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COOKING IT UP AT THE SIXTH ANNUAL INTERGALACTIC FOOD FESTIVAL

Rear Admiral Bob Vosseller, Commanding USS Challenger

For six years now the USS *Challenger* of Region 7, Sector One have been cooking up a party for our local SF and ST club friends and the public.

The event serves as an open house to the public which we invited in to see what fandom is all about. This year's event was no exception to that and as always we had many colorful yet edible and tasty treats and beverages.

Whether you feasted on "Martian Chili" (created by *Challenger's* Assistant Security Chief Ken Dohn) or (Arthur C. Clarke CO) Fleet Captain Cheryl Lowe's famous cheesecake, no one went away hungry. We also got some fantastic drinks ranging from USS *Justice* XO Captain Jon Kus's "Trixon Juice" to a wide variety of versions of Romulan Ale and several different versions of Aldeveran Whiskey ("It's green!").

Everyone who came brought a food or beverage item which featured its fictional name as well as its real life ingredients. We got some very creative offerings and some delicious food and drinks to consume. In some cases those who attended used the fictional persona character's race to inspire a delicacy. Such was the case with *Challenger* Counselor Emily Ford who baked "Betazoid Passion Cookies" which were her well-appreciated Butterscotch cookies.

Each year we choose a theme or fictional scenario to add a little 'flavor' to the event. This year's theme featured the Mirror/Mirror Universe, although considering our unfortunate problem with the Seaside Heights Community Center's heating system, we should have had a "Visit Rura Penthe" theme.

Members of the ISS *Lex* and the USS *Arthur C. Clarke*, along with my own ship, the USS *Challenger*, played along with the theme donning gold sashes, Empire pins and in one case a very attractive rendition of Uhura's classic boots and skirt outfit from "Mirror/Mirror". Altered versions of the TNG/DS9 era uniforms were also prevalent along with those in their regular uniforms and/or ship T-shirts and jackets.

We had over 50 people this year which included our friends from the USS *Accord*, USS *Arthur C. Clarke*, USS *Justice*, ISS *Lexington*, USS *Sovereign*, of SF R7 and our friends from the independent

USS *Tempest*, the UFPI chapters USS *Hera* and USS *Farragut*, and of course the Terran Empire which was represented by the ISS *Temperance*. Special thanks goes to *Shadowstar Station's* Fleet Captain Hatriono Sastrowardoyo, who lent some support with his station's engines (i.e. his apartment's oven a short distance away from the Seaside Heights Community Center, whose ovens were also affected by the power loss to the heating system).

Challenger's Chief Engineer Captain Brian Smith worked with *Challenger* Engineer Rich Griffith to set up some visual entertainment during the feast which included the ST:TNG episode

"Relics" which featured the scene which introduced fans to "Aldeveran Whiskey" and the ST documentary "Trekkies" which was good for a few laughs.

We announced news concerning "miracle worker" James Doohan who we just learned was set to become a father again and expectations of the next *Voyager* episode. We also noted the disappointment of the finale of the sci-fi series "Sliders" (keeping with the subject of parallel universes) which left fans with a cliffhanger during its final episode which aired on Feb. 4.

Most of all it was a chance for the sharing of conversation, good food, recipes, ST and sci-fi news, Starfleet news, and old times. Many guests from the public came in to share their exotic treats as well and see what fandom is all about. Hopefully, we've gained more people to the ranks of fandom (despite our screening "Trekkies").

Next year we promise more surprises (and heat) and plan to put together a new version of the Starfleet Cook Books and Starfleet Bar Guides Booklets which we've released before. I thought it would be great to use the recipes we collected from this year's event and the photos we took. We wish to thank everyone who came and took part in the event; you made it another great festival.

Now all I have to do is figure out what to do with the three chayotes I bought to represent "Bajoran Pears" for decoration. These members of the gourd family are quite unusual looking but what do I do with them? Anyone know how they are prepared or should I just save them to toss at the neighbor's kids?



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The deadline for the next issue of the Communiqué is the end of the last month of the cover date.

Please get material in on time to expedite the production of the newsletter.

Submission Deadline for Issue 98: March 30th, 2000



THE EDITOR'S PADD

VICE ADMIRAL CHRIS "TIGGER" WALLACE
COMMUNIQUE EDITOR

Welcome to Issue #97 of the STARFLEET Communiqué. As you can see, it is another departure from what we had in Issue #96. Fortunately, #96 did arrive in plenty of time for me to see what worked and what did not. Since the CQ will also be going to the web in full-color (in addition to the black-and-white printed version), I decided to experiment with a more colorful layout.

I also want to take some time to talk about the production and distribution of the Communiqué. As many of you have noted, the STARFLEET Communiqué has been running what appears to you as "late". Frankly, the CQ has been "late" since the day FLEET started, but just because it has been so for the last twenty-five years does not mean it needs to be so for the next twenty-five. The fact of the matter is that, due to our publishing schedule and various production problems, the CQ has been appearing towards the end of its cover months rather than in the middle or beginning for some time now.

What were some of these problems? One was layout and production. Once a CQ deadline arrived, it was necessary to pull all the information and submissions together and actually put the document together. I am fortunate to have a powerful workstation that allows me to build and change the CQ in "real-time" as I receive submissions, so this "build time" is now down to a matter of hours after the deadline, as opposed to days.

Another problem is that our mailing house would sometimes have to delay mailing because they had no idea the CQ was currently being printed and only received notice of it when the printers called to have them pick it up. Then they would have to query Comp Ops, get data for the labels and print and process those before any actual labeling and mailing could be done. Depending on how fast the mailing house picked up the CQs, and how fast Computer Operations delivered the labels decided how fast the actual distribution of the CQs would begin.

As you can imagine, taken separately and together, this was all a terrific waste of time. In discussions with Kurt Roithinger, Scott Akers, and Greg Trotter,

we are developing a system so that when we upload the master CQ files to the printers' ftp site, we can get an estimated time of completion on the printing job. This information will then be passed on to both the mailing house and Computer Operations, so that both can prepare for the distribution process. The printers will contact the mailing house when the CQs are ready for delivery, but at least this way the mailing house will already know that they are coming and Computer Operations will have already been able to get them the labels. The mailing house can then start on our job that much quicker.

The next step in addressing the issue is related to the actual timetable of the production of the CQ itself. With Issue #96 and #97 I will release the PDFs to the printers the first Monday of the second month on the cover-date. Therefore, you can expect #97 around the end of March / first of April. Issue #98 will begin the transition to the new schedule, whereby the due date is the last day of the previous month of the cover dates. In other words, the due date for Issue #98, covering the months of April and May, will be March 31, 2000.

Yes, I realize this means that in all probability, Issue #97 will arrive *after* the close of submissions for #98. As I currently receive all my submissions by email, I view this as an acceptable trade-off to get the CQ on a more-timely schedule. I hope that the Regional Coordinators and Commanding Officers who are online will be able to disseminate this information to the members who do not have internet access and who wish to submit to #98 via hard-copy format.

For Issues #98 onwards, we will now release the CQ to the printers within the first week of the first month of the cover months.

In a nutshell, this is the submissions due date for the remainder of the year:

CQ 97: FEB/MAR 2000
Deadline for Submissions -
March 1st, 2000

CQ 98: APR/MAY 2000
Deadline for Submissions -
March 31st, 2000
CQ 99: JUN/JUL 2000
Deadline for Submissions -
May 31st, 2000
CQ 100: AUG/SEP 2000
Deadline for Submissions - July
31st, 2000
CQ 101: OCT/NOV 2000
Deadline for Submissions -
September 30th, 2000
CQ 102: DEC/JAN 2001
Deadline for Submissions -
November 30th, 2000

This new production schedule, along with improvements in the printing and mailing of the CQ itself, should allow us to successfully aim for deliveries of CQs within the first month of cover.

The next issue where we've identified problems in is that of actual delivery to the people in the STARFLEET Database. To understand this process a bit more, allow me to explain what happens when Computer Operations turns over the data for the labels.

Computer Operations sends the mailing house a listing of member's names and addresses generated from the STARFLEET database. Our mailing house then "optimizes" the labels by converting them into a form that meets the requirements of the United States Postal Service. This entails capitalizing everything, adding the +4 Zip code and sometimes altering addresses to fit guidelines — such as "North 53rd Avenue" becoming "N 53RD AVE" and such. So though your

Right now, we are of the belief that it is during this process that some people's names are mangled and thus do not wind up receiving their CQ. Now, is this process necessary? Yes, it is. It is part and parcel with our usage of the postal permit.

I wish I could stand here now and give everyone an easy answer and say "We've got a perfect solution and it'll be fixed", but the truth is we do not have such a solution and I can't say if and when we will have one right now. What I can say is that Greg Trotter has volunteered to work closely with the

Mailing folks to hopefully deal with this problem and thus eventually settle this issue as well. Several people have already volunteered to verify each and every label printed out if need be — and if that is what it takes, it will be done. As for myself, I promise to continue to streamline the actual production of the CQ to ensure that it gets to the printers in as timely a fashion as possible, allowing us the maximum lead-time to get it into your mailboxes as quickly as possible.

Lastly, there is one more issue I personally have with the CQ.

That would be the issue of content. Lately we just haven't seen much in the way of content submissions from around the 'fleet and that is discouraging. I've decided to do my part to increase the amount of content provided and we'll hopefully be seeing a few new (if somewhat familiar) columns appearing in the CQ. But that is not enough. What we really could use is input from members and groups such as yourself.

Now, speaking strictly from a Region 5 perspective, I know for a fact that there are several groups in this Region alone who publish outstanding chapter newsletters with lots of fun and informative articles. Articles about a group's latest event or excursion. A review of a book or a game, perhaps. An article with personal insight or commentary about Trek in general.

The bottom line is that there is a lot of good material out there so why not consider expanding your audience a bit? If you know of a good article in your chapter or regional newsletter, why not send it on for publication in the CQ?

Or if you got an original article, send that in too! You can send CQ submissions to: CQ@sfi.org

We're working hard to make the CQ a better product. But to do so, we're as always dependent on your help and input. Comments, suggestions, and even complaints can be sent to me directly at cq-editor@sfi.org. I read them all, and do my best to respond in as helpful a manner as possible.

With regards,

Vice Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace
Vice Chief of Communications
Editor - STARFLEET Communiqué



FROM THE TOP...

FLEET ADMIRAL MICHAEL D. SMITH

COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings, STARFLEET.

As I write this article, calendar has turned from February to March already, and I'm preparing to head to Birmingham, AL next week to attend the 2000 Region 2 Summit.

I can't believe that this is the beginning of my last set of Regional Summit/Conference tours already. I have plans to attend Regional Summits/Conferences this year in Regions 1, 2, 7 and 12, as well as the late-year Western Conference of Regions 4, 5, and 17.

This year will prove interesting for STARFLEET as we as an organization move into another election cycle. Please remember to check your Constitution and look at the new election schedule. It's very important that each of you knows the election cycle and how it has changed. I'd like to once again take the time to remind everyone about the right to vote they have as part of their membership in STARFLEET. I encourage everyone to take the time, review the materials of the candidates, and make what you feel is an informed vote.

I look forward to seeing many of you as we proceed through the year, and don't forget IC2000 in lovely Burlington, VT. It's not as hard to get to as you might think!

Following this column is the first in a series of Open Letters to the members of STARFLEET to keep them abreast of important issues that have happened recently.

Take care, and see you in sixty!

Regards,

Mike

An Open Letter From the Commander, STARFLEET

I am sorry to have to send such a long post out to all of you, but recent actions and events need to be called to the attention of the membership. This will be the first of several postings over the next 7 to 10 days, dealing with various issues that I feel need to be called to the attention of the membership and publicly addressed.

Recently, STARFLEET member Bill Herrmann wrote a missive to the Admiralty Board wherein he called for the AB to consider impeaching the Executive Committee based on the actions the EC took regarding punitive actions against a member of STARFLEET. (As a side note, Mr. Herrmann did not even have the courtesy of including me in his distribution list of the aforementioned email. I had to be informed by a Regional Coordinator of said email. I have however, directly sent *him* a copy of this letter.)

It should be pointed out that the procedures for requesting impeachment of the CS are found in Article 5, Section 2 of the current STARFLEET Constitution. The Article states that impeachment of the CS requires "receipt of a petition with the signatures of at least 5% of the current membership from no fewer than 10 chapters from no fewer than 2 separate Regions." Therefore, it can be said that Mr. Herrmann's request to the Admiralty Board is well outside the boundaries of proper procedure in this matter.

Moving along...

Point 1:

Mr. Herrmann wrote chapter and verse which basically extolled on how the Executive Committee of STARFLEET is now an evil force bent on destroying STARFLEET, alleging Executive Committee violations of the STARFLEET Constitution. Mr. Herrmann further calls for an appeal of the Executive Committee's actions in the matter captioned above.

It is quite clear to me that Mr. Herrmann is acting without all the facts regarding any actions subsequent to the levy of said punitive actions.

In order to clear the air once and for all; in order to shed light on the false statements and half-truths being thrown about by those who are pursuing their own personal and/or political agendas; the following is the timeline of the events that occurred from the point of levy of punitive actions forward to the current day.

1. July 18th, 1999 - Defendant notified of punitive actions levied:

- (a) Demotion to rank of Captain.
- (b) Denial of ability to hold the positions of chapter CO or XO for a 3-year period
- (c) Denial of ability to hold any International positions for a 3-year period

2. October 20th, 1999 - Defendant files appeal with Region 3 Coordinator

3. October/November 1999 - Admiralty Board reviews appeal and files response with defendant. The Admiralty Board filed the following to the defendant in response in the appeal:

- (a) Upheld the demotion based on the constitutionally mandated authority of the Executive Committee to control promotions above the rank of Captain.
- (b) Found that the appeal to hold a CO/XO position did not conform the criteria outlined within Article 5, Section 4 of the current Constitution since the person in question was in fact not a sitting Commanding Officer at the time the punitive action was taken. It was further noted that in the finding of the AB, the EC did in fact *NOT* dictate to any chapter whom they could have as CO or XO, but simply stated that the defendant was not permitted hold said position.

Here are the direct quotes that substantiate this:

"It should furthermore be noted that the STARFLEET Executive Committee has not dictated to any chapter as to whom they can have as CO, but has said that Marian is not permitted to hold the post of Commanding or Executive Officer."

And:

"In the matter of the second action, that of being refused the right to serve as CO or XO, no action will be taken as the appeal does not fit the criteria established within Article 5, Section 4 of the current STARFLEET Constitution, as the appellant was in fact not a sitting Commanding Officer at the time the sentence was passed."

(c) Upheld the ban on International positions as such positions fall under the purview of the Executive Committee

4. December 10th, 1999 - Draft of notification letter stating the majority decision of Admiralty Board regarding the appeal filed as noted in Items 2 and 3 is begun. Certified Mail/Return Receipt Requested containing said letter is sent 12/20/99; return receipt card signed 12/24/99.

5. December 10th, 1999 - In an attempt to address the concerns of the Admiralty Board over the issue of the second punitive as listed in Item 1b taken against the defendant, the Executive Committee proposed to vacate that action. As part of said proposal, the Admiralty Board would then agree to approve review of a process by which the Chief of Operations would consult with the Admiralty Board on such matters where the Constitution allows the Chief of Operations to refuse to seat an incoming CO if it is proven that there are "compelling reasons to the contrary." (Reference A4, S2 of the current Constitution.)

6. December 12th, 1999 - The Admiralty Board votes to accept the compromise submitted by the Executive Committee

7. December 12th, 1999 - The Executive Committee contacts the defendant and advises defendant of the vacate action of the second article of punitive action as listed in Item 1b.

8. December 28th, 1999 - The Admiralty Board votes to place a moratorium on the issue as noted in Item 4 for a minimum period of 60 days in order to send the issue to committee. The Admiralty Board approves this motion.

9. December 28th, 1999 - A committee of AB members is established by the Commander, STARFLEET (acting as Chairman of the Board of Directors, per the STARFLEET Constitution) to create policy for review, discussion and approval by the full Admiralty Board as noted in item 5.

10. December 28th, 1999 - Current AB Committee in deliberations of initial draft of said policy.

Mr. Herrmann is also adamant about how the Executive Committee violated Article 4, Section 1 of the current STARFLEET Constitution regarding Item 1B, above.

Article 4, Section 1 states that:

"The leadership of STARFLEET has the right to remove or refuse to recognize any officers described within Article 4, Sections 2 through 11, inclusive, upon good cause shown. For purposes of such refusal only, "good cause" is specifically limited to:

- a) that individual's demonstrated, repeated failure to comply with STARFLEET's mandatory reporting requirements,*
- b) prior financial improprieties by that individual related to any STARFLEET chapter's or Region's finances,*
- c) that individual's demonstrated failure in the past to properly maintain any STARFLEET chapter's or Region's financial records or to allow a chapter or Region member upon request to review a chapter's or Region's financial records or documentation,*
- d) proof of a criminal conviction or civil judgment based upon an offense involving rape, theft, fraud, or any felonious offense, or*
- e) proof of sexual harassment of a member or sexual misconduct (as currently defined in the Membership Handbook) with a member.*

Should the leadership of STARFLEET choose to refuse to recognize any individual for such good cause shown, that individual has the immediate right of appeal of that refusal by contacting any one member of the Admiralty Board, who then shall forward the request to the full Admiralty Board. The full Admiralty Board may overrule the refusal by a two-thirds majority vote of all its members and order that the individual be reinstated or recognized. That appellate process shall be concluded by the AB within sixty (60) days of the date of the refusal decision, unless the AB is refused information needed to make an informed decision. In such instances, the AB has the option to vote to extend the period or terminate the appeal altogether for lack of input. The officer in question may retain his/her current position for the duration of the appeal."

It has been demonstrated on many occasions and directly recognized by the STARFLEET Admiralty Board that the actions taken were NOT against a seated STARFLEET Commanding Officer, nor were they against someone attempting to take said position.

Those are the facts in the matter referenced. Your Regional Coordinator can confirm those facts.

Had Mr. Herrmann attempted to gather these facts from his Regional

Coordinator, or through his chapter CO, (using the chain of command) he would have found out all his issues had been addressed, or are being addressed, by both the Executive Committee and Admiralty Board.

Rather than seek the facts of the matter from his Regional Coordinator, Mr. Herrmann chose to go on what amounts to a jihad against the leadership of STARFLEET. I respectfully submit to Mr. Herrmann that checking for all the facts of an issue before launching baseless attacks against the leadership of STARFLEET is only fair to said leadership.

While it is laudable to "stick up for membership rights," it is also the responsibility of every member of this organization to get all the facts in order first before trumpeting from the battlements.

Point 2:

Further in the aforementioned email to the AB, Mr. Herrmann directly accuses me of trying to silence him on the STARFLEET Marine Corps ListServ, and again goes on about how I am trying to trample on his membership rights using my authority as Commander, STARFLEET.

That accusation comes across as nothing more than either an outright lie or deliberate malfeasance due to his failure to adequately collect facts before making such an accusation.

The fact of the matter in this case is that as a participant on the SFMC ListServ, I was highly offended by his abusive behavior on that ListServ as well as a choice of words he used in a post on said ListServ. I exercised my rights as a user of said ListServ to complain about his actions and request that administrative action be taken.

The following section is the email I sent to the List Administrator of the SFMC ListServ, wherein I filed my complaint and request for termination of his subscription from the SFMC ListServ. (Note that I am the author of said email, so I am not violating standard Internet etiquette that forbids the reposting of private email publicly.)

*Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 12:38:03 -0500
To: chunone@wolfenet.com
From: msmith@internexus.net
Subject: Request for suspension*

List Administrator,

I am exercising my right as a member of corps-I to ask that you immediately and unconditionally terminate Bill

Herrmann's subscription to corps-I.

His continued abusive behavior, up to and including telling people to publicly "go to hell" is just simply intolerable.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

*Michael D. Smith
List user, corps-I*

I plainly did not speak on behalf of STARFLEET, nor did I invoke my position as Commander, STARFLEET in that email. The List Administrator subsequently denied my request.

And even if I had spoken as Commander, STARFLEET, don't I too have the same membership rights as anyone else? Or is Bill simply trying to do what he has falsely accused me of doing in my role as President of this Association? Don't I have the same Membership Rights as any other member of this Association? I don't recall seeing anything to the contrary in the Membership Handbook or Constitution. The only thing different between Bill Herrmann and myself is that I'm the elected President of this Association. Why is it ok for Bill Herrmann to have rights, but not me?

You don't see me publicly calling to have Bill Herrmann thrown out of STARFLEET for trampling on *my* rights, do you?

I respectfully call upon Mr. Herrmann to issue a retraction and apology for his false accusation.

In the final analysis, Mr. Herrmann has the right to voice his opinion. No one has kept him from doing so, despite his assertions to the contrary. Unfortunately, he does damage not only to STARFLEET's good name but also his own by speaking without collecting all his facts.

Further, what Mr. Herrmann calls the trampling of his membership rights is the actions of ListServ Administrators in performance of their duties. (More on that issue below)

In fact, I know for a fact that during Allyson Dyar's tenure as the Senior List Admin of the Starfleet-I ListServ, she went to great lengths to explain to Bill what he did wrong. She also made good-faith and honest efforts to help him understand his transgressions so that they would not be repeated in the future. Kurt Roithinger, Chuck Freas, Gord Goldberg and myself all also attempted to communicate this to Bill.

I respectfully submit, however, that no

member of STARFLEET has the right to voice opinions based on half-truths or incomplete information. If a member wants to voice an opinion, more power to that member. But get your facts straight before you do. It's only fair.

Point 3:

As some of you may know, Bill Herrmann created a separate ListServ. I personally chose not to participate on that list, because I believe that we already have a list where folks can discuss issues surrounding STARFLEET as long as it is done in a reasonable and productive manner.

In a posting onto that ListServ, he expounded on the fact that he would never join another SFI or SFMC-related list because he felt the rules of these ListSers violated his membership rights as expressed by the STARFLEET Membership Handbook. (Please note that I am not breaking any rules of netiquette because I am not forwarding any emails from that list in part or verbatim to these Lists. I am simply discussing what is happening.)

I am going to make one final attempt to explain why those membership rights are not enforceable on any ListServ that is related to STARFLEET, The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc.

If STARFLEET had direct managerial control over the content of any ListServ relating to STARFLEET in any way or manner, STARFLEET would be obligated to answer member complaints regarding actions, conducts, etc on any of those Lists. As many of you have undoubtedly seen, conversations on this list can become very heated, as members can and do become passionate about the sides they champion in any given conversational thread.

STARFLEET would be swamped with member complaints about the conduct of other members, and would be obligated to address those complaints, et cetera and so forth. Pretty soon STARFLEET would have to shut down the lists in order to keep the peace.

In addition, STARFLEET could also be accused of censoring the membership, if the organization made the managerial decisions on what is topical and what is not topical on these lists. That's a headache an offshoot organization of STARFLEET had to deal with directly. Thanks, but no thanks.

So, as many of you know, the various ListSers related to STARFLEET, except those used to conduct the official business of the Admiralty Board, are not

directly controlled by STARFLEET. They are managed and moderated by members of STARFLEET, and in some cases are hosted by computers run by and for STARFLEET by members of the organization, but they are not recognized by STARFLEET.

What does that mean?

It's very simple, actually.

It means that any member who participates on these ListSers participates at the pleasure and discretion of the various list owners and moderators. It means that the only rights that members who participate on these ListSers have are the rights given to them by those list owners and moderators.

It's akin to being invited to my house, for example. If you say or do something that offends me, I have the right to ask you to leave, or to simply just throw you out the front door head over teakettle. It's my house; I can do what I want within those confines. The right I granted you to the comfort of my house ends when I decide you have overstayed your welcome.

It's the same on any of the aforementioned ListSers. STARFLEET Membership Rights do NOT extend to these ListSers. Those stating that they will not participate on these lists because of the above captioned reasons are certainly within their rights to do so, but hiding from the fact that they choose not to participate because they do not like the rules and regulations of said ListSers isn't the honorable thing to do.

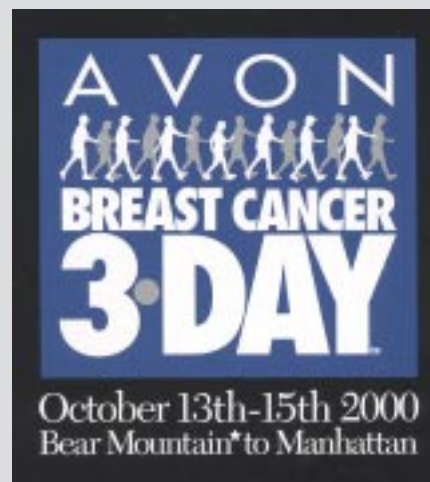
I have done my best to be factual and honest in my comments here this evening. This is not an attempt to silence Bill Herrmann. This is not an attempt to shame Bill Herrmann. Bill Herrmann is a STARFLEET member, and allowed to speak his piece.

I simply cannot stand idly by and watch the senior leadership of this organization be lambasted for no good reason. It is simply unfair to the finest group of STARFLEET members I have ever had the pleasure of working with.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Mike Smith
Commander, STARFLEET
cs@sfi.org



Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in women in the U.S. This year, over 40,000 women are expected to die of the disease. There is no way to prevent breast cancer, but if it is detected early it can often be treated successfully. There is no way to cure breast cancer, but medical research is closer to that goal than ever before.

