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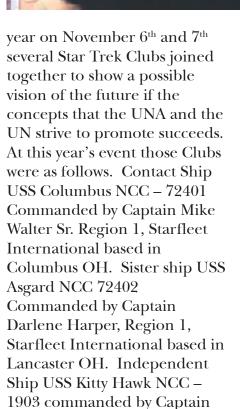
IF ALL THE WORLD CAME TO ONE STAGE ...

Captain Mike Walter, Sr. Commanding USS Columbus

"Last year, the powers that be at the International Festival took a vote. Consensus was that the Star Trek booth would return to be part of the 1999 event, Saturday and Sunday at Veteran Memorial". "We consider them another possibility. ... Who knows what worlds are out there," " said Susanne Knoblauch, entertainment chair-woman for this years festival." "Convention participants represent 60 nations from the planet Earth."

This is a direct quote from the above-mentioned article written by Dispatch Arts Reporter -Nancy Gilson. However what she does not mention in the article is, who was the Star Trek representation at the International Festival? The **Columbus International Festival** is hosted by the Columbus Chapter of the United Nations Association, USA, an organization who strives to educate people about the United Nations and promote international understanding and a positive future through it's outreach programs.

With the same goal in mind for the past 3 years including this



Thomas Patton and based in Columbus OH. IKV Praxis Commanded by Cmdr. Dave Harlan AKA VeqLargh sutai-Nalrah of the Imperial Klingon Expeditionary Forces International based in Columbus OH. IKV Doomslayer Commanded by Adm. Joe Manning AKA Thought Adm. Klaad Epetai-K'Tarra Commanding the Imperial Klingon Expeditionary Forces International based in Dover OH.

All five clubs pooled their meager resources and contributed \$20,00 each to buying a booth to represent Star Trek and the positive future of the United Federation of Planets and its Allies.

Jumping back 2 years ago we were first contacted by a close friend and fellow Trekker Harry Elkins who provides the UN International Festival with a First Aid Station during the festival event. Harry does this free of charge. He told us to try to bring our vision of the future to the International Festival saying "After all the UN is the Ancestor to the United Federation of Planets and would be the ultimate vision of unity as espoused by Gene



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FROM THE TOP ...

Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith, Commander, STARFLEET



Greetings, STARFLEET.

As we head forward to the commercial "End of the Millennium," I sit back to reflect on the triumphs and failures of the past three years of our administration. All modesty aside, I think we did a rather fine job, and I'm looking forward to keeping tiller steady over the course of the next year as we move forward to elect a new Commander, STARFLEET and new team to administer our organization. In current news, I'd like to welcome our new Treasurer, Bob Maceluch from USS *Jubilee* in Region 2. Bob is quite qualified as a Certified Public Accountant, and I look forward to working with him.

As always, it has been my tradition to grant promotions to the hard working members of the Executive Committee for their work and effort for STARFLEET. With staff changeovers and such, there are only two promotions to issue this year. Both Gord Goldberg and Dennis Gray are hereby promoted to the rank of Admiral, for their hard work and effort as members of the Executive Committee. To them, and all the other hard-working staff members of STARFLEET, I say "THANK YOU!" for your service to STARFLEET.

And I'd also like to thank all you, the members of STARFLEET who have allowed our team of volunteers to serve you for the past three years. It's been a special privilege and honor to do so, and I'm proud of our accomplishments made on your behalf.

See you in sixty, and to everyone in STARFLEET this joyous holiday season:

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!

NEW INSPECTOR GENERAL NAMED

Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith, Commander, STARFLEET



With the resignation of Brigadier General Robert Westfall, I am pleased to announce that the STARFLEET Admiralty Board has confirmed Captain Danny Potts to be the next Inspector General, STARFLEET, and will be assuming the duties and responsibilities of the Office immediately.

General Westfall has assured me that he will be turning over the materials of the Office of the Inspector General's office ASAP, and will forward any US Mail destined for the Inspector General's Office to Danny promptly.

Danny can be reached via email at:

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Danny is in the Central Time Zone (one hour behind Eastern, one hour ahead of Mountain and two hours ahead of Pacific).

Thank you for your time.

Happy Holidays!

Regards, Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith Commander, STARFLEET

SECOND THOUGHTS ...

Admiral Charles Freas, Vice Commander, STARFLEET



Greetings! It's time again to let everyone know what's happening in the Office of the Vice Commander. Things are proceeding on course. There have been a few changes, naturally. First, a big one. I sold my home in mid-November, and my family and I are looking for a new home on a much quieter street here in Amarillo. In order to keep in easy contact, my official address (P.O. Box 8942, Amarillo, Texas, 79114-8942) has not changed. My phone number has changed, however. The new number is 806-358-6833. If you call my old number, all you will get is the message that the old number has been disconnected, so save this new phone number somewhere you can find it if you need it. My email addresses (VCS@sfi.org

and ChasAF1@aol.com) have not changed.

Second, due to a series of computer malfunctions, all of my electronic copies of the final revised STARFLEET Fleetwide Vouchers are history. They're toast. Only one diskette backup copy was made, for security purposes, and it too "went south." Thankfully, I still have the early versions, and I'm working to revise those back into the current voucher forms. Then I'm going to burn it to a CD-ROM as a permanent archive. So, if anyone has any ideas for "new and improved" vouchers, now would be a great time to present them! You can mail or email me graphics of your ideas care of the above addresses. I'll be happy to give

full credit to everyone who submits good ideas in a future column. Naturally, this has delayed my fulfillment of vouchers orders. However, I should be back up to warp speed shortly.

Third, as you all probably know, the U.S. Postal Service approved our

periodicals class permit several months ago. However, we did not receive a rebate check for mailing expenses for Communiqués mailed while out permit application was pending. Since periodical class is less expensive than the bulk rate we were paying, I believe that we are due a sizeable refund. Exactly how much is a matter of debate. Anyway, I was tasked by the CS to get that rebate! So, I just wanted everyone to know that the letter officially requesting our rebate for CQ postage went out in the mail to Nashville, Tennessee, a few weeks ago. I'll let everyone know what the Postal Service's answer is as soon as I get it.

Finally, I want to publically thank Vice Admiral David A. Miller, FDC-Medical (retired) for his service to the Fleet as FDC-Medical. He did his duty well, and both he and his excellent publication will be greatly missed. Fare thee well, Dr. Dave!

Until next time, Live Long, and Prosper!

FROM THE EDITOR'S PADD ...

Vice Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace, Vice Chief of Communications • Communiqué Editor



Welcome to Issue #96 of the STARFLEET Communiqué! This is a "transitionary" issue of the Communiqué due to time constraints imposed by my recent appointment as the new Communiqué editor. Newlyappointed Chief of Communications Allyson M. Dyar and myself will be getting together in January to work on a new format that will take us through the end of the Smith-Goldberg Administration.

I wish to take a moment to thank Captain David Pipgras from *Space Station* Nexus in Region Five for the new (temporary) Communiqué Masthead his new department logos for the Executive Committee sections. Captain Pipgras will be working with me on a new, permanent Masthead as well as other sectional graphics.

And now, On Our Way to Great Adventure!



FLEET OPERATIONS

Lieutenant General Les Rickard, Chief of Operations

Greetings!

Hello once again from Ops HQ. This article will be brief as the staff offices STARFLEET Operations are on "annual" Christmas Vacation. I am, however, working through the holidays on some things that will be worked through by the rest of the staff after the holiday break. However, I want to make a repeat notice regarding the change in District Vice Chief's and announce some new commissioning. So here is a repeat of the changes in staff as noted in the last CQ.

CHANGES IN OPERATIONS STAFF

I recently announced the addition of Chris Wallace as the new DVC International. However, there is a need to adjust the assignments within the District Vice Chief's. As of the November reporting period (Due by December 5th, 1999) DVC West and DVC International Vice Chief's will be exchanging hats. FCapt Andrea Haag will assume the role of DVC International and VAdm Chris Wallace will take her post as DVC West. Below is the updated DVC assignments and the regions they are responsible for.

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Please keep in mind that when you report to Ops you also have to report to Regional Command which is your RC or their designee. The only other reporting requirement is for Correy Chapters, they are expected to report to the Correy Director as well.

