Getting ready for Rising Star con-vention.   | U.S.S. SPIRITWALKER NCC-31097<br>City of Charter: Leeds, AL<br>Activities: Chapter commissioned.   |
| USS ARIZONA NCC-71839<br>City of Charter: Canton, OH<br>Activities: Completed charity drive. Doing ship’s fund raising.  | USS INFINITY NCC-651<br>Correspondence Chapter<br>Activities: Chapter elections. Looking into new publication schedule for both news-<br>letter and fiction. Possibly creating a web site for the ship.     | USS YORKTOWN NCC-1704-A<br>City of Charter: York, SC<br>Activities: Annual pool party, working on membership handbook. Restarted charity work. Redesigned logo. Planning recruit-ment drive.   | USS STAR UNION NCC-2112<br>City of Charter: Montgomery<br>Activities: General meetings. Went to X files premiere. Barbeque and pool party and cook-out. Celebrated Star Trek’s 32 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary.   |
| USS ATHENA NCC-51896<br>City of Charter: Reston, VA<br>Activities: Attended Novacon. Held cook-out. Donated to charities. 2 craft days. Held a pool party. Continued Duckling raffle.  | USS JAMESTOWN NCC-1843-D<br>City of Charter: Newport News, VA<br>Activities: Planning late summer activities. Attended Chesapeake anniversary.  | REGION TWO   | USS TRIDENT NCC-74692<br>City of Charter: Stuart, FL<br>Activities: Conducting an online auction. Going to various movie. Planning trips to IMAX films and Star Trek films.  |
| USS BENNU NCC-74657<br>City of Charter: Gatlinburg, TN<br>Activities: Participated in various charities. Ship was in a parade, members went to picnic afterwards. Monthly movie night. Car wash to raise money for schools. Con-structing web site. Held ship’s yard sale. | USS JURASSIC NCC-3500<br>Correspondence Chapter<br>Activities: Departmental activities and ship’s special projects continue unabated. Ship wide recruiting effort going on. Sent stamps to stampede.        | USS BLACKSTAR NCC-75003<br>City of Charter: Miami, FL<br>Activities: Game night. Went to local con-vention. Donated books to Cuban pre-shuttle. Answered phones for labor day telethon. Planning recruiting drive and other events.  | USS TRIUMPH NCC-26228<br>City of Charter: Fort Lauderdale, FL<br>Activities: Continuing charity efforts. Held ship’s car wash. Organized Trek Happen-ing VI.   |
| USS BONAVENTURE NCC-102-A<br>City of Charter: Greensboro, NC<br>Activities: Gearing up for Sci-fi expo.  | USS KITTY HAWK NCC-1659<br>City of Charter: Raleigh, NC<br>Activities: July 4 <sup>th</sup> meeting and cookout. Attended NovaCon. Planning a conver-sion in Raleigh. Went to Sci-fi Expo and did security. | USS CHUNG FU NCC-61808<br>City of Charter: Pensacola, FL<br>Activities: In the middle of a re-org.   | USS WERNHER VON BRAUN<br>NCC-72069<br>City of Charter: Huntsville, AL<br>Activities: Preparing for late summer events. The shuttle Celestial commissioned as USS Spiritwalker. Attended Dark S-lence pool party.   |
| USS CHESAPEAKE NCC-1887<br>City of Charter: Richmond, VA<br>Activities: Planned and held 10 <sup>th</sup> anniver-sary party. Working with state lottery to have an event for the state’s new “Star Trek” lottery tickets release.   | USS LAGRANGE NCC-3916<br>City of Charter: Cuyahoga Falls, OH<br>Activities: Baseball game. Attended To-ronto Trek. Held meeting, picnic and movie night.  | DARK SILENCE STATION NCC-SS007<br>City of Charter: Florence, AL<br>Activities: Chapter party and pool party.   | REGION THREE   |
| USS COLUMBUS NCC-2006-A<br>City of Charter: Columbus, OH<br>Activities: Chapter meetings and anniver-sary. Participated in Independence day parade. Participated in Violet Festival pa-rade. Held chapter yard sale.   | STATION LEWIS B. PULLER, SFR-123<br>City of Charter: Summerville, SC<br>Activities: Planning pool party. Went to Highlander games.  | USS GUARDIAN NCC-26244<br>City of Charter: Cape Canaveral, FL<br>Activities: Visited Federation Science ex-hibit. Annual bowling night. Sci-fi name that tune at meeting. Attended Vulcon.   | USS AURORA VULCANUS NCC-1888<br>Correspondence Chapter<br>Activities: Donated to OCP. Fanzine is in development. Went on an regional trip to Houston space center. Recruiting drive. Planning trips to convention and shuttle commissioning in the fall.       |
| USS CU’CHULAINN NCC-75012<br>City of Charter: Terre Haute, IN  | USS MAAT NCC-1794-A<br>City of Charter: Virginia Beach, VA<br>Activities: Held activity outing, business meetings, and social nights. Assisted in WHRO pledge drive.  | USS HAISE NCC-74664<br>City of Charter: Jackson, MS<br>Activities: Holding regular meetings. Do-ing fund raising, working on formation of a marine group. Building holo-arch for R2 summit. Collected coupons for OCP. At-tended USS Okatoma’s shore leave. Ship held elections. | USS BABYLON NCC-75014<br>City of Charter: Monroe, LA<br>Activities: Held Ten-Forward and poker night. Preliminary planning for ship’s an-niversary.  |
| Activities: Collecting for various charities. Had a “shore leave” to the park. Set up web site for Marine Strike Group. Crew member went to Gencon. Had a fun day and meetings.  | STATION NIKOLA TESLA NCC-SS005<br>City of Charter: Murray, KY<br>Activities: Started recruitment drive. Started collecting for OCP. Planning to at-tend Tigercon.   | USS HEPHAESTUS NCC-2004<br>City of Charter: Birmingham, AL<br>Activities: Shuttle formation in process.  | USS BEXAR NCC-71718<br>City of Charter: San Antonio<br>Activities: Away team to the international conference. Had 5 <sup>th</sup> anniversary party for the ship. Went to Women of Sci-fi Expo. Pie in the face fund raiser ended. Partici-pated in Kids Fair. |
| USS OHIO NCC-75007<br>City of Charter: Barberton,OH<br>Activities: Sold french bread pizzas to raise money. Helped public library.   |   | USS ODYSSEY NCC-454-A<br>City of Charter: Hattiesburg, MS<br>Activities: Collected coupons. Ship held a shore leave. Held annual sleep-over. Dis-cussing blood drive.  |  |



USS JOAN OF ARC NCC-73289  
City of Charter: Corpus Christi, TX  
Activities: Attended IC'98. Updating chapter web site. Held Trek-a-Thon. Started Marine Strike Group. Held a "How to host a mystery" night. Worked security at Corps Con.

USS LUNAR DAWN, NCC-1621  
City of Charter: Grand Prairie  
Activities: Away team to Water Wars. Ship went to many movies. Attended a moon night.

USS PALO DURO NCC-61914  
City of Charter: Amarillo, TX  
Activities: General meeting and away team to international conference. General meeting held.

USS RODGER YOUNG NCC-75500  
City of Charter: Shreveport, LA  
Activities: Away team attended international conference. Crew had a cook-out and party. Membership drive at full steam.

USS TEXAS NCC-74207  
City of Charter: Killeen, Tx  
Activities: General meeting, night out, recruitment and bingo.

USS TROUNCER NCC-2553  
City of Charter: Texarkana, TX  
Activities: Assisted YMCA with "Taste of Texarkana".

REGION FOUR

CASCADE STATION NCC-SS003  
City of Charter: Redding, CA  
Activities: Away team to international conference. Held R4 conference.

USS NORTHERN LIGHTS NCC-27001  
City of Charter: San Jose, CA  
Activities: Multi-club softball game and picnic. Attended Starquest and the R4 conference. Landing party to Renaissance Pleasure Fair. Went on cruise tour.

USS OBERON NCC-71820  
City of Charter: Citrus Heights, CA  
Activities: Went to Creation Con and a sci-fi exhibit. Also went on Paramount Great America trip.

USS PEACEKEEPER NCC-72300  
City of Charter: Visalia, CA  
Activities: Planet Day water battle. R4 conference with regional poker night. Collecting for OCP. Continuing monthly meetings.

USS SIMONOV NCC-2002  
City of Charter: Fairfield, CA  
Activities: Ships garage sale, R4 conference. Monthly meetings. Planning Wooz day and trip to Vegas.

USS TIKOPAI NCC-1800  
City of Charter: San Jose, CA  
Activities: General meeting. Went to a barbeque. Crew attended R4 conference. Answered phones at KTEH. Went to Sacramento state fair.

USS WINTER SOLSTICE NCC-62133  
City of Charter: Mountain View, CA  
Activities: Went to Starquest. Held BBQ potluck. General meetings, gatherings, and social outings.

REGION FIVE

USS CRUSADER NCC-74711  
City of Charter: Spokane, WA  
Activities: Pool party. Tribble assembly night. Celebrated 1st anniversary. Answered phones for charity and demonstrated Star Trek CCG at local game shop.

USS DESTINY NCC-97301  
City of Charter: Salem, OR  
Activities: Worked SalemTrek. Held annual picnic and are planning trip to Portland museum.

USS KENSINGTON NCC-75016  
City of Charter: Meridian, ID  
Activities: Held BBQ for parade participants. Crew floated in the Boise river.

SPACE STATION NEXUS NCC-DS021  
Online Correspondence Chapter  
Activities: Working on new fiction, members attended international conference. Web site upgraded to its own domain. Celebrating 1st anniversary.

USS PENDRAGON NCC-2005  
City of Charter: Bellevue, WA  
Activities: Meetings and barbeque. Outing to medieval festival and Highland games.

USS RUBICON NCC-71816  
City of Charter: Richland, WA  
Activities: Held business meetings. Held 2 yard sales. Attended a local convention with Janeway. Scavenger hunt. Planning anniversary.

USS SKY DANCER NCC-5910  
City of Charter: Newport, WA  
Activities: Poker Paddle. NASA science fair. Held anniversary party. Assisted local telethon.

USS SOLAR FLARE NCC-71885  
City of Charter: Boise, ID  
Activities: Participated in 4th of July parade. Planning a camping trip to a new observatory, trip to convention, and Festival of Trees.

USS STARCHASER NCC-71801  
City of Charter: Seattle, WA  
Activities: Planning anniversary dinner, beginning collecting for charitable donation in December.

REGION SIX

USS CZAR'AK NCC-1798-A  
City of Charter: Minneapolis, MN  
Activities: Attended inter-club picnic. Gearing up for future events.

REGION SEVEN

USS ACCORD NCC-1842  
City of Charter: Ithaca, NY  
Activities: Small team to the international conference. Attended USS Chautauqua's commissioning and a Camporee. Manned telephones for WCNY. Attended BBQ at fire station. Planning for Watkins Glen Weekend regional event.

USS ADAMANT NCC-3029  
City of Charter: Valley Forge, PA  
Activities: 4th of July celebration. Held meeting/game day. Attended Camporee, Valley Forge convention and R7 picnic. Trip to Ocean City, MD.

USS ALBANY NCC-587  
City of Charter: Guilderland, NY  
Activities: 10th annual picnic. Miniature Golf. Mailed in coupons for OCP. Attended Camporee and held their own camping trip.

USS ALPHA CENTAURI NCC-71812  
City of Charter: Washington, DC  
Activities: Annual pool party and cookout. Attended Novacon. Planning camping trip and away team to R7 conference. Going to do event for Star Trek: Insurrection.

USS ARTHUR C. CLARKE, NCC-63544  
City of Charter: Cinnaminson, NJ  
Activities: Recruitment table at Slanted Fedora con. Group barbeque. Ongoing ships charity efforts.

USS ASCENSION NCC-2520  
City of Charter: Lehigh Valley-Allentown, PA  
Activities: Monthly meeting. Attended Camporee, Valley Forge convention, and R7 picnic. Toured the Delaware river. Planning for anniversary dinner.

USS AVENGER NCC-1860  
City of Charter: North Brunswick, NJ  
Activities: General meetings. A small team went to the international conference. Had a psuedo-movie-night. Held game night and movie night. Went to Ren Faire. Went to NJ festival of ballooning. Updated web site. Planning to recruit at "Star Trek: Insurrection". Planning future events for the rest of the year.

USS BOUNTY, NCC-8494  
Correspondence Chapter  
Activities: Attended Shore Leave and international conference. On-line gaming moving forward. Went to a play starring ship's members.

USS CHALLENGER NCC-1676-D  
City of Charter: Dover Township  
Activities: Celebrated 10th anniversary with a pool party. Cleaning adopted dune of sand. Attended Shore Leave 20 and IC'98. Working on launching a shuttle.

