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## REGION TWO SUMMIT REPORT

*Commodore Pete Mahoney, Region Two Coordinator*

I arrived at the hotel Friday about noon. There were a few of people present already, so I started distributing some of the items I had brought to my hotel room, to the Starfleet Academy room, to registration, and to the Store. My wife, Sue Ellen Mohny, had suggested we allow pre-bidding and even pre-auction purchases this year, as we had seen this technique work so well at art shows at larger conventions. We also had a dealer, in the form of the screen-printing company that produced the Summit t-shirts, and the Region 2 Quartermaster had a table full of goods (mostly the brand-new Region 2 Polo shirts, in red with the new R2 logo on the chest).

I spent the afternoon setting up the store, dealing with small problems, and visiting with various R2 folks and guests from outside the region. At five p.m. we caravanned to the restaurant we had chosen for our dinner, and our first glitch showed up. The map that I had made had the wrong restaurant name: Long Horn instead of Lone Star! Fortunately, everyone figured it out, and we had a very large crowd for dinner with the Fleet Admiral.

When we returned, Danny Potts started up a game of Who Wants to be a Latinumaire, and the 2001 Summit hosts set up their hospitality suite for next year. They covered the hotel bar with food and drink, and kept it that way all weekend, much to the delight of the attendees! At 9:30, twenty people gathered to take part in the Great Dalmuti tournament. We split up into three tables, and fought a first round to eliminate eight players, a second round of two tables to eliminate the pool to six, and a final championship round. I was eliminated in the second round,

and went to bed at about 1:30 a.m., looking forward to five hours sleep before the next morning's activities.

Arising early the next morning, I joined a crowd in the breakfast room. Most of those present were Starfleet folks, but there were a few regular hotel patrons eating there also, and it was fun to see them trying to not be obvious about staring at the various aliens and uniforms in the room! After that relaxed breakfast, the business of the day kicked in and I hardly had a moment to pause for thirty-six hours!

I proceeded from there to Opening Ceremonies. At a long table sat myself, VRC Jennifer Rosbury, Summit Chairman Danny Potts, IC 2000 Chairman Cindi Dimidio, Fleet Admiral Mike Smith, Region 2 Marine OIC John Adcock, Chief of Summit Mike Henigan, and Marine Commandant Brian Davis. We each spoke briefly, and awards up to the rank of Commander were presented.

After that completed, the panels began. I attended the Captain's Call, where all R2 Commanding Officers or their representatives sat with us in a

Question and Answer session. We discussed some problems that some chapters were having, and how to deal with them, and a few requests were made about making some communications more two-way, which we agreed were good ideas. This session, which I have attended for five years straight, has become less and less of a complaint session and more and more of an idea session each year. I think we can thank the current SFHQ administration, and former Region 2 Regional Coordinator Kelly Hilliard and his team, for working hard to make things better every year.

I spent most of the rest of the morning and early afternoon either poking my head in the doors of various panels, or helping out in the summit store. I attended a presentation by our featured guest, Lee Shackleford, a former Star Trek: The Next Generation scriptwriter. He was a fascinating and funny speaker, and had lots of inside information and secrets about Paramount to tell, accompanied by a great slide show.

The rest of the afternoon was taken up by the annual Summit Auction, where almost 200 items donated by Region 2 members, or purchased with Region 2 money, were auctioned off to support the region's expenses for another year, to allow us to make a donation to a Starfleet Academy scholarship, and to give up capital to purchase Region 2 items for our quartermaster's office. It was very successful, bringing in more than \$2000 for the region's treasury. We had already purchased polo shirts with the Region 2 logo embroidered on them, and they were selling fast in the Store. I purchased a couple of items, and was outbid on a few more, but



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**Brunch in Birmingham:** STARFLEET members enjoy a tasty repaste at the Region Two Summit in Birmingham, AL.

*Image courtesy of Mike Smith*

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

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# THE EDITOR'S PADD

VICE ADMIRAL CHRIS "TIGGER" WALLACE  
COMMUNIQUE EDITOR



Welcome to Issue #98 of the STARFLEET Communiqué. As you can tell, this issue is arriving almost **six weeks** after we expected. When it went to the printers FTP share on April 3rd, they never received the note I sent about the files being there, so they never checked and it was never printed. Therefore, it is now going to the printers on May 13th, which means it is probably now June.

That being said, we are on the new printing schedule, so the June/July issue (#99) will ship two weeks after this one so you should receive two CQs in June. On the plus side, this issue had some serious errors in it that I am now able to correct. Issue #99 will also have a number of layout enhancements that Kurt Roithinger and I have come up with that we hope you like.

Please remember that Issue #100 is exactly that – our one-hundredth issue. The tone will be one of retrospection on our quarter-century of existence with some probable highlights from CQs of the past. However, this is our on-hundredth issue so please send in anything, be it “retrospective” or not. Also, Jenna Duer, our intrepid Assistant Editor will move up into the big chair for Issue #101, where she will serve as Editor.

Once again, I am sorry for the huge delay in getting this issue out to you. We are instituting a new process to be sure that track the CQ's production once it leaves my hands, headed by Mike Malotte.

With regards,

Vice Admiral Chris “Tigger” Wallace  
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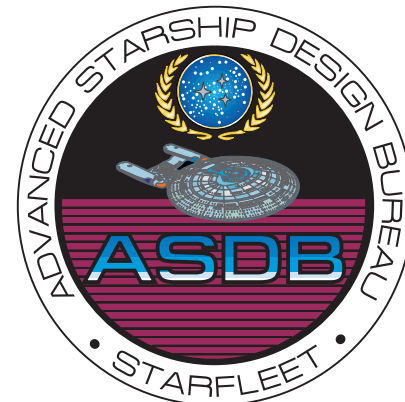
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The STARFLEET Cadet Academy Opens With a Bang - and a slew of new schools for STARFLEET's younger members!



## ► STARFLEET ASDB - page 09

The STARFLEET Advanced Starship Design Bureau has been busy with a slew of new downloadable technical publications.



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Region Two was not the only Region partying last month!



## ► Region 09 Pictures – page 17

Region Nine chimes in with pictures.







# FROM THE TOP...

FLEET ADMIRAL MICHAEL D. SMITH  
COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings, folks!

Spring is finally upon us as I write this article and yet another season of change and rebirth is upon our fine organization as we move closer to the start of the election season for our organization. Just a friendly reminder to make sure you vote during the upcoming election process.

In the coming days, I'll have attended the Region 12 and Region 1 Summits, and I'd like to thank the folks in Region 2 for their hospitality during the recently held Region 2 Summit. I had a lot of fun in Region 2, and I'm looking forward to having fun in R12 and R1.

As the months move forward, STARFLEET will continue to move forward as well; perhaps with not the same pace as in previous years, however. I feel that while we as an organization need to continue to step forward, that it would be unfair for this administration to put hard work and effort into new programs and ideas that might be discarded by a new administration, if those programs and ideas do not meet with their goals, etc.

So, while STARFLEET will continue to move forward and this administration will continue to work for the members, we'll be moving with a slow determination, in order to let any new

elected administration the ability to implement their ideas and programs without the burden of last minute things put through by our administration. I think that only fair.

I look forward to the coming months to see the new ideas and goals that any candidates for the CS position bring to the election table.

See ya in sixty!

Regards,  
Mike



# SECOND THOUGHTS

ADMIRAL GORDON GOLDBERG  
VICE-COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings from the Office of the Vice Commander!

Considering the short space of time since my last article, this one's going to be relatively brief.

For those of you who are interested in the Fleet Division Chiefs (FDC) program, I've recently made some clarifications to the structure of the program in order to avoid confusion and conflicts with Regional Staff appointments, which are the purview of your Regional Coordinators. The FDCs and their appointees are members of the Office of the Vice Commander, STARFLEET. I have authorized the FDCs to appoint Vice Fleet Division Chiefs (VFDCs) as they see fit. Depending on the needs of the various FDCs, these VFDC appointments may be made on the basis of specialties, such as the VFDC Counsellors and VFDC Chaplains in the Chaplains/Counsellors program, or geography, as in the Science program

in which one or more VFDC Science is being appointed to cover each STARFLEET region.

VFDCs appointed to cover a region are not members of the Regional Staffs of those regions unless the Regional Coordinators choose to appoint them to their staffs. A VFDC is not a Regional Division Chief (RDC) unless he or she has been appointed to that position by his or her RC — nor is does a RDC become a VFDC unless appointed so by the appropriate FDC.

We expect VFDCs appointed to regions with existing RDC programs will work closely with the Regional Division Chiefs to promote their division and assist members and chapters who are interested in focusing on those areas of expertise in communicating in those areas.

The vouchers have arrived! Yes, I have received the vouchers and rubber-stamp and other voucher-related

paraphernalia from Chuck, so anyone needing to order vouchers can mail their orders, along with appropriate payment (marked payable to "STARFLEET", not me, folks!) to me at the address below.

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](mailto:VCS@sfi.org), or send me postal mail at:

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As always, it is my pleasure to remain in Service to the Fleet,

ADM Gordon Lloyd Goldberg  
Vice Commander, STARFLEET

## COMPOPS HELP WANTED

Commodore Mark H. Anbinder

You know someone's been working hard when that person decides to resign — and needs to be replaced by two people! We'll miss Blair Learn around the CompOps conference table for lots of reasons, but while we're sorry to see him go, we can also see this as an opportunity to bring two new STARFLEET members into the CompOps fold.

**Rosters:** The CompOps Rosters staff member fills requests for chapter and region rosters submitted by commanding officers, executive officers, and regional coordinators, on paper or by e-mail. Applicants must have regular, reliable Internet e-mail access (web access is helpful), access to a Windows-compatible computer with Microsoft Access 97, and access to a computer with Microsoft Word 97 or 98, and Microsoft Excel 97 or 98.

**Web Developer:** STARFLEET's online web presence includes a number of online forms and database interfaces, providing members, COs, XOs, and RCs with information about their memberships, chapters, or regions, and allowing members to provide CompOps with address changes and other info, or even join STARFLEET (or renew a membership) online. Applicants need Internet access and should be familiar with Active Server Pages, VBScript, Microsoft Access, MS-Jet SQL, and HTML and web graphics editing. JavaScript and CGI experience will be beneficial.

If you have any questions about these positions, please contact CompOps Chief Teri Smith or CompOps "WebBoy" Blair Learn using the info in the directory on page 2. To apply, please send a letter and informal résumé to STARFLEET Personnel, c/o Mark Vinson, 1047 Cottonwood Trail, Benbrook TX 76126, or [personnel@sfi.org](mailto:personnel@sfi.org). Note that we'll consider filling both posts with one person again if the right candidate comes along, but we're more likely to look for separate candidates for these roles.



# STARFLEET OPERATIONS

**LIEUTENANT GENERAL LES RICKARD**  
**CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET**

Greetings,

I hope this article finds everyone healthy and in good spirits. As they say....on with the show.

## TREKKING TO REGION TWO

Recently I reported on my trip to the Region Two Summit and 2nd Brigade Muster. But I thought that it might be nice to reprint it here. Yes we can have fun and help to...I think this shows it.

Well, the trip to the Region 2 Summit this year began a little before noon on Friday the 10th with me piloting the personal transport of Shuttle Vindicator's XO, Comm. Jack Hopkins. The Shuttle's compliment at that time was Comm Hopkins, myself and FCapt Laura Hensley of the USS YORKTOWN. A short time later we arrived at the quarters of the Shuttle Vindicator's CO and wife, RAdm Ron Fell Capt Kristi Fell. We immediately got on course for Birmingham Alabama and cut in the Warp Drive. In transit it became painfully obvious that the weather reports from the many weather outlets were true. That we would be dealing with rain and severe weather on a good bit of the trip to Birmingham,

Alabama. We were experiencing vertical rain that pretty much blinded me at many places along the trip. Then, shortly after entering the State of Alabama, we were notified of severe weather in the St Clair and Jefferson County areas. This weather was a Tornado Warning for Jefferson County, the city of Birmingham and all of St Clair County. This tornadic activity was traveling pretty much straight at us as we tooled along the I-20 corridor westbound. Once into St Clair County we were buffeted from side to side as we traveled the last hour to Birmingham, which BTW, was under a flash flood warning for most of the city and outlying areas. We arrived safe and sound, no worse for the wear...well maybe my sanity seeing the odd colored sky each time the sky was lit up by lightening. But anyway, we arrived at 11:30pm, nearly two hours later than we had expected to because of the weather. We were all met with warm welcomes and "We were worried" comments. We assured them...we were worried to, but we arrived safe and sound.

The summit commenced Saturday morning and all of us had a great time mingling with old friends, meeting new

ones and enjoying an outstanding Summit. One of the highlights of the weekend for me was being able to sit in on the Region 2's Captain's Call on Saturday and Ask the Brass on Sunday. This gave me the opportunity to talk to some CO's and get their input on some things as well as work some ideas of my own. And of course...the parties were outstanding as always! Sunday lunchtime came and that signaled the end of the weekend, yes its time to go home. Danny Potts, Summit coordinator said his goodbyes, we said ours and we all boarded the transport for home. Now I guess this is where you expect me to say we all arrived home safe with no incident....nope. Most of the trip was uneventful. No rain, tornadoes or the like. We all stopped in Atlanta and enjoyed some Spaghetti at The Spaghetti Factory and then head out on the home stretch of our journey home. At approximately 9:15pm while traveling north on I-85 calm was suddenly shattered. A car two lanes to our left apparently struck something in the roadway at 65 MPH. There was a loud pop and then all we could see was smoke and debris everywhere. From out of the smoke and debris came flying a full sized tractor Trailer hub in front of the transport. Comm Hopkins, who

was piloting at this time, reacted excellently and avoided a major collision but struck the flying hub in the front right quarter panel of his personal vehicle. We came to a stop on the side of road and, as the subject line says, "STARFLEET to the Rescue."

As was later confirmed by the SC State Highway Patrol the vehicle had struck a full sized tire and hub that had apparently come off of a tractor trailer traveling south on I-85. Between the speed of the car and the speed of the flying tire it was a 115 mph impact. This literally destroyed the front of her car and damaged the engine so bad that it caught fire. The driver of the vehicle was removed from the car and carefully moved away from the quickly growing fire. Other members of the group called 911 via a cell phone and got EMS, Fire and SHP on the way. Within two minutes of the initial impact the vehicle was a fully involved vehicle fire. The passenger of the vehicle was treated by the local EMS and transported to the local Hospital for more extensive tests. After the drama was done, the fire trucks were gone and the Highway Patrol was left to finish the accident report the investigating officer noticed, for the first time, the striping and graphics on the side of Comm Hopkins van. Upon asking humorously if we were "trekkies" Jack and Ron did what any good STARFLEET Officer would do....they started recruiting! <G> After a few jokes and the like about STARFLEET and an promise to send the investigating officer a tribble upon our return I climbed into the pilots seat we completed our journey home. I would like to commend both Comm Jack Hopkins and RAdm Ron Fell for

## NEW DVC INTERNATIONAL NAMED

*Lieutenant General Les Rickard*

Greetings All,

As of this date I have sadly accepted the resignation of DVC International FCapt Andrea Haag.

Andrea has some projects in the works that will likely require her to move to another state and take on a more demanding real life job. This on top of increasing job responsibilities and school has forced her to make some adjustments to her "plate" and unfortunately Operations was one she had to relinquish. This also will need to take place fairly soon so I have accepted her resignation

effective April 1st.

Andrea, I appreciate all the hard work and dedication to your duties you maintained when working with this team and I am saddened to see you go. But I understand completely that real life sometimes makes us take a step back. You will be missed and know that there is always a home for you with Operations.

Due to the situation I am appointing a new DVC, International from the rather large applicant pool I have from previous postings. This job was not easy and I toiled over this for a while before making my decision.

The new DVC, International is a former Chief of STARFLEET Operations. He has served STARFLEET in many capacities over a few years and has expressed a continued wish to once again serve with Operations.

Please help me welcome Commodore Michael Knight of the Fourth Fleet to TEAM OPS. Michael has expressed his want and desire to work with STARFLEET Operations for some time now. I look forward to working with Michael in the near future.