MSR CHAPTER SUMMARIES TO RETURN TO THE COMMUNIQUE

After going over the options in the area of getting the Chapter Summaries back in the Communiqué it became clear that the best route was to have someone handle that job specifically. Therefore it takes me great pleasure to announce the posting of Commodore Mike Urvand to the post of Ops Staff Assistant, CQ Summaries. Mike has taken the posting effective immediately and will be accepting MSR's in the current reporting cycle of December (Due by January 1st). As it has always been, this is voluntary. However, if you want a summary of your activities posted in the Communiqué this is the way to do it. You can send MSR's to Mike at: Commodore Mike Urvand 12400 Inglewood Ave. S. #4 Savage, MN 55378

CQSummaries@sfi.org *OR* msr_summary@hotmail.com

My thanks to Mike for stepping up to handle this very important job in Operations and the Summaries will return very soon.

LEAVING DRYDOCK

Please welcome the following Chapters into the STARFLEET family!

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FINAL WORDS

Well my final words will be in the vein of "Things to come". In the New Year there will be some changes, internally, on how Operations does its job and how it interacts with the Chapters in fleet. These changes will be evident in a mailing that I am preparing to send after the first of the year. This mailing will tell the chapters how they can better help Operations do its job, thus allowing us to better serve the chapters of STARFLEET. It will have pertinent changes in address and personnel as well as their functions. It will also explain fully the Reminder, Stand by and Decommissioning Process that Operations has always worked under. After the first of the year all STARFLEET Chapters will receive a 90-day grace period on their membership levels. This will allow myself and the Director of the Chapter Assistance Program to go over the list and make inquiries on what we can do to help bring the numbers back up. In some cases it may not be possible and decommissioning will be unavoidable, but hopefully that will be a very small number. Also, let me say that the reporting has been great this year but there is room for improvement. The DVCs will be doing direct



contact (Through email, U.S. Mail as well as telephone where feasible) when necessary to enquire about missing reports. Reporting is the only way we know what's happening and can gauge the health of a chapter. With all that said I still believe that Fleet has moved in the right direction and has come a long way in the last year, not to mention the two years previous. I am just glad to have been a part of it and will enjoy being a part of it in the second year of this administration. Until next issue...

SEMPER FI, LGEN Les Rickard, SFMC Chief of STARFLEET Operations

CHAPTER STATUS CHANGES

Hello,

With sadness I must announce the voluntary Decommissioning of the following chapter:

USS BRISSANNY-Region 3

After being in contact with RCR3 and the chapter it is obvious that the chapter has chosen to voluntarily decommission due to lack of interest and members.

Greetings,

Please take note of the following changes in region for the effected chapters:

USS ASLAN - CO Moved to R4, Chapter voted to go Correy. Address info pending

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New XO: Comm. Becky Thane 5818 Stream Pond Rd. Centreville, VA 20120

Greetings,

Please make note of the following chapter changes of command. There are quite a few that have been received over the last month or so. Also there is a group in this listing that were in limbo in the mail during my change of address earlier in the year. Don't ask me...ask the US Post Office, they found them and sent them along with other pieces of mail to me recently.

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USS NOMAD NCC-78500

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New XO: Capt. PJ Trotter 528 Ottawa Leavenworth, KS 66048

USS SUNFLOWER NCC-74679

New XO:Candy Thompson PO Box 115 Augusta, KS 67010

USS TITANIC NCC-75015

New XO: LCDR Deborah L. Butcher PO Box 3246 Lawton, OK 73502

SHUTTLECRAFT OPERATIONS ...



Admiral Dennis Gray, Chief of Shuttle Operations

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES YEAR-END REPORT

This is the year end report for the Ronald McDonald House Charities program. The program got off to a fantastic start this year. Many email messages were exchanged, a web site built and the program fine tuned. We changed the name of the program and dropped the Pop Tab from the name because so many chapters complained that their recycling centers would not just take tabs. This makes the program better 2 fold -

 More aluminum is collected faster if you take the whole can
 More chapters can then participate.

I would like to thank all of the Chapters, Shuttles, groups, and individuals who took the time to collect cans/and or tabs; who either recycled them locally, sent them to me to be recycled, or sent in checks; to those who dealt directly with their local city's house;

THANK YOU!

The year end results are really impressive. Consider this fact it takes **1267** tabs (according to the Official RMHC web site) to make **ONE POUND**! What a long time to collect 1 pound. Collectively, and by this I mean, by all the Chapters/ Shuttles/Groups that sent me reports this year, STARFLEET collected **80.51** pounds of aluminum. This total was not just tabs, but was also comprised of cans. **80.51** pounds of aluminum!

This is only the first year of our program. Wait until the word gets out! I did notice an increase of reports coming into me during the last quarter this year. Attention all CO's - please drop me a line if your club is participating in the program. I have sent out certificates and awards to the clubs that participated in the program. The following are the clubs that collected and reported to me aluminum this year. The aluminum did not have to come directly to me, some clubs dealt directly with a specific club. In some instances, the officer sending me an email about their participation, could not quantify the amount of collecting that they did. Please keep a total to send to me. The first club in each Region was the top collector for their region.

REGION 1

USS PROVIDENCE NCC 71796 - 7 pounds

USS AEON NCC 75022

USS JURASSIC NCC 3500

REGION 2

USS TRIUMPH NCC 26228

REGION 4

USS STORMBRINGER NCC 74213 - 3 pounds

USS MATRIX NCC 72296

REGION 6

USS CZAR'AK NCC 1798-A

REGION 7

USS SOVEREIGN NCC 75000 - 17.24 pounds

REGION 12

USS BLACK HAWK NCC 74683 35.50 pounds

USS ATLAS NCC 75013

Shuttle BRIMSTONE

USS MORNING STAR NCC 4126

REGION 17

USS MIR NCC 73281

The most outstanding supporter of the program is Fleet Capt. Jeffrey Higdon, of the USS Black Hawk, without his endless support, both collecting and impressing upon the members of STARFLEET by his articles in the Communiqué and emails, the program would not have been so successful.

Keep those cards and letters and baggies and mailers coming in! Let 2000 be bigger and better! After all, how many cans did you recycle during the holidays? All I can say is, from the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU and BLESS YOU

Want more information about the project? See the web page http://members.xoom.com/ lo1nelson

Lorrie Nelson - Director-Ronald McDonald House Charities STARFLEET

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HAILING FREQUENCIES ...

Admiral Gordon Goldberg, Chief of Communications

Hailing Frequencies Open! Turn up your inertial damping fields (or buckle up your seatbelts), because unlike my past few articles, this one's going to a long and winding roller-coaster ride. There have been a few things going on in the cyber-side of STARFLEET that I feel the urge to pull up a soapbox and expound upon.

The first is a discussion about the changes to the membership fee structure, which was approved by the Admiralty Board at this summer's International Conference, and goes into affect on January first. As you've probably noticed, the new structure retains the current prices for one- and twoperson memberships, but adds a three-dollar increment for additional family members, up to a maximum of six people in a family membership. There were several reasons for these changes.

Let's start with the six-person cap. Under the old membership structure, there was no cap on family membership size, and unfortunately some people decided to take gross advantage of that - and submitted an application with ONE HUNDRED people on a singlefamily membership. Needless to say, this opened the eyes of the Executive Committee and the Admiralty Board to a major, problematic loophole. Not only would this allow a single family membership to maintain a

chapter's "active" status, it would allow someone to potentially, for only twenty-two dollars, control a significant voting block in STARFLEET elections. Clearly some sort of control over this was needed, and after a very long discussion and a review of our existing membership statistics, it was agreed that a cap of six people per family

membership was reasonable.

Now let's look at the threedollar per person increment for the third through sixth family members. Two things that became obvious to the Admiralty Board and the Executive Committee as we discussed dues restructuring were that our current dues, which have been constant since the late 1980s, were not keeping up with the increasing costs of simply providing basic services, and that under the current system, larger family memberships were in fact being subsidized in part by individual and two-person memberships. We quickly agreed that we needed a dues structure in which the revenues from each membership at a minimum covered our costs for that membership - and preferably one that would allow us to improve the quality of the services and products we deliver to the members. After all, we were in the process of finalizing a new Membership Handbook, which, if produced properly, of quality materials, would cost significantly more than the old copied-and-stapled handbooks.