USS HIGHLANDER NCC-10530  
City of Charter: Fredrick, MD  
Activities: Collecting for a number of charities. Recruited at area conventions. Participated in Trek Olympics. Away missions to both the zoo and Harpers Ferry. Planning the rest of the years activities.

USS IDIC NCC-71811  
City of Charter: Washington, DC  
Activities: Ship went on various away missions, including to 4 movies. Continuing volunteer duties at Smithsonian Air and Space museum. Went to Trek Olympics and Newseum

USS MALVERNE NCC-2205  
City of Charter: Upper Darby, PA  
Activities: Attended IC98 and Banting launch party. Held BBQ with monthly meeting. Planning to attend future events.

USS MATRIX NCC-72296  
Internet Correspondence Chapter  
Activities: New collaborative fiction started. Working on technical specs. Distributed ship's plaques. Logo redesign contest.

USS NORTHSTAR NCC-10462  
City of Charter: New York, NY  
Activities: Voyager night. Away mission to Herstory archives and the Tibetan cultural archives and museum. Monthly crew meetings. Practiced for and went to R7 Olympics.

USS OSIRIS NCC-75011  
City of Charter: Bronx, NY  
Activities: Movie nights. Some members visited the meetings of other chapters. Held ship's meeting. Role-playing game nights began. Held gate sale.

USS SOVEREIGN NCC-75000  
City of Charter: Philadelphia, PA  
Activities: Held successful anniversary party. Went to several movies. Went to Valley Forge convention.

USS THAGARD NCC-652  
City of Charter: Philadelphia, PA  
Activities: Dinner/Movie night. Attended Vision con. Self-defense class. USS Thagard day at the beach. Went to R7 picnic and Drama Trek.

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| <b>MSR Activity Reports - Cont. from p. 23</b>  |   |  |   |
| <b>REGION 10</b>  |   |  |   |
| USS ASTRA NCC-77210<br>City of Charter: Calgary, AB<br>Activities: Camping trip. General meeting.<br>Card game, movie night, tribble hunt.  | USS CONCORD NCC-1989-D<br>City of Charter: Oklahoma City<br>Activities: Crew went to Darkcon. Had a show watching festival and tea with British sci-fi fan club. Celebrated ship's anniversary. Star Trek movie nights.   | USS NOMAD NCC-78500<br>City of Charter: Leavenworth<br>Activities: Attended IC. Celebrated Chelle's birthday. Attended Hellfire anniversary and international muster. Trip to Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center.   | USS VALKYRIE NCC-74658<br>City of Charter: Dearborn, MI<br>Activities: Attended TorontoTrek and shuttle Banting launch party.   |
| USS MAJESTIC NCC-78601<br>City of Charter: Victoria, BC<br>Activities: Preserver's children was finished. Joint meeting this year with USS Roberta Bondar   | USS CYDONIA NCC-74687<br>City of Charter: St. Louis, MO<br>Activities: 2 members got married. Held star party. Ship updated website.  | USS PHOENIX NCC-2155<br>City of Charter: Columbia, MO<br>Activities: Recruited at Conjuraton. Went to sector Barbeque.   | USS WHITE STAR NCC-71012<br>City of Charter: Port Huron<br>Activities: Attended GenCon.   |
| <b>REGION 11</b>  |   |  | <b>REGION 15</b>  |
| USS SOUTHERN CROSS NCC-1886<br>City of Charter: Sydney, NSW<br>Activities: Bowl-a-thon to benefit charity. Held an astronomy "technical" meeting.   | USS DISCOVERY NCC-1308<br>City of Charter: St. Louis, MO<br>Activities: Worked on OCP. Planning anniversary dinner. Organizing flea market for charity.   | USS QUANTUM NCC-1734-E<br>City of Charter: Springfield, MO<br>Activities: Promoted fan club on local radio. Adopt-a-street continues. Holding video nights. Planning future activites.   | USS ATLANTIS NCC-71803<br>City of Charter: Brockton, MA<br>Activities: Recruiting at Rebelcon. Held a barbeque.   |
| <b>REGION 12</b>  | USS GALAHAD NCC-63542<br>City of Charter: Oklahoma City<br>Activities: Working on Quest for Grail. Fall harvest hay ride. Painted homeless shelter.   | USS QUO VADIS NCC-74681<br>City of Charter: Belle Vista, AR<br>Activities: Monthly meetings. Ship's picnic. Planning activities for latter half of the year.   | USS BEAN SIDHE NCC-9186<br>City of Charter: Boston, MA<br>Activities: Castle Island event with KAG group. Monthly meetings, discussed merchandising.  |
| USS ALLIANCE NCC-1849<br>City of Charter: Springdale, AR<br>Activities: Did highway clean-up. Planning first anniversary and holiday party. Monthly meetings, attended Armageddon.  | USS HELLFIRE NCC-74206<br>City of Charter: Ottawa, KS<br>Activities: Monthly meetings. Members went to international muster. Multi-chapter trip to Cosmosphere Space Museum.  | USS RANGER NCC-2206<br>City of Charter: Oklahoma City<br>Activities: Compiling ship's history. Bowling night held.   | USS BOSTON NCC-74482<br>City of Charter: Worcester, MA<br>Activities: Attended Rebelcon and regional conference. Participated in AIDS walk. Prepping for a diabetes walk.   |
| USS ANTONIO MARIA VALSALVA NCC-4101<br>Correspondence Chapter<br>Activities: Active in many charities. Members attended Fair St. Louis. Enjoyed fireworks. Younger members went to Nature center.   | USS HEXUM NCC-2199<br>City of Charter: Belleville, IL<br>Activities: Continuing environmental activities. General meetings. Night out to the movies.  | USS SHILOH NCC-74683<br>City of Charter: Rockford, IL<br>Activities: Membership drive. Developed web site. Planning party for Star Trek's anniversary.   | USS ENDEAVOR NCC-1716<br>City of Charter: Clinton, CT<br>Activities: Attended R15 mini-golf tournament and summit. CO and XO got married. Went on a trip to the Aquarium.   |
| USS ATLAS NCC-75013<br>City of Charter: Bridgeton, MO<br>Activities: Away teams to movies. Collected cans for local soup kitchen. Assisted tornado clean-up. Terminator Judgement day party. Planning sector dinner and preliminary planning for Star Trek: Insurrection. | USS JOHN HENRY "DOC" HOLLIDAY NCC-61815<br>City of Charter: Wichita, KS<br>Activities: Attended international muster. Volunteered at Mid-American All Indian Center Pow Wow.  | USS STELLAR WIND NCC-40513<br>Correspondence Chapter<br>Activities: Recruiting drive continues, changing publication schedule. Started web site for Stellar Travels Con.   | USS EQUINOX NCC-584<br>City of Charter: Winslow, ME<br>Activities: Participated in 4th of July parade. Sent care packages to firefighters in Florida.   |
| USS BATTLESTAR NCC-23110-A<br>City of Charter: Fort Smith, AR<br>Activities: Monthly meetings. Forming a marine group.  | USS MARKO RAMIUS NCC-23103<br>City of Charter: Fayetteville, AR<br>Activities: Science Fiction presentation at library. Went to fireworks and had a picnic. Sent to OCP. Looking into launching another shuttle.  | USS TRAVELER NCC-3145<br>City of Charter: Emporia, KS<br>Activities: Annual summer bash. General meeting. Did ship's road cleanup activities. Attended Hellfire anniversary. Working on shuttle launch. Celebrated CO's birthday. Away team to international muster. Charity work continues. | USS HOOD NCC-1707<br>City of Charter: Nashua, NH<br>Activities: Co-hosted R15 mini-golf tournament. Gearing up for R15 summit.  |
| USS BRADBURY NCC-72307<br>City of Charter: St. Charles, IL<br>Activities: Collected for charities. Went to opening of "Armageddon". Planning picnic and fashion show and to help a homeless shelter. Held recruiting drive.   | USS MORNING STAR NCC-4126<br>City of Charter: Lawton, OK<br>Activities: Donated a fan to Salvation army to cool soup kitchen. Donated to other charities. Held movie night. Members organized a Star Trek dinner with foods from each series to honor Gene Roddenberry's birthday. Organizing Trek film festival before the release of Star Trek: Insurrection. | USS UMIAK NCC-3142<br>City of Charter: St. Louis, MO<br>Activities: Working on Games Fest. Attended Hope Con. Raising money for "Make a Wish" foundation.  | USS O'BANNON NCC-5372<br>City of Charter: Sanford, ME<br>Activities: Marched in parade. Raised money for charity. Attended Renaissance fair. Participated in bicentennial parade. Went to a camp for deaf children, hung out with kids and donated money to the camp. |
| USS BROADSWORD NCC-73288<br>City of Charter: Jefferson City<br>Activities: Game night. Went to GenCon, saw demos of new sci-fi RPGs. Planning ship wide Academy cram session.   | USS MYSTIQUE NCC-58929<br>City of Charter: Russellville, AR<br>Activities: Various charity efforts continuing, including cleaning the ships mile of highway. Away team sent to Georgia.   | USS URSUS NCC-2011<br>City of Charter: Springfield, IL<br>Activities: Trip to Six Flags. Celebrated ship's anniversary. Planning for ChamBanaCon.  | USS THE SULLIVANS NCC-5370<br>City of Charter: Portsmouth, NH<br>Activities: General meeting. Beginning recruitment drive.  |
| USS COCHRANE NCC-74525<br>City of Charter: Maumelle, AR<br>Activities: Ship's membership is discussing future activities.   | USS NIMITZ NCC-74680<br>City of Charter: Oklahoma City<br>Activities: Monthly meeting. Wolf 359 part III. Held summer social. Planning late summer events.  | <b>REGION 13</b>   | <b>REGION 17</b>  |
|   |   | USS EMPRESS NCC-15025-A<br>City of Charter: Sterling Heights<br>Activities: Attended launch of shuttle Banting. Also participated in Walk-in-the Zoo.  | USS MIR NCC-73281<br>City of Charter: Las Cruces, NM<br>Activities: Away missions to miniature golf and amusement parks. Also had a poker night.  |



# STARFLEET International Conference General Session 9807.04

Introduction of Starfleet Staff and presentation of colors. Region Roll Call.

CompOps [Comm Jesse Smith]: Thanks to the wonderful CompOps staff. Welcome to new staff member Mark Anbinder. Pleased to announce CompOps will have an online membership application form linked from the CompOps page later today.

Academy [Comm Mandi Herrmann]: Now at its highest enrollment level in history. Very pleased to have new chapter development college course. Thanks to Tom Restivo, her right hand man. Mandi feels that the Academy is one of the jewels in the Fleet's crown.

ShOC [RAdm Dennis Gray]: Kind of a neat feeling to see new friendships being made here at IC. Pleased to be helping new organizations from around the world. December to February processed as many VRRs as in the whole previous year. Wishes well to former Vice Chief Daniel Friesen and announces new Vice Chiefs ShOC Denine Mallotte and FCapt Thomas Rutledge. Five new shuttles launching here today, and one shuttle commissioning. Being launched as shuttles today: Centurion, Normandy, Orbit, Jet, Robert E. Lee, Ultimatum. Certificate of appreciation presented to William "Biff" Bassett. Presented a replacement pillow to USS Ranger's Marion Murphy-Tompkins.

Communications [Sr Vice Chief RAdm Allyson Dyar for Gordon Goldberg]: Sends Gordon's greetings and welcomes several new members to the Communications staff. Reminder to COs and RCs that nominations for Commander, Starfleet will be accepted Aug. 1 to Sep. 1 by mail at Gordon's home postal address. Nominations must be signed and dated, and must list SCC of nominee. Only COs and RCs in good standing may nominate. Campaigning may not start until Sep 2nd. Greetings from CQ editor Wendy Fillmore who thanks FAdm Smith for his help while she learned the ropes. Deadline for CQ 88 is 15 July. Check your ads in the Talaxian Trade Show and check that your contact information is correct. Electronic Services is in charge of all things Internet. Thanks to assistant Ed Nowlin. He and Allyson will be presenting the web awards at the awards ceremony later.

Operations [Sr Vice Chief BGen Les Rickard for RAdm Tom Monaghan]: Hereby commissions the Sovereign-class vessel USS Kensington NCC-75016. Diana Harper promoted to Captain and appointed CO. Captain Michelle Johnson

is the new International Vice Chief and will be handling all international MSRs as of September 1st. Captain Matt Myers called special assistant J. C. Cohen to the stage and named him assistant vice chief.

Vice Commander, Starfleet [Adm Chuck Freas]: Thanks to International Charities Coordinator Amy Alexander, and Dustin Williams for helping enormously behind the scenes with this IC. RC Duties Manual delivered to region coordinators and AB members last night. Thanks to VCS Chief of Staff Donna Friesen for converting it into something readable. Thanks to his wife for the hours she has allowed him to put into Starfleet.