The new DVC International will be taking over effective the April report period (i.e. April MSR's due by May 1st). He will be contacting all international chapters in the next week or so via snail and email with his information. However, let me post his contact info here as well

Commodore Michael "JD" Knight  
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Again, help me welcome Michael to the team.



their assistance and swift action. Very quickly the scene was secured, all of the people were moved safely from the area of the vehicle and the local authorities were able to do their jobs. Let me Help! This....is what being a part of STARFLEET is all about.

## MONTHLY STATUS REPORTS

You will notice the change in staff below. DVC International, FCapt Andrea Haag, has stepped down due to increasing personal commitments. She has served Operations and the Fleet with distinction. Andrea, I am sad to see you leave the staff, but can understand. Good luck in your future endeavors and know you always have a home in Operations as long as I am around. Also, let me welcome Comm. Michael "JD" Knight aboard Team Ops as the new DVC International. I am looking forward to working with JD in the coming months.

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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 Chief's (DVC's). Below is the contact information and the regional responsibilities for Operations three DVC's

## TO THE CHAPTERS...

I have recently mailed a letter to all Chapters in STARFLEET concerning some issues that crop up in STARFLEET Operations. I would like to reprint that letter here to further get the word out about things of interest in Operations.

Dear Starfleet Chapter Chairperson,

I am writing all chapters in STARFLEET concerning chapter reporting guidelines and other issues that are necessary in maintaining your chapter charter.

## MONTHLY STATUS REPORTS (MSR's)

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 Chief's (DVC's).

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. 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 can not 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](mailto: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 this 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 an 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 checked. 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 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 have 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.

I hope that this information is helpful and assists you the Chapter CO in maintaining contact with STARFLEET Operations and its various departments. As always, if STARFLEET Operations can be of assistance do not hesitate to contact us.

## CHAPTER CHANGES OF COMMAND

Since the last CQ article there have been some changes in command. Please join me in congratulating the most recent changes in chapter command staffs from around STARFLEET

## REGION ONE:

USS INTREPID NCC-74655

New CO:  
Capt. Suzanne Guehring-Maurer

## REGION THREE:

USS SPIRITWOLF NCC-74300

New CO:  
Capt John C. DuBose  
New XO:  
Cdr Robert C. Graham

## REGION FIVE:

USS CONSTITUTION NCC-2040

New CO:  
Capt Gary Schwanke  
New XO:  
Capt Dwight Hall

## REGION SIX

USS THUNDERCHILD NCC-3122

New CO:  
Capt. Kathie Silbernagel  
New XO:  
William E. Schnitger

## REGION TWELVE:

USS BRADBURY NCC-72307

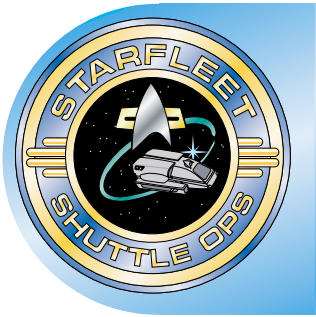
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LCdr Frank Waxman

USS CELT NCC-75018

Chapter Merge:  
Chapter's Merging - USS CELT & USS ALLIANCE  
New Chapter: USS CELT NCC-75018

Well thats about it for this month. Take care and see everyone again in sixty!

LGN Les Rickard, SFMC  
Chief of Operations, STARFLEET



# MAMA DENNIS SAYS...

ADMIRAL DENNIS GRAY

CHIEF OF SHUTTLE OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

\*Grumble\* \*grumble\* \*grumble\* Seems like only a short time ago I had to get my last article in for the CQ.... Oh waitamminute - it WAS just a short time ago! Hehe, gotta love them CQ Editors with them back-to-back deadlines in order to get the CQ back on time... <G>

\Well, if you haven't figured it out yet, I don't have a whole lot to say since last issue. There just hasn't been that much new to talk about. \*shrug\* :) But be patient, and I'll see what I can come up with....

The only major announcement I have, is a change in staff. My junior vice chief, Tom Rutledge, is stepping down. I want to thank Tom for putting up with me these last two years. Tom was the 'silent' one on my staff, and I just want to take the opportunity for being there for me. :) Moving up to take his place, is Jonathan 'Gumby' Simmons, who has been on staff for nearly two years, is the originator of S.T.A.R.T. and M.O.M., and is certainly NO stranger to ShOC. :) Please help me congratulate Gumby!

Summit/Conference season is in full swing, as of this writing. Region 2, and Region 17 have both had theirs already. Region 12's Summit is only days away, and Region 1's only a few weeks thereafter. I was amazed at how well the Region 17 Conference (their FIRST ever!) went. For a first time event, they had over 50 people in attendance. And this, despite the fact that their RC had been involved and injured in a home fire shortly before, and could not attend. As Shuttle Director, I can tell you, the number of inquiries, and shuttle starts are definitely up in Region 17. I suspect we'll be hearing a lot more from this up and coming region in the times to come.

Shortly down the road, is the Region 3 Conference, followed a couple of months later by the 2000 IC in Burlington, VT. And in the fall, will be the first ever Western Regional Conference (a conference for Regions 4, 5 & 17) in October in Las Vegas. Capping the year will be the Region 7 Conference. All this brings me to a

point: As always, these summits and conferences are a highlight of the year for the respective regions, and as such, existing shuttles, and those looking to launch, like to commission as a full chapter, or launch as a new shuttle at their region's event. This is really great! However, in order to make this happen with as few problems as possible, and to allow enough time for the VRR to make it's way through all the necessary channels, PLEASE, PLEASE, start the VRR process at least 6-8 weeks in advance of the event you wish to launch or commission at. I can not stress this enough. All too often, I get a VRR in the mail, along with an anxious request to launch or commission, at an event that's only a few days away. I even got one in the mail, the day \*of\* an event. In those cases, it's darn near impossible for me to accommodate the group's request, and besides it's not being able to be done, I feel terrible about it as well. Because I know from experience, how special just such an event can be, and is to a new or fledgling chapter. So again, PLEASE start your VRR on it's way at least 6-8 weeks before your planned event.

To back-track a minute.... By now you all heard the mis-fortune that befell Region 17 RC, Keira Russell-Strong. She got burned in a fire in her home sometime near the end of February, beginning of March. Fortunately, she is recovering quite well, and should be back up to speed (more or less) by the time this issue hits the streets. Fortunately too, her house was not to severely damaged, and again, they should be back home by the time you read this. But I had the opportunity to talk to her a week ago. And she told me at length, how many wonderful cards, letters, and emails of support she received from around the fleet, nay, even from beyond the fleet. And she told me how much it meant to her, that people from all over, sent her those well wishes. And how much it has helped her spirits during her recovery. She wanted you all to know how very, very, much it means to her, and that she sends her utmost THANKS! It also makes my heart glad. Where people come together, to help and support those in

need, is part of what makes Starfleet, and the people in it, so special. That is a large part of what Starfleet is all about, and why I will \*always\* be a member. :) Thank you all!

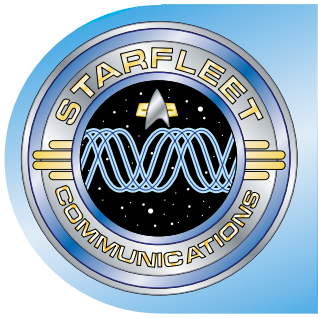
As has previously been announced, the START manual is out. Hard copies may be obtained, for a fee of \$3.00 each, to cover copying costs, and postage. A .pdf version \*only\* is available for download, at: <ftp.sfi.org/shoc>. The file name is START .ZIP or START.PDF. You must have Reader 4.0 or better to view it properly. At the same site, the new VRR form is also available. Again, for the time being, in .pdf format only. The M.O.M. manual is still being finished, but should be out by late(r) this spring, or early summer.

A reminder - the shuttle \*launch\* fee went from \$5.00 to \$10.00 as of 01/01/1999. Many of you who still use the old VRR forms that are out there, are still sending only \$5.00 when you launch. With the increase fees, launch packets now include a copy of the S.T.A.R.T. manual, and the Recruiting Handbook. Both together are an invaluable tool for new shuttles, and greatly increases the chances for a successful run to commissioning as a full chapter.

If you have any questions when putting together a VRR packet, please, feel free to ask me or my staff.. The requirements have not changed. In addition to the VRR form, you must include a copy of your letter from DTS authorizing your chapter's name, copies of the CO's & XO's OTS or OCC certificates (depending on whether you launching or commissioning), and your VRR fee. (I only bring this up, because I did indeed have a shuttle recently send in a VRR sans DTS letter or academy certificate copies).

Well, that's about all the news I have this issue. I thank you for letting me ramble, and bend your ears (or eyes) for a short time. Now that I should have 2 months before my next article is due, maybe I'll have something significant to talk about by then... \*grin\* Hope so.... Thanks again, y'all take care!





# HAILING FREQUENCIES

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

Welcome to my second article as Chief of Communications and the through the magic of the CQ production schedule, I haven't even seen the first one in print yet!

As I mentioned last time, the Comm Dept is comprised of six departments, each dedicated to enhancing our fleet experience. Once again, they are: the Communiqué (the monthly newsletter); the Office of Web Consultants (for questions about web pages and a repository of web graphics); Stellar Visions, the STARFLEET Fanzine (our showcase of 'fleet talent'); the Diplomatic Corps (reach out and fellowship with each other and other organizations); International Translation Corps (translate 'fleet documents into other languages), and the Office of Graphic Design (for those who are in need of a graphic to spiff up a newsletter or web page).

Also available to all 'fleet members who have Internet access is the Announcements Only list. I created this list several years ago for members who want to keep up with what is going on in 'fleet but don't have time to keep up with the natter. I take any information of interest from the main 'fleet list at lightlink (to join this list which is a mixture of announcements and natter, send an email to majordomo@lightlink.com and in the body put subscribe starfleet-l) and post to the announcements list. This list is a moderated list; I'm the only one that can post there and this keeps the message traffic down to only those with information or is of interest to members. To join the Announcements list, send a message to majordomo@sfi.org and in the body put subscribe sfi-announce-l. Message traffic runs around 40 messages per months, so this list is very manageable and you'll be kept informed of 'fleet happenings. This list is an official STARFLEET list maintained by the Communications Department.

All announcement messages are archived and accessible on the Announcements Web Page: (<http://www.sfi.org/html/announcements.html>). Synopses of the

messages are on the web page as well as a link to the complete message. These synopses are kept for 60 days. We also started publishing the synopses here in the CQ.

There are also many other general membership mailing lists available for STARFLEET members to join. Here's a small sample:

*\*The Peanuts List* is the unofficial official list of All Things Weird or Funny in STARFLEET. For more information, contact the Head Nut, Tom Restivo ([tomr@fred.net](mailto:tomr@fred.net)).

*\*SFI-Fiction-L* is a list dedicated to fiction authors, readers, publishers and editors to serve as a forum to discuss all aspects of writing fiction from resources, to the mechanics of writing, what makes a good piece, where to be published, what makes a good editor, what makes a good beta reader, to questions and answers about our own work. To join, send a message to: ([majordomo@sfi.org](mailto:majordomo@sfi.org)) and in the body put: subscribe sfi-fiction-l. For more information, contact Allyson M.W. Dyar, ([allyson@ssnexus.org](mailto:allyson@ssnexus.org)).

*\*SFI-Writers*: The purpose of this list is to allow people to post work for the members of the list to critique, more in line with a workshop atmosphere. This list is not designed for the discussion of Writing as a business, the mechanics of writing, or similar topics. For more information, contact Richard Jolitz, ([rich@outposttrader.com](mailto:rich@outposttrader.com)).

*\*ShOC ListServer* is a list where current or prospective shuttle CO's, XO's, & members can go to compare notes. Subscription is open to all Fleet members. To subscribe, go the following URL/web address: (<http://www.onelist.com/subscribe.cgi/ShOC>). For more information, contact Dennis Gray, Chief, Shuttle Operations (ShOC), ([ShOC@sfi.org](mailto:ShOC@sfi.org)).

*\*Starfleet-Science* list is for the Science Officers of STARFLEET International and anyone else interested in science. Join at the web site: (<http://www.onelist.com/subscribe.cgi/Starfleet-Science>) or contact the list

owner David Klingman ([mirodon@mindspring.com](mailto:mirodon@mindspring.com)).

A full listing of other list servers can be found on the Cyberspace Web Page: (<http://www.sfi.org/html/cyber.html>).

For more information on our services, please consult the Comm Department Web Page at (<http://www.sfi.org/comm>).

The STARFLEET Web Pages: (<http://www.sfi.org>).

Last but not least, the time is approaching for the Annual Newsletter Contest that will be presented by the Communications Division in recognition of the outstanding Chapter and Regional newsletters published in the calendar year of 1999.

This year, I will be adding a category for those publications that are distributed solely through the electronic media (email or web page) and do not have a hard copy counterpart.

Newsletters will be judged in the following five categories: Outstanding Cover, Outstanding Graphics, Outstanding Presentation, Most Informative, Best Electronic (non-hardcopy), and Newsletter of the Year.

Hard copy Submissions: Chapters or Regions interested in submitting their newsletters for consideration should send one issue per Chapter or Region to me, postmarked not later than July 15th, 2000 to:

Allyson M.W. Dyar  
1209 SE 89th Avenue  
Portland OR 97216-1715

If you would like your newsletters returned, please include a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE) with sufficient postage to return. Otherwise, I will donate the newsletters to the IC 2000 for everyone to enjoy. Please note, in this case, the newsletters will not be returned to you.

Electronic Submissions: Please send one copy or send a link if it is a web page to

[comm@sfi.org](mailto:comm@sfi.org) (or [allyson@ssnexus.org](mailto:allyson@ssnexus.org) if there is a problem with the [sfi.org](mailto:sfi.org) email address). Submissions must be received by 15 July 2000.

Winners will be announced at the STARFLEET International Conference, 2000 in Vermont.

Please remember, my old personal email address, ([dyar@halcyon.com](mailto:dyar@halcyon.com)), will no longer be available in the near future. If for some reason, you are unable to contact me via ([comm@sfi.org](mailto:comm@sfi.org)), please try ([Allyson@SSNexus.Org](mailto:Allyson@SSNexus.Org)).

My hailing frequencies are always open. If you have a question, please don't hesitate to ask!

Your Humble and Not-So Obedient Servant,

Allyson M.W. Dyar

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REPORT**  
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Updated Memory Alpha statistics  
as of February 20th are:

Current value 1,028  
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Total Hits 1,028 (in 298+ days)

Usage 3.4 (Average Hits per day  
since creation)

We are looking for ideas on how  
to update the OWC Website and  
preparing for the annual Web  
Awards. Please send ideas to  
[OWC@sfi.org](mailto:OWC@sfi.org).





# EX ASTRA, SCIENTIA

**VICE ADMIRAL MARLENE MILLER**  
**DIRECTOR, STARFLEET ACADEMY**

Greetings and Salutations!

Well, it's Spring in Beautiful Ohio, and once again, Starfleet Academy has been buzzing with activity as you'll see in the list of graduates and the barrage of articles from our Directors found elsewhere on these pages.

Read all about new courses, new directors, an exciting new academy, a contest, the latest Academy graduates, and much, much more.

## STARFLEET SCHOOL OF CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY

The Klingon "Rite of Ascension," the Vulcan "Koon-ut-kal-if-fee," the Bajoran "Gratitude Festival" – if these and other ritual observances encountered in the various incarnations of Star Trek excite your creative imagination, Starfleet Academy has just the school for you. Replete with references to the cultural practices and beliefs of many civilizations, the School of Cultural Anthropology (SOCA) invites you to an exploration of the "infinite diversity" signified by the Vulcan IDIC emblem. Under the Direction of RADM Sherry Anne Newell, SOCA currently offers three levels: Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral, with a Post-Doctoral level available very soon. Tuition is the same as for SOLS or SOM (see Academy application form). So, if you share that spirit of adventure which has characterized Star Trek since its inception, I invite you to boldly go where no one has gone before" and be the first to enroll in the Academy's newest offering!

RADM Sherry Anne Newell  
Director SOLS/SOM/SOCA  
Dean, Institute of Arts

## ACADEMY AWAY TEAMS

I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to everyone who's supported the Academy Away Teams at recent Region Summits. We're eagerly awaiting reports from the Summit Away Teams who attended March and April Summits at Region 2, Region 17, Region 12, and Region 1. Hopefully they'll be ready for Communique # 99.