In addition, we had to look to the future. While we've managed to keep Communiqué costs down by switching to a newspaper format, cost restrictions have limited the number of pages we can print per issue. And yet it has been made abundantly clear that the members would prefer a larger Communiqué, with more information, expanded chapter summaries, more activity listing - and that costs money. Nonforgeable ballots for STARFLEET elections cost money to produce and mail out to EACH MEMBER - and one of the proposed initiatives for increasing membership involvement/voter turn-out in our elections is to send them out with return postage prepaid. We want to improve the quality of the membership certificates and membership cards that each member receives annually - and to bring back the "trinkets" that were part of the membership packages in the "old days". By implementing a small, threedollar increment for the additional family members, we were able to more fairly ascertain that each membership would pull it's own weight, while NOT increasing the basic dues structure, and still allow for improvements and expansion in the services STARFLEET provides.

The second thing I want to talk about is something which has recently occurred between the Admiralty Board and the Executive Committee, and which will hopefully have been resolved before you even get a chance to read this article. I'm not going to go into specific details, because that would be inappropriate as well as unnecessary, and generalizations will more than suffice.

A few months ago, the **Executive Committee took** disciplinary action against a STARFLEET member who had done something which, if it had occurred in a corporate environment, would most likely have resulted in that person being fired by the company involved and probably being brought up on criminal charges. The actions taken by the Executive Committee were fairly significant, but due to various mitigating factors, we decided to handle the situation totally within STARFLEET, and not to file criminal charges which could very adversely impact this member's "real-life" situation, nor to expel the member from STARFLEET.

The matter was brought to the Admiralty Board's attention, and they began reviewing the entire situation, and a lot of heated discussion has gone on between the members of the Executive Committee and the members of the Admiralty Board. Many of the Executive Committee members, including myself, felt that the Admiralty Board was improperly interfering in an operational *Continued on next page*



Wow, what a difference a few years makes.

A few years ago, when it became time for Jesse to renew our STARFLEET membership, I told him, "Go ahead and just renew you. STARFLEET is really your thing and not mine." Well, he didn't listen to me and renewed us both.

Good thing he didn't listen to me. Working with STARFLEET members has enriched my life as have the new friendships formed throughout the organization. I've enjoyed helping members over the past year as membership processing, and look forward to serving in that capacity during my stint as Chief. Jesse and Sal put together a great staff and for that I give them my sincerest thanks. I also thank them both for staying on as consultants. Another person who deserves thanks is Mark Anbinder, my new Vice Chief/Administration. He was invaluable as Jesse's assistant and is equally as helpful to me as an all-purpose sounding board and reality check in addition to lending advice on technical matters. Thanks also to the rest of the staff: Greg Trotter, Blair Learn, Dave McCabe and Dixie Jack. CompOps would not be as efficient and productive without you!

A question was posed at the "Ask the EC" panel at the Region 7 conference that I was pleased to be a participant in. It was asked what kind of projects that I had planned next for CompOps. Right now, we are working to make improvements to the online application form. We hope in the future to be able to get automatic authorizations when you submit your credit card for payment of your membership dues. I also hope to bring back the renewal reminder postcards that fell by the wayside in recent months. Other than that, I just want to work on keeping service to the members at the high level to which they have become accustomed.

It has been over a year since the changeover of membership processing from Kansas to Maryland. Just a reminder – the forwarding order for the post office box in Kansas has expired. Please make sure that when you renew that you send your application to the correct address. That is our biggest

reason for missing membership applications right now. If you've mailed your application or submitted it online and haven't heard anything back in the allotted 6-8 week window, PLEASE let me know of the problem, especially if you've included an email address with your application. Chances are, if it's been that long, I probably haven't received it. Also, please be sure that your application and if you've included it, email address are legible. The feedback that I've gotten on the email confirmations has been positive for the most part, and I'd hate for someone to miss out on getting that confirmation just because that "L" was really a "1".

Well, that's all I have for my first column out of the gate! See you in issue #97!

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decision that is clearly the purview of the Executive Committee.

Hopefully by the time you read this, that concern will be a nonissue. My hope is that the Admiralty Board will come to the conclusion that the Executive Committee was well within its rights to do what it did. But that's not why I'm telling you about this. There's something more important going on here, behind it all.

The Admiralty Board is flexing its muscles. It's potentially interfering in STARFLEET's day-to-day operations. As a member of the Executive Committee, charged with responsibility for those day-today operations, it irritates the heck out of me.

Good.

It means the new Constitution is working.

It means the platform on which the current administration was originally elected has succeeded.

It means the days when we had to worry about a Commander, STARFLEET, with a handpicked Executive Committee and Puppet Regional Coordinators who served at his whim and bowed to his will, playing fast and loose with the organization without having to worry about the Admiralty Board speaking up and taking action, are over.

Do I think the Admiralty Board needs to be selective about what stands it takes and what battles it joins? Definitely. And I trust that they'll make the right decision as this one progresses. But I'm damned glad to see that they've come to the realization that they are the Board of Directors of this corporation, and that they need to act the part.

In the past three years we've come a long way, baby.

And as the third year of the Smith/Freas administration draws to a close, and we begin Mike's final year as Commander, STARFLEET, on behalf of myself, Sven, and the entire Communications Division staff, I'd like to wish each and every one of you a happy and healthy holiday season, and a joyous and prosperous new year.

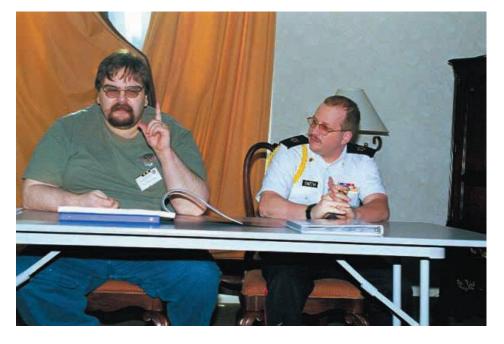
If you have any comments or ideas on how the Communications Division can further serve your chapter or the fleet, please feel free to contact me by email at Comm@sfi.org, or by postal mail at 330 Haven Avenue, Apartment 3C, New York City, NY 10033-5333 USA.

STARFLEET COMPOPS...

Commodore Teri Smith, Chief of Computer Operations

REGION FIVE CONFERENCE PICTURES

Commander Norman E. DeRoux, Executive Officer, USS Destiny



Rear Admiral Kurt Roithinger, Region Five Coorfinator, makes a point while Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith listens in during the Commanding Officer's meeting.



Fleet Admiral Michael Smith receives an "Oregon Duck" hat from Steve Idell.

L. to R. FADM Michael D. Smith, BGR Diana Hoff, RADM Kurt Roithinger, BGR Steve Idell.



Friday's party - delivery of three 26" pizzas! L. to R. Diana Hoff, Mike Smith, and Allyson Dyar.

"Kill the Wabbit! Kill the Wabbit!" - Lieutenant General Scott A. Akers gets in touch with his Viking and Klingon roots.



USS ARTHUR C. CLARK HALLOWEEN PARTY PICTURES

Dave Crum, CMO and Public Relations Officer, USS Arthur C. Clarke



Adrien, CMO "Feregi Dave" Crum, and Jackie Getting Ready For Halloween - "It's Good to Be the Doctor!"



Dinner After the Halloween Party. From L-to-R: Ferengi Dave, Officer Jen, and CO Dave.



The Crew of the *Arthur C. Clarke* at the 1999 Palmyra Halloween Parade.



Hello Starfleet Academy Supporters! Following is a list of the most current Starfleet Academy Graduates taken from Academy Director's monthly reports. The (*) denoted "Honors" Congratulations Everyone!

INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP

Adm Peg Pellerin, Dean

Officer's Training School Adm Peg Pellerin, Director

Claudia Charles Astridur Jonsdottir Donald W. Willits **Robert Deschenes** Jonatan Jonson Ulfhildur A. Evarsdottir **Dianne Scheffing** Sigurdur Fjahr Sigurdarson Daniel Adinolfi Jessica Lindenfelser Ingimundur Gunnar Nielsson James A. Chapman Craig A. Schuster* Karvel Thor Armarsson Pamela J. Fox Eddie K. Williams* Marie Adinolfi **Diana Brady** Gudmundur Haukur Gudmundsson Maureen Sheehan

Officer's Command College FCapt Jim Cushing, Director

David Letts Jeanne Wilson Dona Colbert John May Greg Moss Rolando Sablon Carolyn Zimdhl *Flag Officer's School* RAdm Helen Pawlowski, Director

Kurt Roithinger* Valerie Anderson* Tamara Owens* Paul Jones*

INSTITUTE OF ARTS

RAdm Sherry Anne Newell, Dean

School of Language Studies RAdm Sherry Anne Newell, Director

Michael Boatwright Paul Jones

College of Literature BGen Jill J. Rayburn, Director

Dana Miller^{*} Kim Rochelle^{*} Garry Cameron^{*} Valerie Anderson^{*} Jay Gallops^{*} Edith Padgett^{*} Paul Jones Kurt Roithinger^{*} Wayne Lee Killough, Jr^{*} Marchelle Lee^{*}

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

RAdm Sharon Ann Clark, Dean

College of Computer History VAdm Sharon Ann Clark, Director

Kurt Roithinger*

College of Trade & Commerce Capt Tammy Willcox, Director

James Gallops* Billy M. Mitchum, Jr.* Paul Jones* Boyd Jackson* Edith Padgett ** (2 courses)

Ship's Counselor's College RAdm Helen Pawlowski, Director

Tina Walker** (4 Courses)

INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES

FCapt Greg Staylor, Dean

Klingon Warrior Academy Deb Kern, Director

James Monroe* Edith Padgett* Craig Schuster*

Starship Operations Capt James W. Lee, Director

James Gallops Jeff Higdon Philip J. Kern, Jr. Wayne Lee Killough, Jr. (2 Courses) James W. Monroe Robert Mulvey Edith Padgett Frisco Sullivan

NEW AUSTRALIAN CAMPUS OPENS!

As an extension of service and support for our members in "The Land Down Under", STARFLEET Academy is pleased to open the Australian Campus. Currently offering courses relating to the Officer Training School, Officer Candidate College, and the Flag Officer's School, we hope to be able to offer additional curricula in the future.

AUSTRALIAN CAMPUS - OTS Cmdr. Elizabeth Worth, 12 Perrin Ave., Plumpton, NSW, Australia 2761 jennifer@ay.com.au

AUSTRALIAN CAMPUS - OCC Commdore Alan Yates, PO Box 103, Harbord NSW, Australia 2096, jennifer@ay.com.au

AUSTRALIAN CAMPUS - FOS Commdore Alan Yates, PO Box 103, Harbord NSW, Australia 2096, jennifer@ay.com.au

STARFLEET ACADEMY

Admiral Marlene Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy

IF ALL THE WORLD CAME TO ONE STAGE ...

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Roddenberry." Working closely with my wife Fleet Captain Cyndi Walter, Region 1's Indiana and Ohio Section Representative, myself and Cmdr. Debbie VanWagner, Harry was able to have us join the International Festival listed under volunteer Entertainment. With some trepidation we attended the event and was warmly welcomed by some and questioned by others (why are they here). The ships attending that year were USS Columbus Commanded by Captain Mike Walter Sr. of Starfleet International, IKV Praxis commanded by then Lt. Cmdr. Dave Harlan of the IKEFI and Independent ship USS Kitty Hawk commanded by Captain Thomas Patton. The Officers and Crewman of these vessels always presented themselves as a possible future even though at that time they were listed as Volunteer Entertainment.

Last year we were invited back



as a 2nd trial run for the International Festival and again listed as Volunteer Entertainment. Yes that's right just like the original Star Trek Series, it took a 2nd Pilot to get us accepted at the Festival.

This year we bought a booth. Each year on Saturday and Sunday a Parade of Nations is held in which some 60 Nations are represented in National Dress. During this years Festival Parade while we were on the Main Stage we were announced by the MC as follows: "In announcing our last entry for the Parade of Nations I would like to say that today all our people have a United Nations to work with. Why can't we tomorrow have a United Federation of Planets!" For the past 2 years we the members of the above mentioned ships tried to pass this along to the Festival Attendees and Participants. This year we were not announced as Entertainment, but as the United Federation of Planets a possible and positive future for the United Nations which we all support.

I encourage every Star Trek club to become involved in their Cities United Nations Association Program or the closest Chapter in their area and learn about the doings of the United Nations. By working with this organization we introduce the world to a possible and positive future and I think that is what Gene Roddenberry would have wanted us to do.

In Service to Starfleet, Respectfully Submitted, Captain Mike Walter Sr. Region 1, Starfleet, United Federation of Planets.

OTS COURSES NOW AVAILABLE IN FRENCH AND DUTCH!

The U.S.S. Belgica has opened the European Campus of STARFLEET Academy. Available courses at the moment is OTS (Officer's Training School) in English, French and Dutch. (German will probably be next). Next course should be OCC (Officer's Command College), but our current occupation is translating the manuals.

More courses will be added as soon as there's a request for them. For more information or for requesting a course, see contact information below.

De U.S.S. Belgica opent de Europese Campus van STARFLEET Academy. Voorlopig is enkel OTS (Officer's Training School) beschikbaar in het Engels, Nederlands en Frans (binnenkort hopelijk ook Duits). De volgende cursus zal OCC zijn (Officer's Command College), maar voorlopig hebben we het druk met het vertalen van de handboeken.

Meer cursussen worden later toegevoegd, zodra er vraag naar is. Voor meer informatie of aanvraag van een cursus, zie de contactinformatie hieronder.

Le U.S.S. Belgica a ouvert le campus Européen du STARFLEET Academy. Actuellement, le seul cours disponible est l'OTS (Officer's Training School) en Anglais, Néerlandais et Français. (bientôt peut-être également en Allemand). Le prochain cours sera l'OCC (Officer's Command College), mais pour l'instant les manuels sont à la traduction.

D'autres cours seront ajoutés plus tard, dès qu'il y aura des demandes. Pour obtenir des information ou une demande d'un cours, voir adresse-contact ci-dessous.

Die U.S.S. Belgica meldet die Öffnung eines Europäischen Campus von STARFLEET Academy. Zur zeit, ist nur der Kursus OTS (Officer's Training School) verfügbar; auf Englisch, Niederländisch und Französisch (demnächst auch in Deutsch). Der nächste Kursus ist OCC (Officer's Command College), aber fürs Nächste werden die Handbücher übersetz.

Weitere Kurse werden eingerichtet, sobald es Frage danach gibt. Für weitere Informationen oder Anfrage eines Kursus, bitte sich wenden an untenstehende Kontaktadresse.

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1999 REGION FIVE CONFERENCE

A Summit, a Muster, and a Star Trek Convention All Rolled Into One

FCPT Stephen C. Idell, Commanding Officer, USS Destiny * NCC-97301



What a weekend! To say it was jam-packed with activities would be an understatement. From the "Early-bird" GIANT Pizza Feed and Videos on Friday night, till things shut down late Sunday afternoon, there was always something interesting to do.

Friday morning, while at the Boise airport waiting for the shuttle to the hotel, we met and talked with some members of the Shuttle Sacajewea, the new chapter in Montana. That afternoon Norm [DeRoux] and I decided to rest, in anticipation of the long days ahead of us. Meanwhile, Nadine [Romero] decided to check out some of the local sites in Boise. In hindsight, she may have been the smartest of us, because all I know of Boise is our hotel and the route to the airport.

The first scheduled function of the Conference was hosted by the USS Kensington in their suite, which became Region 5 Headquarters for the weekend. Aside from watching videos, getting reacquainted with some people I haven't seen in over a year, and meeting others that I've only corresponded with, the highlight of the evening was the arrival of three Giant 26 inch Pizzas. One alone would have been impressive, but the three together made an awe-inspiring sight. It was fun to chat and share anecdotes with my old and new friends until the wee hours of the morning.

But the Opening Briefing at 9 AM, came way too early for some of us late-nighters. Here we got the scoop on what was scheduled when and where, trying to avoid conflicts with the Con schedule, which opened at 10 o'clock. That's when I rushed to the Dealer's Room to check for bargains.

The Summit meeting began at eleven, with opening remarks from our Regional Coordinator, Kurt Roithinger, and Fleet Admiral Mike Smith. The meeting seemed barely underway when it was adjourned so people could go see Star Trek guest, Tim Russ (Tuvok) at noon.

Panels began at 2 PM and Aron Eisenberg (Nog) appeared on stage at three. The 5th Brigade **Muster for STARFLEET Marines** started at 5 o'clock and lasted about an hour. This gave Norm and I a chance to get ready for the "Dinner with the Stars" which featured Marina Sirtis and Michael Dorn in an afterdinner presentation of A.R. Guerney's "Love Letters". An excellent performance by the way. Afterwards, we returned to R5HQ for some more socializing — half the fun in attending these conferences.

