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In Memory of DeForest Kelley

William Shatner called him a "....true Southern Gentleman." Leonard Nimoy said that he "....was a decent, loving, caring partner and will be deeply missed." Brent Spiner said that he was "....maybe the nicest persona of all involved with Star Trek. I was honored to share a scene with him." Majel Barrett Roddenberry said that he was "....truly one of the most remarkable and talented men to walk the face of the earth. This is the biggest loss that Star Trek will ever have, excluding Gene."

However, no amount of words can really express the shock and sadness every Trekker felt when word of DeForest Kelley's passing got out. We had lost Gene Roddenberry, and Mark Lenard, but this was the first regular cast member we have lost. And what a loss it is. As a Trekker since the sixties, my first memories of Trek that really stick with me were the ones of Bones and Spock and their arguments. The degree that he was beloved showed when he appeared in the pilot of Star Trek: The Next Generation, inspecting the ship before it started off.

As we pause to remember our honored dead, I remember Kirk's words in Star Trek II: The Wrath of Kahn, as he oversaw Spock's funeral, and they fit here all so well: "Of all the souls.....his was the most.....human."

We commend the soul and spirit of DeForest Kelley to the loving care of the Maker of All Things, confident of the resurrection, and remembering that this is just a temporary separation. He can not return to us, but we will go the same path he now has one day.

Au Revoir, Bones. Till we meet again.

Col. Dennis Rayburn
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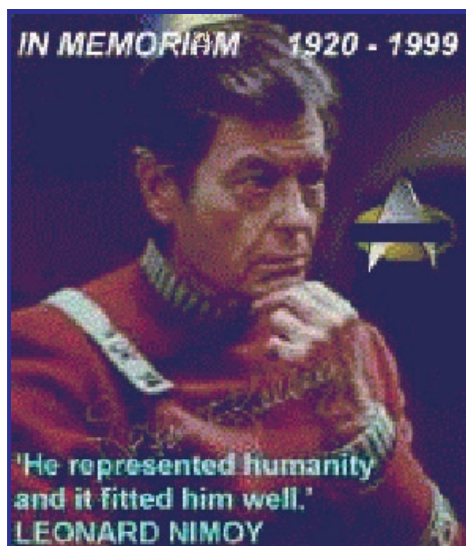


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From the Top...

Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith, Commander, STARFLEET

Greetings from SFHQ! I have just returned from another successful Region 3 Summit, and I'd like to thank Heather Shear, the crew of the host chapter *Intangible*, Brad Pense, Mark Vinson, and all the attendees for the wonderful time I had. It was definitely a great time, and I look forward to my final visit to R3 Summit as Commander, STARFLEET next year in Dallas/Ft. Worth.

This will be the second issue of the CQ that we have distributed under our new periodicals class permit. I hope that you will find the CQ being delivered to you with more expedience now, and that fewer folks will fall prey to the bulk rate service demon. The Smith/Freas team worked long and hard to get that permit finally approved; special thanks to Chuck Freas for going the extra mile with the USPS!

The 1999 IC is just around the corner at this point; I'm looking forward to seeing many folks attending the 25th Anniversary

celebration of STARFLEET in Charlotte, NC this year. This year's IC promises to be a spectacular time, from celebrating STARFLEET's 25th birthday to the attendance of Chase Masterson. If you can, come join us!

Don't forget to participate in our "5k by 2k Membership Challenge," as well as my usual reminder to donate early and often to the STARFLEET Scholarship Fund!

That's it for me for now! See you in sixty!



CompOps...

Rear Admiral Jesse Smith, Chief, Computer Operations

Greeting Starfleet!

Over the last few years, I've written a lot of *Communiqué* articles about the goings-on in Computer Operations, and for the most part, I've wondered how much of it you all read. I know before becoming Chief, I only skimmed the EC articles and read other items that interested me. It occurred to me that more than likely a lot of you did the same thing, so I thought I would be a little different this time. Sure, I'm going to include the normal CompOps News since I do want to make sure every one is informed of what's going on, but I am also going to share a short essay that I found intriguing and it reminded me a lot about 'fleet.

First, the "mumbo-jumbo" as I've heard it put. Things are running smoothly for the most part at CompOps central with a minor exception. Chris Rossman, who used to do the on-line applications, has left his position to devote his time to serving as Senior Vice Regional Coordinator for Region 12. Chris did a wonderful job for us and I wish him

the best in his new job. Region 12, take care of him, he's a good man. We've combined the on-line processing with the postal processing, and Teri is now handling all the memberships.

Speaking of which, I wanted to thank all of you that have sent your kudos to the staff, especially the USS *Heimdal*; it really means a lot to all of us. It brightens everyone's day to know that we're doing things right, and we really appreciate all the helpful suggestions that we've received.

Before I move on to the essay, I wanted to let you all know that Teri and I will be taking several vacations in June so our responses will not be as quick as usual. We'll be away the 4-7th, the 13-22nd and Teri will be away the 27-30th. Membership processing will continue during the time that we are not away and we are confident that there will not be a backlog of memberships from our vacation. If you need to get in contact with CompOps while we're away, please contact Greg Trotter or Mark Anbinder, both of which will be more than willing to do their best to solve your problems.

The following short essay has been printed in quite a few publications, but it made me stop and think, so I thought I would share it with all of you.

If you can start the day without caffeine,
If you can get going without pep pills,
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
If you can overlook it when something goes wrong through no fault of your own and those you love take it out on you,
If you can take the criticism and blame without resentment,
If you can ignore a friend's limited education and never correct him,
If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend,
If you can face the world without lies and deceit,
If you can conquer tension without medical help,
If you can relax without liquor,
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,
If you can say honestly that deep in your heart you have no prejudice against creed, color, religion, or politics,
Then, my friends, you are almost as good as your dog.

Hope you enjoyed it and good luck on the membership drive!

Second Thoughts...

Admiral Charles Freas, Vice Commander, STARFLEET

Greetings! First, a quick plug for the 1999 STARFLEET International Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina. In addition to the announced special guest, all the Admiralty Board and Executive Committee members will be there, visiting with convention-goers from Friday afternoon until Sunday. It'll be a lot of fun! I hope everyone attends this year's convention, to help us celebrate Fleet's 25th Anniversary. I plan on attending. I currently plan on arriving Thursday night for the Admiralty Board meetings scheduled during business hours on Friday. So, I hope to see y'all there!

Next, I need to announce a minor correction to the effective dates of Fleet's fiduciary insurance policy. Because our new Constitution requires the Commander, STARFLEET, and those persons handling significant amounts of Fleet funds to be covered as of January 1st of 1999 (the date the new Constitution went into effect), the effective dates of the first policy will be from January 1, 1999, until December 31, 1999. The effective dates of the second

policy, which we will purchase and prepay during the upcoming millennium year, will therefore be from January 1, 2000, until December 31, 2002. This means that the policy will cover your membership funds during the full term of the next administration. Coverage from January 1, 2003 onward must be provided by future administrations, so please look closely at their campaign planks for specific information about if and how candidates will provide you, the members, with this constitutionally required level of protection.

Third, I'm happy to announce that the Regional Coordinator's Duties Manual will soon be available in Adobe Acrobat format (.pdf format) on the Vice Commander, STARFLEET, web site. The URL will be <http://www.mindspring.com/~tiggerr7/rcdm.html>. Check it out, and see what your RC is supposed to be doing, and not doing.

Finally, in response to a few comments made to me about an article published in a recent *Communiqué*, I'd like to stress that we all should try to be tolerant of each other.

Even though "Bones" McCoy and James T. Kirk often made moral pronouncements in the original series, that was television. In reality, we weren't put on Sol III to judge others, or their lifestyles. As Jean-Luc Picard once said, such judgments were reserved to a Higher Power, who frankly has already pretty clearly pronounced His moral judgments. If someone doesn't like those pronouncements, I suggest they take it up with the Creator. Personally, I encourage everyone to learn about, teach their children and grandchildren, and personally abide by those pronounced judgments. Of course, not everyone will do so. That too is our reality. But we cannot let wrongs occurring in mirror universes lead us to intolerance or a lack of respect for others. If Star Trek teaches us anything, it teaches us that unless someone's lifestyle choices harm us or the society we live in — either local or international — we should try to respect all of God's children. Remember, we have been commanded to love one another and to forgive others of their sins, as we too have been forgiven. So, upon that note ... Peace, and long life!

Fleet Operations...

Greetings STARFLEET from Fleet Operations HQ. I hope everyone is having a great summer and enjoying the warm weather. Fleet OPs has been busy with commissionings and other work. This article will have some info on an opening in Ops as well as some reminders to some of the chapters who need to report to our CAP Director. So lets dive right in.

JOB OPENING IN OPS

At this time I am in receipt of Captain Johnson’s intent to resign from her post as DVC International. So, sadly, I have accepted this and am going to open up the post for applications. Chelle is going to remain in the office until a replacement is chosen and installed. As with Chelle, you do not have to reside in an international region or be an international member to hold this post. The position of DVC International is an Ops staff member that handles the MSR’s from those chapters affected. In turn the DVC International submits a monthly report to the Ops Chief and attempts to assist their chapters with the problems section of their MSR’s.

There are just a few requirements for this position and those are:

- 1) Be a currently active member in STARFLEET.
- 2) Have experience at the Chapter, Regional or Fleet level with Operations or similar duties.
- 3) Have some Database and word processing skills as well as access to a compatible word processing system.
- 4) Have access to the Internet and Email.

The deadline on applications/resumes will be August 15th 1999. Send your Application/resume to the Chief of STARFLEET Operations at:

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I would like to take the opportunity to thank Chelle for her dedication and service to STARFLEET Operations. Chelle has been a real help in getting things taken care of at the International level. She has always been supportive of the TEAM and put in the extra work to make sure TEAM Ops ran as smoothly as it always has.

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LEAVING DRYDOCK

Below is a list of Chapters that have been commissioned since the beginning of 1999 and its Command Crew.

USS GUADALCANAL NCC-6021
Kodiak Class Battleship
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Commanding Officer (CO)
Nathan B. Champine, Executive Officer (XO)
Commissioned February 1, 1999

USS LEGEND NCC-75019
Sovereign Class Cruiser
Captain Patrick Maes, CO
Commander David Adams, XO
Commissioned February 1, 1999

USS BANTING NCC-17220
Banting Class Cruiser
Captain Bernard Guindard, CO
Lieutenant Dave Blaser, XO
Commissioned February 1, 1999

USS INTREPID NCC-74655
Intrepid Class Cruiser
Captain Robert Schneider, CO
Lieutenant Commander Robert Sliney, XO
Commissioned March 7, 1999

USS LIGHTYEAR NCC-74217
Defiant Class Escort
Captain Pat Teachout, CO
Lieutenant Commander Helen Monath, XO
Commissioned March 7, 1999

Major General Les Rickard, Chief, STARFLEET Operations

USS PANTHER CITY NCC-63543
Akira Class Battlecruiser
Commodore Mark Vincent, CO
Lieutenant Commander Cherie Vinson, XO
Commissioned March 7, 1999

USS NORMANDY NCC-36000
Normandy Class Supercarrier
Major General Les Rickard, CO
Vice Admiral Tom Monaghan, XO
Commissioned April 17, 1999

USS BELGICA NCC-72301
Peacekeeper Class
Large Exploratory Cruiser
Captain Jeroen Vantroyen, CO
Commander Steve Haelterman, XO
Commissioned May 5, 1999

USS SEQUOYAH NCC-2043
Excelsior Class Heavy Cruiser
Fleet Captain Jeremy Trent, CO
Commander Nathan Head, XO
Commissioned May 19, 1999

USS PROTECTOR
Sovereign Class Cruiser
Captain Vanessa Taylor, CO
Commander Sarah Craig, XO
Commissioned May 19, 1999

The two new kids on the block are the *Sequoyah* and the *Protector*. May the wind be at your backs.

As you can see we have already been quite busy since the first of the year. But the job is just starting as ShOC Chief Dennis Gray tells me that the following shuttles are in final preparation for the Commissioning Process and I should have their VRR’s soon:

Shuttle Orbit Jet
Shuttle Raven
Shuttle Ultimatum

I look forward to receiving these VRR’s and adding the above shuttles to the list of STARFLEET Ships of the Line.

CHAPTER MAINTENANCE

Chapter Assistance Program
Well, I have been receiving regular reports from Pete Lutz, Director of the CAP program. He has informed me that of the list of chapters he has contacted only a few have responded to him. I am asking that any chapter contacted by CAP to please respond as they are in danger of being placed on Standby status. From there, if there is no response the chapter in question will, unfortunately, be decommissioned.

Participation in the program allows the chapter time to get their numbers back up, stabilize their reporting and maintain their chapter charter. So involvement and participation can only benefit the chapters in question.

So please lets get in touch with Pete and work with him on getting your chapters some time to get back up to speed. CAP’s, as well as Operations’, motto is “Let me help”. That is what we are here for...to help each and every chapter and member in STARFLEET.

Chapter Reporting

With regards to reporting I am awaiting a six month MSR “Report Card” from each DVC after the June reporting period. This report will note which chapters have not reported in the first six months of 1999.

After receiving that report I will be sending reminder letters to all chapters who are not reporting regularly. From this point on the reporting will be strictly enforced as it has in the past. This first six months has been the grace period, getting used to the reporting changes etc. But from here on out I would request that all chapters do their best to get their MSR’s in on time barring a extenuating circumstances.

FINAL WORDS

At the writing of this article I am thinking back on a person who was a formative individual in my early life, along with a cast of great men and women. Deforest Kelly passed away recently and it was a very sad day for everyone who loves Star Trek.

De Kelley played Dr. Leonard McCoy, an old country doctor thrust in the life of being the Chief Medical Officer on a starship at the reaches of the known galaxy. “Bones” was the sane, devils advocate voice of reason to Captain Jim Kirk. When our favorite Starship Captain was about to do something a bit risky you would hear “Jim, are you out of your mind?” or something similar. He was the chief protagonist to Commander Spock, whose logic was always without fault, but seldom with feeling. It took this simple country doctor to interject some caution and humor to the mix that was Star Trek.