Watch this spot!

Come choose take-home Starfleet Academy courses at a Regional Summit near you! Currently we're planning on having an Academy Away Team at the Region 3, Region 13, Region 6 Summits, as well as the Western Conference. More will be scheduled as they're announced.

If you are a Summit or Conference Chair, please contact Jill Rayburn to schedule an Academy Away Team. We can be large (filling an entire room) or small (limiting ourselves to a table) ... whatever facilities you have... we'll adapt!

Jill may be contacted at:

Jill Rayburn  
PO Box 61  
Puryear, TN 38251  
sol@sfi.org or jazdan@wk.net

## SHIP COUNSELORS COLLEGE CONTEST

Director RAdm Helen Pawlowski of the Starfleet Academy Ship Counselors College (SCC) is announcing a CONTEST.

Helen will be compiling essays from her Ship Counselors College Leadership course into a book which will be made available to Starfleet Members.

The CONTEST is to Suggest A Title For The Book!

The winner will receive

A FREE copy of the book, once it's published,

A Handsome Certificate, and fame and fortune by virtue of  
Credit in the flyleaf of the publication!

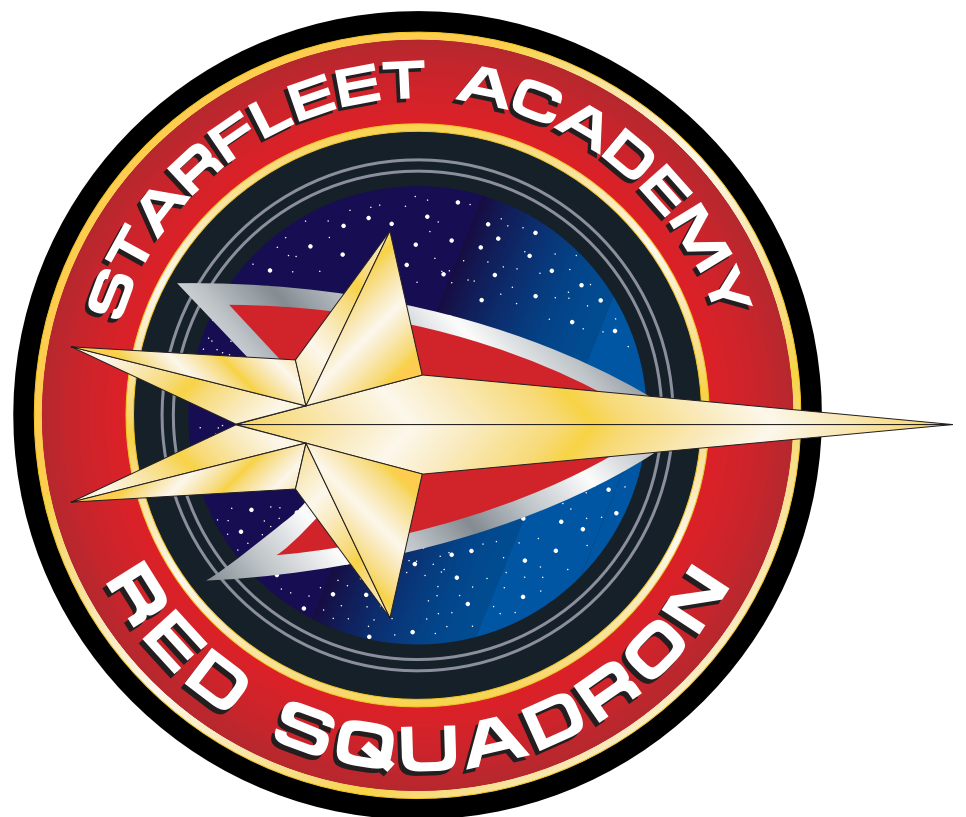
Submit all suggestions to:

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

At this time, Helen doesn't have e-mail capability, but believe me... we're gently nudging... okay... we're using a crow-bar and PUSHING for her to get it.

### IMPORTANT:

If you have completed the Leadership course at the Ship Counselors College and DO NOT want your essay published in the book, or if you prefer that your essay remains "anonymous" please contact Helen immediately at the above address.





# STARFLEET CADET ACADEMY RECONSTRUCTION TEAM

Hello again.

As you may remember, several months ago, I closed the Cadet School, which was run by our very capable Academy Director, Fleet Captain Ben Redding. A mountain of applications began filling my mailbox. Those applications made me start thinking. Rather than reopening the Cadet School as it was, with only one Director, because there are so many qualified applicants, how about reopening it as a Cadet version of Starfleet Academy, instead?

The weeks that passed saw me interacting with the 30+ applicants until I found a core group that would be among those to give life to a growing idea. The Cadet Academy Reconstruction Team was born and now consists of 20 individuals who have banded together to come up with ideas for the future Starfleet Cadet Academy. We range in age from very young, to over fifty in chronological age, but we're all teenagers in spirit!

As the days pass, you will see the Cadet Academy grow from the ground up. Instead of having one or two Cadet tests, we're going to shoot for incorporating different Schools or Colleges, much like the "Original" Starfleet Academy. The primary difference will be that the Starfleet Cadet Academy will be accessible ONLY to Starfleet members up to age 18, similar to a preparatory or junior college. As you'll see in at least one of the following articles, some courses will be designed for Starfleet members as young as 6!

Cadet Students must know that although all of us want you to attend the Cadet Academy, we insist that your real life school comes first. You need to maintain your grades, and that's why we ask that you get your parents' approval before applying. If your grades begin to fall, we expect you to take a leave of absence until you bring them back up.

And now, here's what some of our Teammates have to say...

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Are you the one who likes to do things differently? Are you the one who reminds others of their Honor in dealing with other people? Are you the one who strives to win and be the best that you can be?

If you have answered "Yes" to any of these questions, then you have the making for a good Klingon. Why not try by enrolling in the Klingon Cadet Academy?

In the Academy, you will learn of the history of the Klingons and their home world, Qo'noS and of the Great Leader, Kahless.

This Academy is not for the faint of heart, but for those who are strong and brave, as all Klingons are. I invite you to enroll in the Klingon Cadet Academy.

K'James-Sutal'-Veska  
Director of Advance Klingon Studies

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However gradual the course of history, there must always be the day, even an hour and minute, when some significant action is performed for the first or last time.  
~ Peter Quennell ~

History is the story of people and events. The history student has an opportunity to find meaning in these events and make decisions based on those meanings.

My goal for the Cadet Academy is to have an excellent selection of history exams. I want the courses to cover the history of the Star Trek Universe, the history of the development of Star Trek the television series and theatrical productions, and some of the history of our space programs. Cadets will learn to look up material to complete open-book tests. References will be readily available. Answers will be multiple choice or short answer. Short essays will be required in some cases. A

grade scale and requirement for passing a course with honors will be set. Participation in these course will provide chapters with another method to award promotion points for their younger members.

Participation in the courses in the Starfleet Cadet Academy Department of history will be aimed to provide:

- Education
- Subjects of interest
- Accomplishment on completing the course
- Knowledge
- Skills useful in other areas of life.
- Participation in Starfleet Activities
- Recognition for successful completion of courses.
- .....and FUN!

Donna Stewart

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Major Gary "Tiny" Hollified, SFCA Instructor (One of Many)

Hello to all of my fellow 'Fleeters! I am one of the Instructors for The Starfleet Cadet Academy and I am excited. I believe a good officer is the heart of a great vessel, so I plan to teach, and I use that term loosely, how to be a good officer.

My references will be Admiral Peg Pellerin's Officer Training School (OTS), Jim Cushing's Officer's Command College (OCC), and a Marine course, PD-20 (Professional Development Level 20). I want to take all the basics of the above mentioned courses and use them in a new and different handbook/exam for the Professional Cadet.

As of right now, I have not decided on a name for this course, but it will have something to do with officers and professionalism of course. This may sound boring to you Cadets out there, but be not afraid! It will be made lively and interesting!

Included with your packet, you will receive a handbook that will be used for all tests in your age level and the test. I have not decided on costs or number of stamps needed yet as I have not fully developed everything. Nor have I decided upon the number of tests each age level will have.

I am going to cover, in different age levels and course levels, things like:

- The Officer's Code of Conduct
- Basic Chain of Command Structure
- Who's Who type thing with the big brass personnel
- STARFLEET Constitution, Codes, & By-Laws
- What can be done in certain situations
- Professionalism

I do not want nor expect Cadets to think this is taking the place of OTS, OCC, or any other developmental course. It isn't. This will simply be a precursory type of exam and a better way for you, the Cadet, to understand the structure of Starfleet, the ins and outs, and basic courtesy. I hope this will make taking OTS and OCC a little easier for you.

I am very excited about this opportunity with SFCA and SFA. If you have any questions, parents or Cadets, always feel free to e-mail me at [trek4evr@aol.com](mailto:trek4evr@aol.com). My office doors are always open.

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Fleet Captain Ben Redding here, I am so pleased that the Cadet program has been made into an Academy. This way, a lot of minds will work together to make a great challenge for our Cadets in Fleet. Everyone be ready for a great opening of some really great materials very soon.

Live long and Prosper...

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Hello, my name is Lt. Nancy O'Shields of the USS Hephaestus. I am setting up the school, and classes for Security School for the Starfleet Cadet Academy. I have decided to use the title of Safety and Security for this school instead of just Security. The school will be based on real life as well as Star Trek situations. The student will be able to get the material needed, and take the test without additional material for all four levels.

Safety is being added as to the real life situations they may face outside or even inside the home. Security as it would apply to them at Starfleet functions, as well as the laws and so forth that govern functions.

The first level would be Personal Safety and Security. Recognizing rank of personnel, ships, and weapons as in Star Trek Series, laws that govern at Star Trek functions, and how to recognize hazards both at home and on the road.

The second level would be Convention information, what types of Security, Communications (both real and Star Trek the series).

The third level would be more Star Trek the Series Security questions as relating to Star Trek the Next Generation, some more hazard recognition at home and in public.

The fourth level will be General Security and Public Hazards. Would include more Star Trek all the series trivia, and how to make security plans, and safety inspections of facilities that conventions and meetings are being held at.

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Since I work at Space Camp doing activities on the Space Program and the types of Rockets, Shuttles and Satellites we used, I could work up tests on a variety of these subjects. I also would put in information about the USSR as well. Some of this would be the History of Space and some would be trivia of the Space program.

I know we have a College of Acronyms. I was thinking that the Cadets could have a test of Acronyms on Space and the Space program. All this would of course come with a book to accompany the test.

I think this and a Science course for the Cadets is something that may even eventually help them in school.

I would like to eventually see other Cadet Schools do things that might parallel what the student may be working on in his/her real school.

Captain Rebecca Louise Self

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The exciting part of being part of the Starfleet Cadet Academy Team is that each of us are bringing so many ideas to the table and attacking the idea of creating an entire school for cadets from various angles, from Trek fiction, to educational, to just plain out fun.

Some of us are bringing out our experience and expertise from our other roles in Starfleet. I took inspiration from what we've seen on ST:TNG and wanted to develop a school where young people who are familiar enough with Star Trek can have some role play fun. We saw Wesley Crusher's worst hour when he had to reveal that he and his classmates were responsible for the accidental death of a Starfleet cadet when they were learning how to perform a dangerous and illegal maneuver. ("The First Duty")

Learning how to pilot the academy trainer craft would seem to be one of the first things a cadet would have to learn. Translating that concept into something that our new SF members could enjoy is the challenge that I hope to conquer and to present to Commandant Marlene Miller. According to the current edition of the Star Trek Encyclopedia, the SF Academy Flight range is located near Saturn in an area reserved for flight exercises by cadets. There is a Academy Range Officer who oversees the progress of the cadet's flight skills.

Developing a scenario and fleshing out some of the details that have not yet been seen in any ST series will be both fun and challenging. I'm seeking the help of a young SF member who is in the age group that the course would be aimed at to determine if the scenario translates well to a SF Academy course.

Other members of the team are also taking inspiration from ST history, and other aspects of the SF Academy that we've seen only glimpses of over the years. At this point I don't think any of us are quite sure what the final result will end up being or how many courses we'll end up with, but its going to be an enjoyable ride and the true test of us will be how successful and enjoyable a reaction we'll get from our future ST cadets.

RAdm Bob Vosseller

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As all of you have read already there are many people involved with this new Cadet Academy. Even though there are many of us involved in this process does not mean that we do not want your input! Many of you have been in the Fleet for much longer then I have and you have a better understanding of what has and has not worked in the past. I would hope that if any of you out there have any ideas, thoughts, or suggestions that you would feel free to express them to one of us. My personal email address is bran.stimpson@maine.edu so please feel free to email me your thoughts and I promise that I will read it and respond, while taking your statements under advisement. Thank you.

Bran Stimpson

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Hello Starfleet! This is Kevin Brown with the Cadet Academy Reconstruction Team (a.k.a: CART). What our goal is is what our name pretty much says... we are here to make a new program to reach the younger members of Starfleet International. Being young myself, I know this can be beneficial to young people. We will sort of give them a "taste" of the Starfleet Academy.

We believe that the courses we will offer will better prepare the Cadets for Starfleet Academy. And to let you know, we have people trying to make classes that will teach Cadets different skills and such. Some classes being made are: a study skills course for their real life school work, teaching about space exploration, etc...(there are way to many to even say!! :-) ).

I, myself, am trying to make a class that will teach the Cadets what Cadets actually do in the Star Trek universe and what they also do in individual chapters. And, to let all of Starfleet know, we are always up for comments and the like, so you may drop any of us an email. My personal email address is: CmdrSerek1@aol.com . Well, that is all for me! I hope to here some wonderful things from you, Starfleet.

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As you know the Cadet School is undergoing a complete reconstruction, and in fact now has a new name: "The Starfleet Cadet Academy". You will see some new schools, one of which we are a part. Rebecca Self and I are doing a science-based school called "Cadet Vulcan Academy of Science", or "CVAS". Like VAS it will have many courses and a logic exam from which to choose. The courses will be structured for ages 6 -18.

Most courses have two different tests, one for 6-12 year olds (most of those are being developed by Rebecca Self) and another test for 12-18 year olds (those are being developed by me, Mandy Halleman). Rebecca Self will be working on the astronomy tests for all ages, the Botany/Horticulture, Paleontology, Archaeology and logic courses for 6-12 year olds. I will be doing the Botany/Horticulture, paleontology, and Archaeology and logic courses for 12-18, the philosophy/Meta-physics for ages 10-18 and Meteorology course for all ages. Star Trek trivia will be on each test.

We hope to provide an alternative to VAS for all the younger members of StarFleet, as well as some interesting science facts.

Mandy Halleman and Rebecca Self

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# 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 reports received March, 2000.

An \* = Scores 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

Flag Officer School (FOS)

RAdm Helen Pawlowski, Director

Capt Alan Yates / Australian Campus

Charles Menter *	Ivar Gunnarsson *
Pat Stewart	Kimberly Brooks *
Joseph Horton	Valerie Anderson *

### INSTITUTE OF ARTS

School of Literature (SOL)

BGR Jill Rayburn, Director

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Amy Alexander *	Dave Blaser *
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# STARFLEET ACADEMY

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KEEP 'EM BUSY!

## STARFLEET ACADEMY

## RADIO SCHOOL CLOSED

*Admiral Marlene Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy*

The Starfleet Academy Radio School is temporarily closed for reconstruction. With changing FCC regulations and plans for new courses, the School should be reopened within a few months.

Please watch future Communiques and/or the Starfleet internet List for further developments.

# STARFLEET COLLEGE OF HISTORY OPENS

*Debbie Butcher, CoH Director*

## College of History Open

It is with extreme pleasure that I announce the College of History (COH) is now open. Commander Debbie Butcher has been appointed the new Director and from what she tells me, she's looking forward to bringing some new life to the College.

Academy Applications will soon reflect Debbie's contact information which is posted here for your convenience:

Debbie Butcher  
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Simpsonville, SC 29680

You may also reach her via e-mail at: LtColDB@aol.com

Those who have History exams which are "pending", please give Debbie time to respond to your needs.

Welcome to Starfleet Academy, Debbie! Here starts a brand new journey!