The Sunday morning Brunch was sumptuous. The buffet gave choices of everything from pastries to hot entrées that were self-serve or cooked-to-order. When everyone was done eating, it was time for the Awards presentation. First on the agenda was the launching of the Shuttle Greywolf, our newest chapter-in-training. Next, came the commissioning of the USS Bright Star, entering the Region via the Existing Fan Club Program. These were officiated by the Commander, STARFLEET, Fleet Admiral Michael Smith, and our Regional Coordinator, Rear Admiral Kurt Roithinger.

Then, Colonel Diana Hoff, Officer In Charge of the 5th Brigade, with assistance from FADM Smith, presented the 5th Brigade awards earned this past year. Norman DeRoux and I were caught totally by surprise when our names were called to come up and receive special awards. Norm received the "Sword of Valor", the Brigade's Officer of the Year Award. I received the "Cross of Valor", the Brigade's Marine of the Year Award.

At the conclusion of the Marines portion of the ceremony, FADM Smith had one more presentation to make. He announced that in recognition of her dedicated service to the Region, the Marines, and to STARFLEET, Colonel Diana Hoff was promoted to Brigadier. Congratulations to Diana, and all other recipients of awards this year.

That's when they thought that they were done, but there was yet one final presentation to make. — Be afraid, be very afraid. :-) To set this up, you need to have a little background information. There has been a running joke woven into the fabric of the Smith/Freas Administration of STARFLEET. I think it all began during the election campaign or shortly after taking office when Mikey (as he is affectionately known) promised that he would "get all of STARFLEET's ducks in a row." — alluding to the mess that need to be cleaned up after the previous administration.

Ever since then, little rubber ducks, toy ducks, duck stories, duck this, and duck that, have plagued every waking moment, and probably some nightmares, of our illustrious Fleet Admiral. To mark the occasion of Mikey's first visit to Region 5, Norm and I thought it appropriate to give him a souvenir. Since the University of Oregon is the home of the "Ducks", what better than to give than a green, gold, and white baseball cap with a duck's head, feet, and tail sticking out of it.

In the afternoon Michael Dorn (Worf) and Marina Sirtis (Troi) appeared on stage together, then signed autographs. The Regional Conference wound down with a game of Tick-Trek-Toe, a Star Trek trivia version of the "Hollywood Squares". Then we said goodbye to all our friends, who returned to their homes in every corner of the region.

By far, this was one of the best Regional Conferences I have ever attended. The credit and the praise go to Diana Hoff and the members in the Boise area who worked on this Conference. I commend you all.



Greetings from the science frontier! This will be the first in a regular series of columns from FDC Science. As most of you know by now, Richard Driver has resigned as FDC Science, and therefore I am now the Acting FDC Science.

For those of you who do not know, FDC is the "Fleet Division Chiefs" program, which is designed to instill further communications between STARFLEET, the Regions of STARFLEET, and the Ships/ Shuttle of STARFLEET.

Historically, the FDC Program has been slow to move, we admit that, but our own FDC section, Sciences, has been growing rapidly, and former FDC Richard Driver and I have been working hard to establish contact with and provide information pertaining to science to the individual CSOs in the chapters.

My job as VFDC Science has been and as acting FDC will continue to be to maintain the actual connection with the Regional Chiefs and individual Chief Science Officers. I would like to take the time in this report to introduce you to our current Fleet and Regional Chiefs (where this applies) and to our Regional contacts (where there are currently no RDC Programs):

Acting Fleet Division Chief of Sciences, David Klingman mirodon@mindspring.com

NEW SCIENCES FDC!

Captain David Klingman, Acting FDC Science, R1ARDC Science, CSO USS Hawkeye

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Region 2 Chief of Sciences, Neil Yawn cmosnuffy@aol.com

Region 4 RDC Science, Charles Flowers charles@migmaster.reno.nv.us

Region 5 Ex officio contact Allyson Dyar dyar@halcyon.com Ex officio contact Diana Hoff dianahoff@yahoo.com

Region 7 Ex officio contact Richard Driver rtdriver@erols.com Ex officio contact Gordon Goldberg ggold@panix.com Ex officio contact Mark Anbinder mha@ussaccord.com Ex officio contact Alex Rosenzweig alexr@castle.net

Region 9 Regional Coordinator Jurgen Puype region9@sfi.org Ex officio Contact Jeroen Vantroyen jeroen.vantroyen@rug.ac.be

Region 10 Regional Coordinator Paul Reid sakaari@home.com Ex officio contact Trina Anderson star_trekker@webtv.net Ex officio contact Nan Dooley nancyrae@polarnet.com Ex officio contact Clayton Hobbs nekocp@telusplanet.net Ex officio contact Mike Wheat dmwheat@alaska.net Region 11 RDC Science, Forbes Kerry stuart@ay.com.au

Region 12 Regional Coordinator Wade Hoover wade@ussnomad.org Ex officio contact Steve Gibson nosbig@inlink.com Ex officio contact Ann Garner mystique@cei.net

Region 13 Science Chief ex officio Matt Bailllie MattRB@netcom.ca

Region 15 RDC Science, Tony Bonti Tony5372@aol.com

Region 17 Ex officio contact Deb Kern kdebwov@hotmail.com Ex officio contact Pat Stewart jerrys@kktv.com Ex officio contact Joe Hinson crash@pcisys.net

We have been encouraging those regions without RDC Programs or designated Section Chiefs to adopt some type of program, given that there are numerous people who have been participating and listening.

So what do we do in FDC Science? Good question! Our goal has largely been science education. The Region One Science Department (of which I am ARDC Science) under the directorship of R1 RDC Science Richard Heim, alaricrh@sprynet.com maintains a Regional Science Newsletter, REGION ONE SCIENCES which includes monthly to quarterly reports from Region One Science Officers, correspondence from other Regional Science Chiefs, and up to date science and climatology information. Annual Subscriptions are available by sending 4 SASEs to: Richard Heim PO Box 2072 Asheville NC 28802 Region One Sciences also maintains an electronic list SFI-R1-Sciences@onelist.com

We strongly encourage everyone to participate in Fleet Sciences either as a spectator or as a designated Science Officer. We require nothing more than active reading and that participants pass on information which may be of interest to our readership.

Current and future projects: - Science Pod Sardis, the Science outlet for USS Hawkeye Region 1 http://www.angelfire.com/ pag2/gardig/inday.html (this is

nc2/sardis/index.html (this is my project, an experimental deep space exploration vehicle which uses quantum slipstream technology)

- Vulcan Academy of Science, we would love to work with VAS on new courses and online education

As you also know, Richard has decided to take down the Fleet Science List. Until such time as a new list can be started, I encourage all those people to post to and subscribe to the Region One Science List: http:/ /www.onelist.com/subscribe/ SFI-R1-Sciences

UPCOMING CONVENTIONS

Compiled by Captain Blair Learn

December 31 – January 2 Intercon Millennium, Columbia, Maryland; Info: Intercon, PO Box 196, Merrifield, VA 22116-0196 Ph: 703-912-9877 http:// www.ilfinfo.org/intercon/imille/ index.html

January 7-9 Gafilk 2000, College Park, Georgia; Info: 2175 Lenox Rd., #B-5, Atlanta, GA 30324 Ph: 404-321-2112 http://www.geocities.com/Area51/ Station / 1192 / gafilk.htm Guests:Margaret Middleton, Walt Baric

January 21-23 ConFusion 19100, Warren, Michigan; Info: P.O. Box 8284, Ann Arbor, MI 48107 Ph: 313-487-8743 http://www.stilyagi.org/cons/ confusion.html Guests:Maureen F. McHugh, Frank Hayes, Eric Raymond, Dennis Tabaczewski, Erik Kauppi

January 21-23 Celebrity Autograph Collector's show, Hollywood, California; Info: Post Office Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 http:// www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/ Guests:Gabe Kaplan, Kathleen Nolan, Rex Reason, Don Durant, Robert Clary, Richard Kiel, Diane McBain

January 27-30 Capricon XX, Arlington Park, Illinois; Info: PO Box 60085, Chicago, IL 60660 http:// www.capricon.org/Guests:Larry Niven, Chris Luchini, Joseph Stockman

January 28-30 Supercon VII, Rochester, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 14355, Dinkytown Station, Minneapolis, MN 55414-0355 http://come.to/supercon/