De you will be dearly missed and, as Forrest Gump is fond of saying, “That’s all I have to say about that.”

That’s it for this little article. Take care and Semper Fidelis.

Welcome new Vice Chief/Fanzine Editor Lieutenant Todd Brugmans of the USS Highlander!

Hailing frequencies...

Vice Admiral Gordon Goldberg, Chief, STARFLEET Communications

Hailing Frequencies Open! I'd like to start off by welcoming Wendy Fillmore back to the helm of the *Communiqué*, and by thanking Mark Anbinder for the tremendous job he did during Wendy's absence. As you may recall, before Wendy took off for pre-maternity leave, she had decided that it was time to step down from her "other job" as Fanzine editor, and I had advertised for her replacement. Well, I am pleased to announce that my new Vice Chief/Fanzine Editor will be Lieutenant Todd Brugmans of the USS *Highlander*. Submissions for STARFLEET's fanzine, *Stellar Visions*, can be sent to Todd by email to fanzine@sfi.org, or by postal mail to



Todd F. Brugmans
91 Hillcrest Road
Warren, NJ 07059 USA

Moving along....

This whole "Year 2000" thing is really starting to bug me. As you know, the end of the current millenium is coming up. You want to go to the "end of the millenium" party on December 31 of this year, right? Wrong.

The new millenium begins on January 1, 2001, not 2000. Why? Simple. The era on which our common calendar is based started (theoretically) on January 1 of the year 1AD (or 1CE, for those who don't use *anno domini*). Yes, I know there are other calendars, among them the Jewish Calendar and the Chinese Calendar, which start several thousand and change years earlier than the common calendar, but they're not even part of this discussion. And there were adjustments to the Julian and Gregorian calendars, on which our current common calendar is based, which throw into doubt the actual counting of the days and years, but we're going to cast those aside as well. The important thing to remember is that there was no year zero. Yes, if you count from 0 to 1999 you would get 2000 years, and a new millenium starting in 2000, but you can't start at zero! There was no year zero! Any timeline you look at based on the common calendar goes from 1BC (1BCE) directly to 1AD (1CE). Add two thousand years to January 1, 0001 and you get January 1, 2001 — not January 1, 2000.

So the current millenium closes on December 31, 2000, and that's when we should ring in the new millenium. However, for those of you who want to party at the end of this year, go right ahead — it's still the end of the 1900s (but not the end of the "cur-

rent century" - the century ends at the same time the millenium does, for the same reason.)

For some reason, folks at the start of the current century didn't have a problem realizing that it started on January 1, 1901. The author Oscar Wilde, in his deathbed in 1900, remarked that he would not outlast the century. Newspapers, referring to the year 1900, called it "the closing year of the wonderful 19th Century," and spoke of 1901 as "the birth of a new Century." Why is it that we would then want to celebrate the end of this century (and the millenium) only 99 years after we ushered it in?

Of course, the only thing that "bugs" me more than the assumption that the current millenium ends this year (which it does not) is the insistence of the news media on referring to the Y2K bug (which is unquestionably triggered by the year 2000, and the rollover of double-digit years to 00) as the Y2K virus (it's not a virus - it's a bug, an inherent flaw in the programming; not a program that spreads by replicating itself from computer to computer), or worse yet, as the "Millenium Virus."

But I suppose I'll survive it....

If you have any comments or ideas on how the Communications Division can further serve your chapter or the fleet, please feel free to contact me by email at Comm@sfi.org, or by postal mail at 330 Haven Avenue, Apartment 3C, New York City, NY 10033-5333 USA.

front and back covers will be color, but for the remainder of the book, black and white reproduction will be employed to keep costs at a minimum. Illustrations must be black ink on white paper, pencil sketch illustrations tend not to scan or reproduce as clearly. All submissions should have your full name, your ship's name, and which region you're from for the appropriate credit to be given. All submissions will become property of Stellar Visions. In submitting an article or artwork to this project, you are agreeing to permit them to be reprinted for sale in the final product.

All written submissions mailed to my attention must be typed. Please, no handwritten submissions.

To submit contributions via E-mail, the address is fanzine@sfi.org, which is linked to my personal e-mail account: babblingfarce@hotmail.com. To mail a submission, send to:

Lieutenant Todd Brugmans
91 Hillcrest Road.
Warren, NJ 07059 USA

(yes, I am hoping any ships in the farther regions will contribute as well)

The deadline for all submissions toward Stellar Visions IV is Saturday, September 25, 1999. Submissions beyond that date will be held for consideration in Stellar Visions V, but will not be included in this year's publication. (If Harlan Ellison wrote a story for us, even HE'd have to meet this deadline).

Stellar Visions is a self-funding project, designed to promote the creativity and talents of the members of STARFLEET International. This year's proposed cost per book is \$10.00. Folks wishing to pre-order copies of Stellar Visions IV, please make checks payable to STARFLEET, and mail your orders to the address listed above. (Please note, to cover shipping expenses, envelopes, et al, there is a \$3.00 additional charge for delivery of the fanzine via mail. Total price for one fanzine to be shipped to you: \$13.00)

I have additional copies of Stellar Visions I and II, which can also be ordered at the same prices listed above, by mailing to the same address listed above. Stellar Visions III orders are still being accepted. As mentioned, distribution is slated for the end of August, 1999.

Over the summer, I will be looking for folks to volunteer their time to the Editorial board for this fanzine. Duties include proof-reading stories, and assisting in voting for which submissions will make the final edit, then assist in the laying out, printing and distribution of the book. Any wishing to assist in this endeavor may also write me at the e-mail addresses posted above, or leave me voice mail at (908) 202-4615.

I look forward to everyone's participation in this very entertaining project.

Stellar Visions...

Lieutenant Todd F. Brugmans, Vice Chief, Communications/Stellar Visions

I am writing to address several important key points with regard to the STARFLEET International Fanzine Project known as Stellar Visions. As new Vice-Chief, it is my responsibility to organize, and then publish a book this year the entire fleet can be proud of; but first, some housekeeping must be attended to.

In early July I will be collecting the materials for last year's Stellar Visions III, which has already gone through the editorial board stage, and is presently awaiting final layout, reprinting, and distribution. Initially, it appeared this goal might be accomplished in time for the Starfleet International Conference. I will attempt to meet that objective, but a more realistic deadline will have Stellar Visions III ready for distribution by the end of August 1999.

Looking forward to the next book in the series, Stellar Visions IV (The Undiscovered Talent), I want to get Starfleet's finest working on the contributions. There are four types of things I wish to have included in this year's fanzine. They are Fan-Fiction (naturally), Trek-inspired Illustrations, (they can be serious, or cartoon-like, but I like a graphic-intense book), and two additional sections this year will be for Poetry, and for Filking. Filking, for those unfamiliar with the practice, typically takes a popular song be it from the radio, or stage or screen, and re-writing the lyrics. Many filks have a humorous slant on them, some have original music composed for them. For the purposes of this book, I'd like to experiment with Science Fiction inspired filks, with popular tunes being cited (be sure to mention the musician and the song title for the song you're setting your words to.)

Okay, guidelines for submissions:

Submissions can be sent via e-mail, using a direct file transfer with me in IRC (please make sure I know what you're sending before you do that, though), or by the good old fashioned Postal Service. Messages containing contributions for the fanzine should read SV4 in the message header. I can accept and read files which are saved as text-only files, (.txt)(.rtf), Adobe Acrobat files (.pdf), and/or Microsoft Word documents (.doc). Illustrations submitted electronically should be formatted in one of 3 formats: .jpg, .gif, and .bmp. For those wishing to contribute artwork, but do not have a means of scanning it into an online format, I have a scanner here which will be dedicated for that purpose. Submissions can be mailed to me, and I will scan the image(s) in. Black and white images, please. The

ShOC Waves!

Rear Admiral Dennis Gray, Chief, Shuttle Operations

Hello again, my friends. This is easily one of the hardest articles for the CQ that I have had to write so far. For you see, this has been quite a stressful month for me personally, as some of you already know. Several weeks ago, I had to make an unexpected trip back east for nearly a week, so as to be able to attend the funeral of my grandmother. As of this writing, I have only been back for about a week or so. Add to that, I have had to start a new position at work upon my return. Heh - I am **still** catching up on some email, and back paperwork. I **would** like to extend my thanks, and sincere gratitude's, to all those who sent me well wishes, and notes of condolences as well. It was VERY much appreciated!

So. Back to ShOC news. It is questionable whether or not this issue will hit the streets before the IC. IF it does, then I hope to see a lot of old and new friends there, and make new friends as well. If it doesn't, then I hope we had a blast, and did Starfleet up proud on the event of her 25th anniversary! Otherwise, the 'Colorado Contingent' and myself will just have to go back to NC and

torture the IC staff with continuous playings of John Denver and C.W. McCall cd's. <G> Because of the disruptions in my personal life, and the extreme's of being past the deadline with this article, I did not have time to compile a listing of new shuttles, and commissionings since last issue's. But my word of honor - you **will** see them back again next issue, when I have more time to compile them for you.

With luck (knock on wood), we will hopefully have issues of the START manual at the IC. **big sigh of relief** Also, Jonathan 'Gumby' Simmons, and Sandford 'Sandy' Berenberg, are working jointly to have the accompanying MOM manual done in time for the IC as well.

Effective immediately, there is a brand new, re-designed VRR form available for your use. I **strongly** encourage you to get a copy for your use in submitting VRR's in the future. It has a brand new look, and returns a lot of fields that have been missing from the most recent version, making it a lot more useful and functional on my end.

We will continue to accept the earlier versions, but I hope to phase those out within the next 6-12 months.

Please note - VRR's are accepted via hardcopy **only**. Meaning, no 'electronic' submissions of VRR's. You will be able to download copies of the VRR form from various sites, but they will need to be printed out, completed, an mailed back to ShOC. This is not negotiable. Please. Remember too, that copies of OTS & OCC certs, and your letter of approval from DTS, need to be printed out, and mailed **with** the VRR form, and not emailed to myself. This also applies for commissionings. Do not assume that I will get your file, dig out copies of those items, run to a copy store, and make copies of them for a VRR sent by itself, with a notation to use copies of the forms or letter already sent for when the shuttle launched. This is NOT the case. When submitting a VRR for either a new launch, **OR** for a commissioning, you **must** attach all the necessary accompanying paperwork with the VRR before it is sent. This is to be considered standard operating procedure.

Just a quick reminder - the VRR fee went up to a flat \$10 at the beginning of 1999. With that fee, launch packets would include copies of the START, and recruiting (with the permission of the Recruiting Dept. :) manuals. Those who have paid the \$10 fee for a new launch, will be getting copies of the manuals ASAP.

Well folks, that's about all I have time for this issue. As things settle themselves out, and I get back on a more even keel, I'll have more to say. And hopefully more interesting things to say, as well. <G> Mean-time, take care, enjoy the summer months. Enjoy the IC. I know I am personally looking forward to it.

Enjoy your friends, your chapters. Try not to take things too seriously. <g> See you in 2 months....

RAdm. Dennis Gray



Communiqué Corner

Commodore Wendy Fillmore
Vice Chief/Communications; Communiqué

Greetings!

First thing I'd like todo is thank Mark Anbinder from the bottom of my heart for all that he's done for the *Communiqué* these past several months. Two issues of the newsletter later we have a slightly different layout and new look. I know how many hours Mark must have put in to accomplish all this, and trust me, it was a huge effort he put in. Thank you, Mark!!

Second, I need to welcome Jenna Duerr as my new Assitant Editor for the *Communiqué* and thank her for the help with catching all my typos. Welcome aboard Jenna, and thanks!!

Third, I'd like to welcome my new fellow Vice Chief, Todd Brugmans, who will be taking on the responsibility of the fanzine, Stellar Visions (see Todd's column on the opposite page). Congratulations, Todd, and best of luck with your new job!

Lastly, it is my sad duty to inform you all that I must step down as editor of the CQ. Now that I've got Sean home, and I've had to put together one of these puppies with three little boys under the age of six needing my attention all day, I've found just how difficult it is for me to actually do this anymore.

Not wanting to slack off on the job as a mother **or** the CQ Editor, I realized that one had to go. Not being a mommy wasn't an option. <smile>

So, Gordon is advertising for my replacement. I expect to do CQ#94 (deadline 8/14) but would like to see someone else in place for CQ#95 (deadline 9/15).

Thank you for a wonderful year as your editor. I hope you've enjoyed the issues I've done as much as I've enjoyed doing them!

Commodore Wendy Fillmore
Vice Chief, Communications/*Communiqué*

HELP WANTED:

Editor-in-Chief needed for up-and-coming bimonthly science fiction organization newspaper (you're holding it). Successful candidate should be a member in good standing of STARFLEET, the International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc., with strong background in computer-based editing and layout. Experience with PageMaker highly recommended. Computer and internet access required.

Letter of application, with resumé and publication samples should be sent to:

Gordon Lloyd Goldberg
Chief of Communications,
STARFLEET
330 Haven Avenue, #3C
New York, NY 10033-5333 USA

OWC

Captain Ed Nowlin, Director

Greetings!

I would like to announce that the STARFLEET Office of Web Consultants now has two new members to serve you!

They are:

Lieutenant. Commander Dave Blaser
Rear Admiral Alan Ravitch

I am also pleased to note that Colonel Diana Hoff has been appointed Senior Consultant for her outstanding work thus far with her Resources Page (and putting up with me for a year and a half!)

Welcome Dave and Alan! I hope your tenures are long and fruitful. To read more on our new people, visit the OWC Website at:

<http://owc.sfi.org>

Thanks!

Ed Nowlin, Director
Office of Web Consultants (OWC)
capt_ed@shasta.com

STARFLEET Academy... Late Breaking News...

Vice Admiral Marlene J. Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy

Greetings and salutations!