Imagine knowing that because of you, tens of thousands of women will be reached with life-saving early detection services, and researchers may soon find a cure.

When was the last time you were part of something that powerful? That purposeful? You could spend an hour cheering on a friend, a day helping to

IMAGINE KNOWING THAT YOU SAVED A LIFE

Lt. Michelle Podesta • Ship's Counselor, USS Starlord

give water to walkers or prepare, or three incredible days with nearly 2,000 other people who are registering for the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day right now. Mostly people who've never done anything like this before in their lives. Young men and women. Grandmothers. People of all ages and sizes and colors. All working together in a revolution against breast cancer, and in solidarity to help save women's lives.

Five years ago my mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. It wasn't a surprise to the women of my family. The past four generations on my mom's side have had to deal with cruelty of this disease. Unfortunately it's just a matter of waiting for the shoe to drop. Knowing it was going to happen and seeing the reality of the disease before my own eyes has changed me forever. Since the summer of my mom's diagnosis I have participated in a single day walk in Princeton once a year. It was a way for me to help in hopes that either myself or my daughter would never have to go through the mental and physical pain

that my Mom did. Most of you know that the past year has been difficult for me, but with the help of family and friends I have gained the courage to try.

Try what? You might ask. I am going to walk. Yes, I said walk. I am going to walk approximately 60 miles over a three day period from Bear Mountain to Manhattan. "She's crazy!" you say. "She'll never make it", you'll probably add. Well, I answer that with "I have to." "I have to do this for my Mom, for my cousin, for my aunts, for my grandmother and her two sisters, for my great-grandmother, for my friends. Some due to the medical advancements of the past few years are still alive, most who didn't survive the five year marker."

How can you help? Come and cheer us on, donate to a walker's goal, join us as a crew member or volunteer.

Lt. Michelle Podesta
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THE KLINGON WARRIOR ACADEMY

*Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Debra Kern
Director - Klingon Academy*

Honor graduates of the Klingon Warrior Academy (KWA) are now inducted in the Order of General Martok's Honor Guard. The Order is being sponsored by House Veska, which is a part of the Klingon Assault Group (KAG). This idea came from the High Master himself, HoD K'James-Sutai-Veska (Marine Capt James Monroe for you Humans, Vulcans, Romulans, or Whatever).

I, The High Mistress, Lt. K'Debwov-Tai-Veska, thought this was a wonderful idea and went to the House Veska General, Lionel Smith, with the idea and he said go for it. House Veska is sponsoring the Order of General Martok's Honor Guard. So that makes us official and kills two targs with one batleth: One, good relations with another star trek affiliate and, two, create a fun and attractive incentive for potential students for the StarFleet Academy. We are not under KAG, we are still exclusively the Klingon Warrior Academy under STARFLEET International.

To have this honor bestowed on a student, the student must score 100 points in all three courses of the KWA. These students are offered a challenge to take

course 400 (This is free). The student if she or he accepts, comes up with four topics for an essay. Director K'James then picks one of the four topics for the student. K'James relays his selection to me and I contact the student. The student sends me the essay and I send it to K'James. The essay is graded on a go/no go scale. If the essay is a go, then the student becomes a full fledge Klingon Warrior and is inducted to the KWA's Order of General Martok's Honor Guard. Thus, the warrior becomes part of House Veska and chooses a Klingon name. On top of this honor the warrior receives a honor graduate package with a certificate in Klingon and standard languages, a letter for the student's chapter CO, the Order of General Martok's Honor Guard badge that they can wear on their uniform or whatever, and a welcome letter to House Veska from General Ke'Veqh-epitai-Veska (Lionel Smith).. Also, the warrior will receive rank pins to match his SFI rank. The rank pins are exclusively made for KWA Klingon Warriors only.

If the Klingon Warrior Academy honor graduate already belongs to a house and has a Klingon name, then the warrior

will become an honorary member of House Veska and the Order. Honorary members will still get whole graduate package.

Presently, we have one KWA honor graduate: Capt Nancy Lynch who after accepting the challenge has written her essay and will be published along with this article. The KWA has other potential students for the Order: Commander Edith L. Padgett, Ensign Craig A. Schuster, Capt Wayne L. Killough, Jr., and Lt Mandy Halleman (Lt. T'Rehes-Tai-LarDalq).

Do you hear the "Cry of the Warrior?" Are you a person who craves challenges? If you answered yes to both these questions then I, Lt. K'Debwov-Tai-Veska, challenge you to apply to the KWA. You have the mettle of a true Klingon Warrior. Earthers, Vulcans, Romulans, or whatever need not apply since I have probably frighten you or offended you in some way. Hahaha.

More information can be found on the Klingon Warrior Academy web site:
<http://www.wazoo.com/~kerndi/kwa>.



SECOND THOUGHTS

ADMIRAL GORDON GOLDBERG
VICE-COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings from the Office of the Vice Commander!

I'd like to extend a general "thank-you" to all the folks who have sent me messages of congratulations (and those of condolences) on my recent move to the office of Vice Commander, STARFLEET. I'm enjoying the challenges of my new role, and trust that I won't disappoint you.

I'd like to thank Mike for the faith he's shown in me by selecting me to take Chuck's place, and would especially like to thank Chuck for all of his help and hard work over the past three years — if it wasn't for his skillful handling of both the IRS and the US Postal Service, we might not have a STARFLEET today.

Part of what made this move so easy for me is that I know I've left STARFLEET Communications in good hands. Allyson Dyar did a phenomenal job as my senior Vice-Chief for the past three years, and I have full faith in her ability to take what we've built so far and expand upon it in ways that will do us all proud. And with Chris Wallace supporting her at the helm of the Communiqué, I expect to see some changes that will have us all cheering in the very near future.

Speaking of the Communiqué, I'd like to thank Mandi Hermann for the work she did during her unfortunately brief stint as Editor-in-Chief. I deeply regret her decision to step down, and wish she had chosen to discuss her concerns with me beforehand, but I respect her decision and her right to her own opinion and convictions.

Which leads me into the subject of what's been going on in STARFLEET Headquarters circles. For several months there have been discussions — often heated — about some events that took place involving a STARFLEET member accused of wrong-doing, and the actions taken by the Executive Committee to address the situation. There were accusations that some sort of "conspiracy" has led to the staffing turn-over at STARFLEET Headquarters. There's also been a lot of other misinformation circulated about the matter, and while most of it has been cleared up on the various internet mailing lists, I feel we owe it to the

general membership to "get the word out" in the Communiqué, so hold onto your hats, here I go.

First off, let's look at the staff turn-over (sort of like an apple turn-over, only larger?).

Actually, I think it's amazing that in the fourth year of this administration, three of the original members of the Executive Committee are still on the EC. Both Dennis and I are — as well as Mike himself. Most of the members of the EC staff are also still around — even if some have changed positions a few times.

Most of the changes have occurred because of people stepping down due to the impact of outside life requiring them to re-channel their time — school, work, family life, a new home, a new job, moving...

And this is over the course of two terms of office — which most STARFLEET administrations haven't had.

Not to mention, from my experience with other volunteer organizations, it's not at all unusual to see larger and rapid turn-overs among unpaid staffs — especially when they have to face the pressure, and unfortunately often the abuse, that STARFLEET's operational volunteers are hit with on an almost-daily basis. Whether it's complaints about delays in the publishing of the Communiqué or about membership processing, it takes its toll.

So let's extend a hearty "thank-you" to the folks who are still here — and to those who gave of themselves what they could and have since moved on to other things.

Now I'd like to speak about the rumors of infighting and stormy relations between the Executive Committee and the Admiralty Board.

Actually, I don't think it's infighting. Heated discussion between and amongst the EC and AB, yes, but for the most part it's been handled very professionally and with a spirit of negotiation and compromise. Occasionally we get hung up for a while, but it seems someone or other manages to find a way to get things moving again.

The peripheral effects some people claim to have been seeing are actually all there

is to the supposed storm - there's no great whirlwind at the center, unless you consider the productive activities of the EC and the AB working together to hash out the ambiguities of the new Constitution, with occasional clashes and entrenchments but overall motion towards progress, to be a storm... and if so, it's a brainstorm, not a tornado.

Next, there's the matter of the Commander, STARFLEET's replacement of the Inspector General.

Let's clear something up — the previous Inspector General resigned when informed by Mike that his name would not be resubmitted to the Admiralty Board to be considered for reappointment. He wasn't fired — he was simply being told that he would not be rehired when his term of office was completed. And why was that? The Inspector General is the member of the Commander, STARFLEET's staff who is charged with performing investigations when called upon, and with overseeing elections. The IG, who is supposed to be the prosecutorial investigator, became involved in an appeal by the recent subject of a disciplinary investigation. Instead of removing himself from any involvement, he opted to take an active role in the appeal process.

In the opinion of the Executive Committee, this was a clearcut conflict of interest on the IG's part. The EC lost confidence in the IG's ability to perform in his prosecutorial role.

While some (a thankfully small number of) people have felt it necessary to take "drastic" actions to emphasize their feelings on the issues, we've been fortunate in that an ongoing dialogue between the Admiralty Board (your Regional Coordinators, who make up the Board of Directors of this corporation, and are therefore the folks responsible for preventing abuses of power by the operational staff) and the Executive Committee (who make the day-to-day operational decisions) has prevented this entire sad situation from growing completely out of hand, and will result in a fair, equitable and constitutionally acceptable resolution — even if it means that no one (not even Mike or myself) gets things completely their own way.

Sorry to disappoint the conspiracy theorists out there, but there's no deep dark plot here — just an honest difference of opinions among some of STARFLEET's leadership, which the Executive Committee and the Admiralty Board have been working very hard (and somewhat heatedly) to resolve.

As for the issue that started all of this...

The Executive Committee decided to assess a penalty against a STARFLEET member who had admitted to submitting a forged document. It chose not to invoke the ultimate sanction STARFLEET can implement, namely expulsion from STARFLEET. It felt it had to take severe punitive action in the interest of STARFLEET, however. We disqualified that officer from taking any position at the international level, or from becoming a CO or XO, for a three-year period.

The STARFLEET Constitution speaks specifically to the circumstances under which the Executive Committee may remove a sitting Commanding Officer. The Constitution doesn't speak at all regarding the banning of people from becoming Commanding Officers.

That's why the issue is being dealt with by the Admiralty Board.

Did we overstep our bounds? Maybe, maybe not.

Anyone who feels that we did is entitled to their beliefs. I don't believe that we did. I believe that what we had done was a reasonable compromise, given the officer's past history of service to the fleet.

The Admiralty Board and the Executive Committee discussed the matter, and the EC voluntarily gave in on some things, and others are now in the hands of the Admiralty Board — where they should be.

Anyone is entitled to their own interpretation, as well as their own opinion of other people's interpretations, of the Constitution — but the Constitution itself gives the final authority for its interpretation to the Admiralty Board.

An Admiralty Board made up of the Regional Coordinators voted into office by the Regions, and not controlled by

the CS as it was in the past. An Admiralty Board which is noone's puppet.

An Admiralty Board to whom the members have the right to appeal if they feel that the Executive Committee or the Commander STARFLEET have violated the Constitution.

An Admiralty Board to which such an appeal was made, and which reviewed said appeal.

An Admiralty Board whose interpretation - not Mike's interpretation, not my interpretation, not the Executive Committee's interpretation, and not anyone else's interpretation - is the final interpretation.

These are not the bad old days of Dan McGinnis, nor are the Executive Committee nor the Admiralty Board rubber-stamping puppets for the Commander, STARFLEET.

The system is working, folks. It may be difficult to believe after years of living under the old Constitution, but the new one really does work — even if it does need some tweaking.

Finally, I want to address the claims that a few people have made that all of this started as a vendetta by Mike Smith which was carried out by his rubber-stamp Executive Committee. To anyone who thinks this EC is a rubber-stamp body, well, to paraphrase Elmer Fudd, "you don't know us vewwy well."

If anything, Mike's Executive Committee has been known since its inception (back when we were just a slate of officers thinking of running with Mike) for its weilding of "the 2x4" — in other words, our tendency to beat up on Mike when he gets out of line. So if anyone can be accused of dominating the EC, it's not Mike. He facilitates discussion and gives his ideas, but the members of the Executive Committee make their decisions for themselves, working together.

Why does the EC appear to so often stand together on its decisions then? Simple — we tend to do our decision-making through consensus. Consensus is based on the principle that every voice is worth hearing, every concern is justified. If a proposal makes a few people, even one person, deeply unhappy — then there is a valid reason for that unhappiness, and if we ignore it, we are likely to make a mistake. Instead of spending energy trying to convert people to agree to something they don't want, we drop either or both alternatives and look for a new solution, one that satisfies everyone's concerns, or work to improve the existing proposals to come up with the best decision for the entire group. The universe is not either/or choices, it is "rich with infinite possibilities."

This process results in a decision that is acceptable to all even if it is not totally satisfactory. Consensus is 100% consent, not necessarily 100%

agreement. It means the decision is something we can all live with, even if it isn't what we'd each want if we had our own way.

That's how the EC makes its decisions. It's also, for the most part, how the EC tries to work things out with the Admiralty Board.

Sometimes it's a slow process — but like I said before, it's working.

If you've got any questions, or if I can help you or your chapters and regions in any way, please email me at VCS@sfi.org, or send me postal mail at:

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New York, NY 10033-5333

It is my pleasure in closing to affirm that I remain in Service to the Fleet,

ADM Gordon Lloyd Goldberg
Vice Commander, STARFLEET



COMPUTER OPERATIONS

COMMODORE TERI SMITH

CHIEF OF COMPUTER OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Since STARFLEET began taking advantage of the USPS periodicals class mailing option last year, we've had a rash of reports of members not receiving their *Communiqué* newsletters. Some of the problems have yet to be explained, but many can easily be explained in one of three ways: members whose memberships have lapsed, members who've moved but didn't tell STARFLEET in a timely fashion, and members whose addresses aren't valid according to the United States Postal Service.

The first problem is easily solved, but we're shocked at how many people never get around to renewing their memberships, and then wonder why they don't get their newsletters. The renewal reminder postcards and e-mails we've been sending recently should help, and each issue of the *Communiqué* you receive should have your expiration date on the label, but please remember that it's your responsibility to renew your membership in a timely manner.

Keep in mind, also, that Membership

Processing has a target turnaround time of six to eight weeks for new memberships and renewals. We generally beat that goal, often by a wide margin, but this means that, if you don't send in your renewal two months before your current membership is due to expire, there's no certainty your membership will continue without a lapse. Even a brief lapse might mean you'll miss an issue of the newsletter, since each newsletter is mailed to those who are members as of specific dates.

This *Communiqué*, for example, is being mailed to everyone who was a STARFLEET member in good standing (paid up, with no outstanding bounced checks) as of February 1st, 2000. CQ 98 will be mailed to all members in good standing as of April 1st, 2000. For similar reasons, we need to know right away when a member moves. Please inform CompOps at the address in the front of this newsletter *as soon as you know your new address*, even if you haven't moved yet. (Let us know the anticipated move date.) If you move and don't tell us right away, your newsletter

may be sent to your old address, and may not reach you.

The most perplexing and frustrating trouble we've seen recently is with addresses the USPS considers invalid. With first class mail, a letter with a bad address will usually get to the right post office, and a letter carrier who knows the area can figure out where it needs to go. Unfortunately, with periodicals class mail, a piece of mail with a bad address may never leave the post office it was sent from; you're unlikely ever to get it.

When the mailing house sends out the newsletters, they run the addresses through postal address certification software that puts them in a standard format. (For example, "101 North Main Street #2" would become "101 N MAIN ST APT 2.") Our experience is that addresses the software can't certify or standardize don't stand a good chance of being delivered.

We're doing our best to spot troublesome

addresses before they become a problem, and we're planning to enclose a letter with new membership packets when we believe the address we've been provided may not be valid. The packets, which are sent first class, should have a better chance of reaching such members than the newsletters will.

Please take a moment to be sure you renew promptly, let us know if you're moving, and be sure to provide us the address the USPS considers your official mailing address if you're in the United States. Above all, please let us know right away if you believe there's a problem. Don't wait months and months! Check near the front of this issue for all the CompOps contact information you might need. (We look forward to hearing from you when the problems are solved, too!)



STARFLEET OPERATIONS

LIEUTENANT GENERAL LES RICKARD
CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Greetings,

Hello once again from Ops HQ. Well let's dive right into this issue's Operations article.

CHANGES IN OPERATIONS STAFF

Well I would like to announce two changes in the Operations Staff since last we reported. First off, as everyone knows, Vice Admiral Chris Wallace was named as the new Communiqué editor. As this is a very important job he Chris felt (as did I) that he should concentrate on that endeavor. So, after accepting applications, a new DVC West has been appointed. Please join me in welcoming Fleet Captain Ken Kopacki to TEAM OPS as the new District Vice Chief, West. Ken can be reached via DVCWest@sfi.org.

The second change is with the Director of Online Services, STARFLEET Operations. Fleet Captain David McCabe is stepping down to second chair as Assistant Director due to increasing obligations elsewhere. I would like to thank Dave for all of his hard work and assistance over the last three plus years. I don't believe we would have been up and moving in the online area so quickly had it not been for Dave's tireless work.

Please help me welcome Lt. Don Willits of Region Five aboard TEAM OPS as the new Dir. Online Services, Operations. Don is currently working on some new ideas for Online Services and will be debuting them in the coming weeks. I am looking forward to working with Don as part of TEAM OPS. Don can be reached at Onlineops@sfi.org and Dave can be reached at OpsLiason@sfi.org.

MONTHLY STATUS REPORTS

When you file an MSR you should be filing it with your Regional Coordinator or his designated officer as well as to STARFLEET Operations. When reporting to STARFLEET Operations you should be reporting to one of three District Vice Chiefs (DVC's). Below are the contact information and the regional responsibilities for each DVC.

DVC East
Regions 1, 2, 7 and 15
Col. Dennis Rayburn
PO Box 61
Puryear, TN 38251
DVCEast@sfi.org *OR* stoncold@wk.net

DVC West
Regions 3, 4, 5, 6, 12 and 17
Fleet Captain Ken Kopacki
2441 NE Loop 410 #1204
San Antonio, TX 78217
DVCWest@sfi.org *OR*
compops@region3.com

DVC International
Regions 9, 10, 11 and 13
Fleet Captain Andrea Haag
7312 Pinehurst
Dearborn, MI 48126
DVC-Int@sfi.org *OR*
DVCINT1@aol.com

Now that you are aware of who you should be reporting to you need to know the time table the STARFLEET Operations works on with regards to your reporting.

All MSR's are due to your DVC by the 1st of the month following the reporting period (i.e. January's report is due by February 1st). However, as we can understand that sometimes events can come late in the month we have built in a five (5) day grace period. This means that any report received between the 1st and the 5th of the month is considered on time. After the 5th of the month the MSR is considered late until the 15th of the month after which it is considered Failed To Report (FTR).

CHAPTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Chapter Assistance Program (CAP) is a program designed to assist the chapters in STARFLEET that are below strength in their required membership numbers. The CAP Director is there to assist with problem solving should the chapter request it. If he cannot assist he will attempt to point you in the direction of someone who can. CAP's primary goal is to give you the extra time to get the membership numbers up. Entering CAP you are able to set aside an impending Decommissioning for as long as five (5) months.

If you believe your chapter is below the necessary ten members you should contact the CAP Director (CAP@sfi.org) and request to be placed in the program. If you are unaware that your chapter numbers have fallen below the needed ten Operations will contact you through the CAP Director and advise you. At this point you are considered enrolled in the program.

Once enrolled in CAP you are on placed on a stand by status for sixty (60) days. During these sixty days you have time to work on a plan to increase your membership and graduate from CAP. If, near the end of that sixty days, you feel you will not have the requirements to graduate out of CAP you can request a sixty (60) day extension. This will be granted through the CAP Director and you will remain in stand by status for an additional sixty days. If you have not achieved the requirements to graduate from CAP at the end of this extension you will receive a 30 day Stand By Letter. This letter will tell you that your chapter is pending decommissioning. If at the end of this stand by period the chapter is still below strength a decommissioning letter will sent.

When the end of this fifty-day period is up the only recourse I have is to decommission a chapter. Now this sounds harsh and trust me, decommissioning is a sad duty I do not enjoy.

CHANGES OF COMMAND

When you send a Change of Command Form (CoCF) to STARFLEET Operations there are several items that need to be reviewed.

The form must be filled out completely and signed by all of the necessary parties. This is necessary as a check and balance for the chapter. The reason I point this out is that I have received quite a few CoCF's without signatures at the bottom of the form. This has held up the change of command process while a new form is sent with the signatures on it.

The CoCF must have, enclosed with it, copies of the OTS and OCC certificates of the new Chapter Officer's. This is

New DVC West

Greetings,

I closed the application process on the District Vice Chief, West slot on the 15th of February. It was a very difficult decision as every one of the applicants were qualified to do the job.

However, as only one person can do it I have made the following appointment as the new District Vice Chief, West.

Please help me welcome FCapt Ken Kopaki to TEAM Ops. Ken comes well-recommended from the 3rd Fleet, where he serves as CompOps Chieft.

All CO's effected will be advised of this change in a letter from the Chief of Operations to be mailed this weekend. Ken's information for MSR submission is:

FCapt Ken Kopaki
2441 NE Loop 410 #1204
San Antonio, TX 78217
DVCWest@sfi.org *OR*
compops@region3.com

Thank you and take care.

Semper Fidelis,
LGN Les Rickard, SFMC
Chief of STARFLEET Operations

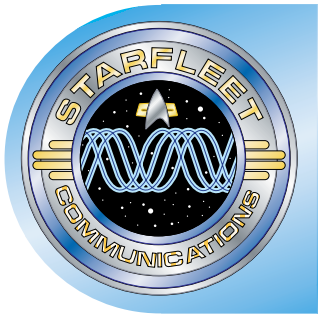
required as the CO and XO of a chapter must have passed both of these courses to hold those positions. Again, the lack of having these attached to the CoCF has delayed the change of command on some chapters.

The CoCF should be sent to Operations in hard copy format. No electronic CoCF's will be processed. This is only one of two forms that Operations requires be sent hard copy, the other being the Vessel Registry Request. The CoCF should be sent to the Chief of STARFLEET Operations, not your District Vice Chief. The CoCF should also be sent to your Regional Command and STARFLEET Compops.

LEAVING DRYDOCK

Below is a list of Chapters that have been commissioned since the beginning of 2000 and their Command Crew. Let me congratulate each of the chapters and their respective Command Crews for accepting the challenge of starting a new STARFLEET Chapter.

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HAILING FREQUENCIES

VICE ADMIRAL ALLYSON M.W. DYAR
CHIEF OF COMMUNICATION, STARFLEET

Welcome to my first article as Chief of Communications. It's been a long road to get here: I've been XO and CO of the *USS Stellar Wind*, NCC-1501A; the Director of Correspondence Operations; the original web master of the 'fleet web page; Interim Regional Coordinator for Region Five; appointed as Chief of Net Services and Senior Vice Chief of Communications and here I am now serving as the Chief of Communications.

On the mundane side, I have three undergraduate degrees: BA in Communications, BS in Biology, and a BS in Computer Science. For over ten years, I edited and published a multimedia letterzine, COMLINK, and I also worked as a professional graphic artist as well as having written professionally published computer software reviews. I currently spend most of my time writing science fiction.

The Business of the Communication's

Department is simple: communication. To do this, we have a wide variety of departments and personnel:

* Want to know what's happening in 'fleet? Read our bi-monthly newsletter, the Communiqué. Vice Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace (CQ-Editor@SFI.org) serves as the CQ editor and the Senior Vice Chief. Chris is directly in the chain of Communication's Command and is my second. If you have access to the Internet, please check out the official 'fleet web pages (<http://www.sfi.org>). I'm still the Webmaster. To keep up on all official 'fleet news also check out the announcements page. Announcements are available on line for sixty days.

* Need advice or information on how to build a web page? Contact Vice Chief of Net Services Commodore Ed Nowlin (OWC@SFI.Org) who is also the Director Office of Web Consultation (<http://owc.sfi.org>). Ed also maintains a repository of STARFLEET graphics

called Memory Alpha (<http://owc.sfi.org/memoryalpha>). I even get to work for him as the Webmaster. Together (along with a third judge), we present the annual Web Awards.

* Are you interested in reading or writing Star Trek fiction? Contact Vice Chief of Fanzine Lieutenant Todd Brugmans (Fanzine@SFI.Org). We hope to have *Stellar Visions* #3 ready and available very shortly.

* Are you interested in meeting new people and love communicating with others? Then consider becoming a diplomat. Contact the Director of Diplomatic Corps: Commander Christopher Esquivel (DiploCorps@SFI.org)

* Do you need a document translated? Contact the Director of the International Translation Corps: Martin Lessem (ITC@SFI.org)

* Do you need a graphic for your web page or newsletter? Contact the Director of the Office of Graphic Design: Captain Kristi Fell (FleetArt@aol.com).

As you can see, the Communication's Department offers a wide variety of services. Check us out at (<http://www.sfi.org/comm>).

Before I take my leave, for all you COs and RCs, please read my article on the Nomination Guidelines for Commander, STARFLEET.