# STARFLEET ACADEMY AWAY TEAM

*Brigadier General Jill Rayburn*

I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to everyone who's supported the Academy Away Teams at recent Region Summits. We're eagerly awaiting reports from the Summit Away Teams who attended March and April Summits at Region 2, Region 17, Region 12, and Region 1. Hopefully they'll be ready for Communique # 99.

Watch this spot!

Come choose take-home Starfleet Academy courses at a Regional Summit near you! Currently we're planning on having an Academy Away Team at the Region 3, Region 13, Region 6 Summits, as well as the Western Conference. More will be scheduled as they're announced.

If you are a Summit or Conference Chair, please contact Jill Rayburn to schedule an Academy Away Team. We can be large (filling an entire room) or small (limiting ourselves to a table) ... whatever facilities you have... we'll adapt!

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# USS CAROLINA ENTERS SERVICE WITH THE FIRST FLEET

*STARFLEET Operations*

USS CAROLINA • NCC-74222

*Defiant Class Escort*

Captain David James, CO

Commander Debbie Butcher, XO

Commissioned on March 25, 2000



# STARFLEET WELCOMES TWO NEWEST MEMBERS!

*STARFLEET News Service*

STARFLEET wishes to extend a hearty welcome to our two newest members.

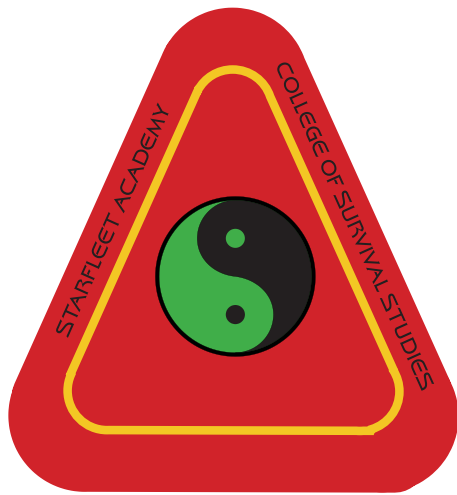
Lieutenants Jim and Patrice Johnson of the USS *Malverne* • NCC-2205 are the proud parents of a new baby boy, delivered at 22:05 local time.

Vice Admiral Brand Pense and his wife Ranna also announced the birth of the newest Region 3 VRC, Sara Jane Pense. Picture and stats provided by the hospital web site.

Sara Jane Pense  
Arrived March 9, 2000 at 3:23 P.M.  
7 lbs. 1 ozs. ~ 20 inches  
Delivered by: Dr. Harris







# STARFLEET ACADEMY:

## Focus on The College of Survival Studies

*Commodore Carol Thompson, Director*

The College of Survival Studies consists of three schools, Basic Survival School, Mapping Survival School, and Survival Strategies School.

The focus of all three schools is survival: survival in a hostile environment, using mapping skills to get to where you are going, and emergency survival techniques.

Basic Survival projects are based on research. The Associates leads you to the wilderness of Alaska on a week-long fishing trip. What will you need to take along? The Bachelors sends you and 2 other away-team members back in time to live among indigenous people. What survival techniques do they use?

The Masters puts you on the Moon Colony team to design a livable environment for the colonists. The Doctorate plans life on a multigenerational ship.

The Basic Survival School is unique in that the upper levels may be explored

in teams of up to 3 people, all of whom must apply, pay tuition, and submit their portions of the report. This is a challenging program for a small away team on your ship.

The Mapping Survival School introduces you to 2-D and 3-D maps. The classes are fairly rudimentary, designed for the casual map reader and will give you a basic understanding of these types of maps.

The Survival Strategies School requires that you have access to several Voyager and ST:TNG episodes. Though the episodes may be shared with other shipmates, the exams must be taken individually. These two activities can be come an evening of episode watching, pizza, and camaraderie. The Doctorate covers real-life emergency preparedness. This project may be completed by a team of up to 5 members, but each member must complete all requirements. The team will set up emergency supplies and equipment and write up an emergency

pamphlet.

Most of these classes may be taken on-line after tuition is received. Projects are e-mailed to and from the student, and a certificate mailed to the graduate.

A few of these classes are being adapted for the Online Academy, where all classes are taken through the website, eliminating the time and cost of regular mail.

Check out [www.mosquitonet.com/~betazoid/coss.htm](http://www.mosquitonet.com/~betazoid/coss.htm) for a complete description of the College.

## RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES SEEKS CONTRIBUTIONS

*Lorrie Nelson, RMHC STARFLEET Program Director*

Looking for a Charitable Organization to adopt that is a no brainer? One that takes very little effort, but the rewards are terrific for the families you help? Look no further! The RMHC Program has been running for a year now. It's a new program and I still need to get the word out about it.

The RMHC is a terrific organization. As a matter of fact, the first house was built in Philadelphia, PA, in 1974 thanks to the efforts of Fred Hill, a Philadelphia Eagles football player.

When his daughter, Kim, was diagnosed with leukemia, Hill and his wife camped out on hospital chairs and benches and had to get by on the food from vending machines. All around them they could see other families, many which had traveled great

distances, suffering the same fate as they. They could not afford the sometimes-prohibitive costs of staying in a hotel. Hill and his wife were convinced there had to be a better way.

Through a member of the Eagles organization, Hill was introduced to Dr. Audrey Evans, a pediatric oncologist at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia who had long dreamed of providing temporary housing for families like the Hills. Along with considerable help from local McDonald's franchisees and Hill's Eagle teammates, Hill and Dr. Evans soon gave birth to the very first Ronald McDonald House.

Today, you can find a house in just about every city. Each house gets part of its budget from McDonald Corporation. It varies from 15-20%. The

rest must be made up by donations. Most houses participate in the aluminum recycling program, known as "Pop Tabs collecting".

That is how the STARFLEET RMHC started. By asking clubs to collect aluminum tabs; recycling them; turning them into their local houses; sending me the tabs to recycle at my end; or sending me a check to be sent to the main headquarters.

Many people have expressed their unhappiness with the little amount of money you get from recycling just the tabs - so I changed the STARFLEET program so people could recycle the whole can.

Makes sense to me!

I could go on and on about this charity. I have seen it at work first hand. The best thing about this program is its simplicity! Drink a soda juice, beer. Save the can. If you are planning to go to Shore Leave this year, please look for the signs detailing where you can drop off the tabs and cans you use during the weekend.

For more info - please go to the RMHC STARFLEET web site at <http://members.xoom.com/lo1nelson> (there are no spaces in the address, but it looks like there is).

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# VOYAGER VIDEO MARATHON

*Fleet Captain Ricjard L. Trulson, Commanding USS Werner von Braun*

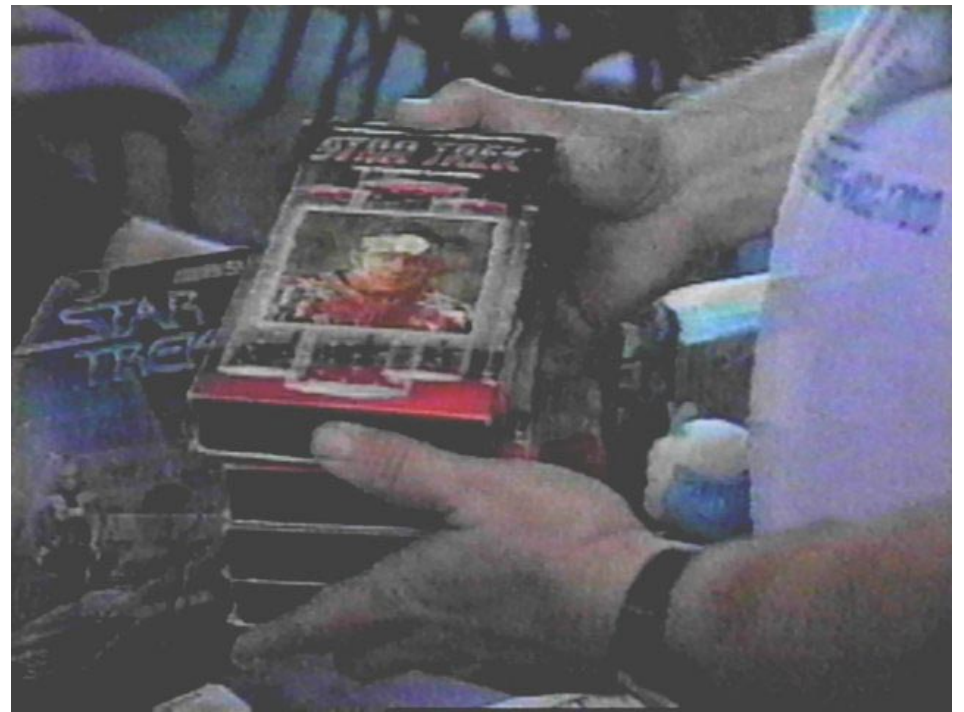
When Star Trek: Voyager first premiered, fans in north Alabama had to watch Voyager on WAAY, a local ABC affiliate, about a week after they aired on the UPN network. Unfortunately, beginning with the fourth season, WAAY stopped showing the episodes when the broadcast fees became too expensive. The USS Wernher von Braun would then occasionally import episodes from other chapters like the USS Hephaestus in Birmingham or the Dark Silence Station in Florence. We'd show one or two episodes after every meeting. However, it was troublesome to lug a TV and VCR to every meeting, and holding it repeatedly at someone's house would have been a burden to the host. As a result, even that began to dwindle in popularity. The von Braun finally decided to host a one-day Voyager episode marathon. Not only was this an opportunity to catch up on missed episodes, but we decided to use this as a recruiting and publicity opportunity. After several delays and problems, we finally nailed down a Saturday on November 13, 1999. As a result of the delays, we were better able to promote the event at a local fantasy and gaming convention as well as full-color flyers posted at all the comics shops. We also sent press releases to the local paper, television, and radio stations.

Beginning at 11 a.m., we began with the Voyager series premier, "Caretaker," to

refresh everyone's memory. We followed that with the "Scorpion" two-part episode that introduced Seven of Nine. Since most of the local members had seen bits of season four already, we focused on episodes from season five. We waited too late to borrow season six episodes from other chapters though.

We had at least five people there continuously, and about a dozen at our busiest. All total, we had about 25 people show up, most of which were people we had never seen before. Some of which have already joined the von Braun and become valuable, contributing members of the ship. I found out later that some of them had just moved here, so maybe the initial delay was for the best after all. The day wound down around 11:15 p.m. after over a dozen Voyager episodes were watched non-stop without commercial interruptions. People were enticed in with offers of free snacks and door prizes. We would have liked to have sold some things to help our coffers, but couldn't do so because the facility rules prohibited for-profit activities. Other places weren't an option either since they charged outrageous amounts per hour. Even then we had to restrict food usage to a downstairs break room. It would have been nice if we could snack and watch at the same time, but we made due with what we had.

Our resident sci-fi merchandise dealer, Laura Peterson, provided several door

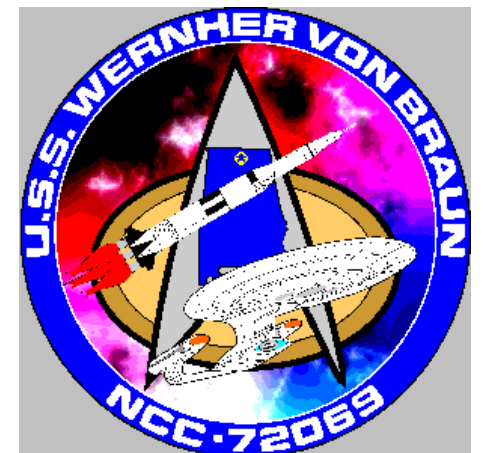
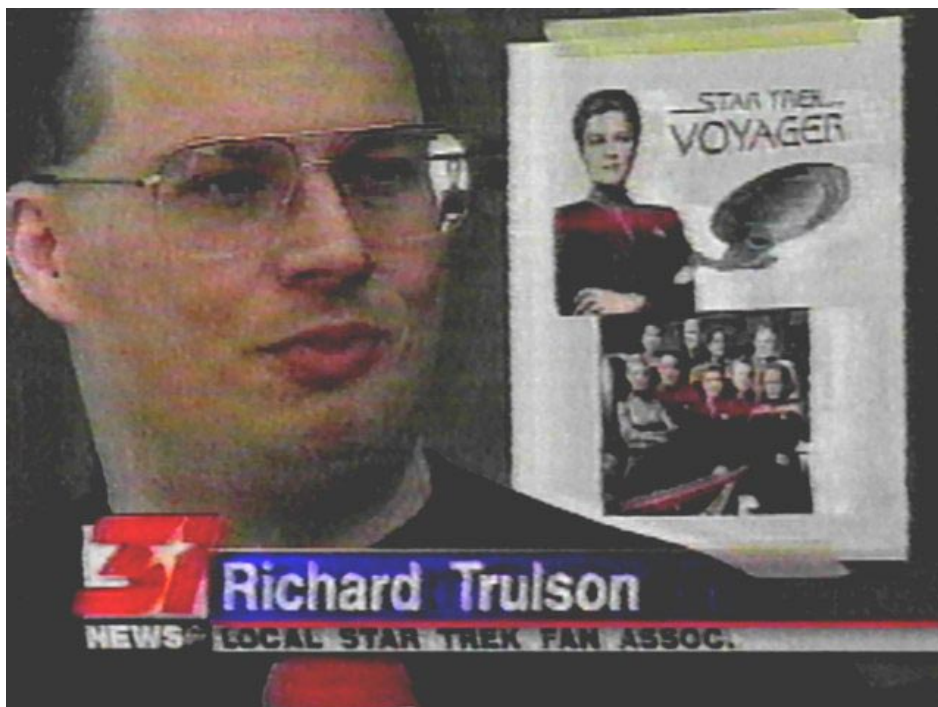


prizes that were given throughout the day. (If you need something, don't hesitate to contact her via e-mail at [sci-fi-col@mindspring.com](mailto:sci-fi-col@mindspring.com), by phone at 256-721-1843 or on the web at <http://sci-fi-col.home.mindspring.com/>.) Laura, Don Daniel, and I donated the snacks. Russ McNutt, our Executive Officer, provided episode tapes, as did Laura. I also brought my 22" TV, VCR, and Bose Acoustic Wave machine to provide a nice audio and video system.

The highlight of the evening for me personally though was the coverage from the news media. I was thrilled to learn that the WAFF NBC affiliate and the Huntsville Times paper announced our meeting in their Community Events Calendar section. The TV station even joked around during their early evening newscast that they weren't sure if they could watch that much Star Trek or not. Talk about some good, free publicity! Additionally, WAAY sent a reporter to cover our event. We had about 15 seconds of fame midway through the evening newscast. While our name and contact information weren't mentioned, STARFLEET's name got featured prominently, as did the merchandise we had on display. Several members were seen in the camera pan across the room, including a brief interview with me! Overall, it was a very enjoyable day. Even with the location restrictions, the outcome was well worth it. In addition to the others that have expressed interest, several of them have already joined STARFLEET! So as a

result, this was a very successful event that other chapters in areas without Voyager might consider doing. In a follow up to this, a UPN network, WHDF channel 15, has just now started broadcasting in north Alabama. Too bad Voyager only has one more season to go, and then we may not be able to see it due to the Viacom merger that recently occurred. We'll see how this plays out.

While I'm at it, I found the Recruiting Handbook that's put out by Ron Fell to have been invaluable in getting ideas and sample press releases. His contact information is at the front of the CQ if you'd like to order a copy. For more information about the USS Wernher von Braun, feel free to visit our web page (<http://www.OmniFacets.com/wvb/>).





# THE STRUGGLES OF A MATURE STAR TREK FAN

*Lieutenant (J.G.) Greg Martion, USS Rubicon*

I'm a mature adult...heavy on the mature part. I'm a husband, father, respected businessman and...I'm also a Trekker. (Notice the mature use of the term Trekker, not Trekkie.) This is most definitely an oxymoron. How can you be both? Unfortunately, I'm caught between worlds like Lazarus in the original series episode, *"The Alternate Factor"*. The eternal struggle between being a Trekker and a mature adult!

This 'tween life sure takes it's toll on a species. On the one hand, I can't wait to plant my backside on the couch to catch whatever episode of whichever series is on, even though I've probably seen it a couple hundred times. On the other hand if anyone from the real world calls, I'm busy watching the game or CNN!

