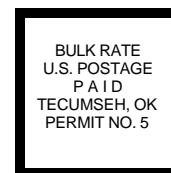


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WATKINS GLEN WEEKEND '98

What a Gorge-ous Place to Visit!

by Rahadyan Sasrowardoyo, adapted from a web page by Mark H. Anbinder

During the weekend of October 2-4, 1998, more than 70 officers from around the Fleet and their 'civilian' friends and loved ones converged on Watkins Glen, N.Y. for the 9th annual hike through a gorge carved during the last Ice Age. The hike was hosted by the Region 7 chapter, USS Accord, based in Ithaca, N.Y. (about an hour east of Watkins Glen) and commanded by newly-promoted Fleet Captain (which was shortened by Capt. Jon Lane of the USS Angeles to "Flaptain") Mark H. Anbinder. Special guests this year include FADM Michael D. Smith, Commander, Starfleet; COMM Jesse Smith, Starfleet Chief of Computer Operations; COMM Mandi Herrmann, Commandant, Starfleet Academy; and the officers and crew of various chapters around the Fleet, including those of the Adamant, Ascension, Avenger, Boston, Bounty, Czar'ak, Dauntless, Justice, Lexington, Rutledge, Sun Tzu, Tanagra, Thagard and the shuttle Normandy.

But first, a little background...

Back in the days of Shuttle Odyssey, an internal splinter group of USS Avenger, we sensed a need to do something that had nothing to do with Star Trek. We planned a small hike at the Watkins Glen State Park, and we invited some fellow Starfleet folks.

Little did we know.

Watkins Glen Weekends have seen strong contingents from Adamant, Ascension, Avenger, Challenger, New Horizons, Shadowstar, Tanagra, Thagard, and Valiant, plus visitors from as far away as Los Angeles. 1995's WGW was the biggest to date, involving an estimated 95 participants over the course of the weekend.

Watkins Glen Weekend (or WGW for short) is usually scheduled for the first weekend of October and includes a hike along the Watkins Glen State Park gorge trails (not a physically demanding hike at all), and dinner at the infamous Billy Bob Jack's Steakhouse & BBQ Shack. Most visitors arrive Friday night, and hang out with Accord members at any one of a number of Ithaca venues. This year, the place to be was Andy's Third Street



Beautiful view of a scenic portion of the gorge (notice size of people in top left corner of picture - this place is BIG!) - picture courtesy of Rahadyan "Tim" Sasrowardoyo



Newly promoted Fleet Captain Mark Anbinder receives his fifth pip from Commodore Mandi Herrmann - picture courtesy of Rahadyan "Tim" Sasrowardoyo

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Cafe, where we were entertained by the band Revolving Door (one of whose members is Jeff Anbinder, Mark's brother).

Saturday morning, some of us met again at Andy's for breakfast around 8:30, and met at the Cayuga Heights Fire Station (Accord's meeting place) at 10 for convoy. Upstate New York in early October tends to have capricious weather — in 1996, we were entirely rained out and most wound up going to the Corning Glass Works (a few hardy souls tried to hike the Glen, but could only do it partway before being turned back by common sense and park authorities); last year, it was a balmy 65 degrees.

This year, the weather started out chilly but soon warmed up. Perhaps it was the initial chill that made us hike faster, but we managed to complete the hike uphill in about two. At the top of the Glen, we had a round-robin of introductions and a recounting of what each of us had done since the last time we were either at an Accord meeting, or the last time we had attended a WGW.

That night, around 7 PM, we met at Billy Bob Jack's BBQ, a popular eatery, to partake of good food and good company. Traditional during this time are the granting of promotions to Accord officers, but this occasion also marked the 5th anniversary of Accord's commissioning in 1993, so five-year mission certificates were granted to those who had been with Accord since its first year.

After dinner, two groups diverged, one to Purity, a favorite ice cream place on Route 13; another to the Chapter House on Stewart Avenue in Ithaca. Until recently, the Chapter House was also a microbrewery and is a favored tavern of choice for many an Accord-ian of legal drinking age.

The next morning, many of us met for one last meal together, a brunch at the Ramada Inn near Triphammer Mall. And while many of us left for our respective homes immediately after that, some stayed to meet at Stewart Park, and to participate in a songfest led by Jeff Anbinder and "Uncle Mikey" Shappe (currently on the Czar'ak, but former XO of the Accord).

Serious props are due CDR J.C. Cohen, the Accord's Chief of Operations, for his coordinating of various elements of Watkins Glen Weekend.

Next year's Watkins Glen Weekend promises to be a very special one. It's the 10th anniversary of the hike, and is scheduled for the first weekend in October, 1999.

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FROM THE TOP

FLEET ADMIRAL MICHAEL D. SMITH, COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings, STARFLEET.

As I write this article to you, I have just been informed that the Vote of Confidence results are in, and I have to say that I'm just flabbergasted at the results, and in a very positive way.

While I felt confident that the Smith/Freas team would pass the Vote of Confidence, I never in my wildest expectations believed that we would pass the VoC so overwhelmingly.

With approximately 1/3 of the total ballots returned, the Smith/Freas team, and myself specifically, received an approval rating of approximately 85 percent. When Gord let me know the results, I was just stunned. Later, a great feeling of awe permeated through, after the full impact of the support of the association gave our team hit. I can't thank you, the membership, enough for such a stunning vote of confidence in my ability (and our team's ability) to continue to manage STARFLEET for another two years.

Recently, in a discussion with another STARFLEET member, I was told that I would be re-elected, but it would be because of voter apathy. I'm pleased to see that you, the voter, were most certainly NOT apathetic about STARFLEET's future. The Smith/Freas team also knows that we're

now behind the 8ball again, and need to work even harder than ever to ensure that the jobs we do are the very best they can be.

I'm also pleased to note that the proposed STARFLEET Constitution, received an over 90 percent approval rating, meaning that our new governing document has passed resoundingly as well, and that effective Jan 1st, that new document will be in force. I thank you for the voting support there, as well. The Smith/Freas team and the STARFLEET Admiralty Board worked long and hard on that document, and we're pleased that you're pleased with it.

Now that we know that we're going to be around for another two years, we can continue to move forward with changes and improvements with the organization. I've taken steps recently to improve the organization, and will continue to make those changes necessary to make sure that you are getting the most out of your membership dollar.

I promised Wendy I'd keep this article short, so I'll leave with you sincerest wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season and we'll talk again in 1999! Be safe and be well.

OPEN POSITIONS

As you have seen, RAdm Marlene Miller has taken the position of Vice Commandant of STARFLEET Academy.

As the Smith/Freas team has been voted into another term, STARFLEET is in need of a new Treasurer.

What are the Treasurer requirements, you may ask?

- 1) A STARFLEET member in good standing.
- 2) OTS and OCC
- 3) A firm background in accounting
- 4) Internet access is not required, but strongly recommended
- 5) While a computer is not required (paper ledgers can be done), STARFLEET uses QuickBooks software and I would like the Treasurer to use QB on their system.

In addition, I've recently had to accept the resignation of STARFLEET Promotions Director, RAdm Michael W. Malotte, so I need to fill that position as well.

What are the Promotions Director requirements, you may ask?

1) A STARFLEET member in good standing.

2) OTS and OCC

3) Internet access with email is required

4) Ability to forward promotion requests received via online Promotions page and US Mail within 2 days of receipt of same

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Please have resumes to me by no later than Dec 31st, 1998 as I will make my decision on both positions by no later than Jan 15th, 1999.

Thanks for your time, and thanks to both Marlene and Mike for their outstanding service to the organization. You both will be missed from your present positions.

SECOND THOUGHTS

ADMIRAL CHARLES FREAS, VICE COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings, my fellow fans! There are two things in life right now that I just can't wait patiently for — December 11th and the world premiere of Star Trek IX, and the announcement of the results of the now-concluded Vote of Confidence. Which way both of these events will turn out — whether I will love the results or be disappointed — I just don't know yet. Like the Trekker I am, I'm hoping for the best of both worlds — a kick arse movie and another two years in a leadership role with the biggest and best Star Trek fan club on Sol III. After all, that's what STARFLEET and Star Trek are all about — giving people from all over the world some fun, mixed with hope, and a real chance to make this a better world for all of us.

I do hope everyone takes the ST9 opportunity to do some "heavy duty" recruiting for their chapter and for Fleet. The more of us there are, the more fun we can have and the better at making a difference we can be. We have encouraged every chapter to do so, and we have tried to help make that a reality by sending out copies of the Communique as recruiting tools to any chapter who requested copies. So far over 50 chapters have done so. Let's make the most of what we have to share — a fun-filled, fan-filled "Keep on Trekking!" atmosphere and a colorful, informative CQ — and go get us some new members!

Speaking of recruiting, if anyone has a good recruiting story or any suggestions

about effective recruiting techniques, please give Commodore Ron Fell a shout. Ron is the head of the STARFLEET Recruiting Office. That makes him the keeper of the STARFLEET Recruiting Manual, a handy book full of effective recruiting ideas. Ron can be contacted via U.S. mail at 1635 Bright Leaf Rd., Pfafftown, NC 27040. You can also try contacting Commodore Jack Hopkins, the Recruiting Office's Executive Assistant Director, at SFIPhantom@aol.com for price and shipping information. You may contact Ron directly via e-mail to "Recruiting@sfi.org" or to "CommRFell@aol.com" with your questions, suggestions and/or comments. Ron and Jack have put together a good recruiting resource, and I urge everyone to

take advantage of it (if you have not already done so).

As I write these final words, the voting period ended two days ago but the result of the recent Vote of Confidence and the Constitutional Election won't be announced for up to two weeks yet. I suspect that all of you will know those results by the time this Communique is out. But, whatever the result, I have to say that I have really enjoyed my "Star Trek Experience" over the last two years, and I'll cherish forever the great friends and memories I've made so far. Thanks to all of you for "Making it so!"

SHOC

REAR ADMIRAL DENNIS GRAY, CHIEF, SHUTTLE OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Wow. It's over. The first two years of the Smith/Freas Administration are complete. I still sometimes shake my head in disbelief, that it even came to pass at all. Much less how far beyond any of our expectations how the organization rebounded, and has started to thrive. Just makes you want to break out in a big 'ole grin sometimes. <BEG> Being a part of it, helping to make it happen, has been both a pleasure, and an honor, I thank you, the members for.

Now, with your blessings, the Smith/Freas Team will be embarking on a second two-year voyage. A chance to finish what we started. A chance to put the sparkle back in the shine that is Starfleet. As much as we can look back and be proud of the last two years, we still need to look forward. With that in mind, there are a few, albeit important, changes to announce for ShOC.

Starting in January, 1999, the VRR fee for new shuttle launches will go up to \$10 - the same as it is for commissioning. That will make the VRR fee a flat \$10, no matter what you are filing for. Now, you ask-why? Fair question. The START manual will be ready to go. We want to include a copy in every new launch packet. We also want to include a copy of the recruiting department's handbook, an invaluable tool for every new shuttle. It is of terrific value in helping new shuttles find and recruit new members. Adding these two items, accounts for the added expense in creating a new launch packet. And, we feel, will go a LONG way in guaranteeing the success of each new shuttle.

Next, we intend to release a new VRR form beginning in January. It will add back some data fields that were left out of the current form, plus add new ones never seen before. Primary amongst those, will be a check box to subscribe to the CSR.

As you may know, or will soon find out, Starfleet is dropping the chapter charter fee this coming year. In conjunction with that, the CSR will be going to a subscription only based format. By adding a field on the VRR form, we hope to make it more convenient and easier for new shuttles and commissioning chapters to receive the CSR, which is a valuable source of information.

There will be a few operational changes that have already been put into

effect, and announced, but I will try to briefly recap. First off: The shuttle program term is set for, and designed for, 9 months. Not eight, not seven, or less. (When the old ASL (Accelerated Shuttle Launch) Program is finished being overhauled, there will be exceptions to this) Now, a shuttle may exceed the nine month term, if need be, by requesting an extension. Up to three may be requested. The first request is asked of ShOC, and is automatic. The second needs RC approval, the third must also have the RC's approval, plus the approval of the ShOC Dept. directly. This is to ensure that shuttles do not go on seemingly forever and ever, never making it to commissioning. (Believe it or not, there have been (and are) shuttles out there that do not want to commission, but want to remain a shuttle indefinitely. The idea of a small chapter appeals to some people, and they would remain a shuttle if they could. While at first glance, this seems harmless, ShOC is not designed to support ongoing chapters. That's Ops's job. If Ops wants to allow small(er) chapters, then terrific! But, I digress...) If, at the end of the third extension, a shuttle is still not able to reach commissioning as a full chapter, they will be recalled (a.k.a. 'decommissioned'). If this were to happen, ShOC will let that chapter start the shuttle program over again, (filing new VRR package, etc.) from scratch, one time.

A few tips on the VRR form: When filling out the VRR form, for the CO and XO, *please* list their *current* ranks. NOT what rank they will rise to when they assume their new positions. If I see someone listed as the CO of a new shuttle as a commander, I will not make out a promotion certificate for them, as I take it that that person *already* holds the rank of commander (or Lt. commander, for the XO), hence making out a certificate would be redundant. Along the same lines, I have received a few VRR's with no ranks listed at all for the new CO and XO.

Again, if that happens, I will not make the promotion certificates, assuming that the parties involved already have their respective new ranks, or better.

Next, I can't stress strongly enough how important it is to write or print all the appropriate info on the VRR *clearly*, so as to make it easy to read. It's a true challenge sometimes, trying to decipher handwriting, to get names or addresses correct when processing VRR's. <G>

Also, we decided not accept 'pending' on VRR's in place of an SCC number. In doing so, it can hold up a VRR, and accordingly, the shuttle's launch for extended periods of time. This can and does cause much stress and anguish on the new crew, to be held in limbo for possibly extended periods of time. Better to get all the requirements taken care of first, and sail through the VRR process with no hitches. If you are having problems getting a member's membership processed through CompOps, or having problems reaching CompOps (this should not happen), then contact us at ShOC. We will do our best to help resolve the problem with all due haste, and get your member(s) their SCC number, or renewal they need, ASAP. Please feel free to direct inquiries of this type to my vice chief, Denine Malotte, at: VShOC@sfi.org. You'd be surprised at how much she can help.

All these things, some old(er), some new, will help make ShOC better able to do its job, and hence, benefit the program as a whole, thereby better serving you, the members. Cool, huh? <G>

I have not had the chance to compile a listing of all the new shuttle launches since last I listed them here in the CQ. But for the next issue, I will endeavor to make it a point to see that they are listed. All of them. Still on the CQ, I do not know if they will start with this issue, but most certainly by CQ 91, the shuttle report summaries will return to the CQ, along with the chapter summaries. :)

Lastly, as far as official news type stuff is concerned, ShOC HQ will be off line—shut down - however you want to phrase it, for the last two weeks of the year. I will be closing shop on or about the 19th of December, and won't be back here until about the 5th of January, while I head back to Kentucky for the holidays. If you try to contact me, either via email, or USPS, and do not get a reply during that time, be patient. I will be wading through and getting caught up ASAP after getting back home here. If there is something urgent that is needed, Feel free to contact any of my staff for assistance. They will be more than happy to do what they can to help. With luck, I may see some of you all during that time, as I plan to drive back from Kentucky to Washington (state). Wish me luck! <G>

Ladies, gentlemen, officers, and members of the Fleet - the last two years have been ones that I will never forget. I want to thank you all for the opportunity to serve Starfleet. For the opportunity to give back to the organization, which has brought so much into my life, in terms of friendships, memories, and more. But there are a few people, which I must single out in thanks.

Let's start with Comp Ops. Liz Woolf, Jeff Salamon, Greg Trotter, Mandi Herrmann, Jesse Smith. All these folk have been of great help during the last two years. Between them, they have solved many membership problems involving new or commissioning shuttles. Without their help, we could not have run ShOC. My thanks. Thanks to Dan & Donna Friesen. Dan was my first vice chief, and Donna put in countless hours helping him and the department out. To Linda (Reynolds) Kloempken and Peggie Kennedy, for their advice, experience, and wisdom after I took over. To my fellow members of the EC - it's been great working with y'all. I'm looking forward to the next two years. Honest! <G> To all the RC's - I've worked with just about all of you now at some point or another.

It's been a real hoot! Thank you all for your patience, and help. To Chuck Freas. For without his efforts on behalf of the Fleet, probably none of us would still be here today. And to (FAdm) Mike Smith. Who would have thought we'd be where we are today when we were back on the old Intrepid II, eh Mike? <G> Thanks, my friend, for the opportunity, and for caring enough about Starfleet to have put the whole damn team together to begin with. You done good.

