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## Ten years of Challenger

*Rear Admiral Robert Vosseller, Commanding Officer, USS Challenger*

[Editor's note: This article was written in July, 1998. Despite some resulting anachronisms, we felt it worth sharing with the Fleet!]

The Seventh Fleet's flagship, USS *Challenger*, based in Ocean County NJ, recently commemorated ten years of activity with a pair of parties.

The first, held last May, was a semi-formal affair coordinated by our Security Chief, Cmdr. Pat Comune. It featured former ship member and current Fleet Admiral Mike Smith, members of our mothership, the USS *Avenger*, and daughter ships USS *Thagard*, USS *Lexington*, & USS *Justice*, plus some friends from our neighboring Star Trek club to the south, the UFPI chapter USS *Hera*.

The evening was filled with fun, great food, and the reminiscing of old times through our many photo albums. Our first Operations Chief, Lillian McManus, brought her family to the event. Many of us were surprised to see her young daughter, Amanda, had grown up since the early days.

We had a wonderful cake featuring the space shuttle and our current vessel, the Galaxy-Class ship, USS *Challenger* NCC-1676-D. My Command Staff presented me with a plaque of thanks for a decade of leading a unique ship. A commissioning plaque was also presented, and has been placed proudly in my living room.

It's been a long journey, and hard to believe I've remained in the center seat all this time (guess I'm just a glutton for punishment). Our second special anniversary party was also a very special occasion. It was our annual Pool Party held at my place, and also featured a visit from the Fleet Admiral who took up the mantle of cook, as in days past. Mike flipped many a burger and barbecue chicken.

We had a surprise visit from Fred, the Chief Engineer of the USS *Temperance*. Many of us adjourned to the Seaside Heights boardwalk after the party where, by tradition, I was tossed into my pool by my crew.

When I think of the many projects we've been involved with, community service activities we've performed, conventions we've gone to, actors, writers and artists we've met and interviewed, and parties we've enjoyed, it boggles the mind.

Touching on our community service, we've helped groups and causes like the March of Dimes, Cystic Fibrosis (remember your CO being dunked by his fellow crewmates several years in a row in a dunking booth on the Seaside Heights boardwalk), the North Shore Animal League, the American Cancer Society (were you with us when we held a 50's dinner dance and had us in bobby socks, poodle skirts, leather jackets etc.?) Laurel House, (a Medical project that had us raise \$400 for the Ocean County based youth shelter through a bowling event), Ronald McDonald House (through donations of comic books and other items) and our helping to clean up the streets and dunes of Ortley Beach. Of course, our first outing and helping clean up the highway was a day prior to a huge nor'easter, and our first clean-up of the beach in Lavalette had us nearly frozen. Luckily, then-Assembly-woman Marlene Lynch Ford came to our rescue and bought us all some hot tea at the Crabs Claw Inn.

We've had some very interesting times meeting the casts of STAR TREK, STAR TREK: The Next Generation, STAR TREK: Deep Space Nine and STAR TREK: Voyager, Babylon 5 and Dr. Who over the years.

To name just a few, we had our special interview with a black mini-

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USS Challenger CO Bob Vosseller with (l-r) Comm. Sashi German, Christine Hollen, and Lt. Emily Ford.

## Breaking News: Academy Commandant Steps Down

Just as this issue of the *Communiqué* went to press, Rear Admiral Mandi Herrmann announced she would be stepping down as Commandant, STARFLEET Academy, effective March 31st, 1999. Mandi, who also holds the position of Commanding Officer aboard USS *Rutledge*, has received a promotion at work that will require extensive traveling in the coming months.

"I am excited about this opportunity to travel and possibly meet up with many of you as I find myself in your hometowns," said the outgoing Commandant. She plans to continue as an active member of the Academy staff under Acting Commandant Marlene Miller, leading the drive to raise funds for the STARFLEET Scholarship Program, which recently



Commandant RAdm Mandi Herrmann enjoying her favorite beverage at IC'98. Photo by FCapt Ed Nowlin, CO Cascade Station, RC Region Four.

got under way to replenish the scholarship funds to be presented.

Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith has announced the requirements and application procedures for this position. See details elsewhere in this issue of *Communiqué*.

Inside: Hershey Program Suspended, Marine Blood Feud, Fleet Genealogy, & Upcoming Con List

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# From the Top...

*Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith, Commander, STARFLEET*

Hello from STARFLEET Headquarters. I hope that all of you have enjoyed the various holidays that have been recently celebrated by our organization's membership.

The New Year also brings new changes to STARFLEET. As you know, the organization overwhelmingly ratified the new Constitution of the organization, and that document went into effect on 1 Jan 1999. It brings the removal of the so-called "God Clause" from the Constitution, and removes the Executive Committee from the Admiralty Board. I'm excited about these changes, and I hope that you are too.

1999 is a year that we, the membership of STARFLEET, need to dedicate to the betterment of our organization. We need to concentrate on the "quality of life" issues of our organization. Focusing on recruitment of new members, returning funding to the STARFLEET Scholarship funds, and more must be accomplished in order to improve our organization further, and make it an organization that not only Trek fans, but fans from other sci-fi genre would be proud to call home.

Please don't misconstrue the above comment. We are first and foremost an organization based on the concepts of Gene Roddenberry and Star Trek. But we would be remiss as an international organization not to pay due respect, as many local chapters do, to the fans of other sci-fi genre. We should consider this when we recruit as STARFLEET members. I know many members of STARFLEET who are not serious Trek enthusiasts, but enjoy the friendship and camaraderie that STARFLEET offers. I bring this up because I know many STARFLEET chapters are gearing up for the new Star Wars movie in the hopes that the sci-fi fans that come out for Star Wars might also be casual fans of Star Trek. We should take the example of these chapters and do recruiting at these events, for some of these casual fans might be interested in local chapters and STARFLEET. By subtly expanding our mindset, we may be able to open STARFLEET to new fans, and new members. Keep this in mind as you and your chapters do recruiting operations in the coming year.

I would like to go back and focus a moment on the project that I tend to spend a good amount of time on this year. That project is funding the STARFLEET Scholarship program back to its former levels. The STARFLEET Scholarship program is not only an effective recruiting tool, but it is also something that truly sets STARFLEET apart from other Trek fan groups. It is unfortunate that the monies dedicated to that program were abused and spent without our knowledge and consent by the McGinnis administration for purposes that they were not intended for. It is unfortunate that we will never be able to have those monies returned to us by the person or persons responsible for the abuse.

However, the STARFLEET membership *can* do something about replacing those funds through chapter and regional fundraisers. Penny collections at chapter meetings, 50/50 raffle tickets, charity auctions at Regional Summits and Conferences, car washes, etc., etc. I am making a call to arms of the entire organization to help out your fellow members

who may wish to further their education. A good education is the foundation of a successful career path.

As many of you know, I like to carry actions behind the words I speak. Therefore, I am going on record as personally guaranteeing to fund one full STARFLEET Scholarship program scholarship. I will personally donate the \$500 to fund one full scholarship. I call upon each of you to donate what you can to this worthy cause, in order to help out deserving and needful STARFLEET members.

This is the first time you'll hear from me on this topic, but it certainly won't be the last!

I look forward to a new round of Regional Summits and Conferences this year. I've already committed to travel to Regions 1, 3, and 12 this year, and am looking forward once again to visiting with the many friends that I have made over the years at these regional gatherings.

That's all for me at the moment, have a great year and we'll see you in sixty! STARFLEET HQ, signing off.

## Seeking Applicants for Academy Commandant Position

As we went to press, Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith announced the criteria for filling the position of STARFLEET Academy Commandant, vacated effective March 31st by RAdm Mandi Herrmann. Applications will be accepted until May 1st, and the final choice will be announced a few days later. Submit applications by e-mail at [Personnel@sfi.org](mailto:Personnel@sfi.org) or postal mail at:

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Applications should include both STARFLEET and real-life résumés. Applicants should meet the following criteria:

- 1) Be a STARFLEET member in good standing.
- 2) Have taken and passed Officers Training School and Officers Command College
- 3) E-mail access required (with the ability to check mail at least one a day)
- 4) Have previous experience in STARFLEET Academy (i.e., a current/former Academy School

Director, or serious experience taking many STARFLEET Academy courses)

- 5) Have real-life business management/administration experience (i.e., running a business or college degrees)
- 6) Familiarity with the Internet (leaning in the area of the World Wide Web)
- 7) Provide a statement on how the applicant feels he/she can benefit STARFLEET and the Academy.
- 8) Have the ability to attend the 1999 and 2000 International Confer-

ences (to attend the yearly Board of Directors meetings)

Fleet Admiral Smith reports that Vice Commandant Marlene Miller will serve as Acting Commandant until a selection is made. He added, "I'd like to take this moment to thank Mandi for her service over the past 2+ years on the STARFLEET EC as both the Membership Processing Vice Chief of Computer Operations, and then moving over to STARFLEET Academy to take over as Commandant after the resignation of Rob Lerman."



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**Kudos and thanks to the CompOps Membership Processing team for their hard work!**

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# Second Thoughts...

*Admiral Charles Freas, Vice Commander, STARFLEET*

"Greetings!" to the members of Sol III's premier Star Trek fan club! I hope this missive finds you and yours doing well. Try as hard as I might, I simply have not been able to make this article funny! Some people have it, and some don't. So, I will just try to keep it informative, and short.

Now that the holiday season is over and Fleet HQ is fully back to work, I have turned my attention to all those loose ends still needing to be tied up from 1998, as well as the new commitments made for 1999. For example, while the FDC program is up and ever expanding and (hopefully) improving, we still need your feedback on what you want and need from these resource programs. The FDC program heads want to hear from each of you about what you need, and how you think those needs should be met. The FDC programs are here to help you and your Regions and chapters have more fun and a more satisfying Fleet experience. Dustin Williams (FDCP@sfi.org) and Donna Friesen (VCS-COS@sfi.org) and I

(VCS@sfi.org) especially want to hear ideas from any of the chapters and all of the Regional staffs and each of the FDC program directors about improving FDC services. Oh, and you FDC chiefs — don't forget that each FDC program chief must file a report with Donna every three months informing her and Dustin and I what's going on in your programs. The first report was due January 1, 1999. An on-line reporting form is now available to make that easy to do. That form is at <http://www.mindspring.com/~tiggerr7>

One of the Smith/Freas Administration's loose ends, and a never-ending commitment from day one, has been timely membership processing. I'm very gratified to see public announcements and praise being offered to STARFLEET's Computer Operations department for their consistently rapid processing times. I have seen several messages commending CompOps for under two-week turnarounds. Kudos and thanks go to them for all of the

CompOps Team's hard work! Keep up the good work!

One new commitment is bonding of the Commander, STARFLEET. Hopefully by the time you read this there will have already been an announcement that a suitable bond has already been secured. For several weeks now (since December, '98) I have been spending my lunch hours calling bonding companies which offer "Officers & Directors Errors & Omissions" bonds. I'm looking for a stable, highly rated bonding company from which we can obtain such a bond for a very reasonable price. While the prices I have been quoted so far are quite high, I'm sure we can obtain a bond for an annual price that we can afford. Look for more announcements on this soon.

Another new commitment is getting our membership numbers up. Now that things are running very well in STARFLEET, we have a lot to offer to new members. Stable leadership. A new Constitution in effect. Timely announce-

ments of widespread interest. Great fan, chapter, and membership resources. A timely *Communiqué*. Over 250 chapters and 4,000 members, and still growing. A fan family to have fun with. Scholarships. Spread that word! Take advantage of how well Star Trek: Insurrection is doing (over \$63 million after only five weeks), and take this opportunity to talk about your club and the advantages of joining STARFLEET. This is a highly visible golden opportunity for membership recruitment that won't come about for at least another year, if not longer. Go for it!

One final word: FUN! Remember, that's what this is all about — you having fun with your friends, and making new friends to have even more fun with. So, let's all go have some fun! Until next time, Live Long, and Prosper!

## Seeking Applicants for Internal Auditor

In mid March, 1999, STARFLEET Internal Auditor Howard Cronson announced his resignation from that post. Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith says applicants should:

- 1) Be a STARFLEET member in good standing
- 2) Have taken OTS/OCC
- 3) Be a Certified Public Accountant

Résumés (real-life and Fleet) for this position will be accepted until May 1st, 1999. Submit applications

by e-mail at [Personnel@sfi.org](mailto:Personnel@sfi.org) or postal mail at:

Mark Vinson  
Director of STARFLEET Personnel  
1047 Cottonwood Trail  
Benbrook, TX 76126

Fleet Admiral Smith says Commodore Cronson's work "helped STARFLEET's members regain much-needed confidence in how their leadership handles the financial issues that surround our organization on a day to day basis."

## Regions 2 & 12 get new Region Coordinators

Congratulations to Pete Mohney, recently appointed by the Commander, STARFLEET to the post of Region 2 Region Coordinator. Pete replaces Kelly Hilliard, who served the Region faithfully for several years.

**Commodore Pete Mohney**  
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Birmingham, AL 35215  
[pdmohney@aol.com](mailto:pdmohney@aol.com)

Congratulations also to Wade Hoover, who was appointed to fill the post of Region 12 Region Coordinator just as we went to press. Sharon Srock served as interim RC following Michael Malotte's departure.

**Brigadier General Wade Hoover**  
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# Fleet Operations...

*Major General Les Rickard, Chief, STARFLEET Operations*

## Greetings, STARFLEET!

Well another year has started and there have been some changes in STARFLEET Operations. VAdm Tom Monaghan has stepped down as Ops Chief after two outstanding years of service. As one of his Vice Chiefs, I can say I was proud to serve under him. Tom is remaining in the Ops family, though, as the Ops Chief of Staff. As CoS he will be the Vessel Registry editor as well as an advisor to the Ops Chief.

On that note...Hi, I am MGen Les Rickard, SFMC, the new Chief of STARFLEET Operations. For the last two years I have been one of two Vice Chiefs who have been responsible for processing the chapters' Monthly Status Reports (MSRs). Along with Matt Myers, I have had more contact with Chapter COs and members than anyone else in Fleet, I think. I am also the Commanding Officer of the Correspondence Shuttle Normandy, Deputy Commandant of the STARFLEET Marine Corps, and Internal Programing Chair for IC99, STARFLEET's 25th Anniversary. My contact information is at the end of this column.

Now that I have stepped up to attempt to fill the shoes left by VAdm Monaghan, I have made a few alterations to the way Ops works. There are a few areas I need to cover here but I will be as brief as I can.

## District Vice Chiefs

As of the January MSR reporting period (Jan. MSRs due by Feb.1, late by Feb.5th) each Region has been assigned to a District Vice Chief (DVC) of which there are three; DVC East, DVC West, and DVC International. The three DVCs will be responsible for all MSRs (E-mail and US Mail) for their Regions. Here is a breakdown of each DVC's area of responsibility:

**DVC East:** Regions 1, 2, 7, 15

**Capt JC Cohen**

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**DVC West:** Regions 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 17

**FCapt Andrea Haag**

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Dearborn, MI 48126  
dvcwest@sfi.org or  
DVCWest@aol.com

**DVC Int'l:** Regions 9, 10, 11, 13

**Capt Chelle Johnson**

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Leavenworth, KS 66048  
dvcinter@sfi.org or  
chelle@ussnomad.org

A note concerning DVC International Regions: All Regions with international chapters as well as chapters in the US will report to Capt Johnson. Currently this only affects R13 I believe.

## Operations Problem Solving

As you can see Ops also has a priority now. Operations Problem Solving is my focus for STARFLEET Operations. Each month, each DVC will submit a monthly report of who reported and who didn't. Along with this report will be a very brief activity summary noting highlights that will go to the Communiqué for the chapter summaries. Also in this report will be the problems that the chapters have had and what action each DVC took to troubleshoot. That's right, the DVC is the first line in problem-solving with Operations. They see the problem first and will attempt to assist as best as they can; if they cannot handle it, they will forward it to the proper EC department or to me.

Now, by no means does this mean that the door to the Ops

Chief's office is closed. Anytime a member or chapter is having a problem they think I can assist with, then by all means they should contact me. What I will do is go back to the DVC and see if this has been an ongoing problem or is new, as well as what, if anything, they have done. From there I will address the problem directly and attempt to resolve it as best I can.

## Ops by the Numbers

As of this writing, I am aware of at least two if not three chapters pending commissioning very soon. As I process them there will be announcements Fleetwide noting the newest addition to the "Fleet Family."

As much as I am saddened by any decommissioning, they will occur. However, that does not stop the crew from working hard to be recommissioned. At this time I am talking with one former chapter who has stayed in contact with its regional command staff and will be returning to Fleet through EFCP.

## Filing MSRs

Very quickly let me reiterate that the simplest way for those who are online and have web access to file their MSRs is to use the Ops MSR web page at [msr.sfi.org](http://msr.sfi.org) or on the Ops site at [www.musc.edu/~mccabedb/ops/](http://www.musc.edu/~mccabedb/ops/). This is the easiest way to send copies of your MSR to everyone who needs to receive them.

As I said before, the deadline for MSR is the first of the month following the reporting period. However, they will not be counted as late by Ops till after the fifth, and not as FTR (failure-to-report) until after the RC Report deadline of the 15th of the following month. If they are received after that point they will still be credited but as late

reports on the next month's summary.

## Housekeeping Issues

There are very few of these, really. Anything that would have been sent to VAdm Monaghan in the past now should come to me.