Commander, Starfleet [FAdm Michael D. Smith]: Welcomes New Zealander John "Kiwi" Kane, who presents Starfleet with a New Zealand flag. We have had some problems with the CQ, but issues 86 and 87 have been mailed out together, so the CQ is now back on track and will stay on track. Wendy Fillmore has done an absolutely fantastic job. Also, we have finally finished the new Constitution for the organization. Kurt Roithinger has been working on this for almost three years. The membership has had time to make suggestions and offer corrections, so this is truly a document that represents everyone and will empower the members with more effective ways of keeping the membership in line. Orders a symbolic voice vote to ratify the Constitution. The Constitution is ratified by a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee and Admiralty Board. The entire document will be published in CQ 88. Final membership ratification will take place on the same ballot with the election of the Commander, Starfleet, which will be going out by first class mail. Introduces John Bradbury, the founder and first president of Starfleet. Starfleet historian Scott Akers, while working on his history project, first attempted to find John several weeks ago, and found he was living just five miles away from him. Scott is also creating a Starfleet family tree.

Promotions: Wants to recognize the individual efforts of a person who has been around for several years, done loads of work locally for his chapter, internationally as FDC director, and assisting Sam with this IC: Fleet Captain Dustin Williams. Next promotion is to someone from Region 1 who does an incredible amount of work for Operations, and took on the daunting responsibility of hosting an International Conference next year in South Carolina: Fleet Captain Matt Myers. The next promotion is for an individual who has worked outstandingly and has been a Godsend for his CO, been a fountain of talent as Chief of Staff for Starfleet Region 7,

and has been invaluable to Starfleet Academy: Fleet Captain Tom Restivo. Our next promotion is for a gentleman who's gotten very little sleep over the past six weeks. He's been answering emails, doing last minute things that a conference like this requires, and arranged all kinds of transportation: Fleet Captain Sam Black. One more to present to someone who's here. For the work on behalf of Starfleet on the Board of Directors and as Regional Coordinator for Region 3: Rear Admiral Brad Pense. One last presentation. In Mike's not so humble opinion, if it were not for this individual, we would not be here today. He has spent hours researching law, talking to banks, and dealing with the IRS. Special Starfleet Outstanding Service Award to the Vice Commander, Starfleet, Chuck Freas.

Announcements from Ron Fell. Starfleet Recruiting Handbook, updated edition, is now out. Update pages are available at no charge to owners of the previous

version. See Jack Hopkins. IC99 has a table preregistering people for the 25th Anniversary IC. Captain Sam Black thanks the Color Guard of the 3rd Brigade. Linda Ward is the winner of the little-green-critter raffle. A special gift presented to the first 75 people to preregister, thin stem wine glasses etched with IC98 lettering. Awards Ceremony details will follow.

My apologies to those who came online in hopes of getting live updates from the General Session. This session had to be moved to another area of the hotel for unavoidable reasons, and a phone line was not available. Regional representatives are encouraged to pass this along to their regional mailing lists, and chapter COs are encouraged to pass this along to chapter lists.

Respectfully reported this 4th day of July 1998 by Captain Mark H. Anbinder, Commanding Officer, USS Accord.



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## USS Chautauqua: Food, Folks, Fun... Far!

Captain Mark H. Anbinder, CO, USS Accord

### The Seventh Fleet celebrates a new Western New York chapter in fine style

by Captain Mark H. Anbinder  
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Mayville, NY 9807.19 — When Region 7 recently divided its northernmost of two sectors in half to create a new "Sector 3," one reason was that remote chapters in Central and Western New York and Western Pennsylvania were far away from the population core of Sector 1. Much of Sector 3 came together this summer to celebrate one of Starfleet's favorite type of events: the commissioning of USS Chautauqua.

On Sunday afternoon, July 19th, the Chautauqua County chapter of Starfleet, which was actually commissioned in late winter, hosted members of its mothership, USS Hazard, visitors from USS Accord, and a few non-Starfleet guests at a party at the Sword and Shield Restaurant. The restaurant is at the Chautauqua Point Golf Course, and it commands a stunning view of Chautauqua Lake and the surrounding hills.

Accord's Lieutenant Commander Marie Beshures and I drove out to Mayville, New York to share in the celebration. Opportunities to see our neighbors in Western New York don't come as often as we'd like; we last saw Captain Virginia Winnie, first officer Commander Jeff Young, and their crew when they joined us for Watkins Glen Weekend last October. (See CQ 85 or [www.ussaccord.org](http://www.ussaccord.org) for details of this marvelous event, and by all means join us for this year's!)

Marie and I set out from Ithaca at 9 am, to allow extra time for the unfamiliar trip, so we arrived over an hour and a half early for the 2 pm event. This gave us a chance to walk around the golf club, take in the lake views, and explore the towns of Mayville and Chautauqua a bit. Not surprisingly, the towns were hopping on this sunny summer afternoon, full of folks heading to or from the lake, enjoying the large flea market we passed, or relaxing in other ways.

When we returned to the Sword and Shield, we were greeted in one of the banquet rooms by Virginia and Jeff, by fellow Chautauquans Elaine Prizinsky, Jeff Blystone, Jean Prizinsky, and Pat Calhoun, and by a Ferengi! Ed Longnecker of the

National Space Society was on hand, in convincing Ferengi garb, to promote the NSS and its pro-spaceflight efforts, and to collect money for a 50/50 drawing. (I'll save the topic of how advisable it is to let a Ferengi handle your funds for another article.) Two carloads of guests from USS Hazard arrived not long after, with the Erie PA group led by Captain Cheryl Molavi. Cheryl was joined by her mother, Helen Swantwood, and by Julia and Chuck Sonney, Brian Hettrick, Rose McMahon, and Dick Sargent.

The meal was a tempting buffet of chicken cordon bleu, sweet and sour meatballs, rice, fruit salad, and a marvelous spice cake that Virginia made to replace what she called a "disastrous" example of supermarket custom cakery. It was followed by the 50/50 drawing (in which Cheryl won \$18), some award presentations from Virginia to her crew, toasts by Jeff and Virginia, and brief speeches from Virginia, Cheryl, and yours truly.

The charity auction that followed, to benefit the American Red Cross, yielded the successful bidders some recent Star Trek novels and audiobooks, 1991 vintage Trek trading cards, holographic lollipops that confounded all attempts to see the holograms, and a few other items.

It was, overall, a wonderful way to spend a Sunday with Starfleet friends, and a great way to celebrate the recent arrival of a new chapter into the Region 7 fold. My thanks to Captain Winnie and her group for their warm hospitality.

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## A Day at the USS Ling.

By Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith  
and Lieutenant Commander Joe Podesta, Jr.

It was an early Saturday morning for many members of USS *Lexington*, STARFLEET's Flagship, as we rendezvoused at the New Jersey Naval Museum to perform a bit of community service.

The Museum is home to USS *Ling* (SS-297), a Balao-class submarine built during World War II. She was an active submarine in the US Navy from her commissioning date of 25 Aug 43 until her decommissioning on 2 Dec 71.

The Museum is owned and operated by the Submarine Memorial Association, whose current President is STARFLEET member Mike Gruszka. The SMA is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to help raise funds for the upkeep of the submarine and the surrounding grounds. These include two trailers that house meeting space and a small museum section fea-

turing various bits of submarine history and tradition, a Vietnam-era Patrol River Boat, and other freestanding exhibits.

Our day at the *Ling* this past visit consisted of clearing out the second trailer (in order to convert it to meeting spaces), tearing down an old dockside and shoring up the docking planks that lead to the submarine herself. It was a lot of work for the 10 or so *Lexington* members that came to pitch in and help, but it was well worth it.

The New Jersey Naval Museum has a web page - <http://www.njnm.com>.

*Lexington* is proud to sponsor STARFLEET's involvement in the New Jersey Naval Museum, and encourages any STARFLEET member travelling through the Hackensack, NJ area to stop by and visit the sub, located on River Street.

## TRANS + BRIZA = CLARKE

by Fleet Captain Cheryl Lowe

Q: What do you do when your ship has more than the minimum Starfleet members, but too few able to provide the energy needed to take on leadership roles? And your Commanding Officer is on the verge of burn-out?

Q: What do you do when your ship has too few Starfleet members to maintain the minimum chapter requirements? And you have willing leaders but no followers? And your Commanding Officer is on the verge of burn-out?

A: For the Region 7 chapters USS TRANSCENDENCE (TRANS) and the USS BRIZA the answer was merge.

Since the inception of the TRANS a couple of years after the BRIZA, there has been a blurredline separating the membership of the two clubs. Each has had members who were associate members of the other club. And frequently events were held combining the two groups. Although physically separated by 20-30 miles and in separate counties of southern New Jersey, each group was never far from the other.

One day, as the two CO's were reach-

ing the end of their respective ropes, Capt. Mary Collier-Corson (of the TRANS) suggested to FCAPT. Cheryl Lowe (of the BRIZA) that the two clubs merge. It took Cheryl a whole second to say "Yes! Let's talk." (When you're near burn-out, you get a little slow)

Over a period of a few weeks, Micro Mary and FCAPT. Cheryl e-mailed ideas back and forth. It was apparent to both, that they were of a single mind. For both clubs, this was the perfect solution. And it was imperative that everyone involved understand from the start that one club was not "going down" and it's survivors joining the other. This was a merger of mutual benefit to all, with no losers and everyone a winner.

A meeting of the joint Senior Staffs was held. The staffs were asked if they were willing to entertain the idea of a merger between our clubs. It was a unanimous decision to proceed with discussions. It was a curiosity that between the two Senior Staffs, there was one complete staff. There were no over-lapping jobs, so no one's position was threatened.

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Virtually everything related to a merger was discussed at the staff meeting. What By-Laws would be used (or should a new set be written?), who would handle the newsletter, how would the membership lists be combined, meeting time and place, handling of joining the finances, club mailing address... literally everything was thrown out on the table for discussion. The purpose of the meeting was not to make the decisions, but to organize what would need to be presented to the separate memberships.

At the time of the Senior Staff meeting, the membership had not been involved in the discussions, nor were they aware of what their leadership had in mind. Before the idea was presented, it was intended that the leadership be in complete agreement and that there was a plan BEFORE the membership was approached.

Having decided to continue investigating the merging of the two clubs, the next step was to contact the Regional Coordinator, RADM.. Bob Vosseller. The situation was explained to him and he concurred with the decision to merge. Although Region 7 would be losing 2 established chapters, it would be gaining one strong club. Region 7 had not experienced a merger since about 1982 and the clubs were not sure how to proceed. Bob was there for the chapters all the way. He smoothed the way with Starfleet HQ by keeping Comm. Tom Monaghan (Starfleet Chief of Operations) advised of the intentions and efforts.

On January 1, 1998, the TRANS and BRIZA announced to their respective crews the proposed merger. Each club voted separately and independently during the month. The decision was to merge.

In February the first joint meeting was held. The joined staffs of the two ships became the interim Senior staff of the merged club. And, as Micro Mary put it, "You outrank me, so you're the Captain". Hence FCapt. Cheryl became the interim CO.

No time was wasted at this first meeting. Decisions were made of what type of ship they would become - exploration, the name - USS ARTHUR C. CLARKE, and a fictional time line was established within the DS9/Voyager period. A determination of ship class was not possible. There was insufficient information to make a choice, so the decision was tabled until the next meeting. What decisions had been made, were passed along to the RC, the Region Chief of Staff and to the Starfleet Department of Technical Services (DTS). Adm.

Alex Rosenzweig of DTS was helpful in guiding the club while it determined a ship class. Questions were promptly answered, and help was just an e-mail message away.

Even an election date was set to provide the members the final decision as to who would run the new club. Nominations fell to Mary Collier-Corson and Cheryl Lowe. Both nominees promised to maintain the existing Senior Staff. And both nominees tried to get the other elected! It went so far as to have Mary wearing a button saying "Vote for Cheryl" and Cheryl wearing a button saying "Vote for Mary"! Both agreed that the loser (or maybe winner) would become the Executive Officer.

At the March meeting the Chief of Security opened the ballots and announced Cheryl Lowe the new CO. (The question remains - since the Security Chief is the husband of Micro Mary - did he rig the outcome...?). The name of the newsletter was decided upon (What's Up Hal?) And the ship was voted to be an AKIRA class battlecruiser.

Once DTS was advised of this decision, the process of merging within Starfleet went into warp speed. It was amazing how fast things began to happen. DTS was advised of the ship class on Sunday. An NCC number was issued on Monday. And the Commissioning Certificate was issued on Thursday!

A little over a month later the CLARKE has just completed hosting a Regional Miniature Golf Tournament that changed to a Skeeter Ball contest due to rain. The new chapter is looking forward to away missions to the movies, more miniature golf to resolve those unsatisfied challenges from the Tournament, lots of dinners, possibly a trip to the beach, and , of course, a Launch Party.