Lastly, there's my staff. If I were independently wealthy, and didn't have to work, then no doubt, I could spend 8-10-12 hours a day, running ShOC single-handedly. But such is not the case. William 'Biff' Bassett is my staff assistant. He almost single-handedly made it possible for me to have computer access, and to remain connected electronically these first two years. Through either the use of his home, his computer, software, and even hardware. Without his help, I simply would not have been able to do the job. Thank you, Biff. Jonathan 'Gumby' Simmons was a late addition to the staff as a member this year. Jonathan has given me a lot of help with publications, and will continue to do so. However, I've

OPERATIONS

REAR ADMIRAL TOM MONAGHAN, CHIEF, OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Hi! As usual, I'd like to start things off with my usual round of congratulatory announcements. First, congratulations to our recently commissioned or re-commissioned chapters, namely USS Asimov (R7) under the command of Captain Martin Lessem, USS Tempest (R1) under the command of Fleet Captain Robin Pillow, USS Tsunami (R15) under the command of Captain Cynthia DeMidio, USS Celt (R12) under the command of Captain Chris Dunivan, Station Ian Fleming (R15) under the command of Captain Garrick Halverson, USS Highroller (R4) under the command of Captain Charles Flowers, USS Devastator (R3) under the command of Captain Bette Frantz, USS Spiritwolf (R3) under the command of Captain Michelle DuBose, USS Stormbringer (R4) under the command of Captain Dave Pitts, USS Delta Clipper (R12) under the command of Captain Rick Giles, and USS Titanic (formerly USS Nightshade - R12) under the command of Fleet Captain David Summers.

Congratulations are also in order for our new chapter commanding officers, namely Captain Betty Flyzik commanding USS Prevailing Wind (R7), Captain John Winsley commanding USS Jamestown (R1), Captain Liz Beaulieu commanding USS Bean Sidhe (R15), Captain Christen Leddon commanding USS Jeannette Maddox (R12), Acting Captain Wanda Williams commanding USS Quantum (R12), Captain Laura Hensley commanding USS Yorktown (R1), Captain Bette Frantz commanding USS Devastator (R3), Captain Michelle DuBose commanding USS Spiritwolf (R3), Captain Dave Pitts commanding USS Stormbringer (R4), and Captain Rick Giles commanding USS Delta Clipper (R12).

On the downside we must bid farewell to the following recently decommissioned Starfleet chapters: USS Oklahoma (R12), USS Appalachian (R1), USS Best Destiny (R1), and USS Khitomer (R1).

Back on the upside, congratulations are also in order for our recent winners of the Starfleet Operations Region of the Month Award. The Region of the Month for the Month of October is Region 4 (Fleet Captain Ed Nowlin, RC) and for the Month of November is Region 5 (Commodore Kurt Roithinger, RC). Congratulations Region 4 and Region 5!

The Starfleet Operations Chapter Assistance Program (CAP) has a new director. With the recent resignation of program

director Richard Jolitz it became necessary to select a new CAP director. Fortunately, CAP Assistant Director Peter Lutz was available to take over the directorship of the program. You can now contact the Chapter Assistance Program at the following address:

Chapter Assistance Program
c/o Peter Lutz, Director
62 Columbia Street
Swampscott, MA 01907
peterlutz@worldnet.att.net

The Starfleet Operations Advanced Starship Design Bureau (ASDB) also has a new director. With the recent resignation of program director Thomas Spiker it became necessary for DTS Director Alex Rosenzweig to select a new ASDB director. Now the wait is finally over. John H. Harris has been selected by Alex to take over the directorship of the program. You can now contact the Advanced Starship Design Bureau at the following address:

Advanced Starship Design Bureau
c/o John H. Harris, Director
401 West Fourth St. Apt. 23
Jamestown, NY 14701-4836
kb2izy@netsync.net
<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Dimension/5114/sfi-asdb/>

I'd like to take the time now to announce one last upcoming staff change within Starfleet Operations. Effective 1 January 1999 I will be stepping aside as Chief of Operations, Starfleet. The new Chief of Operations for Smith/Frea's second term will be Senior Vice Chief Les Rickard. (You will be able to read about what other changes are to occur within Starfleet Operations come January 1st in Les' section of the Ops Report.)

Now I'm not leaving Starfleet Operations. No, I just couldn't do that. I'm merely stepping aside in order to allow someone else the opportunity to experience the joys of working on the Executive Committee of Starfleet. I've put in my two years worth and now it's time to take a rest and start enjoying a little more of what this great association has to offer on the local and regional levels again. As I mentioned previously, I'm moving aside, not stepping down, to take on the office of Starfleet Operations Chief of Staff. I'll be acting mainly as Les' chief advisor. I will also continue to produce the Starfleet Vessel Registry so if you have any updates for the VR please keep on sending them my way by the end

of each month.

Needless to say, this probably will be my last official report for the Communique in the capacity of Chief of Operations, Starfleet. There are a million and one thoughts whirling around inside my head right now as I prepare the department for this transition. But the most dominant thought is that Starfleet Operations could not possibly be the success it is today without the diehard dedicated staff that is Team Ops. Yes, we've had our fair share of staff changes the past two years but I honestly believe that the secret to our success is our staff members. Les, Matt, Chelle, JC, Michelle, Alex, Dave, Barb, Dennis, Peter, Tamara, Thomas, Mark, Marlon, Michael, Donna and everyone else in Team Ops - thank you all very much for being there when I needed you and when the chapters and members of Starfleet needed you. You all have done a most resounding job well done.

Kay Clancy. Bryan Ackermann. Chris Smith. Tom Davis. Terry Wyatt. Michael "JD" Knight. Cindy Krell. Jim Herring. And now add to the list your next Chief of Operations, Starfleet, a man who needs no introduction but definitely deserves one, Brigadier General Les Rickard!

Catch y'all behind the lines!

RADM Tom Monaghan
Chief of Operations, Starfleet

FROM THE INCOMING CHIEF OF OPERATIONS
BGEN Les Rickard, Senior Vice Chief of Operations

Greetings From Ops South. I wanted to pipe in here with some pertinent information for STARFLEET Operations. As of January 1, 1999 (assuming the Smith/Freas Team is re-elected for another two year term) I will be stepping up to the plate as STARFLEET's new Chief of Operations. RAdm Tom Monaghan is going to be stepping down, but not away. Tom will remain a part of TEAM OPS as my Chief of Staff. He'll assist me in adjusting to the new role I will play and be there to take up some slack when needed, as I have done for him over the last two years. Briefly I would like to thank Tom for the hard work he has put into Operations. I truly believe due to Tom's vigilance it has remained one of the shining jewels in the STARFLEET EC.

Okay, as far as how we do our job at Ops HQ there will be some changes. None of these changes will be in our dedication to the chapters and members of STARFLEET. These changes will merely be operational changes in the way you interact with STARFLEET Operations. As of 1 January 1999 MSR processing will change somewhat. Instead of having a Vice Chief over US Mail MSRs and one for Email we will have District Vice Chiefs who will handle both US Mail and Email MSRs. The District Vice Chiefs will be broken up as follows:

Vice Chief, Eastern District (Regions 1, 2, 7 and 15)
Commander JC Cohen
108 Ferris Place
Ithaca, NY 14850
jccohen@14850.com

Vice Chief, Western District (Regions 3, 4, 5, 6, 12 and 17)
Captain Andrea Haag
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Dearborn, MI 48126
AndreaHaag@aol.com

Vice Chief, International District (Regions 9, 10, 11 and 13)
Captain Chelle Johnson
528 Ottawa
Leavenworth KS, 66048
avops-int@sfi.org

(Note: International MSRs are already being processed by Capt Johnson. All International COs please begin sending your MSRs to her immediately. All Regions with International Chapters report to Capt Johnson.)

Except for the person you are sending your MSRs to nothing else changes with regards to the schedule or deadlines for MSRs. You will still have to have your MSRs to us by the 5th of the month following the reporting period (i.e. November 1998's MSR is due by December 5th 1998). The Online MSR form will change just slightly to accommodate the use of three Vice Chiefs. I will defer to Capt McCabe, our Online Operations Director, with regards to any technical questions regarding the online MSR form. So if you have a problem just contact Dave. I am quite sure that there will be some mistakenly sent MSRs to the current Vice Chiefs but that is fine and they will be forwarded to the proper person for processing.

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ACADEMY NOTES

COMMODORE MANDI HERRMANN, COMMANDANT, STARFLEET ACADEMY

Happy Holidays, Starfleet! I hope everyone is doing well as we approach the holiday season. I'm writing this with my right leg propped up on the couch having undergone a right knee arthroscopy. I had a slight accident and tore some cartilage and ligaments in my knee and have been pretty much immobile for the past few weeks now. I've just begun physical therapy, and I should be back in shape in two more months. I'd like to thank each and everyone one of you who have expressed your concern and supported me in your thoughts and prayers since this happened. It's been nice to hear from so many of you in Starfleet. That's what makes this organization so great is that we can be so far apart, yet still feel so close. We can manage to put aside the petty political differences and personality differences and rally support for those fleet members in need. I've seen it done dozens of times and having been the recipient now of your support and scores of virtual Starfleet hugs and get well cards, it makes me proud to be a member of this organization and I feel humbled to serve each and every one of you as a member of the Executive Committee. Thank you all once again for your support, concern, thoughts, and prayers. It is you, the members of Starfleet, that keep me sane sometimes when things get a little busy and crazy here at Academy HQ!

Now, on to some business. Within the next couple of days, I will have made my decision as to whom will serve as the new Vice Commandant of Starfleet Academy. I consulted with Mike Smith on this decision, and we are now awaiting for the final acceptance. So, the announcement will be made in the next CSR and the next CQ.

Also, a permanent director has been chosen for the directorship of the College of Medicine. The decision was a tough one, but the selection committee finally came to a decision. Wayne Lee Killough, the interim director, is now the permanent director of the College of Medicine. He has really been on the ball with the school getting it back online and caught up. I thank everyone who applied, but Wayne will provide the stability needed in this position and he has plenty of ideas to further expand the courses available in the College of Medicine. I encourage everyone to take his courses. They are fun and informative all at the same time!

Okay, quick break from business... Here is a quick contest and a surprise for everyone who thoroughly reads their CQ's. Trivia question: What does Starfleet General Order 15 say? The fifth person to send me the correct answer via the Postal Service will win an autographed card of a

Star Trek star. My address is in the front cover of this issue of the CQ. No email answers will be accepted to make this fair for everyone!

Okay, now back to some announcements. A few new colleges will be opening for business soon as well. More on this as they develop. However, I'm excited to see the addition of the School of Literature and the Counselor's College opening soon. I think everyone will enjoy these additions to Starfleet Academy. I'm also considering a few other school proposals at this time, so things are really looking up in the Academy as we continue to expand the course offerings based on the requests of the membership.

Also, the Starfleet Academy website has been updated and has a whole new look. If you are out websurfing, please stop by www.sfi-sfa.com. Greg Staylor is the Academy webmaster and has done a good job on the recent update. Please be sure to let us know what you think of the site. From the site you can view full course descriptions, download the most recent academy applications, and download the most recent Academy brochure. If you are not connected to the internet and would like a current copy of these documents, please contact Tom Restivo (address in the front cover).

I apologize once again for not posting a dean's list, but due to my injury, it's been hard to go through my paperwork. The doctor has me reclining as much as possible with the leg elevated, so you can see why it might be a tad bit difficult for me to go through a file box. The Dean's List will appear in the next issue and will include everyone from the past couple of months!

Finally, it has been my honor to serve as part of this administration for the last 2 years. Sure, at times, there have been a few bumps along the way, but overall, I have really enjoyed myself as I get the opportunity to serve the membership. It has been great meeting so many of you in the past two years at the different conventions and gatherings I've been able to attend. This November marked my one year anniversary as Academy Commandant, and I just want to say it's been my pleasure and I hope to continue serving you all for another two years. Take care and see you in sixty!

Commodore Mandi Herrmann

VULCAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE GRADUATE PROFILE: Edith Padgett

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: **Edith L. Padgett!**

A member of STARFLEET since June 1996, Edith hails from Region One's U.S.S. Charleston. It took her four months to finish all of the VAS courses.

Ms. Padgett has been interested in space science and science-fiction since the late 1960's. While she has not been employed as a scientist, she has had first-hand experience in the medical field: "I have had two kidney transplants since 1991."

In fact, she explains, that is what led her to take the VAS courses. "I ordered the first test just after my last transplant (May 10, 1997), so these helped a lot to keep me busy while I was recovering and starting to look for a job. I got teased a lot about taking so many courses so fast, but it helped to keep my mind focused on something positive."

The scientific field that interests Edith the most is astronomy. "I like to watch the stars," she explained, "and I took astronomy courses in college." She loves to read articles on space exploration, as well

as science-fiction books.

The most important scientific discovery, Edith believes, is that the Earth is not the center of the universe and that some stars are actually other planets. This ties in closely with the most important discovery yet to be made: "that there is intelligent life out there that we can communicate with."

If she could decide NASA's space missions for the next 30 years, Edith would give highest priority to every day living in space. This holds a special fascination for her: "I would love to live in space!"

Science is very important to the world today, she noted, "because just about everything we use today is a result of someone's scientific efforts."

In closing, Edith shared her enthusiasm for the Vulcan Academy of Sciences by contributing something to the school. "I enjoyed VAS so much that when I mailed in my last completed exams, I also mailed in two new electives (Volcanology I and II) which were added to the curriculum!"

(On behalf of the Vulcan Academy of Sciences, I would like to take a moment to thank Edith 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, O 44405-1212, or email her at <VAS@sfi.org>.

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

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:

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 CLOSED UNTIL FEBRUARY 1999
Cpt. Michelle A. DuBose, 7302 Corporate Dr. #1906, Houston, TX 77036
- cocd@sfi.org <dubose@pdq.net>
(Copy of OTS diploma required for Command level courses; Copy of OCC
diploma required for Honors level courses - Do NOT send original certificates!)

INSTITUTE OF ARTS - Dean - RAdm. Carolyn Donner

- ☐ COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATIONS (COC)
- \$4.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps
RAdm Carolyn Donner, PO Box 158, Hammersville, OH 45130
- vacademy@sfi.org <Donner.Crafts@worldnet.att.net >
- ☐ BASIC WEB DESIGN (only)
- \$4.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps
LtJG Bernie Fritts 6011 Sunbeam Lane, Apt. #202., Knoxville, TN 37931
- <asstdirector@commcollege.com>
- ☐ COLLEGE of FEDERATION STUDIES (COFS)
- \$1.00, SASE, 3 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
Capt. Donna Tucker, 7066 Goodner Mtn Rd., Pinson, AL 35126
- cofs@sfi.org <DTucker937@aol.com>
- ☐ COLLEGE of HISTORY (COH)
- \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
Cmdr George K. Clark Jr., 8100 Lichen Dr., Citrus Heights, CA 95621- no email
- ☐ SCHOOL of LANGUAGE STUDIES (SOLS)
- \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
Comm. Sherry Anne Newell, 5 NW 40th, Lawton, OK 73505 - no email

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY - Dean - VAdm. Marlene Miller

- ☐ VULCAN ACADEMY of SCIENCE (VAS)
- \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
VAdm. Marlene Miller, 461 Harmony Lane, Campbell, OH 44405
- vas@sfi.org <MRG@cboss.com>
- ☐ COLLEGE of COMPUTER HISTORY (COCH)
- Free, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
RAdm Sharon Ann Campbell, P.O. Box 603, Kirkland , WA 98083-0603
- coch@sfi.org <sac@wolfenet.com>
- ☐ SCHOOL of ENGINEERING (SOE)
- \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps
Capt. Brian Dougherty, 1445 Fairmeadows Street, St. Louis, MO 63138-2512
- soe@sfi.org <briwdou@swbell.net>
- ☐ COLLEGE of MEDICINE (SACOM)
- \$3.00, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
Cmdr. Wayne Lee Killough, Jr., PO Box 359, Lead Hill, AR 72644-0359
<killough@cswnet.com>
- ☐ STARFLEET OFFICERS RADIO SCHOOL (SORS)
- SASE, 3 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
Cmdr. Jeff Salamon, 3535 East 14th #104, Plano, Tx. 75074-7060
- sors@sfi.org <bsamford@gte.net>
- ☐ COLLEGE OF TRADE AND COMMERCE (COTAC)
- Basic COTAC - \$2.00 + LSASE & 2 loose .32 stamps
- COTAC Shuttle Treasury - \$3.00, LSASE, 2 Loose 32 cetn stamps
Cmdr. Tammy Willcox, 5391 Marlfield Drive, Norfolk, VA 23502
- cotac@sfi.org <R1Special@aol.com>

INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES - Dean - FCapt Greg Staylor

- ☐ SECURITY SCHOOL (SFASS)
- \$2.00, 3 Loose 32 cent Stamps for each course
FCapt. Gregory Staylor, P.O.Box 9796, Chesapeake, VA 23321-9796 - sass@sfi.org
< Security@Sfi-sfa.com>
- ☐ COLLEGE of SURVIVAL STUDIES (COSS)
- \$3.00, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
(Stamps from US members only)
FCapt. Carol Thompson, P.O. Box 135, Ester, AK 99725
- coss@sfi.org <72703.667@compuserve.com>
- ☐ KLINGON WARRIOR ACADEMY (KWA)
- \$1.00, LSASE, 3 Loose 32 cent Stamps per Degree
Capt. Greg Franklin, 910 Cooks Valley Road, Apt #21, Kingsport, TN 37664
- kwa@sfi.org <reprisalco@aol.com>
- ☐ COLLEGE of STARSHIP OPERATIONS (COSO)
- \$2.00, SASE
Capt. James W. Lee, 214 Jamestown Dr., Spring Lake, NC 28390
- coso@sfi.org <Jlee569968@aol.com>

COMMUNICATIONS

RADM GORDON GOLDBERG, CHIEF, COMMUNICATIONS, STARFLEET

Hailing Frequencies Open! First off, I'm pleased to announce that effective January 1, 1999, I will no longer be a member of the STARFLEET Admiralty Board. For that matter, Mike Smith is the only current member of the Executive Committee who will be on the Admiralty Board as of that date. Why? Because the new STARFLEET Constitution was successfully ratified by the membership, and under that document, the Admiralty Board is made up of the Regional Coordinators (who will now be elected by their regions' chapters), and chaired by the Commander, STARFLEET. Oh, yeah, I guess I forgot to mention that Mike passed the Vote of Confidence — that's why he'll still be on the Admiralty Board.