A note to all RCs: Recently FAdm Smith noted that all Regional Reports should go to his Chief of Staff from now on. This is in addition to filing them with the Chief of Operations. FAdm Smith has simply delegated his processing and review to his Chief of Staff; it does not affect the requirement that the RCs needs to report to the Chief of Operations.

Any questions regarding the MSR web page and its functioning should go directly to FCapt David McCabe at [onlineops@sfi.org](mailto:onlineops@sfi.org).

Well that's about it for now. See y'all in the next CQ.

*MGen Les Rickard, SFMC  
Chief, STARFLEET Operations*



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Congratulations to the STARFLEET Operations Region of the Year for 1998: Region 5

# STARFLEET by the Numbers

*Vice Admiral Tom Monaghan, Chief of Staff, STARFLEET Operations*

### Chapters Commissioned or Recommissioned

USS Babylon, Region 3, Commander Colleen Hadley, CO  
 USS Ohio, Region 1, Fleet Captain Roger Scritchfield, CO  
 USS Quantum, Region 12, Captain David Brower, CO  
 USS Chautauqua, Region 7, Captain Virginia Winnie, CO  
 USS Sun Tzu, Region 7, Captain Sanford Berenberg, CO  
 USS Relentess, Region 2, Captain Wade Olson, CO  
 USS The Sullivans, Region 15, Captain Bob McCann, CO  
 USS Galahad, Region 12, Captain Brett Price, CO  
 USS Cherokee, Region 2, Captain Tatia Brewer, CO  
 USS Lunar Dawn, Region 3, Captain Debbie Dennis, CO  
 USS Tanagra, Region 7, Commodore Jesse Smith, CO  
 \*USS Arthur C. Clarke, Region 7, Captain Cheryl Lowe, CO  
 USS Reprisal, Region 1, Captain Greg Franklin, CO  
 USS Angeles, Region 4, Captain Janice Willcocks, CO  
 USS Hellfire, Region 12, Captain Christopher J. Rossman, CO  
 USS Osiris, Region 7, Captain Edgar Torres, CO  
 USS Fox River, Region 6, Fleet Captain Linda Eppinger, CO  
 USS Kensington, Region 5, Colonel Diana L. Harper, CO  
 USS Endurance, Region 17, Captain Paul S. Reed, CO  
 \*\*USS John Henry "Doc" Holliday, Region 12, Colonel Suzanne Davis, CO  
 USS Spiritwalker, Region 2, Captain Rebecca Self, CO  
 USS Flying Fortress, Region 12, Fleet Captain Tim Frayser, CO  
 USS Texas, Region 3, Captain Richard Getz, CO  
 USS Atlas, Region 12, Captain Mike Wilkerson, CO  
 \*\*\*USS Aeon, Region 1, Captain Kenneth Yarbrough, CO  
 USS Asimov, Region 7, Captain Martin A. Lessem, CO  
 USS Tempest, Region 1, Fleet Captain Robin Pillow, CO

USS Tsunami, Region 15, Captain Cynthia Lee DeMidio, CO  
 USS Celt, Region 12, Captain Chris Dunivan, CO  
 Station Ian Fleming, Region 15, Captain Garrick Halverson, CO  
 USS Highroller, Region 4, Captain Charles Flowers, CO  
 USS Devastator, Region 3, Captain Bette Frantz, CO  
 USS Spiritwolf, Region 3, Captain Michelle DuBose, CO  
 USS Stormbringer, Region 4, Captain Dave Pitts, CO  
 USS Delta Clipper, Region 12, Captain Rick Giles, CO  
 \*\*\*\*USS Titanic, Region 12, Fleet Captain David Summers, CO  
 \*\*\*\*\*Chattahoochee Station, Region 2, Fleet Captain Kathryn Webster, CO

\*Note: USS Briza and USS Transcendence merged to form USS Arthur C. Clarke (R7).  
 \*\*Note: formerly USS Orion (R12).  
 \*\*\*Note: formerly USS Alacrity (R1).  
 \*\*\*\*Note: formerly USS Nightshade (R12).  
 \*\*\*\*\*Note: USS MacLeod (R2) and USS Republic (R2) merged to form Chattahoochee Station.

### Chapters that have been Decommissioned or left STARFLEET

USS Belgica, Region 21  
 USS Paraclete, Region 12  
 USS Highroller, Region 4  
 USS Gemini Dream, Region 1  
 USS Maud'dib, Region 4  
 USS New Horizons, Region 7  
 USS Mirage, Region 12  
 USS Blackheart, Region 7  
 USS Potemkin, Region 7  
 \*USS Briza, Region 7  
 \*USS Transcendence, Region 7  
 USS Excalibur, Region 2  
 USS Kepler, Region 3  
 USS Ari, Region 7  
 USS Dilemma, Region 1  
 USS Dauntless, Region 7  
 USS Oklahoma, Region 12  
 USS Wolf, Region 7  
 USS Appalachian, Region 1  
 USS Best Destiny, Region 1  
 USS Khitomer, Region 1  
 USS Trouncer, Region 3

USS Alam' Ak, Region 6  
 USS Cu'Chulainn, Region 1  
 USS Broadsword, Region 12  
 \*\*USS MacLeod, Region 2  
 \*\*USS Republic, Region 2

\*NOTE: USS Briza (R7) and USS Transcendence (R7) merged to form USS Arthur C. Clarke.  
 \*\*NOTE: USS MacLeod (R2) and USS Republic (R2) merged to form Chattahoochee Station.

### New Chapter Commanding Officers

Captain Marcia Waples, USS IDIC, Region 1  
 Captain Suzanne Davis, USS Orion, Region 4  
 Commander Colleen Hadley, USS Babylon, Region 3  
 Captain D. Justin Taylor, USS Alioth, Region 17  
 Fleet Captain David Walker, USS Ranger, Region 12  
 Fleet Captain Roger Scritchfield, USS Ohio, Region 1  
 Captain David Brower, USS Quantum, Region 12  
 Captain Michael George, USS Continuum, Region 2  
 Colonel William Smith, USS Gryphon, Region 13  
 Captain Virginia Winnie, USS Chautauqua, Region 7  
 Captain Sanford Berenberg, USS Sun Tzu, Region 7  
 Captain Wade Olson, USS Relentless, Region 2  
 Captain Bob McCann, USS The Sullivans, Region 15  
 Captain Brett Price, USS Galahad, Region 12  
 Captain Tatia Brewer, USS Cherokee, Region 2  
 Captain Debbie Dennis, USS Lunar Dawn, Region 3  
 Captain Lew Jones, USS Phoenix, Region 12  
 Captain Christine Jordan, USS Babylon, Region 3  
 Captain Mike Coleman, USS Star Union, Region 2  
 Commodore Jesse Smith, USS Tanagra, Region 7  
 Captain Emma Sue Baldwin, USS Arizona, Region 1

Captain Brian Bergman, Troubadour Station, Region 12  
 Captain Cheryl Lowe, USS Arthur C. Clarke, Region 7  
 Fleet Captain Thomas Revor, Station Freedom III, Region 3  
 Captain Greg Franklin, USS Reprisal, Region 1  
 Captain Royce Bullock, USS Odyssey, Region 2  
 Captain Mark S. Roddenberry, USS Oberon, Region 4  
 Captain Ray Seay (acting CO), USS McNair, Region 1  
 Captain Carl Lewis, USS Charleston, Region 1  
 Captain Janice Willcocks, USS Angeles, Region 4  
 Captain Daniel Allgor, USS Trouncer, Region 3  
 Captain Christopher Rossman, USS Hellfire, Region 12  
 Captain Joy Spurger-Flynt, USS Braveheart, Region 3  
 Captain Tim Brown, USS Powhatan, Region 1  
 Captain Edgar Torres, USS Osiris, Region 7  
 Fleet Captain Linda Eppinger, USS Fox River, Region 6  
 Colonel Diana Harper, USS Kensington, Region 5  
 Captain Paul Reed, USS Endurance, Region 17  
 Captain Rebecca Self, USS Spiritwalker, Region 2  
 Fleet Captain Tim Frayser, USS Flying Fortress, Region 12  
 Captain Richard Getz, USS Texas, Region 3  
 Captain Mike Wilkerson, USS Atlas, Region 12  
 Captain Connie Williams, USS Horizon, Region 12  
 Captain Gloria Palmer, USS Sky Dancer, Region 5  
 Captain John Russell, USS Bradbury, Region 12  
 Captain Margi O'Neill, USS Quana Parker, Region 3  
 Captain Jerry Ward, USS Ronald E. McNair, Region 1  
 Captain Will Burhans, Dark Silence Station, Region 2

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# STARFLEET by the Numbers

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Captain Theydon Green, USS Night-hawk Region 1  
Captain Stephanie Slocum, USS Rhyanna, Region 3  
\*Captain Kenneth Yarbrough, USS Aeon, Region 1  
Captain Dan Murphy, USS Concord, Region 12  
Captain Sharon Lambert, USS Victory, Region 3  
Captain Betty Flyzik, USS Prevailing Wind, Region 7  
Captain Martin A. Lessem, USS Asimov, Region 7  
Fleet Captain Robin Pillow, USS Tempest, Region 1  
Captain Cynthia Lee DiMidio, USS Tsunami, Region 15  
Captain John Winsley, USS Jamestown, Region 1  
Captain Chris Dunivan, USS Celt, Region 1  
Captain Garrick Halverson, Station Ian Fleming, Region 15  
Captain Charles Flowers, USS Highroller, Region 4  
Captain Liz Beaulieu, USS Bean Sidhe, Region 15  
Captain Christen Leddon, USS Jeannette Maddox, Region 12  
Acting Captain Wendy Williams, USS Quantum, Region 12  
Captain Laura Hensley, USS Yorktown, Region 1  
Captain Bette Frantz, USS Devastator, Region 3  
Captain Michelle DuBose, USS Spiritwolf, Region 3  
Captain Dave Pitts, USS Stormbringer, Region 4  
Captain Rick Giles, USS Delta Clipper, Region 12  
Captain Richard Heim, USS Alaric, Region 1  
Captain Bud Cullum, USS Matrix, Region 7  
Captain Mike McColl, USS Roberta Bondar, Region 10  
Captain Jack Eaton, USS Trident, Region 2  
Captain George Wetherbee, USS Chung Fu, Region 2  
Captain Nat Saenz, USS Rubicon, Region 5

\*NOTE: formerly USS Alacrity (R1).

## Regional Roundup (Regional reporting records for 1997):

REGION 01: Admiral Linda Smith, RC  
Rear Admiral Carolyn Donner, RC  
11 reports received (100%)  
REGION 02: Vice Admiral Killy Hilliard, RC  
10 reports received (91%)  
REGION 03: Vice Admiral Brad Pense, RC  
11 reports received (100%)  
REGION 04: Admiral Kim Lerman, RC  
Fleet Captain Ed Nowlin, RC  
11 reports received (100%)  
REGION 05: Commodore Kurt Roithinger, RC  
11 reports received (100%)  
REGION 06: Admiral David Kloempken, RC  
8 reports received (73%)  
REGION 07: Rear Admiral Bob Vosseller, RC  
10 reports received (91%)  
REGION 09: Captain Jens Schaefer, RC  
8 reports received (73%)  
REGION 10: Fleet Captain Paul Reid, RC  
11 reports received (100%)  
REGION 11: Admiral Jennifer Yates, RC  
11 reports received (100%)  
REGION 12: Rear Admiral Mike Malotte, RC  
Admiral Sharon Srock, Interim RC  
10 reports received (91%)  
REGION 13: Captain Andrea Haag, Interim RC  
Fleet Captain Richard Smith, RC  
11 reports received (100%)  
REGION 15: Commodore Joseph Ruttar, RC  
10 reports received (91%)  
REGION 17: Commodore Kiera Russell-Strong, RC  
10 reports received (91%)

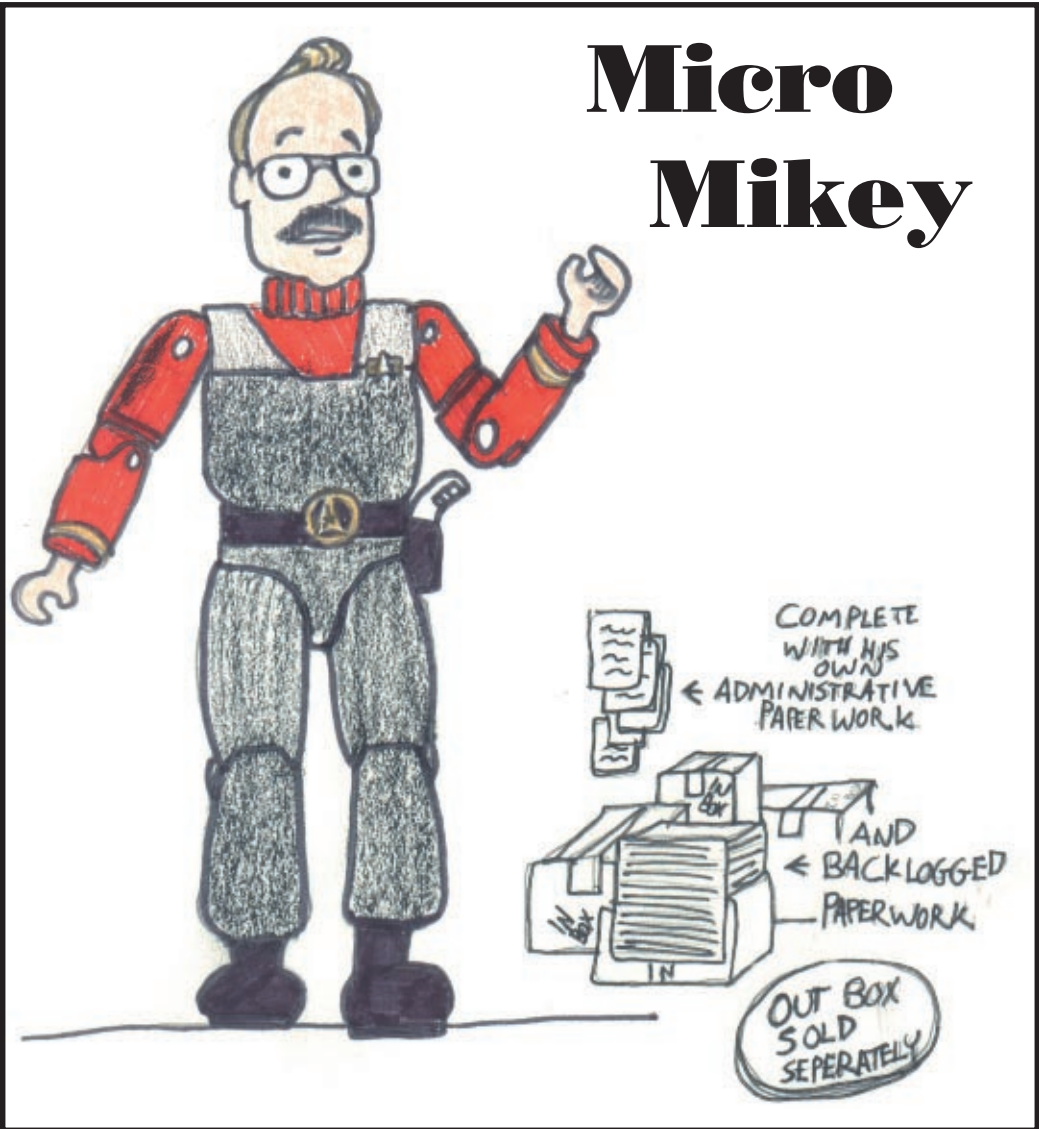
## STARFLEET Operations Regions of the Month for 1998:

9801: Region Fifteen, Commodore Joseph Ruttar, Regional Coordinator  
9802: Region Five, Commodore Kurt Roithinger, Regional Coordinator  
9803: Region Ten, Fleet Captain Paul Reid, Regional Coordinator  
9804: Region Fifteen, Commodore Joseph Ruttar, Regional Coordinator  
9805: Region Five, Commodore Kurt Roithinger, Regional Coordinator  
9806: Region Thirteen, Fleet Captain Richard Smith, Regional Coordinator  
9807: Region Two, Vice Admiral Kelly Hilliard, Regional Coordinator

9808: Region Thirteen, Fleet Captain Richard Smith, Regional Coordinator  
9809: Region Five, Commodore Kurt Roithinger, Regional Coordinator  
9810: Region Four, Fleet Captain Ed Nowlin, Regional Coordinator  
9811: Region Five, Commodore Kurt Roithinger, Regional Coordinator  
9812: Region Seventeen, Commodore Keira Russell-Strong, Regional Coordinator

## STARFLEET Operations Region of the Year for 1998:

Region Five, Commodore Kurt Roithinger, Regional Coordinator





# Hailing frequencies open!

*Vice Admiral Gordon Goldberg, Chief, STARFLEET Communications*

Before I get into the heart of my column, I'd like to thank Mark Anbinder for stepping in as Interim *Communiqué* Editor while Wendy Fillmore focuses on adding to STARFLEET's membership roster (Mark will be editing and laying out the *Communiqué* for issue 92 as well as this one.) Words alone can't express how much his help is appreciated. Note that we still need an assistant editor to help Wendy in the future!

The other day I received an amusing piece of e-mail from a friend of mine. It went something like this:

"I know this guy whose neighbor, a young man, was home recovering from having been served a rat in his bucket of Kentucky Fried Chicken. So anyway, one day he went to sleep and when he awoke he was in his bathtub and it was full of ice and he was sore all over. When he got out of the tub he realized that HIS KIDNEYS HAD BEEN STOLEN and he saw a note on his mirror that said 'Call 911!' But he was afraid to use his phone because it was connected to his computer, and there was a virus on his computer that would destroy his hard drive if he opened an e-mail entitled 'Join the crew!'