Dare I say I belong to a local ST club? Dare I say I've gone to several ST conventions? Dare I say I've been seen in costume...in public!?!? Not so strange or unusual for a Trekker, but remember, I'm a "mature" adult.

Recently, Roger Nygard released a

wonderful documentary called *"Trekkies"* with Denise Crosby. It's a fond look at this entire fan based phenomenon. I rushed right out and bought a copy...well maybe not rushed. As I sat watching my high tech DVD I became embarrassed and confused. So much of what I was seeing was what I consider way over the top...obsessive...but they sure looked like they were having a good time.

Even more recently the hit movie *"Galaxy Quest"* poked fun at over the top fans and a brief but hard look at how the principle character thoroughly enjoyed his role until he let his fellow cast members unhappiness cloud his outlook.

Star Trek fans do not strictly own obsessive behavior. Been to a professional football game and sat next to a half purple, half orange bare-chested fan with the name of his team carved into his hair-do whilst spilling beer in your lap?

Could I as a mature adult be misconstrued as obsessive? Hmmm. I

have 3 or 4 Star Trek t-shirts in my drawer...and a toy communicator on my bookshelf. Who is to say where the line of demarcation lies? And further more...who cares?

Too many times we as mature adults are concerned with what someone else will think. There are two notable lines that sum this up for me. "Life is short, eat dessert first." And the title of a book, *"When I am an old woman, I shall wear purple."* Obviously I'm not a woman, but the point is, if it makes you happy...do it! Star Trek is about being yourself and accepting others as they are. Can you have fun as a Trekker and be a mature adult? Absolutely! Don't take life and yourself so seriously that you forget to enjoy it. Live long and prosper...and have fun!

## REGION 17 RC FUND

Several weeks ago Kiera Russell-Strong the Regional Coordinator for Region 17 was involved in a House fire. Kiera and her husband both got out, however Keira did sustain burns to her upper extremities and had to spend several days in the Hospital. The Region 17 Summit staff set up a fund to help her in her time of need. Rear Admiral Ron Fell while attending the Region 2 summit picked up the challenge and in cooperation with Commodore Pete Mohny took up a collection. The good folks of Region 2 dug into their pockets to the tune of \$325.00.

Donations were also received by the following persons/ships or chapters: Jerry Tien, USS Endurance, Marilyn Denmark, Marlene Miller, Biff Bassett, Houseveska, Audi Jack, Bill Sowers, Leilani and William Purvine. The fund closed on March 31st and as of this posting we have just under \$500.00 in the fund. I wish to thank all of those donating on behalf of Kiera and I am proud to know that there are caring and generous people out there.

Lcdr Leilani Purvine

## Third Annual Time Travel Symposium

January 10, 2000 at Thingummy Hall

Lectures to include:

**Opening Remarks** Doctor Stephen Hawking

**The true nature of the Universe** Professor Q of the Continuum

**Introduction to Temporal Mechanics** CPO Miles O'Brien, Space Station DS9

**Knots in the String Theory** Doctor Samuel Beckett

**The Impact of Temporally Asynchronous Ocompa on Long Range Strategic Planning** CAPT Kathryn Janeway, USS Voyager

**Bio-temporal Fields and low-level Chroniton Interactions** Doctor Vincent Van Gogh, USS Voyager

**Vaulting across Timelines — a Warrior's perspective** LT Worf Rozchenko

**Treasures of the Past** Carmen San Diego

**Tunnelling through Time** Doctor Tony Newman Doctor Doug Phillips

**Flux Distribution across the Time Vehicle's Structure** Doctor Emmett Brown

**Cross Temporal Dating Dating Practices (Panel Discussion)** *Finding a mate before you were born* CAPT James T. Kirk, USS Enterprise  
CMDR Jadzia Dax, Space Station DS9 Doctor Julian Bashir, Space Station DS9 LT Thomas Paris, USS Voyager

**Adapting Alien Temporal Technologies** Doctor John Ballard, Project Backstep Doctor Isaac Mentnor, Project Backstep

**Physiological Effects of Time Travel** Doctor Olga Vukavitch, Project Backstep

**Do we have the right to change the past?** Frank Parker, Project Backstep

All lectures begin concurrently at 0900 hours. Your registration fee allows you to attend as many of the lectures as you wish, as many times as you like. Please contact your local Thingummy representative for registration details.

Plan ahead: The Fourth Annual Symposium will be held on January 15, 1999.

REGION NINE PICTURES



USS Belgica's Chief Engineer Andy and newest Klingon crew member Kayleigh



U.S.S. Belgica on a local convention. From left to right : Wouter De Clercq, Bart Leys, Chief Medical Ariane De Wilde, Personnel Officer Ann Eykelberg



U.S.S. Belgica's away-mission to "Federation Science". From left to right : Els, Kristof, Frank, Wim, Wesley, Tatjana, Ines, Marc, Ariane, Mark, Wim, Wouter. (CO behind the camera)



U.S.S. Belgica present at Chief Engineer Andy's wedding. From left to right : Els, Kristof, Frank, Wim, Wesley, Tatjana, Ines, Marc, Ariane, Mark, Wim, Wouter. (CO behind the camera)



USS Belgica's Chief Engineer Andy Maelstaf and Chantal being presented with a marriage certificate. (XO Marc Serre growling in the background)



# REGION SEVEN CONFERENCE 2000

*Captain Gary M. Ensey, Jr., Conference Chairman*

The USS Triton is proud to be hosting this year Region Seven Conference in Hanover, Maryland. The conference will be held at the Ramada BWI Inn with the Key West Bar & Grill the weekend of August 11, 12 and 13th. Due to the timing of the conference the Trek Olympics that were scheduled for August 5 have been moved to August 13. We are planning to hold Trek Olympics after the conference ends on Sunday.

The conference registration fee is \$12 and it includes your program book as well as registration gift, full access to the conference all weekend long including the social hour in the Key West Bar before the banquet, the awards ceremony and dancing afterward.

The banquet cost is \$20 and currently includes:

3 Entries - Rotisserie Chicken, Classic Beef Lasagna and Baked Virginia Ham with their special Raisin Sauce  
4 Sides - Rice Pilaf, BBQ Baked Beans, Roasted Rosemary Potato's and Green Beans Almondine  
2 Desserts - Fresh Seasonal Fruit and Assorted Mini Pies  
Soda and Iced tea  
Fresh rolls with butter

The Social hour before the dinner which is open to all conference attendee's includes Italian Meatballs and International Cheeses and Gourmet Crackers as an appetizer.

The Ramada BWI Inn has provided an affordable room price of \$69 plus tax a night. Rooms with two double beds or one king-size bed are available. Other lodging is available nearby and we will provide details to attendees who request it. The Ramada BWI Inn is just minutes from the city of Baltimore and the Inner Harbor attractions. You can be in Historic Annapolis in about 25 minutes, and Washington, D.C. is about 30 minutes away.

Each room has free ShowTime, CNN, and ESPN, modem lines in room and in-room pay movies. The hotel has a seasonal pool, tennis court and complimentary shuttle to and from the Baltimore Washington International Airport.

A block of rooms have been reserved under the name of "Region 7 Conference". You can reserve your rooms by calling 410-712-4300 however the hotel cannot guarantee that there will be rooms after 7/21/00 so please make your reservations early.

We also plan to offer T-shirts at around the same price as last year for those that would like one. More information on how and where to register will be coming out shortly. We are also currently working on a web page that will contain all the information you will need. Mailing will also be going out to all CO's to share with your crews.

We are also requesting that anyone that would like to run a panel please contact us at 'R7Conference@aol.com'.



# REGION SEVENTEEN SUMMIT REPORT

*Bob Bulkeley, Region 17*

The first ever Region 17 Summit was held from March 17, 2000 to March 19, 2000 at the Ramada Inn North in Colorado Springs, CO. Of all the ships in this sector, six were represented; the Pioneer, Wind Spirit, Endurance, Omega Glory, Mir and Flight Team Arc Royal. The Klingon House Veska and the Vulcan Embassy, two other Front Range Star Trek Clubs, also sent people down. All told, there were 53 people attending; a remarkable turnout for a first time event.

Region 17 Summit kicked off Friday night with registrations and social time from early afternoon to early morning. Despite the nasty weather plaguing Colorado Springs that week, all the New Mexico attendees made good time and arrived without any problems. The Klingons arrived Friday evening with homemade blood wine, Mag'tovaq's (Kevin Severson of Flight Team Arc Royal) private recipe, which was enjoyed by all who were currently there.

Bright and early (10 am) Saturday morning the Summit officially kicked off with opening ceremonies hosted by Commander Joe Hinson, XO of the Wind Spirit. The Starfleet Marine 17<sup>th</sup> Brigade and Starfleet Special Operations formed the color guard. Acting Regional Coordinator Captain Bill Sowers gave the opening speech, introducing the captains of all attending ships and the Summit Staff members.

In his opening words, Captain Sowers outlined his plans for the region, including a Five Year Plan that would double the number of ships and registered members. He encouraged all ships to work towards better inter-ship communications and recruiting techniques. He also asked for prayers for Regional Coordinator Keira Russell-Strong, who was in a house fire two weeks prior to the Summit, and is still recovering from first and second degree burns. Leilani Purvine of the USS Endurance requested everyone sign a get well card she had made.

A series of panels and classes were held, with subjects ranging from Leadership Development taught by SGM Jack Kern of the USS Mir, to Costuming taught by CPO Erik Johnson and his wife PO1

Linda Johnson of the USS Wind Spirit.

The Summit hosted the first face to face Regional Staff Meeting, with participation from nearly every ship in the Region. USS Pioneer, and USS Omega Glory, two Denver area ships that have recently rejoined Starfleet, had their Executive Staffs in attendance.

The culmination of the night, and one of the driving forces behind our desire to hold the Summit, was the first ever Region 17 Awards Banquet. This year's notable recipients: Lt. Deb Kern was named the Region 17 Member of the year, Lt. Commander Gary Spector was named R17 Officer of the Year, Lt. Colonel Randy Lynch was named 17<sup>th</sup> Brigade SFMC Officer of the Year, and SGM "Phillip" Jack Kern was named 17<sup>th</sup> Brigade NCO of the Year. The Ship of the Year was the USS Mir out of Las Cruces, NM.

Sunday morning we started what we hope will become an annual tradition, the Time Capsule Ceremony. This year's time capsule contained items from six ships in the Region, and is scheduled to be opened at our Regional Summit in ten years. The capsule was entrusted into the Omega Glory and presented to their CO, Captain Audi Jack. The Omega Glory was selected to be the host of next years Region Summit.

It was an exciting and fun time, and great to actually meet people that we have only talked to on the phone or by email. The Region now has a sense of direction and purpose, and is ready to head into a bold new era.

Leilani Purvine has set up the Summit bank account to handle donations to the Keira Fire Fund. At present several hundred dollars have been raised for her relief. Her appearance at next year's Summit is looked forward to by all the ships.



# FLEET ANNOUNCEMENTS - MARCH / APRIL

*Compiled by Vice Admiral Allyson M.W. Dyar*

## APRIL 2000

- **2000.04.01:** Captain Rahadyan Saswardoyo, Region 7 Historian, (rtsindo@erols.com), has several announcements. He wants to hear from anyone celebrating anniversaries in April, May, or June, please send him the information to (historian@region7.com). Also, if you don't think he knows when your birthday is and you'd like yours announced, please send your name, rank, birthday (just month and day is fine), chapter assignment and region to him at: (historian@region7.com). Fleet Birthday List on Capt. Mike Wilkerson's site. It's (<http://www.cptmike.com/area52/birthdays.html>).
- **2000.04.01:** VAdm Marlene J. Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy, (academy@sfi.org), announces the temporary closure of the Starfleet Academy Radio School. With changing FCC regulations and plans for new courses, the School should be reopened within a few months. Please watch future Communiqués and/or the Starfleet List for further developments. If you are a "Radio" person... and would like to design a course, or courses for the new Radio School, please contact me via regular or e-mail with your ideas. STARFLEET Academy Web Site: (<http://www.sfi-sfa.com>).

## MARCH 2000

- **2000.03.29:** Commodore Ed Nowlin, Regional Coordinator, Region 4, (capt\_ed@shasta.com), announces that the 2000 STARFLEET Western Conference (AKA DinkyCon), sponsored by Regions 4, 5 and 17 and hosted in Jean, Nevada is in need of a logo. The only requirement is that the graphic is in \*.ai or \*.eps format as we are using Adobe for all materials. Entries will be accepted until May 1, 2000 and can be sent to him at (capt\_ed@shasta.com). This is open to all STARFLEET members, not just those in R4, R5 or R17. For more information on the Western Conference, link to: (<http://129.8.153.49/ic2002/>).
- **2000.03.29:** Adm Dennis Gray, Chief, Shuttle Operations (ShOC), (shoc@sfi.org), reports that Commodore Keira Russell-Strong, RC/17 was injured in a house fire a few weeks ago but is doing much better now.
- **2000.03.27:** Fleet Admiral Mike Smith, (cs@sfi.org), announces that the direct MSR page (<http://msr.sfi.org>) link is down. For the time being, use: (<http://www.sfi.org/ops/msr.html>), and file reports there.
- **2000.03.26:** Blair Learn, (Blair1@erols.com), having nothing better to do with his free time, decided to do some number-crunching on the SETI@Home results. They make fascinating reading!
- **2000.03.26:** MAJ Gary "Tiny" Hollifield, SFMC, (Trek4evr@aol.com), is looking for the Surgeon Generals of the Brigade Level.
- **2000.03.25:** LGN Les Rickard, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org), announces the commissioning of the USS CAROLINA NCC-74222.
- **2000.03.23:** VAdm Marlene J. Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy, (academy@sfi.org), announces the formation of the Starfleet Academy Cadet Reconstructing Team (SCART) to develop the new Cadet Academy.
- **2000.03.22:** Commodore Mark H. Anbinder, STARFLEET Computer Ops - Vice Chief (Admin), (mha@ussaccord.org), announces that due to a new job, the next couple of weeks may see some delays in my response time on CompOpsHELP inquiries and requests, such as member address changes, chapter affiliations, processing lookups, etc. Remember that the target turnaround time for inquiries and requests to the CompOpsHELP queue is ten days. The address is: (CompOpsHELP@sfi.org). Note also that the answers to many of the questions received (including the alarmingly frequent "I signed up a week ago and want to know why my membership hasn't been processed yet") are published on the CompOps web site: (<http://www.sfi.org/compops/shared/faq.stm>).
- **2000.03.22:** Commodore Ed Nowlin, Regional Coordinator, Region 4, (capt\_ed@shasta.com), announces DinkyCon aka the Western Regional Conference of Regions 4, 5, & 17 with thanks to Commodore Mark H. Anbinder now provides access to secure and unsecure websites for you to register for the 2000 Western Conference. For the unsecure site: (<http://www.lightlink.com/mha/wc/wc2kreg.html>) or for the secure site: (<https://www.lightlink.com/mha/wc/wc2kregs.html>). Western Conference web site: (<http://129.8.153.49/ic2002/>).
- **2000.03.21:** repost — 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.
- **2000.03.21:** LGN Les Rickard, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org), announces the resignation of DVC International FCapt Andrea Haag and the appointment of Commodore Michael Knight as DVC International who will take over effective the April reporting period. (i.e. April MSR's due by May 1st). He will contacting all international chapters in the next week or so via snail and email with his information. However, let me post his contact info here as well: Commodore Michael "JD" Knight, 830 Euclid Drive, Hanford, CA 93230-7632, (DVCInter@sfi.org) \*OR\* (scohq@shadowguard.com).
- **2000.03.21:** Major John Adcock, (kamarag@snowhill.com), announces the formation of a list to discussion SFI politics (sample topic might include constitution reform, admiralty board and executive council actions and the upcoming STARFLEET elections) open to SFI members in good standing. To Subscribe: (SFI-politics-subscribe@onelist.com) and (kamarag@snowhill.com), include your SCC number and expiration date.
- **2000.03.21:** Vice Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace, Senior Vice Chief of Communications, STARFLEET, Editor - STARFLEET Communiqué, (CQ-Editor@sfi.org), announces that it is a mere ten days before the deadline for #98 is upon us (31 March). He still needs contributions.
- **2000.03.20:** Fleet Admiral Mike Smith, (cs@sfi.org), announces that the SFI Treasurer Bob Maceluch will not be able to complete the process of arranging our books for the