Actually, I'm understating things, so let start over — we had an amazing number of members, over one-third of the total membership, who chose to take part in the election this year, and Mike passed the Vote of Confidence by a landslide eighty-seven percent! And the new Constitution did even better than Mike — it was ratified by a ninety-two percent margin!

Don't believe me? Do the math yourself. There were 3,545 ballots sent out, and 1,219 returned. Taking into account that some people voted on only one issue instead of both (and abstaining votes don't

count either way) the Vote of Confidence for the Commander, STARFLEET, passed with 1,033 in favor and 153 opposed. The ratification of the new Constitution passed with 1,092 in favor, and only 95 opposed.

Pretty darn impressive, if you ask me!

Before I move on, I'd like to address a question some people asked regarding the ballots — namely why the ballots were mailed out separately, rather than being enclosed with the Communiqué.

First off, there's no requirement under Article 6 of the old Constitution, which outlines the election process, that the ballots go out with the Communiqué. All it says is that the voting takes place in October and November, and ballots must be postmarked no later than November 15 of the election year.

Unfortunately, as you've probably noticed, the Communiqué is still being mailed out via bulk mail - we still don't have our second-class mail permit. Because of this, the US Post Office doesn't forward Communiqués to people who have moved, and doesn't return undeliverable Communiqués to us so we'd know we had the wrong addresses.

In order to make sure that the ballots

got out to as many people as possible (and to let us know whose correct addresses we didn't have), it was decided to send the ballots out in a separate, first-class mailing. This way they'd be forwarded where possible, or else returned to us. And quite a few did come back as undeliverable. But most of them got to where they should have gone. And some folks contacted us in time to get the returned, undeliverable ballots mailed back out to their correct addresses.

And an amazing thirty-four percent of the membership returned their ballots — so I think it worked pretty well.

I'd like to take the time to thank everyone who took the time to vote — regardless of how you voted, I'm glad you exercised your right to take part in the process, and helped to assure a phenomenal turnout!

As we head into the new year, I'm still looking for someone to take over the position of Vice Chief/Fanzine Editor. Wendy's looking forward to focusing more closely on the Communiqué, so we need someone to take charge of Stellar Visions. 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 accepted via email to Comm@sfi.org, or via postal mail to:

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

Martin Lessem and Andrea Haag have flip-flopped their roles, and are now respectively Director and Deputy Director of the International Translation Corps — they can still be reached at ITC@sfi.org.

I'd like to thank Tamara Copple for the fabulous job she did as Communiqué remailer — as she moves on to bigger and better things, her services will be sorely missed by the Communications Division, and by all the members and chapters she helped out.

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.

On behalf of the entire Communications Division, I'd like to wish you and yours all the best of the season, and a happy and healthy new year!

In Service to the Fleet,

Gordon L. Goldberg
Chief of Communications,
STARFLEET

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION HELP WANTED

VICE CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS/ FANZINE

As Gordon mentioned, the position of Fanzine Editor for Stellar Visions is now open. The job includes collection of original stories and artwork created by STARFLEET members for publication, over-seeing the editing of the stories, coordinating the final decisions on which pieces to publish, doing the layout, arranging for copying and binding, and the final mailing of the finished product. Will also be responsible for collecting all monies paid for subscriptions, sending same to the Commander/STARFLEET, and filing a monthly financial report with the Commander STARFLEET, the Treasurer, and the Auditor. Internet access desirable; submissions are frequently made via e-mail, and the fanzine@sfi.org address would be forwarded to your own e-mail address.

CQ/REMAILERS

Also mentioned above is the fact that Tamara Copple has decided that it is time to step down from her position as the person responsible for sending out replacement copies of the Communiqué to the membership. Internet access is important; many requests for missing CQ's come in via e-mail, and an ability to quickly and easily contact CompOps to verify membership information is very helpful as well. The sfi.org address for CQ/Remailers would be forwarded to your own. Responsibilities include fielding requests for missing CQ's, following up with CompOps, and mailing of issues to members who are entitled to them but did not receive them due to US Postal Service error.

ASSISTANT EDITOR/ COMMUNIQUE

Unbeknownst to Gordon in time for him to include in his own column, Mike Shappe has had to step down as the Assistant Editor of the Communiqué. Internet access is a must for this position. The majority of the submissions for the Communiqué come in via e-mail. The CQ@sfi.org address forwarding would include your address along with mine and Gordon's. Responsibilities would include possible editing of text before layout, and double-checking of pdf files after layout. Must have access to Adobe PageMaker and Adobe Exchange. Ability to send .doc or .txt attachments via e-mail necessary.

PLEASE SEND RESUMES TO:

Applications will be accepted via email to **Comm@sfi.org**, or via postal mail to:

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

Thank you!

COMPUTER OPERATIONS

COMM JESSE SMITH, CHIEF, COMPUTER OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

In late October, my Vice-Chief, Greg Trotter came to me and requested that he be relieved from his membership processing duties due to increasing constraints on his time from work and other private life matters. Since Membership Processing is a vital role in Starfleet, the Fleet Admiral and I agreed that we needed to fill the position immediately, from the resumes that we had on hand, rather leave the position vacant while accepting resumes. We also felt that the best course of action, which would bring the smoothest transition, would be to promote from within the department.

Effective November 1st, Acting Staff Coordinator, LtCmdr Teri Smith assumed the role as Vice Chief, Membership Processing. Based on the position, she was promoted by the Commander, Starfleet, to the brevet rank of Captain. Effective immediately, the new Membership Processing Address is:

Starfleet Membership Processing
PO Box 96
Greenbelt MD 20768

If you have recently mailed an application to the old post office box in Kansas, there is no need to worry, mail is already being forwarded to the new address. A new membership flyer was included with the most recent CSR and can be found elsewhere in this issue of the CQ. Update applications can also be found on the Starfleet Web Site.

Greg, PJ and Chris Rossman have done a terrific job over the past year with membership processing and I am thankful that all of them have agreed to remain part of the Computer Operations staff. Greg will be remaining as my Senior Vice-Chief, and PJ will be remaining to assist him. Chris will be remaining in his old position with Membership Processing, under Teri's direction. Greg will continue to provide the server space for Starfleet's mail and virtual web servers and well as other ad-ventures I send his way.

As a result of the various changes, I've tried to streamline the department in order to take care of your concerns in the fastest manner possible. Part of this streamlining was the removal of the Staff Coordinator Position. We would like to encourage you, the member, to take your problems, questions, and concerns directly to the CompOps member can server your request the fastest. For problems with your membership, including chapter and address changes, you should turn to Teri Smith, who can be reached at the membership processing address, or via e-mail at memberships@sfi.org. If your concerns involve the ship URLs, SFI mailing list, or e-mail aliases, you should turn to Greg Trotter at the address on the cover of the Communiqué, or via e-mail at aliases@sfi.org. If you are using e-mail and are not sure of who to send your message to, please feel free to use the CompOpsHelp@sfi.org address. Your message will either be answered or forwarded to the appropriate individual

within the department to be resolved. On the same token, if you do not have e-mail capability and are not sure who should receive your request, please feel free to send them directly to me.

Lately, there has been some question about chapter and region rosters. In an effort to keep your membership information as confidential as possible, only Chapter Commanding and Executive Officers can request rosters for their chapter and on Region Coordinators can request regional rosters. COs, XO's, and RCs can request that additional members of their staff, by name, be eligible to receive the rosters by sending a letter to Blair Learn. Region Coordinators are being sent rosters on a quarterly basis and Chapter Rosters are available on a by request basis by contacting Blair Learn at rosters@sfi.org or by sending a SASE to his address on the inside cover of this Communiqué.

Computer Operations is continually striving to improve our service to you and will always be open to your comments and suggestion. Recently, the mailing company removed the expiration date from the labels of the Communiqué, and many members missed this information so we've requested that it be returned. Also on your suggestions we've begun mailing postcard reminders to members who have recently expired. These postcards sometimes go out only a few days after your membership expires so it is possible that your renewal will cross in the mail.

If we have your correct e-mail address on file, or if you include a self-addressed stamped postcard with you renewal we will drop you a note to let you know when we have received and processed your membership. By the time you receive this, we will also be providing this same service for new members as well.

These were only a few of the improvements that we have been looking at and we hope that they will help us better serve you. As with any improvement process, some ideas are not as successful as planned. One such idea is the renewal by fax. This ability has been available, but was not successful and as a result, we will be discontinuing this service which will save us the effort and cost of maintaining an unused fax number.

In an effort to make sure our records are up to date, we have included a list of members elsewhere in this issue, who we show as not being assigned to an active Starfleet Chapter. If your name appears on that list and you are a member of a chapter, please take a second to drop a message to Teri Smith at memberships@sfi.org or at the address in the front of the CQ. Please include your name, SCC, and the chapter to which you should be assigned.

Lastly, the entire staff of the Computer Operations would like to wish all of you a terrific holiday season. See you in two months!

Jesse Smith, Commodore
Chief, Computer Operations
Starfleet

COMP OPS VIA THE INTERNET

Posted by Blair Learn to the STARFLEET listserve:

Greetings!

Just a reminder, as Mike and Jesse Smith have announced, the Computer Operations Department has been reorganized recently. The biggest change is that the Membership Helpdesk has been combined with Membership Processing so the person answering questions will have access to the actual membership forms.

A quick summary of the contact list:

Membership@sfi.org

Problems/questions about your membership application.

Rosters@sfi.org

Requests for chapter rosters.

WebBoy@sfi.org

Questions about the CompOps web site.

NetServices@sfi.org

Questions/problems with the main SFI.org web site.

aliases@sfi.org

Inquiries about vanity *e-mail* addresses ("me@sfi.org").

OWC@sfi.org

Inquiries about vanity web addresses ("http://www.myship.sfi.org")

CompOps@sfi.org

Complaints or Praise about the department.

If you're not sure where to send your question, send it to CompOpsHELP@sfi.org.

I hope this will clear up any remaining confusion.

Blair Learn (Blair1@erols.com)

<http://www.erols.com/blair1/>

<http://www.NetworkBoy.com/>



<http://www.sfi.org>

CompOps— UNASSIGNED MEMBERS LIST

Greetings Starfleet!

In an effort to make sure that the Starfleet Database is as up to date as possible a list of members who we show as not being assigned to any active Starfleet Chapter. If you name appears below and you are currently with a Starfleet Chapter, please take a second to drop an e-mail to memberships@sfi.org or a letter to Teri Smith (address in front of CQ) and asked that your records be updated. Please be sure to include your name, SCC number and the chapter to which you should be assigned.

Thanks for your help!

Jesse Smith, Commodore
Chief, Computer Operations
Starfleet

Last Name	First Name	SCC Number
Abbott	Randall	52528
Albrizio	Joe	30292
Allen	Dawn-Marie	52203
Armour	Glen	45674
Arnarsson	Karvel	52377
Ascher	Ryan	51960
Austin	Dan	51489
Babineau	Richard	52376
Backus	Kenneth	52141
Ball	Valerie J	51588
Barrett	Jeri L.	51784
Behrens	Judy D.	51833
Benfell	David	52582
Benson	Heatherlee	50285
Benson	Justin	51350
Berg	Randy S	50165
Berg	Robin Rianhard-	50166
Bernardo	Donald E	52578
Biber	Michalene	28192
Biber	Scott	28193
Blackwell	Clayton	51491
Blankenship	Craig	52374
Bock	Michelle R	25649
Bowers	Steven P.	52370
Boyd	Ann M	21609
Bradbury	John	1
Breeze	Terry	52282
Britton	James D	30823
Brock	Denver	52360
Brooks	Patricia L.	52497
Buchert	Michael	51912
Buck	Jeana R	45881
Buffat	Bertrand	52588
Burke	Cornelia Marie	47119
Burke	Kenneth F	47118
Campbell	Janice	47332
Cannon	Rose Marie	33688
Caparrela	Corey	52170
Carroll	William	52025

Carter	Christine	52545
Case	Mike	52494
Chandler	Cindy	14307
Cherry	Clifford W	10118
Cherry	Susan	17627
Chielens	Klaas	52097
Chin	Dave	52524
Cierocki	Anna	51917
Clark	Charles	51866
Clark	Wilbur B	51508
Class	Jim	51437
Class	Michelle	51438
Class	Suzanne	52340
Clearman	Richard W.	31262
Cluley	Phillip	52444
Coleman	Michelle	52333
Collins	Larry	52123
Conom	Stavros	51342
Cook	Kathryn	51563
Cooney	David	50199
Cooper	Dick	52555
Corwin	Cara	52122
Craddock	L. Preston	52244
Craft	Mark	52393
Crissey	Nathan	51042
Crutchfield	Sandy	12897
Cully	Paul M	50224
Cully	Rosemary	50223
Cummins	Cheryl . A	18429
Cushman	Rita	52286
D'Amico	Richard V	51411
Damon	Cynthia	52445
Davis	Elizabeth	51983
Davis	J. Eric	52498
Davis	Stephen	51457
Dechico	Donald	46462
Decoene	Stefan	52448
Dees	Jack	51756
Dees	Shari	51757
Delmastro	Desiree	51926
Donoho	Nancy	52514
Dugan	Chelsea E	51464
Dugan	Jason R	51460
Dugan	Sheila A	51461
Dumais	Monique D.	52357
Edwards	Ian	51452
Eller	Matthew B	51398
Eriksson	Ivan P.	51267
Eriksson	James	52432
Fallis	Clayton W	47456
Faulkner	Paul	52513
Hill	Josh	52364
Hinckley	Karen	17174