February 4-6 SheVaCon VIII, Roanoke, Virginia; Info: PO Box 416, Verona, VA 24482-0416 Ph: 540-886-2154 http:// www.shevacon.com/ Guests:Tad Williams, Tina "Nene" Thomas, Steve Miller, Sharon Lee, Dave Arneson, Rikk Jacobs

February 4-6 Pacificon 2000, Portland, Oregon; Info: 8152 SW Hall Blvd. #413, Beaverton, OR 97008

February 5-6 Celebrity Autograph

Collector's show, Houston, Texas; Info: Post Office Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 http:// www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/ Guests: Astronaut Walt Cunningham, Astronaut Alan Bean, Astronaut Ed Mitchell, Debra Paget, Herb Jefferson, Jr., Deanna Lund, June Wilkinson, Dick Durock, Ben Chapman, David Prowse, Hank Garrett

February 11-13 Katsucon, Arlington, Virginia; Info: 4140 Eby Drive, Dumfries, VA 22026 Guests: Ryo Ramiya, Tomoko Saito, Roseri Rikki, Tavisha Wolfgarth, Mark Rogers, Newton Ewell, Scott Fraizer, Steve Bennett, Colleen Doran, Lea Hernandez, Kuni Kimura, Steve Pearl, Jeff Thompson, Fred Perry

February 12-13 Slanted Fedora -Champaign, Champaign, Illinois; 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

February 18-20 Gallifrey 2000, Van Nuys, California; Info: PO Box 3021, N. Hollywood, CA 91609 Ph: 818-752-3756 http://www.gallifreyone.com/ Guests:Peter Davison, Peter Woodward, Carrie Dobro, Fiona Avery, Terrance Dicks, Philip Segal, Stephen Cole, Justin Richards, Gary Russell, Jason Haigh-Ellery, Kate Orman, Paul Magrs, Dave Stone, Jonathan Blum, Paul Cornell, Keith Topping, Mike Tucker, Jon de Burgh Miller, David McIntee, J. Michael Straczynski, John DeChancie, Frank Kelly Freas, Bjo Trimble, Jonathan West, Adam Mojo Lebowitz, Glenn Campbell

February 18-20 Boskone 37, Framingham, Massachusetts; Info: PO Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701-0809 Ph: 617-625-2311 http://www.nesfa.org/ boskone/ Guests:Michael Swanwick, Rick Berry, Peter Weston, Jordin Kare

February 18-20 Ad Astra 20, Toronto, Ontario; Info: PO Box 7276, Station A, Toronto, ON Canada M5W 1X9 http:// /terra.phys.yorku.ca/~white/adastra/ Guests:Nancy Kress, Charles Sheffield

February 18-20 Stellarcon 24, High

Point, North Carolina; Info: Box 4, Elliott University Center, UNCG, Greensboro, NC 27412 Ph: 336-334-3159 http://www.uncg.edu/student.groups/ sf3/stellarcon.htm Guests:Timothy Zahn, Aaron Allston, Cheralyn Lambeth, Michael A. Stackpole, Bill Fawcett, Jen McCollom, William R. Forstchen, James Roberts, John Grigni, Simon Hawke, Charles Keegan, Ann Melrose, Scott Nicholson, Jody Lynn Nye, Julie Anne Parks, Mark Rainey, Joel Rosenberg, Allen Wold

February 18-20 Radcon 3, Pasco, Washington; Info: 2527 W. Kennewick Ave. #162, Kennewick, WA 99336 Ph: 509-967-3248 http://www.owt.com/ radcon/ Guests:Elissa Mitchell, James Ernest, Steve Barnes, Steve Perry, Don DeBrandt

February 25-27 Potlatch 9, Seattle, Washington; Info: PO Box 31848, Seattle, WA, 98103-1848 http:// www.galaxy-7.net/squib/corflatch/ potltch9.html

February 25-27 Confluence 1900, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Info: P.O. Box 3681, Pittsburgh, PA 15230-3681 Ph: 412-344-0456 http://trfn.clpgh.org/parsec/ conflu/ Guests: James Morrow, Tim Esaias, Alexis A. Gilliland, Lee Gilliland, Pete Grubbs, Michael Kandel, William H. Keith, Jr, Mary Soon Lee, Barton Paul Levinson, Joe Mayhew, Charles Oberndorf, Tamora Pierce

March 3-5 Corflu 2000, Seattle, Washington; Info: P.O. Box 31848 Seattle, WA 98103-1848 http:// www.galaxy-7.net/squib/corflatch/ corflu2k.html

March 4-5 Celebrity Autograph Collector's show, San Francisco, California; Info: Post Office Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683http://www.hollywood 5110collectorshow.com/ Guests: Cammie King, Patrick Curtis, John Clark Gable, Tony Anselmo, Traci Lords

March 17-19 Lepracon 2000, Wenatchee, Washington; Info: PMB #353, 2527 W. Kennewick Ave., Kennewick Wa 99336 Ph: 509-943-6873 http://users.owt.com/kevins/ lepracon.htm Guests:Elizabeth Ann Scarborough, Betty Bigelow, Norma & Edgar Barrett-Lincoln

March 24-26 Lunacon 2000, Rye Brook,

New York; Info: Lunacon 2000, PO Box 3566, New York, NY10008-3566 http:// /www.lunacon.org/ Guests:George Alec Effinger, Stu Shiffman, Lisa Snellings, Barbara Hambly

March 24-26 Willycon 2000, Wayne, Nebraska; Info: Wayne State College SF & Fantasy Club, c/o Conn Library, Wayne, NE 68787

March 24-26 Millennicon - 1, Kings Island, Ohio; Info: 143 Schloss Ln., Dayton, OH 45418 Ph: 513-933-0452 http://www.millennicon.org/ **Guests:Connie Willis**

March 31-April 2 Sakura Con 2000, Tukwila, Washington; Info: PO Box 44976, Tacoma, WA 98444 Ph: 253-535-2395 http://sakuracon.org/ Guests:Doug Smith, Tristan MacAvery, Tiffany Grant

March 31-April 2 ReConnaissance, Bergen, Norway; Info: ReConnaissance, PO Box 1195, N-5001 Bergen, Norway; UK: Fiona Anderson, 129 Colgrave Road, Stratford, London E15 1EA, UK

April 7-9 I-Con 19, Long Island, New York; Info: PO Box 550, Stony Brook, NY 11790-0550 Ph: (516) 632-6045 http://www.iconsf.org/Guests:Richard Chevolleau, Leni Parker, Dr. Demento, Dr. Seti

April 8-9 Celebrity Autograph Collector's show, Hollywood, California; Info: Post Office Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 http:// www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/

April 20-23 Norwescon 23, Seatac, Washington; Info: PO Box 68547, Seattle WA 98168-0547 Ph: 206-270-7850 http:// /www.norwescon.org/ Guests:David Brin, Gregory Benford, Barclay Shaw, John and Bjo Trimble

April 20-24 SwanCon 25, Ascot, Australia (WA); Info: GPO Box G429, Perth, 6892 http://www.swancon.iinet.net.au/ Guests:Connie Willis, Robin Hobb, Ian Nichols

April 20-23 Imagine Con 2000, Virginia

SHUTTLE BRIMSTONE POLL

Commander Tom Townley, Shuttle Brimstone

Beach, Virginia; Info: 1118 Willow Avenue, Chesapeake, VA 23325 http:/ /www.imaginecon.com/ Guests:Ray Park, Larry Elmore, Ed Kramer, Terrence Masson, David Wilson, Punkie Larsen, Bill Fawcett, Jody Lynn Nye, K'Rahja DevnoH, Julie Ann Parks, Michael Fox, Countess Vladimira, Candy Clark, Herb Jefferson Jr, Manon Kelley, Lilith Stabs, Anne Lockhart, Tom Savini, Ric Frane, Brinke Stevens, R Wayt Smith, Sandy Lynne, Bernie Wrightson, H.R. Jacobs, Roxanne Michaels, James Hong, Richard Hatch, Dawn Marie, Todd Fischer, Paul Cashman

April 21-23 Balticon 34, Baltimore, Maryland; Info: PO Box 686, Baltimore MD 21203-0686 Ph: 410-563-2737 http:/ /www.balticon.org/ Guests:Wendy Pini, Richard Pini, Stephen Stiles, Dennis Haney, Steve Meyers, James Stoddard

April 21-23 Minicon 35, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 8297 Lake Street Station Minneapolis, MN 55408 http://www.mnstf.org/minicon35/ Guests:Maureen F. McHugh, Lenny Bailes, John Berkey

April 21-24 2Kon: Eastercon 2000, Glasgow, United Kingdom, Scotland; Info: 30 Woodburn Terrace, St Andrews, KY16 8BA http://www-theory.dcs.stand.ac.uk/2Kon/ Guests:Guy Gavriel Kay, Deborah Turner Harris, Katherine Kurtz, Dr John Salthouse, Bob Harris

April 28-May 1 Italcon 2000/Fancon 2000, San Marino, Idaho; Info: c/o Il Cerchio, Via Gambalunga n 91, 47900 Rimini Ph: 0541/21.158 http:// www.fantascienza.com/italcon/2000/

April 28-May 1 AD 2000, Manchester, United Kingdom; Info: PO Box 3870, Troon, Scotland, KA10 7PZ

If there's a convention in your area you'd like to see listed, please send the con's name, dates, location, and contact information to Blair Learn at 11604 King's Arrow CT, Germantown, MD 20876 or to Blair@NetworkBoy.com. Please allow a minimum of three months time between your submission and the convention's date. Greetings!