- independent CPA review by March 31st and the new date for completion is the end of April. These delays will not, however, keep the first quarter 2000 Financial Statement from being published as was stated in my email of Saturday morning. Again, this statement will come sometime after close of bank business day on March 31st, 2000.
- **2000.03.20:** Vice Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace, Chairman - STARFLEET Advanced Starship Design Bureau, (chairman@asdb.net), announces that his two latest projects are now available at: (<http://www.asdb.net/starfleet/>): Ships of STARFLEET is a listing of every chapter and shuttle in STARFLEET as of March 2000 and Ships of the Fifth Fleet covers the chapters and shuttles of Region Five and is a personal gift to my Region.
- **2000.03.17:** Fleet Captain Dustin Williams, (FDCP@sfi.org), Director, Fleet Division Chief program, is still taking applications for the positions of FDC's of: Operations, Communications and Special Services. For more info on these programs please contact him at FDCP@sfi.org. He is also announcing that he will be taking applications for the Deputy Director of the FDC Program. As hard it is to fill my previous Dep Chief. Here is a brief requirement of the position. 1. Good Verbal and Written skills; 2. Knowledge of Databases (non specific just have to know a dBASE or two); 3. Good leadership skills; 4. E-mail access a must 5. Ability to allocate time for the position.
- **2000.03.16:** Vice Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace, (tigger1@nwlinc.com), announces the latest edition of Ships of STARFLEET is now available at: (<http://www.nwlinc.com/~tigger1/asdb/STARFLEET.pdf>). It is 1.2MB in size. He is still looking for someone to enter the chapters of Regions 1, 2, 7, and 12 so... Thanks to Kurt Roithinger for helping me rebuild many of the Regional logos in AI. A full color copy of this document will be raffled off at the R1 Summit.
- **2000.03.15:** Fleet Admiral Mike Smith, (cs@sfi.org), announces the removal of RC/R9 Capt Jurgen Pupye and the appointment of Jeroen Vantroyen as the RC/R9.
- **2000.03.15:** Vice Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace, Senior Vice Chief of Communications, STARFLEET, Editor - STARFLEET Communiqué, (CQ-Editor@sfi.org), announces that CQ #97 has been uploaded to the printers and that the deadline for CQ #98 is the end of March.
- **2000.03.14:** Vice Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace, Senior Vice Chief of Communications, STARFLEET, Editor - STARFLEET Communiqué, (CQ-Editor@sfi.org), announces that CQ #97 should be printed this week and in the mail by the last week of March/first week of April.
- **2000.03.14:** Vice Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace, Senior Vice Chief of Communications, STARFLEET, Editor - STARFLEET Communiqué, (CQ-Editor@sfi.org), announces that CQ 98's deadline will be Friday, March 31st. Submissions should be sent to (cq@sfi.org) and put (CQ98 Submission) some where in the title. He would especially like to see reports (and pictures!) of the Region Two Conference / Summit from folks who went.
- **2000.03.07:** Blair Learn, CompOps Web Guru, (Blair1@erols.com), has a few reminders. If you're sending for a roster, roster access, or really much of anything else that requires a postal response from him (or anyone else for that matter), please include a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope. Second, it's great that so many newly appointed COs and XO's want to get a copy of their chapter's roster. But if you don't send in a Change of Command, there's no way he (or anyone else) can know that you've taken over the job. And finally, a pet peeve: Just because you announced your change of command, new address, whatever on STARFLEET-L, don't assume anybody noticed. You still need to send in the paperwork. (Some of the people who need to know about such changes don't subscribe to this list!) CompOps web site: (<http://www.sfi.org/compops>).
- **2000.03.07:** Blair Learn, CompOps Web Guru, (Blair1@erols.com), announces the updated CompOps FAQ (frequently asked questions). CompOps web site: (<http://www.sfi.org/compops>).
- **2000.03.06:** Vice Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace, Senior Vice Chief of Communications, STARFLEET, Editor - STARFLEET Communiqué, (CQ-Editor@sfi.org), announces the completion of CQ #97. The Deadline for Issue #98 is MARCH 31st. So be sure to get those articles in! And he is especially interested in pictures and reports from Regional and Chapter events. We had precious little of that this issue.
- **2000.03.01:** VAdm Brad Pense, Commander, Third Fleet, (r3rc@flash.net), announces an extension of on-line registration for Region Three's Summit 2000 to 15 March for all on-line registrations: (<http://www.region3.com/sum2k.htm>).



# FLEET ACTIVITY REPORT

*Commodore Michael Urvand, CQ Summaries Coordinator*

Region One  
RADM Carolyn Donner, Commanding

## **USS Alaric Asheville, NC**

Conducted Activities to help support local childrens home

USS Heimdal  
Madison Heights, VA  
Planning activities for their 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary (16<sup>th</sup> as a chapter)

USS Hornet  
Charlotte, NC  
The ship as collected nearly \$1500 in coupons. The crew is preparing for a public television pledge drive.

USS Maat  
Virginia Beach, VA  
The crew discussed preparations for it's annual Casino Night. The crew helped to auction off the trek collection of a former Fleet member, with the ship earning \$114

## **U.S.S. Tycho Fremont, OH**

The crew had another video night with episodes of "Night Stalker". The Tycho is moving to Toledo as of March 4. The Tycho will be sending an away team to the Region 1 Summit.

USS West Virginia  
Cross Lanes, WV  
The crew had a Valentine's Day Party on the 19<sup>th</sup>. At the last meeting, the crew was able to watch some episodes of Voyager, which hasn't been on locally in awhile.

Region Two  
COMM Pete Mohney, Commanding

USS Draco  
Cullman, AL  
Looking forward to Summit next month.

USS Haise  
Jackson, MI  
Planning an away team to the Region 2 Summit. Planning to answer phones for PBS pledge drive. Currently producing tribbles.

USS Hephaestus  
Birmingham, AL  
Crew is preparing materials for the Region 2 Summit.

USS Khai Tam  
Tallahassee, FL  
Crew participated in activities at the Odyssey Science Center. An away team went to a local Medieval Faire. A bicycle trail cleanup was planned.

USS Paegan  
Orlando, FL  
The Paegan hosted a visit from former members, currently living in NJ. Next months meeting will be held at the Star Trek convention near Orlando, Florida.

USS Rogue Phoenix  
Savannah GA

Had a club cookout at a local community house. Entertained kids at an elementary school "Reading Under the Stars" program. Had SEALS night at the movies.

USS Triumph  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
Will be helping with the Federation Science exhibit at the South Florida Science Museum. Ship will have an away team at the Region 2 Summit.

Region Three  
VADM Brad Pense, Commanding

## **USS Aurora Vulcanus Houston, TX**

AG #1 2000 is almost ready. Zine production is almost there, CO just has to polish up her submissions and off to the editor. Mailed \$286.42 in coupons to our naval base in Japan. Our fleet roster should be updated, by the time this goes out.

USS Rhyanna  
Austin, TX  
Work is ongoing with a local literacy program. Ship is working with a local Ministry to help bring food to the poor.

Region Four  
COMM Ed Nowlin, Commanding

USS Stormbringer  
Tucson, AZ  
Attended local chapter's meeting. Several important topics were discussed as group wants to focus and possibly join Starfleet under EFCP Program. Contacted by local individuals wanting information on any established Klingon clubs in the area. Their intention is unknown at this time, but I suspect they may want to launch a KAG shuttle. Newsletter being readied for a March 10th publication date.

Region Five  
RADM Kurt Roithinger, Commanding

USS Bright Star  
Redmond, WA  
Assisted STARFLEET ASDB with the production of: Ships of the Star Fleet - Volumes 4 and 5, Ships of Region Five, Ships of STARFLEET, and Starfleet Prototype.

USS Jaguar  
Redmond, WA  
Commissioned on February 21st, 2000. Will be holding a Commissioning Party at the home of the R5 RC on March 13th. Assisted STARFLEET ASDB with the production of: Ships of the Star Fleet - Volumes 4 and 5, Ships of Region Five, Ships of STARFLEET, and Starfleet Prototype.

USS Pendragon  
Bellevue, WA  
Ship had a Valentine's party as well as several meetings.

Region Six  
ADM David Kloempken, Commanding

USS Czar'ak

Richfield, MN  
Hosted annual Region 6 bowling tournament. Crew attended a showing of "Fantasia 2000". Plans for a room party at Marscon are underway.

USS Fox River  
Appleton, WI  
An Away team is planned to a new Medieval themed restaurant. Plans are underway to attend Marscon in Minneapolis.

USS Imperium  
Fargo, ND  
Plans are underway for an away team to Winnipeg for laser tag. Initial planning for the fall Region 6 conference are going on in spite of the loss of the con-chairs for the host convention.

U.S.S. Thunderchild  
Rapid City, SD  
The crew had their first meeting in their new designated winter meeting place. A new bank account is being established following the election for new CO. Money was collected for new ship t-shirts.

Region Seven,  
RADM Jesse Smith, Commanding

USS Albany  
Gulderland, NY  
Several bowling events were held as well as a tour to the Vermont Teddy Bear Factory.

USS Accord  
Ithaca, NY  
It was decided to make Accord Fiction a ships' department. The ships' skating event was well attended with a repeat in the summer possible. A new newsletter layout was introduced.

USS Arthur C. Clarke  
Cinnaminson, NJ  
Six members carpooled to the Intergalactic Food Festival hosted by the USS CHALLENGER in Seaside Heights, NJ. The CO has announced her intentions to step down from the center seat.

USS Northstar  
New York City, NY  
The Northstar attended the opening of the Rose Center for Earth Studies-New Hayden Planetarium.

USS Thagard  
Philadelphia, PA  
Plans continued for the ship's tenth anniversary as well as for some exciting upcoming events.

USS Triton  
Glen Burnie, MD  
Plans were made for the upcoming Anniversary/ Change of Command, as well as for other upcoming events.

Region Nine  
**FCAPT Jeroen Vantroyen, Commanding**

Region Ten  
COMM Paul Reid, Commanding

Region Eleven,

ADM Jennifer Yates, Commanding

Region Twelve  
BGEN Wade Hoover, Commanding

USS Bradbury  
St. Charles, MO  
An away team is being planned for Chicago. Work on ship's charities continues.

USS Discovery  
St. Louis, MO  
Continued our schedule of activities, with gaming, Voyager nights and movies. Made Sandwiches for New Life Evangelistic Center which serve the homeless and needy in the area. Celebrated Birthdays. CO elections were held with Incumbent CO Fleet Captain Schopp retaining the position. Plans begun for Fantasy Island Variety Show to be hosted by the Discovery at the R12 Summit.

USS Hexum  
Belleville, IL  
The crew is experiencing success with their cookbook project. Had a very good turnout for the sandwich making event for the homeless, with memebbers of the Hexum, Discovery, and Umiak participating.

**USS Marko Ramius**  
Fayetteville, AR  
Set date for St. Patrick's Day/Ramius 8th Anniversary Party.

USS Matrix  
Fayetteville, AR  
The [SETI@home](mailto:SETI@home) support has logged over 9 years of CPU time. Gabriel Class design paper submitted to Dockyard Review Ship's Operations Handbook under review.

USS Morning Star  
Lawton, OK  
A Movie night, Valentines Day dinner, and meeting made up the general crew >activities. CO attended the Oklahoma Sector Council meeting. Donated candy to local children's shelter for Valentines Day as well as food to a local food bank. Donated \$400 in comics to the R12 Summit. Sent \$1375 to OCP.

Region Thirteen  
COMM Richard Smith, Commanding

Region Fifteen  
RADM Joe Ruttar, Commanding

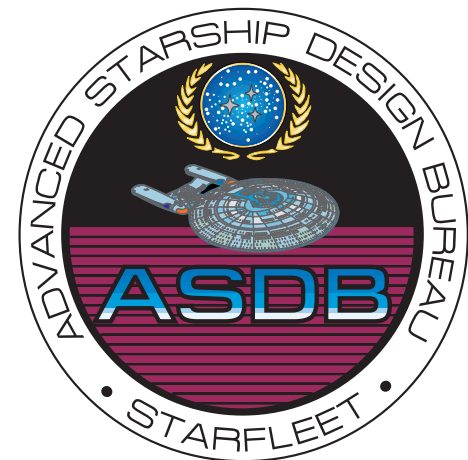
Region Seventeen  
COMM Keira Russell-Strong, Commanding

USS Mir:  
Las Cruces, NM  
Activities included going to the local Space museum and an away team to go see "Mystery Men"

# ASDB ANNOUNCES LATEST PROJECTS

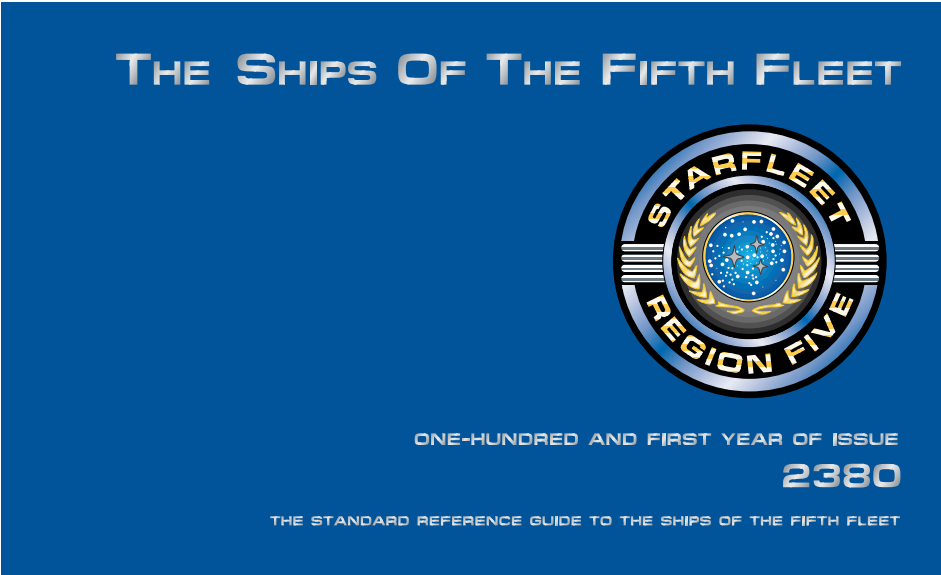
*Vice Admiral Chris Wallace, Chairman of the ASDB*

The STARFLEET Advanced Starship Design Bureau is pleased to announce the release of a number of publications that can be downloaded from our web site at [www.asdb.net](http://www.asdb.net) under the Publications Section. Please note that some of these are still in production.



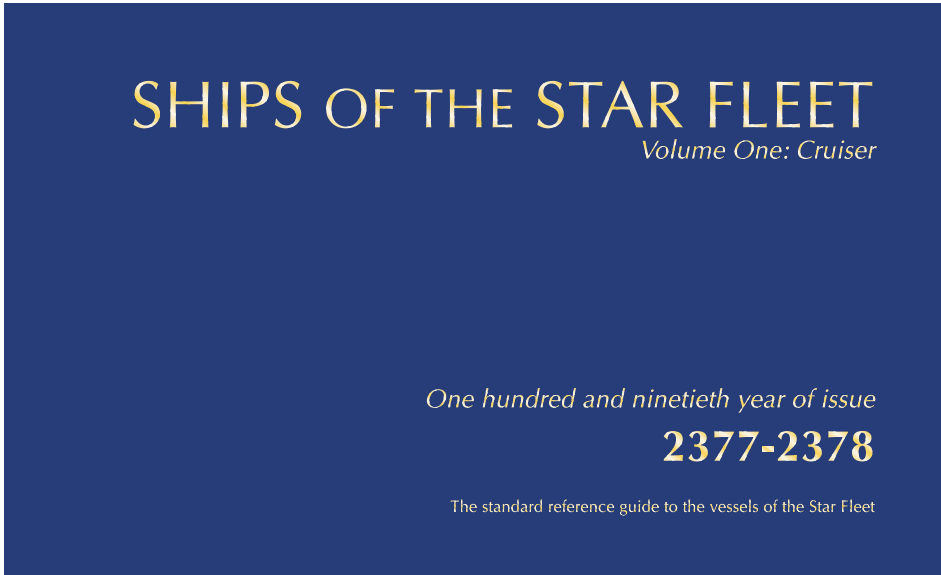
## SHIPS OF THE STARFLEET: 2000 - 2001

After completing [Ships of the Fifth Fleet](#) and [Ships of the Star Fleet: Volume Four](#), I decided to do a complete listing (as of 3/3/2000) of the Chapters and Shuttles of STARFLEET.