"He knew it wasn't a hoax because he himself was a computer programmer who was working on software to save us from Armageddon when the year 2000 rolls around. His program will prevent a global disaster in which all the computers get together and distribute the \$600 Neiman Marcus cookie recipe under the leadership of Bill Gates. (It's true — I read it all last week in a mass e-mail from BILL GATES HIMSELF, who was also promising me a free Disneyworld vacation and \$5,000 if I would forward the e-mail to everyone I know.)

"The poor man then tried to call 911 from a pay phone to report his missing kidneys, but reaching into the coin-return slot he got jabbed with an HIV-infected needle around which was wrapped a note that said, 'Welcome to the world of AIDS.'

"Luckily he was only a few blocks from the hospital — the one, actually, where that little boy who is dying of

cancer is, the one whose last wish is for everyone in the world to send him an e-mail and the American Cancer Society has agreed to pay him a nickel for every e-mail he receives. I sent him two e-mails and one of them was a bunch of x's and o's in the shape of an angel (if you get it and forward it to twenty people you will have good luck but ten people you will only have ok luck and if you send it to less than ten people you will have BAD LUCK FOR SEVEN YEARS).

"So anyway the poor guy tried to drive himself to the hospital, but on the way he noticed another car driving along without his lights on. To be helpful, he flashed his lights at him and was promptly shot as part of a gang initiation.

"And it's a little-known fact that the Y1K problem caused the Dark Ages."

Anyone who has an Internet account these days has probably seen many of the chain-e-mail messages that this one spoofed. And those who haven't may recall getting similar chain-letters in the postal mail at one point in time.

Anyway, I laughed at first, and then it started me thinking about chain-letters and rumor-mills, and modern communication.

In most of my columns, I talk about the importance of communicating; of spreading the news, and opening new channels of communication. And as important as that is, there is a flip-side to it — the wild-fire spread of misinformation.

Many times, people hear rumors or receive mail about seemingly major concerns, or opportunities to help other people out, and rush off to rally their friends and neighbors to join the effort without first confirming the truth behind the rumor. And so it begins — you tell two friends, who tell three other friends, who tell more friends, and eventually the rumor gets back to you — which appears to confirm the validity of the original message or phone call or whatever, because now you've heard it from multiple sources.

Item four of the STARFLEET

Officer's Code of Conduct is, "I will never assume, but always verify." This is an excellent rule for use in everyday life, not just your STARFLEET life. If you take the time to verify the truth behind what you hear before you pass it on, you help to eliminate the spread of misinformation.

Whether it's a rumor of a new computer virus (never run any program that's been sent to you over e-mail unless you know and absolutely trust the sender — and even then, run a virus-scan program over it first), or a pending piece of legislation (no, the FCC is not planning on taxing Internet usage), or how to make a dying child's wish come true (Craig Shergold's cancer entered remission years ago, he just turned 20, and his family still gets four bags of postcards each week, which are sent directly to a recycling center), just because it sounds important doesn't mean it's true.

The following information, however, is true, and I ask you to pass it on to your crewmates.

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. We are also still in need of someone to take over the task of remailing back-issues of the *Communiqué* to members who haven't received them, and to chapters who wish to use them for recruiting. Applications for either position will be accepted via email to [Comm@sfi.org](mailto:Comm@sfi.org), or via postal mail to:

Gordon L. Goldberg  
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New York, NY 10033-5333 USA

As always, if you have any comments or ideas on how the Communications Division can further serve your chapter or the fleet, please feel free to contact me at the above addresses.

In Service to the Fleet,  
Gordon L. Goldberg  
Chief of Communications,  
STARFLEET



*Wendy and Bob Fillmore's sons, Sean and Bobby. Sean was born in the wee hours of January 27th, 1999. He's grown considerably in size, weight, and health since his birth, and Wendy is reportedly enjoying the break from her Communiqué duties to spend time with the family.*

Leave extra time for your VRR to get to ShOC if your commissioning date is set, just in case.

# Mama Dennis Says...

Rear Admiral Dennis Gray, Chief, Shuttle Operations

Geez. These articles just never seem to get any easier to do. You'd think, after two years, it'd be a breeze. Heh, guess again! Actually, I'm quite pleased, and honored, to even have the opportunity to mention it. The vast majority of all of you out there saw fit to endorse our Administration in the recent vote of confidence, so that we may continue to serve you for another two years. For that, I thank you. The past two years have been very interesting, and very rewarding. I am grateful for the opportunity for two more years, so that we can finish what we started, or, 'put the polish back on things', as it were.

The past several months have been rather trying ones for members of the ShOC staff. I flew back to Kentucky for the Xmas holiday. That was a welcome trip for me, as it had been two years since I was home for Christmas. It was the first time I got to see a lot of my family in all that time as well. I even got to see my new niece for the first time, as well. However, rather than flying back to Washington, I bought a car while in Kentucky, and drove back. All 2700+ miles. Through the *big* winter storm that marched across the country over the New Year's Eve weekend. Uggh. The trip was not a total drag, however. I did get to visit with relatives in the Kansas City area (but missed being able to visit with my vice chief, Denine, in nearby Leavenworth, dang it!), and friends in both Denver, and Salt Lake City. What with extended stops at some of these points, the weather, etc., it took me 6 days to make the drive. *not* a lot of fun, let me tell you! But, I made it back safely. Just in time to be at work the next morning... Six days after getting back here, I went in for outpatient surgery on my sinuses. That kept me out of work for another week. To this day, I am *\*still\** trying to get through my email backlog (strictly listserv stuff, non-listserv email is read and kept up with every day).

I won't go into details, but Denine has also been through some very *major* trying times in the last three months. However, she was able to continue with her essential ShOC duties, so that things continued to run effectively. I

did, however, give her my blessings to put aside the non-essential projects she was working on, until she was able to put her life back together, and have time to devote to them again. The START manual was foremost amongst those. Even so, she was able to complete her work on it, and it now sits on my desk, under final review. By the time you read this, it *should* (pounding on wood!) be either ready for print, or in print. Announcements will be made *as soon as* it's ready for distribution.

There are a couple more things that have been put on the back burner, but deserve mention, as some of you have inquired. Updating the vessel registry — it's coming. What with all that's been going on, I just haven't been able to get to it. That will be remedied shortly. Also with that, I haven't sat down to write up the list of new shuttles, and ones that have gone to commissioning, to include with my CQ articles for a while. That too will change, and be the focus of next months article. Promise! Now, because of those two points, several shuttles have questioned whether or not they are an 'official' shuttle, for lack of seeing their name in print. Let me assure you/them — if I send a new shuttle their new launch packet, they *are* an 'official' shuttle. And they *will* see their name in print upon these pages, next issue. Even if they have launched, then commissioned, or left, etc. I will re-cap all the new launches, commissionings, departures, etc. And, if time permits, a first term wrap up of all shuttle activity. With the March VR, all current shuttles should be listed. This I promise.

ShOC will also be releasing a brand new, totally re-designed VRR form within the next few weeks. Master copies will be sent to all RC's for distribution in their region. Jonathan Simmons has done an incredible job overhauling the form. It will be a lot more functional from our

view point, and should be easier to understand, and hence fill out for you. Look for it soon!

Continuing with his outstanding work, Jonathan has designed a new logo for ShOC. All I could say was: "Wow!" It looks totally awesome! Look for its debut on the cover of the forthcoming START & MOM manuals, the VRR form, and web site. And anywhere else I can get away with using it!

As you all may have heard by now, the chapter charter fee is no more. But, so is a free subscription to the CSR for each chapter. Chapters, shuttles, and individuals, must now subscribe to the CSR directly. The new VRR form will have a box or section to subscribe to the CSR, if you wish.

Effective immediately, the VRR fee is a flat \$10, for both new launches and commissionings. This represents an increase of \$5 for new launches.

However, you will be getting additional items as part of your launch packet to offset this. Copies of both the START and Recruiting manuals will be included with all new launch packets.

The cost of both these manuals, as well as the extra postage incurred, should take up most, if not all of the increased fee. However, the short, *and* long term benefit to a new shuttle that both these manuals represent, is invaluable. We firmly believe that they will greatly enhance any new shuttle's chances for success, both short and long term.

That's all I have for real news this month. I will close with a few reminders.

1) Summit/Conference season is fast approaching for a lot of regions. Traditionally, shuttles like to either launch or commission at these events. *If* this is the case with your group, *please, please* plan on starting your VRR through channels as far in advance as possible, up to two months ahead of time. This will allow *plenty* of time for the US mail to get your VRR from person to person, to process your

VRR, and get either a launch or commissioning packet to you in time for the big event. I *hate* being the bad guy, and putting a damper on such special events in a new club's memorable times, by holding up a VRR because it got to me the day before their event, or because of problems with the VRR, etc. If the VRR starts far enough ahead of time, it goes a long way to preventing that from happening.

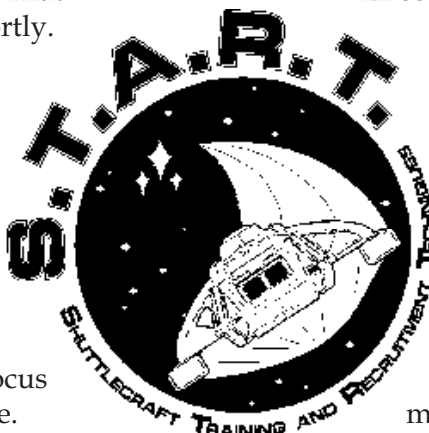
2) When filling out a VRR, the CO & XO must include their rank. This block is for your *current* rank, and *not* that rank which you will attain by virtue of either launching or commissioning your chapter. If you try to anticipate your new rank, and list that, then ShOC or Ops will assume that you already hold that rank, and will not make your promotion certificate to include with your launch or commissioning packet. It's in your best interest to put down your rank pre-launch, or pre-commissioning.

3) Plan on a full nine months for your shuttle term. Not eight, seven, six, or five, etc. Nine. When the former ASL program gets revised (which is first up after the manuals are in release), we will re-visit this.

That's it for now. Thanks for being so patient, and understanding. And look for all the long absent missing info next issue! Smooth sailing!

Silly quote of the month: "Therapy is expensive, poppin' bubble wrap is cheap! You choose."

RAdm Dennis Gray





Always enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope if you want a reply from CompOps.

# STARFLEET CompOps...

*Rear Admiral Jesse Smith, Chief, Computer Operations*

I hope that everyone had a very happy and healthy holiday season. At the time of this writing, CompOps is working on what seems to be a large influx of mail from all the successful movie recruiting of which we've heard. CompOps has gone through a lot of changes in the last two years, some good, and some not so good. With the new year, we've implemented a number of improvements to serve you better.

Recently, if we've had your e-mail address in the database, we've been e-mailing renewing members to let them know that we've processed their membership. Now, we've begun doing the same thing for new members. There's been a lot of request for this type of service and we're happy to be bringing it to you. What if you don't have e-mail? You can get the same notification service by enclosing a self-addressed stamped postcard, and we'll be more than happy to mail

it to you once we process your membership.

Our team has also revamped the CompOps web site to make sure that everyone that wants to find something there can do so easily. The online application has been revamped so that it will be easier for you to fill out and easier for us to process. And, some time in the next two years, we hope to make ship rosters available to both COs and RCs through an online secure form.

For those of you that aren't "online", don't feel left out. We're always happy to respond to your inquiries, requests for chapter rosters, and change of address. Just drop a note and a SASE to any of our team and we'll be sure to respond quickly.

If you have any comments or suggestions for improvement, I'd love to hear them. Our goal this year is to make sure that you are happy. I hope to achieve this though quicker re-

sponses, fewer mistakes, and faster membership processing.

This will probably be the shortest EC report that you ever see in a *Communiqué*, but I've run out of things to say. However, before I go, I wanted to take a few short line to thank the following chapters and members: USS Charleston, USS Destiny, USS Kensington, Charles Flowers, Jack Hopkins, Mike Klufas, and Tony McSpadden. Your actions have spoken volumes.

In closing, I'd like to give a special thank you to Mark Anbinder for stepping in to edit the *Communiqué* while Wendy takes some time for her growing family. Best of luck to you both!



*CompOps Chief Jesse Smith and his wife, Vice Chief for Membership Processing Teri Smith, at last fall's Region 7 Conference banquet.*

## Academy Notes

*Rear Admiral Mandi Herrmann, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy*

*[Editor's Note: This column was written before RAdm Herrmann announced her decision to step down as Commandant.]*

Greetings, Cadets!

I hope the 1999 is going well for each and every one of you! I myself am doing much better. My knee has healed and I should be back to normal (whatever that is <G>) in no time. I plan to be attending the Region One Summit in April, so I hope to be at 100% so that I can have a great time and enjoy the Summit and the wonderful people in Gatlinburg. So, if you find yourself at the Region One Summit, be sure to look me up and introduce yourself!

Likewise, I hope everyone is making plans to attend the International Conference in Charlotte in August. It will be Fleet's 25th Anniversary/Birthday bash! The IC Committee is planning a big event that everyone will enjoy! I hope to see as

many of you there as possible. I always enjoy seeing all my old Fleet friends and meeting new ones each year.

Now that I've already planned my fleet vacations for the first part of this year, I guess I should move on to business! Everyone, please welcome Vice Admiral Marlene Miller as the new Vice Commandant of Starfleet Academy. Marlene has been the director of the Vulcan Academy of Sciences for 10 (yes, folks, T-E-N) years! She also is the Dean of the Academy's Institute of Technology. She brings a wealth of experience to this position and is going to be a fine addition to the Academy leadership. She is here to assist you in whatever way possible with Academy questions, so please feel free to contact her. Her email address is [vacademy@sfi.org](mailto:vacademy@sfi.org). Her mailing address is 461 Harmony Lane, Campbell, OH 44405.

The Klingon Warrior Academy, I regret, is temporarily closed due to the director leaving Starfleet. I am accepting applications for this position until May 21, 1999. Please send me a letter of intent, a course description, and a fleet/real-life resume stating why you would like to serve in the Academy. My address is 9908 Berrywood Drive, Ladson, SC 29456. Or you can email it to me at [Academy@sfi.org](mailto:Academy@sfi.org).

The Academy hopes to offer many more courses online very soon! I have a task force working on this project right now. They include a wide-range of people from all over Starfleet that have good advice, web/internet experience, and good old fashion common sense.

They are Liz Woolf (Region 7), Jill Rayburn (Region 1), David McCabe (Region 1), Steve Durette (Region 13), and Nick Greene (Region 1). Along with Tom Restivo, Marlene Miller, and myself, they will be working on a way

to offer Academy courses online for members who wish to take schools in that fashion. Now, don't worry! We will still offer all courses via US Mail as well.

I just think we can utilize both forms of communication for the best interests of the membership. It allows better accessibility for international members, could increase recruitment, control costs, and should a school director resign, hopefully the school could continue to accept students.

Oh, and for all Academy schools that require SASE's or loose stamps, please remember that postage rates are now 33 cents! Please include the correct postage!

Well, that's all I have for this report. I have plenty of ideas for the Academy... ideas that will better the Academy for you!

See you in 60!

# Star Trek's Gay Presence

by Wade Brown, USS Angeles

"Infinite Diversity in Infinite Combinations."

It is a phrase that found its place in Gene Roddenberry's legendary STAR TREK, a philosophy that spoke to the very heart of his fictional world. "IDIC," as it came to be called, was a credo that called for inclusion of everyone, no matter how different they might be from the norm. The very idea of "the norm" itself was questioned, showing that it, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder. Although no specifically gay characters have yet appeared in any incarnation of STAR TREK, the universe that Roddenberry created has a definite "gay presence," which assures us that gay people too are part of IDIC.

The fact that this gay presence is presented matter-of-factly, rather than singled out for ridicule or abuse, is cause for celebration among STAR TREK's many gay fans. Repeatedly, the shows and films have asserted that prejudice, discrimination and bigotry (in all their forms) are wrong, and that no one, including gay people, should be subjected to them. In STAR TREK, being gay is just another part of the diversity of the universe, no more cause for alarm than a different skin tone or a bumpy forehead.

The gay presence can be felt throughout STAR TREK's different incarnations, indeed, it is in the very fabric of the universe Roddenberry created. The following episodes are occasions where the gay presence is most strongly felt.

The Original Series first season episode "The Devil in the Dark" was one of the first STAR TREK stories to directly address prejudice and fear. Written by Gene L. Coon and directed by Joseph Pevney, it featured a monster that was murdering the workers of a mining operation. When Kirk (William

Shatner) and Spock (Leonard Nimoy) hunted the creature down bent on killing it, compassion allowed them to discover its true nature. The "Horta," as it was called, was killing out of desperation and self-defense — the miners had unknowingly been destroying its eggs. With true intentions revealed, the Horta and the miners were able to start working together to their mutual good.

Everyone who has ever felt misunderstood or misinterpreted can relate to this episode. The plight of the Horta is a clear metaphor for any outsider that is feared simply because it is unfamiliar. Much of the prejudice gay people experience can be traced to feelings much like those of the miners: fear of the unknown clouding reason and judgment.

In The Next Generation's fourth season episode "The Host," written by Michael Horvat and directed by Marvin Rush, the nature of love and the issue of same-sex affection are explored.