Ooooo.... this Academy Commandant chair is nicely broken in! As you may already know by now, Mandi Herrmann has resigned as Commandant effective March 31, 1999. I'd like to thank Fleet Admiral Mike Smith for having faith in my ability, and putting me here 'permanently'. Also, "Thank You" to everyone who snail-mailed and e-mailed me letters of support while I was 'acting Commandant' in the interim.

A lot has been happening in the Academy. For what may be the first time in STARFLEET Academy history, the Academy has two Vice Commandants. Fleet Captain Tom Restivo has been promoted from "Special Assistant" to "Vice Commandant, Administration." Tom's duties include, but are not limited to, keeping the Academy documents (Applications, Brochures, etc) updated. An individual new to the Academy, but not new to STARFLEET is Fleet Captain Joseph Podesta, Jr.. who has joined the Academy as "Vice Commandant, Electronic Services." Joe's primary duties at this time include working with WebMaster Greg Staylor in making the Online Academy a reality. With Tom and Joe as my Right- Hand and Left-Hand Men, I'm sure the Academy will continue to grow and prosper right on into the 21st Century and beyond.

Two new Deans have been named: Rear Admiral Sharon Ann Campbell, Dean of the Institute of Technology, and Rear Admiral Sherry Anne Newell, Dean of the Institute of Arts. Both are long-time Academy Directors who slipped smoothly into their new chairs.

I'm happy to announce that several new

With the abduction of my Right-Hand Man, Academy Vice Commandant Tom Restivo... I feel it's about time I called in reinforcements to get him back!

As of this minute... the Klingon Warrior Academy, under the direction of Ensign Debra (Deb) Kern, is now re-opened and ready for students!

Perhaps some of the graduates can work their magic to overthrow the Dominion and bring Tom back home!

At the Klingon Warrior Academy...

Cadets are taught about the Klingon race through a battery of tests. You will learn

schools have opened and are ready for you to recommend to your crew.

School of Strategy and Tactics (SOST)
Director, Captain Sanford Berenberg
59 Sunrise Park Rd.
New Hampton, NY 10958
SOST@sfi.org

The School brings forth historical aspects of strategy and tactics by reviewing persons, places and methods. Through this the student learns to apply strategic solutions to problems, finding successful plans for even the most dire of situations. Later courses tie in the Star Trek Universe to the already learned aspects of strategy and tactics on both ship to ship and fleet actions. \$3 per course, plus 3 loose 33-cent stamps. Includes Manual.

College of Literature (SCOL)
Director, Brigadier General Jill Rayburn
P.O. Box 61
Puryear, TN 38251
LIT@sfi.org

The purpose of this course is to familiarize students with common literary devices and terminology. Students who complete this course should be able to recognize devices used by authors in books, television episodes and movies. \$2, SASE, 2 loose 33-cent stamps per course. Free via e-mail. Includes Manual.

Starfleet Counselor's College (SCC)
Director, Commodore Helen Pawlowski
P.O. Box 22225
St. Louis, MO 63116-2225 (no e-mail)

This course deals with 6 areas: Listening, Jealousy, Stress, Anger, Grief, and Diplomacy. Each comes with a manual. \$3, 2

Klingon customs and culture, weapons, language, and history. In addition you will learn Klingon medicine, government, and ship command. You will learn about Klingon names, and ranks. Furthermore, you will learn about famous Klingon warriors in the War College Courses.

All graduates who score a 100% on all their tests will take a special graduate course. Pass this course and you belong to the Klingon Warriors of Fame. These special graduates can choose a Klingon name which will be placed in the Hall of Honor. These Hall of Honors graduates will receive the Sword of Honor pin and a special certificate.

loose 33-cent stamps per course. Includes Manuals.

School of Music (SOM)
Director, Rear Admiral Sherry Anne Newell
5 N.W. 40th St.
Lawton, OK 73505
newellsherryanne@juno.com

A tuneful trek through our favorite universe designed to be moderately informative and mainly FUN. At the time of this writing, both a Bachelors and a Masters course are available. \$2, SASE, 2 loose 33-cent stamps per course.

Acrocademy (SA)
Director, Captain Mike Wilkerson
4212 Gardenview Drive #3
Saint Ann, MO 63074
cptmike@cptmike.com

The "STARFLEET ACROCADEMY" is a school providing Fleeters with a Library of Acronyms related to a variety of life's professions and the chance to learn more about them. Composed of four courses, the ACROCADEMY allows you to begin your journey to become an Acroademic Master of Acronyms. \$4, SASE, 2 loose 33-cent stamps per course. (Includes Manual)

Set to open as soon as possible are the Cadet School and College of Chapter Development. Applicants for directorship of the Klingon Warrior Academy and College of Communications are being considered, and should be announced in the coming weeks.

Well, I think that's about it for now.

Thank you for reading this missive, and for your support for STARFLEET Academy!

The Klingon Warrior Academy offers these courses:

I. Klingon Warrior Apprentice
KWA101 - History
KWA102 - Weapons
KWA103 - Language
KWA104 - War College I

II. Klingon Warrior Journeyman
KWA201 - Customs
KWA202 - Medicine
KWA203 - Government
KWA204 - War College II

III. Klingon Warrior Craftsman
KWA301 - Starships

Hello everyone!

I know many of you have been waiting for this announcement, so without further ado....

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the STARFLEET Academy College of Communications is now open!

I received many fine resumes, and from those have chosen Michael Anderson as CoC Director.

Michael can be reached at:
nightowl@velocity.net

and via snail mail at:

Michael Anderson
218 W. 8th St. Apt 9
Erie, PA 16501-1604

At this time, the Newsletter course and Interspecies Communications are ready for students. CoC's Basic Web Design is being updated and will be available as soon as possible.

Please join me in welcoming him by flooding him with applications!

Vice Admiral Marlene J. Miller
Commandant, STARFLEET Academy
Director - Vulcan Academy of Science
School of the Year - 1998
vas@sfi.org, academy@sfi.org,
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KWA302 - Command and Ranks
KWA303 - Names and Honorifics
KWA304 - War College III

Klingon Warrior Graduate Course
KWAGC: Essay on a subject picked by the student. One page or more essay, with a "pass" or "fail" grade only.

The first two courses are \$3.00 plus 3, 33-cent stamps.

The third course is \$4.00 (study guide provided) plus 3, 33-cent stamps.

Full application information is on page 10 of this issue of the Communiqué (page 2 of the Academy Application).

Klingon Warrior Academy Returns!

Try out the new schools... SOST, SCOL, SCC, SOM, SA, and SCOC!

Current as of 9906.05

STARFLEET ACADEMY - COLLEGE APPLICATION FORM

The Scholastic Division of STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc.

VAdm. Marlene Miller - Commandant , 461 Harmony Lane, Campbell, OH 44405

(Academy@sfi.org) <Marlene@cboss.com>

FCapt. Tom Restivo - Vice Commandant - Adminstration, 1218 Stillmeadow Place, #1D, Frederick, MD 21703

(Vacademy-Admin@sfi.org) <tomr@fred.net>

FCapt. Joe Podesta, Jr. - Vice Commandant - Electronic Services, 643 Richmond Court, Ramsey, NJ 07446

(Vacademy-Online@sfi.org) <StarlordCO@aol.com>

Send your application directly to the school you wish to attend.

All checks or money orders must be made out to "STARFLEET - ACADEMY FUND" — DO NOT SEND CASH.

STARFLEET VOUCHERS and RED SFA VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY STATE/PROV: _____ ZIP/POSTAL CODE: _____

E-MAIL: _____ SCC# : _____

INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP -

Dean - Adm. Peg Pellerin

OFFICER'S TRAINING SCHOOL (OTS)

- \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 33 cent Stamps
Adm. Peg Pellerin, RFD #3, Box 5460,
Winslow, ME 04901 - ots@sfi.org <pilgrim@ctel.net>
-or- Cmdr. Elizabeth Worth, 12 Perrin Ave.,
Plumpton, NSW, Australia 2761 - jennifer@ay.com.au
(You must pass this course to take OCC.)

OFFICER'S COMMAND COLLEGE (OCC)

- \$4.00, SASE, 3 Loose 33 cent Stamps
Capt. Jim Cushing, P. O. Box 11584,
Memphis, TN 38111-0584 - occ@sfi.org jcushing@dewey.lib.memphis.edu
- or- Fleet Captain Alan Yates,
PO Box 103, Harbord NSW, Australia 2096,
- jennifer@ay.com.au
(COPY of OTS diploma required when applying for this school - Do NOT
send original OTS certificate!)

FLAG OFFICER SCHOOL (FOS)

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

CADET SCHOOL (CS) - Prices TBD

Capt. Ben C. Redding., 2917 Heritage Way
Sevierville, Tn. 37876
cadetdirector@regionone.com
<trekscotty@email.msn.com>

INSTITUTE OF ARTS -

Dean - RAdm. Sherry Anne Newell

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATIONS (COC)

- \$4.00, SASE, 2 Loose 33 cent Stamps
Michael Anderson
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Erie, PA 16501-1604
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COLLEGE of FEDERATION STUDIES (COFS)

- \$1.00, SASE, 3 Loose 33 cent Stamps per course
Capt. Donna Tucker, 7066 Goodner Mtn Rd.,
Pinson, AL 35126 - cofs@sfi.org <DTucker937@aol.com>

COLLEGE of HISTORY (COH)

- \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 33 cent Stamps per course
Cmdr George K. Clark Jr., 8100 Lichen Dr.,
Citrus Heights, CA 95621- no email

SCHOOL of LANGUAGE STUDIES (SOLS)

- \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 33 cent Stamps per course
RAdm. Sherry Anne Newell, 5 NW 40th,
Lawton, OK 73505 - sols@sfi.org <NewellSherryAnne@Juno.com>

SCHOOL of LITERATURE (SOL)

- \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 33 cent Stamps per course; free if taken electroni-
cally
BGR Jill Rayburn, PO Box 61,
Puryear, TN 38251- sol@sfi.org <jazdan@wk.net>

SCHOOL of MUSIC (SOM)

- \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 33 cent Stamps per course
RAdm. Sherry Anne Newell, 5 NW 40th,
Lawton, OK 73505 - som@sfi.org <NewellSherryAnne@Juno.com>

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Look for the VAS Profile later in this issue!

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INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
Dean - RAdm. Sharon Ann Campbell

- ☐ **VULCAN ACADEMY of SCIENCE (VAS)**
- \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose **33** cent Stamps per course
VAdm. Marlene Miller, 461 Harmony Lane,
Campbell, OH 44405 - vas@sfi.org <MRG@cboss.com>
- ☐ **COLLEGE of COMPUTER HISTORY (COCH)**
- Free, SASE, 2 Loose **33** cent Stamps per course
RAdm Sharon Ann Campbell, P.O. Box 603,
Kirkland , WA 98083-0603 - coch@sfi.org <sac@wolfenet.com>
- ☐ **SCHOOL of ENGINEERING (SOE)**
- \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose **33** cent Stamps
Capt. Brian Dougherty, 1445 Fairmeadows,
St. Louis, MO 63138-2512 - soe@sfi.org <briwdou@swbell.net>
- ☐ **COLLEGE of MEDICINE (SACOM)**
- \$3.00, SASE, 2 Loose **33** cent Stamps per course
Cmdr. Wayne Lee Killough, Jr., PO Box 359,
Lead Hill, AR 72644-0359 - sacom@sfi.org
<karenjw@tri-lakes.net>
- ☐ **STARFLEET OFFICERS RADIO SCHOOL (SORS)**
- SASE, 3 Loose **33** cent Stamps per course
Cmdr. Jeff Salamon, 3535 East 14th #104,
Plano, Tx. 75074-7060- sors@sfi.org <n3fht@texoma.net>
- ☐ **COLLEGE OF TRADE & COMMERCE (COTAC)**
- Basic COTAC - \$2.00 + LSASE & 2 loose **33** cent stamps
- COTAC Shuttle Treasury - \$3.00, LSASE, 2 Loose 32 cent stamps
BGR Tammy Willcox, 4121 Stillwood Court
Virginia Beach, VA 23456 - cotac@sfi.org <R1Special@aol.com>
- ☐ **COUNSELORS COLLEGE (SCC)**
- Six Courses, \$3.00 per course
Comm Helen Pawlowski, PO Box 22225,
St. Louis, MO 63116-2225 - no email

- ☐ **ACROCADEMY (ACRO)**
- \$4.00 per course
c/o Brian Young, 5418 Linderwood Ave,
St. Louis, MO 63109 - acro@sfi.org <jed210@epconline.com>

INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES
Dean - FCapt Greg Staylor

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VULCAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

GRADUATE PROFILE: Charles Flowers

Captain Richard Heim, RDC Sciences for Region One

STARFLEET Academy's Vulcan Academy of Sciences is a very special school. In VAS you can earn up to 14 fictional degrees in two fields -- Biological Sciences and Physical Sciences -- with over two dozen electives. You learn a lot about *real* science as you do the course work, and have a great deal of *fun* while you're at it!

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

The Vulcan Academy of Sciences gives a hearty *SALUTE* to: **Charles Flowers!**

Charles has been a member of STARFLEET going on five years. In that time, he has risen from Chief of Sciences aboard the USS *Highroller*, to become the ship's Commanding Officer as well as the Regional Division Chief of Sciences in Region 4. It took him a little over two years to finish all of the VAS courses, but that includes a break to complete three courses in Flag Officers School.

Captain Flowers has been interested in science since age seven. "I became interested back in the 1950's watching Don Herbert, my mentor, as 'Mr. Wizard'. All through school I was very active in all the disciplines

of science (i.e., astronomy, biology, and planetary science). When 'Star Trek' came out in 1966, I was glued to the television watching Mr. Spock and Scotty go through their paces."