For the TRANS and BRIZA, merging the two clubs was a successful way to continue the connection to Starfleet and just keeping the clubs going. Although infrequently done, mergers have been accomplished before in Starfleet and there was a precedent to follow. The key to the success has been cooperation and working together. The history of these clubs has never been one of competing with each other, but of working together. It has served them well. After all, isn't that what Starfleet is all about?

Starfleet clubs out there facing the same challenge might consider the thought of merging. It might work for you too.

## R4 WOOZ Day

Peter V. Briggs, Captain

On May 2nd, 1998, The Simonov hosted the Annual Starfleet/Region 4 WOOZ day. We also joined it with another annual event, the Klingon Blood Feud (blood drive) Representatives from USS Simonov, USS Eagle, USS Northern Lights, USS Onizuka and Cascade Station were present, as well as personnel from the Independent Groups USS Shogun and USS Diablo (Soon to be a STARFLEET Chapter).

The WOOZ is a acre sized maze that people can run through in a sort of "race against the clock" On May 2nd, it was "race against the other clubs"! Teams were restricted to 4 members, 3 as a minimum, and started about the same time. Here are the results:

- 1st: Team Simonov ~ 3 team members ~ average time 13:40
- 2nd: Diablo 2 ~ 4 team members ~ average time 15:00 \*
- 3rd: Northern Lights 1 ~ 4 team members ~ average time 15:00
- 4th: Diablo 1 ~ 4 team members ~ average time 17:00
- 5th: Shogun ~ 3 team members ~ average time 21:00
- 6th: Northern Lights 2 ~ 3 team members ~ average time 22:00
- 7th: Onizuka ~ 3 team members ~ average time 26:00
- 8th: Homer Simpson ~ 4 team members ~ average time 29:15 \*\*
- 9th: Cascade Station 2 ~ 4 team members ~ average time 35:00
- 10th: Cascade Station 1 ~ 4 team members ~ average time 40:30

\*USS Diablo was awarded second place due to the combined totals of both teams was lower than the combined totals of the Northern Lights.

\*\*USS Homer Simpson was manned by the Henderson family (USS Simonov) and Cindy Vanderzanden (Cascade Station)

A raffle was held after the WOOZ and \$76.00 was raised for Region 4's treasury. It is believed that the money will be used to help finance the Commander of Starfleet's visit out here in August to the Region 4 Conference.

The Blood Feud did not do as well, only 5 donors that day. But they were all STARFLEET! Once again, the Klingons taste defeat!

## EasyFrame Fan Gallery Expands Starlight Foundation Charity Drive

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Mindy Williams  
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Monday, Sept 14, 1998 —

This October, the custom picture framing industry celebrates National Custom Picture Framing Month by contributing to the Starlight Foundation charity. Every custom picture framing order placed during the month of October will result in a donation to the Starlight Foundation from suppliers.

The EASyFrame SF & Fantasy Fan Gallery will be contributing an additional 5% of profit from sales made from its web page, located at <http://freeweb.digiweb.com/arts/EASyFrame/index.html>, to fen who express an interest in the charity. In addition, fan artist SAVA has agreed to donate an original painting to promote the charity drive, which will be available in both limited-edition hand-colored prints and open-edition digital prints.

The open-edition prints will be available free to anyone who makes a donation of any size to the Starlight Foundation, while supplies last. (No purchase necessary.) Profits from the limited-edition prints will be divided equally between the artist, the gallery, and the Starlight Foundation. The run of limited-edition prints will be made to the exact number of orders received during the month of October.

The Starlight Children's Foundation is dedicated to brightening the lives of seriously ill children through wish granting and state-of-the-art in-hospital entertainment. For further information, visit the foundation's web page at <http://www.starlight.org/>.

EASyFrame may be contacted at [easyframe@usa.net](mailto:easyframe@usa.net), or visit its web page at <http://freeweb.digiweb.com/arts/EASyFrame/index.html>.

SAVA may be contacted at [sava\\_mail@juno.com](mailto:sava_mail@juno.com), or see her work on display at EASyFrame's Virtual Art Show, located on their web page.

## Fleet Beam Locked Onto.... Commander Christopher J. Higdon, Conn Officer, USS Shiloh

By Captain Jeffery Higdon, Director, STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps, CO, USS Shiloh

*(AUTHOR'S NOTE: This is an updated version of an article first published in the Communiqué, Issue 74, which was not sent out to the membership directly. Many members who had read the original article, and those that were interested in the subject member, requested I re-submit it. I want to thank Commodore Willy Smith and his wife, Admiral Linda Smith for their encouragement, as well as Fleet Captain Kris Harrah, Captains Jim and Karen Cushing, my wife, Commander Karen "Number One" Higdon and the officers and the crew of the good ship Shiloh for spurring me on with this project.*

*Thank you. I have done this with the love a father has for his son.-Capt'n Jeff*

As a father you take pride in the accomplishment of any offspring. Usually the bigger the accomplishments, the bigger the pride in the individual offspring. But when one is mentally disabled every accomplishment is a BIG one.

Commander Christopher Jeffery Higdon was born developmentally delayed. In his case he was unable to speak clearly and usually did not, until the age of four. Since the age of two he has been in special schools.

He has been diagnosed with a form of Soto Syndrome although he does not have the abnormalities associated with this prognosis. That and the recent diagnosis of Marfin Syndrome make each accomplishment that much greater. Marfin Syndrome is classified as a inheritable disorder of connecting tissue that includes diagnosis of heart/lung problems, as well as a tall, lanky look to the individual. Although it is a recently discovered illness it is said that Abraham Lincoln suffered from Marfin's Syndrome concluded through recent DNA tests of hair samples belonging to the late president.

Chris was born April 30, 1979 in Rockford, Illinois. He was born premature, with a weight of four pounds, fifteen ounces, and a length of 18 inches. He had an abnormally large head, which gave the preliminary diagnosis of Soto Syndrome. Today he stand 6'2" and weighs about 126. Doctors have indicated he will grow at least four more inches.

Chris is to be an Junior at Guilford High School in Rockford Illinois assigned to the Special Education Class under Mr. Tim Rowley. Until June, 1997, he was a member of the Child Developmental Classes at Chester County Junior High School in Henderson, Tennessee, which set no class grades for its challenged students. His former teacher, Mrs. Maureen Talley, describes Chris as an intelligent individual, excelling in mathematics and history, who loves to draw. Mr. Rowley agrees with the assessment of his former teacher, assigning him to special technical classes with the Food Preparation Service at the YWCA. The transition from small town to large city life has not seemed to phase him.

Chris has been a very excited about being a member of STARFLEET. In an attempt to get him more involved, I contacted then-SFA Commandant Bjo Trimble to inquire about the types of tests the academy schools puts out for their handicapped members such as Chris. Bjo was interested because one of her daughters, Kat, is also developmentally delayed. This lead to his appointment during her tenure as a special consultant to the academy, to evaluate tests and give comments on them.

In the fall of 1996 Chris successfully passed OTS and within a year he had passed OCC. Since his commission he has steadily risen through the ranks. He has served as an Assistant Security Officer, assistant to the captain and Acting Second Officer of the USS Shiloh, which in May, 1998, made him eligible for promo-



Christopher Higdon

tion to full Commander, under the USS Shiloh Constitution. He currently holds the position of Conn Officer of the USS Shiloh, a special status created just for him. He sits as a exo-facto member of the Command Staff.

During the Christening Ceremonies at Shiloh national Military Park on April 13, 1996, Chris was awarded a Special Certificate of Recognition from STARFLEET Cadet Services. He has won the USS Shiloh Ship's Awards 1995 Cadet of the Year, The 1995 and 1996 Junior Officer of the Year and the 1997 Officer of the Year.

The future look bright for Commander Higdon, as well as challenging. Recently he has made it known his next goal is to be promoted to Captain. Every day that goes by amazes his mother and I as he grows not only physically but also mentally aiming for the day he will be a fully functioning member of society. He has stated several time he knows that STARFLEET and the USS Shiloh can only help!

For more information on the Marfin's Syndrome, contact the National Marfin foundation, 382 Main St., Port Washington, NY 11050-3121 or call 1-800-8MARFIN. For more information on the mentally disabled, and what you can do to help contact ARC of Winnebago and Boone Counties, 721 E. State St. Suite 207, Rockford, IL 61104-1026. You also may view the national ARC Website at <http://www.TheArc.org/html> or the ARC of Illinois Website at <http://www.thearcofil.org>.



Jeffery Higdon

## Now Available - Avenger

Alex Rosenzweig

For those of you interested in the technical side of Star Trek, there is a brand new set of starship blueprints available.

Straight from the San Francisco Fleet Yards, I am pleased to announce the release of the General Deck Plans of the Avenger-Class Heavy Frigate.

Now, you might've seen starship deck plans before, right? You may have seen the famous Constitution-Class Blueprints by Franz Joseph that started a whole new genre back in 1974. Perhaps you've seen the 1701-A Deck Plans created by Strategic Design in 1992. You've even seen the amazing U.S.S. Enterprise (NCC-1701-D) Blueprints created by Rick Sternbach in 1996. And perhaps you've seen some of the many quality drawings, plans, and designs for various vessels created in the last 30 years by Star Trek fandom. But I'll bet you've never seen a fan-generated starship design package of this caliber. We have incorporated every piece of Treknology literature available to create one of the most comprehensive layouts of any starship to date.

The twenty sheets in this set include:

- 1] Construction history
- 2] Ship's directory
- 3] External configuration, featuring all six views of the ship
- 4] Full specifications
- 5] Equipment listing (with system contractors)
- 6] Six cross-section views
- 7] Plan views of all eleven decks
- 8] Details of the weapons pod, main engineering, two-level recreation deck, and auxiliary control room.

No starship, save the famous line of those named Enterprise, has received this much attention to detail. Indeed, this ship is now more precisely detailed than several vessels of the Enterprise line.

For more information, please come visit the website for these wonderful plans. The URL is: <http://members.aol.com/FH1860/> or e-mail Michael Rupprecht at [MRupprecht@aol.com](mailto:MRupprecht@aol.com)

Now, let's say you're really interested and ready to buy. Well, we have some good news for you. This set is inexpensive. In

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# “Campaign: Protect” Stopping & Preventing Rape Blueprints!

Bill Herrmann, Chief of Operations/Communications, USS Rutledge

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fact, at this price, it's practically a steal! A set of Avenger-class Deck Plans is only \$12.00, which includes First Class shipping to anywhere in the 48 contiguous states. Shipping to Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, and Mexico will involve a minimal additional charge. All other foreign orders will be calculated on a case-by-case basis. Money orders are preferred, and will speed delivery. However, personal checks are also acceptable and should be made out to "Michael Rupprecht." Rolled sets are available, as well, and cost \$13.00 because of the extra shipping weight and the cost of a mailing tube.

To order, either go to the website and print out the handy order form, or send your name, address, e-mail address, number of sets desired, and total amount enclosed, along with your check or money order, to the following address:

MICHAEL C. RUPPRECHT  
3711 BLOOMINGDALE DR.  
SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876-5079

Now, as tech consultant for this set, I'm a bit biased perhaps, but I'm still going to say that, in my opinion, this is one of the most incredible sets I've ever seen. Everything—or nearly so—has been covered, and a tremendous amount of effort has gone into making these plans so complete that if the technology existed to build starships like we see in Star Trek, this ship could be built from the layouts shown in this set. I cannot recommend them highly enough for anyone who is even a bit interested in how starships are put together.

I hope you'll at least consider the purchase of a set of these plans. I think you'll find that it is eminently worth it. :)

STARFLEET Transmission- Please Stand By for a Message from Ops/Comm onboard The RUTLEDGE :

Message Topic: "Campaign: Protect" Stopping & Preventing Rape

Message: declassified - Released via SubSpace Communications Relay Network

Greetings from Starship Chapter USS RUTLEDGE NCC-57295-A.

I am certain that word has reached many in STARFLEET as to "real world" situation(s) involving date rape, acquaintance rape, sexual harassment, sexual assault(s) and sexual misconduct activities that have taken place in the society in which all of us live. Through TV Talk Shows like OPRAH, News Shows like PRIMETIME LIVE, and 20/20 the tragic details & information has gone out that demonstrate that there is a tragic growing escalation of sexual crimes in this nation, and across the world.

Evidently, society and civilization have not embraced the principles of IDIC, universal mutual respect and courtesy, between the sexes and individuals as portrayed in the Star Trek Universe.

Because of the gravity and nature of these situation(s), USS RUTLEDGE NCC-57295-A is proud to distribute & share the following data/information. Released as part of a endeavor entitled "Campaign: Protect," an internal STARFLEET community service effort, I hope that all Regions, and many Starships & Shuttles will insure this material finds it's way into publication.

Why: "Campaign: Protect"?