When Dr. Beverly Crusher (Gates McFadden) falls in love with Trill ambassador Odan (Franc Luz), she doesn't realize that he is a joined species — a host body with a symbiotic parasite living inside. But when Odan is injured and the parasite is removed from the host body, she begins to question her feelings. What is it she loves? Is it Odan the host body, now dead? Or is it Odan the "symbiont" itself, the small slug-like entity that carries with it the experiences and memories of all its previous hosts? The answer seems to be Odan the symbiont, because when it is temporarily inserted into William Riker's (Jonathan Frakes) body, Beverly resumes her relationship with it/him. But when the symbiont is joined with its new Trill host (Nicole Orth-Pallavicini), who happens to be female, Beverly says their relationship must end. Ac-

cepting her decision, Odan gives her a good-bye kiss on the hand and leaves her.

The gay presence is very strongly felt in this episode. Most obviously in the scene when Beverly first meets Kareel, Odan's new host. The ambassador seems quite ready to continue its/her romance with Beverly, not seeing the fact that they are now the same gender as any obstacle. But the most telling point is that when the doctor says she cannot continue with Odan, it is not because it/he is now female. Rather, it is the shifting nature of the Trill appearance that she finds disconcerting — she could not live with the constant changes.

In TNG's fifth season appeared "The Outcast," written by Jeri Taylor and directed by Robert Scheerer. This story, about a member (Melinda Culea) of the sexless/androgynous J'naii race that feels "forbidden" female feelings for Riker and is punished with brainwashing for it, has a very obvious gay presence.

The parallels between the way the J'naii prohibit romantic/sexual feelings of any kind and the scorn and prejudice gay people face are clear. Presuming to judge and dictate to others how and with whom they can love is shown to be oppressive and dangerous.

"Rejoined," from Deep Space Nine's fourth season, has the most direct expression of the gay presence of any STAR TREK story so far. Written by Ronald D. Moore and Rene Echevarria and directed by Avery Brooks, it explores what happens when one of Dax's former host's wives comes aboard the station. Unexpectedly falling in love all over again, Dax (Terry Farrell) and Lenara (Susanna Thompson) must deal not only with their own conflicting feelings, but with the Trill taboo that forbids re-starting relationships with

former lovers. After a passionate liaison, Lenara decides she cannot break with law and tradition and leaves the station and a tearful Dax behind.

Despite the fact that it was Tarias Dax, a male Trill, that had the relationship with Lenara's former (female) host in the past, the most memorable image from "Rejoined" is that of two women enthusiastically kissing. But it is not the fact that Jadzia and Lenara are the same gender that is objectionable, but the Trill tradition that forbids "re-association."

Kira (Nana Visitor) expresses disbelief that in Trill culture re-association is seen as "unnatural." Why, she wonders, are two people who love each other supposed to ignore those feelings? Indeed, this very contradiction is what many gay people are pressured to adopt. The label "unnatural" is certainly familiar to gays as well, despite all evidence that homosexuality is, in fact, a normal and natural variant in mammalian sexuality.

Like "The Outcast," the story shows that suppression of natural urges, as well as trying to legislate love, are doomed to fail. Dax is willing to continue the relationship despite the taboo, and we cheer her free-minded attitude. Like Dax, many gay people decide to live the lives they want to, regardless of how others might feel about it. We are saddened that Lenara does not have the strength of character to resume the marriage that Dax does.

The experience of being shunned and exiled is something every gay person can relate to, and having the courage to stand against oppression and prejudice is something we all can aspire to.

All of these STAR TREK episodes show beyond a shadow of a doubt that discrimination is wrong, and that same-sex affection and

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Congratulations to these high achievers on their success in STARFLEET Academy!

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*Rear Admiral Mandi Herrmann, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy*

On behalf of the Deans of the Institutes of Arts, Technology, Leadership, and Military Studies, I’m proud to announce the honor graduates for the last half of 1998. Each student scored a 95% or better on their coursework. Congratulations on a job well done!

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love are options just as viable as any other. There is a sense that sexual orientation (be it heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual or some other yet-to-be-discovered preference) is no longer important. The humanity of STAR TREK’s time has outgrown its prejudices about sexual orientation as it has those about race and religion. A person’s sexuality is just one more aspect of their personality, not any more or less interesting than their eye color or body type.

But progress can take a long time, and the humanity of today is not as evolved of that in STAR TREK’s time. The fact that the episodes with the most gay presence have been controversial is no surprise.

Just as people objected to a female first officer in STAR TREK’s original pilot “The Cage” (Majel Barrett as Number One), thirty years later people wondered if a female captain (Kate Mulgrew as

Kathryn Janeway) could carry Voyager. Just as people protested the interracial kiss between William Shatner and Nichelle Nichols in the Original Series episode “Plato’s Stepchildren,” so would people protest the same-sex kiss between Terry Farrell and Susanna Thompson thirty years later in “Rejoined.”

But the keepers of STAR TREK’s flame have never been frightened of controversy. From the beginning, the shows have examined what it means to be a present-day human being within a science fiction setting. “To boldly go where no one has gone before,” to seek out universal truths regardless of contemporary dogma, to bravely say that discrimination is wrong with no exceptions, these are the missions of STAR TREK.

One of the most important functions of TV and film, indeed of art itself, is to act as a mirror. Everyone longs to see themselves

in art. STAR TREK has always been light-years ahead of other television shows in its inclusive philosophy. Where else in the late 1960s could viewers see a multi-ethnic group of such diversity working together for a common goal? Where else could viewers see a vision of humanity’s future where courage, thought and compassion had replaced fear, bigotry and ignorance? Diversity was, and is, the standard in the STAR TREK world.

That diversity is one of the reasons that world has such a remarkable legion of fans. They are from every walk of life, from every race and creed, every color and orientation. Everyone, no matter how “different,” can watch STAR TREK and see something of themselves. Everyone can watch it and see a future where they are a part of a noble group that is committed to exploration and peaceful co-existence.

From a Japanese helmsman to a Russian ensign, from a blind engineer to a gifted adolescent, from an African-American commander to a lonely outsider, from a Native-American first officer to a female starship captain; people can watch STAR TREK and see themselves — they can watch it and say “There I am.” They can watch and feel a part of the fascinating tapestry that makes up the human race.

Thanks to STAR TREK’s gay presence, its many gay fans can do the same. Even if there never is an openly gay character in STAR TREK, the gay presence is there. Gay fans can be grateful to Gene Roddenberry for creating the world of STAR TREK, and we can be grateful to Rick Berman, Michael Piller and Jeri Taylor for carrying it on.

We can thank them that “Infinite Diversity in Infinite Combinations” includes gay people, and always will.



Find out more about the Sagan Planet Walk and Sciencenter at <http://www.sciencenter.org/>

# Accord on planetary patrol

Photos by Ensign First Class Dan Adinolfi, USS Accord

USS *Accord*, a Soyuz-class tactical frigate assigned to the Seventh Fleet, spends most of its time on border patrols and other deep-space journeys that keep ship and crew away from the Federation's population centers.

A few times each year, though, *Accord* is responsible for a patrol through Sector 001, Earth's Solar system. Surprisingly, the vessel usually manages a sweep inbound through each planet's orbit to the sun in about an hour.

Of course, we're now talking not about the fictional starship's duties, but about the STARFLEET chapter's activities. *Accord* is one of a few groups in the Ithaca, New York area responsible for monthly cleanings and checkups on the ten stations that make up the Carl Sagan Memorial Planet Walk.

The Planet Walk, a project of Ithaca's Sciencenter, is a one-to-five-billion scale model of our own Solar system, laid out on a 1,200 meter route between the Ithaca Commons downtown pedestrian shopping mall and the Sciencenter itself, on the outskirts of town. The scale is such that the nearest star, Alpha Centauri, would be situated roughly in Hawaii. So, of course, Sciencenter representatives have been negotiating to install an Alpha Centauri monument at the Honolulu airport!

Each of the planet monuments includes a scale model of the individual planet, centered in a Plexiglas window the size of the sun. (The sun monument, as you can see in the picture to the right, has a carved hole representing the size of our star.) There's also a porcelain-enamel plaque at each station that displays a NASA photo of the planet and information about each, and above each window is the planet's Zodiac symbol, affixed in metal.

The patrol duties include noting the condition of each monument,



*Fleet Captain Mark H. Anbinder begins his starship's patrol of the solar system at Pluto.*

cleaning up litter, scraping off foreign substances (bird droppings and gum are common), and wiping off the Plexiglas windows with window cleaner and paper towels.

Lieutenant Commander Sandra Kisner, one of *Accord's* longest-serving members, has been coordinating the group's participation in this remarkable community project. *Accord* was represented at the dedication ceremonies in November, 1997, at which Cornell alumnus Bill Nye "the science guy" spoke, and was even mentioned in the welcoming remarks. We've now patrolled the Planet Walk three times, and have been asked to take on two additional months in addition to the two we've been responsible for each year.

Dr. Sagan, the noted astronomer who brought astronomy to the masses through the PBS television program "Cosmos," was a professor at Ithaca's Cornell University.



*As Accord's crew approached the center of the Solar System, we ran into these natives of Venus. Apparently, residents of this planet spend the month of December ringing a bell in front of a curious red kettle.*

(His senior seminar on critical thinking was even better known, on campus at least, than his course offerings involving astronomy.) He and his wife, Dr. Ann Druyan, collaborated on the movie version of the novel *Contact*, which starred Jodie Foster, Mat-

thew McConaughey, and Tom Skeritt. He died late in the production stages of the movie, and about eleven months before the Planet Walk's completion and dedication, in December, 1996.

For more information about the Carl Sagan Planet Walk or the Sciencenter, visit the web site at <http://www.sciencenter.org/>



*Why do starship commanding officers sometimes seem to think they're at the center of the universe? This one just happens to be at the center of the solar system.*



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We don't know who the guy at the left is; he ran up and asked if he could be in the picture, so we said "Sure!" Others in the photo are (left to right) LtCdr Sandra Kisner, Cdr Monica Waldron, FCapt Mark Anbinder, LtCol Doc Kinne, EFC Dan Adinolfi (kneeling), LtCdr Alan Rose, LtCdr Marie Beshures, and LtCdr Nathaniel Burbank.



The second planet walking inward from Pluto, Neptune resides at the edge of a new park being built by the City of Ithaca near a new housing development along a road marked "Alice Miller Way." Checking and cleaning this planet station are LtCdrs Marie Beshures, Alan Rose, and Sandra Kisner.

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# Publications Update

Commodore Wendy Fillmore, Vice Chief, Communications

[Editor's note: This column was written shortly before Wendy's son Sean was born. Congratulations to Wendy and Bob Fillmore, and best wishes to sons Bobby and Sean.]

Greetings!

As some of you may know by now, Bob and I are expecting our second child. Unfortunately, there have been some complications, and I've had to simplify my life in the extreme for the remainder of the pregnancy (and I'm not due until April).

After discussions with both Gordon Goldberg (Chief of Communications) and Mark Anbinder, it has been agreed that I will be temporarily handing over the layout of the CQ to Mark for both

CQ#91 (Feb/Mar) and CQ#92 (Apr/May). I will still be involved as much as possible.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mark for stepping up to the plate on such short notice. I have every confidence in Mark's abilities, and I'm sure the next two CQ's will be the best ever. :)

Please give your support to Mark and Gordon as they work around me for the next several months. Remember that the deadlines are 3/15 (CQ#92) and 5/15 (CQ#93).

Although I can't spend any time sitting upright at my desktop PC, I will have access to the net via Bob's laptop here in the other room. Please feel free to contact me at kitten@gv2.com (or 72

Dickens Road, North Brunswick, NJ 08902) or Gordon at comm@sfi.org (or 330 Haven Ave., 3C, New York, NY, 10033) if you have any questions. Electronic submissions should still go to cq@sfi.org. USPS submissions may be sent straight to Mark Anbinder at 1063 Warren Road #6, Ithaca, NY 14850-9731.

In other news, the last CQ (Dec/Jan, #90) advertised several positions within Communications that need(ed) filling. As of this particular time (Friday, Jan. 15) that CQ hasn't been received, so we haven't been able to choose folks to fill those positions (since no one has had a chance to reply yet). As a reminder, we have been looking for a new Vice Chief/

Comm/Fanzine; Assistant CQ Editor, and a CQ Remailer. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Gordon to see if the position has been filled yet.

As for Stellar Visions III, Liz Woolf has the materials to do the layout, and we hope to have this out as soon as possible.

Thank you for your patience and support. We will continue to strive to bring you the highest quality publications that we are capable of. Please join me in thanking all of the volunteers who generously give of their free time to make this all come together.

Thank you!

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Annual membership in STARFLEET begins with a package containing a membership card, membership certificate, handbook, and a listing of chapters throughout the world, including the one nearest you! The membership handbook will introduce you to STARFLEET's unique infrastructure that offers two membership options. One allows you to be an Associate Member with no obligation other than receiving membership materials and magazines. The other option provides a more futuristic atmosphere for those fans intrigued by the fleet structure within the STAR TREK universe. After receiving the membership package, a new member will have the opportunity to sign aboard the starship (chapter) of their choice, hold a fictional rank and position and take part in the chapter's STAR TREK related activities and community service projects.

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That’s right, STARFLEET broke the million dollar mark in 1998!

# Carl’s Coupon Corner

Captain Carl Lewis, STARFLEET Liaison to the OCP

Greetings from the STARFLEET Liaison to the OCP.

1998 is over and the Overseas Coupon Project has enjoyed another tremendous year. In the past, the yearly totals have been good, but nothing could compare to the past two years. In 1997, we had a growth period and ended up with donations totalling more than \$1,000,000 in coupons. For 1998, however, the news just kept getting better. As of February 28, 1999, the final total for 1998 coupon donations is \$1,242,990.80 worth of coupons!

But the news is even better than that. In 1998, the STARFLEET chapters who have collected and sent in coupons reached another fantastic milestone. The total coupons collected and sent by STARFLEET chapters is \$1,064,639.21!

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For this program to expand as much as it has over the past six years is a true testament to the commitment and enthusiasm of all of the STARFLEET chapters that have participated. None of this great news would have been possible if not for the chapters of STARFLEET and the drive they have shown in making this program work. I speak for all the OCP reps when I say “**Thank you!**” to all of the STARFLEET chapters participating.

The following is a list of all STARFLEET chapters that have sent or reported contributions for 1998 as of February 28, 1999.

### Chapter Rankings

(according to collected amounts reported)

- 1 - U.S.S. Ohio
- 2 - U.S.S. Discovery
- 3 - U.S.S. Horizon
- 4 - U.S.S. Bennu

- 5 - U.S.S. Chatauqua
- 6 - U.S.S. Maat
- 7 - U.S.S. Arthur C. Clarke
- 8 - U.S.S. Mystique
- 9 - U.S.S. Guardian
- 10 - U.S.S. Morning Star
- 11 - U.S.S. DaVinci
- 12 - U.S.S. Endeavor
- 13 - U.S.S. Atlas
- 14 - U.S.S. Chesapeake
- 15 - U.S.S. Triumph
- 16 - U.S.S. Charleston
- 17 - U.S.S. Bradbury
- 18 - U.S.S. Marko Ramius
- 19 - U.S.S. Aurora Vulcanus
- 20 - U.S.S. Athena
- 21 - U.S.S. Jeannette Maddox
- 22 - U.S.S. Cydonia
- 23 - U.S.S. Czar'ak
- 24 - U.S.S. Albany
- 25 - U.S.S. Hellfire
- 26 - U.S.S. Triton
- 27 - U.S.S. A.M. Valsalva
- 28 - U.S.S. Alioth
- 29 - U.S.S. Mir
- 30 - U.S.S. Hephaestus
- 31 - U.S.S. Hornet
- 32 - U.S.S. IDIC
- 33 - U.S.S. Tycho
- 34 - U.S.S. Comanche
- 35 - U.S.S. Dauntless
- 36 - U.S.S. Alliance
- 37 - U.S.S. Peacekeeper
- 38 - U.S.S. Sunflower
- 39 - U.S.S. Phantom
- 40 - U.S.S. Thagard
- 41 - U.S.S. Jamestown
- 42 - U.S.S. Leif Ericson
- 43 - U.S.S. Iowa
- 44 - U.S.S. Ronald E. McNair
- 45 - U.S.S. Hexum
- 46 - U.S.S. Raven
- 47 - U.S.S. Imperial Star
- 48 - U.S.S. Simonov
- 49 - U.S.S. Equinox
- 50 - U.S.S. Republic
- 51 - U.S.S. Infinity
- 52 - Space Station Nexus
- 53 - U.S.S. Oklahoma
- 54 - U.S.S. Nomad
- 55 - U.S.S. Boston
- 56 - U.S.S. Traveler
- 57 - U.S.S. Questar

- 58 - U.S.S. Concord
- 59 - U.S.S. Bexar
- 60 - U.S.S. Khai Tam
- 61 - U.S.S. Lunar Dawn
- 62 - U.S.S. Joan of Arc
- 63 - 650th Marines
- 64 - U.S.S. Stormbringer
- 65 - U.S.S. Star League
- 66 - Cascade Station
- 67 - Shuttle Celestial
- 68 - U.S.S. Werner Von Braun
- 69 - Runabout Krela Orla
- 70 - U.S.S. Okatama
- 71 - U.S.S. Alpha Centauri
- 72 - Vulcan Academy
- 73 - U.S.S. Farragut
- 74 - U.S.S. Columbia
- 75 - U.S.S. Haise
- 76 - U.S.S. Tristar
- 77 - Shuttle Grey Wolf

### Region Totals

(The following is preliminary information and is not as up-to-date as the above chapter rankings.)