During Junior High and High School, his interest became a full fledged hobby. Today he is doing a self-taught course on Native American archaeology and anthropology. "The subject matter is Native American rock art (pictographs and petroglyphs) and culture." He adds that his interests include geology, and that he and his wife are also into astronomy and astrophysics.

In real life, Charles has over 23 years in the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Army as an aircraft crew chief/mechanic. He is currently working for a private company restoring Soviet and Eastern Bloc MIG fighter aircraft and basic trainers.

Charles notes that the most important scientific discovery was probably the breakdown of DNA and the genome (genes), as this has led to the study of how disease and hereditary traits alter the human species. His favorite scientists include Sir Isaac Newton, Albert Einstein, and Stephen Hawking.

When asked if he thought there is anything left to be discovered, Charles answered, "a lot!" Especially in the fields of the human psyche, gene therapy, astrophysics,

and Earth resources. Our resources on this planet are limited, and we must take special care of them. "Science is very important to the world today," he explained, "but all must be tempered with caution, not to abuse this knowledge."

If he could decide NASA's space missions for the next 30 years, Charles would concentrate on rocket engine or similar propulsion advancements, such as the ion propulsion of the current Deep Space One mission. With the mathematics and theory that have been developed over the last couple years, "maybe we will soon reach real warp drive technology."

But he also feels we should broaden our focus in science. We have expanded our knowledge of the universe, the "out there," with many studies during the last 40 years. Charles believes we should now consider looking at our own planet. "We should conduct more research in our own oceans to help support us in the near future," he said. "We need to conserve our oceanic resources and keep our oceans free of further pollution and over fishing."

Charles listed several activities STARFLEET could do to advance the fields of science. "I would like to see chapters get involved with school science fairs and science field trips," he noted. "I would also like to see chapters get involved with the

Earth Day clean up events in their local communities."

In closing, Charles explained that he firmly believes mankind will one day colonize both the Earth's oceans and the Moon or Mars. "But before that happens," he pointed out, "mankind must stop repeating its bloody history of warfare and killing and start to live in unity as Gene Roddenberry had dreamed."

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

<http://www.sfi-sfa.com>

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

This concludes the current run of VAS Graduate Profiles. It has been both a pleasure and an honor writing these articles, and I want to again thank the graduates who responded to the questionnaires with a wealth of information and ideas. Live Long and Prosper! Captain Richard Heim, RDC Sciences for Region One, USSAlic@aol.com.)

STARFLEET'S New Charity - Ronald McDonald House!

Lorrie Nelson, Director- RMHC Starfleet

Hello STARFLEET!

Now that the program is underway, I hope everybody is busy collecting can tabs/cans for the Ronald McDonald House Charities program in STARFLEET. With the official start of summer taking place right now, the opportunities to collect are greater now than ever! Remember there are 3 ways for a Chapter/Shuttle to participate.

1) Send the tabs to me directly.

2) Collect cans and after recycling them yourselves, mail a check made out to STARFLEET to me.

3) Collect the tabs/cans, recycle them and turn them into your local Ronald McDonald House and report your contribution to me.

Could anything be easier? Oh, and don't wait until you have a lot of tabs, I will pre-weigh your contributions, and then combine all of the tabs I have received and then take them to be recycled. There is power in numbers. So send to me whatever you have.

I send in reports quarterly. All ships/shuttles participating will be recognized in my report and will be published in the *Communiqué*.

Please include with your mailing:

Your name, and address

Ship/Shuttle name & #

Amt of cans/tabs collected

Amt of money donated to local house (if applicable)

Remember, when you lift that can of soda/juice/whatever to your mouth and the tab hits your lips, remember to twist it off and send it to me. At your next meeting forgo the 2 liter bottles and go with CANS!

Want more info please go to the website <http://members.xoom.com/lo1nelson/>

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USS Highlander Executive Officer Kidnapped!

The Dominion News Service

On Stardate 9905.20, while on a routine survey mission near the border between Regions 1 and 7, the USS *Highlander* was attacked by Dominion Infiltrators. Using the element of surprise, the infiltrators swiftly knocked out *Highlander's* warp drive and shields. Then, to the crew's horror, a Dominion boarding party beamed onto the bridge and kidnapped their XO, Fleet Captain Tom ("The Little Guy") Restivo.

A Dominion spokesperson, identified only as "The Vorta," issued the following statement:

"Glory to the Founders! We have captured STARFLEET's 'Little Guy' and are holding him for ransom. He will be returned unharmed, but only if STARFLEET meets our demands. We are desperate, but we are merciful. We are holding Mister Restivo till July 10; however the conditions of his captivity will be dictated by the ransom payments received."

"Right now, Mister Restivo is being forced to listen to a recording of William Shatner singing 'Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds' while watching bad Star Wars parodies in continuous loop rotation ('Hardware Wars' is funny the first few times you see it, but after the 30th repetition, it begins to wear thin). Upon payment of a \$300 ransom, we'll switch the music to Brent Spiner's album 'OI' Yellow Eyes is Back' and change the video to a collection of Roger Ramjet tapes. At the \$700 level, we'll let him watch The Best of Nicole deBoer (with her oh-so-cute scrunched nose)."

"We issue this warning: If STARFLEET makes any attempt to rescue him, Tom will be forced to view a double feature showing of 'Shades of Gray' followed by 'Threshold.' Repeat violations will be met with the cruelest punishment: Forced viewing of Terry Farrell's guest appearance on Penn and Teller's TV show accompanied by Picard and the children from 'Disaster' singing 'Frere Jacques.'"

The Dominion has issued a challenge to the regions of STARFLEET. The region contributing the most money toward Mister Restivo's ransom will be named as The Little Guy's Rescuer. Although the abduction occurred near the border between regions 1 and 7, all regions are welcome to participate in the challenge.

In order to track the competition, a web site has been set up at <http://www.networkboy.com/dominion/>. The site will also be updated occasionally with photos to prove that Tom has not been harmed.

All donations to help pay the ransom will be given to the Julien Fleming fund (See below). Please send checks, payable to "The Julien Fleming Fund" to either Blair Learn, 11604 King's Arrow Court, Germantown, MD 20876-1720 or else to USS *Athena*, PO Box 311, Merrifield, VA 22116-0311

This is the fourth Dominion-sponsored kidnapping in the past 18 months. Other personalities within STARFLEET abducted by The Dominion

are Lisa N. Paradis Berkenbilt; Jeremy Trent; Les Rickard; the Commander, STARFLEET, Michael D. Smith and last but not least, a small flock of ducks.

The Dominion kidnapping service is available for weddings, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, parties, staff meetings, and just about any other event you can think of. For further information, please contact The Vorta at Dominion@ql.org.



Have You Seen Me?

— About the Charity —

Julien Fleming is a terminally ill five year old boy living in Sterling, Virginia. He has been diagnosed with GM1 gangliosidosis, a rare neurological disease which has left him unable to see, talk, swallow, sit up, crawl, walk, or smile.

His mother, Donna, quit her job when Julien was diagnosed to care for him full-time. His father Clarke is a tow-truck driver which gives him flexible hours to help in emergencies, but no medical benefits. Julien's family cannot afford to pay for both his medical expenses and supplies, which are approximately \$1200/month, and the funeral which looms closer each day. (Estimated cost of the funeral is \$7500 for the basics, not including headstone, flowers, etc.)

Additional information about Julien's condition may be found on the World-Wide-Web at <http://www.ql.org/julien/> or by contacting The Dominion in care of the addresses listed above.

Above, center: Tom "Little Guy" Restivo. Bottom left: A dominion of the Dominion. Bottom right: Tom is blindfolded before he is taken away.

An update...

Greetings STARFLEET.

On Saturday, June 19th, members of USS *Highlander* made an attempt to rescue Tom ("The Little Guy") Restivo from Dominion captivity.

The Dominion is merciful. On Saturday, June 19th, we allowed The Little Guy to have a visit from his fiancée, Maggie Pragnell. Ms. Pragnell presented the guard on duty with a note, allegedly from The Vorta, reading, "Dear Dominion, Please excuse Little Guy. He has explosive Magginess." (An image of the note appears on our web site.)

By the time the forgery was detected, the guard (A Jem'Hadar trainee) had already released Mister Restivo. He was recaptured a short time later and returned to captivity. The Jem'Hadar responsible has been returned to training, with an extra emphasis on verifying orders.

Because STARFLEET did not heed our earlier warnings, Mister Restivo is now watching the Next Generation episode, "Shades of Gray," which will be followed immediately by the Voyager episode, "Threshold."

We warn you, any further rescue attempts will result in the cruelest punishment possible: Forced viewing of Terry Farrell's guest appearance on Penn and Teller's TV show accompanied by Picard and the children from "Disaster" singing 'Frere Jacques.

Do NOT cross us again.



Support the Julien Fleming Fund and help save the Little Guy!!



Region 7 still has the lead, but any of the other groups could still take it from them. The total is now within \$50 of what's needed for switching the musical selection to Brent Spiner.

Ransom payments, in the form of checks or money orders made payable to "The Julien Fleming Fund," may be sent in care of Blair Learn, 11604 King's Arrow Court, Germantown, MD 20876-1720.

We thank you for supporting our charity.

The Vorta

The Dominion — The most unique charity fund-raiser in the known universe.

It has been 32 days since we captured Fleet Captain Thomas Restivo. Ransom payments to date total \$252.93 with a breakdown by participating group as follows:

Region 1: \$65
Region 5: \$25
Region 7: \$132.93
Region 17: \$10
Academy: \$20

Top left: a blind-folded LG awaits his fate. Right: a helpful restaurant employee holds Tom prisoner while a Dominionite takes the photographic evidence presented here. Bottom left: USS *Highlander* CO Gerri Wampler reads the ransom demands.



Photos courtesy of Lisa and Jay Berkenbilt

Another update...

Greetings STARFLEET.

Our original plan was to release The Little Guy at the Shore Leave convention, however a most curious thing has happened.

Although a few people have expressed their horror at Mister Restivo's abduction, many more have expressed an entirely different sentiment. Perhaps his sister phrased it best: "How much to keep him?"

After consulting with The Founders, we have decided to offer you an opportunity to change The Little Guy's release date. Traditional ransom payments will still count towards upgrades of the music and video he is subjected to, however for every \$25 dollars received between now and his release date, we will extend Mister Restivo's captivity by one-half week (\$50 for a full week extension).

For example: Payments totalling \$25 would extend Mister Restivo's captivity until July 13th (one half week from July 10). Payments totalling \$50 would extend it to July 17th (one full week). And payments totalling \$75 would extend it to July 20th (one-and-a-half weeks).

In order that he might plead for better music and an earlier release, The Little Guy will be allowed to attend Shore Leave, but will remain under close guard at all times.

It has been 39 days since we captured Fleet Captain Thomas Restivo. Ransom payments to date total \$297.93 with a breakdown by participating group as follows:

Region 1: \$65
Region 2: \$10
Region 5: \$25
Region 7: \$167.93
Region 17: \$10
Academy: \$20

The total is now a mere two dollars and seven cents from what's needed for switching the musical selection to Brent Spiner.

Checks or Money Orders made payable to "The Julien Fleming Fund" may be sent in care of Blair Learn, 11604 King's Arrow Court, Germantown, MD 20876.

Please be certain to include a note specifying whether your payment is for the ransom, or if you wish us to "Keep Him" instead.

We thank you for supporting our charity.

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Shuttle Shard!

David Badger, USS Crystal Star

Hello STARFLEET!

I'm David Badger of the USS *Crystal Star* NCC-1160 in Anchorage, AK. We got together one weekend and decided to build a shuttle. The construction crew consisted of the Captain, David Berube, the Chief Engineer, David Badger, Marcus Hulshof, and a couple of others. The actual construction took two Saturday afternoons. We finished it last September and designed it to be assembled and disassembled in less than

a half hour. It was fun building it. We did use it as a prop at the local theater for the opening of "Insurrection." We had lots of people ask us questions about the shuttle while waiting to see the movie and the theater manager was very pleased that we brought it. We are looking for other times we can use it in the future. It was originally designed as a float for the 4th of July parade and the Furrondy parade (Furrondy is an annual fur trade festival they have every February in Anchorage).



Still looking for Assistant DiploCorps Directors for Regions 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 16

STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps

Commander Christopher M. Esquibel, Director, STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps

Hello friends of the Fleet,

My Name is Commander Christopher Esquibel. I am the newly appointed Director of STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps. With my friend Captain Jeff Higdon leaving as Director of STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps, left me with some big shoes to fill but I am greatly honored to be in this position and I will do my best to do my job to the best of my abilities.

The first thing I would like to address is that my Deputy Director Eric Larkin has left the Diplomatic Corps. I thank Eric for his services as Deputy Director of this Department. I'm currently looking for a replacement for this position. If you are interested please contact me at: DiploCorps@sfi.org

Also Check out Diplomatic Corps new Website at: <http://members.aol.com/JKirk1a/dc.htm>

Diplomatic Corps is pleased to announce that we have some new Assistant Directors:

Region Four: John Nelson
Region Five: Stephen Idell
Region Fourteen: Joost Ueffing
Region Seventeen: Paul Reed

The Assistant Director, Diplomatic Corps, Regional Services does the same function as this office but on the Regional level. They report to the Director and usually report to a designated regional officer or the Regional Coordinator of their area. Their primary duties are to establish diplomatic relations with other organizations and associations within their jurisdictional area, as well as coordinating efforts between their regions, chapters within their regions and other organizations and associations.

Welcome John, Stephen, Joost, and Paul to the Diplomatic Corps!

Finally, Eric Larkin proposed the idea that the Regions should pick their own Assistant Directors for their Region. Although the Director of STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps has always picked someone for that region, I am willing to give it a try. I have started this idea with Region Four and we will see how this works out.

The Assistant Directors that are already in service will remain since their Regional Coordinators have approved them already.

This sounds like a great idea and I hope it works. Thanks for the idea Eric!

I am still looking for Assistant Directors for Regions:

1	10
2	11
3	12
6	13
8	16
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If these regions would like to pick their own Assistant Directors please contact me at: DiploCorps@sfi.org and we can see what we can do.