This is an easy question to answer. If one learns of dangerous trends, patterns, and ongoing activities, that could conceivably effect and impact upon STARFLEET members and friends, it seems logical to publicize such material. By and large, Sexual crimes and misconduct activity directly impact upon the lives of females in our society. Clear and simple there are sexual predators in our society, many calculating their vile activity, planning means and ways to take advantage of situations & environments, to fulfill their own criminal activity.

Many of us have wives, daughters, sisters, and female friends in STARFLEET. None of us would wish such horrible activity to befall any of them. "Campaign:Protect" is a means to combat these sexual predators, and educate awareness and preventative steps & means to literally protect those we Love and care about.

I hope all of you agree that "Campaign: Protect" can at the least educate and at best prevent female STARFLEET members from falling into situations & circumstances where criminal sexual assault occurs!

Each month in 1998, a specific topic and subject will be selected for review as part of "Campaign: Protect" for the members and Chapters of STARFLEET in a posted Advisory. Of course, if there is a specific topic that \*You\* would like to see become part of "Campaign: Protect" feel free to write or email USS RUTLEDGE at :

US Mail addy : "Campaign: Protect"  
9008 Berrywood Drive, Ladson, SC 29456  
USA e mail : Operation\_eagle@juno.com

Sexual predators have in past times restricted their activity to premeditative aggressive interpersonal manipulations, and deceptions, resulting in compromising situations and inevitably a rape incident.

This can be date rape, acquaintance rape occurrences, etc. Needless to say, despite forewarned family discussions, etc. rape situations and incidents have occurred and still occur. The best defense is watchful and careful observance and self protection. Your local Women's Crisis Ministry, Women's Shelter have extensive materials & data to better inform on this subject, and steps to take in the event of a rape incident occurrence.

Of course, nobody is immune to being placed in a compromising position, regarding their own personal safety. It is prudent to insure that if you have an instinctive sensation or feeling that something is not quite right, and you are uncomfortable with being alone with a particular person, I would advise you follow your instincts Ladies, and do NOT place yourself in danger.

Furthermore, nothing, absolutely nothing justifies any gentleman, officer, or member of any organization, including

STARFLEET with preventing a female member of this Association from leaving their presence, if said female desires to leave a remote, confined, or isolated location. It is absolutely reprehensible for any person to forcibly restrain or prevent any other person from leaving, once they stated their desire to leave.

In some states and locales, jurisdictional laws and statutes define such actions as stalking, harassment, intimidation, and fall under Felony violations of the Law. Punishable by imprisonment. Also, there are Federal laws against Stalking itself, that can result in Federal Prosecution.

So the best standard is to absolutely respect and comply with all common courtesy and spoken requests, so as to avoid any unpleasant consequences, or situations that can quickly turn into unfortunate situations, or worse.

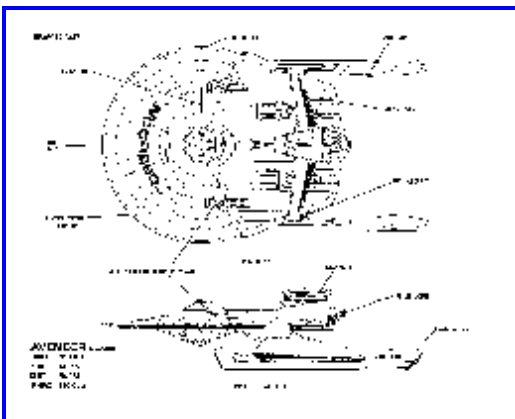
However in recent times, Sexual predators are utilizing drug influence(s) to fulfill their predatory agenda(s).

"GHB" and "ROOFIES" are the recent drugs being used by these Sexual predators.

What is "GHB"? "GHB" is a home-made liquid drug, that within minutes can incapacitate a female rape victim. Also called in street lingo "easy-lay," it is poured in measured amounts into a drink. It is colorless and odorless, virtually tasteless. In some instances, victims of "GHB" having reported a slight salty taste. It's effects cause hallucinations and unconsciousness, depending on the amount of "GHB" ingested. "GHB" can be potentially fatal to the female victim. It will work with alcohol drinks, and non-alcoholic drinks such as Sprite, Coca-Cola, Pepsi, diet drinks, etc. "GHB" is known to create an amnesiac state of partial/near and total memory loss.

Sexual predators have confessed to having raped as many as 30-50 separate female victims, using "GHB", and even drugging female victims boy friends & dates, to get at the female victim. Many of the female victims in these cases report that they attended a party or social gathering of a friend of a friend, or acquaintance of an acquaintance. Suddenly became incoherent, lost consciousness and subse-

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## STARFLEET RECRUITING: “WE ARE HERE” !

Commodore RON FELL, Director of Recruiting

Greetings from Recruiting Headquarters.

Lot's of things to cover this month, so I'll dive right in.

First and foremost, WE ARE HERE!! I state the obvious because, apparently it isn't all that obvious. Despite the fact that I've been Director of Recruiting for more than three years, despite my staff and I having made numerous appearances at ICs, Summits, Conferences, meetings, conventions, launchings, anniversaries, parties, weddings, bar mitzvahs.....well, maybe not bar mitzvahs (yet), despite the publication of a widely distributed Recruiting Handbook, despite the appointment of Regional Recruiting Officers, despite ALL of this I'm still reading "Gee, I wish there was someplace I could get some ideas on recruiting for my ship." And then I'll see posted "Well, we tried running naked through the Church Ladies picnic wearing rubber ear tips and stick-on commbadges" or some such thing.

People, WE'RE HERE!! These are the kind of things we're in business for. Short of a personal mailing to all 4,000 plus members, I don't know what to do to let folks know WE'RE HERE!! Sending your questions and suggestions to the Starfleet list serv, local or regional newsletters, somebody's personal web site or "Dear Abby" completely bypasses what we at the Recruiting Department are trying to do. Please let us help you. And please help us by sending us suggestions and ideas. An information exchange only works when there is information TO exchange.

There is a newly updated Recruiting Handbook available now. There is also Supplement #1, an update to the older Recruiting Handbook. And we have a copy-ready template for a recruiting flyer. To order or inquire, contact Comm. Jack Hopkins at SFIPhantom@aol.com or at Starfleet Recruiting Office, 1635 Bright Leaf Rd., Pfafftown, NC 27040.

We will shortly, if not already, have a Recruiting Department web site. FCapt. Lisa Paradis Berkenbilt has developed a terrific site which is getting the last bugs exterminated as of this writing. (I guess "exterminating bugs" isn't a very good metaphor when we're dealing with computers, is it? Okay, then, she's "ironing out the wrinkles".) For information or suggestions, contact her at paradis@ql.org.

Contact me electronically at Recruiting@sfi.org or via snail-mail at Starfleet Recruiting HQ, 331-D West Main St., Lexington, SC 29072 with any other questions, suggestions or concerns. We have region-level Recruiting Officers in R/1, R/2, R/4, R/6, R/7, R/10, R/11, R/12, R/13, R/15 and R/17. Any of the three of us can provide you with the contact information for your local recruiter. I'll post an updated list to the CQ next issue.

Welcome aboard Cmdr. Kristi Fell (let's keep nepotism in the family) who is now serving as Recruiting Staff Adjutant. (Her draft notice came with the marriage license.) She is helping to keep the entire HQ and Regional staff singing from the same page.

Finally, and personally, our thanks to all who attended our wedding at the 98 IC in Lubbock. Your presence (and presents!), friendship and sharing made a lovely and memorable moment that much more lovely and memorable. We couldn't have had better friends and family to share our special event with. Thanks ever so much.

Commodore RON FELL  
Director of Recruiting, Starfleet

## STARFLEET RECRUITING: ON THE WEB

Greetings:

I am very pleased to announce that the Starfleet Recruiting Department now has a web site. You can access the Starfleet Recruiting Department online at [http://members.tripod.com/~sfi\\_recruit/](http://members.tripod.com/~sfi_recruit/). FCapt. Lisa N. Paradis Berkenbilt has done a marvelous job with this exciting new site and I'd like to encourage everyone to take a look at it. The site is loaded with contact information for Recruiting HQ staff, regional recruiting officers and others. There are links to other sites, downloadable forms and documents, information on handbooks, flyers and much more. Perhaps most importantly, there is an area set aside for you to register your comments and suggestions. As always, we are looking for input from you. Tell us about your recruiting ideas, good AND bad. We'll use

Last year, I was asked exactly what I wanted Starfleet to become or what goals should we be striving to attain. Well, here are some ideas on that very issue.

Starfleet should become a scientific membership organization that promotes and encourages the following:

- Exploration of the solar system
- The search for worlds beyond our own
- The search for extraterrestrial intelligence
- Support and promote international cooperation in space exploration.

These goals are those of The Planetary Society. Over 100,000 people worldwide share these goals as members and enjoy the satisfaction in knowing that they are helping to make space exploration happen.

As Starfleet Officers what are we doing to ensure that space exploration happens? As a proud member of Starfleet I find it difficult that more members don't feel as I do. As I said before, if we all don't work together to make Starfleet happen it will just be an idea and not our future.

For those members interested in learning more about The Planetary Society, write or call The Planetary Society at 65 N.

## Let's Revise Starfleet's Goals Now

Michael Stein

Catalina Ave., Pasadena, CA 91106-2301. The phone number is (626) 793-5100. Web Address: <http://planetary.org>

LCdr. Michael Stein  
Chief of Operations  
USS Justice - NCC 556

## “Star Trek” Captain Salutes Graduates

The Associated Press  
submitted by Chuck Freas

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) - Patrick Stewart, a.k.a. Capt. Jean-Luc Picard of "Star Trek: The Next Generation," sent graduating seniors at Santa Clara University into the real world with this advice: "Make it so."

During his commencement speech to the 920 students, the actor cautioned against focusing strictly on success and results.

"The path is complex and sometimes hidden," he said. "Only by responding to that inner voice can one's life and worth be authentic."

His three parting words - usually reserved for the Picard character in the midst of an interstellar crisis - drew a whooping standing ovation.



FCapt. Wendy Fillmore beside an ad for Star Trek: The Experience in Las Vegas, NV (9/97)



# Everybody Wants To Feel Needed

by Glenn Smith

The title of this article may seem like mere pop-psychology drivel, but it is probably the most important thing to remember in growing a strong STARFLEET chapter. If you have a good marketing plan, you will have no problem getting people to sign up for a year. But the true sign of a successful club is when they keep coming back year after year.

The key to keeping those members around is keeping them involved. Nobody wants to pay dues and come to meetings just to feel irrelevant. Everybody wants to count. We all cannot be the commanding officer (and everyone realizes that), but every member of a club has something to offer and they should be given the chance to prove themselves.

The first flaw that I see is the way many clubs run business meetings. A very popular method is to copy the example provided by ST:TNG wherein the commanding officer pulls together a few key people for planning sessions and everyone else just does as they are told. Now this works on TV because: 1) the stars of the show need more camera time than the background characters; 2) the Enterprise has over a 1000 people on board; and 3) Starfleet is supposed to be a military organization. If your club is any of those three, what I am about to suggest just will not work for you.

If your chapter has less than thirty members, having "command staff meetings" (or whatever you may call them) is just a way of saying that some people are members of the club while others are members of the "CLUB". Using an organized method of running your long-term planning meetings, you should have very little trouble allowing the full membership to sit in and help out. This gives everyone a chance to see how things are put into motion (great training for the future senior officers out there) and maybe provide some input. Running a club is hard enough without the CO cutting themselves off from the majority of the great ideas that may be floating around.

The key to this approach is the organization; the meetings must retain some structure. If you invite thirty people in for a free-for-all, you will get very little work done. Also, this is best used for the long-range (three to twelve month) plans. When you get down to the details of what is happening at next months' club outing, you will find the smaller groups (your

senior officers) make for a more efficient management team. A little common sense and practice will help you decide when each meeting is most useful.

Another flaw is pandering to the club's hat collectors. Try this exercise: write down all your club members' names and then write down all the titles/jobs they have. Now sort this list by who has the most involvement in the club to those who have the least. Most clubs will probably find a very interesting pattern; a relatively small percentage of the group is doing everything. "Twenty percent of the people do eighty percent of the work." Yes, I have heard this too. "Everybody likes it that way." I have also heard this, but is it really true? As renewal dates for these people arrive you will see ninety percent of the workers signing back up. You will see a much lower percentage of those who have no titles/jobs signing back up. Try it if you do not believe me.

Some people do like to have a larger workload than others. You may even have some members who actually do not want to have anything put upon them at all. These very true facts prevent a situation where everyone will share in the duties evenly. However, the commanding officer should make that extra effort to ensure that everyone is getting the involvement they actually would like.

Is it really necessary for the commanding officer to go out of their way to ensure everyone is getting what they expected from the club? Only if they want to be a great commanding officer. Some people will be more outspoken than others. Some people will not let you know what they would like to do until they are specifically asked. Never be so foolish that you mistake a lack of confidence for a lack of talent.