By the time you receive this issue of the CQ, I will have changed my address. The new snail mail address is: 1209 SE 89th Avenue, Portland OR 97216. Also, my old personal email address, (dyar@halcyon.com), will likely no longer be available. If for some reason, you are unable to contact me via (comm@sfi.org), please try (Allyson@SSNexus.Org).

Your Humble and Not-So Obedient Servant,

Vice Admiral Allyson M.W. Dyar
Chief of Communications, STARFLEET

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USS DRACO NCC-78501
Nomad Class Exploratory Cruiser
Capt. Dallas Vinson
LCdr James Whatley
Commissioned February 3rd, 2000

USS DRAKENFIRE NCC-71822
Galaxy (II) Class
Large Exploratory Cruiser
Capt. Alice Strange
Cdr A. Jean Smith
Commissioned on February 3rd, 2000

USS ARI NCC-1723
Enterprise Class Heavy Cruiser
Capt. Michalene Biber
Cdr. Michelle Bock
Commissioned on February 4rd, 2000

USS JAGUAR NCC-74750
Intrepid Class Cruiser
VAdm Chris Wallace
LGN Scott Akers
Commissioned on February 21, 2000

FINAL WORDS

Since I last reported to you a single event in my personal life has caused me to pause and look at what everyone calls "the big picture".

Not long ago a friend and fellow Law Enforcement Officer Deputy Sheriff Todd Cook was shot and killed while attempting to serve a trespassing warrant. Todd was a kind and caring officer who was part of the Sheriff's CARE team. He stopped at the homes of the elderly to check on their well-being. Knowing these citizens sometimes cannot get out on their own, he helped them whenever he could. As many people have said, Todd's only dream in life was to be a Law Enforcement Officer, to hopefully do some good. I believe that right up to his death Todd was indeed doing the good he cherished so much. His passing left behind a fiancé, Kimberly, and small child, Fallon. Fallon, an infant, has been diagnosed with Downs Syndrome and just recently had open-heart surgery.

The Sheriff of Davidson County has set up a fund in which the proceeds go to the families of officers who die in the

line of duty. If you or your chapter would like to donate to this fund you can do so by sending a check to:

The Blue Line Foundation
2670 Old Greensboro Rd. Ext.
Lexington, NC 27295

If you indicate on the check somewhere that the donation is for the Todd Cook family, they will receive those donations.

Take care all and we'll see you next issue!

CHAPTER SUMMARIES ARE BACK!

Commodore Michael Urvand • STARFLEET Operations

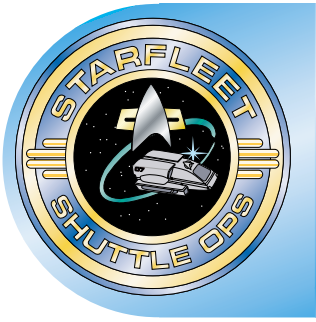
Greetings! In the past, the Communiqué has had a section for a summary of ships' monthly activities. I'm happy to say that, starting with the next issue of the CQ, that summary will be returning.

What I need from the chapters is a copy of their MSR every month. There are three ways to send them to me. First, by sending them to me via e-mail. There are two e-mail addresses that you can use. The first is CQSummaries@sfi.org. The other is MSR_summary@hotmail.com. For

those who don't have e-mail capabilities, you can send them directly to me. My Address is:

CQ Summaries
c/o Mike Urvand
12400 Inglewood Ave. S.
Apt. #4
Savage, MN 55378

I want to thank all of the chapter who have already started to send in their reports and hope that all of the ships of the Fleet take this opportunity to strut their stuff!



MAMA DENNIS SAYS...

ADMIRAL DENNIS GRAY

CHIEF OF SHUTTLE OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

<waving> Hiya everyone. Long time no see, eh? Quite so. Many of you no doubt noticed a lack of a ShOC article in the last CQ. For that, you have my most sincere apologies. A number of circumstances brought that about. The change in CQ Editors (twice), busy times at work, a nasty case of writers block, and primarily, the fact that I was out of state visiting the family over the holidays, and without access to a computer to finish writing the article with. And the hard deadline for submission that was only a day or two after my return didn't help much either....

Anyway, so much for that. Onward... Let's start off with a few announcements. Some of this is old news, some isn't. First off, most of you should know by now that the S.T.A.R.T. manual is complete, and in distribution. It was released at the IC in Charlotte last August. For those of you with internet access, you can download a copy of the manual. It is in .pdf format only at this time. You must also have the latest version of Adobe Acrobat's Reader, version 4.0, in order to view and print the file properly. It can be found at: <ftp.sfi.org/shoc>. The original file itself is there in .pdf format, and a (somewhat) smaller zipped version of the same file is also available. Because of a computer crash, the original files were lost. Hence, we have no .rtf or plain text versions available. It is my hope that later this year we can re-create the manual, and make those versions available as well. For those without computer access, you can get a hardcopy of the manual. I sell the copies for \$3.00 each, to cover copying costs, and s&h. My address again, is: Dennis Gray, 3014 Kromer Ave., Everett, WA 98201-4123.

Next, a brand new version of the VRR form was also debuted at the IC last year. One of my staff members, Jonathan 'Gumby' Simmons, put his artistic talents to work, and came up with an extremely sharp looking, and workable VRR form. It added a few needed fields back into the form, making it much easier for ShOC and Ops to use. It too has a .pdf version at the same site, available for download. Unfortunately,

the master file from which the .pdf was made suffered the same fate that the master S.T.A.R.T. manual files suffered (they were on the same hard drive). It too will hopefully have an .rtf and txt version available later this year.

Next up, I'm pleased to announce that the M.O.M. (Mothership Operations Manual) that many of you have asked about is getting near to completion. The rough draft is complete, and as of this writing, is being reviewed for content, format, etc. by several of the regional RDC's for ShOC. I'd like to guarantee a release by Memorial Day, but after all the fun in getting the S.T.A.R.T. manual done, I won't *promise* anything... <G> But I think it's a safe bet we'll see it soon.

Work is also underway to get done new web pages for ShOC. The current ones are sadly out of date, and are begging for revisions. <G> My staff assistant, William 'Biff' Bassett, has asked of me to be allowed to work on this project, and I've agreed. However, Biff is still learning the intricacies of web pages, so I'm sure he would welcome any help, information, or input that any of you might have to offer. <G> Heck, so would I..... Biff can be reached at: biff@pcsys.net.

Now, on to other things.....

I thought I'd take this time, to review a few procedures for all you shuttle crews, or prospective crews out there.... Most of you should all know the basics by now. You complete a VRR form, have your support ship CO sign it, and your RC sign it, and off it goes to ShOC, along with a letter from DTS approving your name, and copies of the CO & XO's OTS -or- OCC certs. (yes, OCC certs are acceptable in place of OTS certs for the launch of a shuttle. This is because you needed to have taken and passed the OTS course in order to take the OCC course. However, *ONLY* OCC cert copies are acceptable for a shuttle submitting a VRR for commissioning to a full chapter.) Terrific! However, some confusion has recently come to light. A shuttle that is preparing for commissioning also submits a VRR, and it follows the same process as their first

one, with the added step that it is forwarded to Operations after ShOC signs off on it. Well and good. But when submitting that VRR, they must again also include a letter from DTS, and copies of their CO's & XO's OCC certs, *EVEN IF THEY SENT COPIES OF THEIR OCC CERTS TO SHOC WHEN THEY FIRST LAUNCHED, OR AT SOME OTHER TIME IN THE PAST*. This is very important, as that packet is forwarded on to Operations, in order to commission the shuttle into full chapter status. And prior to receiving the VRR packet, Ops would have no records or documentation on file for the chapter. So it is vital that all the supporting documentation that accompanies the VRR once again be included with same, so that Ops has those on file. This will help to expedite processing of the VRR, and get it to Ops just that much quicker.

By the time this edition hits the streets, we will be well into the spring regional summit/conference season. Therefore, just a quick reminder - any chapter wanting to launch or commission at a regional summit or conference, needs to start their VRR on its way as soon as possible. Optimally, about 2 months in advance would be best. It would also be a good idea to let us at ShOC know in advance if you have any such plans, so that I/we can make sure everything flows smoothly, and gets done in time. I can't tell you how frustrating it can be, to receive a VRR in my mailbox, the *day of* an event that the chapter wants to launch or commission at. Not only do they not receive their launch or commissioning packet in time for the event, they may well not get that date to be their 'official' launch or commission date. Having been down the road a few times as part of a shuttle, I know how important and exciting such an event is for the shuttle crew, and I personally *hate* playing the part of the bad guy. I want to do whatever I can to make sure everything goes right for the crew. But y'all have GOT to meet me at least part-way on that. Give me something to work with, as it were. <G>

A few final tips; please remember to included SCC numbers with all the crew members listed on your VRR (yes, I have

received at least one VRR without any SCC numbers at all), print LEGIBLY, for the CO & XO, list the rank you *currently* hold, *not* the rank you will receive by virtue of your position when you launch or commission. If you have a crew full of ensigns, and the CO lists his or her rank as 'Commander', or the XO as 'Lt. Commander', in anticipation of the forthcoming launch, you will NOT receive a promotion certificate with the launch packet. This is because the rank on the VRR is read as what rank you hold *prior* to becoming a shuttle CO or XO. If you put down 'Commander' or 'Lt. Commander', I will assume that you already hold that rank, and that a promotion certificate is not needed. Lastly, a reminder that the shuttle launch fee is US \$10.00. This increase from the old US \$ 5.00 rate, is to cover the added cost of producing, and shipping, a copy of the S.T.A.R.T. manual, and the recruiting manual, with each new launch packet. These two manuals together can be of tremendous benefit to a new chapter.

Due to financial concerns, I can't guarantee at this point if I will be at this year's IC in Burlington Vermont. I am going to try, and currently still plan on it. But unless I can find a decent airfare, I may end up not going. I do plan on, however, being at the Starfleet Western Conference (a.k.a. 'DinkyCon') in Las Vegas, the weekend of October 20-22. As always, I look forward to meeting as many of you that I can while there, renewing old friendships, etc. <G>

Well folks, I'm sure if given time, I could find more to ramble on about. However, I too need my sleep (and since I've long since bored y'all into that state <G>), and I need to close this at some point, and send it off to the editor (today's the deadline!). Thanks for letting me bend your ears/eyes/whatever. See you next issue....

Parting wisdom: "Never moon a werewolf"

Your Shuttlemeister,
Adm Dennis Gray



EX ASTRA, SCIENTIA

VICE ADMIRAL MARLENE MILLER
DIRECTOR, STARFLEET ACADEMY

Hi Everyone,

Whew... we're already close to the end of the first quarter of the new century. The Year 2000. Did you ever in your life think you'd be doing what you're doing now, when that magical year rolled around? And now we're moving through the 20's instead of the 19's. Amazing isn't it?

Equally amazing is what's happening at Starfleet Academy. In my attempt to introduce you to our Deans and Academy Directors, you'll find Academy-related articles written by and about them in this and future issues of the Communiqué. We hope you'll enroll in a few courses and see why we're so proud of our expanding Academy.

From the immortal motto of the Vulcan Academy of Science: "Through wisdom we teach... Through study you learn." Come join us at the Starfleet Academy and see what the excitement is all about!

ATTENTION COLLEGE OF HISTORY STUDENTS!

With the resignation of CoH Director George Clark, I'd like to ask...

Anyone who has submitted an application for a College of History course, and has not received the History packet...

Or...

Anyone who has submitted their College of History exam answer sheets, and has not received their score or certificate of completion...

To please notify me at:

Marlene J. Miller
Commandant, STARFLEET Academy
461 Harmony Lane
Campbell, Ohio 44405-1212
academy@sfi.org

If you send e-mail, please use "History Course" in the Subject area of your message.

EVERYONE, please include this information:

1. Your Name
2. Your SCC #
3. Your Postal Address
4. Your E-mail Address

APPLICANTS, please include this information:

1. The date (approximate) you submitted your application
2. The method of payment (Check, Money Order, Vouchers). If verification via Starfleet Academy Fund deposit records is not possible, I will need a photocopy of the check or money order.
3. The amount paid, number and date on the Check, Money Order or Vouchers
4. The course for which you applied
5. Do you want a refund of your payment, plus two stamps which you submitted?
6. Do you want to have your application processed when the CoH documents are in my hands? (At this time, I don't know how long this will take.)
7. Do you want to transfer your CoH payment to another Starfleet Academy course? If so, to which school would you like it transferred?

STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE COURSE, please include this info:

1. The date (approximate) you submitted your answer sheets (for scoring)
2. The course you completed, but for which you have not received a certificate
3. Do you prefer a refund of your payment, plus two stamps?
4. Do you want to send me a copy of your tests and have them scored and processed when the CoH documents are in my hands? (At this time, I don't know how long this will take.)
5. Do you want to transfer your CoH payment to another Starfleet Academy course? If so, to which school would you like it transferred?

I believe the above will provide a good reference base for me to see who still has outstanding History courses or applications. I will compare information received, with information on former Director Clark's reports.

STARFLEET SCHOLARSHIPS

Once again, it's time to start thinking of applying for one of the Starfleet Scholarships.

Any active Starfleet member in good standing, is eligible for a Starfleet Scholarship. The Scholarships are awarded in amounts of \$500. Members can be attending community colleges, four-year colleges, most technical schools, junior colleges and universities or graduate school.

Members must fill out an application, write two short essays, have three letters of recommendation, school transcripts and an acceptance letter to college. No financial information is requested.

The next application period will be from now until May 1, 2000. Scholarships chosen from this period will be awarded in July 2000 for classes in fall of 2000.

Request an application in writing to:

Sue Hampton
116 Creston St
Greensboro, NC 27406

or via e-mail to:
shampton@gnl.com

Be sure to include your postal address, since the application will be sent by regular mail.

COLLEGE OF HISTORY DIRECTOR RESIGNS

It is with regret that I announce the resignation of Starfleet Academy Director, George K. Clark, Jr., of the College of History.

George has chosen to retire from the Academy due to additional job responsibilities as well as personal and family commitments. George has served as Director for many years, and will be missed.

CoH documents will be returned to Academy Headquarters, and a new Director will be announced. I apologize in advance, for any inconvenience this has caused.

Greetings to All!

After many months of suggestions, comments, and testing, the OnLine Academy for STARFLEET Academy is now up and operational on the SFA web site (www.sfi-sfa.com). It has a direct link on the main page and is operational as of March 1st.

The Online Project Team responsible for this undertaking include Vice-Commandant - Electronic Services Joe Podesta, Jr, Main Webmaster and Development Coordinator Greg Staylor, Web Maintenance Coordinator Bob Mulvey, OnLine Documentation and Database Coordinator Wade Hoover, and OnLine Voucher Contact Carol Thompson.

The first course available is the Basic Course from Security School, with all four courses in Basic Survival School in the College of Survival Studies to follow

shortly. Additionally, development of OTS for the Online Academy is underway. Eventually most of the Academy courses will be available OnLine.

Carol Thompson is the OnLine Voucher Contact Students will purchase OnLine Voucher(s) by sending check or money order to Carol (or in the future, charges OnLine Voucher(s) on a web site page) The OnLine Vouchers can be purchased by snail mail in any amount from \$ 1.00 and up (in \$ 1.00 increments). She may be contacted through:

Carol Thompson,
P.O. Box 135
Ester, AK 99725
betazoid@mosquitonet.com.

OnLine Courses will be one voucher code (\$ 1.00 US dollars), but if students wish a hardcopy diploma (in addition to a printable diploma file) they would

be charged for two voucher codes (\$ 2.00 US dollars). Eventually, we hope to have the OnLine Vouchers available by credit cards.

Once a student reads and agrees to follow the OnLine Academy Policies, s/he picks an Academy School from a list and selects an OnLine Course. S/he then fills out and submits the OnLine Course Registration Form including the OnLine Voucher code(s) as payment for the course. The School Director will e-mail the student ASAP (usually the same day or soon after) with the link to the web site area of the course manual and exam. Just click the link in the e-mail to start the course.

If the course is self-contained, the course manual containing all information to complete the course will be presented as a web page. If the course is not self-contained, read the course instructions and gather the materials needed to

complete the course, then return to the course web page to complete the course

When the student is ready, s/he will take the Exam Button online while able to refer back to the course manual at the same time. Upon completing the Exam, the student simply clicks the Submit Button. The School Director will e-mail the results and a printable diploma file, as soon as possible.

An Extension Request Form will be available for students who approach the end of the Ten Week Deadline and need to request an Extension The School Director will e-mail the student back if the additional Five Week extension is Granted or Denied. As always, extensions are granted for Good Reason, only.

You can find more information at the Academy web site (www.sfi-sfa.com) or find the link to the Academy on the Fleet Home Page at www.sfi.org

FDC-SHOC QUARTERLY REPORT

Rear Admiral Johnathan Siimmons

Howdy. I am Rear Admiral Johnathan Simmons, yet most folks call me "Gumby" (It's a long story). I serve as the Fleet Division Chief of Shuttle Operations Command and as such am here to assist you with any and all aspects of shuttle ops.

"But we already have ShOC, what is it that you do?" you may ask, and I'll tell you, my job as FDC:ShOC is to augment the ShOC program by assisting and advising groups that wish to become chartered chapters of SFI using whatever resources necessary up to and including the invention and implementation of new resources as the needs arise.

To give you a better understanding of what the Office of FDC:ShOC does, I dutifully submit this summary of the year 1999 and what we have done with TEAM:ShOC to help the ShOC program.

The Office of FDC:ShOC has been very active over the past year with the last few months seeing the culmination of many ShOC projects. The majority of this time has been devoted to the task of finalizing the new SFI Shuttle Manual

referred to as START (Shuttlecraft Training And Recruitment Techniques). Rewriting and redesigning this manual for Fleet use was very tedious, but thanks to the resources of SFI ShOC and FDC ShOC and our team, this major task of rewriting and rewording was finally accomplished and then it was up to us at FDC:ShOC to complete the design and layout of the publication.

As of this writing, the manual is finished and available. Adobe PDF version is available at the SFI FTP site. (Or should be by the time you get this)

In addition to the START Manual, the Office of FDC:ShOC was also asked to redesign the new Vessel Registration Request. This project was also finished recently and once again, an Adobe PDF version is available for the Fleet at the SFI FTP site. (Or should be by the time you get this) The SFI Chief of Operations and the SFI Chief of Shuttle Operations Command both have them.

Helping to make the process easier.

Turning to non printed matters, the Office of FDC:ShOC was approached to

assist a group of established SFI members attain launch approval. Problems between the RC and the group had inhibited the launch of the intended shuttle. Working with the SF Inspector General's Office and SFI Shuttle Operations Command, this office was able to assist in the positive outcome of the dispute, with said shuttle's VRR in process as you read this.

People helping people. What it's all about.

Just these three items have taken many numerous hours to complete... Thanks in part to the resources of the FDC:ShOC program all these major projects are finally completed.

But it is more than just myself... many fellow Fleeters helped in many ways. This means that the FDC:ShOC program assists in bringing teamwork and cooperation to a very critical part of the SFI organization: New Chapter Growth.

Currently we are working on the updated, rewritten Mothership Operations Manual (MOM). As of this report, MOM is in the final proof stage

and will be completed as soon as my Vice Chief Editor Type People – yes Sandy, this means you :) – get me the changes. I expect completion before March 15th, 2000.

Turning to the future...

Upcoming projects include a Shuttle Support Website with everything a shuttle CO needs to successfully commission and the organization of RDC:ShOC's for purposes of a support network (ShOCnet).

I hope this report will show the impact of the FDC program as a whole to the members of SFI. I know other Fleet Division Chiefs are working on similar projects designed to enrich the overall experience of STARFLEET and add diversity to its many offerings to the member.

If the accomplishments here in just one FDC program are any indication, think what all the other FDC programs will bring to the Fleet.

AROUND CAMPUS

STARFLEET Academy News Service

College of Trade and Commerce Assistant Director, **Edith Padgett** has submitted a new COTAC course entitled: "Intermediate COTAC" which is a Trek and real-life oriented trivia test. The cost of the course is \$2.00, a Large Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope, and three loose 33-cent stamps. The course is available online at: cotac@sfi.org or by writing to:

Edith Padgett
4825 Old Park Rd.
N. Charleston, SC 29405

Helen Pawlowski, Director of the Ship's Counselor's Course (SCC) has requested a name change. From today forward, the college will be known as the "Ship Counselor's College". If you're interested in applying for one of

Helen's many courses, you may contact her at:

Helen Pawlowski
PO Box 22225
St. Louis, MO 63116-2225

Rumor has it that Helen is working on something called "S.O.U.K." which is going to be a really fun stand-alone trivia course. You don't have to be concerned about grades, since the course is "just for fun". Those successfully completing S.O.U.K. will receive a certificate. Interested? The course will cost US students a large Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope and two loose first class US stamps. Students outside the United States need only send one Starfleet Voucher. (No SASE or stamps are required.)

While I'm tossing acronyms around, you might want to be on the lookout for B.U.R.P.S. which will be a part of the soon-to-be school of Culinary Arts. **Bill Skinner, Paul Jones and Joseph Horton** will be introducing Starfleet Academy's answer to Julia Child. Watch for it!

Because our youth are important to the future of Starfleet, our Cadet School is currently undergoing a total change in structure. As you read this, a brand new Faculty is working on a core curriculum, which will be geared to Cadets, ages 10 - 18. "Educating the Leaders of the Future", a motto suggested by **Kevin Brown** of the USS Ronald McNair will be our focal point.

THE STARFLEET OFFICERS TRAINING SCHOOL

*Admiral Peg Pellerin
Dean of the Institute of Leadership
Director - Officer Training School*

Back toward the end of April of 1991, I was approached by then Starfleet Academy Commandant, Rob Lerman about taking over Officer's Training School. He gave me specifics of the job and if I was interested to send in my resume of real life as well as SF. Within the same week of sending in my resume, I received another phone call from him stating that if I still wanted the position it was mine.

Well, here it is, nearly nine years later and I'm still the OTS Director for Starfleet Academy. Am I tired of this position? Heck NO! In these nearly nine years, I've seen many changes, from different administrations, different SFA Commandants, changes of directors of other SFA schools, new schools, dropped schools, and Campuses in other countries. It just keeps getting better and better.

One change, however, that I've seen in these past years which makes me a bit sad and concerned is the drop in applications by our members to take OTS. Is this a plug to promote OTS? Of

Course it is. Back in 1991 up through about 1996, it was nothing to get 75 to 100 applications per month and over half of those completing the exams. Since 1996, I've seen a decrease in applications and a decrease in completions. The most applications I now get are 20 to 30 per month. I can say, however, that most are now completed, but this is still a small amount compared to a few years ago. Why this is so...I can't figure it out. Maybe some chapters aren't promoting OTS as much as it used to be or maybe the members just don't think OTS is important unless one becomes a CO or XO. Of course I'll be bias, but I think OTS is very important in helping a member understand the full workings of the real world Starfleet. The course is totally based out of your membership handbook which goes through the entire workings of YOUR club. OTS is also designed to prepare the student to become a commissioned officer, which starts with the rank of Ensign. You don't have to wait to become a head of a department or a CO or XO. You can take OTS anytime you want.

So, think about it. Fellow members, it isn't all that difficult. You have ten weeks to complete the course. I'm such a nice person that if you need more time, you got it. Just let me know.

Chapter Commanding Officers, I ask a favor of you. Please try to instill in your crew members to take Starfleet Academy Courses and make OTS one of them.

CANADIAN OTS SCHOOL OPENS!

In Starfleet's Communiqué, Issue #94, there was an article I had submitted about Officer's Training School.

I stated how proud I was back in 1991, to have an OTS campus open in Australia. Well, now I'm equally proud to say that we have had two more campuses open. The most recent is in Canada. Canadian OTS Director Manon Lessard-Belanger is open for business for our English-speaking Canadians. She is presently working on a French translation and as soon as she is ready to supply OTS in french, we will let you know.

Manon Lessard-Belanger
542 Regaudi
Rouyn-Noranda
Quebec
J9X3W6 Canada.
Lessard-Belanger.Manon@hydro.qc.ca

Our European campus is open to both English and Dutch. They, too, are working on other language translations and as soon as those languages are ready we will let you know.

Jeroen Vantroyen
Muilaardstraat 120
B-9000 Gent, Belgium
Jeroen.Vantroyen@rug.ac.be

None of this would be possible if it were not for the team work of Marlene Miller, our Starfleet Academy Commandant, Manon Lessard-Belanger, and Jeroen Vantroyen, and myself. This just goes to prove when something is needed, with team work it becomes possible.



STARFLEET ACADEMY GRADUATE LIST

Admiral Marlene Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy

And now the list which everyone has been waiting for!

Following is a list of graduates of the Starfleet Academy from November 1999 to January, 2000

An * indicates a score of 100% or Higher. Some schools issue pass/fail rather than numerical scores.

A number next to the name indicates that the student has taken that many courses within the school.

INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP

Adm Peg Pellerin, Dean

Officer's Training School (OTS)

Adm Peg Pellerin, Director / US Campus
Elizabeth Worth / Australian Campus
En Manon Lessard-Belanger / Canadian Campus
Jeroen Vantroyen / European Campus

Wayne Wright, II
William Higgins
Marilyn Joyce Denmark
Jennifer Scott
Beverly Witt
Jonathan Wade
Adrian Nunenkamp
Barbara Gatewood
Manon Lessard-Belanger
Jon Marshall-Potter
Tabitha Tracy
Joog Kim
Donna Gulluni
Aurora Gulluni
Cindy Williams
Lori Coffey
Roger Wentz
Rachel Peterson
Sandra Keel
David Clifton
Jonathan Madon
Joshua Evans
Charles Riley
Steven Halber
John Prushko

Officer's Command College (OCC)

Capt. James Cushing, Director / US Campus
Capt Alan Yates / Australian Campus
David Blaser / Canadian Campus

Laura Archuleta
Leilani Purvine
Melissa Karnosh
Jennifer Scott
Linda Leonardy
Jonathan Wade
Larry Reyka
Shannon Stidman
Mark Adams
Charles Menter
Russell Crenshaw
Jessica Lindenfelser
Donald Glenn
Meiton Carrillo
Robert Watts
Pamela Michaud

Flag Officer School (FOS)

RAdm Helen Pawlowski, Director
Capt Alan Yates / Australian Campus

Tina Walker *** (3 Courses)
William Sowers *
Andy Letch *
Kiera Russel-Strong *
Kurt Roithinger *
Rodney Yawn *
Jennifer Cole *
Joseph Horton
Gary Ensey *
Betty Flyzik *
Janet Shephard *
Lorrie Nelson *

INSTITUTE OF ARTS

RAdm Sherry Anne Newell, Dean

College of Communications (COC)

Cmdr Michael Anderson, Director

Norman DeRoux
Bran Stimpson
Valerie Anderson

College of Federation Studies (COFS)

Capt Donna Tucker, Director
RAdm Isaac Turner, Reporting

Prophet Livingood
Eugene Sanford *** (6 Courses)
Boyd Jackson (2 Courses)
Cathy Edgington ** (5 Courses)
Paul Jones 15 * (20 Courses)
Susan Goodwin **** (5 Courses)
Michael Boatwright 17 * (19 Courses)
Dean Rogers * (6 Courses)

School of Trekology (SOT)

Capt. Alice Strange, Co-Director
Cmdr. A Jean Smith, Co-Director

Valerie Anderson ** (5 Courses)

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

RAdm Sharon Ann Clark, Dean

College of Computer History (COCH)

RAdm Sharon Ann Clark, Director

Ellen Attaway
Wayne Killough

Vulcan Academy of Science (VAS)

VAdm Marlene Miller, Director / US Campus
Vanessa Taylor / Australian Campus

Manon Lessard-Belanger *
Karen Mitchell
Linda Oakley *
David Peifer ** (3 Courses)
Kimberly Rochelle
John Sprouse ** (2 Courses)
Don Willits
Sean Mullen
Edward Sinyard*

College of Medicine (SACOM)

Capt Wayne Killough, Jr, Director / US Campus
David Klingman, Assistant
Sarah Craig / Australian Campus

Robert Mulvey
Janice Topoleski
Penny Wallace *
Sheila Benton (4 Courses)
Leilani Purvine (4 Courses)
Kris Williams (2 Courses)
William Purvine
James Monroe
Melinda Harper

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Capt Tammy Willcox, Director
Cmdr Edith Padgett, Assistant

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Billy Mitchum, Jr. *
Paul Jones *
Boyd Jackson *
Edith Padgett ** (2 Courses)
Jonas Schlein
Kurt Roithinger *

Ship's Counselor's College (SCC)

RAdm Helen Pawlowski, Director

Pamela Richards
Alan Kaplan *
Maud Freifelder *** (3 Courses)
Grace Lewis ** (3 Courses)
James Anglin *

INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES

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Security School (SFASS)

Comm Greg Staylor, Director

Paul Jones **** (4 Courses)
Claudia Fravel **** (4 Courses)
James Cozine *
James Monroe *
Sylvester Smith *
Peggie Kennedy *
David Lynch *
Dean Rogers *

College of Starship Operations (COSO)

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Wayne Killough (2 Courses)
Johathan Wade

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A FLASHBACK TO MY STARFLEET CADET YEARS

Commander Dean Rogers, 1999 STARFLEET International Cadet of the Year

Greetings from STARFLEET International's Cadet of the Year.

I am Commander Dean Rogers, Chief Ops Officer of the USS Alpha Centauri. It has been an honor to receive a great award in my life. Ever since I left the cadet corps in January 1999, I have been looking back on those magnificent years as a STARFLEET Cadet officer. In August of 1999, I wrote a story about my cadet experiences. It is reprinted below...

Hello Starfleet Cadets, this is Lieutenant Dean Rogers.

As all of you have already know, I have been named STARFLEET Region 7's & STARFLEET International's Cadet of the Year. I would like to say that I feel very honored to receive these two special awards at the end of my cadet years onboard the Alpha Centauri. Yes, I did say "the end of my cadet years". On Stardate 9901.29,

I have reached the age limit of the cadet corps on the USS Alpha Centauri. I have turned 18. I know that this will be a major turning point as a STARFLEET Officer, but I will positively miss those incredible three years I have served as the Assistant Chief Cadet Officer onboard the USS Alpha Centauri. Without further ado, I present my final cadet report.

My first encounter with the USS Alpha Centauri was at the UPN 20's 1995 5K Star Trek on June 25, 1995. Two special things happened on that day: I moved into a townhouse in Oxon Hill, MD & I met Steven Weaver of the Alpha Centauri. He told all about his club and I really became very interested. I didn't know that I would encounter the Alpha until NOVACON 3 one month later. One of the officers talked about the Alpha Centauri & STARFLEET International. All I can say is that I have been looking for a Star trek club for a long time.

I have joined the USS Alpha Centauri on Stardate: 9511.24 as a cadet civilian. I made my debut on the AC at the annual Christmas Party on Stardate: 9512.16. I met the crew in person to see how life in this new club is and I have made the right choice! Then, I decided to become an active member of STARFLEET International on Valentine's Day 1996. During the course of three years, I have

participated in various activities including game nights, meetings, golf tournaments, laser tag tournaments, Christmas in April, parades, conferences, and of course, conventions. The event that sparked my interest in the STARFLEET was the USS Athena's commissioning party on May 18, 1996. At that event, I have met so many representatives from other STARFLEET chapters in the area. By watching Capt. Berkenbilt being promoted to Captain, made me realize my goal in the fleet, which was to become a STARFLEET Officer. For the next few months, I concentrated on being the finest STARFLEET cadet I can be.

At NOVACON 5, I broke the age barrier on security detail. At the age of 15, I became the youngest person to do security at a Star Trek convention. The security team was very impressed with my work that they decided to put me on the "A List". On Stardate: 9704.5 during NOVACON 6, I was advanced to Cadet Petty Officer 2nd Class. Twenty days later, I became to Assistant Cadet Chief onboard the A.C. During the summer of 1997, I became a Cadet Ensign in the NJROTC and Alpha Centauri on the same day. I also received two awards from the good ship Alpha Centauri. They were the Order of Bravery (the Cadet award) and the Ribbon of Victory for satisfactory completion of STARFLEET Academy courses.

A few months later, the Alpha Centauri had been selected to host the Regional Mini Conference. I was to come up with the trivia contest. Not Only I came up with a good trivia contest, but also Mark and I became part of the Fleet Admiral Honor Guard for the conference. After the conference, I have been hit with a death in the family and appendicitis. After months of recovering, I became active again with Christmas in April 1998. Then, I attend Shore Leave for the very first time and NOVACON 8 during the summer of 1998. At Shore Leave, I won their costume contest and won my first costume trophy. At NOVACON 8, I went back to security duties and continued my expertise at Assistant Ops Officer & Assistant Cadet Chief. I also participated in the Trek Olympics for the first time. I had a wonderful time representing the Alpha. I participated in the Picard Maneuver, Saucer Separation, and my favorite event, Dizzy Q. Even though we came in last place, I

know that we can be number one this year. The last major event in my cadet years was the Star Trek Insurrection premiere in December 1998. It was so excellent to be there representing Star Trek and Alpha Centauri. It was the first time I did a premiere for a movie. The away team created a display of starships and props. We also wore the latest uniforms from the movie.

I can't believe the three greatest years I have spent as a Cadet officer have come and gone. I will definitely miss those cadet years. One thing's for sure! I have done a lot of things, meet a lot of people, and made some history as a Cadet officer. For all of these accomplishments, I have been awarded the STARFLEET Region 7's and International's Cadet of the Year in 1999. I would thank all the people who helped me make it this far – you know who you are! Most of all, I would like to give thanks to STARFLEET International for an outstanding organization where sci-fi fans can come together to have fun with other fellow fans. I would like to thank the finest crew in the fleet, the Galaxy Class USS ALPHA CENTAURI!

Good Luck STARFLEET Cadets and See You in the Future!

Commander Dean Rogers

THE NEED FOR SPEED!

*Commander Ken Diehl
Operations Chief
USS Challenger*

On July 23, 1999 I fulfilled a dream that seems somewhat appropriate to my position as Ops Chief of the USS Challenger NCC-1676-D/Region 7. That was to drive a race car at Dover Downs, Delaware.

NASCAR racing is another one of my interests. When the opportunity came up to drive a racecar, I took it. The day's temperature was in the 90s. There you are in a helmet, suit and gloves and man was it hot.

Now I'm getting into the car being strapped in. The car has no air-conditioning just an engine and metal and it's getting even hotter. My pulse was quick, I took the wheel and I was off. It is just you, the car and the track. Your utmost thought is being safe. I think I drove between 120 to 130 mph that day.

What a thrill to find out what it feels like when the pros do it. It was fun and it was hot and I certainly enjoyed it. It was perhaps as close as I will ever get to feeling "warp speed". I plan to do it again next year.



R17 SUMMIT



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



EARTHQUAKE PREPARIDNESS

**Commander Neil Yawn
Region 2
Division Chief, Sciences
CNO - USS Hephaestus**

Many people like to know about Earthquakes. or those who like to keep up with the latest where & when the quakes happen. Here is a link for them:

www.neic.cr.usgs.gov/neis/bulletin/bulletin.html

This link will give you several days worth of quakes, their position on the world, how many meters deep in the crust they are, and maps. A very good & educational link for all ages to view.

STARFLEET ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

Admiral Sue Hampton, STARFLEET Academy Scholarship Program Director

After seven long years we are proud to be able to award STARFLEET Scholarships. These scholarships are awarded to active, hard working STARFLEET members to help them further their education after high school. Each scholarship is worth \$500 paid directly to their college or university towards tuition, books or fees.

The STARFLEET Scholarship Program was started in 1989 by Fleet Admiral (ret.) Jeannette Maddox. All the funds for those scholarships were raised by our members. Individual members made donations. Ships and Regions held all kinds of exciting fund raisers - auctions, raffles, and challenges. Through the Maddox and Lerman administrations many STARFLEET members were able to attend colleges to fulfill career plans and dreams.

Fleet Admiral Mike Smith has worked diligently to reinstate this wonderful STARFLEET program. [Take a moment to let Mike know what a WONDERFUL GUY he is.] Following that great quote "Let me help," STARFLEET members have again raised funds to help their fellow 'Fleeters. They in turn will be helping others as medical personnel, teachers, engineers and other important places in society. And now for the introduction of our two winners.

This scholarship winner is quite a world traveler. She attended high school in Hawaii. As an Army wife she spent time in Germany and attended colleges in California, Texas and now Virginia. The winner of the STARFLEET Space Explorer Memorial Scholarship is Commodore Becky Thane.

Becky Thane is currently the Executive Officer of the USS Infinity in Region 3. She started with the new Shuttle Infinity in 1992 holding several positions including Counselor, Executive Officer and Commanding Officer. Various positions and activities in Region 3 have also benefited from Becky's great organizational and leadership skills.

Included in this list are Chief of Operations, host of the First Region 3 Summit and funding of one of the STARFLEET Scholarships in 1996.

Becky has made positive differences in many peoples lives. STARFLEET members are known to follow the pledge, "Let me help." In 1992 She started the Overseas Coupon Project (OCP.) Those coupons that flood our mailboxes and newspapers are not readily available outside of the USA. Recognizing a need to assist military families, Becky developed the idea of OCP. 'Fleet members collect manufacturer's coupons for food, health & beauty, cleaning and baby products. These are sorted, packaged and sent to the Family Services Centers on our military bases. The coupons help hundreds of our military families. In 1999 \$1.5 million worth of coupons were collected and distributed through OCP. Thanks to Becky for developing and leading this program and THANK YOU to all the STARFLEET members who take part in the Overseas Coupon Project. Our STARFLEET Scholarship winner is now attending George Mason University where she is pursuing a degree in Independent Studies. These courses are helping Becky to continue to help others in her faith community in Fairfax, Virginia.



Captain Amy Alexander, receipient of the 1999 LeVar Burton Educational Scholarship with her significant other, Commodore Matthew Myers, Vice Chief of Operations.

Her great birthday gift was her first membership to STARFLEET aboard the USS Chesapeake, Region 1. For the next seven years our Scholarship winner has been following her early training to help others through the STARFLEET Charities. Captain Amy Alexander of the USS Hawkeye has been awarded the STARFLEET LeVar Burton Educational Scholarship.

The USS Chesapeake has a marvelous history for supporting local and STARFLEET charities. Amy started her career there, helping with chapter activities during her high school years. She was awarded their Rookie of the Year Award. While taking general education courses at community college, Amy became more active with STARFLEET on a national level. She worked with the Overseas Coupon Project, STARFLEET Stampede, and Ronald McDonald House Charity. The she helped develop ways to get the Stampede online. Now Amy is a junior at Appalachian State University, Boone, NC. She is studying Elementary Education with a music concentration. Even with this heavy academic load she serves as the STARFLEET International Charities Coordinator. In this position, Amy is responsible for keeping track of charity activities and donations by all chapters and regions, and plan new charities to support. Most importantly Amy spreads the word about these programs to STARFLEET members and the communities that our members are helping.

While Amy Alexander is helping coordinate the thousands of STARFLEET members to help others, the STARFLEET Scholarship program is able to give Amy a little help to achieve her goal to be a teacher. In less than two years some lucky children in Wilkesboro, NC will have a wonderful new teacher. I'm sure Amy will be teaching them to help others in their community along with 'reading' riting and 'rithmetic.



SPRINGTIME IN STARFLEET (REGION THIRTEEN SUMMIT)

Captain Dave Blaser, Commanding USS Banting, Region 13 Chief of Communications

I don't know if everyone out there in Starfleet feels the same way as I do, but I always tell when spring is coming to Starfleet when you start hearing either of the words "Regional Summit" or "Regional Conference". It's just one of those things that are the telltale signs that spring is approaching.

With Region 2's Summit up and coming up on March 10th to 12th, Region 1's on April 28th to 30th, how can you not be excited for spring to come? It's a time when the snow is melting, the birds are singing, a time to renew friendships, and meet new friends.

By now, you've caught on to my deception, and have realized that I'm not here to talk about spring, but rather about another upcoming Regional Summit. Hopefully the first two paragraphs of this article have caught your attention enough to keep you reading. J

The particular Regional Summit I'm going to try and sell you all on today isn't your average summit. Why, you ask? Well, it's north of the 44th Parallel. For those of us who didn't pay much attention in our Geography Classes (I much preferred Ancient History over

Geography), it's in Canada. The second reason that it isn't an "average summit" is because it's the first full summit in Region 13.

So, what's going to be happening at this, our first kick at a summit? I'm happy to say that we've got some really fun things planned - from a "McGuyver" competition on Friday night, to a charity "Shave Off" (taking an example from Comm. Mark Anbinder, CO of the Accord in Region 7). Four brave souls have put their faces on the line in the name of charity.

We have a whole schedule of Starfleet, and non-Starfleet discussion panels lined up, so people who are interested in other aspects of 'Fleet have something fun to do. Two panels are specific for people who are interested in costuming and makeup. We'll even have Starfleet Academy there offering courses for attendees to take home and complete!

A more complete list of activities can be found on the Summit's Web Site at:

<http://www.region13.org/summit/>

Okay, we've covered the "What's going

to be happening" thing, now let's get to the "When and where is it taking place" part. The Region 13 Summit has been booked in at The College Inn Hotel and Conference Center in Guelph Ontario Canada on June 2nd to 4th, 2000.

Who can come? Everyone! Region 13 is extending an invitation to any and all members of Starfleet from anywhere in the world who would like to join us! If you're flying in, let us know you're coming, and we'll make sure that we've got transportation from the Lester B. Pearson International Airport in Toronto to The College Inn located in Guelph (the two are about 45 minutes away).

How can you register? That's the easiest part of all, but you do have to make a choice.. By mail, or on the Internet. Comm. Mark Anbinder and FAdm. Mike Smith have been gracious enough to set up a page on the Internet that you can register with us electronically using your credit card. If you'd like to register on the Internet, just go to:

<https://www.lightlink.com/mha/r13/r13regs.html>

If you don't have Internet access, you

can always mail in your registration to us. Just send us the following few pieces of information:

- Your first and last name
- Complete Mailing Address
- A Cheque or Money Order for \$40 Canadian (or \$30 US) for the Summit (if you would like to attend the banquet, add \$40 Canadian or \$30 US and tell us if you'd prefer Chicken Kiev, Prime Rib, or a Vegetarian Meal; cheques or money orders need to be made out to either "Dave Blaser" or "Bernard Guignard")

Registrations can be sent to:

Region 13 Summit
C/O: Dave Blaser
74072-260 Guelph St.
Georgetown, ON L7G 5L1
Canada

Region 13 might be small, but we have a lot of fun when we get together. I'm sure you'll enjoy yourself if you join us, so we hope to see some of you there!

STARFLEET ACADEMY AWAY TEAM

Brigadier General Jill Rayburn

On behalf of Commandant Marlene Miller and the rest of the staff at STARFLEET Academy, I would like to announce the Academy Away Team program. The goal of this program is to be able to offer the opportunity to purchase Academy courses at as many Regional Summits and Fleet events as possible.

This all started when those of us on staff at the Academy who were going to IC99 started talking about offering our courses to those in Charlotte. Tammy Wilcox spearheaded this effort, and it went extremely well. Saturday afternoon at IC, Ben Redding from the R1 Summit committee asked me if I could take care

of having an Academy testing room available in Gatlinburg, and I was honored to accept. After contacting Marlene Miller and the rest of the staff about this, other regions decided they liked the idea as well, and soon the requests for courses started flying.

A few weeks later, Marlene asked me if I would take the position of being in charge of the Academy Away Team program, and I was again honored to accept. At this time, there will be an Academy Away Team going to R2, R12, and R1, with others in the works. I will be contacting all the Regional Coordinators to see what I can do about getting this offered at as many Summits

as possible. I hope everyone can bear with the Academy staff and myself as we get the bugs worked out of this program. These first few Summits will be a learning experience for all of us.

For those members who will be attending these events, I do have a few comments. If you wish to purchase a course, you will need to fill out an Academy application and pay the Academy representative the basic cost of the course. The rep will have the course materials there for you. When you complete the course, you will need to send the test, plus any additional needs (SASE's, stamps, etc) to the instructor. Also, if you are taking OCC,

Flag Officer's School, or any other course that requires a pre-requisite, you will need to send copies of the requisite certificates with your test. If you do not do this, your test will not be graded, regardless of the fact that you have paid. Showing it to the Academy representative at the event will not count for this.

If anyone has any questions about this new program, or if you are an RC or an event coordinator and you would like to see the Academy Away Team at your event, please contact me at the address in this CQ. Everyone at the Academy is looking forward to getting this off the ground, and serving even more students.



WESTERN CONFERENCE

October 19-22, 2000

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The 2000 Western Conference of Starfleet International is being sponsored by Regions 4, 5, and 17, and will be held at the Nevada Landing Hotel and Casino in Jean, Nevada. If you plan to attend, please check out the following information. We expect a large turnout, so please be sure to make your arrangements as soon as possible. This is sure to be a fun time for all, and one not to be missed.

HOTEL INFORMATION

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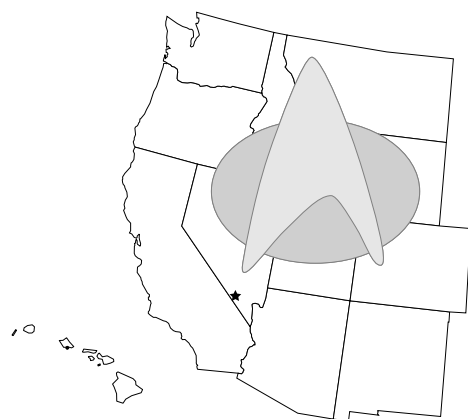
Daily Room Rates:

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- Friday \$39.00 + Tax
- Saturday \$44.00 + Tax

To Activate Special Rates:
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**DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION IS
SEPTEMBER 17, 2000**

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- \$30 Conference/Awards Banquet (Until April 15th)
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- \$20 Banquet Only (All Times)
- \$20 Conference Only (All Times)
- \$25 Kids Registration (All Times)

*All Banquet Requests MUST be Pre-Registered!

Specific conference events are being planned, but some of the highlights include a trip to Las Vegas to The Star Trek Experience at the Las Vegas Hilton on Friday and Sunday, as well as an awards banquet and regional conferences. We are in the process of setting up a website (<http://www.region4.org/wc2000/>) that will feature updated information as soon as it becomes available.

Please remember to bring an item
or two for the raffle!



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Make Checks Payable to: Richard Benker

Please Complete & Send To:

Richard Benker
433 A. North Lamb
Las Vegas, NV 89110

Phone: (702) 437-6585
e-mail: r4con2000@aol.com

*If you have a preference as to who you would like to be seated with at the banquet, please list their name(s) on the back of this registration form.

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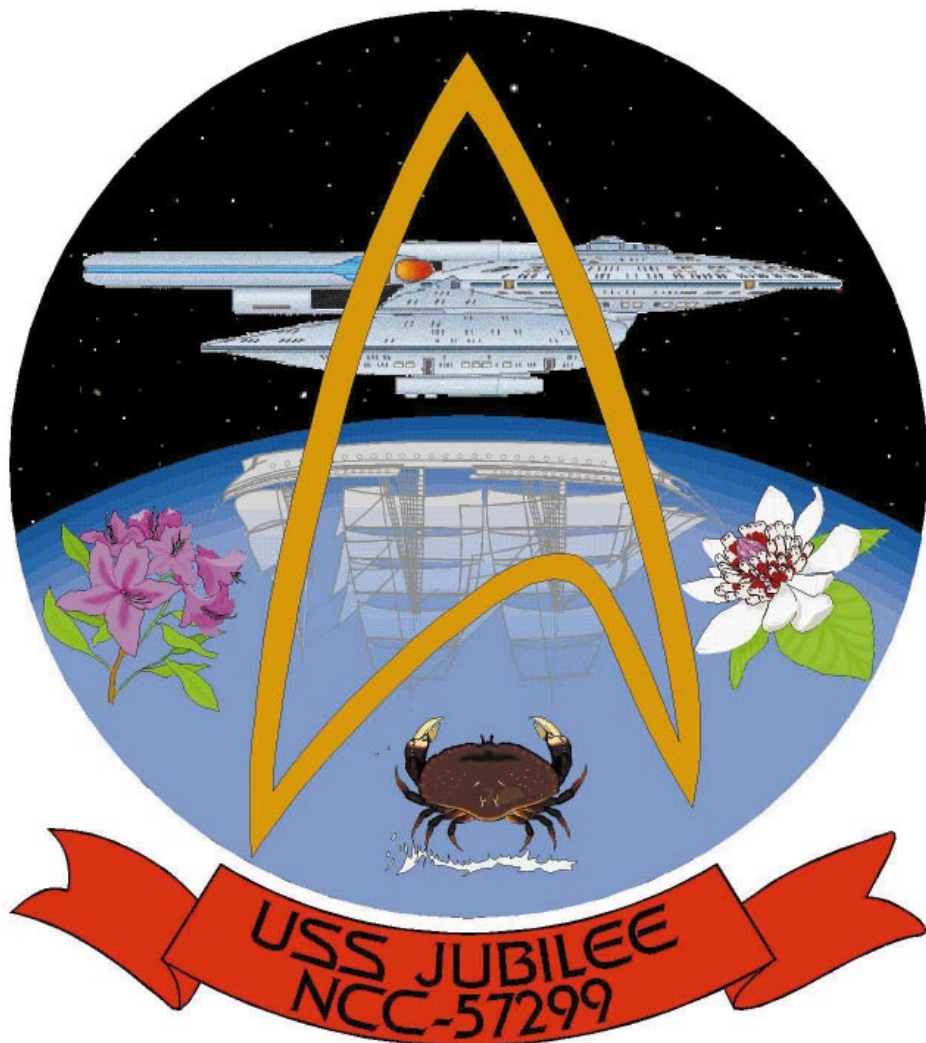


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Captain Bernard Guignard, VRC of R13 completed in his transformation.



Rear Admiral Bob Vosseller at Shore Leave 99.

"Look what Santa brought me!" Fleet Admiral Michael Smith remarks at Shore Leave 99.



Commodore Mark Anbinder in front of a mockup of the lunar landing vehicle.