Time for me to go. I hope you all have a great summer and don't get sunburned, OK?

'Bye for now!

Commander Christopher M. Esquibel
Director of STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps
Email: DiploCorps@sfi.org
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STARFLEET

STARFLEET is the fan organization with something for everyone. Members the world over are united in appreciation of the human adventure of *STAR TREK*. Hundreds of chapters spread around the planet link members into local fandom and the central organization.

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.

Another element of your STARFLEET membership is your subscription to six issues of the Communiqué, our bi-monthly magazine. The Communiqué contains current information on STARFLEET operations and chapter activities, list of upcoming conventions, news and information on *STAR TREK* media and articles on the space program in related areas.

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I want to donate \$1.00 to the STARFLEET Scholarship Fund for:

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☐ Space Explorers

☐ James Doohan

☐ Gene Roddenberry

☐ Marina Sirtis

☐ George Takei

☐ Law & Order

“...we wish to thank Bill for providing a sense of ‘being a person’ to those that attended...”

The USS ATLAS: Swimming with (Really Rich) Sharks...

Mike Wilkerson, USS Atlas - St. Louis, MO

For the first time since 1985, Bill Gates made his way to the Gateway City to usher in a new era for an area middle school (by linking a high-speed Internet Connection via 17 computers to it...) and also to visit “America’s Center,” the St. Louis, Missouri Exposition Center in downtown St. Louis.

Assistant Chief of Operations Brian Young and Mike Wilkerson headed to the “Microsoft Developer’s Series” convention to learn more about computer networking, web development, and most importantly to see the man himself, Bill Gates, who, according to many recent polls is the richest man on the planet.

While the actual exposition area was rather small, the convention arena that housed the different “break out sessions” and main sessions were nicely maintained and prepared for many hundreds of people. Each of the halls have four *humongous* video feed panels so that everyone in the convention halls could see a representation of the

various laptop monitors hooked into the main board that was projecting desktops at monumental sizes. Nothing quite like a four foot icon, hey? The Start Button on a Windows 98 screen was the size of the Captain’s Yacht (an Isuzu Amigo...), and the bass from the supplied sound systems was outstanding and remarkable.

While the developer presentations were rather dry (a series of people in real life that use the products showcased at the convention), the one on “Visual Studio 6.0” was full of fun tidbits about upcoming details of web development and tools that look like they will be supplementing the shelves at many a workplace soon. Then came the time for the Keynote speaker: Bill Gates.

While many people think that Bill is someone that would come off as a “geek”, Bill Gates’ presentation provided us with a very different viewpoint. Bill is a dynamic (though nasal) speaker, and is more than willing to try to help people to find the fix

for whatever ails them, which made for what became an electrifying experience. Bill started off with an overview of what is going on in the world of software, and also what turns Windows, a popular operating system, will take as the millennium approaches. Many fixes, treats and new items will be on the forefront of things to come via Windows and he assured that the ride would be a comfortable but exciting learning experience for Windows users.

He then treated the crowd to a video presentation which was a kaleidoscope of things that made everyone comfortable including an entertaining “cable-man-internet-hookup” video that provided a great deal of levity for those in the convention hall. In the Q&A session someone commented that having it available on the WWW would be a great idea and the *Atlas* crew that attended shared that sen-

timent. After completing a series of comments to tie up a couple of loose-ends, Bill then opened the floor to what was supposed to be a 20 minute Question and Answer Session. This promptly became 45 minutes, to the delight of *everyone* in the convention hall, many of which used the microphone to share the honor, devotion and thanks that they feel in regard to Bill. Again, many of those sentiments are shared by the *Atlas* crew members.

In any case, while the man may be on a mission to be successful, we wish to thank Bill for providing a sense of “being a person” to those that attended the St. Louis convention. Sometimes people forget that from behind the busy days, the title of “richest man on the planet” and the demonified image that is provided to us by those that think its easier to bemuse, than to praise, there is a *man* behind the suit, and attitude: That man’s name is Bill Gates. Thanks Bill.



Above: Bill Gates
Below: Microsoft Convention room



STARFLEET’S 25th Anniversary Label!

Fleet Captain Thomas Rutledge

Starfleet proudly celebrates its 25th year of fandom!

Back in 1974, the same year President Nixon signed a bill that made 55 MPH the national speed limit. Aerosol spray cans and unleaded fuel were first introduced and concerns about the ozone layer began. Streaking became a popular fad and Hank Aaron hit his 715th home run.

Born at Lufkin, Texas in 1974, Starfleet International has become one of the largest fan run organizations. The initial emphasis was on the Star Trek genre but has grown to include science fiction, fantasy, public service, along with many other interests of their chapters worldwide. In view of this historic moment FCapt. Rutledge has commissioned a 25th Anniversary label to commemorate this event. The labels are about 2x2 circle design with a wreath stalk along the left and right side. In the center is the 25th and along the outer rim is the ‘Starfleet International’

wording. The bottom has a banner with ‘1974 Anniversary 1999’. The label is a gold foil with bluish/purple ink. The cost is 10 cents per label with shipping included to the lower 48 states. There are no minimums, so order what you wish. Funds from the sale of these labels will start the Region 5 treasury. Payments can be directed to:

Thomas Rutledge
9805 NE 116 St., Suite 7405
Kirkland, WA, 98034

The labels will be sent by return mail. For further information you can e-mail tomcat@wolfenet.com or point your browsers to region5.org/label.jpg. Please note that this label is not the ‘official’ logo of Starfleet International nor is endorsed as such. Chapters may use the label as they see fit without permission from Thomas Rutledge.

Fleet Captain Rutledge
Region 5

USS Sovereign Away Team recruits during Star Trek: Insurrection opening weekend!

Lieutenant JG Lorrie Nelson - Communications; USS Sovereign

When the crew of the USS *Sovereign* NCC-75000 (Region 7) found out the opening date of *Insurrection*, we immediately took action. We knew that in addition to making plans for an Away Mission to see the movie, we realized that this mission could also be used to recruit members into our ship. In addition we realized that we could also do something for our community at the same time. Commanding Officer, Fleet Captain Beryl E. Washington and XO, Commander Cher Schleigh started making phone calls to our charity, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, and Franklin Mills Outlet. They knew that in order to reach the greatest number of people, we had to have our premiere event in a large movie theater, and at the time Franklin Mills theater was one of the biggest.

As the premiere date approached, FCaptain Washington made calls to the local radio and televisions stations. Commander Schleigh faxed information to all of the local newspapers. Donations from the crew were accepted for the raffle to benefit Children’s Hospital. Honorary hats were made for the manager of the theater and for the Public Relations representative from Children’s hospital. Flyers and applications were reproduced. A slide show about the *Sovereign* was made to be shown on a PC. Our resident Borg, Sonny Wright, had made

good use of his weekends by creating a replica of the Captain’s Ready room (complete with a replicator; and a replicated china tea cup and saucer). He also built a Borg Regeneration Chamber,. Phasers, and tricorders. Cards were brought out of their boxes to be used as props for the recruiting table. The crew pressed their uniforms, shined their shoes, polished their buttons and practiced their Klingon, Borg, and Betazed greetings. We knew that this would be a weekend when we wanted to not only enjoy seeing a Star Trek movie, but we wanted to show the community a definitely unnerdy, ungeeky side to Star Trek.

It was decided that a few minutes before each showing, someone from the crew would go into the theater and give a short speech on STARFLEET and our ship, and invite them to visit our table after they saw the movie.

On December 10th, some of the crew members made a visit to the theater. They worked well into the night transporting, hauling, building, setting up the Ready room, Regeneration Chamber and other equipment. And when they left on Thursday night, their muscles ached, but they knew it had been worth it. We had a exhibition that was supreme.

However, when the same crew came to the theater on the 11th, anticipation turned into disappointment. The area that the crew had been given on the 10th had by now been reduced to little more than that of two card tables on one side and three feet on the other side. So for a brief period of time the crew considered opening up the air locks and “spacing” the manager and crew of the theater. But sense prevailed (and nobody wanted to go to the Brig), and the USS *Sovereign* made fantastic use of the space allotted us.

During our three day mission, the crew, in uniform, walked through out the mall. This generated interest in Star Trek and in the movie, and in our ship. On opening night, the shoppers in the mall were greeted by a Klingon, Vulcan, Catian, and Bat. If that wasn’t enough to stir up conversation and interest... Our resident Borg (Sonny Wright) came out of his regeneration chamber long enough to scare a few humans and create enough interest to sign up new members. One enterprising crew member overheard a woman remarking that the Borg was not real. She made a deal with the lady that if the Borg was real the lady would buy a raffle ticket.

We answered endless questions as to which is our favorite episode, series, char-

acter, movie. Some of us felt real old when a pre-teen said that her favorite series was TNG. When asked how she could have seen them, she remarked that her father had taped them for her because she hadn’t been born to watch them in first run syndication!

Commanding Officer Beryl E. Washington deserves special mention. Not only was she instrumental in setting up the weekend, but I never saw her sit down the entire 11 hours I was there on Saturday. She was either making last minute arrangements with the theater, talking to people in line about our ship, going into the theaters before the showing of the movie to talk about the *Sovereign*, or bringing people over to our recruiting table. Where does she get all that energy?

All in all, we handed out all of our flyers and had to make more. We made a sizeable amount of money for Children’s Hospital, got the word out that Trekkers are not geeky or nerdy, and most importantly, had a great time.

Hey Captain, are you ready for 2001 and Star Trek 10?

Lieutenant JG Lorrie Nelson
- Communications
USS *Sovereign* NCC-75000
Region 7
Philadelphia, PA

USS Flying Fortress takes on a blizzard... and wins...

Fleet Captain Tim Frayser, CO, USS Flying Fortress

On the afternoon of March 13, 1999, a fierce winter snowstorm moved southwest across the Kansas border into Oklahoma, settling along Interstate I-44, which runs from Oklahoma City northeast to St. Louis. Motorists traveling on the Turner Turnpike between Oklahoma City and Tulsa watched the weather turn from a light sleet to a blinding blizzard within minutes. Traffic slowed to a crawl, and when two semi tractor trailers jack-knifed fifteen miles short of the Tulsa exit, eastbound traffic on the Turner Turnpike ground to a halt. The traffic jam stretched for over five miles behind the accident; hundreds of cars, including two snowplows, were stranded on the turnpike for up to five hours.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol promptly closed that section of the Turner Turnpike, diverting all eastbound traffic off at the Stroud, OK exit. The OHP and the

National Guard went out into the storm, rescuing travelers from their cars and taking them to safe places in various towns along the turnpike. By sunset, every hotel room in Stroud was taken, and within the hour every road out of Stroud was closed by the storm, which dumped a reported 20 inches of snow on Creek County, OK alone. Hundreds of stranded motorists suddenly found themselves in a strange town, with the temperature falling below freezing and nowhere to go.

The town of Stroud responded with remarkable compassion. Every church in town— as well as many private homes— opened their doors to the stranded travelers. At the First United Methodist Church, one of the first to open its doors, Pastor Kathy Leithner, parishioners and neighbors contributed blankets, food, soap, toothpaste and first aid supplies. Two men in a pickup

backed up to the church, dropped off seven bags of groceries, and then left with hardly a word. In a scene repeated in churches across town, people were sleeping on the floors, in the pews, in the classrooms, the offices, and even in the small cafeteria. The church even found a place for a family’s pet dog so she wouldn’t have to spend the cold night in their car.

Among those stranded in Stroud were Fleet Captain Tim Frayser and Commander Deb Trimble of the USS *Flying Fortress*. The two had been en route from Tulsa to Norman for the Oklahoma Sector Dinner when they were forced off the turnpike by the snowstorm. Finding themselves at the First United Methodist Church, the two STARFLEET officers rolled up their sleeves and joined local volunteers to help out in the crisis. The officers served coffee, sandwiches and juice, distributed blankets, and

offered words of comfort to their 200 fellow refugees, working with church volunteers until after 1 AM. The officers remained until the next morning, helping cook and serve breakfast to the refugees of the storm, until the OHP announced the roads were finally clear for travel.

Ironically, sixty degree temperatures the next day melted most of the snow off, but the cost had been great: thirteen people lost their lives in the snowstorm. There were dozens of wrecked vehicles, many minor injuries, and almost 8,000 homes were without power overnight. If not for the quick action, hard work and open hearts of local Oklahomans, however, the cost could have been much more grave. The people of Stroud and their fellow Oklahomans are to be commended for their remarkable generosity and selfless compassion in the face of this sudden crisis.

Oh, and Voyager's rider jumps the gate and heads out of the stadium! Unbelievable!

The STARFLEET Triple Crown...

David E. Klingman, DMD

In honor of the Old Earth custom of horse racing, it's the STARFLEET Triple Crown!

At the gate:

Prime Directive
Vulcan Ambassador
Chancellor Martok
Dominion
Breen
Voth
Hirogen
Captain Kirk
Kobiyashi Maru
Founder
Emissary
Voyager

And they're out of the gate! Dominion takes an early lead, teaming up with Breen... Breen's jockey pulls out its riding crop and smacks Emissary several times, knocking him off. At the behest of Vulcan Ambassador, his jockey opens a dialogue with Founder who morphs into a 99 Ferarri Testarossa and takes a rapid lead.

Coming into the first turn, Captain Kirk and Prime Directive bring up the rear perimeter with Voth keeping to himself in the far back of the pack, with Hirogen hunting close on Voth's tail. Kobiyashi Maru, still having trouble at the gate, blasts out and struggles to catch up. Oh, and Voyager's rider jumps the gate and heads out of the stadium! Unbelievable! Coming out of the first turn, Founder is in the lead, with Breen and Dominion following close behind. Kobiyashi Maru miraculously comes around the first turn, passing Vulcan Ambassador and steps up behind Captain Kirk's tail. Hirogen comes out of the first turn carrying Voth's head in a saddle bag.