The easiest way to tell if your club has a problem with keeping all of the members involved is to simply ask them. Take the time to call one or two members a week and ask them if they would like to take part in the club's planning and decision-making process. Ask them if they are getting to do enough in the club or if they would like more (or maybe less) duties. Ask them if they have anything they would specifically like to do. Finally, ask them if they feel left out. Most people, in a one-on-one conversation, will tell you how they really feel.

# VAS GRADUATE PROFILE:

ALAN BROWNSEY

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: **Alan W. Brownsey!**

A member of STARFLEET since April 1996, Lt. Brownsey is the Astrophysics Officer of Region One's U.S.S. Nighthawk. It took him about six months to finish all of the VAS courses.

In real life, Alan is a systems analyst for a government contractor. Prior to that, he was involved in supply management and aircraft maintenance with the U.S. Army, then spent two years in a helicopter factory building Chinook and Sea Knight helicopters. Although he has not had any real life involvement in science *per se*, his work maintaining aircraft required an understanding of scientific fundamentals.

Alan has been intrigued by science since he was a small child, and "virtually all fields of science are of interest to me." He traces his abiding interest in science back to his father. As far as hobbies are concerned, Alan enjoys reading, "prima-

rily science-fiction, with a very strong preference for the 'hard' hi tech variety drawing on scientific principles and recent discoveries."

When asked who his favorite scientist is, Alan named Leonardo da Vinci (past) and Stephen Hawking (present). As to the most important scientific discovery: "the environment can be used and improved, not just tolerated."

If he could decide NASA's space missions for the next 30 years, Alan would give highest priority to the development of a "low cost single-stage-to-orbit lifter." 'Low cost' here is on the order of about \$100 per pound to orbit. If Starfleet were to become serious about science, Alan would like to see the club "become involved in a project for the *private* non-profit development" of such a lifter.

In closing, Alan noted that more remains to be discovered than is "known." We need to give a high priority to science in general, because "science is paramount to the survival of humanity at the present level of population."

*(On behalf of the Vulcan Academy of Sciences, I would like to take a moment to thank Alan 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.)*

## NEEDED:

**New Editor for the Starfleet Fanzine, *Stellar Visions***

**If interested, please send resume to:**

**Gordon Goldberg  
330 Haven Ave., 3C  
New York, NY 10033**

All of this will require you to challenge some assumptions about how a STARFLEET chapter should be run. My suggestions will also require that you make an extra effort to reach out to all of the members of your club and ensure they feel needed. Ultimately you will just have to ask yourself if your club is worth the effort and if your members are worth the effort. It is your chapter after all.

# TALAXIAN TRADE SHOW

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| <p>Star Trek comics - Gold Key &amp; DC. Next Gen comics - DC. SASE for list or info. Bill Downs, 2250 Cheshire Bridge Rd. NE C-14, Atlanta, GA 30324-4255 krazydog@juno.com</p> <p>Hallmark Christmas ornaments, 1992, mint condition in original boxes, \$35 each plus postage. Shuttlecraft Galaleio with Spock's voice ! Captain Pete Mohney, USS Hephaestus NCC-2004, 1105 Oak Creek Trail, Birmingham AL 35215, or call (205) 680-5723, email pdmohney@aol.com.</p> <p>Star Trek comics, books, action figures and other stuff, all for sale at 1/3 of price guide values! For list, send long SASE to Captain Pete Mohney, USS Hephaestus NCC-2004, 1105 Oak Creek Trail, Birmingham AL 35215, or call (205) 680-5723, or email pdmohney@aol.com.</p> <p>Red/blue STARFLEET logo on back of white 50/50 cotton-polyester adult medium T-shirt. \$6 check/MO, includes S&amp;H. "The International Star Trek Fan Association" below in rainbow colors. Iron-on transfers will fade after ~25 washings. 256-423-6638 evenings RichLT@HiWAAY.net <a href="http://www.OmniFacets.com/wvb/tsale.htm">http://www.OmniFacets.com/wvb/tsale.htm</a></p> <p>Turn ship logo or picture into custom 2.25" button, magnet, or keychain. Great gift or door prize item! Price depends on quantity and item. 256-423-6638 evenings RichLT@HiWAAY.net <a href="http://www.OmniFacets.com/wvb/bsale.htm">http://www.OmniFacets.com/wvb/bsale.htm</a> Richard Trulson, 28825 Airport Lane, Ardmore, AL 35739</p> <p>Deck plans for sale! Be one of the last people to own a set of USS Stellar Wind 1501A deck plans. Only a few left. \$12 by priority mail. Make checks payable to: Allyson Dyar, PO Box 941, Kirkland WA 98083-0941</p> <p>Star Trek: The Next Generation Customizable Card Game expansion packs. White bordered edition. \$.50 each, or 25 for \$10 + shipping. Proceeds to benefit the USS Ronald E McNair. Send e-mail to jckelley@roccsoft.net or write to PO Box 295; Bethune, SC 29009.</p> <p>Set of six Mego Star Trek dolls, mint on cards, \$500. Hallmark Ornaments 1991 through 1996, mint in boxes. Original Enterprise \$400. Write for other prices. E. Jones, 3128 Robertson, Thunderbolt, GA 31404</p> | <p>The USS Malverne crew is seeking to assemble a group to attend an Advanced session at Space Camp in the fall of 1999. Parties interested are requested to contact USS Malverne, PO Box 272, Upper Darby, PA 19082 email:uss.malverne@sfi.org or 610/623 5448 for further details.</p> <p>Ever wish you could have pen pals in other countries, and think "But I can't?" Well, yes you can! Write to: International Pen Friends, Box 723514, Redding, CA, 96099 It's fun! "Member of Starfleet's Region 4."</p> <p>Allies for Star Trek and the crew of USS Memphis Belle invite you to join the oldest Star Trek fan club in Memphis and the Southern United States. 24 years Keeping the Dream! Contact: AFST, 2195 Madison, Memphis, TN 38104</p> <p>Seeking Pen Pals, 15-17, who love SciFi, especially Trek and X-Files. I am SWF, 16, a Starfleet Officer on the USS Sol. If interested contact: (Lt. Commander) Emily Mcdonald, PO Box 58362, Fairbanks, AK 99711</p> | <p>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 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.</p> <p>Concat 1D, November 27-29, Knoxville, TN, The Knoxville Radisson. Guests — Spider &amp; Jean Robinson, Darrel Elliot, One of the Webb Clan. Web Site —<a href="http://members.aol.com/knoxsf/cradle/concat.htm">http://members.aol.com/knoxsf/cradle/concat.htm</a>. Email — knoxsf@aol.com Snail Mail — ConCat 10, 316 E. Scott Ave, Knoxville, TN 37917</p> <p>GaFilk 1. The convention itself is scheduled to take place starting Friday, January 8, 1999, and go through until we all drop dead of exhaustion at the Dead Filk Party on Sunday, January 10, 1999. The Guest of Honor: The lovely and talented Juanita Coulson!. Not only is Juanita a filker, she is a science fiction writer of note. In addition, there are stories I could tell . . . but I'll let her do that when she gets here. The Toastmistress: Lee Billings, who has been involved in running a filk convention for a few years now. This is her chance to bask in the spotlight instead of being like a mushroom in the background. The Interfilk Guest: Glenn Simser - He is one who tapes at filk conventions, and will talk about that for us. He also says he's a "feelky dealer" and has already caused at least one heart attack. The Hotel: The Ramada Inn Atlanta Airport South, 1551 Phoenix Boulevard, Atlanta, GA 30349 Local reservation # is 770-996-4321, National reservation # is 800-2 RAMADA (272-5232). The room rate is \$69.00 + 12% tax for up to 4 people in the room (bringing the nightly total to \$77.28). Registration: write GaFilk 1 c/o Michael Liebmann 2175 Lenox Road #B-5, Atlanta, GA 30324. Please provide the following information for each membership: Name, Address, Phone, City, State, Zip Code. Attending Memberships are \$20 until December 15, 1998, \$40 thereafter and at the door. Please make checks payable to GaFilk.</p> | <p>Chattacon XXIV, January 15-17 1999, Clarion River Plaza Hotel, Chattanooga, Tenn. Guests: John Barnes, Barbara Hambly, Bob Eggleton, Bruce Sterling, Wendy Webb, Diana Sharples. Write: Chattacon 24 Registration, PO Box 23908, Chattanooga TN 37422-3908; call 770-578-8461; email dilson@mindspring.com, <a href="http://www.chattanooga.net/chattacon">http://www.chattanooga.net/chattacon</a>.</p> <p>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 1-4 occupants. For hotel reservations call 816-741-9500 r 800-234-9501.</p> <p>INVITED GUEST: BRAD DOURIF, DUNE, X-FILES, BABYLON 5, MILLENIUM, CHILD'S PLAY, STAR TREK:VOYAGER (LON SUDER)</p> <p>CONFIRMED GUESTS: DR LAWRENCE SCHOEN, BEN THOMAS-MORGAN, WILLIAM "BEAR" REED</p> <p>EVENTS: PANELS, FILMS, DEALERS, COSTUME CONTEST, STARFLEET ACTIVITIES, ROLE PLAYING GAMES, LIVE-ACTION VAMPIRE! ROLE PLAYING, DINNER WITH THE GUESTS, LIVE READINGS, ROCKY HORROR MIDNIGHT SHOW, HOSPITALITY ROOM, GENERAL RELATIVITY HOSPITAL, SWEET-HEART BALL ON VALENTINES DAY, MINATURES AND MODELS, CAMARILLA ACTIVITIES, ROOM PARTIES.....FUN!!!!</p> <p>FOR MORE INFORMATION SEND A SASE TO: Stellar Travels Con '99, 7410 W 119TH Street, Suite 113, Shawnee Mission, KS 66213-1110 1-800-936-7256 VM 1-816-545-4609 FX darkstar@wvs.net. Check out our web page at: <a href="http://www.finalfrontier.net/StellarCon/">http://www.finalfrontier.net/StellarCon/</a> Stella Travels Con is a benefit for the Breakthrough House</p> <p>·</p> |
|  |  |   | <h2>ANNOUNCEMENTS</h2> <p>FREE ADS TO STARFLEET MEMBERS. 80 word max. on any classified ad. First 40 words are free to STARFLEET members. There is a 25 cent per word charge for each additional word. Phone Numbers and email address count as one word each. Please include your SCC# and phone number where you can be reached when submitting an ad. Max. of two (2) ads per issue. Classified rate for Non-STARFLEET members is \$1 per word. Make check or money order payable to STARFLEET and send to: Communiqué Classifieds, 72 Dickens Rd., North Brunswick, NJ 08902. Ads for STARFLEET members that are 40 words or less may be submitted electronically to CQ@sfi.org, Subject Line: CQ AD ALL ADS WILL RUN FOR ONE ISSUE ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.</p>  |



# ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION IN STARFLEET

## STARFLEET

Captain Rhonda E. Green

For the last three or four years in STARFLEET, it has become the practice to advertise position openings with the requirement that applicants be on-line. Within the last year, some in leadership positions have given voice to their opinions that personnel in leadership should be on-line and have satisfied their opinions.

I disagree. I don't feel that this is a correct stance for STARFLEET to make. But, I feel that it is even more incorrect that this stance not be given public and permanent notice.

Some in STARFLEET's leadership and membership feel that others should just accept that this practice is the way that the club will be run in the future. I don't have a problem with this. Electronic communication is easier. What I don't wish to see happen, is persons without on-line accessibility being "left behind", and more importantly, left behind in ignorance.

Promotion in STARFLEET above the rank of Captain can only be awarded through STARFLEET Headquarters. Rightfully so, it is determined by a member's service to and in STARFLEET. Service to and in STARFLEET can be defined as taking part in STARFLEET activities, yes. But, it can also be defined as taking part in the leadership of STARFLEET. The understanding is that the more a member gives, the more that member will receive. In STARFLEET, that takes the form of promotions in rank. When a member serves and serves in STARFLEET, the member is rewarded. How can members achieve recognition and rank promotions if they are not allowed to take part in the leadership responsibilities that are available? How can members gain the rank they deserve and/or desire if they are disregarded because they are not on-line?

Since I joined STARFLEET, I have seen the organization take great pride in its practice of non-discrimination. Anyone can join no matter one's age, gender, race, nationality, culture, religion, sexual orientation, economic status, marital status, parental status, or personal upbringing. A person can join even if they don't watch *Star Trek*. Nonetheless, discrimination seems to be allowable and acceptable based on one's electronic status.

An individual STARFLEET membership is \$15.00 (US). No matter the percentages of the separate groups, the members who are not on-line pay the same \$15.00 membership fee as the ones who are. For that price, one receives the opportunity to become a member of STARFLEET and to take from and give to the organization however much one wishes, so long as it does not impede on others' enjoyment of the organization. Because everyone is required to pay this amount, the same amount, this makes the members partners in the organization, equal to each and all. Therefore, they have every right to expect to receive the same treatment and the same opportunities.