KLINGON WEAPONRY

Nancy Lynch

One cannot discuss the Klingon race without a review of the many weapons used in this warrior culture. Unlike many cultures, Klingons have continued to develop and use bladed weapons in their everyday life. This fusion of modern and ancient weaponry sets this culture apart from most other warrior races. For centuries, craftsmen have upheld the fundamentals of the Klingon blade: strength, simplicity, power, and danger. Klingons have held on to some of their oldest and most tradition-bound weaponry in the face of modern directed energy weapons.



The chonnaQ is a perfect example of this fierce loyalty to tradition. The name of this weapon, “belly spear”, perfectly describes its first uses. Developed when Klingons first began riding s’tarahk on the battlefield, the chonnaQ was used to rip the belly from the mount, bringing the rider down to ground level. Resembling the terran halberd, the chonnaQ was so effective that, when braced against the ground, the momentum of a charging s’tarahk often caused the blade to pass through the animal and into its rider. Today, this weapon has taken on a far more ceremonial role in Klingon life. A small version of the chonnaQ is used to play the children’s game, qa’vak. In this game, hoops of differing sizes are rolled across the ground. The object of the game is to throw the spear through the center of the hoops. This game hones the skills need for the hunt. When a male reaches the Age of Ascension, his father presents him with a full-sized chonnaQ. The father and son then go on their first hunt together as men.



The qutluch is traditionally an

assassin’s knife. When the blade is twisted inside the victim, the ornate, jagged blade often inflicts such massive amounts of damage that not even the brak’lul can compensate. Only immediate medical treatment saved the warrior, Kurn, after assassins hired by House Duras wounded him with a qutluch. Translated as “fierce knife”, the qutluch earns its name with every use.

Perhaps the most visually recognizable bladed Klingon weapon is the bat’leth, or “Sword of Honor”. Kahless himself forged the first bat’leth, the legendary Sword of Kahless, nearly 1500 years ago. It has been said that this blade is more sacred than the Torch of gheqaq, more revered than Seybaq’s Armor, and more coveted than the Emperor’s crown. Kahless forged his blade by dipping a lock of his hair into the lava of the Kri’stak Volcano, then immersing it in the waters of lake Lursor. He then twisted the lock into the Sword of Kahless. This blade was used to kill the tyrant Molor, carve a stature of Kahless’ beloved, and skin the serpent of Zol. Said to be etched with the tears of Kahless, the outer tines of this blade contain ancient text declaring the name of its owner. (On a side note, the text on the actual prop is written in the old style Mandel system. The right side says “bear” while the left side says “dragon”.)



Today’s bat’leths resemble a double-tiered scimitar with three handgrips along the outer edge. Typically measuring 116 centimeters from tip to tip; the blade is forged from bakonite. At 5.3 kilograms (11.68 pounds), the bat’leth is light enough to perform intricate spinning maneuvers in order to confuse an opponent while being heavy enough to cleave a warrior’s skull in half. The major tactical advantage of the bat’leth is its large defensive area. Whether blocking with the edge or the flat of the blade, a bat’leth can protect large areas of the body. Furthermore, the placement of the handgrips allows the warrior to put his entire body weight behind a block.

Depending on the size, strength, and shape of a warrior, the typical warrior’s configuration might not be the best. If a warrior is shorter or taller than the average Klingon, they may not be getting the best from themselves or their bat’leth. To custom size this weapon, kneel on one knee without bending at the waist. Measure from the ground to the top of your head for the optimal bat’leth length, tip to tip. The idea is to be able to defend yourself if one leg is injured and you are forced to one knee. For the width of the handgrips, place your hand on a flat surface and spread your fingers as wide as possible. Measure the distance from the tip of your little finger to the tip of your thumb. This is the best width for your handgrips. To determine the proper width of the blade, use a blade length to width ratio of 3:1. For every three inches of blade length, there should be one inch of width. Commonly, competitors in the annual Klingon Imperial Bat’leth Tournament use custom sized weapons. Most feel the custom weapon allows them a greater

degree of control and balance. Since the tournament is single elimination and judged on a warrior’s ability to defeat an opponent without severely damaging them, balance and control are extremely important.



Bat’leth training is built on a few basic movements. Broken into blocks and attacks merely for ease of explanation, in reality, one should strive to strike and avoid in the same motion. Blocks are performed with both hands on the outer grips for the strongest stance. A block may be executed by pushing the blade away from your body or by swinging the flat side of the bat’leth upward or downward. Side to side variations of these blocks provides a full range of defensive movements. Basic attacks are usually performed with both hands on one outer grip. The blade is swung from above the head in a downward arc. It can also be swung from either side. While this doesn’t seem like a wide variety of attacks and blocks, remember to strike and avoid in the same motion. Any block can be modified into an attack, just as any attack can be modified into a block.



The mek’leth, called the “sword of reason” or “bridge sword”, has been around since the earliest Klingon starships. Although modern mek’leths have been altered somewhat, the use is the same. Early Klingon ships were

even more Spartan than our modern ships. Panels did not cover plasma conduits and ventilation pipes, as this was considered a waste of materials. The conduits and pipes, however, required pipe support struts to help hold them up. Spot-welded into place, these struts were easily knocked out of place. By the time a ship was battered enough for a boarding party to come aboard, every surviving crewman had a curved support strut in their hand. Thus this weapon became known as the meHleH, or “sword that comes from the bridge”. The name later evolved into mek’leth, “sword for use on the bridge”. Being small, lightweight, and easy to conceal, the mek’leth has recently seen a resurgence of its former popularity. Skilled warriors will sometimes use two mek’leths, much like the terran escrima sticks, to increase their defense while simultaneously attacking.

While the original meHleH measured 24 inches in length by 10 inches in width, it is common to custom size the mek’leth. For the length of the mek’leth, measure from the tip of your middle finger to the elbow and add four inches. For the width, place your hand flat with the fingers spread as wide as possible. Measure from the tip of your little finger to the tip of your thumb. The details of the mek’leth should reflect the individuality of the warrior who wields it.

One of the more rarely seen bladed weapons is the jejtaj, or “sharp dagger”.



This small, crescent shaped blade is usually wielded like the terran brass knuckles. It can also be used as a defensive weapon, allowing the warrior to block with one hand while attacking with a mek’leth or d’k tahg in the other. A few warriors have had the jejtaj weighted and balanced for use as a projectile weapon, much like the ancient terran throwing star.

Although not a bladed weapon, the

‘oy’naQ, or “painstick” is best discussed here. This weapon is not usually seen on the battlefield, having its major role in the Age of Ascension ceremony. Functioning much like a cattle prod, the ‘oy’naQ is capable of discharging enough electricity to kill a two-ton Recbyne Monopod. During the Age of Ascension ceremony, a Klingon youth of almost, but not quite, 13 years is jabbed by multiple ‘oy’naQ. That a youth can survive what a two-ton beast cannot only proves the strength of the Klingon spirit!

The d’k tahg, or “ceremonial knife”, is the traditional warrior’s knife. Historically, it was used to kill the first captured prisoner to weaken the opposing leader’s control over his warriors. Today, it is used in many ceremonies. In addition, it is highly unusual to see a warrior without a d’k tahg on his belt. While the d’k tahg has undergone many changes, certain aspects remain consistent over time. They are all approximately 13-16 inches in length. The blades are approximately 3/16 inch thick and 2 inches wide at their widest point.



Many forms of the d’k tahg have been seen over the centuries. Often, warriors will alter their d’k tahg to better reflect the warrior who wields it. The first d’k tahg seen by Federation officers was used to kill Kirk’s son, David Marcus. Kurn carried a 16-inch long d’k tahg which was usually seen with the side blades extended. The same type of blade was given to Captain Picard when he served as Worf’s cha’DIch. Gowron’s d’k tahg was 14 inches in length with a mostly black handle. A form of the d’k tahg, called the mevak, is the ceremonial dagger used in the Mauk to’Vor ritual. This blade is 14 inches in length and is used to restore an individual’s honor when it is used to take the life of whoever took that person’s honor. The “Raptor” version of the d’k tahg has been seen in the

mirror universe, but has found limited use in our own universe. B’Etor, of House Duras, used the “Raven” variation of the d’k tahg to intimidate and threaten the Elorian, Dr. Soran. This blade is just over 12 inches in



length and viscously serrated.



The haf’leth, or “sword of dread”, has a very inspiring story behind it. Long ago a tyrannical landowner pushed his workers too far. When they began to move towards rebellion, the landowner attempted to quash this uprising. He led an army of mercenaries in an attack on the village, killing all of the men. Before leaving, he broke every bat’leth in the village in

half and ordered the women and children back to work in the fields. The women and children gathered the broken bat’leth halves and mounted them on poles. Pursuing the army, the surviving villagers attacked. Although they did not win the battle, they displayed the true spirit of the warrior. The haf’leth is named for the look of dread in every mercenary’s eyes when they saw the army of surviving women and children attacking with the broken remnants of the village’s bat’leths. Today, while the haf’leth serves as a weapon, perhaps its greatest role is as a reminder of what makes up the warrior’s spirit.

Finally we come to the legendary Knife of Hiron. This blade is unique, as legend says it is stained with the blood of Kahless the Unforgettable. Entrusted to the clerics of Borath, the blood was used to clone the Kahless who currently serves as Emperor.



Energy weapons are commonly seen side by side with traditional bladed weapons. From handguns to rifles, Klingons have developed some of the most effective and intimidating directed energy weapons in the quadrant. The chu’ nISwI’ Hlch, for example is the sturdiest hand-held disruptor in the Empire. Its sleek design and highly efficient energy cell make it the perfect sidearm for members of the Klingon Defense Force. Some of the wealthier Houses also use this weapon. A less expensive version of this disruptor, the nISwI’ Hlch, is available. This weapon is not quite as sturdy, sleek, or efficient. Often the less wealthy Houses use it. It is also common to see Klingon allies and protectorates using this disruptor. This version is often used to stock weapons lockers onboard starships for use as back-up weapons.

One final form of the hand-held disruptor, the ngo’ sIwI’ Hlch, is seldom seen in the Empire. This disruptor, while widely used in years past, is mostly seen today in the hands of Masters of Old Technology. This weapon is not very efficient or reliable, as the power cell is only capable of housing a small amount of energy. The low cost of this weapon, however, makes it very appealing to the criminal element found on the fringes of the Empire.

The success of the hand-held disruptor pistol quickly led to the development of the nISwI’ beH (disruptor rifle). Containing a larger energy pack, this weapon is capable of a higher setting, longer range, and better duration between charging than any of the disruptor pistols. A common joke is that this weapon allows a warrior to choose between a setting of “kill” and one of “leave no evidence”. Larger and



more cumbersome than a pistol, the rifle is seldom seen aboard ship except tucked away in weapons lockers. Another form of the disruptor rifle is the vI' nISwI' beH'a' (the accumulator). Resembling a shoulder-mounted cannon, this rifle has double the power and range of the standard disruptor rifle. This rifle is aptly named for the honor accumulated by sending your enemies to Gre'thor. At almost twice the length of the nISwI' beH, the accumulator is almost never seen aboard ship.

The Hegh 'aw'wI (Guardian of Death) is an energy weapon which is almost never seen outside of its ceremonial role. This weapon, used in the Sonchi ceremony, is almost identical to the 'oy'naQ. The major difference between the two is the addition of a pistol grip and the amount of energy discharged.



The Hegh 'aw'wI discharges much more energy than the 'oy'naQ.

If you seek evidence of how far Klingon energy weapons have come, just visit the Imperial Weaponry Museum on the homeworld. You will see two of the earliest predecessors to our modern disruptors. The flintlock is the oldest known Klingon firearm. Very similar to ancient terran flintlocks, this was a muzzle-loading weapon that used a small explosive charge to fire a metal projectile. The last real use of this weapon was in 2267 when Klingon agents provided several flintlocks to the natives of Tyree's planet.

The sonic disruptor is a very old weapon based on the design used by the civil authorities on Eminiar VII. The Klingon version of this weapon used high frequency sound waves to cause disorientation, loss of equilibrium, and pain. With the development of directed energy weapons, the sonic disruptor became obsolete.

Klingons have wisely developed a

variety of weapons, choosing not to limit themselves to blades and firearms. Theragen is a highly effective Klingon nerve gas. When used in its pure form, death is almost instantaneous. It is rumored that the Federation doctor called McCoy once used a diluted form of theragen to deaden certain efferent nerve impulses in order to combat a progressive mental condition in his fellow crewmates.

The trefoil is an ancient weapon that, while no longer used, evidence of it is seen almost everyday in Klingon life. Used as an extension of the warrior's hand, this three-bladed weapon is visually almost identical to the Klingon Imperial symbol. No one is certain if the trefoil inspired the shape of the symbol or if the symbol inspired the forging of the trefoil. Throwing darts, while not often seen, are commonly concealed on Klingons. Designed and balanced for maximum velocity, accuracy, and penetration, these projectiles can be devastating as silent, medium-range weapons. Their compact size makes it a simple matter to conceal them in clothing or even in hair.

The agonizer is another weapon that is rarely seen today. Used in the past to

ensure discipline, it was quickly deemed pointless, as warriors discipline themselves. When the agonizer is seen today, it is usually as an interrogation tool. The agonizer operates by delivering electrical charges to the central nervous system while providing enough neurological stimulation to prevent the subject from escaping into unconsciousness. Settings range from mild discomfort to mind-bending agony.

By now it should be obvious how versatile the Klingon people are. With a wide variety of weapons to choose from, it is truly an accomplishment to master them all. In this warrior culture, it is the stories and tradition that give the weapons meaning. No weapon is made just for the sake of making an instrument of death. From the first day of training, warriors are taught the rich history of their people through the stories of each weapon's development and uses. Klingons have worked their weapons into every aspect of their culture. Not only are they used for combat, but they are also used for religious ceremonies, rites of passage, and building a stronger connection to ancient ancestors. Indeed, one cannot begin to understand the Klingon people without learning the stories of their weapons and the brave warriors who forged and wielded them.

EVE OF DESTRUCTION

Corporal Captain Blair Learn

Although the primary stomping grounds of USS Highlander and USS Athena are nearly 80 miles apart, several friendships makes it seem closer at times.

During the course of 1999, the crews of both ships grew increasingly tired of the hype surrounding "The Odometer Event" (I refuse to use "The Y-word") and decided that if we were going to experience the end of civilization, we should do it with friends. The only problem was where to have the party.

Early in the year, Blair Learn of USS Highlander bought a house in Germantown, Maryland. At about the same time, Lisa and Jay Berkenbilt of USS Athena bought a house in Herndon, Virginia. Both wanted to host a combined New Year's Eve party for

the two chapters, but with the distances involved it seemed unlikely that either site would draw a large number of attendees from the other chapter.

The decision was finally made to have one party with two locations. The Maryland site would be at Blair's house; the Virginia site at Lisa and Jay's. At 10:00pm on New Year's Eve, the two parties were merged into one virtual party by setting up a video conference call over the Internet. (OK, so maybe we've got a few too many computer users. We had fun with it.)

The videoconference with Athena ended at 12:30, but the Highlander party was still in its early stages. Midday on the 31st, the Highlander crew had announced that beginning at 11:30pm U.S. Central Time, they would

be webcasting their party and anyone who wished to join the party virtually could do so via an online chat. In addition to the 17 people who were physically present, and the 20 or so Athena members from the videoconference, the Highlander party was also "attended" by 20-30 people across North America who participated in the chat. (A collection of images from the webcast is available on the Highlander web site at: <http://usshighlander.sfi.org/LCARS/pictures.htm>).

In addition to Highlander's first ever webcast, the party involved a number of other activities: Games, Music, Filking (the poor sound quality of the video conference protected the Athena group from the worst of our singing) and, of course, food! And although

Todd Brugmans (aka "The Scotsman") couldn't make it down from New Jersey, his proxy attended in his place — wearing the same sort of aviator goggles, helmet, and jacket that we've all come to associate with him. At midnight, we toasted the New Year with grape juice and then filled the air with silly string. (I planned to paint that room anyhow.)

The first guests arrived around 7pm on December 31 and the last guest left around 2pm on January 1; a record-breaking 19 hours. We've already started making plans for next year. (By the way, the world really did end on December 31. The Government cover up however was very effective and few people noticed.)

STAR TREK - THE REAL FRONTIER!!

*Fleet Captain Richard Heim, RDC Sciences - Region One
Commanding Officer and Chief Science Officer USS Alaric*

I'm continually amazed by how much of a visionary Gene Roddenberry was! So much of the science fiction in *Star Trek* has become science fact over the last three decades. Here are some recent examples.

"Set Phasers On Stun!"

The article, "Mensan Develops Laser-Based 'Phaser'", on page 7 of the December 1999 issue of *The Mensan Bulletin*, describes a laser that can be used to "stun" people at a distance (100 meters or more). HSV Technologies, Inc., of San Diego, California, has developed a non-lethal weapon that sends two beams of ultraviolet light toward a target. The beams themselves won't hurt people, as the UV radiation takes several minutes to damage the cornea at the low intensity the lasers produce.

The UV beams ionize paths in the air, along which an electrical current is conducted, which can temporarily immobilize people and animals. The current is a close replication of the neuroelectric impulses that control skeletal muscles, differing only in that its repetition rate is sufficiently rapid to tetanize muscle tissue. (Tetanization is the stimulation of muscle fibers at a

frequency that merges their individual contractions into a single sustained contraction.) The current is too weak to affect the smooth muscles such as the heart and diaphragm, so it's otherwise harmless.

Geordie's Visor

The 1/24/2000 issue of *Newsweek* had an article on page 8 that described a device that can help people who are legally blind to see. The article explained that a mini-camera mounted on sunglasses captures images that are processed by a 10-pound computer hanging on a belt. The signals then run through a cable to 68 electrodes implanted in the visual cortex, which stimulate the brain to produce an array of bright spots good enough for 20/400 vision-good enough for navigating sidewalks.

Medical Tricorder

The Bioengineering Center at Georgia Tech has developed the Vital Signs Monitor (VSM), which can rapidly and accurately measure respiratory and cardiac rates of patients without touching them. As described on the web page, <http://www.bitc.gatech.edu/>

bitcprojects/vsm/index.html, the VSM is an extremely sensitive motion detection system capable of detecting small body motions produced by respiratory and cardiac functioning. Motion detection is achieved by transmitting an interrogating electromagnetic field at the target of interest, and then measuring the time-delay of the signal reflected back from the surface of the target. Former Science FDC Rick Driver notes that, amazingly, the inventors can't find a company that's interested in developing it!

Atmospheric Tricorder

Researchers at the Department of Energy's Los Alamos National Laboratory have developed a portable, ultra sensitive air particulate monitor that instantly and continuously identifies virtually all known constituent elements in the periodic table and their relative concentrations. The inexpensive device, which can be used indoors or outdoors, takes advantage of the fact that all elements in the periodic table have well-characterized atomic energy levels. A miniature microwave plasma source in the device excites the atoms, permitting quick, easy

identification of air particulate samples based on the energy levels of those elements. With a minor modification, the device also can identify elements in solution. (Information from web page, <http://spacer.com/spacecast/news/future-00b.html>)

If you are interested in learning more about Region One Sciences, browse our web page, <http://alaricrh.home.sprynet.com/science/R1Science.htm>, or write to: P.O. Box 2072, Asheville, NC 28802 USA. Information about Starfleet Sciences can be found at <http://www.angelfire.com/nc2/sardis/index.html>

UPCOMING CONVENTIONS

Compiled by Corporal Captain Blair Lean

Mar 31 - Apr 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

Mar 31 - Apr 2 Creation Star Trek and Sci-Fi Grand Slam, Pasadena, California; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> Guests: Ethan Phillips, Marc Alaimo, Andrew Robinson, Louise Fletcher, J.G. Hertzler, Robert O'Reilly, Grace Lee Whitney, June Lockhart, Jerry Doyle, Jeff Conaway, LeVar Burton, Marina Sirtis, Tim Russ, Robert Picardo, Terry Farrell, Nicole deBoer, Robert Duncan McNeill, Walter Koenig, Brannon

Braga, Von Flores, Lisa Howard, Daniel Cerone, William B. Davis, Tom Braidwood, Bruce Harwood, Chris Owens, James Marsters, Chase Masterson, Jeff Rector, William Shatner, Michael Dorn, Nichelle Nichols, George Takei, Garrett Wang, Casey Biggs, Salome Jens, Scarlett Pomers, Jonathan del Arco, Patti Yasutake, Jennifer Hetrick, Lance Henriksen, Celeste Yarnall, David Brooks, Jerry Rector, Victor Brandt, Richard Herd, Gary Lockwood, Gary Walberg, Stephen Austin, Michael Bell, Booth Coleman, Maggie Egan, Michael Forest, Scott McDonald, Kent Wetherill, Cody Wetherill, Mark Allen Shepard, Paul Carr, Jack Donner, William Windom, Gwynyth Walsh, Barbara March, Spice Williams, Todd Bryant, Antoinette Bower, Roy Jensen, Robert Ellenstein,

Arlene Martel, Dee Wallace Stone, Don Pedro Colley, Jerome Blake, Robert Herron, Kent McCord, Herb Jefferson Jr., Kasey Rogers, Barbara Luna, Erin Grey

Mar 31 - Apr 2 5Con, Northampton, Massachusetts; Info: 98 Green St, Box 8758, Northampton, MA 01063 <http://sophia.smith.edu/ssffs/5con/>

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

Apr 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

Apr 8 Slanted Fedora - Ferengi Tour, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Info: 11916 W. 109th Street, Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Ph: 913-327-8735 <http://www.sfedora.com/fort.htm> Guests: Rene Auberjonouis, Armin Shimerman, Max Grodenchik, Aron Eisenberg, Cecily Adams, Lolita Fatjo

Apr 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/> Guests: Don Knotts, Charlton Heston, Steve Allen, Jayne Meadows, Betty Lynn, Steve Reeves, Shirley Mills,

Phoebe Dorin, Peter Brown, William Smith, Steven R. Stevens, Margaret Pellegrini, Jerry Maren, Geoffrey Scott, Ms. Mary Ann From "Romper Room", Gunnar Hansen, Pamela Susan Shoop, Gogi Grant, George Wallace, Virginia Mayo, Mr. Blackwell, Cynthia Rothrock, Russell Todd

Apr 9 Slanted Fedora - Ferengi Tour, Lansing, Michigan; Info: 11916 W. 109th Street, Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Ph: 913-327-8735 <http://www.sfedora.com/lansing.htm> Guests: Rene Auberjonouis, Armin Shimerman, Max Grodenchik, Aron Eisenberg, Cecily Adams, Lolita Fatjo

Apr 15-16 Creation Hercules & Xena convention, Jacksonville, Florida; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> Guests: Kevin Smith, Joel Tobeck, Danielle Cormack

Apr 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

Apr 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

Apr 20-23 Imagine Con 2000, Virginia 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

Apr 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

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

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

Apr 22 Sci-Fi Expo & Toy Show, Austin, Texas; Info: PO Box 941111, Plano Tx 75094-1111 Ph: 972-578-0213 <http://members.aol.com/toyshow/>

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

Apr 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/>

Apr 28 - May 1 Kimicon 2000, Gatlinburg, Tennessee; Guests: Kimberly Renee Brooks, Anthony John Rowley, Rahadyan Timoteo Andreas Sastrowardoyo

May 5-7 Roc*Kon, Little Rock, Arkansas; Info: PMB #207, 12111 West Markham, #14, Little Rock, AR 72211-2734 <http://www.rockon.org/> Guests: Patricia C. Wrede, Jamie Murray, Carlotta Vaughan, Libby Singleton

May 6 Slanted Fedora, Syracuse, New York; Info: 11916 W. 109th Street, Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Ph: 913-327-8735 <http://www.sfedora.com/>

May 6 Slanted Fedora, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Info: 11916 W. 109th Street, Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Ph: 913-327-8735 <http://www.sfedora.com/>

May 7 Slanted Fedora, Rochester, New York; Info: 11916 W. 109th Street, Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Ph: 913-327-8735 <http://www.sfedora.com/>

May 11-14 World Horror Convention, Denver, Colorado; Info: PO Box 32167, Aurora, CO 80041-2167 <http://www.whc2000.org/> Guests: Peter Straub, Harlan Ellison, Melanie Tem, J. Michael Straczynski, Ellen Datlow, Steve Rasnic Tem, Dan Simmons, Yvonne Navarro, P.D. Cacek, Brian Hodge, Leanne C. Harper, S.P. Somtow, Trey R. Barker, Don Kinney, Edward Bryant

May 12-14 Anime Central, Arlington Heights, Illinois; Info: 119 South Emerson Street, Suite 231, Mount Prospect, IL 60056-3296 <http://www.acen.org/> Guests: Ryo Mizuno, Tomoko Taniguchi, Tsukasa Kotobuki, Daiken Yoko-o, Crispin Freeman, Steve

Bennett, Robert DeJesus, Bruce Lewis, C.B. Cebulski

May 12-14 Marscon, Bloomington, Minnesota; Info: P.O. Box 600458, St. Paul, MN 55106 Ph: 612-724-0687 <http://www.marscon.com/> Guests: Mark Allen Shepherd, Margaret Weis, Don Perrin, Jack Borkowski