In the straightaway, Founder loses all of its hair and... oh! What an upset! Founder's jockey comes off the horse! Breen takes a lead over Dominion! And close by Captain Kirk jumps the fence and cuts across the center of the field! What a race, folks! Prime Directive tries to follow, but his jockey is broken from the strain and Kobiyashi Maru passes him. Coming around the second turn, it's Breen followed by Dominion, with Chancellor Martok and Hirogen coming up in the pack... what's this? Chancellor Martok and Hirogen start bucking and kicking each other... oh, folks, it's a real blood feud out there... today is NOT a good day for Chancellor Martok.

As they come well into the turn, it's still Breen followed by Dominion, with Captain Kirk almost across the field into the opposite straightaway. The rest of the pack is *far* behind folks. It seems Chancellor Martok and Hirogen's bloody corpses are blocking the entry to the turn, but here comes Emissary followed by Kobiyashi Maru, then Vulcan Ambassador who has made a steady and calculated come from behind. Prime Directive struggles with the ailing Founder.

Okay folks, they're coming into the final straightaway. It's Breen and Dominion... it's Dominion and Breen... wait... Captain Kirk jumps the fence again and takes the lead! Unbelievable folks! It's now Captain Kirk followed by Dominion and Breen who are neck and neck. The rest of the pack isn't even close!

And they head into the final stretch, with Captain Kirk in the lead followed by Breen and Dominion, with Emissary coming up on Dominion's tail... wait... oh my... a wormhole is opening on the straightaway, and there goes Emissary, taking Breen and Dominion in the backwash!

It's Captain Kirk way in the lead, with only Kobiyashi Maru standing in the way of Vulcan Ambassador and Prime Directive to place and show. Founder is off the field in the infirmary, and Captain Kirk looks like a sure winner as he comes up the finish... *oh my goodness!* Folks, Section 31 has jumped the stable gates and knocked Captain Kirk's rider off the horse... Captain Kirk goes down! Section 31 has taken Captain Kirk Down! Kobiyashi Maru comes to the finish line in the lead! Kobiyashi Maru has gotten in the way of victory again... Vulcan Ambassador places logically, and Prime Directive has been broken once more.

And as we finish, the vet, Doctor McCoy, comes out of the stables for an interview...

"Doctor, can you tell us about Captain Kirk? Is he injured?"

"It's worse than that, he's dead."

"And what about Founder, could you restore his hair?"

"I'm a doctor, not the hair club president."

"Doctor, look! Captain Kirk is getting up! Unbelievable! His trainer is coming over from the stables... let's get an interview... What happened?"

"Captain Kirk was dead, how did you survive after Kobiyashi Maru overtook you?"

"I... don't believe... in... the no win scenario.... I... also have proof... that... Kobiyashi Maru ... was... on... STEROIDS!"

"And your sister horse, Prime Direc-

tive... how do you feel to kow that she was broken?"

"Good lord man! It's... just... a horse... move out of your parents' racing box... and... place your own bets... you've... *got to mister!*

This is unbelievable folks... it's just in that Section 31 was NOT sanctioned to race today, and indeed Kobiyashi Maru was illegally drugged by Section 31's owner to win the race... and so Kobiyashi Maru is thrown out, putting after a view of the photo finish showing Captain Kirk just snaking over the line in front of Vulcan Ambassador, the final tally is Captain Kirk followed by Vulcan Ambassador and Prime Directive. A stunning race, with Captain Kirk once again overcoming Kobiyashi Maru and Prime Directive broken for the seventh consecutive year.

And finally, this just in, Voyager has been spotted on the highway headed out of town, and Section 31 has escaped from the stables and has disappeared.

See you for tomorrow's race, with the lineup being:

Captain Kirk
Prime Directive
Kobiyashi Maru
Vulcan Ambassador
Romulan Warbird
The Prophets (a pair of horses)
and some newcomers from out of state...
Malon Freighter
Species 8472
Borg Drone
and a new horse to the Triple Stakes
Crusade

It should be an exciting race, don't miss it!



Photo by Commander. Brian Smith, CEO USS *Challenger*, R7 DCOS: Rounding out the CO's table is from left-right Starfleet Marines International 5th Division CO and Independent USS *Tempest* XO Tim Riess; STARFLEET Region 7 Coordinator and USS *Challenger* CO Rear Admiral Bob Vosseller; and SFI Major General William Stemmler during the 3rd Annual Division Meeting which involved SMI, Starfleet and UFPI members in Millville NJ on March 20th.

Viva Las Vegas!

(From "The Manifest" – April / May, 1999)

In February, I had the opportunity to travel to Las Vegas with Nadine Romero and my sister, Terry. Our main objective, each of us being Trekkers, was to visit *Star Trek: The Experience* at the Las Vegas Hilton. We arrived on Monday morning, checked in to our hotel, and headed immediately to the Hilton. The great big sign and delta shield confirmed that we were in the right place.

Luckily, the line for tickets was short and we were able to enter the museum of *The History of the Future* without delay. The entrance was very impressive, with large models of various Starships, both Federation and Klingon, suspended from the ceiling. The pathway that winds through the exhibit gives a detailed history of the space program, from its early days before the moon landing to the twenty-fourth century. Of course, from our point of view here in the twentieth century, this all seems conjecture. However, the presentation is so vibrant that it's easy to suspend your reality and get caught up in the fantasy.

Many of the displays consist of props and costumes previously used on the sets of the various Star Trek series and movies. I was most impressed with the attention to detail, even though I knew none of these props really worked. You could almost believe that if you picked up a tricorder it would actually scan, or that the communicator would

let you alert the Starship to beam you aboard.

But this was not the most exciting part of *The Experience*. The highlight of this adventure is to be whisked away through a temporal rift by some renegade Klingons to the 24th century. The details of this incident



are classified, but suffice it to say that it involves transporters, a death-defying shuttlecraft ride, and a space battle that spans the centuries – and I've got the bruises to prove it!

Following these events, you're given the opportunity to tour the shops along the Promenade of Deep Space Nine, and stop in at *Quark's Bar* for an alien meal or an exotic beverage. Some of the items in the shops are a bit pricey, but for enough strips of gold-pressed latinum you can buy almost anything "trek." Being Las Vegas, there was the ever-present casino – but of course the Hilton's was theme oriented and space-aged. The only things lacking were Morn, and the dabo girls at the dabo table.

The rest of our stay in Las Vegas was anything but uneventful. We tried to see all the attractions, from one end of The Strip to the other. We started at the Pyramid of the Luxor Hotel, through the Excalibur and the MGM Grand, to the Stratosphere Tower. We watched a Pirate battle, witnessed a volcano erupt and marveled at a water ballet choreographed to music.

Las Vegas is not content to just sit and vegetate. All around us, new hotels and attractions were in some state of construction. Theme hotels such as Paris, complete with its own Eiffel Tower, and the Venetian, recreating a Renaissance city, are a couple of the wonders being built in this desert oasis.

The old "Glitter Gulch" in downtown Las Vegas has not been forgotten either. Freemont Street is a pedestrian mall, with various music and light shows played on its canopy each evening.

Fleet Captain Stephen C. Idell



Pictures by Commodore Wendy Fillmore from her trip to Las Vegas with her husband, Fleet Captain Bob Fillmore, in September of 1997

Four days was just not enough to see everything. There's a lot to see and do in Las Vegas besides gamble, and I look forward to returning some day. If there is one thing I'm sure of, it's that with the amount of walking we did, we can truly be called "trekkers!"

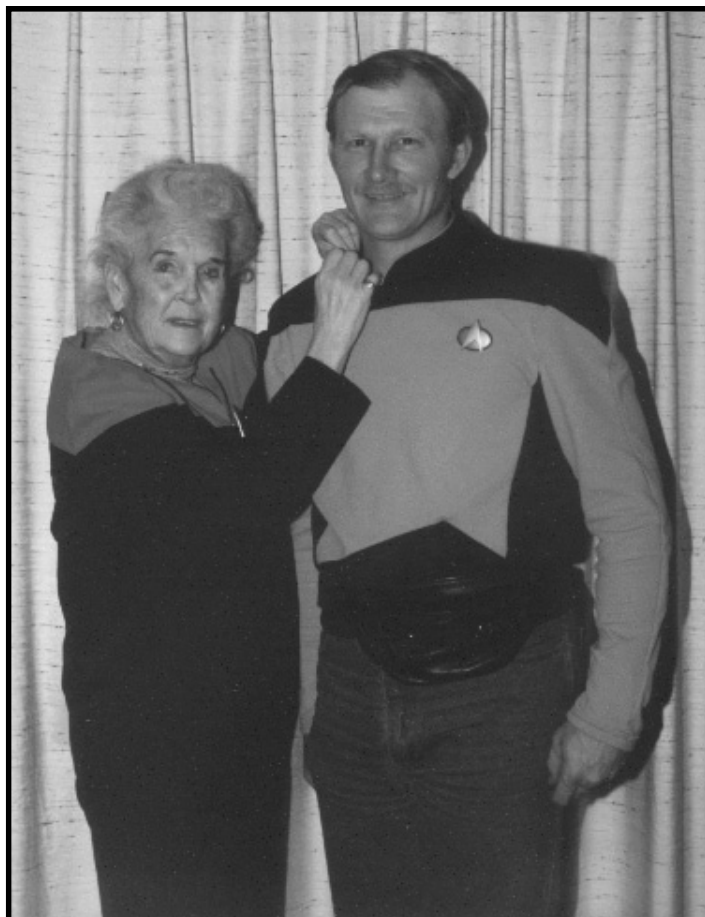


Photo (left) of two officers from left Captain Donna Jean Noddin now First Officer attaches captain's pin to collar of newly appointed Captain of the USS Roberta Bondar Michael McColl...

Second photo of three officers from left of the USS Roberta Bondar NCC 74669 chief medical officer Commander Loreleigh Graves presents congratulatory cake to new Captain Mike McColl (right) with First Officer Captain Donna Jean Noddin in middle of photo



USS Roberta Bondar

Captain Donna Jean Noddin

Let us know what your ship is up to!

USS Bradbury News...

*Captain John Russell,
USS Bradbury*

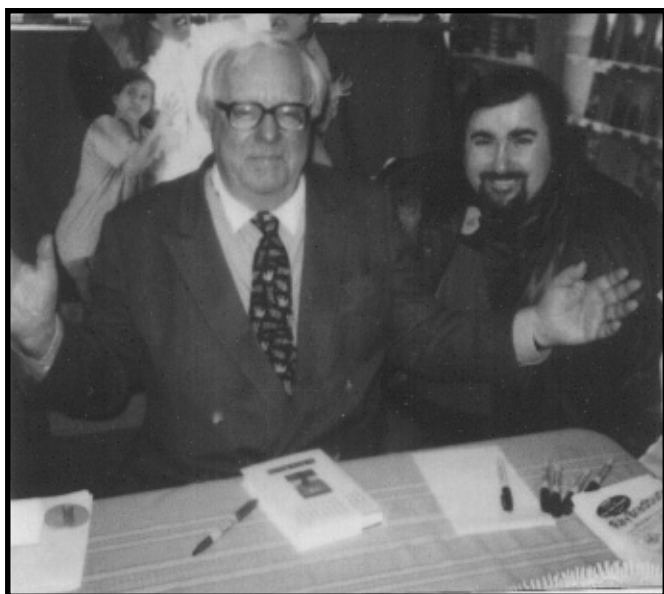
Sunday, March 7, 1999, the command crew of the USS *Bradbury* shuttled into Chicago to the Stars Our Destination bookstore to meet with our namesake Ray Bradbury. Ray was both surprised and delighted to see us again. Captain John Russell presented him with USS *Bradbury* crewmember pin and a copy of our latest newsletter - The Bradbury Chronicles. Ray commented on how delighted he was with our charity and community service work. He is an honorary member of STARFLEET, with his membership being covered by the Russells for the last few years, since signing our commissioning papers in St. Louis when we became a ship. He continues to be a very fine and captivating gentleman. We all appreciate the wonderful reading he has given us.

"A group of volunteers that keep coming back year after year are the USS *Bradbury* group of Star Trek fans.

"Dressed in full STARFLEET regalia, a Ferengi, Borg, Klingon, three humans and Kahn, a genetically improved human, have been answering phones from 11 p.m. to midnight for four or five years now, said Ferengi impersonator and Executive Officer of the group Priscilla Russell of St. Charles.

"In preparation for coming to the telethon this year, the group stood outside Elgin Fox theater last week - in uniform - and collected \$250 to bring with them, said Russell, who works at Flinn Scientific in Batavia."

Excerpt from an article published in the Kane County Chronicle, Monday, February 15, 1999, by Deborah Niemann, titled "Jayne Shover Easter Seal raises \$271,000 during annual telethon"



Above: Ray Bradbury with a member of the USS *Bradbury* at Chicago's "Stars Our Destination" bookstore

Right: John and Priscilla Russell with Ray Bradbury



USS Challenger... on the move!

*Rear Admiral Bob Vosseller,
CO, USS Challenger; and
Region 7 Coordinator*

Above photo by USS *Challenger* Engineer Ens. Samantha Cadmus: Enjoying a Star Wars: Episode 1, Phantom Menace premiere party are (left-right) Darth (Cmdr. Brian Smith, R7 Deputy Chief of Staff and USS *Challenger* Chief Engineer) Maul, R2D2, and Chewbacca (Bob Vosseller) during a promotion by NJ shore radio station B98.5 The *Challenger* helped bring attention to "Find-A-Cure" during the May 15th party in front of "Flick's Sushi Bar" in Brick Twp. NJ and brought along Find-A-Cure's automated R2D2 for the occasion!

Right photo by USS *Challenger* Engineer Ens. Samantha Cadmus: Trading in his Starfleet uniform for a wet wookiee costume at far left is Bob Vosseller, Diane from the B98.5 FM Morning Show, Cmdr. Brian Smith playing Darth Maul and B98.5 FM Morning Show DJ Mike during the Star Wars: Phantom Menace premiere party held on May 15th.