## SHIPS OF THE FIFTH FLEET: 2380

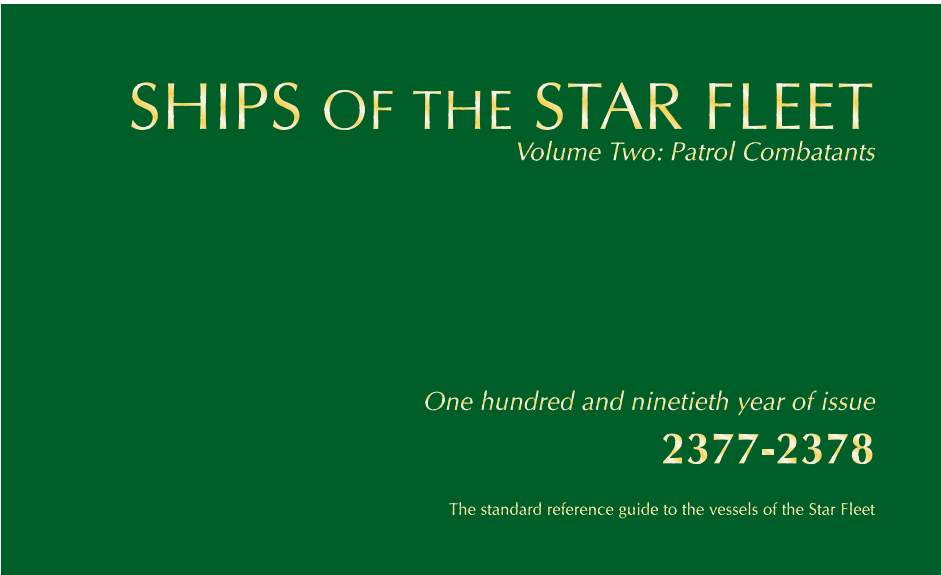
A complete listing of the vessels and installations of STARFLEET Region Five circa 2380. Includes profiles, statistics, vessel/installation logos, and other information.



## SHIPS OF THE STAR FLEET: VOLUME ONE

Based on Mastercom Data Center's original masterpiece, [Ships of the Star Fleet](#) has been updated to reflect the vessels serving in Star Fleet shortly after the conclusion of the Dominion War.

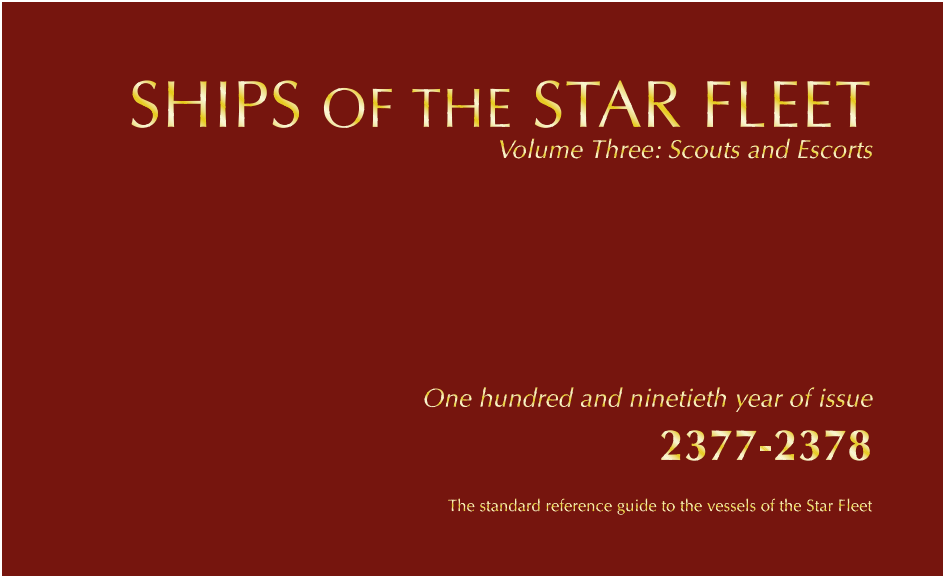
This volume covers vessels of the cruiser class, including the *Galaxy* and *Sovereign* classes.



## SHIPS OF THE STAR FLEET: VOLUME TWO

Volume Two covers Patrol Combatants, including Dreadnoughts, Frigates, and Destroyers.





SHIPS OF THE STAR FLEET: VOLUME THREE

Volume Three deals with scoutships and escorts, including the *Defiant* class.



SHIPS OF THE STAR FLEET: VOLUME FOUR

Volume Four gives an overview of the structure of Star Fleet Command and the Federation Fleets.



SHIPS OF THE STAR FLEET: VOLUME FIVE

Currently still in production, Volume Five will cover the space and shore-based installations of Star Fleet, including Starbases, Orbital Dockyards, and others.



SHIPS OF THE STAR FLEET: VOLUME SIX

Also due to be completed at a future date, this volume will showcase the Ground Forces of the Star Fleet, including the Star Fleet Marines Corps.



STARFLEET PROTOTYPE: 2380

Prototype showcases new designs either entering Fleet service or being considered.



KLINGON MILITARY POWER: 2370-2375

When completed, Klingon Military Power will be the definitive guide to the warriors and equipment of the Klingon Defense Forces.



# REGION TWO SUMMIT PICTURES





# REGION SEVENTEEN SUMMIT PICTURES





# A RETROSPECTIVE ON FANTASIA 2000 IN SEATTLE

Vice Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace

When Walt Disney first conceived of the film that would become "Fantasia", it was his hope that new segments would be added with each new showing of the film, replacing individual segments until the entire film was new. Released in 1940, the public at the time did not greet the film with enthusiasm. Though the film was re-released theatrically over the next fifty years, it was always in the form as originally animated.

With the coming dawn of a new century and millennium, Roy Disney decided to bring his brother's dream to fruition and commissioned Fantasia 2000. In homage to Walt's original plan, one of the original pieces, the Sorcerer's Apprentice, was kept, with seven new pieces added. Disney animators used a mixture of "traditional" hand-drawn and computer-generated animation for the various segments.

To both Walt and myself, Fantasia has always been about the music and the imagery that music brings to mind. The technical aspects of the animation itself has never been that important to me - it has been the story that the animation tells that was. As great a job the original production crew did in 1940 with Fantasia, the Fantasia 2000 team nailed it right on the head in each segment. From the opening Symphony No. 5 to the ending Firebird Suite, each segment is a delightful visual story that feels "right" to the accompanying music.

One area where Fantasia 2000 does fall flat compared to the original is the introductory segments. The choice of some of the guests themselves was dicey. While James Earl Jones can make anything classy, and Steve Martin was also a credible choice, having Penn and Teller was a mistake. Now, I happen to like the two, but Teller's shrill voice just seemed out of place in this film. And with our theatre timing the vocals about a second behind the movement of the actor's voices for the first half of the film (though the music and effects were perfectly-timed - go figure) did not help much, either.

I am not sure IMAX was the right format for this film. While I have never been to this particular IMAX theatre, the screen was downright small. It was also square and flat, as opposed to the concave screen that wraps around to the sides and up above you. This was, essentially, a very large 4:3 movie screen - kind of like a 200" television. During the live action sequences in the "concert hall", the people looked like those on anamorphic DVDs when played back unsqueezed on a non-16:9 television - tall and thin. Now I do not know if this format of screen was a requirement for showing Fantasia 2000, which will be released in traditional theatres once the four month IMAX exclusive is done, but as an IMAX presentation, this is not the way to show off the system. Considering the design of the theatre, however, this looks like it would have to be the standard screen for it.

The sound system, on the other hand, was impressive. I do not know what digital sound format IMAX uses (Fantasia 2000 supports all three), but I would probably guess Sony Digital Dynamic Sound (SDDS) since it can handle 8 separate sound channels and IMAX is supposed to be totally immersive sonically. Whatever format they were using, it was good and they had it cranked to the 105dB THX reference level. Rear-channel separation was perfect and dialogue and music were clean, clear, and crisp.

Please note that the descriptions for each sequence is taken primarily from the Fantasia 2000 website at [www.fantasia2000.com](http://www.fantasia2000.com) and is not just my own personal interpretations of each segment, though I do write about what I felt.



## Symphony No. 5 (Ludwig von Beethoven)

Set to the familiar strains of Beethoven's classic symphony, director Pixote Hunt's uses abstract imagery and a beautiful pastel palette to tell this tale of good vs. evil.

The story follows a great controversy between two groups of objects, differing in shape and color, and the buildup to a climactic confrontation. Using an innovative approach that texture-maps pastel colors onto traditional hand-drawn animation as well as some dazzling computer-generated effects, this fantasy takes flight. Hunt, director of "The Pagemaster", conceived this segment and saw it through from storyboard to completion.



## The Pines of Rome (Ottorino Respighi)

A pod of humpback whales swims through a cold arctic sea. Suddenly, a star in the sky flashes bright as it goes supernova. Somehow, two whales know that this supernova will destroy their home, and they rise into the sky, sailing through the air

like they did in the sea. Their child joins them and soon upsets a group of seagulls, which proceed to chase it. During its escape from the angered birds, the child is lost inside a large iceberg. Unable to get to him through the wall of ice, the parents circle the giant berg. However, the child sees a shaft of light, with snow flakes and ice crystals that get caught in it floating upwards through a hole. The child enters, and is slowly lifted up and out of the berg, where it rejoins its parents.

The whale family contacts the rest of the pod, who all rise up out of the sea as the supernova glows ever brighter. They climb into the clouds and head for a massive storm cylinder (which looks very similar to the one in Laputa, to be honest). Passing through a great electrical storm, the whales emerge from below into a new sea, safe from the supernova.

This film was a solid mix of traditional and computer animation. Usually, this is pretty glaring and I thought it would be even worse in the IMAX format due to its size. However, while the CGI sequences are obvious (they always are), the Disney team under the direction of Sequence Director Hendel Butoy did a good job of blending the two as much as possible. Butoy specifically came up with the idea of using whales and flight when he first heard the piece and developed a story around that.



## Rhapsody In Blue (George Gershwin)

This was my favorite piece for two reasons. One, it is a great song. Two, the visuals were 100% dead-on to the "spirit" of the song. Set in Manhattan during the Jazz Age, this whimsical tale follows several diverse characters as they weave in and out



of each other's lives during the course of their daily routines. Directed by Eric Goldberg, his character designs paid homage to the style of legendary caricaturist Al Hirschfeld.



**Piano Concerto No. 2, Allegro, Opus 102 - The Steadfast Tin Soldier (Dmitri Shostakovich)**

A story considered for production in the 1940's, Hans Christian Anderson's fairytale of the Steadfast Tin Soldier was dropped because

they were unable to find a suitable musical piece to accompany it. However, Roy Disney remembered that his daughter enjoyed Shostakovich's Piano Concerto 2 as a child and suggested it to sequence director Hendel Butoy. Butoy says that he immediately knew that the music would go well with a plot he had developed for the segment.

At the stroke of midnight, the toys in a little boy's room come alive. The box of tin soldiers go about on patrol, though one of them is missing the lower part of one of his legs and his attempts to keep up are provide some comedy. He meets a beautiful ballerina and, unable to see her rear leg as she was frozen in a pirouette, assumes she is also one-legged. He picks a rose to hand it to her, and is depressed when her other leg "appears" as she settles down to admire it.

Suddenly, the sinister Jack-in-the-Box appears and tries to steal the Ballerina for his own. The one-legged soldier attempts to defend her, but the jack-in-the-box succeeds in knocking him out an open window and into the storm. Falling into a model boat that also went out the window, the tin soldier disappears into the sewers, avoiding a band of hungry rats only to be gobbled up by a fish. The fish is netted and sold to the family of the little boy, where he falls out on the floor and the little boy returns him to his box.

Midnight strikes again, and the jack-in-the-box again attempts to win the heart of the ballerina. Again the steadfast tin soldier engages the jack-in-the-box to protect the ballerina, and this time he succeeds in throwing the jack-in-the-box into the stove, where he is consumed in the flames. The ballerina gives the tin soldier him a reward for saving her.



**Carnival of the Animals (Camille Saint-Saëns)**

Titled "What Would Happen If You Gave a Yo-Yo to a Flock of Flamingos", this under two-minute piece was conceived by Joe Grant, who served as the head of story for the original Fantasia. It is brought to

the screen by director Eric Goldberg (a dead-ringer for David Ogden Stiers) and, judging from the laughter, was a crowd favorite. Wacky and witty, it was a delightful interlude.

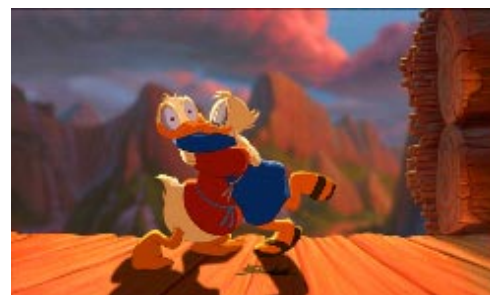


**The Sorcerer's Apprentice (Paul Dukas)**

Probably "the" signature piece of the original Fantasia, and the idea that gave birth to the feature, it is fitting that this piece about the young apprentice of the wizard Yensid who gets in over his head when he casts a

spell on a broom to fetch the water for him be included as the piece from the original film.

I do not know if Disney did any restoration attempt on this film (if it was even possible) or if they left it in it's original condition on purpose. Either way, it provided an interesting look at how Disney animation has evolved over the past six decades. Of all the pieces, this one did not take to IMAX at all. Blown up so large, the film grain was obvious, though the colors still were true and vibrant (though nothing like the other seven pieces, of course). Nonetheless, it is the heart of the original film and deserved to be included.

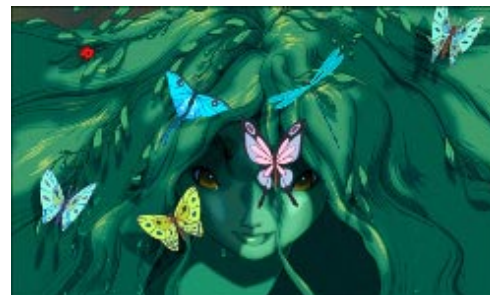


**Pomp and Circumstance - Marches 1, 2, 3, and 4 (Sir Edward Elgar)**

Produced to give Donald Duck equal billing to Mickey Mouse, it is fitting this piece followed "The Sorcerer's Apprentice". Donald takes on the role of Noah's assistant and helps

direct the loading of the Ark as the great flood approaches (note the unicorn, dragon, and harpy laughing on a hill as the others go into the ark - now you know why there are none left). During the general chaos, Donald and Daisy are separated, with both thinking the other did not make it aboard the Ark to survive the catastrophe. After forty days and nights, however, the Ark arrives on dry land and Donald and Daisy are reunited.

Francis Glebas directs this segment of the film, which features rich classic-style animation. The special musical arrangement by Peter Schickele utilizes parts from four of Elgar's popular marches to create this exciting rendition.



**Firebird Suite - 1919 Version (Igor Stravinski)**

In my regards, this film has been unfairly compared to Hayao Miyazaki's "The Princess Mononoke". This is probably due to the fact that both stories take place

in a forest and have a great elk representing it's "spirit". Frankly, I think this is a disservice to each film, as each explores a very different theme, but this is a review of Fantasia 2000, and not an editorial. \*niko niko\*

The Elk, as the monarch of the forest, breathes life to a sprite, who awakens the trees and plants of the forest from the slumber of winter. As the sprite climbs the great volcano that towers over it, she dives into the crater and approaches a rock figure hunched over in the center. She touches it, and awakens the Firebird. The Firebird rises up and the volcano erupts, spreading lava and destruction across the entire forest. The sprite tries to escape, but the Firebird catches her.