Here as promised are the results of this months Brimstone poll of the month.

The question was: What do you think of FADM Smiths performance this year?

Here are the results:

Excellent! (4) 9% Fine. (3) 7% Just Ducky. (29) 66% Not good. (1) 2% Bad or worse. (3) 7% Mike Smith who? (4) 9%

There were 44 total votes.

Thanks to those who voted and watch in the coming weeks for a new Brimstone poll of the month!

Commander Tom Townley, Shuttle Brimstone

How STARFLEET HELPED

The Dominion News Service

"'Let me help.' A hundred years or so from now, I believe, a famous novelist will write a classic using that theme. He'll recommend those three words even over 'I love you.'" – J.T. Kirk

The June-July edition of the Communiqué contained a story about the abduction of STARFLEET's Tom Resitvo (a.k.a. "The Little Guy") as a benefit for Julien Fleming, a terminally ill child in Sterling Virginia.

Julien's situation was grim, not only for the obvious reason, but also because gifts to charity tend to be cyclical, peaking around Christmas and dropping off sharply during the summer months. Your generous contributions toward Tom's "ransom" quite literally made the difference in determining whether Julien would get the medication he needed. And you were very generous.

Payments toward Tom's release

totaled \$623.30 with an additional \$130.30 being contributed to a "Keep Him" fund which added nearly three weeks to his "captivity." In total, STARFLEET members throughout the US contributed \$753.60 to The Julien Fleming Fund. This surpasses all previous STARFLEET contributions to this cause. But that was only the tip of the proverbial iceberg.

Knowing of their good works on Julien's behalf, the committee responsible for the Shore Leave convention offered to let the



officers and crew of USS Athena run the convention's charity auction with the money raised donated to Julien's care. Word spread. During Shore Leave 1999, money was raised for Julien through such diverse means as: The regular charity auction, an auction held by Mojo in which he sold a one-ofa-kind computer-generated image of Voyager in "drydock", and the rather unique "Shave Mark Anbinder's beard" initiative. Additionally, there was an anonymous donation equal to one month's worth of Julien's medical expenses. The total amount raised through these efforts was \$4,092.35.

In total, members of the Science Fiction Fan Community contributed \$4,845.95 toward Julien Fleming's medical care. Friends, that's enough to pay his medical bills for **four months**!

The Dominion offers its most profound thanks to everyone who contributed to these

USS JUBILEE COMMISSIONED BY NICHELLE NICHOLS AT UHURACON

Commander Ralph F. Planthold, First Officer, USS Jubilee

The *New Orleans* class frigate USS *Jubilee*, NCC-57299, under the command of Capt. Anthony "Tony" J. Goretski, Jr., was commissioned on Stardate 9911.13, in a public ceremony following a gala banquet for 100 Starfleet members and civilians in Mobile, Alabama. The partially televised event formed an integral part of UhuraCon, a mini-Star Trek convention weekend at the Gulf Coast Explorer Museum of Science.

Officiating at the commissioning was Region 2 Assistant IG Captain Danny Potts, who is CO of the Jubilee's mother ship, USS *Hephaestus* NCC-2004,

Birmingham, AL. Also piped and rung aboard were officers of four sister ships from Region 2, including: FCapt. Jo Banister, CO, USS *Okatoma* NCC-74692, Collins, MS; Capt. Stewart Patton, CO, USS *Odyssey* NCC-454-A, Hattiesburg, MS; Cdr. Dallas Vinson, SCO, Shuttle *Draco* NCC-2004/02, Cullman, AL; and Cdr. Bruce Dolan, XO, USS *Continuum* NCC-71821, Pensacola, FL.

Architect and Master of Ceremonies for the event was Lt. Robert W. Maceluch, Chief of Ship's Operations, USS *Jubilee*, an old pro at this sort of thing after retiring as Captain, USNR, with over 30 years' service. Color Guard and security were smartly provided by Starfleet Marines from USS *Khai Tam* NCC-81000, Tallahassee, FL, and USS *Okatoma*, under the command of 1Lt. Larry Morris. Music for the evening was by WarBand, the Klingon rock group from the Imperial Klingon Vessel IKV *Shadowfire*, Tampa, FL, led by M. "Goldy" Goldman.

Honorary commissioning celebrity Nichelle Nichols, Lt. (later Cdr.) Uhura of STAR TREK fame, was escorted to the dais before television cameras by Cdr. Ralph F. Planthold, XO, USS Jubilee. After dinner, Capt. Potts presented the official Starfleet commissioning plaque to Capt. Goretski; FCapt. Banister gave him a special pin and a chocolate muffin, both of which had become a tradition within neighboring Zone 4 of the region. Ms. Nichols spoke

for a few minutes about the crew of the USS Jubilee writing another chapter in "The Neverending Story" of the Star Trek ideal started by Gene Roddenberry.

Then Capt. Potts, Capt. Goretski, Ms. Nichols, and Cdr. Planthold each stepped forward to sign four copies of a commissioning certificate, one of which will serve as the template from which their signatures will be engraved into a commissioning plaque of the crew's own design. The fun wasn't yet over, however, thanks to Ms. Nichols. The USS Jubilee has for several months been unable to find a replacement for its original Chief of Communications. As part of setting the watch, Cdr. Planthold had just finished

taking the reports of all other department chiefs and was starting to make his report to his CO, when Ms. Nichols stepped forward and interrupted with, "Communications department all present and accounted for. Communications ready to embark."

The room thundered with spontaneous applause. It was at that moment the XO realized he'd have to redraw the certificate already prepared for presentation to Ms. Nichols the following day, to remove that one now needless word, "Honorary," from it. And that's how Nichelle Nichols came to be Chief of Communications, USS Jubilee.

Cdr. Ralph F. Planthold, First



Officer USS Jubilee, NCC-57299

INTERNATIONAL MUSTER 2000

They said it couldn't be done again, but we did it!

This is your invitation to the third STARFLEET Marine Corps International Muster. But what is the Muster? The INTER-NATIONAL MUSTER is a chance for all STARFLEET International members to enjoy the STARFLEET Marine Corps experience. The muster features panels and round table discussions on various topics relating to the SFMC as well as general information that every one should know.

PRICING

FULL METAL JACKET PACKAGE - Includes All Muster Panels and Events, a program book, a name badge, a deli buffet lunch on Saturday, and the Banquet on Saturday Night.

HEARTBREAK RIDGE PACKAGE - Includes All muster Panels and Events, a program book, a name badge, and the Banquet on Saturday Night.

Adult: \$40 Youth: \$20

Adult: \$50 Youth: \$25

HAMBURGER HILL PACKAGE - Includes All Muster Panels and Events, a program book, and a name badge.

Until May 15 - Adult: \$25 Youth: \$10 Until June 10 - Adult: \$30 Youth: \$15

DETAILS

Where: Holiday Inn Holodome, Lawrence, KS (785) 749-8940, for reservation 1-800-HOLIDAY

When: June 9th - 11th, 2000

Hotel: The Lawrence Holiday Inn has many luxuries as well as top of the line convention facilities, as well as an indoor pool, spa, game room, weight room, and a miniature golf course. Lawrence, home of the KU Jayhawks, is located approximately 35 miles west of Kansas City, and 28 miles east of Topeka on Interstate 70. The hotel is 50 miles from Kansas City International Airport.