- Region 1 - \$ 392,642.96
- Region 2 - \$75,627.74
- Region 3 - \$24,639.88
- Region 4 - \$9,840.00
- Region 5 - \$2,513.15
- Region 6 - \$16,503.58
- Region 7 - \$ 104,658.31
- Region 12 - \$ 375,566.49
- Region 15 - \$2,063.10
- Region 17 - \$15,932.03
- Academy - \$337.89
- 1. Region 1 - \$ 380,671.15
- 2. Region 12 -\$ 318,615.87
- 3. Region 7 - \$95,636.42
- 4. Region 2 - \$75,627.74
- 5. Region 3 - \$24,639.88
- 6. Region 15 -\$20,247.50
- 7. Region 17 -\$15,932.03
- 8. Region 6 - \$15,490.97
- 9. Region 4 - \$9,840.00
- 10. Region 5 -\$2,027.35
- 11. Academy -\$337.89

Non-STARFLEET Organizations:  
\$117,966.09  
Individual Contributions  
\$55,106.72  
Total Non-STARFLEET Sources  
\$172,072.81

The following chapters have not reported this past year to either myself or Becky Thane. I can only assume that they have stopped participating. I will be contacting those chapters that are still active about their participation status in the coming months, and trying to get them back into the program.

- USS Arizona 1
- USS Best Destiny 1
- USS Heimdal 1
- USS Jurassic 1
- USS Rutledge 1
- USS White Eagle 1
- USS Blackstar 2
- USS Tejas 3
- USS Starchaser 5
- USS Stellar Wind 5
- USS Albany 7
- USS Briza 7
- USS New Horizon 7
- USS Transcendence 7
- USS Wolfe 7
- Shuttle Quantum 12
- Shuttle Troubadour 12
- USS Cydonia 12
- USS Gemini Dream 12
- USS Krazny Oktyabr 12
- USS Mirage 12
- USS Paraclete 12
- USS Quantum 12
- USS Stargazer 12

No report shown? Make sure your DVC gets a copy of your MSR every month.

# Chapter Report Summaries

Captain J.C. Cohen, District Vice Chief East, STARFLEET Operations

*If your chapter is unlisted, the Chapter Summaries office did not receive a copy of your MSR. A MSR may still have been received by STARFLEET Operations. Note that chapter summaries received by the Communiqué staff are not added to this list, which is compiled for publication by the STARFLEET Operations Chapter Summaries office.*

## Region One

USS AEON NCC-75022  
City of Charter: Memphis, TN  
Activities: Chapter had regular meetings. Decorated tree with Star Trek theme for charity. Worked with Salvation army. Christmas party with “white elephant” gifts. Recruited at Star Trek: Insurrection.

USS ALARIC NCC-503  
City of Charter: Asheville, NC  
Activities: Leonids meteor storm stargazing. Recycled. Collected for Stampede and OCP. Away teams to films and to Judaculla Rock. Field trip with Hornet to Discovery Place. Distributed CQs at Star Trek movie.

USS ARIZONA NCC-71839  
City of Charter: Canton, OH  
Activities: Held Christmas auction and raffle. Worked for PBS with other groups. Worked premier with Klingon group. Collected for various charities.

USS ATHENA NCC-51896  
City of Charter: Reston, VA  
Activities: Craft show for charity. Participated in Paramount’s ST: Insurrection Dream Team contest. Did security and had an auction at Farpoint. Yo-yo tournament for the Julien Fleming fund. Donated to Toys for Tots and sent in to OCP.

USS BONAVENTURE NCC-102-A  
City of Charter: Greensboro, NC  
Activities: Star Trek: Insurrection premiere and Christmas party.

USS CHESAPEAKE NCC-1887  
City of Charter: Richmond, VA  
Activities: Held Christmas party, raised money for charity. Promoted new Trek movie along with VA. state lottery.

USS COLUMBIA NCC-75017  
City of Charter: Wooster, OH  
Activities: Heavy attendance at Vulkan, also served as door guards. Monthly meetings with gift exchange. Had New Years party. Went to Mid-Ohio Con.

USS COLUMBUS NCC-2006-A  
City of Charter: Columbus, OH  
Activities: Chapter meetings and Christmas party. United Nations International

Day. Recruited with other groups at Star Trek: Insurrection.

USS HAWKEYE NCC-4950  
City of Charter: Winston-Salem, NC  
Activities: Monthly meetings. Had a recruitment table at Insurrection. Christmas and new year’s parties.

USS HORNET NCC-1714-D  
City of Charter: Charlotte, NC  
Activities: Business meetings and Night Out. Decided disbursement of holiday donations. Recruited at Star Trek opening.

USS IMPERIAL STAR NCC-2551  
City of Charter: Cary, NC  
Activities: Thanksgiving feast and Christmas party. Crew got together for Insurrection.

USS INFINITY NCC-651  
Correspondence Chapter  
Activities: Created Captain’s scholarship fund. Updated the chapter web site.

USS JAMESTOWN NCC-1843-D  
City of Charter: Newport News, VA  
Activities: Continued work on recruiting display for new movie, and used it to recruit at Insurrection. Gave toys to needy children. Attended SciCon20. Had the annual Christmas party and went to a Klingon groups Christmas party.

USS JURASSIC NCC-3500  
Correspondence Chapter  
Activities: Working on an Engineering cooperative venture with other ships. Some officers working on chapter fiction. Afghan, OCP, and Stampede projects continue.

USS KITTY HAWK NCC-1659  
City of Charter: Raleigh, NC  
Activities: Preparing to work at Vulkan. Held anniversary party. Lobby presence at Star Trek premiere.

USS LAGRANGE NCC-3916  
City of Charter: Cuyahoga Falls, OH  
Activities: Worked with Klingon group for children’s hospital Christmas Tree festival. Caroling party and Christmas party. Recruited at the Movie Premiere.

STATION LEWIS B. PULLER, SFR-123  
City of Charter: Summerville, SC  
Activities: Insurrection premiere and Christmas party with the Rutledge.

USS MAAT NCC-1794-A  
City of Charter: Virginia Beach, VA  
Activities: Had monthly meeting. Delivered canned and boxed goods. Answered phones for PBS, WHRO. Celebrated with

a holiday party.

STATION NIKOLA TESLA NCC-SS005  
City of Charter: Murray, KY  
Activities: Recruiting drive going well. Collecting and mailing in coupons to OCP.

USS OHIO NCC-75007  
City of Charter: Barberton, OH  
Activities: Attended movie premiere. Collected for Adopt-a-Family. Sent coupons to OCP.

USS PROVIDENCE NCC-71796  
City of Charter: Jackson, TN  
Activities: Chapter meeting with surprise birthday party for CO. Delivered food to Adopt-a-Family for Thanksgiving. Had a Christmas / Anniversary / New Design party. Handed out fleet applications at Insurrection.

USS QUESTAR NCC-435  
City of Charter: Louisville, KY  
Activities: Saw “Everest” at an IMAX theater. Marines collected for Toys for Tots. Had a “Mexican Fiesta”. 1999 calender completed.

USS RONALD E. MCNAIR NCC-61809  
City of Charter: Columbia SC  
Activities: Meetings culminated in premiere effort for Star Trek: Insurrection with recruiting drive. Christmas party with Voyager marathon. Preparing to work in museum in January.

USS RUTLEDGE NCC-57295-A  
City of Charter: Ladson, SC  
Activities: Celebrated ship’s anniversary and changed ship’s class.

USS STARWARD FURY NCC-2122  
City of Charter: Fayetteville, NC  
Activities: Recruiting drive at local theater for new Trek movie. Donated to food bank. Business meeting was combined with holiday party. Also had a new years party.

USS TEMPEST NCC-21566  
Correspondence Chapter  
Activities: Collected coupons and stamps. Worked with Reprisal at Star Trek Insurrection premeire.

USS TRISTAR NCC-71829  
City of Charter: Knoxville, TN  
Activities: Regular meetings and Christmas party. Went to movie promotion with USS Bennu.

USS TYCHO NCC-59325  
City of Charter: Fremont, OH  
Activities: Contributing to various chari-

ties. Hosted panels at library. Went to Vulkan. Held annual Christmas party. Worked the local theater for Star Trek: Insurrection.

## Region Two

USS BLACKSTAR NCC-75003  
City of Charter: Miami, FL  
Activities: Holiday fund-raiser completed. Ship design project continues. Signed holiday cards for nursing home.

CHATTAHOOCHEE STATION SFR-201  
City of Charter: Atlanta, Georgia  
Activities: Assisted a Star Trek movie marathon. Worked with KAG to donate to Toys for Tots. Appeared at two theaters for Star Trek: Insurrection.

USS CHUNG FU NCC-61808  
City of Charter: Pensacola, FL  
Activities: Meeting with local KAG group. Crew went to alien ball and new Star Trek film.

DARK SILENCE STATION NCC-SS007  
City of Charter: Florence, AL  
Activities: Promotion at the film. Held annual Christmas party. Sponsored a Salvation Army Christmas Angel tree to buy books for the needy.

USS GUARDIAN NCC-26244  
City of Charter: Cape Canaveral, FL  
Activities: General meeting. Initiated Platinum challenge. Held a Christmas party.

USS HAISE NCC-74664  
City of Charter: Jackson, MS  
Activities: Regular meeting at Books-a-Million. Uniform and teddy bear making assembly continues. Collecting coupons for OCP. Had a Star Trek: Insurrection recruitment drive.

USS HEPHAESTUS NCC-2004  
City of Charter: Birmingham, AL  
Activities: Held command elections. Had a holiday party. Recruited at Star Trek: Insurrection, planning to recruit at the new Star Wars films.

USS ODYSSEY NCC-454-A  
City of Charter: Hattiesburg, MS  
Activities: Had an awards meeting. Participated in the USS Okatoma’s annual Starfeast for Thanksgiving. Ship celebrated 9th anniversary and recruited at new movie.

U.S.S. SPIRITWALKER NCC-31097  
City of Charter: Leeds, AL  
Activities: Working on site web page. Held a turkey raffle. Collected food for



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Congratulations to Captain J.C. Cohen on his promotion this February!

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food banks. Attended Christmas parties for various ships.

USS STAR UNION NCC-2112  
City of Charter: Montgomery  
Activities: Club got together to see Insurrection.

USS TRIDENT NCC-74692  
City of Charter: Stuart, FL  
Activities: Collecting items for an on-line auction. Donated blankets to the Linus project. Attended new Star Trek film.

USS WERNHER VON BRAUN NCC-72069  
City of Charter: Huntsville, AL  
Activities: CO elections. Attended pre-shuttle’s Thanksgiving dinner. Watched series finale of B5. Had meetings.

Region Three

USS AURORA VULCANUS NCC-1888  
Correspondence Chapter  
Activities: ‘Zine is progressing. Mailed to OCP. Trek to RenFest. Worked with SpiritWolf at Star Trek Insurrection premiere. Had holiday card and email exchange.

USS BABYLON NCC-75014  
City of Charter: Monroe, LA  
Activities: Food drive for local food bank. Christmas open house at COs.

USS BEXAR NCC-71718  
City of Charter: San Antonio  
Activities: Worked with the Elf Louise project. Had a van in parade. Crew meetings. Recruited at local theaters. Collected stuffed animals and wrapped them for EMS trauma buddies.

USS BRAVEHEART NCC-51002  
City of Charter: Arlington, TX  
Activities: Recruiting drive at theater with new Star Trek film.

USS COMANCHE NCC-71809  
City of Charter: Fort Worth, TX  
Activities: Recruited at Insurrection. Christmas Party and Ferengi gift exchange. New Years party.

USS INTANGIBLE NCC-65421  
City of Charter: College Station, TX  
Activities: Working on 100 hour toy drive. Planning R3 conference and anniversary party. Completed radio MASH. Ship had a Christmas party.

USS JOAN OF ARC NCC-73289  
City of Charter: Corpus Christi, TX  
Activities: Held ship’s elections. Promoted the ship at Insurrection, held Christmas party.

U.S.S. LUNAR DAWN, NCC-1621  
City of Charter: Grand Prarie  
Activities: Away missions to a number of movies, including recruiting at Insurrec-

tion. Caroling for children’s hospitals and nursing homes. Send coupons to OCP.

USS PALO DURO NCC-61914  
City of Charter: Amarillo, TX  
Activities: General meeting. Made recruiting bookmarks. Insurrection premiere party. Held 4th anniversary party.

USS RHYANNA NCC-1892  
City of Charter: Austin, TX  
Activities: Assisted with literacy projects. Collecting toys and stuffed animals for children. Attended the movie premiere.

USS RODGER YOUNG NCC-75500  
City of Charter: Shreveport, LA  
Activities: Chapter meetings.

USS SAGITTARIUS NCC-9755  
City of Charter: Mesquite, TX  
Activities: Uniformed effort at Insurrection. Donated a lot to Santa toys project. Crew exchanged gifts. Voted to change ship’s class.

USS SPIRITWOLF NCC-74209  
City of Charter: Houston, TX  
Activities: Played Starfleet battles, had movie and TV nights. Went bowling. Had Christmas and new year’s parties.

USS TEXAS NCC-74207  
City of Charter: Killeen, Tx  
Activities: Texas round up. Helped out with a number of Thanksgiving charity events. Night out to Nature in Light. Meetings and Christmas party. Ongoing support of Home and Home.

Region Four

CASCADE STATION NCC-SS003  
City of Charter: Redding, CA  
Activities: Entered local Christmas parade with float called Christmas of the Future. Donated to the OCP. Recruited at Insurrection. Had a gift exchange with the USS Onizuka.

USS HIGHROLLER NCC-23104  
City of Charter: Reno, NV  
Activities: Celebrated anniversary and Christmas party.

USS MIRIMAR NCC-2210  
City of Charter: San Diego, CA  
Activities: Had the All Ship’s Christmas Party. Went to a showing of Insurrection with the local Klingons. Along with the Klingons, wrapped and handed out toys to the CAPS kids.

USS NORTHERN LIGHTS NCC-27001  
City of Charter: San Jose, CA  
Activities: Members spent Thanksgiving with their families. Had a new year’s party.

USS OBERON NCC-71820  
City of Charter: Citrus Heights, CA  
Activities: Worked in food closet for

Thanksgiving. Helped with Discovery museum’s Magic School Bus exhibit. Had a holiday party.

USS PEACEKEEPER NCC-72300  
City of Charter: Visalia, CA  
Activities: Have new shirts. Worked Star Trek film with a Romulan group. Their shuttle commissioned to Starship status. Christmas party. Collected food for Food Link.

USS SIMONOV NCC-2002  
City of Charter: Fairfield, CA  
Activities: Held meeting. Fed homeless at Prospect house. Members entered Star Trek: Insurrection Dream Team Contest

Region Five

USS CRUSADER NCC-74711  
City of Charter: Spokane, WA  
Activities: Helped with fund-raising at Gonzaga University. Ship had a bowling day. Helped with crowds at Insurrection. Meeting with Christmas party and gift exchange.

USS DESTINY NCC-97301  
City of Charter: Salem, OR  
Activities: Held holiday party. Planned charity project with opening of Star Trek: Insurrection.

USS KENSINGTON NCC-75016  
City of Charter: Meridian, ID

Activities: Went to a convention. Had ship’s elections. Programming the new ship’s database.

SPACE STATION NEXUS NCC-DS021  
Online Correspondence Chapter  
Activities: Reorganized the ship listservs. New logo is on the web, and the web site has been revamped. Fiction writing continues onward.

USS PENDRAGON NCC-2005  
City of Charter: Bellevue, WA  
Activities: Meetings. Presented Godfathers, which gives meeting space, a certificate of appreciation. Outing to see new Star Trek movie. Christmas party.

USS RUBICON NCC-71816  
City of Charter: Richland, WA  
Activities: Business meeting. Had a “progressive dinner”. Lighted luminarias for Walk for the Needy. Wore costumes to Insurrection. Had seasonal open house and New Years party.

USS SKY DANCER NCC-5910  
City of Charter: Newport, WA  
Activities: Christmas party. Wrapped gifts for Children’s Gift Barrel.

USS SOLAR FLARE NCC-71885  
City of Charter: Boise, ID  
Activities: Had a chapter table at local convention. Held successful raffle. Had a Christmas party and toured Christmas

lights around town. Viewed Star Trek: Insurrection with other local groups. Celebrated the New Year with a ship’s party.

USS STARCHASER NCC-71801  
City of Charter: Seattle, WA  
Activities: Christmas party with gifts collection for charity. Night out to Star Trek: Insurrection.

Region Six

USS CZAR’AK NCC-1798-A  
City of Charter: Minneapolis, MN  
Activities: Away team to Zoo. Watched last episode of B5. Participated in movie premeire with other local clubs. All ship holiday party. Sent in to OCP. Preparing for MarsCon.

Region Seven

USS ACCORD NCC-1842  
City of Charter: Ithaca, NY  
Activities: Away team to United Fan Con. Went to Akira Kurosawa’s film”Hidden Fortress”. Marines organized “Toys for Tots” collection. A large contingent went to the R7 holiday party. Members cleaned up the Sagan planet walk.

USS ADAMANT NCC-3029  
City of Charter: Valley Forge, PA  
Activities: Away team to Farpoint. Held bowling, meeting, and game day. Went to Ascension anniversary. Went to opening of Insurrection. Donated to Laurel house.

USS ALBANY NCC-587  
City of Charter: Guilderland, NY  
Activities: 3 bowling nights. Donated to Toys for Tots and Christmas Wish. Handed out MADD ribbons. Mailed to OCP. Went to Star Trek Insurrection and had a Victorian Walk.