Hinckley	Sean Alan	48188	Manganiello	Joseph	25476
Hoagland	Christine	50203	Mangelinckx	Chrristine	52572
Hoffman	Kelly E.	44230	Marshall	Dana L	11776
Hoffman	Melissa M.	44229	Marshall	Keith	10705
Hoffman	Melvin S.	44231	Martel	Tasha	24540
Holden	Christopher	52101	Martin	Lori Ann	52321
Horn	Paula	51604	Mauritson	Patricia L	28529
Horvath	Robin	46446	McCann	Bob	28593
Horvath	William D	29211	McCann	Jessica	50431
Hovarth	Eric	51414	McCann	Joshua	50432
Hudson	Richard H.	51936	McCann	Shirley	50430
Hulet	April	51785	McGill	Gretchen	51865
Hunt	Charity	29734	McMasters	Mitchell K	51426
Hunt	Christy	29735	Meyer	Marc	50425
Hunt	Gary W	34206	Milligan	Jessica	51969
Hunt	Terry	29733	Milligan	Randy	51968
Ignatowitz	Craig	50312	Milligan	Rayford A	31436
Ignatowitz	Michelle	50313	Mohney	Lawrence	16197
Inman	Scott L.	50941	Moore	Carolyn	51492
Iverson	Jarrold	52449	Mouallem	Carole	52590
Jasmin	Corey	51807	Murray	Richard	52292
Jasmin	Greg	51510	Muylaert	Wim	52587
Jewitt	Brian	52375	Nalley	Susan	51670
Jokullson	Hakon	52391	Nechanicky	Joseph	19987
Jones	Elise	45146	Newlin	Brent	52429
Kappell	Anthony	52319	Newman III	Franklin M	15202
Kappell	Tim	52320	Newton	Sharon	51809
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Kasday	Kevin	29669	Niemela	Jarkko	51699
Katsulas	Andreas	34232	Nollkamper	Jennifer	51360
Katz	Steve	52512	Nottage	David G.	28197
Keller	David H	27564	Nottage	Joanne Pappas	33670
Keller	Dawn	52284	Nowak	Herb	52344
Kent	Michael David	52204	Nowak	Marie	52345
Keyser	John	52127	Oubree	Theresa	52098
Keyser	Ruby	52128	Pabon	Chris	51729
Kielma	Dale	52069	Packeisen	Benjamin	52020
Killian	John	51899	Pappas	George	32256
Killian	Paul E	51488	Parker	Kenneth	52443
Koenig	Walter	26077	Paschal	Audrey R.	46272
Kotora	James	51498	Paschis	Lisa Ann	52068
Kulbacki	Jon	52195	Paul, Jr.	William L.	33239
Kulbacki	Mike	52199	Pauley	Darril W.	52488
Lameroux	Joey	51334	Pearl	Gloria	51369
Lanoix	Luc	46132	Peek	Brandy	51919
Law	Betty J.	52531	Peek	Destiny	51920
Learn	Blair G	48532	Peek	Mary	51918
Lehman	Marc	51786	Perrotta	John	48322
Letourneau	Kristal	51416	Perry	Jason	48411
Letourneau	Ronald	51415	Pesec	David	52426
Lewis	Lisa Ann	51935	Polick	James E	51413
Liu	Ricardo	52365	Pool	Carol-Lynne	26085
Logan	Caitlin	31811	Pope	Annette	52464
Logan	Michael	31810	Pritchett	Warnie	51401
Logan	Mike	31809	Proessel	Paul C	44977
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Rawoens	Jorgen	52447	Supretant	Brian	51331
Reed	Rosalyn	51754	Swanson	Laif	52392
Rhine	Robert	51669	Swartz	Tony	52369
Riley	Pat	49902	Tartella	Jim	51533
Rivers	Rebecca A	51623	Thomas	John	51803
Rogers	Luke	52372	Thompson	Juanita	51447
Rose	James E	51463	Thompson	Lyle	52341
Rose	Thomas E	51462	Thompson	Terrence	46599
Rose-Shaffer	Mary J.	51776	Tompkins	Robert	12582
Rothbauer	Anthony J	12153	Trent	Mark	51417
Rubke	Jonathan	52332	Trosper	Allen	52538
Rudy	Sylvia A	51501	Turner	Jane	52415
Rutledge	Richard	52490	Vajgrt	George	52390
Scheffing	Dianne	46835	Van Eyck	Will	51530
Schoonover	Damon	33325	Van Waeyenberge,	Jurgen	52586
Schorreel	Johan	52446	Vasquez	Andrew C	51566
Schwartz	Tamura K	46764	Vila	Victor	52442
Schwartz	William L	34081	Wallace	Chris	11791
Schwartz	William V	46765	Waltz	Anne	50409
Serbonich	Wendy	51440	Waltz	Billy	50410
Shemwell	Terrie	50858	Waltz	Christina	50411
Shiring	Brenda	13880	Waltz	Eddie	50412
Shiring	Charles H.	47562	Waltz	William	50413
Shiring	Charles W.	52217	Warren	Kathleen	44068
Sikes	William	52034	Warrington	Sarah J	28090
Sinyard	Carl	52558	Washok	Ben J	51453
Slater	Barbara	27404	Wershel	Adam B	51577
Slowick	Gregory	51553	Wessling	Steven	52430
Smith	Blair	51796	Wetherell	Robert	52428
Smith	Graham	52421	Wiesneski	Kathy	51439
Smith	O'Neal	52379	Wilfong	Bill	51394
Smith	Theodore	51795	Wilfong	Gleda B	34243
Sott	Benjamin E	51397	Wilfong	Jeremy	51934
Sott	Brenda K	51396	Wilfong	Tim	51393
Sott	Joseph F	51395	Williams	Carissa	52036
Sovocool	Michael	51792	Williams	Sandra A	46312
Spadaro	J. Scott	50154	Williams	Terrance	52489
Sparklin	Peter F	50591	Willis	Sean	51564
Sparklin	Timothy	25596	Wilson	Michael W	48320
Sparklin	Timothy J.	33988	Wilson	Susan L	48321
Speck	Kathleen	52215	Winters	Timothy R.	27598
Speck	Patricia	52216	Wisler	Ruth A.	27717
Speck	William H.	52214	Wofford	Kay	51373
Spoolman	Dawn	50198	Wolf	Toni	52371
Spoolman	Joel	50201	Woolsey	Harry Dwayne	52219
Spoolman	Jon	50200	Wroblewski	Alexander	51424
Spoolman	Michael	50202	Wroblewski	Nina	34324
Squire	Richard	50275	Wyant	Robert	11735
Stampfli	John	51813	Yznaga	Luke	52423
Stapleton	Jeanne	52304	Yznaga	Pierre-Dominic	52424
Stephens	Rick	51512	Zabracki	Paul	50585
Stephenson	Chris	51404	Zimdahl	Carolyn M. A.	47863
Stidman	Shannon	52536	Zimmerman	Patricia	13645
Storer	Mike	52450	Zimmerman	Ronald	19983

Fleet Division Chiefs Program

Fleet Captain Dustin Williams, Program Director

Greetings STARFLEET:

By now you have seen many mentions of the Fleet Division Chiefs program, or FDC for short. I'm sure you have formed many questions so I'm here to answer the most commonly asked question of our program

Q. What exactly does your program do?

A. Well we here at the FDC program have gathered some of the most talented people around the Fleet who specialize in common departments aboard a shuttle or starship. What they do is gather and send out information that has been requested to aid in helping to either develop a new chapter's department, or increase interest in a current department that seems to be failing.

Q. How exactly do they accomplish this?

A. Well we gather information from chapters to form a very extensive database of information. When you write to us and tell us your problem we search

out ways to solve them. We either use our own judgement or we search our findings from other chapters on the same situation. Then we send you what information we have gathered to help solve your problem.

Q. Is that all that you do?

A. Actually no. Some of our directors have set up additional programs for you to take part in. As you saw in the last CQ (issue 89) our Director of Special Services, Tammy Wilcox, has come up with added attempts to better get the Fleet involved with its ideas. Not only in sharing information, but in distributing its idea of local commerce for its chapters. Ask the individual directors if they offer any special services along with their aid services.

Q. So why should I waste my time writing to you?

A. Well, to put it simply; if you have information of your departments that are successful and you send us your ideas, you not only help us but you help your fellow Fleeter. Not everyone has a successful department. Plus we all have faced a lot of

the same issues involving each individual department and someone may still be stuck on that department. We take info to help entire chapters as well. Through fundraising ideas to that extra oomph in your newsletter, we offer it all.

Q. Does it cost anything?

A. Heavens no. What we do here is help, and some people may not have the funds to get that help. Besides, you paid your dues, why pay more? All we ask is that you include a SASE with all correspondence with any director to help speed the process and help us cut down on our costs.

Q. So how do I reach a Director?

A. Well all you have to do is send a SASE to:

FDC Program
c/o Dustin Williams
2408 32nd St.
Lubbock TX 79411
Or e-mail to:

FDCP@sfi.org

and I will send you a complete list of Directors and a way to contact them.

I hope this has helped get you more acquainted with the FDC program. If you have any more questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Since I recently moved please feel free to contact me at the above address but keep a close eye for the new P.O. Box address coming soon. Also, somewhere else in this CQ is an FDC poll; be sure to voice your opinions. After which all info will be handed over to the EC/AB for further consideration. Please note to send the FDC poll to the address listed in that article and not to my above address; this will ensure faster processing. As always, we are here to serve you.

In Service to the Membership

Fleet Captain Dustin Williams
FDC, Program Director

FDC POLL

We here at the Fleet Division Chief program strive to do everything in our power to serve you the membership. Current debate amongst one of our programs and members of STARFLEET has warranted your opinion. The current topic of debate is:

Should STARFLEET have a set standard for cadets? (This is to include what age a cadet is.)

Standardized programs and various other formalities when it comes to cadets. So here is where YOU the membership comes in. On a separate sheet of paper (we don't want you to tear up this pretty CQ) tell us if you would like to see a standardized system of cadets in STARFLEET. If the answer is yes give us your thought on what you think it should be. If the answer is no then tell us why.

Send all replies by 02/28/99 to:
FDC POLL
c/o USS Quannah Parker
PO Box 94353
Lubbock, TX 79493-4353

Thank you for the support. This is where YOUR opinion can make a difference. Remember they are due no later than 02/28/98. If the overall response is yes then this info will be sent on to the EC/AB for final look over and a standardized program will go under consideration by means of your suggestions.

Membership packet late? Missing CQ's?

For Membership Assistance, please contact:

Teri Smith
Vice Chief - Membership Services
5126 Niagra Place
College Park, MD 20740
compopshelp@sfi.org



Watkin's Glen - More photos!

Erin Fitzgerald, LCDR Marie
Beshures, CDR Mike Shappe and
civilian Jeff Anbinder



FADM Mikey-D, CAPT Michael
Klufas of the Thagard, unidentified
(non-Fleet), Lisa "Skip" Fogelman"
(non-Fleet)



COMM Mandi Herrmann of the
Rutledge, CDR "Uncle Mikey"
Shappe, CDR Rahadyan
Sastrowardoyo

Pictures courtesy of Rahadyan
Sastrowardoyo

Region 7 Conference and Sock Hop Dinner Dance!



Above - Tim Sastrowardoyo receives his promotion to Captain from RADM Bob Vosseller

Left - Teri Smith prepares for the R7 Sock Hop

Below - Leslie Surgento, USS Tanagra, prepares for the R7 Sock Hop



Revitalizing the FDC Program

Cpt. Michelle A. DuBose, CO, USS SpiritWolf, DepDir, FDC Program

STARFLEET offers a program to aide chapters in need which a surprisingly few chapters even know about, much less know what the program is about. The program in question is the FDC Program or, more appropriately, the Fleet Division Chief Program. The program has gone through a number of changes in recent months and we at the FDC are here to tell you about some of them.

To begin with, let's bring everyone up to speed on what the FDC Program is all about. If you can recite it's actual mission statement verbatim, give yourself 50 points...I can't even do it without prompting and I'm the deputy director of the whole thing! So, rather than give you some flowery statement about the program's goals, I'll just tell you what we do. We aide chapters in need by providing information on various subjects. We also support the Regional Division Chiefs or RDCs in those regions which have such programs.

What does this mean? Well, this basically means that the various FDC directors work within their sphere, gathering information and tidbits which might be of use to a chapter. Let's say that you work in your chapter's Science Department and your CO has asked you to create a program that will appeal to the cadets aboard your ship. You could contact both FDC - Science as well as FDC - Cadets for ideas which might prove useful in fulfilling your project.

Or say, for instance, that you have just taken over your ship's Engineering Department but, even though you have always been interested in Star Trek's version of an Engineering Department, you really don't know anything about warp dynamics. Now you take a look at your duties and, GEEZ!, you have to produce a newsletter article every month! You don't want to look like a fool so you quickly contact both the FDC offices of Aerospace & Engineering. What do you know? They're able to point you in the right direction to begin gathering information for your newsletter articles and, moreover, they're able to spark some ideas as to what you'd like to do with your department.

The main thing to remember about the FDC Program and its directors is that we are here to help you, whether you be a Captain, an Ensign or enlisted. We aren't here to do your work for you but we're more than willing to help set you on the right path. The most interesting aspect of the

FDC Program is the way in which the various directors choose to approach their job; the program is designed for flexibility that allows a great deal of creativity. So, while you may not find a specific program laid out as you might when contacting FDC - Medical, you should find the help you need. After all, what kind of program can be built around creating chapter databases? That's the focus of FDC- CompOps and, while working with spreadsheets and such may be interesting, its not exactly the type of thing that requires a full fledged program.

Now that you know a little more about the FDC Program and what it does, let's give you an idea of where we're going. In recent months, many things have changed within the FDC Program...new FDC offices have been created or revived and new directors have taken over various positions. Both myself and the director of the program, Dustin Williams, have been building the framework for what will become our internal FDC manual...a "how to" of sorts, to get new FDC directors on their feet and working for you more quickly. We are also working on an FDC brochure that we hope to gain approval for inserting into either ship packets or member packets in the future so that people will know that help exists from the get-go.

We are also working on a web site for the program, where STARFLEET members may go for information as well as help by being able to directly access the correct FDC office right off of the web page. Regular FDC meetings are a fact of life now, as is our presence in the COMMUNIQUE. By doing what we can to get our name in lights, so to speak, we hope to make as many people as possible aware of the program so that you folks, in return, can utilize all of the tools at your command. We are here for you; just ask and we will do what we can to help...

FDC Contact Listing

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Web site:

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IRC nick:CW
ICQ#:1696697
Ship: USS Rodger Young

— Deputy Director: FDC Program

DepDir: Cpt. Michelle A. DuBose
Address: 7302 Corporate Dr.
#1906

Houston, TX 77036
E-mail: dubose@pdq.net

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What is the STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps?

Captain Jeff Higdon, Director, STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps

I have been asked on numerous occasions to define the mission of the STARFLEET office of Diplomatic Relations. The STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps is designed to be the “Ambassadorial Liaison” between STARFLEET and other organizations and association like ours. We start a dialogue with a representative of the another association, such as the International Federation of Trekkers or United Federation of Planets Internationale, finding out problems and negotiating solutions between the two organizations. We also attempt to form a relationship in order to facilitate cooperation in joint operations between our organizations.

There has been a tendency to look at each Star Trek organization differently. Some feel superior, or special, to other organizations. It is hoped that the majority of STARFLEET members do not take that view. Part of the job of the DiploCorps (acronym for the Diplomatic Corps) is to smooth over the possible conflicts between our respective organizations, hopefully heading off a crisis situation that would prevent a meaningful relationship with other Trekkers whose only goal is the same as ours, to share our joy for ideas, philosophies and visions that is Star Trek. It is the hope of the DiploCorps to head off any misunderstanding so as to allow for cooperation and dialogue between Star Trek fan run organizations.

What is the structure of the DiploCorps?

The first tier of the DiploCorps is the International level. The Director of the STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps is the Top Ambassador and I coordinate my efforts with the Chief of Communications, Rear Admiral Gordon Goldberg. The Director sets the direction the DiploCorps takes and authorizes negotiations between STARFLEET Liaisons, also known as “Ambassadors,” and each association as he sees fit. My main function is negotiate and open dialogue with associations that have a “Starfleet” or “Federation” basis.

An Administrative Assistant currently filled by Commander Karen Higdon, and a Communications Consultant, who is CPO Janie Wilson-Cook, staff the Office of the Director, STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps. Aiding the Director with contacts is the Deputy Director, Fleet Captain Eric W. Larkin, whose main duties are to coordinate and negotiate with “Alien” asso-

ciations of Trekdom. Ambassador Larkin also acts as STARFLEET’s Ambassador to the International Fandom Council Security Council. This role is usually filled by the Director but as I currently fill the position of Vice Chair of that organization the IFC Constitution prevents me from filling the role. Ambassador Larkin is also the head of the Region One RDC Alien Ambassadorial Office, a position he has held prior to his appointment to the position of Deputy Director.

A second tier is the Regional Liaisons. They are designated Assistant Directors of the STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps for a particular region with the title ‘Ambassador’. If a region has an established diplomatic or ambassadorial program, the DiploCorps will attempt to make contact with that office, as in the case of Region One’s Alien Ambassadorial Office.

Currently there are three established Regional offices and a fourth to be announced. They are located in Region One, Seven and Twelve. Their duties include making contact with associations and organizations on a regional and local level in order to establish a dialogue on behalf of that region. They are also to make queries on an international level and forward those efforts to the Director.

I am now proud to announce the establishment of a fourth Regional Office for the DiploCorps. The Region VI Office will be manned by Lieutenant Commander Christopher Esquibel, a member of the USS Matrix that lives in that region. He joins Fleet Captain Frank Fraas, who mans the office in Region VII, who assists this office in our endeavors.

The Assistant Directors report to the Director, and as a courtesy, to the Regional Coordinator or their designated staff member. The Regions are encouraged, but not required, to integrate this office onto their Regional Staff. It is also encouraged that they go ahead and establish a Regional DiploCorps office within their own region in order to help expedite and assist STARFLEET in their efforts.

What doesn’t the DiploCorps do?

The DiploCorps is NOT a recruiting tool for STARFLEET. We do not reach out to bring in or “lure” chapters or members

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of other organizations into ours. There are recruiting tools available for those who desire to join us. Existing chapters or potential members whom wish to bring their chapters into STARFLEET are referred to the Existing Chapters Program under Colonel Dennis Rayburn, or for those who wish to establish a new chapter, to Shuttle Operations under Rear Admiral Dennis Gray. We won't ignore a request for information to join STARFLEET.