May 19-20 Keycon 2000, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; Info: P.O. Box 3178, Winnipeg, MB R3C 4E6, CANADA <http://members.tripod.com/~keycon2000/> Guests: Jennifer Roberson, Igor Kordey, Tim Hogue, Michael Sheard

May 19-20 Celebrity Autograph Collector's show, Chicago, Illinois; Info: Post Office Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/>

May 19-21 DeepSouthCon 38/Son of BeachCon, Jekyll Island, Georgia; Info: PO Box 1271, Brunswick, GA 31521-1271 Guests: Caruthers-Montgomery, Larry Montgomery, Ron Walotsky, Jack Haldeman, Jack McDewitt

May 20-21 Celebrity Autograph Collector's show, Chicago, Illinois; Info: Post Office Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/> Guests: Robert Vaughn, Ken Berry, Melody Patterson, Joe Brooks, James Hampton, Dorothy DeBorba, Celeste Yarnall, Gunnar Hansen

May 26-29 CostumeCon 18, Hartford, Connecticut; Info: 11 Winter St., Amesbury, MA 01913 <http://www.cc2000.org/>

May 26-28 Oasis 13, Orlando, Florida; Info: P.O. Box 940992, Maitland, FL 32794 Ph: 407-263-5822 <http://oasfis.org/oasis13.htm> Guests: Elizabeth Moon, Rowena, Bill & Brenda Sutton

May 26-29 Tachy11Con, Orlando, Florida; Info: 1271 Semoran Blvd., Suite 157, Casselberry, FL 32707 <http://www.tachycon.com/> Guests: Butch Patrick, Tom Savini, Dawn Marie

May 26-29 BayCon 2000, San Jose, California; Info: P.O. Box 610427, San Jose, Ca. 95161-0427 Ph: 408-450-1788 <http://www.baycon.org/2000/> Guests: Esther Friesner, Baron Engel, Dave Clark

May 26-29 Legacy 2000, Washington, District of Columbia; Info: Timeless Charities, Inc., 71 South Orange Avenue, PMB 372, South Orange, NJ 07079 Ph: 703-848-0165 <http://www.LegacyCon.org/> Guests: Peter

Wingfield, Jim Byrnes, Ken Gord, Gillian Horvath, Donna Lettow, F. Braun McAsh, Ginjer Buchanan, Josepha Sherman, Robert Chapin, Adrian Ko

May 26-29 MediaWest*Con, Lansing, Michigan; Info: 200 E. Thomas St., Lansing MI 48906-4047 <http://members.aol.com/MdiaWstCon/mwc20.htm>

May 26-28 Miscon 2000, Missoula, Montana; Info: P.O. Box 7721, Missoula MT. 59807 <http://www.miscon.org/> Guests: C.J. Cherryh, Jesse Marcel, Jr, Steve Jackson, Tom Smith

May 26-28 Marcon 35, Columbus, Ohio; Info: P O Box 141414, Columbus, OH 43214 <http://www.marcon.org/> Guests: Janny Wurts, Don Maitz, Steve Macdonald, Josef and Kit Matulich, Kevin and Maryann Siembieda, Richard Chevolleau, Leni Parker, Dr. Demento

May 26-28 LibertyCon 14, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Info: PO Box 695, Hixson, TN 37343-0695 <http://www.cdc.net/~libcon/> Guests: C. J. Cherryh, Jon Stadter, Kenneth Waters, Wilson Tucker

May 27-28 Creation Hercules & Xena convention, Orlando, Florida; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/>

Jun 2-4 Slanted Fedora, Chicago, Illinois; Info: 11916 W. 109th Street, Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Ph: 913-327-8735 <http://www.sfedora.com/chicago.htm> Guests: Leonard Nimoy, John de Lancie, James Darren, Jerry Hardin, Gweneth Welch, Barbara March, Richard Biggs, Mary Kay Adams, Jeremy Bullock

Jun 3-4 Creation Hercules & Xena convention, New Orleans, Louisiana; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/>

Jun 23-35 AgamemCon IV, Burbank, California; Info: PO Box 330, 92 Corporate Park, Suite C, Irvine, CA 92606 Ph: 949-643-8352 <http://www.agamemcon.org/>

Jun 24-25 Celebrity Autograph Collector's show, Hollywood, California; Info: Post Office Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/>

Jun 30 – Jul 4 Costume College 2000, Van Nuys, California; Info: Post Office Box 3052, Santa Fe Springs, California 90670-3052 <http://www.costumecollege.org/> Guests: Jean Hunnisett

Jul 1-4 Conolulu, Honolulu, Hawaii; Info: 42 Aekai Place, Lahaina, HI 9676 <http://www.maui.net/~tropo/> Guests: Dan Simmons, Ctein, John Lorentz

Jul 1-2 Slanted Fedora, Roswell, New Mexico; Info: 11916 W. 109th Street, Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Ph: 913-327-8735 <http://www.sfedora.com/>

Jul 7-9 Shore Leave 22, Hunt Valley, Maryland; Info: P.O. Box 6809, Towson, MD 21285-6809 Ph: 410-496-4456 <http://www.shore-leave.com/> Guests: Claudia Christian, Denise Crosby, Marij Dusay, Richard Herd

Jul 7-9 CONvergence 2000, St. Paul, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 13208, Dinkytown Station, Minneapolis, MN 55414 Ph: 612-996-9224 <http://www.convergence-con.org/> Guests: Neil Gaiman, Ruth Thompson, Peg Kerr

Jul 7-9 New Pacificon 2000, Los Angeles, California; Info: Attn: NP2000, PO Box 1206, Taylor, MI 48180-5606 <http://members.xoom.com/marymb/np2000.html> Guests: Jessica Steen, Joey Zimmerman

Jul 14-16 Fantasticon, Los Angeles, California; Info: c/o Joe Motes, PO Box 821673, South Florida FL 33082-1673 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkon.com/>

Jul 23-24 Creation Hercules & Xena convention, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/>

Jul 23-31 MillienniCon Hand and Shrimp, London, United Kingdom; Info: The Discworld Convention, PO Box 189, Patchway, Bristol, BS32 8YE, United Kingdom <http://www.co.uk.lspace.org/fandom/cons/dwcon2k/> Guests: Terry Pratchett, Josh Kirby, Paul Kidby, Stephen Briggs, Bernard Pearson, Graham Higgins, Colin Smythe

Jul 28-30 Classic Film Fest, Arlington, Virginia; Info: 9721 Britinay Lane, Baltimore, MD 21234 Ph: 410-665-1198 <http://www.midmar.com/>

Jul 28-30 Rivercon XXV, Louisville, Kentucky; Info: P.O. Box 58009, Louisville, KY 40268-0009 <http://members.aol.com/rivercon/>

Guests: Forrest J Ackerman, Arlan K. Andrews, Michael A. Banks, Ned Brooks, Annette Carrico, Doug Chaffee, Jack L. Chalker, Alan Clark, Hal Clement, Juanita Coulson, Jane & Scott Dennis, Don & Jill Eastlake, Darryl Elliott, Jan Howard Finder, Frank Kelly Freas, Esther M. Friesner, Mike Glicksohn, Joe L. Hensley, Rusty Hevelin, Debbie Hughes, Samantha b Jeude, Julee Johnson-Tate, Chris Tate, David A. Kyle, Dick & Nicki Lynch, Laurie Mann, George R.R. Martin, Sandra Miesel, Larry Niven, Andrew J. Offutt, Jodie Offutt, Bruce Pelz, Carol & Mike Resnick, Julius Schwartz, Pat & Roger Sims, Dick Spelman, Allen Steele, Somtow Sucharitkul, Kevin Ward, Lawrence Watt-Evans, Gary M. Williams

Aug 2-6 Eurocon 2000, Tricity, Poland; Info: Europe: Krzysztof Papierkowski, Chlopska 7/107, 80-362 Gdansk-Przymorze, POLAND USA: Lance Oszko, 6176 Edsall Rd., #73, Alexandria, VA 22304 UK: Bridget Wilkinson, Ground Floor Flat, 8 West Avenue Road, Walthamstow, E17 9SE United Kingdom Ph: Europe: Phone: 703-823-0514 USA: +48-58-553-1073 <http://home.interstat.net/~slawcio/eurocon/> Guests: Kir Bulychev, Walter Jon Williams, Michelangelo Miani, Wojtek Siudmak, Slawek Wojtowicz

Aug 12-13 Creation Fangoria Weekend of Horrors, Pasadena, California; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/>

Aug 26-27 Creation Hercules & Xena convention, Cherry Hill, New Jersey; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/>

Aug 31 – Sep 4 ChiCon 2000 (58th World Science Fiction Convention), Chicago, Illinois; Info: Box 642057, Chicago, Illinois 60664 <http://www.chicon.org/> Guests: Ben Bova, Bob Eggleton, Jim Baen, Bob & Ann Passovoy, Harry Turtledove

Sep 2-3 Creation Hercules & Xena convention, Richmond, Virginia; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/>

Sep 8-10 Slanted Fedora, Durham, South Carolina; Info: 11916 W. 109th Street, Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Ph: 913-327-8735 <http://www.sfedora.com/raleigh.htm> Guests: Leonard Nimoy, John de

Lancie, Alexander Siddig, Andrew Robinson, Gweneth Welch, Barbara March, Richard Biggs, Mary Kay Adams, Jeremy Bullock

Sep 22-24 ConChord 14, Van Nuys, California; Info: Zen Nine Productions, P.O. Box 61172, Pasadena, CA 91116 <http://sundry.hsc.usc.edu/conchord14.html>

Sep 29 – Oct 1 Archon 24, Collinsville, Illinois; Info: PO Box 8387, St. Louis, MO 63132-8387 Ph: 636-326-3026 <http://www.stlf.org/archon/24/> Guests: Larry Niven, Larry Elmore, Dana & Bruce MacDermott, Jim Baen, Genie Yaffe, Amy Verseman, Dave Verseman, Jerry Pournelle, Vic Milán

Sep 30 – Oct 1 Slanted Fedora, Charleston, West Virginia; Info: 11916 W. 109th Street, Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Ph: 913-327-8735 <http://www.sfedora.com/>

Oct 6-8 Farpoint 2000, Hunt Valley, Maryland; Info: 6099 Hunt Club Road, Elkridge, MD 2107 Ph: 410-579-1257 <http://www.bcpl.lib.md.us/~wilsonr/> Guests: Andreas Katsulas, Max Grodenchik, Aron Eisenberg, Cecily Adams, Chase Masterson, Tucker Smallwood, Astronaut Ed Mitchell, Lolita Fatjo, Tim DeHaas, Michael Jan Friedman, Bob Greenberger, Marc Okrand, Howard Weinstein

Oct 7-8 Celebrity Autograph Collector's show, Hollywood, California; Info: Post Office Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/>

Oct 14-15 Slanted Fedora, Boise, Idaho; Info: 11916 W. 109th Street, Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Ph: 913-327-8735 <http://www.sfedora.com/>

Oct 14-15 Celebrity Autograph Collector's show, Chicago, Illinois; Info: Post Office Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/>

Oct 21-22 Creation Star Trek & Media Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/>

Oct 26-29 World Fantasy Convention 26, Corpus Christi, Texas; Info: Box 27277, Austin, TX 78755 Guests: K.W. Jeter, John Crowley, Joe Lansdale

Nov 18-19 Celebrity Autograph Collector's show, San Francisco, California; Info: Post Office Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-

5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/>

Nov 24-25 Slanted Fedora, Indianapolis, Indiana; Info: 11916 W. 109th Street, Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Ph: 913-327-8735 <http://www.sfedora.com/>

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.

USS FLYING FORTRESS CHARITY REPORT

*Fleet Captain Tim Frayer,
Commanding USS Flying
Fortress*

The crew sent 15 packages of reading materials (books, magazines, comics, etc.) to servicemen overseas during the holidays as part of Operation Eagle. The crew is continuing to collect materials to recycle. In 1999, the Fortress collected 27 lbs. of aluminum cans, 94 lbs. of glass, and 1,510 lbs. of newspapers for recycling. The ship will be having a video day in January, and is planning to attend the Region 12 Summit.

MISHAP II: THE WRATH OF THE PARTY

Rear Admiral Bob Vosseller, Commanding USS Challenger

As a sequel to last year's MISHAP, MISHAP II: The Wrath of the Party surpassed all expectations and if it was a film at the box office, it would clearly be described as a film whose sequel eclipsed its original.

What a fantastic, festive time we all had on Sat. Dec. 11 at the Society Hill Club House in North Brunswick NJ. The food was great and in abundance, Tempest Chef Christine Hernandez out did herself with a variety of tasty entrees which included lasagna, pasta, mashed potatoes, various meat dishes, snacks of incredible pizza rolls, stuffed jalapenos, desserts such as cheesecake, a MISHAP II cake, a gingerbread house (that looked so good Christine had to break it so no one would feel guilty being the first to eat it) and much more.

Christine also glowed with enjoyment truly taking pride in the work done and everyone's satisfied appetite clearly showing through.

USS Bounty Captain Stephen Buonocore had that same pride as he greeted people at the front door and once again proved to be a superior host making all our guests from near to afar feel welcome and part of the action. With his lovely fiancé Keith at his side how could he miss. Great job guys!

ISS Lexington Officer Bob Westphal performed the musical duties to everyone's delight keeping the party moving throughout the evening.

Fellow ship CO hosts included Flt. Capt. Joe Podesta and his lovely wife Michelle and their adorable daughter Taryn, Avenger CO Capt. Carlos and Heidi Maldonado and their cute son Kiran, ISS Lexington CO and XO couple Commodore Mark Hanford and Hazel Gilbert, Tempest Captain Pete Quick and his lovely wife Karen, and yours truly with my ship counselor and fiancé Emily Ford.

Each ship which hosted the party (Avenger, Bounty, Challenger, Lex, Starlord, Tempest) had great representation from their respective crewmembers. Members of the IFT Columbia in Long Island, the Battlestar Phoenix, the independent USS Nemesis, Klingon groups, The New Republic, USS Thagard, and various other groups in fandom came out for

the event.

At last count, Avenger's Admiral Alex Rosenzweig told me that he saw about 94 names on the sign up sheets. That is quite a jump from last year's 67. But sheer numbers do not make a party great. It was the fun shared by those present.

The bar kept busy but it wasn't just the lively spirits invited that made the evening special either.

It was clearly the enjoyment of everyone from various backgrounds, locations, groups, etc. and the sharing of seeing both new and old faces and toasting the holidays. Exchanging information, jokes and old stories. Heck, we even got around to talking about STAR TREK. Many children also came to this event making it a family occasion as well.

Even Santa Claus stopped by (funny I always seem to miss him when he does) and this year he even brought Mrs. Claus (and loaned out her lap to many of the male gift receivers) to help hand out the exchange gifts. There were a variety of door prizes given out as well.

No one went away unhappy or hungry. We thank everyone who attended this year's bash and for all those who helped to make it special. We hope you all come back next year for MISHAP III: The Search For ??? (title pending <G>)

From the entire crew of the USS Challenger, USS Avenger, ISS Lexington, USS Bounty, USS Tempest and USS Starlord have a wonderful holiday season and a very happy New Year!

COMMANDER, STARFLEET NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Vice Admiral Allyson M.W. Dyar, Chief of Communications

STARFLEET will hold its election for Commander, STARFLEET this year. Therefore, the nomination procedure is presented below in order to ensure that the guidelines for nomination are distributed well in advance of any deadlines.

From the Constitution:

ARTICLE 7: ELECTIONS

Section 4: Nomination of Candidates
Nominations of candidates for President may be submitted to the Election coordinator by Chapter (but not Chapter-in-Training) COs or Regional Coordinators. All nominations must be signed and dated, and no person shall nominate more than one candidate in each election. A minimum of five (5) nominations is required to qualify as a candidate for President. Once a member has been accepted as an eligible candidate for President, that candidate must publicly announce within ten (10) days of notification of eligibility his/her choice for Vice-President.

Candidates for President and Vice-President shall run together as a slate. In this fashion, the office of Vice-President is subject to the general election of the Fleet membership.

Section 6: Timetable
The timetable for the election of the position of Commander, STARFLEET shall be as follows:

June 1st to July 15th Nominations for the position of Commander, STARFLEET are accepted.

July 16th Qualified candidates and their choices for Vice-President are announced via the most expedient means possible and campaigning officially commences.

August 1st The deadline for campaign literature to be submitted for publication in the official Election Publication.

September 1st All ballots and Election Publications must be in the mail.

November 15th The CPA hired to conduct the election must receive all ballots by this date

November 20th The winning candidate is notified and incumbent Commander,

STARFLEET begins a transition period, if necessary.

December/January Results are announced in the COMMUNIQUE.

January 1st The newly elected officials take office.

Notes:

* Any nomination letters received before 01 June 2000 or after 15 July 2000 will not be accepted.

* The CO or RC must send nominations in a manner that allows the Chief of Communications to take delivery of a signed and dated letter. Nomination letters can be sent via post office, overnight delivery, carrier pigeon, etc. Email, fax, or any other means of delivery is not acceptable at this time.

* Any CO who is also an RC can only submit one letter of nomination.

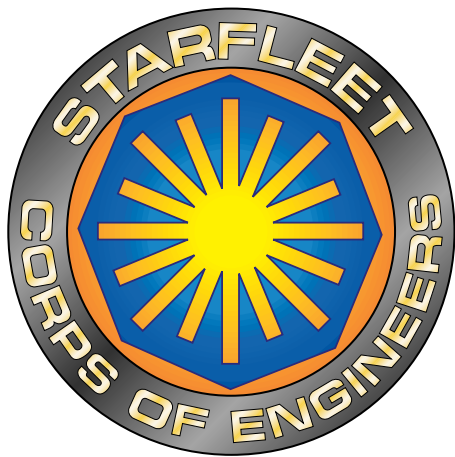
* The CO must be the president of a chapter in good standing (defined as a chapter that is not decommissioned). The CO or RC must be a member in good standing (membership paid to date and no outstanding bounced cheques). Status of the chapter and the CO as well as the RC will be verified upon receipt of nomination letter.

* Acknowledgement of receipt (and acceptance) of the nomination letter will be issued if a self-addressed envelope (SASE) or an email address is enclosed.

(The above notes were made in consultation with the Admiralty Board during the months of January and February 2000.)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Your Humble and Not-So Obedient Servant,
Allyson M.W. Dyar
Chief of Communications
comm@sfi.org



STARFLEET CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT

Commander Brian W. Dougherty, Commander, STARFLEET Corps of Engineers

For the past three years the Corps of Engineers has been pretty much dead in the water, mostly due to a lack of enthusiasm on my part as well as apathy from you, the engineers of the fleet. To this end I would like to try to breath some life into the Corps.

A new command structure, a new chain of Divisions, diversifying the authority within the Corps of Engineers, I hope, will bring more people into it as well new life and new ideas.

This new command structure should spread the duties in the Corps around to more people. A structure or "Chain of Command" was first proposed several years ago, but nothing came of it and no real chain of responsibility was ever established, except for a few posts that were created by the individuals running them.

This chain is a proposal, and nothing is set in stone, yet. If you have any ideas, please feel free to contact me and let me know.

Some office descriptions are as follows:

Design Integration: Will take those designs submitted by the fleet and come up with how the systems would work

in respect to other systems. Actual "nuts and bolts" integration – "put widget A into Sprocket B" type of work.

This Branch will get the new designs from ASDB and DTS and will work closely with these two offices to better streamline the process. It will take into account the wishes of the chapters before rendering its integration plans.

Commissioning/Decommissioning: This is NOT a ShOC type operation. What this Branch will do is hardware testing to see if the actual ship's hardware is ready for space operation before handing it over to the crew. Also, saving the vehicle for storage after it's useful life has been reached.

Foreign Technology Branch: Will be responsible for the evaluation of all threat forces, i.e.. Klingon, Cardassian. Will also report to the Commander, Corps of Engineers with their evaluations. I will need people to run these branches and I will be taking applications for all posts (Except mine).

All correspondence should be sent to:

Brian W. Dougherty
408 Carlyle East
Belleville, IL 62221

At this time I would like to announce that the "Fleet Wide Engineering Project" is to be resurrected. I would like this project to last from 12 to 18 months and involve as many engineering-types as we can get in the fleet.

The project is pretty much open to anything to do with engineering (Except new starship designs, that's pretty much a chapter decision). The first thing we need to do is determine "what kind" of project we want to do. A ship system, facilities system, etc. anything to do with engineering. I would hope to determine the type and scope of the project by the middle of the year.

If you are IRC connected, I would like to have a chat on-line on 3 April 2000 at 0200 GMT (that's 9 pm Eastern) at #sfi-engr_corps. This channel is not registered so I don't know if it will be a problem getting on.

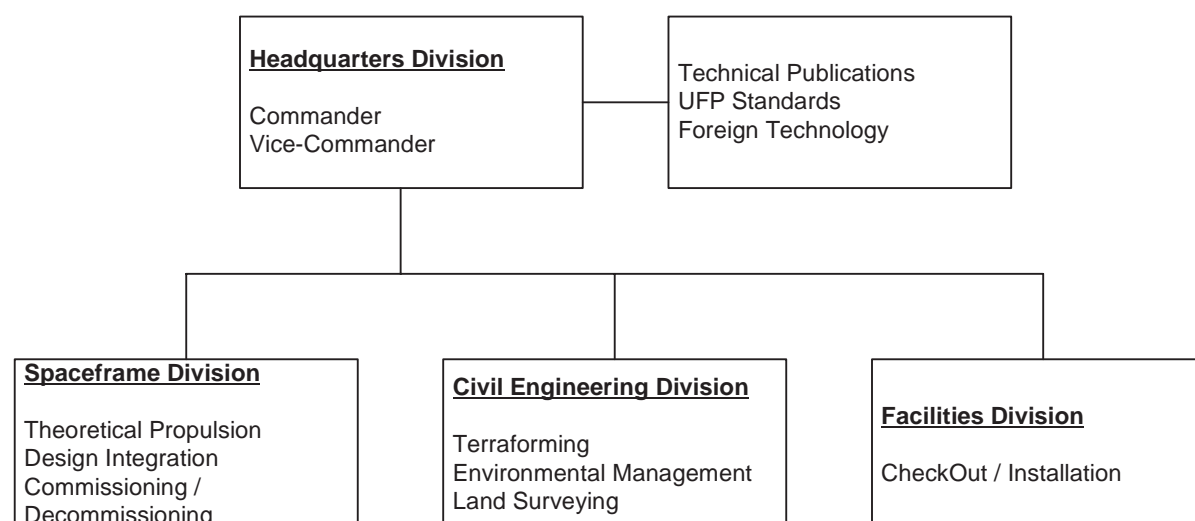
I would like to give a prize to the individual or group that helps out the most; who has the best ideas; that best meets the spirit of the project and engineering; etc. In addition, I am going to post progress reports in the Communiqué, the Corps of Engineers

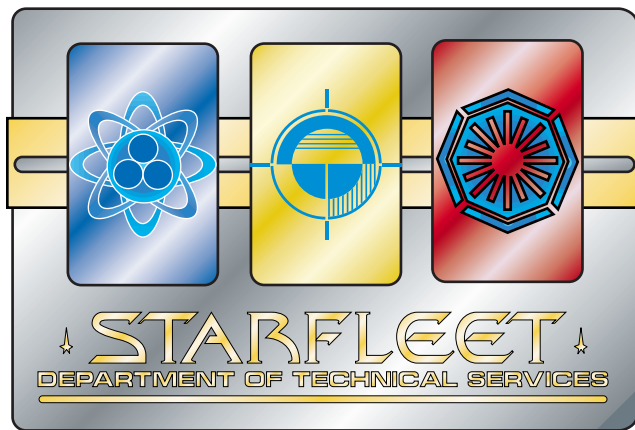
Web Page, and the EQ-Engineers Quarterly.

I also hope to revive the EQ, but to do that I need your help also. I need articles dealing with engineering, ANYTHING dealing with engineering, except short stories. So please, send them in to the same address listed earlier.

And finally, at the beginning of next year, I hope to announce the Corps of Engineer's "Outstanding Engineer Award" for 2000. To do that I need your support with ideas for the Fleet Wide Engineering Project, articles for the EQ and anything else dealing with engineering.

ATTENTION RDC-ENGINEERING people around the FLEET. If your a Regional Department Chief for Engineering, I need to know who you are and what your doing. We've been really "LAX" on our reporting. Tell the rest of the fleet what you are doing and show your pride in your Region. I want to put these in the EQ as well. Send your "reports" to me at the address listed previously or e-mail them to me at: briwdou@postnet.com.





STAR FLEET COMMAND

BOARD OF REVIEW

ADMIRAL ALEX ROSENZWEIG, CHAIRMAN

TO: CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STAR FLEET
FROM: CHAIRMAN, AD HOC BOARD OF REVIEW, VERIDIAN III INCIDENT
STARDATE: 48702.1
SUBJECT: REPORT ON THE INCIDENT AT VERIDIAN III AND THE DESTRUCTION OF CKE 1701-D ENTERPRISE; GENERAL SUMMARY

Dear Sir,

This Board, as appointed by Star Fleet Command, has completed a general review of the data surrounding the incident at Veridian III and the loss of CKE 1701-D Enterprise. The results are, at best, disturbing. At worst, they suggest both blatant incompetence and major failures of design.