USS ALPHA CENTAURI NCC-71812  
City of Charter: Washington, DC  
Activities: Started meeting at Borders book store. Working with Borders and movie theaters for Star Trek: Insurrection. Holiday party with “novelty” carols.

USS ARTHUR C. CLARKE, NCC-63544  
City of Charter: Cinnaminson, NJ  
Activities: Crew member was in Paramount Star Trek Dream Team contest. Public appearance at Insurrection premiere. Holiday party for local ships. Auction to raise funds for the local ambulances. Improved and modified ship’s web site.

USS ASCENSION NCC-2520  
City of Charter: Lehigh Valley-Allentown, PA  
Activities: Monthly meetings. Anniversary dinner. Members went to Farpoint. Manned a recruitment table at the new movie. Donated to Dreams Come True. Planning snow tubing.

**See MGen Les Rickard’s column for your District Vice Chief’s address. Send your MSRs.**

USS ASIMOV NCC-1647  
City of Charter: Yardley, PA  
Activities: Participating in the US Marine Corps Toys For Tots Drive and Operation: Eagle. Had a holiday party.

USS AVENGER NCC-1860  
City of Charter: North Brunswick, NJ  
Activities: Monthly meetings. Looking for officers to fill various positions. Went to Osiris commissioning. Had a video event and went to Creation con. Recruited a number of people at Insurrection. Group was one of the hosts of MiSHaP.

USS BOUNTY, NCC-8494  
Correspondence Chapter  
Activities: Proposed and helped organize a multi-ship party. Online gaming continues.

USS CHAUTAUQUA NCC-74670  
City of Charter: Sherman, NY  
Activities: Viewed Star Trek: Insurrection. Mailed coupons for OCP. Donated food to local soup kitchen.

USS HIGHLANDER NCC-10530  
City of Charter: Fredrick, MD  
Activities: Still collecting various items for charity. Went to Air and Space museum. Annual visits to hospital and nursing homes. Holiday party. Did PR and recruiting at new Star Trek film. Working on recruiting video.

USS LEXINGTON NCC-1703-C  
City of Charter: West New York, NJ  
Activities: Went to do recruiting and security at conventions. Babylon 5 movie night. Turkey party and paint ball training. Went to R7 holiday party and helped host MiSHaP.

USS LONE WOLF NCC-72214  
City of Charter: Ocean City  
Activities: Donated cans to food drive. Manned Red Cross shelter during forest fire. Finished fundraiser. 2 meetings. Christmas and new year’s party. Provided man-power for local parade.

USS MALVERNE NCC-2205  
City of Charter: Upper Darby, PA  
Activities: Attended Farpoint. Went to Banting Commissioning.

USS MATRIX NCC-72296  
Internet Correspondence Chapter  
Activities: Completed logo contest. Working on chapter fiction.

USS NORTHSTAR NCC-10462  
City of Charter: New York, NY  
Activities: Voyager nights and monthly meetings. Went to Creation Con. Attended Osiris commissioning. Had toy wrapping party. Went to Star Trek: Insurrection.

USS OSIRIS NCC-75011  
City of Charter: Bronx, NY  
Activities: Commissioning party was

attended by many chapters. Annual Thanksgiving dinner. Recruited at opening of Star Trek: Insurrection. Had annual Christmas get together, and Toys for Tots collection.

USS SOVEREIGN NCC-75000  
City of Charter: Philadelphia, PA  
Activities: Sent team to Farpoint.

USS TANAGRA NCC-20023  
City of Charter: Rockville, MD  
Activities: Members of the chapter attended Star Trek: Insurrection. Went to R7 holiday party.

USS THAGARD NCC-652  
City of Charter: Philadelphia, PA  
Activities: Poker night. Holiday and New Years parties. Attended Insurrection opening. Christmas Caroling and Drama Trek. Held a number of movie marathons. Dinners and meetings.

USS TRITON NCC-71819  
City of Charter: Glen Burnie, MD  
Activities: Monthly meetings with command vote of confidence. Donated to Toys for Tots. Went to premiere of Star Trek film. Ship had a new year’s party.

Region Ten

USS MAJESTIC NCC-78601  
City of Charter: Victoria, BC  
Activities: Projects continue forward. Christmas dinner at COs house.

Region Eleven

USS SOUTHERN CROSS NCC-1886  
City of Charter: Sydney, NSW  
Activities: Monthly meeting with Voyager watching. Preparing big charity drive for 1999.

Region Twelve

USS ALLIANCE NCC-1849  
City of Charter: Springdale, AR  
Activities: Participated in local Christmas parade and had a Christmas party. Recruited at Star Trek: Insurrection.

USS ANTONIO MARIA VALSALVA NCC-4101  
Correspondence Chapter  
Activities: Members across the nation participate in a wide variety of charities, STARFLEET or no. Went to Great Paper Airplane fly-off. Attended “Big Four National Parks” lunch. Attended St. Louis Thanksgiving parade.

USS ATLAS NCC-75013  
City of Charter: Bridgeton, MO  
Activities: Collected canned goods. Hosted area Christmas dinner. Sold planners. Donated stuffed animals to toy drive and clothes to a local church..

USS BATTLESTAR NCC-23110-A

City of Charter: Fort Smith, AR  
Activities: Held a blood drive. Crew went to see Insurrection.

USS BRADBURY NCC-72307  
City of Charter: St. Charles, IL  
Activities: Monthly meeting. Recruited at movie opening. Began fund-raising for Easter Seals. Had club Christmas party. Sent coupons to OCP.

USS CONCORD NCC-1989-D  
City of Charter: Oklahoma City  
Activities: Went to Star Trek: Insurrection. Had a Christmas diner and New Year’s party.

USS CYDONIA NCC-74687  
City of Charter: St. Louis, MO  
Activities: Had a murder mystery night. Participated in craft show. Sent coupons to air force base for OCP. Attended Troubadour Station anniversary party.

USS DISCOVERY NCC-1308  
City of Charter: St. Louis, MO  
Activities: Various ship members were on Paramount’s St. Louis Dream Team. Sent off coupons to OCP. Crew went to Star Trek: Insurrection. Acquired new meeting space. Held a new year’s party.

USS FLYING FORTRESS NCC-31904  
City of Charter: Tulsa, OK  
Activities: Recruited at Insurrection. Mailed Christmas cards for Operation Dear Abby. Web site has been updated. Recycled.

USS GALAHAD NCC-63542  
City of Charter: Oklahoma City  
Activities: Thanksgiving dinner and went to Sequoyah party. Stuffed animals and clothes drives. Ship had a Christmas party.

USS HELLFIRE NCC-74206  
City of Charter: Ottawa, KS  
Activities: Had annual mystery party. Went to band concert. Monthly meeting with B5 movie night. Poker nights. Donated to OCP. Recruited at Star Trek film in costume. Hellfire Christmas party.

USS HEXUM NCC-2199  
City of Charter: Belleville, IL  
Activities: Showed FX video at meeting. Donated for Toys for Tots. Sent into the chocolate program and Starfleet Stampede. Some members went to a creation con, and some went to the St. Louis area Christmas dinner.

USS JEANNETTE MADDOX NCC-14514  
City of Charter: Wichita, KS  
Activities: Ship meetings. Book wrapping for Bearjoran project, and assisted with Teddy Bear night. Raised money for charity. Crew held a Christmas party.

USS JOHN HENRY “DOC” HOLLIDAY NCC-61815  
City of Charter: Wichita, KS

Activities: Went to Maddox Christmas party. Crew went to Insurrection.

USS MARKO RAMIUS NCC-23103  
City of Charter: Fayetteville, AR  
Activities: Participated in Christmas parade.

USS MORNING STAR NCC-4126  
City of Charter: Lawton, OK  
Activities: Rang bells for Salvation Army. Had movie nights. Had a Thanksgiving dinner and donated to food bank. Worked with various charities. Recycled. Went to Insurrection and had a Christmas dinner.

USS MYSTIQUE NCC-58929  
City of Charter: Russellville, AR  
Activities: Recycled, sent to Stampede and OCP, continued with non-fleet charities. Preparing to launch “Ooops” club merchandise.

USS NIMITZ NCC-74680  
City of Charter: Oklahoma City  
Activities: Had holiday party and celebrated festivus.

USS NOMAD NCC-78500  
City of Charter: Leavenworth  
Activities: Participated in Leavenworth’s Project Winterize.

USS PHOENIX NCC-2155  
City of Charter: Columbia, MO  
Activities: Ship held command elections.

USS QUANTUM NCC-1734-E  
City of Charter: Springfield, MO  
Activities: Working on a chapter re-org. Participated in Christmas parade. Had a recruiting drive during Star Trek: Insurrection. Raised money for the ADA.

USS QUO VADIS NCC-74681  
City of Charter: Belle Vista, AR  
Activities: Donated to holiday charities. Went to movie premiere. Christmas parade and parties for Christmas and new years.

USS RANGER NCC-2206  
City of Charter: Oklahoma City  
Activities: Attended Sequoyah party. Had new year’s party.

USS SHILOH NCC-74683  
City of Charter: Rockford, IL  
Activities: Worked with Klingon group at Star Trek: Insurrection.

USS STAR EMPIRE NCC-2116  
City of Charter: Norman, OK  
Activities: Christmas party. Exchanged gifts.

USS TRAVELER NCC-3145  
City of Charter: Emporia, KS  
Activities: Trek watch-a-thon. Highway and city block clean-up. Had a recruiting booth at Insurrection. Ship had a Christmas party.



If you have T-negative blood, you probably shouldn't donate any. At least not on Earth.

USS URSUS NCC-2011  
City of Charter: Springfield, IL  
Activities: Had a great time at ChamBanaCon 28. Visited hospitals and handed out gifts. Joint meeting with a KAG group.

Region Thirteen

USS VALKYRIE NCC-74658  
City of Charter: Dearborn, MI  
Activities: On-ship party with gifts.

USS WHITE STAR NCC-71012  
City of Charter: Port Huron  
Activities: Sci-fi book club meetings. Had an anniversary party and an away mission to Insurrection.

Region Fourteen

Region Fifteen

USS ATLANTIS NCC-71803  
City of Charter: Brockton, MA  
Activities: Went to United Fan Con. Recruited at Star Trek: Insurrection.

USS BEAN SIDHE NCC-9186  
City of Charter: Boston, MA  
Activities: Attended UFC and went to a hockey game.

USS BOSTON NCC-74482  
City of Charter: Worcester, MA  
Activities: Attended United Fan Con. Handing out flyers in local comics store. Christmas party with USS Mcauliffe and some members went to the Rhode Island Sci-fi club's Christmas party. Recruited at the new Trek film.

USS ENDEAVOR NCC-1716  
City of Charter: Clinton, CT  
Activities: Ship had a trip to Mystic Marine-life Aquarium. Members went to United Fan Con. Sent coupons to OCP. Completed ship's holiday video.

USS EQUINOX NCC-584  
City of Charter: Winslow, ME  
Activities: Recruited at Star Trek Insurrection combined with a food drive for charity.

USS HOOD NCC-1707  
City of Charter: Nashua, NH  
Activities: Organized recruiting efforts for the new Trek movie.

STATION IAN FLEMING SFR-1501  
Correspondence Chapter  
Activities: Attended opening of the Children's museum. Many strange aliens were in attendance. Members attended UFC.

USS O'BANNON NCC-5372  
City of Charter: Sanford, ME  
Activities: Fund-raised for Children's museum's new science floor.

USS THE SULLIVANS NCC-5370  
City of Charter: Portsmouth, NH  
Activities: Some of the crew went to UFC.

USS TSUNAMI NCC-5374  
City of Charter: Manchester, NH  
Activities: Costumed presence at museum and UFC. Enjoyed partying with the entire region. Shut down for the holidays, but not before a holiday get-together with the infamous BOX game.

Region Seventeen

USS ALIOTH NCC-71832  
City of Charter: Orem/Provo, UT  
Activities: Held a successful role-playing game session. Had a Christmas party and "sub-for-Santa". An all-members new years party, with brunch the next day, was held.

USS MIR NCC-73281  
City of Charter: Las Cruces, NM  
Activities: Excursion to Space Hall of Fame and Museum. Held crew's Christmas party.

USS WIND SPIRIT NCC-14110  
City of Charter: Colorado Springs  
Activities: Organized recruitment for new Trek movie. Promotion meeting. Had pot luck Christmas dinner, then went to Star Trek Insurrection and recruited.

# Blood Feud Alert

*Fleet Captain Matt Meyers*

Major General Les Rickard of the STARFLEET Marine Corps (and Chief of Operations) has issued a Fleet-wide challenge to all ships and regions who have members attending the 1999 International Conference — the challenge of a Blood Feud (a Red Cross Blood drive).

The Red Cross needs 50 people to sign up in advance for this "Blood Feud" in order to secure our spot on their calendar. With 50 people, they can bring a rig large enough to open up this blood drive not only to STARFLEET but also to the general public.

So help out the Red Cross. Help out your fellow man. Donate blood. Sign up for the 1999 International Conference Blood Feud.

Please sign up in advance by sending your name, address,

telephone, and e-mail address (if any) to Lt. Col. David Klingman at [mirodon@mindspring.com](mailto:mirodon@mindspring.com) or 9414 Covedale Drive, Charlotte, NC 28270-2140.

Please sign up for this "Blood Feud" and show the Marines that the blood of the Fleet flows red!

Note that the Red Cross recommends you not sign up if you're planning on donating blood any time between June 1st and the IC. They recommend at least an eight-week waiting period between donations. Among other things, this means that those of you attending the Shore Leave convention in Hunt Valley, MD in mid July should refrain from giving blood there if you plan to give at the 1999 International Conference.

# Scholarships '99

*Rear Admiral Mandi Herrmann, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy*

Ladies and Gentlemen,  
I'm pleased to announce the kickoff of the 1999 Starfleet Scholarship Campaign. I'm writing this on a significant day in the history of Space Exploration. On January 28, 1986, Shuttle Challenger and her crew were lost. In their honor and in honor of the other fallen Astronauts, Starfleet funds two scholarships specifically called the Space Explorers Memorial scholarships. We also have at least five other scholarships in honor of various Star Trek stars.

However, on this day, I'm pleased to announce to the membership of Starfleet that we will begin awarding scholarships for the 1999-2000 Academic year. At this time it looks as if we'll be able

to award all seven Starfleet Scholarships. However, this can only happen if you, the members and chapters of Starfleet, dig deep in your pockets and help us raise the money.

We are looking at needing around \$2000 more for this year. So, regions, please gear up those Kilometers of Pennies. Chapters, start those car washes. Members, check those scholarship boxes on your membership applications. All extra monies raised will be put toward next year's scholarships as well. With your help, we will have the scholarships funded for the next few years to come at least and make this the stable program it was before the problems with the last administration.

Anyway, if you or your region feel up to this task, please send all donations to:

**Starfleet Scholarship Campaign**  
9908 Berrywood Drive  
Ladson, SC 29456

Please make checks payable to Starfleet.

These scholarships are \$500 and are awarded to Starfleet members in good standing who are furthering their education in the real world. Remember, knowledge is power! If you are interested in applying for one of these scholarships, please contact Admiral Sue Hampton at [scholarship@sfi.org](mailto:scholarship@sfi.org) or write her for information at 116 Creston Dr. Greensboro, NC 27406.

Remember, self-addressed, stamped envelopes now need 33¢ postage for 1st class US mail.

# Finance for fun and profit

*Captain Tammy Willcox, Director, College of Trade and Commerce*

The College of Trade and Commerce is proud to announce its latest course, the Shuttle Treasury Course. This course is designed to assist the new shuttle CO/treasurer in handling the chapter's treasury. It will take you step-by-step through the treasury process. This is not a typical trivia type test; it is almost completely practical application. You will have to fill out checks, enter your data into a ledger, calculate future expenses, do a budget, etc. Not only does the course involve tracking your money, it gives you guidelines on how to help plan fund raisers. This course is a must for any officer that has never handled a group treasury before. It will also be of great

help to anyone that has never managed a checking account.

The course will cost \$3.00, plus a LSASE (with 66 cents postage), and two loose 33 cent stamps.

Unfortunately, this course will not be available on-line due to the extensive forms required to complete it. However, as always, I am available via email (R1Special@aol.com or COTAC@sfi.org) to answer questions for anyone concerning the College of Trade and Commerce.

Basic COTAC is also available for \$2.00, plus a LSASE, and two loose 33 cent stamps.

The address for the College of Trade and Commerce has changed, the new address is:

Tammy Willcox  
4121 Stillwood Court  
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

The new Academy flyers will reflect this change, but if your flyer is more than a couple of weeks old,

please double check the address.

I hope everyone will take advantage of the opportunities that this course provides! Coming in the near future, the Chapter Treasury Course and Advanced COTAC!

## Can it be? No more chocolate?

*Fleet Captain Donna Friesen*

Ladies and Gentlemen....

It is my sincere displeasure to have to announce that the Hershey program has been discontinued. This was not done by the Fleet, but rather by the Hershey company itself (they have discontinued the program).

At this time, we are looking into the possibility of starting up one (or more) of three different programs. One is the Campbell Labels program, one is the General Mills Cereal box tops program, and the third is Ronald McDonald House's suggestion of pop top tab collecting. If you have a prefer-

ence of one or more of these programs, please let Amy (charities@sfi.org), Lorrie (lnelson@bellatlantic.net), or me (tiggerr7@mindspring.com) know.

While I'm at it, please welcome Lorrie Nelson to the Charities Staff. Lorrie was originally hired to take over as the Chocolate Officer, but since that position is no longer needed, she will be spear-heading the new program that Fleet chooses to initiate. I know that she will do a terrific job and will be a great asset to the Charities staff.