DiploCorps also does not coordinate activities of RPG, know as Role-Playing Games. This is left to the individual Regional and Chapter offices if they wish to handle this. Our focus is on the real world of Fandom.

Have there been any problems that have cropped up?

Yes.

In establishing diplomatic relations with other organizations it usually comes to the forefront in talks that problems remain from previous encounters or activities. There are some of us who are overzealous in the pursuit of our organization's growth. There have been accusations of coercion that have lead to a majority of the mistrust between our organizations.

The official policy of STARFLEET is if a potential chapter or member wishes contact from a recruiter to stop - it must. Our current Commander, STARFLEET, has confirmed this via the listserve early in his administration. No rumors and innuendo can be used in trying to recruit, because when this happens it become almost impossible for two groups from different associations to establish a meaningful dialogue.

We have also encountered those organizations that were formed from what can be called "the ashes of STARFLEET" or to be in competition with STARFLEET. Some look upon us with mistrust and disdain and usually with a fair amount of surprise that STARFLEET has survived. In order to foster cooperation between STARFLEET and such organizations it is best that continued contacts are made by this office in order to show that their impression is erroneous and that cooperation instead of opposition would be beneficial for both organizations.

In STARFLEET, as in all departments trying to establish procedures and trying to communicate our intentions, there have been major problems concerning communications between this office and the Regional Coordinators. In May while using the Internet an attempt was made to com-

municate the plans of this office to start the Regional Liaison Program to each individual Regional Coordinator. The hope of this communiqué was to get feedback from each coordinator, finding out whether the region had a program in place, wished to establish a Regional Office, or defer it to a subordinate staff officer. In all cases, except in Regions One, Four and Twelve, no response was made. A second set of e-mails on the subject was sent out to address this issue and was supplied in the Communiqué at approximately the beginning of June.

In early September an opportunity opened where a qualified officer applied for a position within the DiploCorps. At that time the director decided, in order to jump-start the Regional program, to appoint that officer to the Region Seven post. The fall-out from the appointment was not unexpected. But the office was established in Region Seven and that officer has done some excellent work for STARFLEET DiploCorps. The same has now been done in Region Four.

The office of the STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps can be a major drive in having STARFLEET's members and the members of other Star Trek organizations understand each other and cooperate in matters that is mutually advantageous to each other. Its creation was not to divide or even alienate members within STARFLEET or other organizations. It is an attempt to understand and bridge the gap between all that call themselves fans of the science fiction classic Star Trek and the organizations they belong to.

Various positions within the DiploCorps are still opened. Assistant Directors in other regions (except Regions One, Four, and Seven) are still open for those who are qualified. Also Contact, or Liaison, positions are still open for those who wish to be a 'bridge' between the various organizations. You can send your fan and real world resumes to me at the e-mail address listed below or at the address supplied under the DiploCorps in the front of the Communiqué.

The goal is to come as close to the idea of IDIC as we can. If there are any questions concerning the mission of the STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps you may consult with our Website on the World Wide Web through <http://www.sfi.org/> or directly to <http://home.xta.com/higdondiplocorps.htm>. Those of you who wish to contact the Director of this office may do so over the Internet at diplocorps@sfi.org or the Deputy Director at AlienRDC@aol.com.

Omega Sector

(Division of Temporal Affairs)

Protocols and Publication Information
Stardate 9811.15

Section 1: charter and purpose

- The Division of Temporal Affairs, otherwise to be known as OMEGA SECTOR, is a voluntary membership group devoted to an interest in time travel as it applies to the Star Trek Universe and/or other science fiction

- The Division of Temporal Affairs shall in its interest be preoccupied with management of temporal incursions, including but not limited to: time travel theory, implementation of time travel, prevention of unauthorized time travel, prevention of temporal paradox

Section 2: membership

- The Division of Temporal Affairs shall be a voluntary organization and shall not require official membership for its participation

- The Division of Temporal Affairs shall not discriminate based upon race, religion, age, gender, physical or mental limitations, limitations in media accessibility (mail, email, or voice mail), nor shall it discriminate based upon physical, mental, emotional, or cultural handicaps which prevent access to time travel

- Membership

- Active Membership shall bring with it the following responsibilities:

1. maintain open contact through email, postal mail, or voice mail
2. at least a bimonthly contact (a "hello" would suffice)
3. a bimonthly mission report (see section 3)

- Reserve Membership shall bring with it the following responsibilities:

1. maintain open contact through email, postal mail, or voice mail
2. at least a bimonthly contact (a "hello" would suffice)

- Honorary or Standby Membership carries no responsibilities

Section 3: publications and reports

- THE SINGULARITY (formerly the official publication of USS Hornet Science Department) will be the official publication of the Omega Sector

- The Singularity shall be published bimonthly (six times a year)

- The Singularity shall have the following minimal content:

- A list of active, reserve, and honorary members

- A bimonthly report from the Division Coordinator (that's me)

- A bimonthly mission report from each ACTIVE member

- The Singularity MAY have (but is not limited to) the following additional content:

- additional reports from active, reserve, or honorary members

- literary or web site information on real or fantasy time travel

- book reviews

- humor

- The Singularity shall be published as follows:

- ACTIVE membership shall receive bimonthly issues online as a Word97 file attachment

- ACTIVE membership who cannot receive online file attachments may receive a hard copy by requesting such from the Division Coordinator. The publication fee will be SASE(s) the number of which will be determined at the time of publication (as the weight of each publication may vary)

- RESERVE membership shall receive bimonthly issues online as a Word97 file attachment

- RESERVE membership who cannot receive online file attachments may receive a hard copy by requesting such from the Division Coordinator. The publication fee will be SASE(s) the number of which will be determined at the time of publication (as the weight of each publication may vary)

- HONORARY membership shall receive bimonthly issues online as a Word97 file attachment

- HONORARY membership who cannot receive online file attachments may receive a hard copy by requesting such from the Division Coordinator. The publication fee will be SASE(s) the number of which will be determined at the time of publication (as the weight of each publication may vary)

- ACTIVE membership report requirements

- active members, including the Division Coordinator, shall submit no later than the last day of the month prior to the publication for that month a bimonthly mission report

- the report content shall contain:

- name of member submitting report

- rank and ship of service

- report number in the format xxxx.yy.zz where

- xxxx is the year of the mission (ex. 1998)

- yy is the month (ex. 11)

- zz is the calendar day (ex. 15)

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- content of the report shall be no more than the length of ONE column of an 8.5x11 hard copy, and shall include but not be limited to:
- a brief report of a mission to a place of historical significance
- may include humorous epitaphs
- may include minor alterations to historical detail
- aside: the report should be an interesting perspective on a historical event (ex. mission report 1998.11.15, CDR David Klingman, USS Hornet - The Case of the Living Humidor... traveled back in time to late 20th century Earth government of United States to locate a vital piece of evidence involving a political leader, an intern, and a Cuban cigar...)
- submitting reports
- the preferred method of report submission is AS THE BODY OF A MAIL MESSAGE (often, file attachments are a problem)
- if you cannot submit by email, a report may be filed by postal mail BY THE 15TH OF THE MONTH PRIOR TO PUBLICATION DATE (to allow time for typing)....Please do not send discs... too much trouble mailing and virus potential is present.

Section 4: problems, concerns, and requests

- all problems, concerns, and requests should be presented to the ENTIRE group suggestions are welcome... I want this to be an active thriving group with as little effort as possible (we all have lots of things to do)
- a grain of salt: we all know there are folks out there with REAL knowledge of time travel and quantum mechanics... we welcome their suggestions but realize that we are making material up to have fun
- no penalties: if you miss a report or can't maintain active membership, simply let the group know... we'll grade you down to reserve status until you have the time... everyone will get the publication... but the more reports we have the better it is

Enjoy!

CDR Klingman
Omega Sector Coordinator

SFI REMEMBERS

submitted by Chuck Freas

I was recently very touched to be contacted by the son of Karl Henize, one of the astronauts honored on the page. He has this to say:

“I stumbled onto your page for fallen astronauts, and was quite touched by it, as my father (Karl Henize, sts51-f) makes your list. I have a page that I created in his honor at <http://spacsun.rice.edu/~henize/karlhenize.html> and would be honored if you could link it to your page.

Let me again say that I find your page to be quite exceptional and moving - keep up the good work, and thank you for your time.

Vance Henize”

Just thought I'd share that with y'all.

In service,
Captain Liz Woolf

The STARFLEET Memorial Page
<http://www.garden.net/users/lizwoolf/sfmem.html>

NEW DIRECTOR APPOINTED FOR ADVANCED STARSHIP DESIGN BUREAU...AGAIN

By ADM Alex Rosenzweig, Director, Department of Technical Services, STARFLEET

Sometimes things just happen way too fast...

Last issue, I had the pleasure of announcing the appointment of CMDR Tom Spiker as ASDB Director. Well, before that issue of the Communique even hit the streets (but after it had gone to the printers), Tom had to step down for personal reasons.

I want to take a moment to thank Tom for his service as ASDB Director, and I hope that circumstances will permit his return to active 'Fleet service sometime soon.

Tom's departure, of course, left the post of Director, ASDB open again. Rather than have things wait for several months while reopening the position to the entire Fleet, I returned to the list of applicants for the position I'd received in the months before Tom was appointed to choose his successor. As before, it was not an easy choice.

However, after much thought, I am pleased to announce that a decision has

been made regarding the appointment of the *new* new Director of the Advanced Starship Design Bureau.

I would like to congratulate the choice for Director, Advanced Starship Design Bureau, Department of Technical Services, Starfleet: CMDR John Harris.

John has already been an active and involved member of the ASDB staff, and brings to the directorship an understanding not only of Treknology in many areas of our favorite SF saga, but also an awareness of how ASDB works, so we will be able to resume full operations with only a minimum of disruption.

If you're ready to submit that new ship or station design you've been working on, John is now the man to talk to. His contact information can be found in his article, elsewhere in this issue.

Once again, congratulations to CMDR John Harris, and watch for more news from ASDB and DTS soon.

From the new ASDB Director

CMDR John Harris

Greetings, everyone!
If you haven't received the post relayed to the list from Adm. Alex Rosenzweig, allow me to introduce myself. I am Cmdr. John H. Harris, and I have been appointed to the directorship of the Advanced Starship Design Bureau.

First, I would like to publicly thank Alex for his confidence in me, and express my hope and determination to live up to that confidence.

Second, I would like to officially announce that the current ASDB Review Board will be maintained as is, with the addition of Michael Rupprecht and at least two illustrators. Review Board meetings will be scheduled soon, and those persons will be contacted privately.

Third, I would like to announce that the official ASDB web page has been moved from whitestar.org to the following location:

<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Dimension/5114/sfi-asdb/>

The webmaster for ASDB is FCapt. Paul M. Reid. However, I have invited Mike Dugas to establish a mirror site.

To get us started, here are a few general guidelines that ASDB will be using in the months to come. (Keep in mind that they are for NEW DESIGNS ONLY. If a design has already been approved, ASDB will not require any changes to that design. It may be used as is.) If you get used to them before bringing out your designs, it'll help make the whole process smoother:

1) Cloaking Devices: For good or ill, the producers at Paramount have told us that Federation ships aren't using them. Any cloaks that might be usable under the stipulations of the Treaty of Algeron would use 60+ year old technology, hardly useful in combat. We at ASDB will, for the most part, follow this guideline. However, if you have a really fascinating storyline and reasoning for proposing a cloak, we'll be

happy to take a look at it. Give us some solid reasoning, and we're all ears.

2) THINK BEFORE YOU SUBMIT! I can't stress this enough. Pretend you're a Starfleet engineer trying to convince the skeptical budget-minded folks on the Federation Council that they should fund your design. You'd need to sell it to them, telling them why this new design is worth their time and credits. If you don't convince them, they're not going to say yes, and ASDB is much the same. The design needs to make sense, and needs to be new and innovative. Designs that don't work will either be refused, or sent back with suggestions. Listen to the suggestions! Even better, read the "So You Want to Design a Starship...?" pamphlet available at the ASDB website or from DTS before you start. This way, you won't accidentally wander down any blind alleys. Remember, ASDB and DTS *can* say no to a design, but our real goal is to help you create the best starship design possible.

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3) Don't assume we're going to approve your design. We might, but we might also recommend revisions. Our team of specialists are there to help you create the best possible designs, and we might even have some ways to improve on what you've proposed. I cannot urge you strongly enough to wait on the 'big expenses' like banners and such, if you plan to use the ship in them, until after the design has been approved through ASDB and DTS. It will save you money in the long run. Remember the story of "The Tortoise and the Hare". It works here, too.

Those are the key guidelines. Now, you all need to know how to reach me.
Here are the best ways:

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by Email -
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(please place "ASDB - [design name]" in the subject field for easy recognition. I get a lot of email on various topics, and this will help Eudora sort the things that need to be looked at immediately into its own box.)

by ICQ - 1635250

(you will need to ask my permission to add me to your contact list. Please mention that you are doing so for ASDB purposes.)

Again, I'd like to thank Alex for his confidence in me, and I'm determined to do a good job of it.

Okay, people! Let's see those new designs! <Grin>

REGISTER NOW FOR IC99!

Matt Myers, IC '99 Chair

Starfleet's International Conference and 25th Anniversary Celebration is just months away. Have you registered yet? If not, now's your chance!

memberships are NOT admission tickets and does not grant access to IC99.

So, take a look at the price schedule, fill out the form, cough up the bucks, and plan on celebrating with us in Charlotte on August 6-8, 1999!

Just fill out this registration form, check the schedule of prices, and send in your payment! It's just that easy!

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If you'd rather register online, you can do so at http://ic99.regionone.com or http://ic99.sfi.org - both addresses will get you where you need to go!	Effective Dates	Admission Price	Price w/banquet
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What's that? You can't make it to IC99 but still want "a piece of the action?" Here's how you can get in on all the fun... SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIPS! If you're unable to attend IC99 but would still like a 25th Anniversary Name Badge and Program Booklet, simply fill out this form and send it along with \$10 (be sure to write "SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP" on your check!). Please remember that supporting	2/7/99-5/1/99	\$22.00	\$57.00
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USS Jamestown celebrates 16 yrs!

FCapt. Richard W. Hewitt

On Sept. 26, 1998 (Stardate 9809.26) the USS JAMESTOWN, NCC-1843-D, held its 16th Anniversary Party and Change of Command. It was a night that the "Jimmy-T's" membership got together to celebrate its 16th Anniversary as the 3rd oldest Ship in STARFLEET. In attendance at the dinner were members from most of the other Star Trek club in our area. A good time was had by all who were there.

After the dinner, FCAPT Richard W. Hewitt, CO, handed out the Ship's annual awards to the members of the JAMESTOWN. Almost every member has received some kind of award from the Ship. The Ship gave out its Distinguished Service Award to the following members: CAPT John Winsley, CMDRs Ray Goodman, Paul Payne and Mary Ann Winsley, LTCMDRs Marilyn Romero, Eric VanArsdale, William (Bill) Woods, and

Acting ENS Michael Romero. The award was giving for their outstanding service to the JAMESTOWN, or STARFLEET, or our community. We also gave some promotions to some of the ship's members.

The highlight of the night was the Change of Command, which was officiated over by RADM Tom Monaghan, Chief of Operations, STARFLEET. (He had the chance to do something he normally does not get to do. That being the "Firing of a Commanding Officer.") Fleet Captain Richard W. Hewitt was stepping down as CO (he is now going to work on his new Office as Sr. Captain for the Virginia/West Virginia Section of Region 1). He turned the baton over to Captain John R. Winsley, after which the crew gave John a "21 Tribble" salute! Then CMDR Bill Woods took over as the new Executive Officer for the JAMESTOWN.



USS Jamestown
CO Captain John R. Winsley

and

XO CMDR Bill Woods



Sovereign does TurkeyCon!

Ens. Christopher Thomas Robinson

On Sunday, November 29, 1998, members of the "Sovereign's" crew, myself included, conducted an away mission to a convention [ed. note: *Creation's Thanksgiving Convention, or TurkeyCon*] in the Mead-owlands Hilton Embassy of the New Jersey Empire, whose conventioners were Grace Lee Whitney, Robert Picardo, and Marina Sirtis. The first of these was present to discuss her recently-published autobiography, "The Longest Trek." Though all three signed autographs, I sought none. That was because the main reason for my attendance was to obtain officer grade devices and badges for my uniform components, which I did, learning the specific design of our new full-dress uniforms as a fringe benefit. Those also present, aside from myself, included FCAPT Beryl Washington, Sovereign CO, CAPT Ronald Held, Science Officer, civilian auxiliary crew member Sonny Wright, and my own escort, C2 Patricia Jordan, Disbursing Officer. (The day before, a fourth conventioner, Gates McFadden, had rationed out autographs like food whose supply was limited; that day, she was not present.)