Below photo by Bob Vosseller: A crowd of Star Trek fans and production members of the ABC talk show "The View" are seen during a taping of the show last fall during the release week of STAR TREK: Insurrection. Ten members of the USS *Challenger* were part of the audience in the NYC studio while their CO was interviewed by the warm up host about STARFLEET and ST Fandom.



Upcoming Conventions...

Compiled by Fleet Admiral Blair Learn

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

June 18-20 Anime North, Toronto, Ontario; Info: P.O. Box 24090, Dufferin Mall Postal Outlet, 900 Dufferin St., Toronto, Ontario M6H 4A0 <http://www.animenorth.com/> Guests:Hitoshi Doi, Hyi-san, Kenji Shimizu, Matthew Miller, Robert DeJesus, Locke, Barb Schofield, Christina Carr, Martin Hunger, Pandora Diane Waldron, David Pulver, Mark C. MacKinnon

June 18-20 Slanted Fedora - Portland, Portland, Oregon; Info: Slanted Fedora Entertainment, 11916 W. 109th Street Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Ph: 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 Conestoga '99, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Info: Conestoga '99, PO Box 54037, Tulsa, OK 74155-4037 Ph: 918-836-5463 <http://www.ionet.net/~rlmorgan/kon/> Guests:Harry Turtledove

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

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

June 25-27 ConJuration, Columbia, Missouri; Info: PO Box 874 Columbia, MO 65205-0874 Ph: 573-446-8919 <http://home1.gte.net/conjure/> Guests:Richard Knaak, Ellisa Mitchell, Nancy Nutt

June 25-27 Monster Bash Convention 1999, Monroeville, Pennsylvania; Info: Creepy Classics, P.O. Box 213, Ligonier, PA 15658 Ph: 724-238-6436 <http://wvnm.wvnet.edu/~ygor/monsbash.html> Guests:Sara Karloff, Dwight D. Frye, Carla Leemmle, Forrest J Ackerman, David Prowse, Hal Wamsley, Terminal Stare, David Skal, Tom Savini, Conrad Brooks, Gary Don Rhodes, Bob Tinneli, John Russo, Bill Hinzman, Russ Streiner

June 25-27 Polycon, San Luis Obispo, California; Info: PolyCon Committee, University Union Box 168, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407 Ph: 805-549-0988 <http://polycon.punk.net/>

June 25-27 Empire Union, The Ultimate Fan Convention, Detroit, Michigan; Info: John Paladin 707 Kirts Blvd. #103 Troy, MI 48084 <http://www.customnet.net/~klington> Guests:Robert O'Reilly, William Cambell

June 26-30 Trek Expo 99, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Info: Starbase 21, 2130 S. Sheridan, Tulsa, OK 74129 Ph: 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: Empire 52, PO Box 7477, Spokane, WA 99207 Ph: 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: Dragon*Con, Post Office Box 47696, Atlanta, Georgia 30362-0696 Ph: 770-623-6321 <http://www.dragoncon.org/>

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

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

July 2-4 CONvergence, Bloomington, Minnesota; Info: CONvergence 1999, PO Box 13208, Dinkytown Station, Minneapolis, MN 55414 Ph: 612-996-9224 <http://www.convergence-con.org/> Guests:Forrest Ackerman, Gary Russell, Harry Knowles, Pam Keeseey, Gordon Purcell

July 2-4 Otakon, Baltimore, Maryland; Info: 661-A Waupelani Drive, State College, PA 16801 Ph: (814) 867-3478 <http://www.otakon.com/> Guests:Hiroyuki Kitakubo, Mitsuhisa Ishikawa, Fred Schodt, Adam Warren, Lisa Ortiz, Crispin Freeman, Tiffany Grant, Fred Perry, Amy Howard, Robert DeJesus, Michael Brady, Steve Bennett, Chris Beveridge, John Staton, Jeff Thompson, Robert Fenelon, Neil Nadelman,

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

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

July 9-11 Gateway, St. Louis, Missouri; Info: Gateway, PO Box 3064, Florissant, MO 63032 Ph: 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 Castlecon 12, Frederick, Maryland; Info: FanTek, 1607 Thomas Rd., Friendly, MD 20744-4130 Ph: 301-292-5231

July 9-11 Readercon 11, Waltham, Massachusetts; Info: Readercon, PO Box 381246, Cambridge, MA 02138-1246 Ph: 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 X-Khan, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Info: Penny Tegen, 2926 Valarie Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80917-3832 Ph: 719-597-5259 <http://members.iex.net/~rogers/khan.html> Guests:Kevin J. Anderson, Rebecca Moesta

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

July 10-11 Sci-Fi Expo and Toyshow, Plano, Texas; Info: PO Box 941111, Plano Tx 75094-1111 Ph: 972-578-0213 (10am to 6pm CST) <http://www.scifiexpo.com/> Guests:Jeri Ryan, Chris Owens, Ray Park, David Prowse, Warwick Davis

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

July 16-18 Baroquon, Cambridge, United Kingdom; Info: Baroquon, 8 Saddlers Close, Baldock, Herts., SG7 6EF, UK <http://www.philm.demon.co.uk/Baroquon/Main.html> Guests:Mary Gentle, James Wallis

July 16-18 Nexus 1999, Bristol, United Kingdom; Info: 1 Lullington Road, Knowle, Bristol, England BS4 2LH <http://www.cosham.demon.co.uk/> Guests:Sophie Aldred, Robert Duncan McNeill, Richard Arnold, John Freeman

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

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

July 16-18 Earth2, Sherman Oaks, California; Info: Earth2, 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 Anime Expo 99, Anaheim, California; Info: 7336 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 640, Hollywood, CA 90046 <http://www.anime-expo.org/> Guests:Mika Akitaka, Mari Iijima, Mayumi Iizuka, Sachiko Kamimura, Hiromi Matsushita, Hiroyuki Ochi, Kazuko Tadano, Akio Takami, Akira Kamiya, Henry Goto, Steve Bennett

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

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

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

Don't forget the **STARFLEET International Conference... August 6-8, 1999... Charlotte, NC...**

Upcoming Conventions...

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

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: Vulkan, PO BOX 821673, South Florida, FL 33082-1673 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkan.com/> Guests:James Darren, Peter Jurasik

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

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

July 31-August 1 Novacon 10, Tyson's Corner, Virginia; Info: One Trek Mind Productions Inc, PO Box 1124, Ashburn, VA. 20146 Ph: 703-858-1716 <http://members.aol.com/novacon97/> Guests:Jennifer Lien, Armin Shimerman, Dave McDonnell, Dennis Bailey

August 5-8 Gen Con Game Fair, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Info: P.O. Box 1740, Renton, WA 98057 Ph: 1-800-529-EXPO <http://www.andonunlimited.com/> Guests:Rebecca Moesta Anderson, Dave Arneson, Linda P. Baker, Richard Baker, Neal Barrett, Jr, Julie Caitlin Brown, Nancy Varian Berberick, Monte Cook, Bruce Cordell, Greg Costikyan, Troy Denning, Robin Atkin Downes, Diane Duane, Ru Emerson, Bill Fawcett, Roland

August 6-8 DeepSouthCon37//Crescent City Con XIV, Metairie, Louisiana; Info: DeepSouthCon/Crescent City Con, PO Box 52622 New Orleans, LA. 70150-2622 Ph: 504-488-0489 <http://www.fatsnake.com/ccf/> Guests:Mike Resnick, Toni Weisskopf, Steve Jackson, George Alec Effinger, Barbara Hambly, Sharon Green, Theresa Patterson, Sydney Williams, Danny Frolich, Peggy Ranson, Roland Mann, Dr. Jack Stocker

August 6-8 Diversicon 7, St. Paul, Minnesota; Info: Diversicon 7, PO Box 8036, Lake Street Station, Minneapolis, MN 55408-8036 Ph: 612-825-9353

August 12-15 Comic-Con, San Diego, California; Info: 619 491-2475 <http://www2.comic-con.org/comiccon/> Guests:Mark Evanier, Neil Gaiman, Larry Gonick, Patrick McDonnell, Mike Mignola, Jerry Robinson, Jim Steranko, Jill Thompson

August 13-15 Wincon V/Unicon 1999, Winchester, United Kingdom; Info: Wincon V, 53 Havant Rd., North End, Portsmouth, Hants, PO2 7HH, UK <http://www.pompey.demon.co.uk/wincon.htm> Guests:Diana Wynne Jones, Warren Ellis and John Barnes

August 20-22 Bubonicon 31, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Info: NMSF Conference, PO Box 37257, Albuquerque, NM 87176 Ph: 505-266-9030 (10am-10pm MST) <http://members.aol.com/bubonicon/> Guests:Jack McDevitt, David Martin, Lubov

August 20-22 NecronomiCon 4, Providence, Rhode Island; Info: NecronomiCon, PO Box 1320, Back Bay Annex, Boston, MA 02117-1320 <http://ww2.necropress.com/necronomicon> Guests:Fred Chappell, T.E.D. Klein

August 20-22 ConMan 7, Merrimack, New Hampshire; Info: P.O. Box 403, North Chelmsford, MA 01863-0403 Ph: 978-251-9321 <http://www.totalcon.com/conman/>

August 26-29 Polcon 1999, Warsaw, Poland; Info: Konfederacja Fantasyki RASSUN, ul. Koszykowa 69/4, 00-667 Warszawa, Poland <http://rassun.art.pl/polcon/> Guests:Tomasz Kolodziejczak, Leslaw Olczak

August 26-29 Conucopian / NASFiC '99, Anaheim, California; Info: NASFiC '99, c/o S.C.I.F.I. Inc., PO Box 8442, Van Nuys, CA 91409 <http://www.99.nasfic.org/> Guests:Jerry E. Pournelle, Richard & Nicki Lynch, Ellen Datlow

August 27-30 Galileo Convention IV, London, United Kingdom; Info: 38 Planetree Ave, Fenham, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 9TH <http://www.homeusers.prestel.co.uk/mlrichardson/galcon.htm> Guests:Walter Koenig, Richard Arnold, Eric & Debra Stillwell, Anne Page

August 27-29 Dragonflight 99, Seattle, Washington; Info: P.O. Box 776, Seattle, WA 98111-0776 <http://www.dragonflight.org/>

August 28-30 Shinnenkai '99, London, United Kingdom; Info: PO Box 110 , DIDCOT, Oxon, OX11 9YT, UK <http://www.ndirect.co.uk/~newmoon/shinnenkai/> Guests:Fred Perry, Helen McCarthy, Steve Kyte, Jonathan Clements

Sept 2-6 Aussiecon Three / 1999 Worldcon / Spawncon Two, Melbourne, Australia (Victoria); Info: Aussiecon Three, GPO Box 1212K, Melbourne VIC 3001, Australia; US Agent, PO Box 266, Prospect Heights, IL 60070-0266 US Address: PO Box 688, Prospect Heights, IL 60070-0688; UK address: 45 Tilehurst Rd., Reading, UK Ph: +61-3-95171661 <http://www.aussiecon3.worldcon.org/> Guests:Gregory Benford, Bruce Gillespie, J Michael Straczynski

Sept 3-5 Anime Iowa, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Info: PO Box 5303, Coralville, IA 52241 <http://omocha.shc.uiowa.edu/animeiowa/99/> Guests:Hiroshi Aro, Kuni Kimura, Stephen R. Bennett IV, Kevin Bennett

Sept 3-6 ConQuest Game Convention, Milbrae, California; Info: 467 Saratoga Ave. Suite 1422, San Jose, CA 95129 Ph: 408-271-5992 <http://www.con-quest.com/>

Sept 3-6 Mephit Furmeet, Memphis, Tennessee; Info: Mephit Furmeet, PO Box 771803, Memphis, TN 38177-1803 <http://mephitfurmeet.org/mfm99/> Guests:Joe Rosales, Elin Winkler, Pat Duk

Sept 9-12 Shorecon '99, Cherry Hill, New Jersey; Info: Shorecon '99, c/o Multigenre, Inc., 266 Spruce Dr., Brick, NJ 08723-6528 Ph: 732-657-3311

<http://www.multigenre.com/page2.html> **Sept 10-12 Nexus '99**, Berlin, Germany; Info: Frank Völzer, Waldowstraße 53, D-13403 Berlin, Germany <http://www.snafu.de/~agents/> Guests:Nana Visitor, Alexander Siddig, Richard Biggs, Jason Carter, Kenny Baker, Jeremy Bulloch, Michael Sheard

Sept 10-12 CopperCon 19, Scottsdale, Arizona; Info: CopperCon 19, PO Box 62613, Phoenix, AZ 85082-2613 Ph: 602-973-2341 <http://www.casfs.org/cucon/> Guests:David Weber, Brett Bass

Sept 10-12 ArmadilloCon 21, Austin, Texas; Info: ArmadilloCon 21, PO Box 27277, Austin, TX 78755 Ph: 512-868-0036 <http://www.io.com/~llw/dillo/> Guests:Bradley Denton, Mitchell Bentley, David Hartwell, Peggy Ranson, Steven Gould, Peter F. Hamilton

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Photo by Cmdr. Brian Smith, CEO USS *Challenger*, Region 7: Actress Marina "Counselor Troi" Sirtis prepares to sign another autograph during Vulkan held in Baltimore, Maryland last March.

If I new you were comin' I'd a baked a cake...

How to Build a Starship Cake...

Fleet Captain Bethany Theilman



Faced with the 3rd anniversary of the USS *Haise*, and wanting to do something different and special, I built this starship cake form so we could have a cool 3D cake. There are no plans, but you can get a good idea of how I went about it from the photos.

For the form, get some good top and side photos of your class ship. USS *Haise* is Intrepid class. Start with some scrap plywood, a scrap 2x6 or 2x12, a jigsaw, and some screws. Make sure the wood is not pressure treated “green wood” or you will be exposing food to arsenic and other fun heavy metals. Trace out and build form for engineering section out of the 2x scrap as shown below. Precision is not so important except for the notches where the plywood Saucer and nacelle section will attach. Those must be 90 degrees to the surface of the wood. Remember, cake icing hides many wiggles and errors!