Our review was based on several sources of information. Specifically, these included:

- 1) Review of all FLIDAR data recovered from the primary hull of CKE 1701-D Enterprise, currently grounded on Veridian III.
- 2) General surveys of the area as conducted by the rescue vessels dispatched to the scene, including scans of the Enterprise primary hull and the planetfall track made during slideout.
- 3) Interviews with the officers of CKE 1701-D Enterprise, including:
 - A) CAPT Jean-Luc Picard, Commanding Officer
 - B) CMDR Beverly Crusher, Chief Medical Officer
 - C) CMDR William T. Riker, Executive Officer
 - D) CMDR Deanna Troi, Ship's Counselor
 - E) LCDR Data, Second Officer/Operations Manager
 - F) LCDR Geordi LaForge, Chief Engineer
 - G) LCDR Worf, Chief of Security
- 4) General review of performance records of Galaxy-class starships, with particular emphasis on the loss of the starships CKE 71807 Yamato and CKE 71832 Odyssey.

Based on all of this, the information was almost unbelievable, yet at the same time unquestionable. Serious lapses in protocol, coupled with failures in design, led to the destruction of the Enterprise and threaten the safety of all crewmembers serving aboard the remaining Galaxy-class starships. This summary will be followed by appended documentation regarding the above-mentioned data-sources, but the general outline is as follows...

SECTION I: VERIDIAN III AND THE LOSS OF CKE 1701-D ENTERPRISE:

Quite simply, the loss of Enterprise should not have happened. All available data points to a series of failures on the part of the crew that directly led—not merely contributed—to the loss of this vessel. This is startling, especially given the reputations of the officers in question, but the evidence is clear.

Prior to the incident, CAPT Picard had left the Enterprise in an attempt to prevent Dr. Tolian Soran from destroying the star Veridian and thus the civilization on Veridian IV. He therefore bears minimal culpability in this matter. However, as he was the Commanding Officer, his responsibility was to ensure that his officers could function in his absence. This appears not to have occurred.

Testimony by all officers concerned—and analysis of the available data—reveals that the attack itself was only made possible due to a serious breach of starship security. Specifically, LCDR Geordi LaForge had been captured by the Duras sisters and held prisoner aboard their Bird of Prey. During this time, LCDR LaForge was tortured and two spy devices were implanted on his person. One, a nanoprobe, was detected and removed by CMDR Crusher. The second, however, a visual transmitter linked to LCDR LaForge's VISOR, was undetected. It appears that, using this transmitter (which was detected upon debriefing of LCDR LaForge following the incident and removed), the Duras sisters were able to view readouts in Enterprise's Main Engineering section and adjust their weapons accordingly, resulting in the penetration of Enterprise's deflector shields. Of particular concern is why the visual transmitter was not detected upon LCDR LaForge's return to the Enterprise, and why the transmission itself was not detected by the ship's sensors and blocked. In neither case was the technology utilized so advanced that it should not have been easily detected.

Following the Bird of Prey's initial strike, it was immediately realized that the Bird of Prey's torpedoes were penetrating the Enterprise's shields. This could only occur if the attacking weapons were in synch with the defender's shield harmonics. However, no action was taken to alter the harmonics. This is of particular concern, since the harmonic oscillation protocol was developed and used aboard Enterprise during the Borg Incident of 2366-67, at a time when CMDR Riker was in Acting Command of the Enterprise! Two specific questions arise: Why was this protocol not automatically activated by the ship's computer? and assuming that it was not pre-programmed, why was the protocol not manually engaged by either CMDR Riker or LCDR Worf? Had this protocol been active, the repeated hits received by Enterprise would not have occurred.

Although CMDR Riker orders return fire, this fire is highly limited. The Duras sisters' Bird of Prey was identified as a Class D-12, no match in either weapon or shield capacity for a Galaxy-class starship. Even if the shields were compromised, with a combination of appropriate maneuvering and weapons fire, it should have been possible—indeed, relatively easy—for Enterprise to disable or destroy the Bird of Prey. Yet only limited action is taken.

Further, no attempt was made to break orbit and establish a greater field of maneuverability, again a basic tactic in vessel combat. This act would have allowed the use of Enterprise's structure itself to protect vulnerable areas in battle, even allowing for compromised shields. According to testimony, the ship's Flight Control Officer was killed in the initial attack, and CMDR Troi assumed the Conn Station. Granting CMDR Troi's limited Conn experience in a combat situation, she is on record as having satisfactorily completed the testing required to qualify her for bridge duty and—at needs—to serve as Officer of the Watch. This testing includes basic starship combat tactics. Why she did not apply this knowledge is unknown, as she herself offers no explanation. Further, she reports having received no orders from CMDR Riker to the effect of taking such action. CMDR Riker—as an experienced and able Star Fleet command grade officer—should immediately have given such instructions, especially given an awareness of a Conn officer of limited experience.

A further complication involved LCDR Data. According to both testimony and FLIDAR data, LCDR Data was unusually voluble during this incident, in several cases pausing in his response to orders and/or instructions to engage fellow officers in discussion. FLIDAR data recorded the following instruction given to LCDR Data: "Make it quick!", forestalling an explanation of the task. During LCDR Data's explanation, an additional torpedo hit was taken, a hit evidently—based on FLIDAR data—responsible for initiating the warp core breach that destroyed the Enterprise's secondary hull and engines. Testimony indicated that LCDR Data was experiencing difficulties in integrating a newly-installed emotion chip into his neural net, and on at least one occasion had requested to be relieved of duty in order to deal with the problem. As his performance was potentially compromised, it is unknown why his request was not granted, but this, too, appears to be a directly contributing factor.

Finally, the loss of the Enterprise's primary hull appears, based on both FLIDAR data and testimony, to have been the result of an error in navigation. This error is more understandable, given the stress under which CMDR Troi was operating, yet it should be noted. Upon separating from the secondary hull, CMDR Troi directed the primary hull forward and slightly toward the planet. When the shock wave of the matter/antimatter explosion aft of their position struck the primary hull, it was buffeted further along that course, sending it into the atmosphere of Veridian III and forcing an emergency landing. Had the course set by CMDR Troi been angled as little as 10-15° farther away from Veridian III, the primary hull would have been propelled into a high orbit around Veridian III, where it could safely have awaited recovery. Inasmuch as—prior to this incident—there was no hard evidence that a Galaxy-class primary hull could even survive landing (and conventional wisdom suggested the contrary), greater caution should have been taken in this instance.

In summary, the loss of CKE 1701-D Enterprise can be directly attributed to failures on the part of at least five of her senior officers. In any of these cases, had proper action been taken, the ship could have survived. This Board recommends an extensive review of these officers' fitness prior to their receiving reassignment.

SECTION II: BROADER ISSUES REGARDING THE GALAXY-CLASS:

Following this incident, marking the third well-documented loss of a vessel of the Galaxy-class (out of a total of 8 constructed as of SD48700.0), a review of the class' performance was undertaken as an appendix to this report. Based on the findings of this review, this Board has concluded that the Galaxy-class itself is a flawed design, one which needs considerable review before additional appropriations for such vessels are considered.

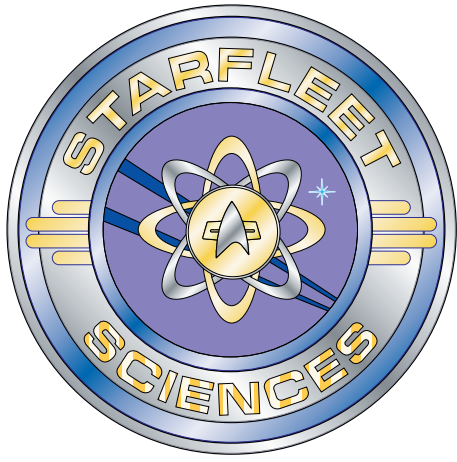
The combat capabilities of these ships are questionable, at best. This is perhaps understandable given the class' original mission parameters, those of an extreme-range explorer. Their use as, essentially, glorified heavy cruisers is inappropriate to their design. While the Galaxy-class is exceedingly well-armed, the ability of these ships to properly utilize the weapons is limited. Arm-to-fire protocols are slow, and the extensiveness of the system also creates a complexity that makes it difficult to use to its full potential. More importantly, the ships' defensive suite is fatally flawed, allowing attackers to inflict damage far more readily than is warranted. In the case of both CKE 1701-D Enterprise and CKE 71832 Odyssey, attackers penetrated the ships' shields much more quickly than should have occurred, even allowing for the specifics of the attacks. Additionally, the tactical response rate—critical to a vessel's proper use of defensive technology—is slow. This suggests that the size and complexity of the system is outrunning even the most modern computers' ability to control it, a critical factor in one of the most highly-automated starship classes in Star Fleet.

From an exploration standpoint, there are problems, as well. The ship's size and complexity create a myriad of power requirements, often in competition with those of sensor arrays or laboratories. Testimony of several Executive Officers of Galaxy-class starships, notably CMDR Riker, has indicated that the administration of the research component of these ships, especially given that a wide range of parallel science projects are typically underway simultaneously, is a very difficult task. A common complaint is that there isn't enough time to schedule all the typically-embarked research teams on the sensor arrays in order to fulfill research requirements. Further, the wide array of crew support mechanisms—necessary for vessels with over 1,000 embarked personnel—has been observed to interfere with the ability of sensors and computers to gather and efficiently process high-quality data.

Overall, it appears that while this class aspires to follow its heavy cruiser predecessors (notably the Constitution, Enterprise, and Ambassador-classes) as a highly-effective multi-mission vessel, its weaknesses combine to create a vessel that, while able to perform a wide range of tasks, does none of them particularly well (a stark contrast to, for example, the Enterprise-class, which was every bit as versatile, and could perform a range of different missions exceptionally well).

It is the recommendation of this Board that two avenues of further research be followed. First, research must be conducted to determine if the Galaxy-class can be sufficiently improved to merit the expenditure of appropriations for additional vessels of the class. This includes extensive review of the new Galaxy (II)-class vessels now entering service. Second, alternative designs of starships should be developed which may be able to carry out the Galaxy-class mission more efficiently and effectively. One promising class is the new Intrepid-class cruiser. Although much smaller than the Galaxy-class, these vessels already have displayed much better abilities to execute a range of missions. Another includes the Sovereign-class heavy cruiser, the lead ships now completing fitting out at the San Francisco Fleet Yards. Until conclusions from both research avenues are gathered, it is the further recommendation of this Board that no new funds be appropriated for further Galaxy-class construction and that consideration to work on the vessels now in production be halted until the Galaxy/Galaxy (II) designs can undergo review.

END OF REPORT



FDC SCIENCES REPORT

Captain David Klingman, FDC Science, Chief Science Officer • USS Hawkeye

Where do I begin? There are so many wonderful things to report that I am not sure where to start or how to keep this short enough that Chris Wallace does not feed me to the targs. Here goes...

First, I would like to announce that a new program, the Regional Science Correspondent (RSC) Program, is now in place through the Office of FDC Science. The RSCs will be comprised of existing RDCs (through the Regional Division Chief Program) and a few designated individuals in each region. The Fleet Science report (from now on) will be broken down by Fleet Sciences (what I have to say) and by RSC/RDC (what the regions have to say).

The FDC Science (that's me) can be reached at: mirodon@mindspring.com
The Fleet Science electronic mailing list is: Starfleet-Science@onelist.com
The Fleet Science web site is at: <http://science.sfi.org>
The Fleet Medical web site is at: <http://www.angelfire.com/nc2/sardis/medical.html>

And now, on to the reports (the names of the RDCs and RSCs are included below)...

FLEET SCIENCES
FDC Science David Klingman
mirodon@mindspring.com

I would be willing to do a printed newsletter if enough people are interested, although I think the general membership of S:TISTFA would be better served by reading the material in the CQ. If Chris gets too much material, we may consider it. Opinions? Let me know!

REGION 1 SCIENCES
RDC Richard Heim
alaricrh@sprynet.com

Region 1 Sciences continues to interact with its CSOs through the Fleet Science list, a Regional Science list, Region1-RDCScience@onelist.com and its regional science newsletter 'Region 1 Sciences' - subscription to the quarterly newsletter is 4 business size SASEs (for

1 year) sent to: Richard Heim, Box 2072, Asheville NC 28802 Region 1 Science maintains a list of its CSOs, about 60 percent of the chapters now have CSOs on the Science List. Richard and David both plan to attend the Region 1 Summit in Gatlinburg TN April 28-30, 2000 - in addition, a science panel will be planned, as well as a gameshow/contest called 'Name That Alien' - participants can access the information for the game show questions at the Exobiology pages at <http://www.angelfire.com/nc2/sardis/exobio.html>

REGION 2 SCIENCES
RDC Neil Yawn
cmosnuffy@aol.com

Neil is beginning work on a list of Region 2 CSOs.

REGION 3 SCIENCES
RSC Claire Dunlap
colmstead@net-nw.com

Let's see.... About all that I can think of at the moment to include is that I'm just getting things set up and would be interested in hearing from Region 3 Science Officers. If I don't hear from them, they'll be hearing from me.

REGION 4 SCIENCES
RDC Charles Flowers
charles@migmaster.reno.nv.us

Charles is beginning to compile a list of CSOs. Region 4 also has a printed newsletter "The Quantum Flux" (no subscription information is available yet).

REGION 5 SCIENCES has no current correspondents.

REGION 6 SCIENCES has no current correspondents.

REGION 7 SCIENCES
RSC Richard Driver
rtdriver@erols.com

Richard is compiling a list of CSOs in Region 7 and continues to make regular posts to the science list.

The newest expedition from the JASON Project: These folks are doing awesome things with education. Launching expeditions to places like the underwater, coral reefs and broadcasting them LIVE into classrooms all around the world. Through 2-way LIVE video conferencing, students anywhere in the world can ask questions of the expedition scientists during the actual expedition. The JASON Project also offers educational programs that continue the learning process beyond the broadcasts. Infor is available at: <http://www.jasonproject.org/>

"During the JASON XI live broadcasts (February 28 - March 10, 2000), students participating in the program will assist scientists in collecting data about the condition of corals at Conch Reef. Teachers and students taking part in this world-wide experiment can learn more about the experimental procedures and practice their observational skills using this website: <http://www.jasonproject.org/expeditions/jason11/broadcast/observation/index.html>

I know that the first expeditions were telecast via satellite into classrooms. I'm trying to find out if they have started webcasting. I've heard that they are, but need to find out for sure.

REGION 9 SCIENCES
RSC Jurgen VanWaeyenberge
jurgen.vanwaeyenberge@planetinternet.be

Jurgen is maintaining the list of the two chapters in Region 9, the USS Belgica (of which he is the CSO) and the USS Hekla.

REGION 10 SCIENCES
RDC Nan Dooley, nancyrae@alaska.net
RSC Clayton Hobbs
nekoeh@home.com

Nan and Clayton are currently working on a list of R10 CSOs.

REGION 11 SCIENCES
RDC Forbes Kerry

stuart@ay.com.au

REGION 12 SCIENCES
RSC Steve Gibson
nosbig@inlink.com

Steve is compiling a list of CSOs in Region 12. He is also the resident expert on the Cassini and Galileo spacecraft (and there's simply too much information to include here). You can access more information by visiting: Where is Cassini Now? - <http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/cassini/today/>
Galileo Mission Status - <http://galileo.jpl.nasa.gov/>

REGION 13 SCIENCES
RSC William Higgins
higginsb@kos.net

William has been compiling a "This Day In Science History" listing for the Sciences newsletter and web page.

REGION 14 SCIENCES
RSC Joost Ueffing
web.warrior@delhaven.ns.ca

Joost is acting as R14 RSC based on his posting as Ambassador to R14.

REGION 15 SCIENCES
RDC Tony Bonti
Tony5372@aol.com

Region 15 is currently working on its CSO list.

REGION 17 SCIENCES
RSC Pat Stewart
captainpat@pcisys.net

Region 17 is working on its CSO list.

I really like astronomy and thought I'd send the URL for the Astronomy Magazine web site. This site shows where the planets and stars are going to be for March. In addition, the web site tells you if you need binoculars, telescope, or can see the planets with the naked eye. Moreover, the site has the moon phases. Most of you probably know this already and then again maybe you don't: www2.astronomy.com/astro/

FORSALE

25th Anniversary Chess Set. A little dusty, otherwise set is in excellent condition. Bought through Franklin Mint. Paid \$2,000 asking \$700.00 including stand. Shipping is included in price. The stand will cost some to pack and mail. Contact Deb Kern (505) 439-8266; kerndi@wazoo.com; or write: 2525 Enterprise Ave; Alamogordo, New Mexico; 88310-8024.

The Official Star Trek Checkers Set: Excellent condition. Asking \$100.00. Paid \$300.00. Shipping cost is included in price. Bought through Franklin Mint. In a very nice silver and chrome case and the checker pieces are heavily coated in 14 karat gold and sterling silver. No board. Contact Deb Kern (505) 439-8266; kerndi@wazoo.com; or write: 2525 Enterprise Ave; Alamogordo, New Mexico; 88310-8024.

The Official Star Trek Tridimensional Chess Set: Also bought through Franklin Mint. Excellent Condition. Paid \$325.00, asking \$225.00. The price includes the pieces which are coated in 14 karat gold and sterling silver and will throw in the Force Field which is a glass cover for the Chess Set. Very nice. Price includes shipping and packing. To pack and ship the Force Field will take some bucks. Contact Deb Kern (505) 439-8266; kerndi@wazoo.com; or write: 2525 Enterprise Ave; Alamogordo, New Mexico; 88310-8024.

I have an extensive collection of Star Trek comics and paperbacks dating back to 1969. I am interested in selling them. Please send a SASE (\$.33) for a list of items to Bran Stimpson PO Box 1145 Bangor ME 04402-1145.

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@pcisys.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 to support 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.

Copy-editing: Former English teacher now freelance copy-editor. \$20 /hour. Approximately 5 pages /hour. Charged in 1/4 hour increments, minimum charge one hour. Contact jccohen@14850.com or JC at 607-273-2945 for more information.

NEWSLETTER EXCHANGES

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 wants to do this, just send a copy of your newsletter to "STARDATE, 254 CHEROKEE DR., NEWPORT NEWS, VA 23602 - Commodore Richard W. Hewitt, Editor.

MEMBERS WANTED

Calling all SFI members in the Ozark / Fort Smith area: A new ship is on the drawing board for Region 12. For information on how to join, contact: Joshua Bevil
3619 Pilot Grove LP
Ozark, Arkansas 72949
(501) 667-2107
moderatorone@hotmail.com

The correy chapter USS Stellar Wind, thought perhaps dead in space, has revved up her engines to once again ride among the stars. We are searching for officers and crew who would like to 'seek out new life and new civilizations', and boldly go with us once more. For more information, contact the CO: Capt. Ken Oziah, 1143 E. Cothrell, Olathe, KS, 66061, E-mail - NCC40513@aol.com.

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

USS JUSTICE, celebrating completion of its 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, and 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. The USS Arc Royal is forming in this area. This ship will be servicing those with off-

schedules, 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 Chalngcmd@aol.com

EVENTS

Rev. & Mrs. Dennis Rayburn

Are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of

Alice Rayburn

To

Matthew Baillie

The wedding will be on April 29th, 2000

At the Region One Summit

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: Communiqué 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.

FLEET ANNOUNCEMENTS - JANUARY / FEBRUARY

Compiled by Vice Admiral Allyson M. W. Dyar

Announcements web page: (<http://www.sfi.org/html/announcements.html>)

To subscribe to the announcements list: send a message to majordomo@sfi.org and in the body put: *subscribe sfi-announce-l*

- **2000.02.23:** LGN Les Rickard, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org), announces the appointment of Lt Don Willits, (Onlineops@sfi.org), who will be assuming the duties of Director of Online Services, STARFLEET Operations. FCapt Dave McCabe, OpsCompopsLiason@sfi.org, is stepping down to the second chair as Asst Dir. for Online Services, Ops. Dave will serve Operations primarily as Compops Liaison, working with the Ops staff in their interaction with Compops.
- **2000.02.23:** Vice Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace, Senior Vice Chief of Communications, STARFLEET, Editor - STARFLEET Communiqué, (CQ-Editor@sfi.org), makes a long announcement concerning the future of the CQ. Also included are a list of deadlines. Please reference the complete message for further information or reference the EC Page: (<http://www.sfi.org/html/exec.html>) under Communications for the list of deadlines.
- **2000.02.23:** LGN Les Rickard, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org), announces the appointment of FCapt Ken Kopaki as the new District Vice Chief, West. FCapt Ken Kopaki, 2439 NE Loop 410 #1108, San Antonio, TX 78217. (DVCWest@sfi.org) *OR* (compops@region3.com).
- **2000.02.21:** David Ryan, (ussboston@hotmail.com), CompOps Chair, Starfleet International Conference 2000, announces the Ic2k_Rap List for members attending/or planning to attend the Starfleet International Conference 2000. Subscribe: (ic2k_rap-subscribe@eGroups.com). Ic2k_announce: This List for the IC 2000 committee to make press releases / announcements to those wanting information about the STARFLEET IC 2000. This is a One way announcement only list serve only Only the committee will post information concerning the STARFLEET IC 2000. Subscribe: (ic2k_announce-subscribe@eGroups.com).
- **2000.02.21:** LGN Les Rickard, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org), announces the commissioning of the following chapter: USS JAGUAR NCC-74750.
- **2000.02.20:** Capt Dallas Vinson, Director: FDC Cadet, (ussdraco@netzero.com), would like all of the Regional RDC Cadet directors please contact him ASAP. He is working on an article for the CQ and need to know what regions have Cadet programs established.
- **2000.02.20:** Capt Mike Wilkerson, CO, USS ATLAS, announces that the ATLAS Scholarship Application deadline is approaching fast. All applications for the 2000-2001 school year, along with all supporting documentation, are due on or before March 15th, 2000. For details link to: (<http://scholarship.ussatlas.org/>).
- **2000.02.19:** Vice Admiral Jesse Smith, Special Advisor, STARFLEET Computer Operations, (jesse@sillypuppies.com), Computer Operations does not have a valid USPS address for the following members: Jim Hruska, David Kastle, Julie Jolly, Dora Troup, Eric Stillwell, Donald E Leigh, Stan Rutherford, Adam Smith, Timothy Dale Murray, Carolyn Parks, Steven Bigos, Heidi King, J. Robert Sutton. If you know these individuals or their commanding officers, please encourage them to contact Computer Operations (CompOpsHelp@sfi.org) so that we can get a correct address. These members have already missed at least one issue and we'd hate to see them miss any more.
- **2000.02.19:** Michael D. Smith, Network Chief Administrator, FleetChat IRC Network, (<http://www.fleetchat.org>), reminds everyone that any information pertinent to the Fleetchat IRC Network is only released on: ircstatus-l@sfi.org. Anyone who frequents IRC should subscribe to this information only listserv... To do so, send a msg to: (majordomo@sfi.org), and in the body of the message type: *subscribe ircstatus-l*
- **2000.02.19:** Commodore Ed Nowlin, Regional Coordinator, Region 4, (capt_ed@shasta.com), announces that Region 4, 5, and 17 are proud to announce: The 2000 STARFLEET Western Conference! CodeName: DinkyCon. Jean Nevada, outside Las Vegas, Thursday, October 19 to Saturday, October 21, 2000. web site: (<http://www.region4.org/wc2000>) or you can subscribe to the mailing list: (DinkyCon-subscribe@onelist.com).
- **2000.02.17:** David Ryan, (ussboston@hotmail.com), CompOps Chair, Starfleet International Conference 2000, announces that the IC 2000 long sleeved t-shirts are now available: \$18 for sizes S M L XL or \$20 for sizes XXL XXXL. Payment made payable to: IC 2000, c/o Richard Nacaula, 32 Macy Avenue, Brockton, MA 02302-3612. Otherless otherwise specified, T-shirts bought now will be made available at the registration desk and will be included with the pre-registration packet for those that pre-register. Shipping will be done United States Post Office. The cost is \$3.20 PER SHIRT! NO C.O.D.'s orders will be processed. All shirts to be shipped will be mailed upon payment having successfully cleared the bank!
- **2000.02.15:** Mike Wilkerson, ACROCADEMY Director, (CPTMIKE@epctech.com), re-announces the STARFLEET ACROCADEMY that enables you to improve your ability to recognize and memorize acronyms from lots of different professions and uses. (<http://acrocademy.ussatlas.org/>). It all benefits STARFLEET, and is great fun not only for your personal use, but is an educational experience that your entire chapter or organization can use.
- **2000.02.15:** VAdm Brad Pense, Commander, Third Fleet, (r3rc@flash.net), announces that the on-line registration for Region Three's Summit 2000 is now available and can be accessed by going to (<http://www.region3.com/sum2k.htm>). **NOTICE** - Due to a server problem last week (2nd week of February), anyone who accessed the on-line registration form and submitted a registration prior to today and has not received a confirmation e-mail yet will need to please go back and re-register. Sorry for the inconvenience, but we need to ensure that all registrations are received.
- **2000.02.14:** LGN Les Rickard, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org), announces that he was informed that among the regions in the east (R1, 2, 7, and 15) Operations District Vice Chief, East Dennis Rayburn has not received some 40 MSR's between these regions have not made their way to Dennis. He wanted to make sure that everyone was aware of the change in Operations Personnel by sending this reminder out that all MSR's for these regions are sent to: Col. Dennis Rayburn, P. O. Box 61, Puryear, TN 38251. Email: (DVCEast@sfi.org) *OR* (stoncold@wk.net).
- **2000.02.14:** reminder: Vice Admiral Tom Monaghan, the HQ-Patch_guy, (vadmtom@aol.com), announces that he is taking advance orders for the Year 4 Fleet QH Staff patches. They're \$5 each and you can send those pre-orders (checks made out to "Tom Monaghan") to: Tom Monaghan, 1341 Maplewood Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23503. This year's color is purple.
- **2000.02.13:** VAdm Marlene J. Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy, (academy@sfi.org), wants the attention of all College of History students: Anyone who has submitted an application for a College of History course, and has not received the History packet or Anyone who has submitted their College of History exam answer sheets, and has not received their score or certificate of completion. Please notify her.
- **2000.02.12:** David Ryan, (ussboston@hotmail.com), announces the official IC2000 Charity: (<http://www.sfi.org/ic2000/nedc.htm>). STARFLEET's 2000 International Conference (IC) Web Site: (<http://www.sfi.org/ic2000>).
- **2000.02.12:** Captain Biff Bassett, (biff@pcisys.net), announces an update to the Region 17 Summit web site: (<http://R17summit.webjump.com>). This update reflects the correct information and a good link to download a registration form in an Adobe .pdf format.
- **2000.02.12:** Vice Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace, Chairman - STARFLEET Advanced Starship Design Bureau, (chairman@asdb.net), announces a limited "proof of concept" of The Ships of STARFLEET Project:

(www.nwlink.com/~tigger1/asdb/STARFLEET.pdf). (750K) If we do this project, it should be by STARFLEET for STARFLEET. Therefore, if we choose to make it a reality, each Regional Coordinator will need to either provide, or choose a person to provide, their Regional information along with a complete listing of their chapters and shuttles in the format for the entry of Region Five within the document. To wit: Legal-Size Paper in Landscape Mode; Word for Windows 97 or 2000 format; Century Gothic 10 point.