Ms. Whitney, who had been responsible for William Ware Theiss's issuances to humanoid female personnel of Star Fleet of below-hip-length tunics with collars that were not neck-tight, whose "skirts" were actually what she called "skorts" because they also included shorts of identical color to the tunics proper, "nude" black pantyhose, and mid-calf-length black boots, had been in recovery from both dependence on addictive chemicals and behavior compulsions for almost eighteen years. "Clean and sober" was the terminology she used. The copies of "The Longest Trek" she had been hoping to sign were not present that day, and she blamed the Federal-Express shipping company for that.

Mr. Picardo, whose presence was the reason for ours, proved to have a somewhat vulgar, scatological sense of humor which, as I was disappointed to realize, offended me. The majority of the audience erupted in hysterics at his jokes; I was one of the gloomy few who found it difficult even to muster a smile. But on the plus side, he proved to be a "filker" like myself and like Roberta Rogow, who was at a dealer's table that day. He also proved to have a voice, and he put it to appropriate use with his own Trek-seasonal filk, "I'll Be Sold For Christmas." I became interested in obtaining the translation of its lyrics, which included "I'll be sold for Christmas/You can purchase me." It was during his time on the stage that those of us who were to make the presentation did so, naming him an honorary member of our crew. (I was not among the presenters. Nor were Captain Held or Mr. Wright.)

Ms. Sirtis accommodated the "camera hounds" present, and I managed to get a question to her fielded. It concerned the fact that she was married to a musician and had recently performed on rocker Tommy Shaw's album "Seven Deadly Zens." She said hers was not a singing performance, and that she hated to sing. But I also asked her if we could expect albums from her, say, on the GNP Crescendo Record Label. Backed into a corner, she effectively had no choice but to dare. And WHO DARES, WINS. It could easily have been disastrous, but it ended up being the highlight of her time there. By singing "Those Were The Days, My Friends," Ms. Sirtis favorably impressed the audience—and by daring, she won! She proved that she could indeed sing well, even a cappella, and how better to bring the house down?

Respectfully submitted,
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Intelligence Officer

CORRECTION:

In the last CQ (#89, page 20), an article submitted by Cheryl Lynn Jones about the CHESAPEAKE'S Anniversary was published, in which she stated that Fleet Captain Roy Sessier was at the dinner. This was incorrect information; it was actually Fleet Captain Richard W. Hewitt who was there (Sr. Captain for the VA/WV Section of Region 1).

Chessie offers her sincerest apologies for the confusion.

MSR Activity Reports

J. C. Cohen

September and October Activities. Chapters with no activities reported have been removed to save space.			
REGION ONE			
USS AEON NCC-75022 City of Charter: Memphis, TN Activities: Held regular meetings. Participated in Tigercon and the R1 conference. Halloween benefit party. Planning to go to a Fab Four convention.	USS HORNET NCC-1714-D City of Charter: Charlotte, NC Activities: Business meetings and ship's nights out. CO married the marine OIC. Had a DS9 premiere party with spaghetti, in addition to a Halloween party.	USS PROVIDENCE NCC-71796 City of Charter: Jackson, TN Activities: Monthly meetings, one with a baby shower. Planning future events.	USS GUARDIAN NCC-26244 City of Charter: Cape Canaveral, FL Activities: Held DS9 Premiere / 10 th anniversary party. Attended Vulkan and KSC Open House with a visit to Launch Pad 14 where John Glenn lifted of in '62. Held annual Halloween party.
USS ALARIC NCC-503 City of Charter: Asheville, NC Activities: Stargazing and away missions to various films.	USS IMPERIAL STAR NCC-2551 City of Charter: Cary, NC Activities: Trip to South Carolina to visit the Yorktown. Halloween party.	USS QUESTAR NCC-435 City of Charter: Louisville, KY Activities: Planning holiday activities, including toys-for-tots drive.	USS HAISE NCC-74664 City of Charter: Jackson, MS Activities: Holding regular meetings. CO's minivan has been repainted as a shuttle craft. Collecting for OCP. Attended USS Odyssey's Babel Conference.
USS ARIZONA NCC-71839 City of Charter: Canton, OH Activities: Had a trivia contest at meeting. Setting up adopt-a-family. Preparing for premiere of next Trek movie.	USS INFINITY NCC-651 Correspondence Chapter Activities: Continued emphasis on newsletter. Looking into writing group fiction. Completed annual elections.	USS RONALD E. MCNAIR NCC-61809 City of Charter: Columbia SC Activities: Crew appeared in uniform on local MDA telethon, made donation. Had a Halloween party.	USS ODYSSEY NCC-454-A City of Charter: Hattiesburg, MS Activities: Finished Babel conference.
USS ATHENA NCC-51896 City of Charter: Reston, VA Activities: Toured Suitland Restoration Center. Preparing for crafts show. Various charities move forward, including a mailing to OCP. Planning for the next Trek movie premiere continue.	USS JAMESTOWN NCC-1843-D City of Charter: Newport News, VA Activities: Attended and assisted the Annual Farm Fresh Extravaganza charity event. Ran a haunted house.	USS RUTLEDGE NCC-74215 City of Charter: Ladson, SC Activities: Changed ship's class. Postponed anniversary celebration. Chapter web site nearing completion.	USS REPUBLIC NCC-1371 City of Charter: Atlanta, GA Activities: Co-ran STARFLEET table and ran Ten-Forward at Dragoncon. Attended the Stone Mountain Highland Games.
USS BENNU NCC-74657 City of Charter: Gatlinburg, TN Activities: Contributing to numerous charities. Held ship's picnic.	USS JURASSIC NCC-3500 Correspondence Chapter Activities: Various ships projects continue. Stamps collected for the stampede.	USS TRISTAR NCC-71829 City of Charter: Knoxville, TN Activities: Regular meetings. Picnic and game day. Volunteered at United Way fund-raiser and walked for diabetes. Provided security for TennCon. Went to Boo! at the zoo.	U.S.S. SPIRITWALKER NCC-31097 City of Charter: Leeds, AL Activities: Ship's meeting and visited the meetings of other ships. Members attended USS Wernher von Braun's 5th Anniversary. Away team to ConStellation.
USS CHESAPEAKE NCC-1887 City of Charter: Richmond, VA Activities: Working on habitat. Held a Halloween party. Rasing money for cerebral-palsy.	USS KITTY HAWK NCC-1659 City of Charter: Raleigh, NC Activities: Members attended Dragon Con.	USS TYCHO NCC-59325 City of Charter: Fremont, OH Activities: Contributing to various charities. Held first ship's picnic. Crew went to Vulkan for Halloween.	USS STAR UNION NCC-2112 City of Charter: Montgomery Activities: Celebrated the 32 nd anniversary of Trek. Monthly meetings and planning for movie premiere.
USS COLUMBUS NCC-2006-A City of Charter: Columbus, OH Activities: Chapter meetings, a night run for the march of dimes, and a bowl-a-thon for charity. Members went to a con in Steubenville.	USS LAGRANGE NCC-3916 City of Charter: Cuyahoga Falls, OH Activities: Ongoing raffle continues. Making wreath for children's hospital tree festival. Attended Vulkan 98.	USS YORKTOWN NCC-1704-A City of Charter: York, SC Activities: Held chapter elections. Designing new ship's logo. Organizing charity work for the holidays..	USS TRIUMPH NCC-26228 City of Charter: Fort Lauderdale, FL Activities: Recruiting efforts continue. Members attended Vulkan. Charity efforts are ongoing.
USS CU'CHULAINN NCC-75012 City of Charter: Terre Haute, IN Activities: Collecting for charity. Video party for CO's birthday. Movie night to Ronin. Starting new RPG in game group. Held a Halloween party.	USS MAAT NCC-1794-A City of Charter: Virginia Beach, VA Activities: Held business meetings and social night with video watching. Celebrated 11 th anniversary on Halloween. Planning holiday fun.	REGION TWO	
USS HAWKEYE NCC-4950 City of Charter: Winston-Salem, NC Activities: Monthly meetings and picnic. Held a ship's Halloween party. Rising Star 7.	STATION LEWIS B. PULLER, SFR-123 City of Charter: Summerville, SC Activities: Held a party with the Rutledge. Also held a Halloween party.	USS BLACKSTAR NCC-75003 City of Charter: Miami, FL Activities: Assisted local convention. Members went to Vulkan; others went to Las Vegas for the Star Trek experience. Participated in walk-a-thon for women's shelters. Started holiday fund-raiser and other holiday plans.	USS WERNHER VON BRAUN NCC-72069 City of Charter: Huntsville, AL Activities: 5 th anniversary celebration. Crew members attended Dragoncon and ConStellation and manned phones for the Jerry Lewis telethon. Went to the USS Hephaestus's Halloween party.
	STATION NIKOLA TESLA NCC-SS005 City of Charter: Murray, KY Activities: Attended Tigercon and R1 conference. Continuing recruiting drive. Collected coupons for OCP. Held annual Hal-lelujah night.	USS CHUNG FU NCC-61808 City of Charter: Pensacola, FL Activities: Halloween carnival with boy scout troop planned.	REGION THREE
	USS OHIO NCC-75007 City of Charter: Barberton,OH Activities: R2D2 display is collecting quarters for charity. Raffling off a Star Trek phone for charity. Looking into possible future charitable activities.	DARK SILENCE STATION NCC-SS007 City of Charter: Florence, AL Activities: Attended Ren Faire. Attended Con*Stellation.	USS AURORA VULCANUS NCC-1888 Correspondence Chapter Activities: Mailed coupons to OCP. Went to Spiritwolf commisioning.

USS BABYLON NCC-75014 City of Charter: Monroe, LA Activities: Held ten-forward and a membership drive. Went to sector 2 summit.	USS OBERON NCC-71820 City of Charter: Citrus Heights, CA Activities: Attended Discover Museum Sesquicentennial and a Xena/Hercules con. Participated in Sacramento Reads. Went to gold bug ball.	USS PENDRAGON NCC-2005 City of Charter: Bellevue, WA Activities: General meeting with ship’s elections, planning of holiday events.	USS ALPHA CENTAURI NCC-71812 City of Charter: Washington, DC Activities: Members went camping and to the R7 conference. Planning promotional tie-in to new Trek movie.
USS BEXAR NCC-71718 City of Charter: San Antonio Activities: Monthly meeting. Attended Stellar Occasion. Collecting stuffed bears for children’s charity. Aiding in clean up of the flooding.	USS ONIZUKA NCC-71815 City of Charter: Chico, CA Activities: Attended WOOZ/Q-ZAR competition with USS Simonov. Fund-raising car wash. Also held media cookie run.	USS RUBICON NCC-71816 City of Charter: Richland, WA Activities: Held annual anniversary dinner. Additionally, had a DS9 premiere party and spaghetti dinner.	USS ASCENSION NCC-2520 City of Charter: Lehigh Valley-Allentown, PA Activities: Held meeting. Planning anniversary dinner.
USS BRAVEHEART NCC-51002 City of Charter: Arlington, TX Activities:	USS PEACEKEEPER NCC-72300 City of Charter: Visalia, CA Activities: Held meeting at the lake. Had a games night. Collecting for OCP.	USS SKY DANCER NCC-5910 City of Charter: Newport, WA Activities: Field trip and train ride through the Selkirk mountains. In charge of area wide Star Trek and science fiction swap meet. Halloween party for food bank.	USS ASIMOV NCC-1647 City of Charter: Yardley, PA Activities: Participating in the USMC Toys For Tots. Starting sending letters with Operation Eagle. Planning a November party. Recruiting during the upcoming movie.
USS JOAN OF ARC NCC-73289 City of Charter: Corpus Christi, TX Activities: Held meeting and poker night. Produced extra-large newsletter. Members went on a seaside picnic, field day and min-golf tournament. Holding DS9 video parties. Handed out Halloween candy.	USS SIMONOV NCC-2002 City of Charter: Fairfield, CA Activities: Went to Vacaville WOOZ and Q-Zar with Onizuka. Away team to Star Trek Experience. Business meeting and Halloween party.	USS SOLAR FLARE NCC-71885 City of Charter: Boise, ID Activities: Participating in a first aid course. Held 4 th anniversary celebration. Final planning for November convention.	USS AVENGER NCC-1860 City of Charter: North Brunswick, NJ Activities: General meetings. Updated web site. Members attended Challenger sand sculpture event. Ship held a project night, a movie night, and game nights. Away team to Watkins Glen Weekend and the R7 conference.
U.S.S. LUNAR DAWN, NCC-1621 City of Charter: Grand Prarie Activities: Raised a small donation for Aids Lifewalk’98 and participating in a lot of other charitable work. Recruiting continues.	USS TIKOPAI NCC-1800 City of Charter: San Jose, CA Activities: General meeting, KTEH auction and convention recruiting.	USS STARCHASER NCC-71801 City of Charter: Seattle, WA Activities: Ship had annual picnic. Held a Halloween party. Preparing donations to women’s shelter.	USS BOUNTY, NCC-8494 Correspondence Chapter Activities: Updates web site. Planning multi-chapter Christmas party. On-line gaming continues.
USS PALO DURO NCC-61914 City of Charter: Amarillo, TX Activities: Participated in our 3rd annual Amarillo Tri-State Fair Parade. Held general meetings. Ship had 3 rd annual costume party. Preparing for Veterans day parade.	USS WINTER SOLSTICE NCC-62133 City of Charter: Mountain View, CA Activities: General meetings and social events.	REGION SIX USS CZAR’AK NCC-1798-A City of Charter: Minneapolis, MN Activities: Sent coupons into OCP. Went to Valleyfair amusement park. Attended R6 conf. Participated in R6 conference. Walktoberfest for diabetes. Held a Halloween party.	USS HIGHLANDER NCC-10530 City of Charter: Fredrick, MD Activities: Collecting for various charities. Members went to the Zoo, Harper’s Ferry and the Renaissance Faire. Developing web site. Held annual Halloween party.
USS RODGER YOUNG NCC-75500 City of Charter: Shreveport, LA Activities: Co-hosted R3 sector 2 summit.	REGION FIVE USS CONSTITUTION NCC-2040 Correspondence Chapter Activities: Working on by-laws and hand-book.	USS IMPERIUM NCC-2125 City of Charter: Fargo, ND Activities: Hosted the Regional conference. Assisted with Valleycon.	USS IDIC NCC-71811 City of Charter: Washington, DC Activities: Held meetings with coupon clipping for OCP. Continuing to volunteer at Star Wars exhibit.
USS TEXAS NCC-74207 City of Charter: Killeen, Tx Activities: General meeting and Labor day picnic. Had Texas night out. Went to R3 Olympics. Ship had a Halloween “surprise”.	USS CRUSADER NCC-74711 City of Charter: Spokane, WA Activities: Crew went to Laser Quest. Held a multi-club swap meet. Ship had a Halloween party.	USS FOX RIVER, NCC-81002 City of Charter: Appleton, WI Activities: Recruited at HopeCon.	USS LONE WOLF NCC-72214 City of Charter: Ocean City Activities: General meetings. CPR and disaster training.
REGION FOUR CASCADE STATION NCC-SS003 City of Charter: Redding, CA Activities: Elected new XO. Started up OCP participation. Held chapter yard sale and a poker night. Trip with USS Onizuka. Away mission to Burney Falls. Planning for future events.	USS DESTINY NCC-97301 City of Charter: Salem, OR Activities: Members participated in Diabetes walk-a-thon. Recruiting continues. Planning holiday party, service project, and recruiting opportunities.	REGION SEVEN USS ACCORD NCC-1842 City of Charter: Ithaca, NY Activities: Helped inaugurate a new all you can eat steak night at local eatery. Held annual Watkins Glen Weekend. Attended R7 conference. Answered phones for PBS.	USS MALVERNE NCC-2205 City of Charter: Upper Darby, PA Activities: Attended Watkins Glen Weekend and R7 conference.
USS NORTHERN LIGHTS NCC-27001 City of Charter: San Jose, CA Activities: Went to observatory for stargazing. Visited USS Hornet museum. Launched model rockets, then went cart racing and mini-golfing.	USS KENSINGTON NCC-75016 City of Charter: Meridian, ID Activities: Preparing for upcoming convention. Collecting for Toys for Tots. Had ship “night at the movies”.	USS ADAMANT NCC-3029 City of Charter: Valley Forge, PA Activities: Held meeting and game day. Attended Watkins Glen Weekend.	USS MATRIX NCC-72296 Internet Correspondence Chapter Activities: Ship’s fiction continues. A new webzine is out. Ship is having a logo contest.
	SPACE STATION NEXUS NCC-DS021 Online Correspondence Chapter Activities: Collected for OCP. Enjoying new domain address on the world wide web. Selling R5 patches.	USS ALBANY NCC-587 City of Charter: Guilderland, NY Activities: Went to Scottish games. Assisted with MD telethon. Went mini-golfing and bowling. Sent coupons to OCP. Trip to Yankee candle company. Had a Halloween party.	USS NORTHSTAR NCC-10462 City of Charter: New York, NY Activities: Voyager nights. Monthly meetings and bowling day. Away missions to Ellis Island and the NY Academy of Science. Large contingent went to the R7 conference.