## History Lesson

*Major General Scott Akers, STARFLEET Historian*

The fun part of being the Fleet Historian, is when you can track a Chapter from today all the way back to the Mother Chapter. Today we have three such chapters, and we would like to share that genealogy with you.

In 1974 the Independent Star Trek Club - The USS *Enterprise* in Lufkin, TX, reorganized as STARFLEET, and the USS *Enterprise* became the first Chapter in that organization. Two years later, they apparently changed their name to the USS *Endeavor* and no real chapter has held the name USS *Enterprise* since, though that name had appeared on the Vessel Registry under the command of one Adm. J.T. Kirk.

Between 1976 and 1980 the USS *Endeavor* spun off a new chapter the USS *Bon Homme Richard*, which spun off the USS *Antares* no later than 1982.

The USS *Antares* the home chapter of our Fourth Fleet Admiral Fran Booth, shuttled off the USS *Confederation* in 1987. The USS *Confederation* shuttled off the USS *Andromeda* out of Houston, TX (and my second assignment in STARFLEET) in 1988 under the command of Captain Liz Patton. The *Andromeda* shuttled off the USS *Rhyanna* out of San Marcos/ Austin, Texas on September 24th, 1991. The *Rhyanna* then turned around and shuttled off the USS *Bexar* on July 2nd, 1993 in San Antonio, Texas. The USS *Bexar* shuttled off the Space Station *Camelot* (the second chapter to hold that name) on May 15, 1996 in Austin, Texas.

The *Rhyanna*, the *Bexar*, and the *Camelot* are all still active and have a proud heritage to claim. Congrats!

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# Flag Promotions Report

Commander PJ Trotter, Promotions Director

Congratulations to the following people on their Flag Rank Promotions:

## Fleet Captain

Freddy Heller  
Dustin Williams  
Carl Johnson  
Wendy Fillmore  
Steve Strasser  
Jeff Kirkland  
E. Jerry Beaulieu  
Lewis L. Palmer  
Gerri Wampler  
Sally Moag  
B. Theilman  
Hazel Gilbert  
Bruce Sommers  
Britt Sloan  
Michael Seals  
Donna L. Tucker  
Tom Restivo  
Randy Bisig  
Greg Trotter  
Andrea Haag

John Lockhart  
Matthew Myers  
Anthony Bonti  
Janet Shephard  
Michael Dugas  
Kathryn Webster  
Sam Black  
Roy Sesler, Jr  
Terri Halsey  
David McCabe  
Denine Malotte  
Mark H. Anbinder  
Spence Hill  
Scott Sommers  
Tamara Copple  
Raymond Ford  
Elizabeth Weber  
Linda Causey  
Mary Anne Freas  
Bruce Sherrick  
Stephn C. Idell  
David Pitts

## Commodore

Pete Mohney  
Laura Reardon  
Wendy S. Fillmore  
Kurt Roithinger  
Ron Fell  
Robert Ybarra  
Dan Friesen  
Michelle Fanelli  
Paul Reid

## Brigadier General

Les Rickard

## Rear Admiral

Robbie Lewis  
Betsy Matteis  
Robert Westfall  
Anthony J. Rowley  
Pat Spillers

## Major General

Les Rickard

## Vice Admiral

Marlene Miller  
Brad Pense  
Allyson M.W. Dyar  
Barbara Paul

If any members of the rank of Captain or above that has not received a promotion certificate wishes to receive one, please e-mail me your name, rank, and address to [promotions@sfi.org](mailto:promotions@sfi.org). We are currently working on updating the web page as well as streamlining the promotion process. I look forward to serving the membership to the best of my abilities.

# HQ Appointments

Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith, Commander, STARFLEET

I'm pleased to announce the following appointments in the STARFLEET Headquarters staff:

Capt PJ Trotter, serving aboard USS *Nomad*, has been appointed the STARFLEET Promotions Director. PJ has served as the Acting Promotions Director since late November, and is a former STARFLEET staffer from Computer Operations. She is also the Chairman for the 2001 STARFLEET Int'l Conference.

Commodore Mark Vinson, Shuttle *Panther City*, has been appointed to the post of STARFLEET Personnel Director. Mark has served on STARFLEET staff before, most recently as Direc-

tor of Correspondence Chapter Operations. Mark is also the CO of Shuttle Panther City.

Cdr Cher Schleigh, USS *Sovereign*, Region 7, has been appointed to the position of STARFLEET Treasurer. Cher is new to STARFLEET staff, but her qualifications are impeccable. Cher serves as XO on *Sovereign*, and as Region 7 Quartermaster.

I'd like to thank the many applicants for these positions. Many great STARFLEET members applied, and will be kept in mind for future positions.

Please join me in welcoming PJ and Mark back to STARFLEET staff, along with our newbie Cher.

# Marine Command

Major John "Kiwi" Kane, SFMC Webmaster

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# Ten years of Challenger

Rear Admiral Robert Vosseller, Commanding Officer, USS Challenger

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skirted Marina Sirtis, who we got to confirm Tasha Yar's death after we presented her an earlier interview, which appeared in New Frontiers #1. We also gave her our first version of our *Challenger* T-shirt. Later, Ops Chief Hartriono Sastrowardoyo gave the star a large container of chocolate ice cream while she signed autographs at a convention in New York.

Meeting and interviewing Patrick Stewart was certainly fun. He would not allow us to videotape his con talk. We didn't expect to be able to interview him on camera. We figured the best we could do was to tape his presentation, but he surprised us with a half hour personal interview.

Another great meeting was our first encounter with John "Q" DeLancie, who posed with many for pics after a long interview at a con in a small room as we propped up a very small video camera using books.

Our presentation of a plaque on behalf of not only our ship but the township of Lakewood was very special to not only us but to Armin Shimmerman, who attended high school there.

We'll never forget seeing Avery Brooks at Fort Washington or the cast of *Lost In Space*. The language Jonathan "Dr. Smith" Harris used to describe Network Executives was certainly... colorful.

George Takei was as always gracious, even when he shared his wish that the new *Star Trek* show (ST:TNG) should have been "the adventures of Capt. Sulu."

We also had many chance meetings of ST notables outside of cons. One of my best was meeting SFX master and recent *Titanic* Oscar winner Robert Legato of Neptune NJ at his relative's wedding. I attended the wedding with my then girlfriend and ship's finance officer/Chief Medical Officer Ro Pasqualetto, whose family lived right next door to the family. Rob shared many insights to the season opener, part two of "Best of Both Worlds."

Last summer we learned almost by accident at the very last minute that Dennis "Danger" Madalone, the stunt director of ST:TNG, ST:DS9, and ST:

Voyager, would be visiting Ortley Beach, right up the street from my home on 8th Avenue. He presented several of our interviewing party with t-shirts before we had a chance to present him with one from our latest batch.

Meeting the beautiful Bond girl Caroline Munroe, Peter Davison, the fifth Dr. Who, Munsters' Grandpa Al Lewis, and Michael O'Hare (who certainly enjoyed being photographed with Challenger/Avenger Emily Ford and Avenger's red-haired CMO Dr Donna) were all great times.

Special events included Away Teams to the Mummer's

Day Parade on New Year's Eve. Of course we made a wrong turn and almost missed the parade, but we got there even after yours truly, in an uncharacteristic move, nearly flattened a restaurant owner who would not allow our now XO Capt. Dawn Weil to use their bathroom.

We've had some great Halloween parties and some equally notable New Year's Eve parties over the years. The majority of them seem to have taken place in the confines of my small bungalow for some reason.

One of my favorite early memories of Challenger/Discovery includes a wild pool party at the home of former member Barry London of Lakewood, and transporting my now non-working *Star Trek* Strategic Operations Arcade game (purchased from an Arcade at less than half the cost) from Lavallette as I sat in the command chair in an open pickup truck for a good half hour. The driver had a kick out of driving me around town as "Capt. Bob."

That brings back memories of our many parades on Challenger. We've done them all. Mardi Gras Parades), Columbus Day Parades, (one year we entered Hartriono's station wagon

which nearly died in the middle of the parade route down the Seaside Heights Boulevard), St. Patrick's Day Parades (one year we commandeered the empty float created by the ill-fated Barrier Island Press where I worked as Editor), Dover Township Founder's Day Parades.

Once we took part in a Brick Township boat parade that had us clinging for dear life on the back of a flat-bed trailer which was slick due to



the rain we experienced that day. Then, in full uniform we invaded Stacy's Buffet in Brick Township, a place which is now closed, I understand, not due to us I hope. We always froze in the Dover Township Christmas parade but we always got a nice little trophy. Of course it all started with the annual Toms River Halloween Parade where then Ass't. Sci Chief Becky Schoenberg and eventual Comm. Chief Mary Francen got into arguments with the Pee Wee Football players who we dubbed "Ferengi." More recently we had Security Officers Ted & Julie's large-scale Borg Ship, which survived the elements and the bumpy road.

Other wild adventures included our long trips for cons in Scranton and areas near Binghamton, including our misadventure of trying to get a science fact/science fiction con called Stellarfest going. One time a certain former Ops Chief, Charlie Kim, and I ended up bringing back a new temporary officer. If you ever hear anything about a Yeoman "Leather & Lace" Thompson, don't ask!

We hosted two mini-R7 Conferences in connection with two very disorganized cons in Atlantic City a

few years later where we helped out with panel talks and security (but had a lot of fun along the way, with the exception of then Security Officer Ken Fedunewicz's heart attack).

Our adventures at the Franklin Institutes Galaxy Ball, Federation Science Display, and the Princeton-based American Cancer Society Dinner Dance put us in the newspapers and in uniform for some memorable fun. One of those events had Ass't. Security Chief Kenny Dohn collide with the back end of my then 1984 Oldsmobile Cutlass, destroying his rental vehicle. "I was driving along, I turned the radio knob, and there you were." It certainly made the night of Manchester Twp. Police who upon seeing us in costume wondered why one of our cars couldn't have "beamed out of the way."

When we hosted the 1993 Region 7 Conference in Seaside Heights, which brought in 120 STARFLEET officers to the community, the mayor was flabbergasted at meeting a Green Orion Slave girl during our STAR TREK promenade. The USS Albany member greeted him wearing a very short gold dress and he replied, "You must have come a long distance to be here."

Another Seaside Heights mayor welcomed everyone to our Costume Ball, which served as the launching party for the USS *Thagard*.

Speaking of launchings, we helped give birth to not only the USS *Thagard* (in Philly), but the USS *Lexington* (northern New Jersey), USS *Valiant* (western New York), USS *Justice* (northern New Jersey), USS *Belgica* (our first ship outside of the Region and outside the country), Runabout *Quantico* (which hopefully someday will become the USS *Guadalcanal*) in Pittsburgh PA, and the USS *New Horizons* (also based in upstate New York). It was the first existing club to the "sponsored" by our chapter as opposed to being in the shuttlecraft program. In many ways we lent a lot of support to the Region's first correy chapter, *Shadowstar*. Then there was the USS *Prevailing Wind*, our shuttle in Harrisburg PA. Some of those groups have left STARFLEET, one doesn't exist any longer, and two became Fleet

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# 25 years... Charlotte '99

*Fleet Captain Matt Myers, Co-Chairman, International Conference '99*

Be a part of STARFLEET's 25th Anniversary Celebration!

It's not too late to register for the 1999 International Conference and Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Celebration for STARFLEET!

Registrations are still being accepted. If you register before July 1st, 1999, you can qualify for the special pre-registration admission rates.

Registrations received between February 7th and May 1st are only \$22.00 for admission! Between May 2nd and July 1st, admission price is only \$25.00! Register early! After July 1st, no pre-registrations will be accepted and the admission price jumps to \$30.00.

For only \$35.00 more, you can attend the 25th Anniversary Ban-

quet held at the International Conference on Saturday night. The banquet is a catered event with a special guest speaker. I strongly urge you not to miss this banquet, for it will be a meal to remember!

If you cannot attend IC99 and still want to be a part of the celebration, you can become a Supporting Member. Supporting Members will receive an IC99 Program Book, Name Badge, and have their name mentioned in the Program Book on a special Supporting Membership page. You can become a Supporting Member by sending your name, address, e-mail (if applicable) and telephone number, along with your payment of \$10.00 to the address listed below. Be sure to note that you'd

like to become a Supporting Member. You'll also have the option to purchase an IC99 ceramic mug and International Conference T-shirt. (Mugs are \$10 each; T-shirts are \$10 for Med/Large, \$12 for XL/XXXL).

If you're interested in registering for the 1999 International Conference and 25th Anniversary Celebration and don't have a registration form, you can either contact your Commanding Officer, Regional Coordinator, or write to IC99 at the address listed below.

Rooms for the International Conference are available at the Charlotte Marriott Executive Park Hotel — one of Charlotte's finest hotels — at a special reduced rate of only \$79.00 a night. The *only*

way you can receive this special reduced rate is to *call* the hotel and request the STARFLEET rate. You can reach the hotel at either (704) 527-9650 or (800) 228-9290.

You can contact the International Conference either at our web page (<http://ic99.regionone.com>), by e-mail ([ic99@regionone.com](mailto:ic99@regionone.com)), or by writing to this address:

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I sincerely hope that I will see each and every one of you in Charlotte for our International Conference. If I can be of any assistance to you, feel free to contact me.

flagships.

Our original core group, our first Command Staff, had our doubts about STARFLEET when we formed. We were restless to form and we did hit some snags and an incident or two which made us uncomfortable. However, we remained with SF and we're glad we did. Your then rebellious CO ended up becoming Region Coordinator, a position I've held for two terms now, about four years. Along with other chapters, we've had our share of membership problems with SF, some of which are being corrected now. We've also had some interesting times with Fleet Admirals. Many 7th Fleet ships nearly left STARFLEET during the nearly two-year period of the Dan McGinnis administration. It was a tough time to be a new RC.

One of our own members emerged as Fleet Admiral. I was the first CO to support him and the first to turn down a nice offer to be his Vice Fleet Admiral. I appreciated his offer but felt the sacrifice of time, money and energy would be just too much. I was happy with Mike's eventual selection and his subsequent election. I haven't agreed with everything Mike has done as Fleet Admiral, or how he's gone about doing it, but we've seen

progress under his administration. I knew at that point in time that we'd need a President who was willing to devote a lot of time, making it almost a full-time, unpaid second job. Things have improved and many things Mike's administration has done I have supported with my AB vote as RC.

That aside, *Challenger's* history also includes its written projects. Our ship, which began as a Constitution II Class Exploration Cruiser, had a rich history when we spun off of our mother ship, USS *Avenger*. We created some very interesting character personas and produced a rich fiction for ourselves, eventually time-warping ahead of our time to the 24th century, with the help of a female member of the Q continuum. We began our second five-year mission in a Galaxy Class Starship.

We are still working to help the community when possible and we always look forward to promoting STAR TREK films at our local movie theater. It began with STAR TREK V: The Final Frontier (not the easiest film to promote by the way) all the way up to ST: Insurrection.

I know I won't always be in the center seat. I always felt five years was a long time to serve in this capacity.

Another five went by before a successor could be found or would step forward. It has been hard being both a CO and RC. There will come a time however when a new direction for *Challenger* is taken by a new commanding officer and when that time comes, I will support its new leader as a regular club member (or advisor upon request).

As a club it's been an evolution of good times and some bad among a group of diverse individuals. We've seen some wonderful times and we've shared some dramatic moments. Many of us have leaned heavily on

each other for support during times of stress and heartache, as well as during some very bright moments in our lives. I hope that will always be the case for both new members and old veterans. That is what this club is all about, having a good time, stretching ourselves creatively, meeting new people, making friendships and being happy.

For ten years now we've strived to do just that. We haven't always succeeded, but more times than not we've "made a difference." I hope we'll continue to "go where no club has gone before" for a long time!





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# Beam me up...

# Communiqué

Sara Harvey, staff writer, *The Tribune Times*

[Our thanks to the *Tribune Times* for permission to reprint this article by Sara Harvey, which was submitted by Henry Peden III.]

Star date, Nov. 8, 1998

Crew members of Starfleet's USS Lief Erickson converge on a Greenville book shop to plan a Klingon counter-attack – as well as food drive, to down cold colas and just talk Trek.

The battle will be a fiery laser-tag skirmish against the Klingon club out of Easley.

"I've been a Star Trek fan all my life," said Henry Peden, of Fountain Inn, captain of the USS Lief Erickson, smiling a welcome above his red, Jean-Luc Picard-style uniform shirt. "I joined a Star Trek club and then Starfleet two years ago."

He's also chief charity officer. The club recently raised \$1,808 in a month by clipping super-market coupons to be used by American servicemen stationed in Okinawa and Germany.

The Overseas Coupon Project and other projects aren't just to pass the Starfleet's time since there are no troubling tribbles in Greenville County or alien viruses to slip onto the ship, Peden said.

"Star Trek creator Gene Roddenberry's dream was to help others," Peden said. "We want to get out and help people in the community. We're just carrying on his dream."

Peden has an inch-thick listing of Starfleet chapters all over the world – all small writing, said Gary Hollifield of Mauldin, club yeoman and medical officer. Hollifield was certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation – CPR – and basic first aid to become the chapter's medical officer.

"Star Trek is what brings us together and then we go out into the community," Hollifield said, also a Mauldin High School student, aspiring broadcast journalist and employee of Taco Bell. "I like to focus on how everybody gets along on StarTrek, no matter how they look."