A block of rooms have been set aside for the Muster for the rate of \$69.00 plus tax per night. These rooms will be close together, and this area will be limited to Muster participants. In order to receive this rate, be sure to tell the hotel that you are with the STARFLEET Marines!

Transportation: Kansas City International is 50 Miles from the hotel. We have talked to the KCI Roadrunner to provide shuttle service from KCI to the hotel and back. Costs are still being worked out, but will be below \$50.00 for round trip service.

Emergency Needs: There will be an on site medic station that is staffed by qualified personnel and equipped with first aid and emergency response supplies for any minor to major medical injuries or illness. Anyone with any special needs or special medical requirements please contact the special needs coordinator for the IM well in advance of your arrival so prior arrangements can be made.

Youth Programming: Special youth programs will be available for all youth that attend. Details are still being worked out, and will be announced on the webpage soon.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION - Please use a separate form for each person

Name:		Rank:	Active / 🗆	Reserve		
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PACKAGE: Please check the box of the package you want.

Full Metal Jacket	□ Adult-\$50 till May 15, 2000	□ Youth-\$25 till May 15, 2000
Heartbreak Ridge	□ Adult-\$40 till May 15, 2000	□ Youth-\$20 till May 15, 2000
Hamburger Hill	 Adult-\$25 till May 15, 2000 \$30 till June 10, 2000 	□ Youth-\$10 till May 15, 2000 □ \$15 till June 10, 2000

Be sure to fill out the form completely. Please make all checks or money orders payable to IM-2000. Send completed form to

International Muster 2000 1118 Market Street Emporia, KS 66801

Your registration will be verified by E-mail or post card. Be sure to hang on to your verification in case there is any confusion at Muster Registration. The information on this form will be used to produce your name tag. Please make sure that it is neat. Payment must be postmarked by May 15, 2000 for the Full Metal Jacket and Heartbreak Ridge packages. If payment is not received by May 25, your package will be reduced to Hamburger Hill, and you will be notified via E-mail or postcard.

Your registration will be verified by E-mail with in 48 hours of processing your registration, or via post card. You can also check your registration status on-line, by visiting our registration confirmation page (http://www.osprey.net/~astro/im/verify.htm). This page will be up-dated at least weekly (usually more often than that). Finally, if after two weeks, you haven't received a confirmation, please E-mail me (imfinance@region12.org), and I'll be happy to offer what assistance I can.

SEE YOU AT THE MUSTER!

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Date received: _____ Date verification sent: _____

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R17 SUMMIT INFO

Attention all Region 17 members: Summit 2000 is coming to town. The Summit will take place at the Ramada Inn, in Colorado Springs March 17-19, 2000. For more information please visit our website:

r17summit.webjump.com, or email Maj. Don Day at dday@vni2000.com





CQ 97 Deadline

The deadline for submissions to Issue #97 of the STARFLEET Communiqué will be March 5, 2000. Send all submissions to cq@sfi.org.

And do not forget to start thinking about anything special you would like to see in Issue 100, coming in September 2000!

TALAXIAN TRADE SHOW

For Sale

The USS Endurance has a new patch available for \$5.75 (price includes S/ H). You can see the patch at http:// www.pcisys.net/~ent1701. Contact me at: Anthony Armstrong – (719) 550-2012 or via email at ent1701@psisys.net.

R2D2 Rolling Pepsi Cooler (used but clean). As seen in stores. Has floating platform and drain tube. Available to the highest bidder, with shipping included. Contact David Crum 19 Twilight Lane Willingboro, NJ 08046 or Dtreker@aol.com.

Deck plans for sale! Be one of the last people to own a set of USS Stellar Wind 1501A deck plans. Only a few left. \$12 by priority mail. Make checks payable to: Allyson Dyar, PO Box 941, Kirkland WA 98083-0941

Region 5 in Review Video containing scenes and pictures from chapters around R5 set to music as well as information about all things R5. The price is \$12.00 with buyer provided video and \$17.00 without provided video. Prices include S&H. Send orders to (and payable to): Nat Saenz, 2301 Rouchelle Lane, West Richland, WA 99353 or e-mail: nat@televar.com. Any and all funds raised from the sale of this video will go tosupport the Region 5 Internet Domain.

USS Royal Sovereign Ship Patch \$5.00 each + Legal SASE (or \$1.00) S&H Robert Westfall 13214 W. 62nd Terrace * PMB 138 Shawnee, KS 66216

Personals

Scottish SWM, 29, seeks female Fleet member for fun correspondence. Interested in all types of Sci-Fi, music, and having a good time. Don't delay, write today! Contact: Ewan Chalmers 1 Tomail Place, Elgin, Moray, Scotland IV30 6YE or EwanAC@yahoo.co.uk.

The USS JAMESTOWN, NCC-1843-D would like to start doing a newsletter exchange with other Ships in both Region 01 and any other Region in STARFLEET. If your Ship wents to do this, just send a copy of your newletter to "STARDATE, 254 CHEROKEE DR., NEWPORT NEWS, VA 23602 -Commodore Richard W. Hewitt, Editor.

Members Wanted

Are you interested in the Internet or writing fiction? Then Space Station Nexus is the place for you! We are dues free and our primary focus is All Things Internet with a smattering of original fiction tossed in. Email allyson@ssnexus.org or link to our web site: www.ssnexus.org.

The Shuttle Proxima is looking for members. For nformation, contact Joe Brouhard at wolfpack@tanru.tzo.com.

USS JUSTICE, celebrating it's completion of it's fifth year invites any Starfleet members in the New Jersey area to join in the fun and excitement. The JUSTICE is one of the premiere Starfleet chapters which excels in the great sport of paintball. Come join us for the Star Trek Live Action Role Playing Paintball games! Contact: Fleet Captain Edward C. Tunis III @ JUSTICECO@aol.com, http://ussjustice.sfi.org or 31 Keyes Street, Florham Park, NJ 07932

Attention non-assigned members in Colorado Springs, CO. There is a new Ship forming the USS Arc Royal. This ship will be servicing those with offschedules, i.e. those typically working Saturday's. For more information please contact Bob Bulkeley at bulkeley@home.com or Don Day at dday@vni2000.com.

USS Aurora Vulcanus (Correspondence Chapter) is looking for members who like to write, draw, and role play. Join one of the most creative starships in the Fleet. Contact: Michelle Fanelli P.O. Box 591874 Houston, TX 77259 - 1874 or mrbasil@flash.net or http:// www.flash.net/~mrbasil

If you are a Starfleet member who is unassigned and lives in Atlantic, Ocean or Monmouth County or the western portion of Burlington County, beam aboard the USS Challenger. Our chapter is celebrating it 12th year and meets monthly. Call 732/830-3262 or e-mail us at Chalngrcmd@aol.com

Events

On Feb. 6th the sixth annual Intergalactic Food Festival will be hosted by the USS Challenger at the Seaside Heights Community Center at 1 p.m. Seaside Heights NJ. For directions call 732/830-3262 or email us at Chalngrcmd@aol.com This year's theme is the "Mirror/Mirror" universe. No assassinations allowed. No poisoninings either, just bring an alien dish of food or an exotic (nonalcoholic) beverage.

Free ads to STARFLEET members. 80 word maximum on any classified ad. First 40 words are free to STARFLEET members. There is a 25 cent per word charge for each additional word. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, chapter names, and Region names count as one word each. Please include your SCC number and expiration date as proof of STARFLEET membership, and your telephone number for verification, when submitting an ad. Maximum of two ads per member per issue.

Classified advertising rate for non-members is \$1 per word. Make check or money order payable to STARFLEET and send with your ad to: Communiqu'' Classifieds, 72 Dickens Road, North Brunswick, NJ 08902. Ads for STARFLEET members up to 40 words may be submitted electronically to CQ@sfi.org. Please use the subject line: CQ Ad.

If you would like your ad to appear in the next issue, whether or not it appears here, please submit it immediately.



Pictured: Fleet Admiral Mike Smith and IC Chair Cindi DeMidio at the Region 7 Conference.

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Cost:

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DATE Labor Day Weekend September 1, 2 & 3, 2000

MORE INFO

Email: <u>Artemsc@AOL.COM</u> Web Page: http://www.sfi.org/ic2000/ic2k.htm