STARFLEET's new constitution came out in the previous *Communique*. One change was in the listed requirements for the leadership positions. In the past, some positions had age requirements. This was understandable and acceptable as some of the positions required adherence to legalities outside of STARFLEET. But, I feel that this change wasn't enough.

If the constitution is going to list the non-fictional requirements of those holding the positions, then the constitution should list all of them. The constitution should put into writing the requirement that those in leadership positions be on-line accessible. This is only fair. It is only fair that those who join STARFLEET be made aware of all pertinent information. Those involved in the decision-making progress – the recruiter and the recruitee – should be able to make an informed choice about whether or not to join and about how to honestly recruit. Possible new members, as well as members that recruit them, have a right to know that there may be a ceiling to a career in STARFLEET, if one is desired. New members have a right to know that making a financial investment of anywhere from \$1000 to \$2000 may be the best way to break that ceiling. Has any consideration been given to the possibility that,

due to cost, this investment may not be an option for some?

Quick and offered resolutions to the dilemma are: use of friends' computers, use of community or library computers, patronization of "computer cafés", and ability to take advantage of the low cost of older models as the technology continues to speedily improve. Has any consideration been given to the possibility that these options may not be options for everyone? Friends may not appreciate being inconvenienced, community computers usually have students as their priority, "computer cafés" may not be available, and the low cost may still be too high. It would be an extreme situation indeed for all of these options to be unattainable. However, due to the effect on members, they all deserve consideration.

I know that communication is cheaper and faster, more efficient and more effective through electronic means. I recognize that because our organization's leadership has the potential of being spread throughout the world, regular and ease of communication can be vital for STARFLEET's administration. However, I don't think that it should happen without the knowledge, acceptance, and agreement of all those involved. If the future is here now, then everyone should know about it.

I do not want to see people told that they cannot receive a promotion because they haven't proven a significant activity level, an activity level that those persons were denied because they weren't on-line. I do not want to see consideration being given to the electronic community at the complete exclusion and sacrifice of the off-line community, simply because it is more convenient to do so. There is no hesitation in the Mundanes' World to squash those that can't keep up the pace. This is the way of things. This is survival of the fittest. But, is it too much to ask that differently be expected of us?

**Membership packet late? Missing CQ's?  
For Membership Assistance, please contact:**

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# Diabetes

Submitted by Michael D. Smith,  
from the Region 1 listserve:

Diabetes is one of the most deadly diseases that afflicts the world's population today. It kills about 200,000 people each year, and there is no cure. Unlike other diseases, like cancer, if you catch Diabetes early enough... you still cannot cure it. Once you develop it, you will have it the rest of your life. There is no remission, and no cure.....yet.

The American Diabetes Association and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation are the two major groups that conduct fundraising activities to fund research and educational programs to find a cure for this disease, and to help those who already have the disease to learn to live with it, instead of die from it. The cost of research and education is very high, and these two organizations have fundraisers throughout the year to fund these programs.

I recently received a listing of sites that are currently being used for the American Diabetes Associate annual Walktoberfest walk to raise money for education programs to help people learn to live with this deadly disease. The list is much too lengthy to place in this message, but it can be found at: <http://www.nations.net/users/clewis/fleet/walksite.html>

For those who may not know what diabetes is or how serious this disease is, please take a few moments to go to <http://www.nations.net/users/clewis/fleet/Diabetes.html>

Once you have read this, you may wish to take part in one of the local walks, or you may wish to make a donation to this organization. If you wish to walk, please contact your local American Diabetes Association chapter. If you cannot find a local ADA chapter, or if you wish to make a donation to this cause, please send me an email and I will send you information on where to send a donation to.

I really would like to see more and more STARFLEET chapters take part in this walk throughout the US. The USS Charleston is planning to walk again this year, and I challenge every chapter in STARFLEET to either walk in a local walk or to make a donation to help eradicate this disease.

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# List of Emmy Nominations

submitted by Chuck Freas

# Voyager Begins Production

Star Trek and certain other nominees for the 50th Annual Emmy Awards:

ART DIRECTION FOR A SERIES: “Ally McBeal,” Fox; “Dharma & Greg,” ABC; “Nothing Sacred,” ABC; “Star Trek: Deep Space Nine,” syndicated; “The X-Files,” Fox.

CINEMATOGRAPHY FOR A SERIES: “Chicago Hope,” CBS; “Gene Roddenberry’s Earth: Final Conflict,” syndicated; “JAG,” CBS; “Law & Order,” NBC; “The X-Files,” Fox.

COSTUME DESIGN FOR A SERIES: “Frasier,” NBC; “The Magnificent Seven,” CBS; “Remember WENN,” American Movie Classics; “Star Trek: Deep Space Nine,” syndicated; “3rd Rock From the Sun,” NBC.

HAIRSTYLING FOR A SERIES: “Buffy The Vampire Slayer: Becoming, Part 1 & 2,” WB; “Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman: A New Beginning,” CBS; “Star Trek: Deep Space Nine: Far Beyond the Stars,” syndicated; “Star Trek: Voyager: The Killing Game, Part I & 2,” UPN; “Tracey Takes On ...: Smoking,” HBO.

MAKEUP FOR A SERIES: “Babylon 5: In the Beginning,” TNT; “Buffy the Vampire Slayer: Surprise/Innocence,” WB; “Star Trek: Deep Space Nine: Who Mourns For Morn,” syndicated; “Tracey Takes On ...: Culture,” HBO; “The X-Files,” Fox.

MUSIC COMPOSITION FOR A SERIES (DRAMATIC UNDERSCORE): “Buffy the Vampire Slayer: Becoming, Part 1,” WB; “Roar: the pilot episode,” Fox; “The Simpsons: Treehouse of Horror VIII,” Fox; “Stargate SG-1: The Nox,” Showtime; “The X-Files: The Post-Modern Prometheus,” Fox.

Paramount’s STAR TREK: VOYAGER Begins Production on its Fifth Season; Brannon Braga Named Executive Producer

HOLLYWOOD, June16 /PRNewswire/ — Paramount Network Television’s Emmy Award-winning STAR TREK: VOYAGER begins production on its fifth season this week. STAR TREK: VOYAGER remains the #1 television series on UPN among households, Adults 18-49, 25-54 and Men 18-49, 25-54. Production resumes with an episode entitled “Night” which will premiere Wednesday, October 14 (9:00- 10:00 PM) on UPN. In the episode filming this week, Voyager encounters a large “void” of space where they will be forced to travel without contact with other worlds or beings. The result leaves the entire crew in a state of cabin fever - and Captain Janeway (series star Kate Mulgrew) doubting her decision to lead the U.S.S. Starship Voyager on its original mission.

Additionally, Brannon Braga has been named executive producer of STAR TREK: VOYAGER. Braga will serve alongside Rick Berman as executive producer of the series who most recently served as co-executive producer of STAR TREK: VOYAGER and has been an integral creative force on the show since its inception. Braga began his career with Star Trek when he received the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Writing Internship which later led to a permanent writing post on Paramount’s “Star Trek: The Next Generation.” Braga has written over 50 Star Trek episodes, including the critically-acclaimed final episode of “Star Trek: The Next Generation” entitled “All Good Things” for which he won the Hugo Award for excellence in science fiction writing. His feature film credits include co-writing Paramount Pictures’ “Star Trek: Generations” and “Star Trek: First Contact.”

STAR TREK: VOYAGER will air Wednesdays at 9:00 PM this fall on UPN. [The show] has garnered 11 Emmy nominations and won numerous accolades including the 1996 Screen Actors Guild Award for “Outstanding Portrayal of the American Scene” which it shared with the other Star Trek series. Most recently, Kate Mulgrew was awarded the Golden Satellite Award for Best Performance by an Actress in a Television Series and the Saturn Award for Best Genre TV Actress.

SOURCE Paramount Television Group

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quently woke up with no memory or partial memory of what had occurred. In most cases, unclothed and/or partially nude, etc.

\*\* CAMPAIGN : PROTECT Advisement \*\*

“Campaign: Protect” advises: that under no conditions at a Party or social gathering, in unfamiliar surroundings should you accept or leave a drink unattended. Furthermore, in a nightclub or bar in unfamiliar surroundings, be wary of strangers and mere acquaintances offering to buy you a drink”. In particular, if on medication(s) be cautious and careful about the amount of liquor consumed. An overdose of “GHB” will also prove fatal. Attempt to bring your own drinks ahead of time, and be careful and cautious in accepting any liquid beverages. You cannot be too careful. At a strange party surrounding, under no condition drink out of a punch bowl.

“ROOFIES” are pills, known in medical terminology as “Rohipnol,” is manufactured and available in many countries. They are illegal in the United States of America. Federal Legislation prescribes stiff penalty for the possession and use of these “Roofies”. It acts as a “sleeping pill” or tranquilizer. Sexual predators drop into drinks a couple of “Roofies” causing a victim to loss coherence and consciousness and soon the victim is totally incapacitated. In response to the misuse & abuse of “Roofies”, the manufacturers have added a blue dye to the pill itself, but this dye disappears after a few minutes of exposure to alcoholic beverages. Needless to say the advisement above applies to “ROOFIES”.

In conclusion, the purpose and objective of “Campaign:Protect” is not to increase paranoia, or mistrust or to proliferate suspicion in social gatherings or Parties attended by female STARFLEET members. It is to educate and inform all the members of STARFLEET on issues & topics of concern in our society.

WHAT TO DO IF RAPED

This is a very sensitive and meaningful question. In the final analysis, there is no answer outside of the personal choice by the Victim involving such a occurrence / discovery. Certainly, consulting Church Pastoral Ministry, Family Member, Spouse, Best Friend and/or Police and Rape Counselor are options available. It is certainly the most personal of all decisions to be made. Whatever is decided by the victim should and must be respected by all.

To those of us who learn of such an incident, our support and Non-Judgmental responses are essential to assists and help the victim, whomever they may be to recover. Critical of all is the absolute respect for privacy that is the victim’s right and privilege.

This concludes this “Campaign: Protect” Advisory.

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MAIN TITLE THEME MUSIC: “Fame L.A.,” syndicated; “Four Corners,” CBS; “Gene Roddenberry’s Earth: Final Conflict,” syndicated; “Nothing Sacred,” ABC; “Sessions at West 54th,” PBS.

COMEDY SERIES: “Ally McBeal,” Fox; “Frasier,” NBC; “The Larry Sanders Show,” HBO; “Seinfeld,” NBC; “3rd Rock From the Sun,” NBC.

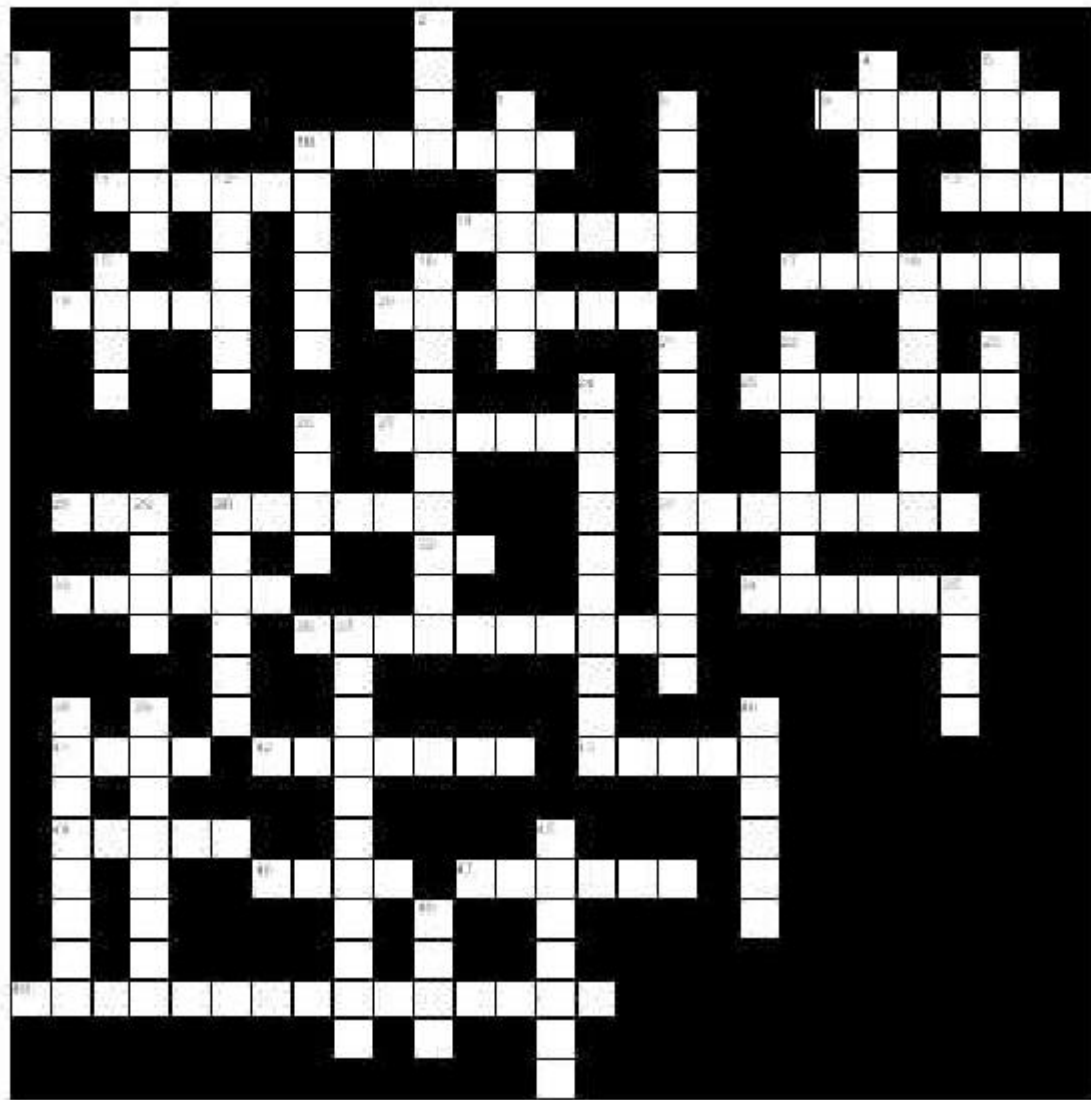
CHILDREN’S PROGRAM: “Absent Minded Inventions and the Search for Flubber with Bill Nye the Science Guy,” ABC; “Muppets Tonight,” Disney Channel; “Nick News Special Edition: Divorce: Caught in the Middle,” Nickelodeon; “Nick News Special Edition: What Are You Starving At?” Nickelodeon; “The Wubbulous World of Dr. Seuss,” Nickelodeon.