Upcoming projects will be to participate in a county-wide food drive and to install an aquarium in a Mauldin senior citizens' home.

The nine men and women – both students and professionals – around the fold-away table in a back room at the Open Book on South Pleasantburg Drive offered similar tales of long-time Star Trek admiration.

They meet the second Sunday of each month for business matters, but gather at various members' homes for cookouts and other activities during the rest of the month.

"I've got all eight movies, most of the regular Star Trek and Next Generation episodes on tape, the books, a lot of action figures, posters," reeled off Debbie Butcher, a courier for BankAir from Simpsonville. She accepted the title of the chapter's biggest fan from fellow crew members.

For Barbara Blair of Greenville, Southside High School student and aspiring actress, each episode is a glimpse into what could be.

"I like Star Trek," she said, "because it's better than (the world) is right now."

**April 30-May 2** DemiCon X Des Moines, Iowa  
Info: PO Box 7572, Des Moines, IA 50322-7572;  
Phone: 515-224-7654; <http://www.dmsfs.des-moines.ia.us/demicon.html>; Guests: Spider & Jeanne Robinson, William Hodgson, Bill Broughton, Rusty Hevelin

**April 30-May 2** Corflu Sunsplash, Panama City Beach, Florida; Info: Corflu Sunsplash, c/o Shelby Vick, 627 Barton Ave., Springfield, FL 32404; Phone: 850-763-0255; <http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Realm/2404/>;

**May 1-2** Sci-Fi Expo 99, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; Info: SETI, PO Box 188, Denton NC 27239-0188 Phone: 336-475-SETI(7384); <http://www.setitrek.com/conv.html>; Guests: Marina Sirtis, Mary Kay Adams, Jonathon del Arco

**May 2** Slanted Fedora - Valley Forge, Pennsylvania; Info: 11916 W. 109<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Phone: (913) 327 - TREK(8735); <http://www.sfedora.com/newpage1.htm>;

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**May 7-9** X-Con 17, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin; Info: PO Box 334, S. Milwaukee, WI 53172-0334; Guests: Kevin D. Randle, Jim Groat

**May 7-9** Marcon 34, Columbus, Ohio; Info: P.O. Box 141414, Columbus, OH 43214, Phone: 1-614-470-5448; <http://www.marcon.org/>; Guests: David Drake, Erin McKee, "Jolly" Roger Blackburn, Steve Saffel, Richard Biggs, Jeffery Willerth

**May 15-16** Oasis 12, Orlando, Florida; Info: PO Box 940992, Maitland, FL 32794-0992; Phone: 407-263-5822; <http://oasfis.org/oasis12.htm>;

Guests: Jerry Pournelle, Vincent Di Fate

**May 14-16** Leprecon 25, Scottsdale, Arizona; Info: PO Box 26665, Tempe, AZ 85285-6665; Phone: 602-839-2543; <http://www.casfs.org/LepreCon/>; Guests: Larry Niven, Micahel Whelan

**May 16-23** Seatrek'99, Miami, Florida; Info: 8306 Mills Drive, Box 198, Miami, FL 33183 Phone: 800-326-8375; <http://www.scifinetwork.com/startrek/seatrek/cruise99.htm>;

**May 21-23** V-Con 24: Life in Space, Vancouver, British Columbia; Info: 1410 Regan Ave., Coquitlam, BC Canada V3J 3B5; Phone: 604-931-1241; <http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Corridor/7214/vcon24/>; Guests: A.C. Crispin, Betty Bigelow

**May 21-23** Conduit 9, Salt Lake City, Utah; Info: P.O. Box 11745, Salt Lake City, UT 84147-0745; Phone: 801-294-9297; <http://www.conduit.utah.edu/>; Guests: Terry Brooks, Michael Goodwin

**May 21-23** Keycon 16, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Info: PO Box 3178, Winnipeg, MB Canada R3C 4E6; <http://www.icenter.net/~stornel/keycon/Keycon.htm>; Guests: David Drake, Denis Beauvais, Al Jastrom

**May 22-23** Fangoria's Weekend of Horrors, Pasadena, California; Info: Creation, The Galleria Tower, 100 W Broadway #1200, Glendale, CA, 91210, (818) 409-0960 ext 225; <http://www.creationent.com/>; Guests: Chris Durand

**May 28-31** BayCon '99, San Jose, California; Info: PO Box 610427, San Jose, CA 95161-0427, Phone 408-450-1788; <http://www.baycon.org/>; Guests: Kevin J. Anderson, Rebecca Moesta

**May 28-30** LibertyCon 13, East Ridge, Tennessee Info: PO Box 695, Hixson, TN 37343-0695 Phone: 423-842-4363; <http://www.cdc.net/~libcon/>; Guests: Chelsea Quinn Yarbro, David Mattingly, Cheryl Mandus

**May 28-30** ConQuest 30, Kansas City, Missouri; Info: PO Box 36212, Kansas City, MO 64171; Phone: 913-768-0779; <http://home.unicom.net/~sfreader/ConQuestT.htm>; Guests: David Drake

**May 28-30** ThunderCon, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Info: PO Box 892545, Oklahoma City, OK, 73189-2545 Phone: 405-692-7035 (evenings);

**May 28-30** Anglicon 12, Everett, Washington; Info: PO Box 75536, Seattle, WA 98125 Phone: 206-789-BRIT; <http://www.webwitch.com/anglicon/>;

**May 28-31** Tachy10Con, Orlando, Florida; Info: 1271 Semoran Blvd. Suite 157, Casselberry, FL 32707; <http://www.scifispace.com/tachycon/>; Guests: Robin Atkin Downes, Jerry Doyle, Walter Koenig, Tom Savini, Mark Shepard, Apollo Smile,



Commanding officer Henry Peden III (right) at a USS Leif Ericson meeting. This photo appeared alongside the above article, and is reprinted with the kind permission of the *Tribune Times*.



# Upcoming Conventions List

*Compiled by Captain Blair Learn*

Margaret Weis, Don Perrin, Jeannette Spencer, Peter Telep, Gary Roen

**May 28-30** Seccon, Stevenage, United Kingdom; Info: Seccon, c/o 92 Lichfield Road, Cambridge, CB1 3TR, UK; <http://www.cix.co.uk/~sjbradshaw/seccon.html>; Guests: Stephen Baxter

**May 28-31** Wiscon 23, Madison, Wisconsin; Info: SF3, PO Box 1624, Madison, WI 53701 Phone: 608-233-8850; <http://www.sf3.org/wiscon/>; Guests: Mary Doria Russell, Terri Windling

**May 28-31** MediaWest\*Con, Lansing, Michigan; Info: 1999, 200 East Thomas St., Lansing, MI 48906-4047; <http://members.aol.com/MdiaWstCon/mwc.htm>;

**May 28-30** Creation - Hercules/Xena Convention, Orlando, Florida; Info: Creation, The Galleria Tower, 100 W Broadway #1200, Glendale, CA, 91210, (818) 409-0960 ext 225; <http://www.creationent.com/> Guests: Kevin Smith, Danielle Cormack, Ted Raimi

**June 4-6** Project: A-Kon, Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas Info: 3352 Broadway, Ste. 470, Garland, TX 75043 Phone:972-278-6850; <http://www.a-kon.com/>; Guests: Bruce Campbell, Ippongi Bang, Mari Iijima, Ken Meseroll, Amy Howard, Tiffany Grant, Brett Weaver

**June 4-6** Avalon, Derby, United Kingdom, Info: Avalon Trek Convention, c/o 28 Yew Tree Rd., Hatton, Derby, DE65 5EX Phone: +44(0)1283-520843; Guests: Robert Duncan McNeil, Nana Visitor, Alexandar Siddig, Rene Auberjoinious

**June 4-6** Clavecon, Fanwood, New Jersey; Info: PO Box 10734, New Brunswick, NJ 08906; ;

**June 6** Star Wars/Sci-Fi/Hollywood Show, Fairfield, California; Info: Precision Marketing, P.O. Box 2552, Fairfield, CA 94533, Phone: (707) 422-3974, Fax: (707) 422-3974; <http://www.funshows.com>; Guests: Billy Dee Williams, Jeremy Bulloch, Gil Gerard, Erin Gray

**June 11-13** AgamemCon III, Burbank, California; Info: 92 Corporate Park, Suite C-330, Irvine, CA 92606 Phone: 949-643-8352; <http://www.agamemcon.org/>; Guests: Bruce Boxleitner, Mira Furlan, Stephen Furst, Tony Dow, Tim Choate, Maggie Egan, Jeffrey Willerth, Jack Stauffer, Brinke Stevens

**June 11-13** DucKon VIII, Rosemont, Illinois; Info: PO Box 4843, Wheaton, IL 60189; <http://shoga.wwa.com/~duckon/>; Guests: Frederick Pohl

**June 11-13** Foolscap, Seattle, Washington; Info: Little Cat Z, PO Box 2461, Seattle, WA 98111-2461; <http://www.alexicom.net/foolscap/>; Guests: Octavia Butler

**June 12-13** Star Trek Fab 4 Tour, San Francisco, California; Info: Slanted Fedora Entertainment, 11916 W. 109<sup>th</sup> Street Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Phone: (913) 327 - TREK(8735);

<http://www.sfedora.com/newpage1.htm>; Guests: George Takei, James Doohan, Nichelle Nichols, Walter Koenig, Stephen Furst

**June 18-20** Tranquility Base 1999, Cincinnati, Ohio; Info: 8216 Princeton-Glendale Rd. #303, West Chester, OH 45069-1675 Phone: 513-942-5256; <http://www.skypacer.com/tranbase/>; Guests: Mira Furlan, Robin Atkin Downes, Robin Curtis, Gerard Christopher, Apollo Smile

**June 19-20** Slanted Fedora - Portland, Portland, Oregon; Info: 11916 W. 109<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Phone: (913) 327 - TREK(8735); <http://www.sfedora.com/newpage1.htm>,

**June 24-27** MidWestCon 50, Cincinnati, Ohio; Info: Pat Sims, 34 Creekwood Square, Glendale, OH 45246; <http://www.cfg.org/midwestcon/>;

**June 25-27** Gathering 1999: Gargoyles World Tour, Dallas, Texas; Info: 631 Sumner Drive; Mesquite, TX 75149; 972-285-7917; Guests: Greg Weisman, Christine Morgan

**June 25-27** Darkcon 1999, Chandler, Arizona; Info: PO Box 5833, Glendale, AZ 85312 Phone: 602-978-9314; Guests: George Clayton Johnson, William F. Nolan

**June 25-27** Conestoga '99, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Info: PO Box 54037, Tulsa, OK 74155-4037 Phone: 918-836-5463; <http://www.ionet.net/~rlmorgan/kon/>; Guests: Harry Turtledove

**June 26-27** Trek Expo 99, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Info: Starbase 21, 2130 S. Sheridan, Tulsa, OK 74129; 918-834-9636; <http://www.starbase21ok.com>; Guests: Leonard Nimoy, Nicole deBoer, John deLancie, James Darren, Andreas Katsulas, Richard Biggs, Jason Carter, Kari Wuhrer, Kenny Baker, Yvonne Craig, Gary Lockwood, Anne Francis, Bruce Campbell

**July 1-5** EmpireCon/WesterCon 52, Spokane, Washington; Info: PO Box 7477, Spokane, WA 99207 Phone: 509-482-5288; <http://www.webwitch.com/westercon52/index1.html>; Guests: C.J. Cherryh, Kristine Kathryn Rusch Barbara Hambley, Ellen Datlow

**July 1-4** DragonCon, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: Post Office Box 47696, Atlanta, Georgia 30362-0696, Phone: 770-623-6321; <http://www.dragoncon.org/>;

**July 2-4** InConJunction XIX, Indianapolis, Indiana; Info: PO Box 19776, Indianapolis, IN 46219; <http://www.indy.net/~incon/>; Guests: Bill Forstchen

**July 2-4** CONvergence, Bloomington, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 13208, Dinkytown Station, Minneapolis, MN 55414 Phone: 612-996-9224; <http://www.convergence-con.org/>; Guests: Forrest Ackerman, Gary Russell, Harry Knowles, Pam Keesey, Gordon Purcell

**July 2-4** AnthroCon 99, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania; Info: PO Box 60445, King of Prussia, PA 19406; <http://www.anthrocon.org/>; Guests: Vicky Wyman

**July 9-11** Gateway, St. Louis, Missouri; Info: PO Box 3064, Florissant, MO 63032 Phone: 314-524-3014; <http://www.stlf.org/gateway/>; Guests: Andreas Katsulas, Chase Masterson, Joshua Cox, Jerry Rector, Gerard Christopher, Richard Hatch, Jack Stauffer, Dick Durock, Laurell K. Hamilton

**July 9-11** Shore Leave XXI, Baltimore, Maryland; Info: PO Box 6809, Towson, MD 21285-6809 410-496-4456 (24-hr hotline); <http://members.aol.com/shoreleave>; Guests: Tim Russ, Alyson Hannigan, Eric Pierpoint, Barbara March, Gary Lockwood

**July 9-11** X-Khan, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Info: Penny Tegen, 2926 Valarie Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80917-3832 Phone: 719-597-5259; <http://members.iex.net/~rogers/khan.html>; Guests: Kevin J. Anderson, Rebecca Moesta

**July 9-11** Castlecon 12, Frederick, Maryland; Info: FanTek, 1607 Thomas Rd., Friendly, MD 20744-4130 Phone: 301-292-5231;

**July 9-11** Readercon 11, Waltham, Massachusetts; Info: PO Box 381246, Cambridge, MA 02138-1246 Phone: 617-926-1885; <http://www.readercon.org>; Guests: Harlan Ellison, Ellen Datlow

**July 9-11** Concertino 99, Westborough, Massachusetts; Info: MASSFILC c/o Ellen Kranzer, 18 Cottage St., Arlington, MA 02474-5504; <http://www.lovesong.com/massfilc/concertino/>; Guests: Bill & Brenda Sutton

**July 9-11** Hexacon 9, Scottsdale, Arizona; Info: PO Box 62613, Phoenix, AZ 85082-2613 Phone: 602-973-2341; <http://members.aol.com/boniece/>;

**July 9-11** Toronto Trek 13, Toronto, Ontario; Info: Suite 0116, Box 187, 65 Front Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 1E6 416-410-TCON (8266); <http://www.icomm.ca/tcon/>; Guests: Peter Jurasik, Stephen Furst

**July 15-18** Necon 19, Bristol, Rhode Island; Info: 67 Birchland Ave., Pawtucket, RI 02860 Phone: 804-966-5170; <http://www.paranet.com/~necon/>; Guests: Kim Newman, Thomas Tessier, Bernie Wrightson

**July 16-18** Earth2, Sherman Oaks, California; Info: PO Box 3306, Oak Park, IL 60303-3306; <http://members.aol.com/e2party/>; Guests: Clancy Brown, John (Gegenhuber) Wollner, Rockmond Dunbar, Joey Zimmerman, Jeff Deist, Lisa Ebeyer

**July 16-18** Beauty and the Beast '99 Convention, Orlando, Florida; Info: Lyn Musacchio, 873 N. Lake Claire Circle, Oviedo, FL 32765 Phone:407-359-5814; <http://www.bcn.net/~bearmous/b&bcon99/>;

**July 16-18** Intercon 14.5, Cherry Hill, New Jersey; Info: PO Box 196, Merrifield, VA 22116-0196; <http://www.ilinfo.org/intercon/i145/index.html>;

**July 17-18** JVL Con '99, Janesville, Wisconsin; Info: Ray's Hobbies, 1316 Monterey Ln., Janesville, WI 53546 Phone: 608-756-5684; <http://members.aol.com/rayshobby2/index2.html>; Guests: Wortham Krimmer, Steven Burgauer

**July 17-18** Star Trek Fab 4 Tour, Raleigh, North Carolina; Info: Slanted Fedora Entertainment, 11916 W. 109<sup>th</sup> Street Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Phone: (913) 327 - TREK(8735); <http://www.sfedora.com/newpage1.htm>; Guests: George Takei, James Doohan, Nichelle Nichols, Walter Koenig, Stephen Furst

**July 23-25** Visions '99, Boston, Massachusetts; Info: Infinite Visions, Box 904, S. Yarmouth, MA 02664 Phone: (508) 896-7448; <http://www.i-visions.com>;

**July 23-25** Telefantastique 2, London, United Kingdom; Info: 38 Rochford Ave., Loughton, Essex, IG10 2BS, UK; <http://www.geocities.com/TelevisionCity/6936/>; Guests: Mira Furlan, Michael O'Hare, Diane Duane, Peter Morwood

**July 23-25** Costume College 1999, Van Nuys, California; Info: Costumer's Guild West, PO Box 3052, Sante Fe Springs, CA 90670-3052; <http://members.aol.com/ZBLGilbert/cgw.html>;

**July 24-25** Vulkan, Saint Petersburg, Florida; Info: PO BOX 821673, South Florida, FL 33082-1673 Phone: 954-441-TREK; <http://www.vulkan.com/>; Guests: James Darren, Peter Jurasik

**July 30-Aug 1** RiverCon XXIV, Louisville, Kentucky; Info: PO Box 58009, Louisville, KY 40268-0009; <http://members.aol.com/raroehm/rivercon.html>, Guests: Esther Friesner, Gary Williams

**July 30-Aug 2** Bree Moot 4/Mythcon XXX, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Info: 293 Selby Ave., St. Paul, MN 55102-1811 Phone: 612-292-8887; <http://www.mythsoc.org/mythcon30.html> Guests: Douglas A. Anderson, Gary & Sylvia Hunnewell

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