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USS OSIRIS NCC-75011
City of Charter: Bronx, NY
Activities: Held monthly meetings and watched videos. Created department of services. Planning food drive. Continuing RPG group. Went to R7 conference. Had Halloween party and horror film festival.

USS PREVAILING WIND NCC-74667
City of Charter: Harrisburg, PA
Activities: Recruited at local mall. Halloween party with costume contest. Assisted library book sale.

USS SOVEREIGN NCC-75000
City of Charter: Philadelphia, PA
Activities: Went to Media Con and Ren Faire. Planning holiday events, including movie openings, trips, and raffles.

USS TANAGRA NCC-20023
City of Charter: Rockville, MD
Activities: Attended Watkins Glen Weekend and R7 conference. Working on chapter fiction. Away team to Highlander meeting.

USS THAGARD NCC-652
City of Charter: Philadelphia, PA
Activities: Dinner/Movie night, Camelot, held a psychic day and drama Trek. Ship's general meetings. Outings to minigolf and the Ren Faire. Members went to Watkins Glen Weekend. Ship participated in Aids Walk.

USS TRITON NCC-71819
City of Charter: Glen Burnie, MD
Activities: Held monthly meetings and a bake sale. Had a Halloween party.

REGION 9

USS EUROPE NCC-1792
City of Charter: Tuebingen, Germany
Activities: Planning trip to Star Trek world tour. Participating in Aids events.

REGION 10

USS ASTRA NCC-77210
City of Charter: Calgary, AB
Activities: Went to the town of Vulcan's science center opening.

USS MAJESTIC NCC-78601
City of Charter: Victoria, BC
Activities: Planning ship's refit. Working on designs with ASDB.

REGION 11

USS SOUTHERN CROSS NCC-1886
City of Charter: Sydney, NSW
Activities: General meetings and technical session at Madame Tussauds wax works Museum. Also toured the Shrine of Remembrance.

REGION 12

USS ATLAS NCC-75013
City of Charter: Bridgeton, MO
Activities: Worked for various charities. Members attended R12 conference. Movie nights. Holding Network Gaming Night. Attended launch of "real" shuttle Discovery. Away team to Las Vegas experience.

USS BATTLESTAR NCC-23110-A
City of Charter: Fort Smith, AR
Activities: Battlestar work day and general meeting. Also held garage sale.

USS BRADBURY NCC-72307
City of Charter: St. Charles, IL
Activities: Sent in to SFI charities. Held "alien fashion show"/ recruitment drive. Held general meetings. Assisted the boy scout food drive and marched in pumpkin fest parade.

USS BROADSWORD NCC-73288
City of Charter: Jefferson City
Activities: Beginning Alternity role-playing game campaign.

USS CONCORD NCC-1989-D
City of Charter: Oklahoma City
Activities: Members attended state fair. Assisted the Midwest City Community Center's Trick-or-Treat City.

USS CYDONIA NCC-74687
City of Charter: St. Louis, MO
Activities: Members gather for weekly Voyager nights. Assembling a Trek cookbook.

USS DISCOVERY NCC-1308
City of Charter: St. Louis, MO
Activities: 14th anniversary dinner. Held charity flea market. Worked for OCP. Planning an event in conjunction with the opening of "Insurrection".

USS "DOC" HOLLIDAY NCC-61815
City of Charter: Wichita, KS
Activities: Farewell for the Orion. Worked on Night of the Living Zoo. Considering Bearjoran project.

USS GALAHAD NCC-63542
City of Charter: Oklahoma City
Activities: Working on community service ideas.

USS HELLFIRE NCC-74206
City of Charter: Ottawa, KS
Activities: BBQ at the CO's house. Attended USS Nomad's anniversary. Hosting CPR training. Held a scavenger hunt and had a Halloween bash.

USS HEXUM NCC-2199
City of Charter: Belleville, IL
Activities: Environmental and charity work continue, including toys for tots. Crew visited St Louis Science Center's Omnimax Theater. Had quarterly dinner.

USS JEANNETTE MADDOX NCC-14514
City of Charter: Wichita, KS
Activities: Held chapter anniversary and assisted Zoobile. Participated in "Night of the Living Zoo". Had a ship's fund raiser and collected school supplies for the Mental Health association. Played mini-golf and had a game night.

USS MARKO RAMIUS NCC-23103
City of Charter: Fayetteville, AR
Activities: Collected for OCP. Attended Alliance anniversary. Ship participated in a youth conference / carnival. Hosted Halloween party with spaghetti dinner.

USS MORNING STAR NCC-4126
City of Charter: Lawton, OK
Activities: Donated to various charities. Held movie nights and international dinner. Held annual fall picnic. Watched Trek openers as a ship.

USS MYSTIQUE NCC-58929
City of Charter: Russellville, AR
Activities: Working for a variety of fleet and non-fleet charities. Starting Fleet Ooops club merchandise sales.

USS NIMITZ NCC-74680
City of Charter: Oklahoma City
Activities: Had monthly meeting with pizza. Planning Insurrection events and holiday party..

USS NOMAD NCC-78500
City of Charter: Leavenworth
Activities: Held ship's anniversary at World of Fun. Attended USS Jeanette Maddox anniversary.

USS PHOENIX NCC-2155
City of Charter: Columbia, MO
Activities: Held a ship's potluck dinner and a bowling party. Crew went on movie nights. Preparing for Kobayashi Maru.

USS QUANTUM NCC-1734-E
City of Charter: Springfield, MO
Activities: Members walked for diabetes. Dressed up as Klingons for Halloween. Creating web site. Planning to march in Christmas parade with B5 club.

USS QUO VADIS NCC-74681
City of Charter: Belle Vista, AR
Activities: Attended Alliance anniversary. Held Halloween event. Planning recruitment drive and 2nd anniversary.

USS RANGER NCC-2206
City of Charter: Oklahoma City
Activities: Acquired a shuttle. Attended Oklahoma sector meeting. Making plans for Oklahoma winter events.

USS SHILOH NCC-74683
City of Charter: Rockford, IL
Activities: Recruiting drive continues. Updated web site. Planning Insurrection event.

USS STAR EMPIRE NCC-2116
City of Charter: Norman, OK
Activities: Monthly meeting at State Fair.

USS STELLAR WIND NCC-40513
Correspondence Chapter
Activities: Planning for Stellar Travels con. Recruiting continues.

USS UMIAK NCC-3142
City of Charter: St. Louis, MO
Activities: Attended Archon 22. Bowling party and potluck dinner. Helped science center Halloween celebration.

USS URSUS NCC-2011
City of Charter: Springfield, IL
Activities: Celebrated 2nd anniversary. Visited hospitals on Halloween. Preparing for ChamBanaCon. Bowling team marches forward.

REGION 13

USS VALKYRIE NCC-74658
City of Charter: Dearborn, MI
Activities: Attended Regional conference. Went to various events with USS White Star and the shuttle Banting.

USS WHITE STAR NCC-71012
City of Charter: Port Huron
Activities: General meetings, role-playing sessions, and a trip to the Ren festival.

REGION 15

USS ATLANTIS NCC-71803
City of Charter: Brockton, MA
Activities: Visited IC2000 site. Held general meeting and annual Halloween party. Members attended King Richard's Faire.

USS BOSTON NCC-74482
City of Charter: Worcester, MA
Activities: Participated in walk for diabetes. Attended USS Accord's Watkins Glen Weekend and the R15 regional summit. Ship is assisting in a toy drive in conjunction with the Mass Biotech Park.

USS EQUINOX NCC-584
City of Charter: Winslow, ME
Activities: Preparing for chapter change of command. Working for various charities. A small group of the crew participated in "Make a Difference Day".

USS HOOD NCC-1707
City of Charter: Nashua, NH
Activities: Members went to King Richard's Faire. Hosted regional summit. Planning movie events.

USS TSUNAMI NCC-5374
City of Charter: Manchester, NH
Activities: Members attended King Richard's faire. Held annual meeting.

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USS Hephaestus - R2 Chapter of the Year!

Pete Mohney

The USS Hephaestus had an excellent and productive year in 1997, so I decided to submit us to the Region 2 Awards for Chapter of the Year. I had never entered us in the Chapter of the Year category before, as I believed we should only enter in those areas where we had showed levels of achievement like those of previous winners. In other years, the Hephaestus had won Region 2 Newsletter of the Year, Region 2 Scholar of the year, and had received several commendations, so I knew we had a good group which could aim high and expect to achieve great things. However, Region 2 has a highly competitive, very active roster of chapters, so my hopes of winning the regional Chapter of the Year were not great. When the award for Region 2 Chapter of the Year was announced, and the name “USS Hephaestus” was read, I literally leaped into the air with a yell! I didn’t think things could get any better in 1998. I knew that all regional winners were automatically entered in the awards given at the IC, but I never for a moment thought we had a chance, though I did hope we would do well.

In July, a few days after the IC, I received a call from RC Kelly Hilliard, who told me that we had indeed won the Chapter of the Year award! At that moment I knew I had been wrong before, that the year could get better, and just had. Kelly and Region 2 Summit Director Mike Henigan visited us the following weekend. I had invited the crew to my house for the evening, for ‘an important announcement and Starfleet visitors,’ and not only did most of the crew show, so did several members of our pre-shuttle, the Draco. Kelly unveiled the award and presented it to me, with much fanfare and applause. The award now rests near the wall of awards and promotion certificates

that the Hephaestus has been given over the years, in a place of honor.

What follows is the list of achievements for the Hephaestus and her crew during 1997, which was included in our nomination for the Chapter of the Year award. The Region 2 Awards director, Barbara Paul, gives us a list of qualifications that chapters must meet to be considered for awards, which I closely followed.

Service to club - There are several members on the Hephaestus who have served Starfleet directly and indirectly this year. Fleet Captain Pete Mohney has helped spread awareness of Starfleet in several ways. These include forging and updating Starfleet links on the Internet, appearing on television to discuss Starfleet and its activities, and serving as SFHQ’s first Recruiting Director for Region 2 under Starfleet HQ Recruiting Officer Ron Fell. First Officer Danny Potts has served Starfleet by representing the organization on several popular Internet maillists and chat areas, and is currently serving as the Assistant Inspector General (Region 02). Other members have represented Starfleet in public at theaters, at visits to Children’s Hospital, at conventions all over the state, region and country, and at events at local malls.

Public Awareness - The members of the Hephaestus are constantly seeking exposure with the public. We continually drop flyers at hobby shops, book stores, conventions and other places where Trek fans are likely to congregate. These flyers have contact information for our chapter and for Starfleet. We have one meeting a month which is held at a public library, and moves to a nearby restaurant. This meeting is advertised in the newspaper in two places, and listed on television on the community bulletin board. Several times a year we visit Children’s Hospital in costume, and we have made numerous contributions to various charities, including the Stampede and Overseas Coupon Program. We have chapter t-shirts and hats, which we often wear to meetings and events.

Public Image - We have always striven to maintain an image of a well-behaved, family oriented service and fun group. Quite a few of our memberships are family groups, and nearly a fourth of our members are under eighteen years old. We present ourselves to the public as a fan club where we include the Star Trek aspect as a

fun facet of our existence, and encourage all levels of participation. We have worked to be friends and allies with the other chapters in our state, and always invite them to our three annual parties. We stress our community service aspects when representing ourselves and Starfleet to the public.

Community Service - During the last year we contributed several pounds of stamps to the Stampede, more than \$8000 worth of coupons to the Overseas Coupon project, and visited the Children’s Hospital in costume. We encourage our members to donate blood by rewarding them with membership time, and had quite a few earn “blood time” during 1997. We donated two carloads of goods to local charities. In addition, first officer Danny Potts has been credited with saving the life of a woman who had threatened suicide, by tracking her location down over the Internet and advising authorities in her town of her actions. Several members of the crew worked as staff at a children’s charity event at the Birmingham Zoo.

Service to Region - Fleet Captain Pete Mohney has served as the Region 2 Public Relations Director, and has since moved up to Region 2 Vice Regional Coordinator as Zone Coordinator for his state. Commander Danny Potts has become the Assistant Inspector General (Region 02), serving under Starfleet’s Inspector General Officer. Nearly half of the members of the Region 2 Summit Planning Committee were Hephaestus members, and Danny Potts was instrumental in saving the Summit for Alabama by finding a site. Mark Lindsay created and maintained the Region 2 Web page, turning it over to Lesley Pike during this year.

Promoting Unity in Region among ships/shuttles - We have always invited all the other ships in the area to our special functions, including our summer cookout, Halloween party, and Christmas party, and have had quite a few folks from other chapters attend this year. Pete Mohney applied for and was appointed the position of Zone Coordinator, showing his commitment to bringing together ships in the region. As Zone Coordinator, Fleet Captain Pete Mohney has worked to help the chapters in Alabama work and grow, and has taken on the additional responsibility of Regional Recruiting Officer to help the chapters in the region with the most critical activity of all. Several members of the

crew are participants in the Starfleet mail lists and Region 2 mail lists, and help spread information and solve problems via those media.

Recruiting members and Drives - We gained approximately ten new Starfleet members this year, although we had the advantage of having three of them bom this year to Starfleet members already on board! The Hephaestus launched its first shuttle in 1997, the Emerald Star. We have aggressively recruited at theaters in uniform several times during 1997, recruited in uniform during a mall event, and Pete Mohney has appeared on television to talk about Starfleet and the Hephaestus. We have a continual program to place flyers in area shops, and our members have been to several conventions this year and have publicized Starfleet and the Hephaestus at those events. We have many ‘civilian’ members, who are not members of Starfleet, and several of them joined Starfleet this year after seeing first hand how much fun it is. We also had a member recruiting for us at the Birmingham Radio Hamfest show.

Uniformed crew - Approximately half our Starfleet members have uniforms, ranging from original series to Next Generation. We have worn our uniforms to conventions, the mall, theaters, Children’s Hospital and to some meetings. We support wearing of uniforms by rewarding members with extra membership time, and listing sources for uniforms and accessories in every issue of our newsletter. We also have chapter hats and t-shirts, which we purchase every year.

Active Chapter - During 1997, we had regular meetings twice a month. Our first meeting each month is our business meeting, and takes place at a library at the south end of town, and is followed by fun activities, then dinner, and is usually capped off with late night shopping at Books A Million. Our second meeting each month is a social meeting, at the north end of town, and includes food, soft drinks, snacks, games and videos. We had a cookout this summer, and invited all the other chapters in the state and the Regional Coordinator and his staff. We had a Halloween Party and Christmas Party, both of which were attended by members from other chapters in the state. We try to meet at least every other month for a movie, video night, laser

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REGION 17

USS ALIOTH NCC-71832
City of Charter: Orem/Provo, UT
Activities: Held costume contest. Vote of confidence in chapter command held. Preparing aid packets for central America.

USS MIR NCC-73281
City of Charter: Las Cruces, NM
Activities: Barbeque and pool party. Halloween party.

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tag, or the like. Members attended at least four conventions this year, in addition to the Region 2 Summit in Atlanta. We have a site on the World Wide Web, and have at least a dozen links from other pages to our site. We publish a monthly newsletter, which is mailed to all members who cannot attend meetings and handed to those who do, is emailed to one member in Israel, and is posted on our website. Two of our members are members of Starfleet HQ staff, and one is a member of regional staff. Several of our members take vocal part in the national and regional Internet mailing lists. We hosted the first Summit Planning meeting, organized the first several meetings after that, and wrote the first drafts of the Summit document, and nearly half of the Summit Committee members are from the Hephaestus. We have also developed close ties to Dragon Con, which is one of the largest conventions in the country, and will be serving as their central Alabama publicity in 1998.

Promotion of Gene's Dream - I believe this is well stated in the motto, 'Let Me Help.' Members of the Hephaestus contributed to the Stampede, Overseas Coupon Program, recycled hundreds of pounds of plastic, glass, paper, metal and batteries for no financial gain, visited sick children at the Children's Hospital, gave blood and one even saved a woman's life over the Internet. Our group includes a nurse and two emergency medical technicians, all of whom have helped many, many people both on and off their jobs.

Must be registered with Starfleet - The USS Hephaestus has been a registered Starfleet chapter since 1988, and has been a chapter in good standing since 1989.

Must be a member of Region 2 - The USS Hephaestus has been a member of Region 2 since 1988.

Fleet Requirements: In addition to the above, the USS Hephaestus has the following qualifications.

Forward looking: We try to prepare for the future by using all means of making our jobs easier, particularly automating the data processing portion of our activities. Our membership information is kept on computer, and we use the Internet to keep in touch with our crew approximately half of whom have Internet access. Four of the six members of our command staff are online.