SPECIAL VISUAL EFFECTS FOR A SERIES: “Star Trek: Deep Space Nine: One Little Ship,” syndicated; “Star Trek: Voyager: Year of Hell, Part 2,” UPN; “Stargate SG-1: Children of the Gods,” Showtime; “Suddenly Susan: I Love You, I Think,” NBC; “Yo-Yo Ma Inspired By Bach: The Sound of the Carceri,” PBS.

SPECIAL VISUAL EFFECTS FOR A MINISERIES OR MOVIE: “From the Earth to the Moon: 1968, Part 4,” HBO; “Merlin: Part 1,” NBC; “Moby Dick: Part II,” USA.



## Oh Captain, My Captain!



### Across

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| 6. Earth, Fire, Wind, Water, Heart                   | 33. CO of the Flagship of the Federation   |
| 9. SHAZAM  | 34. First CO of the Excelsior  |
| 10. The first TOON Superhero                         | 36. She was the youngest starship captain in Starfleet                               |
| 11. CO of the Refit Enterprise                       | 41. CO of the Pequod   |
| 13. Luke's Brother-In-Law and Ex-Smuggler            | 42. Created by Stan Lee  |
| 14. Relieved Riker from Duty                         | 43. Field Captain who defeated a Borg vessel in Sector 001                           |
| 17. She's lost in the Delta Quadrant                 | 44. 23rd century starship Captain whose exploits are required reading at the Academy |
| 19. Walks and talks with the Prophets                | 46. Klingon, Nimbus III  |
| 20. Lost CO of the USS Hera, Geordi                  | 47. Hawkeye, 4077  |
| 25. USS Phoenix CO                                   | 49. His son commanded the first Earth-Saturn Probe                                   |
| 27. Riker's CO on the USS Hood                       |  |
| 28. Klingon, Organians, Sword of Kahless, Blood Oath |  |
| 30. Romans, SS Begal, First Citizen                  |  |
| 31. Bald CO of a Cruise Ship                         |  |
| 32. Found at MGM Theme Park                          |  |

### Down

1. That which serves no useful purpose
2. Second CO of the USS Enterprise NCC-1701
3. He Commanded the Enterprise on a Training mission
4. Riker's CO on the IKV Pagh
5. A Jules Verne Character
7. His ship was stuck in a Time Loop for about 80 years
8. Cannonball Run Hero
10. Good with or without milk
12. Klingon, K-7, Tribbles, Blood Oath
15. A famous pirate
16. He was the CO of the Horatio
18. Commanded the Grissom during the Genesis incident
21. Friend to Pocahontas
22. CO of the Enterprise NCC-1701-C
23. HMS Bounty CO
24. Character upon which Kirk was based
26. Third CO of the USS Enterprise NCC-1701
29. CO of the USS Drake
30. A Pirate's Drink
35. CO of the Excelsior during the Praxis incident
37. First CO of the USS Enterprise NCC-1701
38. Books, Construction Paper, Ping Pong Balls, Carrots and Mr. Moose
39. CO of the Enterprise NCC-1701-B
40. His crew was turned into crystals, USS Exeter
45. He and Chekov found Khan and company of Ceti Alpha V
48. Nemesis of Peter Pan

# Smith-Freas '98

The ticket of Michael D. Smith and Chuck Freas must stand a Vote of Confidence. Your vote at this time is still important to the future of STARFLEET. Our team includes Ops Chief Les Rickard, Comm Chief Gordon Goldberg, Academy Commandant Mandi Herrmann, ShOC Chief Dennis Gray, CompOps Chief Jesse Smith, as well as many other well-known and well-respected leaders of the Fleet. Our team is proud of the progress STARFLEET has made to date in its return to the current position of strength enjoyed by the organization. We're proud of the roles we've played, and ask that you vote "Yes" on the Vote of Confidence issue for another two years of vital leadership.

The Smith/Freas team has implemented the vision that we ran on two years ago. In the last Communiqué, you saw that vision — the proposed new STARFLEET Constitution.

The document, approved by the AB, decentralizes the power of the CS, putting control back into the hands of the members, via their RCs and COs. RCs will be elected by and serve at the pleasure of their Region's chapters.

All the people who handle annually more than \$750.00 of the Fleet's money — your money — will be bonded as a fiduciary.

The EC is removed from AB voting. The AB would really have the power to remove a sitting CS from office for the greater good of the Fleet. The AB will be the final authority in all matters of policy and constitutional interpretation. While the AB will control STARFLEET's ultimate direction, the CS and the EC are still entrusted with the authority to implement policy, and achieve those goals to "Make it so!"

This is true democracy in action. We urge you to vote in favor of this new Constitution.

Our single biggest achievement was the abatement of fines owed to the IRS. When we took office, we had no clear knowledge of the amount owed or penalties involved. We met the issue head on, and obtained waivers and refunds from the IRS.

We formed the Internal Auditor's Office, headed by a CPA that audits all receipts and disbursements. Audited financial reports are being published in the Communiqué.

Our "open door" policy continues. It will still be possible to send and receive official Fleet communications — praise or complaints — via email or US Mail, at the option of the member.

We have supported and expanded the FDC program. We have a Recruiting department that has produced a manual, example recruitment flyers, and a web page to solicit recruiting ideas. There are recruiting officers or contacts in almost every region of STARFLEET, working to help attract new members. We have a Fleetwide International Charities Coordinator making sure that we quantify and qualify our charitable donations.

STARFLEET Operations serves the chapters of STARFLEET. Ops has grown and flourished over the past two years.

Ops is about more than just processing MSRs. Each MSR is read, referred on for

problem resolution, and compiled into the article for the Communiqué.

Ops is an important point of contact for the RCs, recognizes an outstanding "Region of the Month" for every reporting period.

Ops never fails to listen to the needs of the chapters, implementing programs like the Chapter Assistance Program (CAP) to aid chapters in staying within Fleet regulations, in conjunction with the STARFLEET Office of Recruiting

The Existing Fan Club Program (EFCP) welcomes groups wishing to enter the STARFLEET family, works to aid them through the commissioning process. The Correspondence Chapters Program and Armed Services Program also are dedicated to assisting specific types of chapters.

Ops maintains one of the most comprehensive and informative websites in STARFLEET. In the process of being rolled out is the Ops Online Database, an up to date Vessel Registry and MSR Database. This will allow the Ops Vice Chiefs to enter information from the MSRs and be able to easily track records from month to month. RCs will be able to go and look up chapter MSRs to see chapter reports at any time. An administrative area will enable the Chief of Ops to keep track of Regional issues. A DTS section is planned as well.

Communications is responsible for producing STARFLEET's most recognized product: The STARFLEET Communiqué.

Producing and distributing a bi-monthly publication with a circulation of over 2500 is uniquely challenging. We are proud that every issue scheduled for production since we took office has been distributed, and we are aware that this department went through some rocky times. Steps have been taken to ensure that this will no longer be the case, and it is an aspect of our performance that we look forward to improving.

Our Periodicals-class permit is finally on its way, allowing for faster and cheaper CQ distribution. After calls from the membership, we eliminated the brown paper mailing bags, and now use clear plastic mailers. Only discussed in the past, we implemented the STARFLEET Fanzine. Stellar Visions showcases the talents of Fleet members in every issue.

The Electronic Services Department maintains the high profile STARFLEET website, <http://www.sfi.org>, which was nationally recognized with a mention on MSNBC. The magazine "Yahoo, Internet Life" listed the site as #6 out of 28 "Important Star Trek Web Sites". The Office of Web

Consulting assists members with website design, and established and presents the highly coveted STARFLEET Annual Web Awards. We also created the STARFLEET News Service (SNS), bringing together newsletter editors throughout Fleet.

The Academy embodies the "fun" side of Star Trek, and offers important and informative classes to aid members in acquiring the knowledge and skills needed to run a successful chapter. Through the Academy, members can enhance their knowledge of both the real-life world and the fictional world of Star Trek.

The Academy has opened or reopened 4 schools, with 2 new schools currently in development. In addition 3 schools have added additional courses to meet the needs of the members. We have re-organized into four Institutes and appointed a Dean to oversee each one, and started a pilot program, the Australian Campus of STARFLEET Academy, giving some of our overseas members greater ease of access to Academy courses. Likewise, this idea is being considered for Europe and Canada as well.

The Academy has an extensive awards program with a Dean's List in each CQ, the Academy Awards program recognizes the top two students in each school, as well as the "Red Squad" consisting of the top four Academy graduates.

The Academy serves as one of the best recruiting tools for STARFLEET. With over 10,000 hits per month, the Academy website adds to STARFLEET's online presence. Academy brochures are readily available, and great pains are taken to make sure this information is always current and up to date.

Plans include course translations for foreign language, visually impaired, and hearing-impaired students. We are also moving to provide exams online. We look forward to the revitalization of the popular STARFLEET Scholarship program, assisting members in furthering their education.

STARFLEET Shuttle Operations Command (ShOC) is responsible for helping new chapters form.

There's a lot more to ShOC than just launching shuttles. STARFLEET's chapters are truly her lifeblood, for they are the clubs that the members deal with every day on the local level. Bringing new chapters into the STARFLEET family means an opportunity to make new friends.

ShOC helps put fledgling chapters on the road to success. This ensures that they have met the basic requirements and have

had time to grow as a shuttle before facing the responsibilities of a full chapter. ShOC is also dedicated to helping the motherships of STARFLEET understand and fulfill their responsibilities.

ShOC has been diversified and streamlined, so that each chapter-in-training gets the personal attention they deserve. They are in the process of developing manuals to give everyone involved in the shuttle process the most extensive information available at their fingertips.

STARFLEET CompOps is directly responsible for ensuring that members receive services their membership entitles them to.

Maintaining the integrity of the membership database and efficient processing of new members are the keys to running CompOps smoothly. We came into this administration with a challenge, as the data received from the previous administration was nearly unusable. Over 1700 members were listed as "unassigned", and chapter records were woefully incomplete. In the past twenty months, we have turned that around to the point where members can now access their own information online.

Membership processing is perhaps the most thankless job in STARFLEET, involving the data entry of between 200 and 250 membership applications every month. We have streamlined the process so that the majority of members receive their materials within the established time frame. We are committed this goal, the procedures in place will enable us to do just that.

STARFLEET pledged that every member who joined during the last administration that did not receive membership materials would get a membership packet, and we met that promise. Chapter rosters are now available and are automatically sent to the RC's on a regular basis.

Constantly expanding is the award-winning CompOps website. Home of the online membership database, we continue to make improvements to the information that you, the member, have readily at hand. In the future we look forward to having expanded information available, so that CO's and RC's can check on ship rosters, membership counts, address information, and more.

CompOps has set up a secure online transaction server allowing us to accept applications over the World Wide Web. Since its inception in July, over 50 members a month have been using their credit card to renew or join.

CompOps is dedicated to serving the members of STARFLEET, and looks forward to continuing with that job.