- **2000.02.12:** David Ryan, (ussboston@hotmail.com), announces that is the *correct* Information for the registrations. The zip code was incorrect in the last posting. IC 2000, c/o Richard Nacaula, 32 Macy Avenue, Brockton, MA 02302-3612. Please be advised that we have not received any pre-registrations since late November. STARFLEET's 2000 International Conference (IC) Web Site: (<http://www.sfi.org/ic2000>).
- **2000.02.10:** Vice Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace, Chairman - STARFLEET Advanced Starship Design Bureau, (chairman@asdb.net), announces the first pass of Ships of the Star Fleet Volume Four is now available at: (www.asdb.net/pubs/). It is 1.1MB.
- **2000.02.10:** VAdm Marlene J. Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy, (academy@sfi.org), announces the resignation of Starfleet Academy Director, George Clark, of the College of History. SFA web site: (<http://www.sfi-sfa.com>).
- **2000.02.10:** Pete Mohny, Region 2 Regional Coordinator, (pdmohny@aol.com), has updates concerning the upcoming Region 2 Summit, to be held March 10-12. As the deadline for registration with a banquet approaches, note that we must receive your paid registration by the 28th - that's 18 more days - there will be no banquets available at the door. Note that we can take credit card registrations; please email me privately to do so. We will be accepting Traveler's Checks for payments at registration, the auction, and the store. For more information on the summit, and to download registration forms, go to (www.region2.sfi.org) and click on Summit.
- **2000.02.10:** 1LT Matthew Baillie, 1st BDE Information Services/Webmaster, SFMC, (mattrib@wk.net), announces that the 1st Brigade site has a new home. Point your browsers to (<http://www.mizak.net/1bde>) to view the new location.
- **2000.02.10:** Fleet Admiral Mike Smith, (cs@sfi.org), announces that results of the IG investigation concerning a possible membership violation is now available: (<http://www.sfi.org/ig.htm>).
- **2000.02.08:** Dennis Rayburn, (stoncold@wk.net), Director of the FDC Chaplains/Counselors Division, announces the establishment of a list on Onelist for religious discussions called SF-Religion. To subscribe: (SF-Religion-subscribe@onelist.com).
- **2000.02.07:** David E. Klingman DMD, (mirodon@mindspring.com), ARDC Sciences, Region One, announces the first year of the new Region One Sciences Division Awards Program. The awards program is described in detail at our website: (<http://alaricrh.home.sprynet.com/science/R1Science.htm>).
- **2000.02.06:** Captain Brian W. Dougherty, (briwdou@postnet.com), Fleet Division Chief of Engineering announces the STARFLEET Corps of Engineer Home Page: (<http://home.postnet.com/~briwdou/coe/coe.html>).
- **2000.02.06:** General Mike Smith, DOIC, 725th MSG (SpecOps) "Snow Vipers", (msmith@tanru.tzo.com), announces that you can order the SFMC pin on line: (<https://www.lightlink.com/mha/sfmc/>). This form should be used by *ANYONE* ordering pins by either credit/debit card (credit cards: Visa/Mastercard/Discover; debit cards with the Visa/Mastercard logo) *OR* by sending a check or money order. To view the pin: (<http://www.sfi-sfmc.org/marinepin.htm>).
- **2000.02.05:** Colonel Richard A. Jolitz, (rich@outposttrader.com), is conducting a survey concerning whether or not setup and run a Starfleet Banner Exchange program. If you are interested in such a program, contact him directly.
- **2000.02.03:** LGN Les Rickard, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org), announces

the commissioning of the following chapters: USS DRAKENFIRE NCC-71822, USS DRACO NCC-78501, and USS ARI NCC-1723.

- **2000.02.01:** Vice Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace, (tigger1@nwlink.com), introduces STARFLEET 2000: an interactive grassroots participation program that allows people to participate and shape the future of STARFLEET by voicing their opinions and helping construct amendments to the STARFLEET Constitution (and eventually perhaps to the Membership Handbook as well) to bring it back into focus in terms of the needs and desires of the STARFLEET Membership. (<http://www.starfleet2000.org/>).

JANUARY 2000

- **2000.01.31:** Commodore Michael Urvand, CQ Summary Officer, Starfleet Operations, (commu@hotmail.com), announces that due to a problem with his hard drive, he will be offline for approximately ten days. He therefore requests that all chapters snail mail their MSRs: Mike Urvand, 12400 Inglewood Ave. S., #4, Savage, MN 55378.
- **2000.01.31:** Vice Admiral Allyson M.W. Dyar, (comm@sfi.org), Chief of Communications announces that due to a pending closure of the halcyon.com account, all webmasters who are still pointing to that address are urged to please change all URLs to reflect the pages on sfi.org.
- **2000.01.29:** LGN Les Rickard, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org), announces that the Armed Services Program has reopened under its previous command. After a sabbatical, LGN Barbara Paul has resumed command of this program. She can be reached (tmbrwolf@cyberhighway.net).
- **2000.01.28:** Commodore Mark H. Anbinder, (CompOpsHELP@sfi.org), STARFLEET Computer Ops/Vice Chief (Admin), alerts everyone that a number of recent charges STARFLEET has placed on people's credit cards may have been posted multiple times to their accounts. As a result, if you recently paid for a STARFLEET membership on your Visa, MasterCard, or Discover, you may see multiple charges from STARFLEET on your credit card statement, or if you used a debit card, you may find your checking account has been depleted more than you expected. We have already addressed this with the company that handles our credit card processing, and they have promised to correct the erroneous extra charges to our members' accounts immediately. This seems to be a lingering Y2K bug in our credit card processing software. The glitch was not immediately apparent because the software appeared to be handling all post-January-first transactions correctly. Please check your credit card or bank statements carefully to see if there are multiple charges. If so, you should find credits for the extra charges posted to your account soon. If that doesn't happen within the next several days, please let us know at (CompOps@sfi.org). We apologize for this inconvenience, and we're working with our credit card merchant provider to ensure that problems like this will be less likely in the future. Please let him know via private e-mail if you have any questions about this situation.
- **2000.01.26:** Lt Col Joe Brouhard, Director, Department of On Line Gaming (DOG), (wolfpack@tanru.tzo.com), requests that if you have a game that is *not* listed on the Games page (note the new sfi.org alias) on the (<http://dog.sfi.org>) site, fill out the registration form. Please do not come to him or the staff in private with a request.
- **2000.01.26:** David E. Klingman DMD, (mirodon@mindspring.com), Fleet Division Chief of Science, announces that FDC Science has created a temporary (possibly permanent) Medical page that will serve as the Starfleet EMH until such time as an FDC Medical is named: (<http://www.angelfire.com/nc2/sardis/medical.html>).
- **2000.01.25:** Fleet Admiral Mike Smith, (cs@sfi.org), announces that all the promotion certificates requested were mailed to the appropriate parties, on Saturday, 22 Jan. If you have not received your copy by the end of this week (the 28th), please contact MGen Malotte at (promotions@sfi.org) to let him know.
- **2000.01.25:** Captain Dave "Maverick" Blaser, Region 13 Chief of Communications, (blaser@netcom.ca), announces that the Region 13 Summit can now process registrations on the internet with your credit card. If you're interested in coming, and would like to register now, please go to: (<https://>

www.lightlink.com/mha/r13/r13regs.html). Or, if you need more information on the summit, please visit: (<http://www.region13.org/summit/>).

- **2000.01.25:** Captain Biff Bassett, (biff@pcisys.net), announces the first ever Region 17 Summit, Ramada Inn at 3125 Sinton Road in Colorado, Springs, Colorado on March 17th, 18th, and 19th. (<http://R17summit.webjump.com>).
- **2000.01.24:** Cindi DeMidio, Chairperson, IC2000, (artemsc@aol.com), announces that the Hotel's Online Registration was not bringing up the proper rate until just a few days ago when someone contacted us after trying to access it and got the \$129/\$139 rate. The actual price is \$95 per room, no matter if it's a king or 2 double beds. Web Page: (<http://www.sfi.org/IC2000>).
- **2000.01.24:** Chrissy Killian, IC2002 Committee Chair, (chrissy@netwiz.net), announces the preliminary web site for the International Conference 2002 in San Jose CA: (<http://129.8.153.37/ic2002/>).
- **2000.01.23:** BGR Wade Olson, SFMC COForceCom, (captwho@tallynet.com), wants to remind everyone of the "Wall of Honor" project taken on by Forces Command, SFMC. The first appearance of the Wall in 2000 will be the Region Two Summit in Birmingham, AL. He would like to give everyone, once again, the opportunity to add names to the Wall before it's readied for display in March. All STARFLEET members are requested to submit names of family or personal friends who have served, fought and/or died in an Armed Service. Simply send the name and military service attended (rank is optional) along with the status of the person; Retired, Active, Deceased, KIA, MIA, POW and any awards you would like mentioned. The Wall will be present at any SF or SFMC function that COForceCom or his representatives attend during the year. The Wall is also displayed on the Forces Command Website at all times: (<http://www.tallynet.com/perspages/captwho>) (hit the 'Wall of Honor' Button).
- **2000.01.22:** Commander (LTCOL) Christopher "WhiteKnight" Esquibel, Ph.D., Director Of Starfleet International Diplomatic Corps, (JKirk1a@aol.com), has a number of positions available if you are interested in becoming a diplomat. Diplomats get to meet new people, new club and join in on their fun activities. This is for people who love to communicate with others, this would be the place to start. (<http://lightning.prohosting.com/~cmdr/dc.html>).
- **2000.01.22:** FCapt. Michael Dugas, Region 13 Chief of Operations, (glithndr@whitestar.org), announces that the Region 13 Web Site is now at: (<http://www.region13.org/>) and the Region 13 Summit 2000 site is now at: (<http://www.region13.org/summit/>).
- **2000.01.21:** Vice Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace, Chairman - STARFLEET Advanced Starship Design Bureau, (chairman@asdb.net), has done some new updates to the Publications Page on (<http://www.asdb.net>): Ships of the Star Fleet - Volume 1 (added the Excelsior Class) and Ships of the Star Fleet - Volume 3 (added the Nova Class). For those who do not wish to download the whole thing all over again, he created a "Add-On Pack" that just has the Excelsior and Nova class articles. Starfleet Prototype has been significantly upgraded in Beta Five. In an effort to make the PDF sizes manageable, he distilled the three SOTSF Volumes as well as Prototype at 72dpi. They look good on the screen, but cannot guarantee how well they print.
- **2000.01.20:** Fleet Admiral Mike Smith, (cs@sfi.org), announces that the 2002 STARFLEET International Conference has been awarded to the bid committee of STARFLEET Region 4. IC 2002 will be held in San Jose, California, at the DoubleTree Hotel, August 1st through 4th, 2002. The Committee Chair is: Chrissy Killian, USS Peacekeeper. Now that IC2002 is awarded, bids for IC 2003 will be tentatively due on Jan 15, 2001. Of course, the new administration at that point might change the bid policy, but as it stands right now, IC Bids are awarded 2 years in advance of the year of the IC.
- **2000.01.19:** Commodore Ed Nowlin, Regional Coordinator, Region 4, (capt_ed@shasta.com), announces Region Four's new domain: (<http://www.region4.org>).

- **2000.01.19:** Captain Dave "Maverick" Blaser, Region 13 Chief of Communications, (blaser@netcom.ca), announces the preliminary Region 13 Summit June 2-4 in Guelph Ontario Canada Web Site is now up and running: (<http://www.whitestar.org/region13/summit.htm>).
- **2000.01.17:** Capt Dallas Vinson, (ussdraco@netzero.com), announces the new URL for the FDC Cadet website: (<http://fdccadet.iwarp.com>).
- **2000.01.17:** Lt Col Joe Brouhard, Director, Department of On Line Gaming (DOG), (wolfpack@tanru.tzo.com), announces that the SFI Gamer's registration forms are up. To Sign up for a Game Ladder, go to: (<http://www.greenhills.net/~wolfpack/sfi/gamers/register.html>).
- **2000.01.16:** LtGen Scott A. Akers, STARFLEET Historian, (chunone@wolfenet.com), is trying to locate former Fleet Admiral John Wetsch. If anybody has a lead to him, or contacts with Starfleet Command, please contact him.
- **2000.01.16:** David E. Klingman DMD, (mirodon@mindspring.com), Fleet Division Chief of Science, announces the new sciences vanity address: (<http://science.sfi.org>).
- **2000.01.16:** Lt Col Joe Brouhard, Director, Department of On Line Gaming, (wolfpack@tanru.tzo.com), announces the formation of the new Communication's Dept under NetServices: Department of On Line Gaming. Lt Col Joe Brouhard, Director; BGen Matthew Copple, Deputy Director and Captain John H. Harris, Staff Assistant. For more information and to sign up, point your browsers to: (<http://www.greenhills.net/~wolfpack/sfi/gamers/>).
- **2000.01.15:** David E. Klingman DMD, (mirodon@mindspring.com), Fleet Division Chief of Science announces the appointment of Fleet Captain Richard Heim as the VFDC of Science. The Starfleet Science web site is: (<http://www.angelfire.com/nc2/sardis/index.html>).
- **2000.01.15:** Fleet Admiral Mike Smith, (cs@sfi.org), announces the url for the R/1 Summit: (<http://r1summit.sfi.org>). This site should contain all the information that you will need to know regarding the Region 1 Summit, including room costs, the toll-free reservations number to the River Terrace and more. In addition, you will find online registration available. Attendees may register and pay with either Visa/Mastercard/Discover or you may pay by check or money order sent to Bennu Station along with a copy of your registration form.
- **2000.01.13:** Commodore Ed Nowlin, Director of the Office of Web Consultants, (owc@sfi.org), thanks everyone who sent in corrections and logos for Memory Alpha! Ed just completed the latest update to the site. He asks that if you want to send files to send them with the name all in lower case. Memory Alpha Web Site: (<http://owc.sfi.org/memoryalpha>).
- **2000.01.12:** Captain Dave "Maverick" Blaser, Region 13 Chief of Communications, (blaser@netcom.ca), announces that the latest Region 13 Newsletter is available for download from the Region 13 Web Site: (<http://www.whitestar.org/region13/>), under the documents link.
- **2000.01.11:** Vice Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace, Chairman - STARFLEET Advanced Starship Design Bureau, (chairman@asdb.net), discusses the Advanced Starship Design Bureau (ASDB). The purpose of the ASDB is to serve as a "design assistance" board and as a technical "think tank". The ASDB is not charged with "design review", that task being delegated to the parent organization, the STARFLEET Department of Technical Services. The ASDB will be happy to take a look at your design and offer suggestions, if you wish, but DTS is the department charged with actually reviewing and approving starship designs. ASDB has a channel on the fleetchat server (<http://www.fleetchat.com>) and will hold an open house every Monday at 8pm eastern (5pm pacific) time in #asdb. As a future project, he is seriously interested in setting up people who are able to turn starship designs into 3D computer models. He would like to be able to have a group of people who could make quick models of starships (we do not need ILM-level stuff here) and generate five-view JPEGs of them. This team would probably assist the new Office of Technical Publications that Alex Rosenzweig is putting together as well as serving the ASDB.

- **2000.01.10:** Admiral Peg Pellerin, Director of the Institute of Leadership and OTS (Officers Training School) Director (pilgrim@ctel.net) announces the opening of two more OTS campuses. Canadian OTS Director Manon Lessard-Belanger is open for business for our English-speaking Canadians. She is presently working on a French translation and as soon as she is ready to supply OTS in French, we will let you know. To contact Manon, you may do so by regular mail at: 542 Regaudie, Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec, Canada J9X3W6 or (Lessard-Belanger.Manon@hydro.qc.ca). The European campus is open to both English and Dutch. They, too, are working on other language translations and as soon as those languages are ready we will let you know. You may contact the European OTS Director, Jeroen Vantroyen at Muilaardstraat 120, B-9000 Gent, Belgium or email him at (Jeroen.Vantroyen@rug.ac.be).
- **2000.01.09:** Fleet Admiral Mike Smith, (cs@sfi.org), updates the SFI financial situation, the new Treasurer Bob Maceluch is currently redoing the books in a system he will be comfortable in. Once the books are converted, we will be releasing financial statements, and Fleet Admiral Smith will task the IG to find a CPA to audit the books, and present that person's qualifications to the AB for review and approval.
- **2000.01.09:** Lt Col Joe Brouhard, (wolfpack@tanru.tzo.com), announces a listserv available for gamer's discussion. It was started to help with the development of a project for the Communications and NetServices department in STARFLEET International. He is currently working to get a "STARFLEET Department of OnLine Gaming" authorized in SFI and the listserv is a part of that. He is inviting all gamers to join: SFI-Gamers-L. To subscribe: Send a message to (SFI-Gamers-L-subscribe@onelist.com). There is also a IRC Channel available on FleetChat.Org: #sfi-gamers (FleetChat web page: <http://www.fleetchat.org>)
- **2000.01.09:** VAdm Marlene J. Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy, (academy@sfi.org), adds to her 2000.01.08 post that will be accepting applications for at least 4 weeks and will make a decision by the end of February, at the latest (probably sooner). Send to: Marlene Miller 461 Harmony Lane Campbell, OH 44405
- **2000.01.08:** VAdm Marlene J. Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy, (academy@sfi.org), is now taking applications for Directorship of the American Campus of the Starfleet Academy Cadet School. 1. Applicant must be a Starfleet member who is in good standing. 2. Applicant must have successfully completed, be in the process of completing, or be willing to complete (within 3 months) OTS, OCC, and at least one other Starfleet Academy course. 3. Applicant must have a good command of the English language. 4. Applicant must be at least 10 years old. (If under the age of 18, applicant must have permission of his/her parents or legal guardian). 5. Applicant must be able to relate to Starfleet's younger members. 6. Applicant must be a fan of Star Trek. As an Academy Director, your duties would include, but are not limited to: 1. Receiving applications from potential students via postal and/or electronic mail 2. Recording and taking responsibility for safekeeping of income received from students which will be sent to the Academy Commandant. 3. Sending exam packets to students via postal and/or electronic mail. 4. Scoring exam packets which are returned to you. 5. Sending monthly reports to the Academy Commandant. (Income Report, Director's Report, Reimbursement Report.) 6. Fostering an overall positive attitude regarding your School and Starfleet Academy. If you desire this Directorship please apply to the Academy Commandant at: (academy@sfi.org). Include a description of who you are (anything you want to tell me about yourself), what your qualifications are, and what you have accomplished in your Starfleet career. STARFLEET Academy Web Site: (<http://www.sfi-sfa.com>).
- **2000.01.08:** Col. Dennis Rayburn, FDC-Chaplains/Counselors, (stoncold@wk.net), asks that all ships who receive this list, please have their Chaplain or Counselor contact me? We are working to get the department running smoothly, which requires the assistance of all Chaplains and Counselors. Please contact (stoncold@wk.net), or snail mail: Dennis Rayburn, P. O. Box 61, Puryear, TN 38251
- **2000.01.07:** Capt Dallas Vinson, (ussdraco@netzero.com), asks if anyone has taken the SFA Cadet School and still has the academy materials, to please contact him or Commandant, Vice Admiral Marlene Miller (academy@sfi.org). STARFLEET Academy Web Site: (<http://www.sfi-sfa.com>).
- **2000.01.07:** Tom Restivo, (TomR@Fred.Net), announces the winners of the 3rd Annual "STARFLEET - The Year in Review" Poll. "#5-Tie: Chris Wallace: Senior Vice-Chief at Communications, Incoming Editor for the Communique and DTS Expert extraordinaire. Also the 152nd Pokemon. #5-Tie: Jesse Smith: Came into 1999 as CompOps Chief, moved into Starbase 7 and took over the Seventh Fleet at year's end. #4 - Robert Westfall: Das Former Inspektor General. And the tale is not over yet. Nuff said. #3 - Mark Anbinder: Keeper of the Fleet List (and Whip), Watkins Glen Weekend Promoter, and Coordinator for STARFLEET News Service. Special mention for sacrificing his beard for a Julien Fleming Fundraiser. #2 - Teri Smith: The Mistress of Membership Processing is now EC Mistress of CompOps. And at Number One, for third year in a row.... #1 - Mike Smith: Commander, STARFLEET, Head Honcho, Da Boss, fictional winner of the Dominion War, fanatical Yankees fan, eta-cetera, eta-cetera, eta-cetera...."
- **2000.01.07:** Fleet Captain Jeff Higdon, (captshiloh@hotmail.com), announces the Intrepid Squadron web site: (<http://home.xta.com/higdon/intrepidsquadron.htm>). If you are an Intrepid Class Starship would like to join the Intrepid Squadron, please contact him at (blackhawk@sfi.org).
- **2000.01.05:** Vice Admiral Allyson M.W. Dyar, (comm@sfi.org), Chief of Communications announces that the Comm Dept SubSpace Comms has been deactivated and merged into the Diplomatic Corps.
- **2000.01.05:** Dustin Williams, Fleet Division Chief (Coordinator), announces the opening and accepting of application for the following positions: FDC Communications, FDC Medical and FDC Operations. Applicants must be Starfleet members in good standing and at least 18 years of age. Applicants should be representatives for the division they wish to represent (either communications, medical, or operations). Interested applicants should sent the following information VIA POSTAL MAIL (Dustin is currently without electronic access): name and postal address; email address if applicable; Starfleet SCC Number; Starfleet chapter and position in that chapter; A Starfleet resume; A real-life resume; (both resumes should reflect qualifications for the position); A short summary of what you would like to see happen with this position (plans, goals, etc.). Please send to: Dustin Williams, 6402 Albany Avenue, Lubbock TX 79424.
- **2000.01.04:** VAdm Brad Pense, Commander, Third Fleet, (r3rc@flash.net), announces that the web site for Region Three's "Summit 2000" is now on-line: (<http://www.region3.com/sum2k.htm>). To register for Summit 2000, send an e-mail to (SummitRegistration@region3.com) with the following information: Registration Package: SUMMIT or BANQUET; Name, Address, E-Mail; Phone (Home), (Work), (Emergency), Chapter, Position, Rank, SCC#. Then, upon receipt of the Registration Confirmation simply print out the confirmation and mail it in with your payment to the address provided.
- **2000.01.02:** Lt. Commander Paul Wheeler II, (Sturek@webtv.net), the web page for the R/1 Summit: (<http://community.webtv.net/ConstableOdo/RegionOneSummit2000>).
- **2000.01.02:** LGN Les Rickard, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org), announces the resignation of Capt. JC Cohen as District Vice Chief, East. Taking his place is Col. Dennis Rayburn, (DVCEast@sfi.org), to the DVC East position. Taking his place as the as Director of the Existing Fan Club Program is BGR Jill Rayburn (EFCPOPS@sfi.org).
- **2000.01.01:** Commodore Mark H. Anbinder, (CompOpsHELP@sfi.org), STARFLEET Computer Ops/Vice Chief (Admin), announces that the new membership application and renewal forms are available on the STARFLEET web site, in a variety of formats. Just visit the STARFLEET Documents web site at (<http://www.sfi.org/html/docs.html>) If you'd like to join STARFLEET or renew your membership online, that form has been updated, too. The updated secure online transaction form is linked from (<http://www.sfi.org/comppops/database/Join.asp>) and now offers the option of making a donation to the STARFLEET Scholarship funds, as the paper form already did. to download a PDF, RTF, or text file, or to view the text file in your web browser.

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