I sketched out and cut the saucer section from 1/4 inch plywood and the nacelles out of 1/2 inch plywood in the proper shape for the Intrepid class. 1/4 inch would probably have been fine for both. Where the pieces joined, I cut notches in the Saucer section in order to have more strength in the joint and to complete the rounded look of the ship. Remember to cut a little and then have to cut again is better than taking a big notch out and having it not fit snugly. Then again you could actually measure it....



I put a couple screws thru each joint at bottom (nacelle) and top (saucer) joints for extra strength and stability. Countersink screws flush with wood. At this point, I attached the form to another piece of scrap plywood. You can see the ends in the front and back photos. I do not recommend that you do this. Experience taught me that extra support under the saucer was necessary. Not because the 1/4 inch plywood bent, but because the thin scrap of 1/2 inch CDX plywood I had attached the form to bent. It looked like the whole ship was doing a 15 degree nose dive. I did a quick fix of covering a plastic cup of appropriate height with foil and wedged it underneath to hold up the saucer. If I did it again, I'd probably make a delta shield or a graceful curved support to prop up the saucer.

Once I began icing the cake, it became apparent that I needed a *big* piece of plywood underneath the cake to keep from touching the edges all the time and also for stability in transport. Cut a rectangular piece of plywood to about two inches bigger on all sides than the form and cover it with foil or paint whatever color. This piece will not touch the food. Center the ship on the plywood piece and screw it securely from the bottom making sure to countersink the screws to avoid scratching tabletops. Putting a piece of masking tape over the screw heads might be a good idea just to be safe. This is *much* easier to do before the cake is on the form. <grin> Cover the whole form with foil making sure to cover the joints and press down. I found masking tape useful to stick down the foil edges under the saucer and nacelle sections.

Preheat oven and bake two big flat cakes according to package directions. I think I used a jellyroll pan. While cake is cooling, make a thin frosting to seal in crumbs. The books recommend thinning frosting with milk, but I was afraid to do that and let it go unrefrigerated overnight. I let store-bought frosting warm up until it spread easily and colored it grey to do Intrepid class. All the others ship classes seem to be white.

Cut the cake in the shape of the saucer section. Also cut two nacelles. For variety, I used chocolate cake for the lower saucer level and yellow cake for the nacelles and upper sections of saucer. Make sure to put some icing under the cake pieces to stick it to the form. Use the rest of the cake to make additional saucer levels and command bridge as needed. Glue together pieces with frosting. If you have a big enough freezer, I have been told that freezing the cake before frosting helps keep crumbs down. Seal in crumbs with base coat layer of icing. Build the saucer section up to the desired configuration with icing gluing everything together. Let first coat of icing dry.



Coat with finish coat of icing. Tint as desired. Smooth as well as you can. I found that it was hard to smooth the icing to starship patina. Afterward I asked the lady at the cake shop and she said to rub the icing lightly with paper as soon as you could touch it to smooth out the spatula marks. She said it would take several sheets of paper. So let me know how it works.

Don't forget to cover exposed parts of the form with icing also. Decorate with thin tip with black and white for as many windows and as much detail as you have time or patience. The red nacelle stripe works well with red sugar, and adds a lot of pizzazz. It would have to be icing for stripes on vertical surfaces though. Blue icing may be desired for Nacelle glow on some classes. I used those hard strawberry candies you get in the all the Christmas food gift boxes to make the front of the nacelles. They are *not* cough drops!

Above all have fun and don't sweat it. Everyone will be so awed by the fact you made it that nobody will notice you used 3.5 cans of icing to cover up and hold it together. The fact that the ship looks like it has been through a meteor shower with shields down will be irrelevant once everyone digs in and it looks like a hulk from Wolf 359. Bon Appetit!



“He’s not really dead... not as long as we remember him.”

Kelley Filmography

Thanks to *imdb.com*, *The Internet Movie Database*.

DeForest Kelley (1920-1999)

Actor filmography

- Star Trek: Secret of Vulcan Fury (1999)
.... Doctor Leonard McCoy
- Brave Little Toaster Goes to Mars, The (1998) (V) (voice)
.... Viking 1
- Trekkies (1998)
- Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country (1991)
.... Cmdr. Leonard “Bones” McCoy, M.D.
- Star Trek V: The Final Frontier (1989)
.... Cmdr. Leonard “Bones” McCoy, M.D.
- Star Trek: The Next Generation - Encounter at Farpoint (1987) (TV)
.... Admiral Leonard “Bones” McCoy
- Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home (1986)
.... Cmdr. Leonard “Bones” McCoy, M.D.
- Star Trek III: The Search for Spock (1984)
.... Cmdr. Leonard “Bones” McCoy, M.D.
- Star Trek: The Wrath of Khan (1982)
.... Cmdr. Leonard “Bones” McCoy, M.D.
- Star Trek: The Motion Picture (1979)
.... Cmdr. Leonard “Bones” McCoy, M.D.
- “Star Trek” (1973) TV Series (voice)
.... Dr. Leonard ‘Bones’ McCoy
- Night of the Lepus (1972)
.... Elgin Clark
- Johnny Reno (1966)
- “Star Trek” (1966) TV Series
.... LCdr.. Leonard H. “Bones” McCoy, M.D.
- Apache Uprising (1966)
.... Toby Jack Saunders
- Marriage on the Rocks (1965)
.... Mr. Turner
- Black Spurs (1965)
.... First Sheriff
- Town Tamer (1965)
.... Guy Tavenner
- Where Love Has Gone (1964)
.... Sam Corwin
- Gunfight at Comanche Creek (1964)
.... Amos Troop
- Warlock (1959)
.... Curley Burne
- Law and Jake Wade, The (1958)
.... Wexley
- Raintree County (1957)
.... Southern Officer
- Gunfight at the O.K. Corral (1957)
.... Morgan Earp
- Man in the Gray Flannel Suit, The (1956)
.... Medic
- Tension at Table Rock (1956)
.... Breck
- Illegal (1955)
.... Edward Clary
- View from Pompey’s Head, The (1955)
... aka Secret Interlude (1955)
- Taxi (1953)
.... Fred

- Men, The (1950)
... aka Battle Stripe (1950)
- Malaya (1949)
.... Lt. Glenson
- ... aka Alien Orders (1949)
... aka East of the Rising Sun (1949)
- Duke of Chicago (1949)
.... Ace Martin
- Canon City (1948)
.... Smalley
- Variety Girl (1947)
.... Bob Kirby
- Fear in the Night (1947)
.... Vince Grayson

Notable TV guest appearances

- “Star Trek: The Next Generation” (1987) playing “Admiral Leonard McCoy” in episode: “Encounter At Farpoint” (episode # 1.0) 9/26/1987
- “Littlest Hobo, The” (1979) playing “Prof. Hal Schaffer” in episode: “Runaway” (episode # 2.15) 2/12/1981
- “Cowboys, The” (1974) in episode: “David Done It” (episode # 1.1) 2/6/1974
- “Laredo” (1965) in episode: “Sound of Terror” (episode # 1.28) 4/7/1966
- “Death Valley Days” (1952) playing “Gambler” in episode: “Lady of the Plains” 1966
- “Virginian, The” (1962) in episode: “Man of Violence” (episode # 2.14) 12/25/1965
- “Bonanza” (1959) in episode: “Ride the Wind: Part 2” (episode # 7.18) 1965
- “Bonanza” (1959) in episode: “Ride the Wind: Part 1” (episode # 7.17) 1965
- “Dakotas, The” (1963) in episode: “Reformation at Big Nose Butte” (episode # 1.13) 4/1/1963
- “Virginian, The” (1962) in episode: “Duel at Shiloh” (episode # 1.15) 1/2/1963
- “Bonanza” (1959) in episode: “Decision, The” (episode # 4.12) 1962
- “Bonanza” (1959) playing “Captain Johnson” in episode: “Honor of Cochise, The” (episode # 3.3) 1961
- “Two Faces West” (1960) in episode: “Fallen Gun” (episode # 1.6) 11/21/1960
- “Zane Grey Theater” (1956) in episode: “Calico Bait” (episode # 4.26) 3/31/1960

- “Richard Diamond, Private Detective” (1957) in episode: “Fine Art of Murder, The” (episode # 3.34) 1/25/1960
- “Richard Diamond, Private Detective” in episode: “Adjuster, The” (episode # 3.28) 12/7/1959
- “Black Saddle” (1959) in episode: “Apache Trail” (episode # 2.8) 11/20/1959
- “Wanted: Dead or Alive” (1958) in episode: “Hostage, The” (episode # 2.6) 10/10/1959
- “Richard Diamond, Private Detective” (1957) in episode: “Limping Man, The” (episode # 3.14) 5/24/1959
- “Rawhide” (1959) in episode: “Incident at Barker Springs” (episode # 1.7) 2/20/1959
- “Wanted: Dead or Alive” (1958) in episode: “Secret Ballot” (episode # 1.24) 2/14/1959
- “Rough Riders, The” (1958) in episode: “Nightbinders, The” (episode # 1.8) 11/20/1958
- “Zane Grey Theater” (1956) in episode: “Accuser, The” (episode # 3.4) 10/30/1958
- “Zane Grey Theater” (1956) in episode: “Shadow of a Dead Man” (episode # 2.25) 4/11/1958
- “Boots and Saddles” (1957) in episode: “Marquis of Donnybrook, The” (episode # 1.14) 12/26/1957
- “Trackdown” (1957) in episode: “End of an Outlaw” (episode # 1.9) 11/29/1957
- “Zane Grey Theater” (1956) in episode: “Village of Fear” (episode # 1.22) 3/1/1957
- “Zane Grey Theater” (1956) in episode: “Stage to Tucson” (episode # 1.7) 11/16/1956
- “Science Fiction Theatre” (1955) playing “Dr. Milo Barton” in episode: “Survival In Box Canyon” (episode # 2.64) 10/12/1956
- “Gunsmoke” (1955) playing “Will Bailey” in episode: “Indian Scout” (episode # 1.23) 3/31/1956
- “You Are There” (1953) in episode: “Rescue of the American Prisoners from Santo Tomas, The” (February 3, 1945) (episode # 4.4) 10/9/1955
- “Route 66” (1993) in episode: “1800 Days to Justice”
- “Strike Force” (1981) in episode: “Judge, The”
- “Police Story” (1973) playing “pilot”
- “Owen Marshall: Counselor at Law” (1971) in episode: “Make no Mistake”

- “Room 222” (1969) in episode: “Suitable for Framing”
- “Bold Ones: The New Doctors, The” (1969) in episode: “Giants Never Kneel”
- “Ironside” (1967) in episode: “Warrior’s Return”
- “Slattery’s People” (1964) in episode: “Which One has the Privilege”
- “Fugitive, The” (1963)
- “Gallant Men, The” (1962) in episode: “Taste of Peace, A”
- “Stagecoach West” (1960) in episode: “Image of a Man”
- “Stagecoach West” (1960) in episode: “Big Gun, The”
- “Laramie” (1959) in episode: “Gun Deal, The”
- “Donna Reed Show, The” (1958)
- “Bat Masterson” (1958) in episode: “No Amnesty for Death”
- “Lawman” (1958) in episode: “Squatters, The”
- “Silent Service, The” (1957) in episode: “Gar Story, The”
- “M Squad” (1957) in episode: “Diamond Hard”
- “Gunsmoke” (1955) in episode: “Al Clovis”
- “Millionaire, The” (1955) in episode: “Millionaire Iris Miller”
- “Lineup, The” (1954) in episode: “Chloroform Murder Case, The”
- “Lone Ranger, The” (1949) in episode: “Gold Train”
- “Lone Ranger, The” (1949) in episode: “Legion of Old Times”
- “77 Sunset Strip” (1958/I) in episode: “88 Bars” (episode # 6.7) 11/1/1963

DeForest Kelley Memorial Fund

*Michael Anderson, USS Hazard
as posted to the main STARFLEET listserve*

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North Shore Animal League
16 South Street Port
Washington, New York, 11050

Sean Fillmore meets the Governor of New Jersey!

Commodore Wendy Fillmore, Vice Chief, Communications/Communique

Sean Fillmore (4 months old) met New Jersey Governor Christie Whitman (with the help of mom, Wendy Fillmore) at Great Adventure on Wednesday, May 26, 1999.

A few months ago an e-mail was sent around to the employees where Bob works. The point was to find a March of Dimes Ambassador family to represent Bob's company, American Cyanamid, for the 1999-2000 year. We hadn't known until then that the March of Dimes supports so much neonatal care, treatments, and research.

Our first "job" was to attend a Press Conference at Great Adventure with the NJ State Governor, Christie Whitman. Several other March of Dimes families were there as well as other groups, but as you see, we still managed to meet the Governor!

The press conference was held in a new section of the park, the Looney Tunes Seaport. This section has lots of bigger rides for young kids... small enough for the little ones, but big enough for the parents to ride with them. Really neat! Bobby and I had a great time. <grin>



Our heartfelt thanks go out to all of you for your prayers and support over the past six months. It's been a long road, but things are going really well. Sean was born at a mere 2 pounds 4.8 ounces; today he weighs well over 12 pounds! Even though he's only supposed to be two months old, he's almost caught up with other five month old babies for height and weight. He's still on an apnea monitor, but the Doctor stopped the caffeine this week (6/29) and we'll see how Sean does without it.

If not sooner, I hope to meet you all the end of next year when we get together to ring out the Smith/Freas administration and ring in the new century and millenium both! If you'd like to help with the STARFLEET New Year's Eve (2000-2001) party planning, drop me a note in the mail or join our list at NYE2000@onelist.com.

Picture by Brian Smith, USS Challenger

Farewell, Deep Space Nine...



Talaxian Trade Show...

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