Stable leadership: Our commanding officer is elected, and undergoes a vote of confidence every two years. The current CO, Pete Mohny, has held the office since 1992, and been confirmed three times. The first officer, Danny Potts, has been XO for three years, and has taken over many of the CO's jobs, allowing even smoother operation. Of our 6 members of command staff (CO, XO, 2O and EC), 5 of them have been Starfleet members for over 4 years. Only our 2nd Officer has less time than that, which shows that the top leadership of the Hephaestus is a stable group, and that we bring newer members along through the ranks, training them over time for the time that they may want to be a Commanding Officer.

L to R: Mike Henigan, Pete Mohny, Kelly Hilliard and Danny Potts



Mars or Bust!

By Captain Edgar Torres

November 7th 1998. A cold and crispy night, a night full of promises, promises for the crew of the Osiris. A night that would ultimately turn into an event that was far bigger than previously imagined.

When we started planning this night, the night of our commissioning, I had no idea that what would happen, did. It was originally planned as a simple get together for the crew, in recognition for our being commissioned as a chapter on June 21st of this year. We wanted to celebrate the commissioning lust like every other chapter does, but we wanted to stay away from the formal dinner party atmosphere. We wanted an informal get together where we could sit down, loosen the belt a notch or two and talk about what we'd been through in the past year.

"I had to loosen the velcro on my Admiral's uniform by the end of the night after eating a mountain of Oreo cake and ice cream." - RAdm Bob Vossellor Jr.

We had finally decided on having a dinner at Medieval Times in Jersey. A place where we could have a show, get messy and pretty much be as loud as we wanted. We went as far as compiling pages of information about the place (showtimes, prices, events, the whole shebang). We were all good to go when our (then) Chief Engineer, Matt Gasser, had lunch with his father at (you guessed it) Mars 2112. He was blown away! Needless to say, after eating at the place. He just HAD to tell us about it. After listening to him rave about the place. and seeing one of the souvenir menus, that you can take home with you, we all decided that this was the perfect venue for a Star Trek Science Fiction club to have it's first official dinner.

The "official" date was set for October 3rd at 6pm. My wife Maria and I, with several members of the crew, went to the restaurant to check it out and make reservations with one of the Assistant Sales Managers that I had made an appointment with the day before. She had met us at the entrance, made to resemble a "Spaceport" boarding area. The Sales Manager, one Sharon Rodriguez, then proceeded to show us around the place. She started with the "Ether Flyer", the motion simulator ride that makes you feel that you are on the way to Mars via space and wormhole travel. (VERY cool!)

After we 'disembarked' the flyer, we went through a corridor made up to look as if it was carved from Martian rock. As the place was still under construction (it had only opened a month or so before), there was still evidence of Earthly influence. The coke can on the railing of the 'Mars Bar' was a dead giveaway, as was the flyer for "Cats" on the floor of the corridor. After passing the "Cyberstreet" Arcade area, we were greeted by one of the many "Star Captains" that take you to your seat and take your order.

Now, you really have to see the place to appreciate the sheer impression of size and atmosphere that is conveyed when you walk through the dining areas.

"It was quite easy to suspend reality and to think you were on Mars. Between the carved caverns, translucent alien fish in the downstairs lake, the view screens filled with scenes of Mars, the Martian greeters and the uniformed waiters. It was great!" - RAdm Bob Vossellor Jr.

The first time we ate there, the food was great and the staff friendly. Needless to say, we were quite impressed. Before Sharon, the Sales Manager, had left us for the evening, we had been penciled in for Saturday the 3rd, 6 p.m. sharp.

After we got home that night, Maria and I discussed opening the dinner up to as many people from the Region that wanted to come. "A place like this has to be shared!", she had said. At first I was reluctant. I wanted to be greedy and keep this treasure all to ourselves, but ultimately, I saw the wisdom in her words, and the next night, sent out emails to the entire Region telling them about the place and that we were going to hold our commissioning dinner there. Little did I know but I had scheduled the dinner for the same weekend as Watkins Glen, a Region 7 yearly event that most of the chapters in the region go to. Needless to say, I got a lot of "thanks, we'd love to come but it's Watkins Glen." Having never been there myself, I couldn't understand the fascination, but what could I do? I got a reasonable amount of people who had said they would come, so I resigned myself to having just the crew there and some other friends (which secretly thrilled me to no end).

Comes the week of the dinner, I had called up Sharon, the Sales Manager, to confirm our reservation for that Saturday

and, lo and behold, our reservation was gone! She had apologized, saying that a larger party had bought the place out for that night and we were some of the casualties of the evening.

After being more than a little upset, we rescheduled. I sent out an email to everyone again, and what a response! Six chapters said they would come! A total of 40 people, with the crew of the Osiris.

"It was one of the finest times I've had with my crew and fellow ships of the seventh fleet. I think it is safe to say that everyone thoroughly enjoyed Saturday night's commissioning of the USS Osiris. What a spectacular place to hold a commissioning." - RAdm Bob Vossellor Jr.

Saturday, November 7th, 6 p.m. The crews of the Challenger, Avenger, Temperance, Bounty, Northstar, Sun Tzu and Osiris took up almost the entire second floor of Mars 2112. My crew, most of which had never met another member of

STARFLEET before, mingled, laughed, and dined with this diverse representation of Region 7. A great time was had by all. The command staff of the Sun Tzu presented us with a photo album covered in "Tribble" fur and adorned with a gold and silver version of the Osiris logo. We were pleasantly surprised. The best present though? That everyone who had attended had a good time. That's all that really mattered to me.

"It may take a week to wipe the smile off the face of Capt. Edgar Torres, CO USS Osiris, who couldn't have been more pleased by the outcome and turnout of the event." - RAdm. Bob Vossellor Jr.

It's almost a month later, and it's still there, Bob. Thanks for coming everyone. We're gonna do it again next year, and you're all invited!

"Domokian Aush Putofonian"
The finest of the finest.
An old Martian proverb.



USS Osiris crew with RAdm. Bob Vossellor (far right)



USS Osiris

USS Wernher von Braun Celebrates 5th Anniversary!

Fleet Captain Richard L. Trulson

Anniversaries are special occasions to be celebrated. The USS *Wernher von Braun*, NCC 72069, has completed its first five year mission, which began as a Galaxy Class starship on September 25, 1993. The journey between then and now was a long one, but overall fun. Our journey was commemorated with a Fifth Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, September 26, 1998.

Originally conceived as a grandiose affair with a catered banquet, the scope of the celebration was scaled back to be more affordable for everyone. We decided to have a cookout at someone's house. As it turned out, I think this change of venue was for the better. Over 100 invitations were sent out to former crewmembers, the Alabama chapters, and to Region 2 Coordinator Kelly Hilliard. Everyone was welcomed to attend with a message on the Region 2 e-mail list. Of course, as often happens, scheduling conflicts or distance prevented most from attending.

An emergency the night before caused the location to be changed at the last moment. After conferring with his parents, Executive Officer Russ McNutt volunteered his house. In the final count, we had 22 people in attendance, representing 3 different chapters. The shuttle *Draco* sent 7 people and the USS *Spiritwalker* sent 4 people, which included the CO and XO of both groups. Also in attendance was the *von Braun*'s first Commanding Officer, Fleet Captain Catherine "Kit" Ramsey.

The festivities started at 6 p.m. with general camaraderie and watching of *Star Trek: Voyager* episodes. Around 7:30, the first round of burgers and chicken came off the grill. I was a bit worried given my grilling experience is slim to none. Fortunately, local member Joey Sloan was a life saver for taking over the grilling duties for most of the night. The food came out delicious thanks to Joey. Thanks also to everyone who brought something to share or a donation, as it was greatly appreciated.

After dinner finally wound down around 10, everyone gathered on the patio to bestow the annual ship awards. The nominees are made by and voted upon by the crewmembers. I also gave out various Commendations of Excellence, which are given to those who do volunteer work for us or at other events. Perry Cagle, only 12 years old, received the New Member of the Year Award. Scott Lowery (1997's New Member winner), received the

Crewmember of the Year Award. Don Daniel (1996 New Member winner) received the Officer of the Year Award. Don, who serves as the *von Braun* Science Chief, was also promoted to Lieutenant, Senior Grade. Congratulations to all of them!

The final presentation I had to make was to the Commanding Officer of the USS *Spiritwalker*, Rebecca Self. Their ship was launched off us as the shuttle *Celestial* on August 18, 1997. They were officially commissioned as a Miranda Class Cruiser on July 27, 1998, with the registry NCC 31097. I presented Rebecca with a dedication plaque similar to the one seen on the bridge of the USS *Enterprise*, NCC 1701-D. It lists their ship information, their Command Staff and their mothership, and pertinent Regional and International STARFLEET Officers. It also includes the logos of their ship, their mothership, and of STARFLEET.

Then Don and Russ came to the front of the room and stood on each side of me. They explained that since I decline eligibility for ship awards, they had something special for me. They presented me with a beautiful plaque inscribed with "In appreciation of 3 years service, U.S.S. *Wernher von Braun*, FCAPT. Richard L. Trulson". It's topped with a cold medallion with the *Trek* chevron and the command symbol inside. I was moved to tears. I deeply appreciate this gift, as it means more to me than they'll ever know.

We reconvened inside to take group pictures. Russ's impressive plate collection served as a beautiful background. People started digging into the huge, half-sheet anniversary cake and even took some home. After another *Voyager* episode, people started to leave. I and a few others, particularly Rebecca (Thanks!), started the clean up process. I finally headed for home at 11:30 p.m.

Overall, the Anniversary Celebration was very successful and fun. I thank everyone for attending and for sending wishes by e-mail. Thanks again especially to Russ McNutt and his parents for coming to our rescue with their kind hospitality. For more information about the USS *Wernher von Braun*, visit <http://www.OmniFacets.com/wvb/> on the web or send RichLT@HiWAAY.net e-mail.

Fleet Captain Richard L. Trulson
Commanding Officer

NASA’s Joseph Kolecki Really Soared At Erie Planetarium

Carol Pfeifle, USS Hazard

On October 18, 1998, in conjunction with the Northcoast Chapter of the National Space Society, the USS HAZARD co-sponsored a “dialogue” with Joseph Kolecki, a physicist at NASA Lewis Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Erie Planetarium was packed for Mr. Kolecki’s talk. We were able to meet the new director of the Erie Museum and Planetarium, Mr. Dennis Chapman (see a related article titled New Director for Museum) . At the end of the event, Mr. Chapman told Captain Cheryl Molavi that he hoped that we would do this type of event again at the Planetarium.

Mr. Kolecki was very informative as he began his talk about how ancient humans saw the heavens. He discussed the origins of the names of objects we see in the night sky and related words. Mr. Kolecki took us on a tour of the history of astronomy from ancient times to where we are today. This event was a dialogue because Mr. Kolecki entertained questions throughout his talk.

Mr. Kolecki was one of the engineers who worked on the Mars Pathfinder Mission (please see a related article titled Mars Pathfinder). He spoke about the recent Mars mission and the upcoming missions in December and January. The slides that accompanied his discussion were “Fascinating.” He showed us the images that the Rover sent back to Earth. Mr. Kolecki presented a program that the entire audience enjoyed.

There were handouts available for the public from the NSS, the HAZARD and NASA. Mr. Kolecki was interviewed on camera by WSEE Channel 35 and WICU Channel 12. A 50-50 drawing was held also.

We all went out to dinner with Mr. Kolecki at The Colony. The company, conversation and food were wonderful. The restaurant staff allowed us to stay after they closed the main room. We should do this type of event each year. It was a very good day.

Mars Pathfinder

Carol Pfeifle, USS Hazard

From Handout by Joseph C. Kolecki, October 1998

The Mars Pathfinder is the first Discovery Program mission, with a cost of \$200 million. It was launched December 4, 1996 at 1:58 A.M. The launch vehicle was the Delta 7925. The Pathfinder landed on Mars on July 4, 1998. The nominal length of the mission was for the Lander to operate for 30 days (early August) and Rover to last for 7 days (July 11th). However, both lasted into October 1997 when falling temperatures rendered the lander inoperative.

Lewis’ contribution to the Mars Mission was:

- 1. Definition of isolation of Martian surface (early 1980’s, Geoff Landis, Joe Appelbaum)
- 2. JPL requested LeRC technology experiments (late 1980’s)
- 3. LeRC responded with multi-directorate team Internal and Code X funding < \$500K In-house Build

- 4. LeRC Contributions:
 - A. Materials Adherence Experiment/Solar Cell: Geoff Landis, Phil Jenkins
 - B. Materials Adherence Experiment/Quartz Crystal Monitor: Gary Hunter, Larry Oberle
 - C. Wheel Abrasion Experiment: Dale Ferguson, Joe Kolecki
 - D. Rover Electrostatic Charge/Discharge: Joe Kolecki, Mark Siebert
 - E. Others are LeRC helped with thermal design/testing, electronics design, photodetector development, laboratory facilities (e.g., WAE Facility, CW14), produce assurance, procurement, cost analysis, etc.

The next steps are the scheduled launch of the Mars Climate Orbiter on December 10, 1998 and the launch of the Mars Polar Lander aboard a Boeing Delta II rocket on January 3, 1999. For further information on the above, please contact Captain Molavi for a complete copy of Mr. Kolecki’s handout

New Director for Museum

Carol Pfeifle, USS Hazard

October 19, 1998 was Dennis Chapman’s first official day as the new director of the Erie Historical Museum & Planetarium. However, Mr. Chapman was on hand for NASA Lewis Research Center Physicist, Joseph Kolecki’s talk at the Planetarium the previous day.

Mr. Chapman is an Illinois native who worked in museum-related positions in Colorado, Wyoming and Texas. He last worked for Southwest Museum Services in

Houston. Previously, he was the director of the Samuel Rayburn House and a field consultant for the Texas Historical Commission.

Mr. Chapman also has excellent academic credentials with a bachelor’s degree in history and a master’s degree in historical administration.

Mr. Chapman would like the Northcoast Chapter of the NSS and the USS HAZARD to sponsor more events at the Planetarium. We wish him well and a mild winter to boot!

Shuttle Starlord Launches!

FAdm Mike Smith

Stardate 9810.17.

Federation News Network (FNN) - STARFLEET announces it’s newest command group has launched.

Shuttle Starlord, NCC-1703-C/7 has launched from the Antares Fleet Yards in preparation for starting performance trials on the next Defiant-class Escort Cruiser to come out of the Antares Fleet Yards in 9908.

7th Fleet Commander RAdm Bob Vosseller, Jr., oversaw the launch ceremonies, conferring the rank of Commander on Starlord CO Joe Podesta, Jr., while FAdm Michael Smith (XO), Lt John Kirwin (2nd Officer and Chief of Tactical), Lt (jg) Andy Schechter (Ops Chief) and Cadet Taryn

Podesta (Nursery Inmate) looked on. Commodore Mark Hanford (CO, USS Lexington, mothership to the Starlord command crew) performed the promotion ceremony.

Starlord and her Command crew will be patrolling the New Jersey sector of the 7th Fleet.

FNN wishes Starlord and her crew fair winds and following seas.

Regards,
Mike

Commander, STARFLEET
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XO, Shuttle Starlord
NCC-1703-C/7
STARFLEET Region 7

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Region 5 in Review Video containing scenes and pictures from chapters around R5 set to music as well as information about all things R5. The price is \$10.00 with buyer provided video and \$2.00 (\$12 total) for shipping or \$15.00 plus \$2.00 shipping (\$17 total) without provided video. Send orders to (and payable to): Nat Saenz, 2301 Rouchelle Lane, West Richland, WA 99353 or e-mail: Email: nat@televar.com. Any and all funds raised from the sale of this video will go to the establishment of a Region 5 Domain name.

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PERSONALS

Single, white male Trekker, SF fan 53. What excites me about Trek is Gene's vision of a positive future. I've been a member of the pro-space movement since the days of the L-5 Society. I'm now a member of the Foresight Institute (nanotechnology). I'm interested in writing and developing my own futures website. My mundane interests include: Tae Kwon Do (1st Dan Recommended Black Belt). I have eclectic tastes in music - love Celtic. Contact: Tom Huffman—thuffman@kcnet.com

MISC.

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.

CONVENTIONS

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! The Toastmistress: Lee Billings, who has been involved in running a filk convention for a few years now. The Interfilk Guest: Glenn Simser 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.

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, <http://www.chattanooga.net/chattacon>.

The USS Stellar Wind invites the 'Fleet to assemble in the Heartland at: **Stellar Travels Con '99. February 13-14, 1999**. Ramada Inn - KCI Airport. Room rate \$59.00 per night 14 occupants. For hotel reservations call 816-741-9500 r 800-234-9501. INVITED GUEST: BRAD DOURIF, DUNE, X-FILES, BABYLON 5, MILLENIUM, CHILD'S PLAY, STAR TREK: VOYAGER (LON SUDER) CONFIRMED GUESTS: DR

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