Come the dawn, the land is laid waste. The gnarled skeletons of tress rise above the ash-blasted landscape. The Elk appears, and again brings life to the sprite. However, looking upon the desolation that was once the forest, she begins to weep. Where her tears fall in the ash, plants begin to sprout. She again begins her journey, as whole swaths of green appear behind her. She circles around the blasted cone of the volcano (those in the Pacific Northwest will recognize it as Mount Saint Helens) and completes the cycle of rebirth to the ending crescendo.



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*Rahadyan Timoteo Sastrowardoyo*

- 5/23 - Commodore Teri Smith, Chief of Computer Operations, Starfleet, and Vice Admiral Jesse Smith, Region 7 Coordinator (8 years)  
6/01 - Fleet Captain Donna Friesen, Chief of Staff to the Vice Commander, Starfleet, and Commodore Daniel Friesen (9 years)  
6/07 - Col. Dennis Rayburn, FDC Chaplains/Counselors, Starfleet and Brigadier Jill Rayburn, CO, Station Nikola Tesla, Region 1 (3 years)  
6/24 - Admiral David Ryan and Captain Leslie Ryan, USS Boston, Region 15 (10 years)  
6/30 - Captain Pat Stewart and Jerry Stewart, USS Wind Spirit, Region 17 (27 years)

# STAR WARS: THE MAGIC OF MYTH

Rear Admiral Linda Kloempken, Commanding USS Czar'Ak

Han Solo. Princess Leia. Luke Skywalker. Darth Vader. These and many others are on display at the Minneapolis Institute of Art in a traveling show called *Star Wars: The Magic of Myth*.

The exhibit is a wonderful collection of costumes, models, and props from the Star Wars trilogy. Most of the items are on display courtesy of Lucasfilms, Ltd. Each movie is featured in a separate room of the exhibit. Items are displayed in plexiglass cases. There are a number of paintings as well as concept sketches, storyboards, and photographs from the movies. Along the way are signs explaining how the movies use the hero myth as a basis for telling their story. Last in the exhibit are three or four items from the most recent movie, *Episode I: The Phantom Menace*.

A CD with narration (by James Earl Jones) on exhibit entries is available for rental. The narration talks about the inspiration for the pieces on display and gives some background on how they were created. There's something about hearing James Earl Jones talk about Darth Vader while you're looking at the costume that's kind of ... hard to explain.

There is also a half hour video presentation including film clips from the movies and interviews with cast, crew, and George Lucas himself. This behind-the-scenes glimpse rounds out the exhibit experience.

And, of course, there is a special Star Wars gift shop in the lobby where you can purchase such items as refrigerator magnets, books, videos, models, puzzles, posters, and Death Star mouse pads (just to name a few).

For the Star Wars fan this was an incredible opportunity to look first-hand behind the scenes. Definitely take the time to view this collection ... and don't forget the Jones narration!

[*Star Wars: The Magic of Myth* is at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts through June. Sorry ... I don't know for sure where it's going from here.]





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# UPCOMING CONVENTIONS

*Compiled by Corporal Captain Blair Lean*

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

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

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**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

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**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 McDevitt

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**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

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**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

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**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/>

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**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

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**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, Samanda 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

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**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

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**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/>

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# FDC SCIENCES REPORT

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

Greetings once again from the Starfleet Science Lab. As will probably be usual I have a lot to report and lots of new people to introduce to you all as part of my staff.

First up, a few personal notes:

- I have upgraded from personal shuttle to runabout (purchased a 2000 Toyota 4Runner which I am looking forward to driving to R1 Summit in Gatlinburg the end of April).

- A am planning on changing ISP to RoadRunner, so by the time you read this, my email address will likely have changed (I will make sure everyone knows what it is)

And now, on to FDC Office News...

I have restructured the way FDC Science is organized, and would like to introduce my 'staff' of Vice Fleet Division Chiefs of Science:

Richard Heim (R1 RDC Science)  
Neil Yawn (R2 RDC Science)  
Bill Downs (R3 RDC Science)  
Claire Dunlap (CSO Aurora Vulcanis, R3)  
Charles Flowers (R4 RDC Science)  
Kelly Mangum (CSO Kensington, R5)  
Richard Driver (CSO Highlander, R7)  
Jürgen Van Waeyenberge (CSO Belgica, R9)  
Nan Dooley (R10 RDC Science)  
Clayton Hobbs (Relay Station 1005, R10)  
Forbes Kerry (R11 RDC Science)  
Steve Gibson (CSO Cydonia, R12)  
William Higgins (Sci-Asst, Banting, R13)  
Joost Ueffing (Ambassador to R14)  
Tony Bonti (R15 RDC Science)  
Eric Willette (CSO Ares, R15)  
Pat Stewart (CO WindSpirit, R17)

Their job will be to assist me on a Fleet level in organizing and maintaining a list of chapter science contacts. If you are interested in science (whether you are a science officer or not) please contact one of these folks in your region about becoming involved - they have moderator privilege to add and invite people to the science list so they can get

you onto the science list: Starfleet-Science@onelist.com of you like!

## ONGOING AND UPCOMING PROJECTS:

- Starfleet Science Fair working with FDC Cadets Dallas Vinson on this as an online project for the Cadets in Starfleet)
- Weekly Science Trivia Question on Starfleet Science List
- The Alien Species Database is now available as a Word97 document. I will update it weekly following new Voyager episodes.

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And now for the VFDC's news... I'm lazy, let them talk for a while (not all the VFDCs have reported since a few are determining what they would like to say, but we'll let you know as they organize their reports)...

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Greetings from Region One Sciences! Beginning with the March 2000 issue, the Region One Sciences newsletter will go "on-line". The newsletter will be in the form of a web page which people can read on-line or which they can print if they want hard copy. For subscribers, CSO's, and science enthusiasts who are not on-line, we will continue to print hard copy for distribution via the US Postal Service. Hard copy subscriptions will remain 4 large (legal-size) SASE's per year. To subscribe, send your SASE's to:

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The department's web page continues to grow. It can be found at:  
<http://alaricrh.home.sprynet.com/science/R1Science.htm>

The Region One Sciences Division Awards program will premiere at this year's Summit with the announcement of the winners of the Steven R. Hawking Award for Original Article, the Albert Einstein Award for Regular Article Submission, and the Galileo Award for Chief Science Officer of the Year. A lot of fascinating science information is being transmitted over the Starfleet Sciences listserver. If you haven't subscribed yet, please do—you don't know the fun stuff you're missing!

Other news from the Region:

Jamie Rolle, CSO Bennu Station

Inspired by the Cassini and Galileo postings, I offer this one concerning the International Space Station. I thought that some might want to keep track of the human efforts in space exploration. I'll be posting these as I receive them.

2 p.m. CST, Thursday, March 16, 2000  
Mission Control Center, Houston, Texas

Flight controllers for the International Space Station this week turned their attention to tests to verify the readiness of the complex to support docking by Space Shuttle Atlantis next month and the arrival of the next

pressurized module - Zvezda - in July. Zvezda remains scheduled for launch between July 8-14 atop a Proton launch vehicle. An actual launch date within that window will be selected about a month prior to launch. Processing of Atlantis has been completed and the orbiter should be in the Vehicle Assembly Building tonight for mating to its solid rocket booster/external tank stack. Plans are for the Shuttle to be moved to its seaside launch pad next week leading toward April's launch to the ISS. The International Space Station is in an orbit of 232 by 223 statute miles. Since the launch of Zarya in November 1998, the ISS has completed more than 7,555 orbits. Space Station viewing opportunities worldwide are available on the Internet at: <http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/realdata/sightings/>

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## Region 2 Science Day 2000

All Starfleet personnel are welcome to join in and celebrate the sciences of our area. On the 6th of May 2000, Region 2 will hold its Region 2 Science Day 2000. The plan is for each ship or station in the region to go on its on and or with other ships in your zone, and have an outing at a science or educational area [i.e. e... zoo, planetarium, Space Center, nature site, etc...] The Chief of Sciences will submit a report of one paragraph for submission to the CQ as a region event. If you have questions please e-mail me at CMOSNUFFY@aol.com

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Bill has recently been appointed RDC Science for Region 3 and as such is settling into the job. We'll hear more from Bill as he gathers information from his Regional Science Officers. Bill also reports in the Atlanta Science Fiction Society newsletter "Future Times" and offers this web site as a suggested place to visit:

<http://www.space.com>

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Claire was assisting me as an interim contact prior to Bill's appointment and has agreed to stay on and help Bill and I and all the other VFDCs keep sciences running smoothly.

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March 16, 2000 - Greetings on a soggy afternoon here in Nampa, Idaho! My first contribution and many more to come are taken from the book "Everyday Science Explained", published by the National Geographic Society. On page 80, is the section entitled called "Gravity's Rainbow Shapes" and it says thus: "Until the 17th century, most folks figured as Aristotle had that heavy things fall faster than light ones. It's common sense: A rock beats a feather every time. We now know that the reason for this difference in arrival times is air resistance, not gravity. Both the rock and the feather fall at exactly the same rate in a vacuum. But even Newton seemed to give the edge to the heavy. Didn't he insist that larger masses generated larger gravitational forces between them?" That's true. But it's also true that objects with more mass have commensurately greater inertia, and therefore it takes more moxie to get them moving. You can see this the next time you drop the turkey and the gravy boat at once: They hit the dining room rug with a simultaneous splat. Although gravity pulls much harder than the turkey, it also has to overcome the bird's greater resistance to being moved; and while it tugs less strongly on the small gravy boat, it takes far less force to affect its modest inertia. The two effects perfectly offset each other; both objects accelerate equally and thus hit the floor at the same time. Galileo Galilei (1564-1642) conducted similar experiments with falling bodies before Newton—though



not with turkeys. Gravity can be resisted in a number of ways. One of the most elegant is the suspension bridge, in which steel cables anchored to towers and to both shores support the weight of the structure. Gravity's downward pull added to the horizontal tension cables in a grand, smooth curve.

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Richard continues to compile a list of Region 7 Science Officers.

From USS Malverne, NCC2205  
USS Malverne has produced a science department technical manual and would like to make trades with other ships in the fleet. Copies will be mailed as long as a snail mail address is provided, exchanging my ships' copy for theirs. If they don't have one of their own, they will be responsible for shipping charges. Contact [ussmalverne@aol.com](mailto:ussmalverne@aol.com)

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Have a couple items to report:

1) More on global warming? It's a little early, but according to the Anchorage Daily news a grizzly bear has been spotted roaming a hillside subdivision of Anchorage. Most bears are still in their dens.

2) To drill or not to drill. The debate is heating up in Congress whether or not to drill for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. There is the argument that the arctic system is too precious to disturb. Caribou calving grounds of thousands of caribou, migratory birds, polar bears, and many other species could be affected. It has also been said that the amount of oil in the ground has been exaggerated, and the total would have little effect in satisfying U.S. demands. On the other side, rising oil prices are demanding the opening of the refuge for oil drilling. The military's budget, the individual at the gas pump, airlines, shipping industries — everyone and everything that uses energy is feeling the pinch. And that pinch trickles down to every individual.

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Cassini Update Jan-Feb 2000  
12/23/99 - 01/05/00

Cassini is in excellent health and the Y2K transition has been made without any problems. Cassini is currently in cruise mode.

01/06/00 - 01/12/00

Cassini is operating in normal mode and instrument check out has been implemented to check out all the instruments prior to Jupiter encounter and Saturn encounter. Meetings were also held to discuss what to do during the Jupiter encounter.

01/13/00 - 01/19/00

Cassini is still in cruise mode and operating normally. Ongoing discussions are made to discuss what observations to make during the Jupiter fly-by as well as Saturn observations.

01/20/00 - 01/26/00

Cassini flew by asteroid 2685 Masursky with a closest approach of about 1.5 million kilometers. This encounter enabled the calibration of the onboard instruments as well as observing the asteroids size, dimensions, albedo and photometric measurements.

01/27/00 - 02/02/00

Cassini switched over to the high gain antenna. This antenna allows much more data to be sent and received at a much faster rate than the antenna previously used. This antenna will be used for the remainder of the Cassini mission. Meetings continue concerning mission activities during Jupiter and Saturn encounters.

02/03/00 - 02/09/00

Data received concerning the asteroid 2685 Masursky was excellent and instrument calibration was performed properly. The spacecraft is in excellent health.

02/10/00 - 02/16/00

Cassini continues in cruise mode and is operating in excellent condition. Meetings continue concerning future encounter opportunities as well as possible educational possibilities with the various educational groups.

02/17/00 - 02/23/00

Cassini continued in normal operational mode. The Cassini and Galileo programs participated in a joint conjunction observation of Jupiter. This observation took measurements to determine beaming characteristics of Jovian radio emissions. Additional information at <http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/cassini>

Galileo Update Jan-Feb 2000

01/03/00 - 01/09/00

Galileo encounters the moon Europa. Galileo will pass 213 miles above Europa's surface and head on to Io. After this encounter, Galileo will begin transmitting the data gathered during the encounter.

01/10/00 - 01/16/00

Galileo starts transmitting data gathered during its encounter with Europa as well as its previous encounter with Io back in November. Transmission is temporarily interrupted for regular maintenance on its propulsion system.

01/17/00 - 01/23/00

Galileo continues to transmit data obtained from its previous encounter with Europa. Galileo's extended mission of one year has been extended by another year. This extended mission is called Millennium Mission.

01/24/00 - 01/30/00

Galileo reaches its furthest distance from Jupiter in its orbit called apojove. Galileo continues to playback information of its encounter of Europa as well as Jupiter's smaller moons Amalthea, Thebe, and Metis. This is the best observation of these moons since Voyager.

01/31/00 - 02/06/00

Galileo starts heading back towards Jupiter. The aging spacecraft continues to send back data and pictures of Io, Europa and Amalthea. The warranty ran out on this craft two years ago and it continues to run strong after enduring more than twice the radiation it was designed to. Can a Timex say that?

02/07/00 - 02/12/00

As Galileo closes in on Jupiter's inner system, it continues to transmit information recorded during earlier encounters with Io.

02/14/00 - 02/18/00 Galileo continues to transmit data obtained during the previous Amalthea, Thebe and Metis. We now head for a close encounter with Io again.

02/19/00 - 02/21/00

Galileo comes within 124 miles of Io's surface taking pictures as well as other scientific data. It will take signals from Galileo just over 45 minutes to reach earth given its distance of 504 million miles. Data gathered during this encounter will be recorded for playback at a later date.

02/22/00 - 02/27/00

Galileo made an almost flawless encounter of Io. A large number of specific regions of this extremely volcanically active body have been recorded and will be sent back later. Galileo's activity has been hectic during this week Additional information at <http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/galileo>

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This Day in Science History - Credit: [www.learningkingdom.com](http://www.learningkingdom.com)

March 4, 1979 / During its closest approach to Jupiter, the Voyager 1 spacecraft sent back an image proving that the giant planet has a thin system of dust rings, making it the fourth known ringed planet (Saturn, Neptune, and Uranus are the others). <http://www.hawastsoc.org/solar/eng/vgrjup.htm>

March 8, 1979 / The Voyager 1 spacecraft discovered active volcanoes

on Jupiter's moon, Io.

<http://rosetta.ias.fr/solar/eng/io.htm>  
March 10, 1876 / With the words "Mr. Watson — come here — I want to see you," Alexander Graham Bell brought the telephone into the world. <http://lcweb.loc.gov/exhibits/treasures/trr002.html>

March 10, 1982 / The "Jupiter Effect" took place, during which all the planets of our solar system became aligned. On May 5, 2000, another planetary alignment is supposed to take place. <http://www.teleport.com/~tcollins/conjunct.shtml>

March 11, 1960 / In one of the first in-depth attempts to study the solar system, the spacecraft Pioneer V was launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida. Pioneer V sent data until it was 22.5 million miles (36 million km) from Earth: <http://www.nasm.edu/nasm/dsh/artifacts/SS-pioneerV.htm>

March 12, 1998 / NASA's first new human-carrying orbital return spacecraft in more than twenty years was successfully flight-tested. The X-38 "lifeboat," planned for use with the International Space Station, completed a descent from 23,000 feet to a parachute landing.

<http://www.nctn.hq.nasa.gov/innovation/Innovation62/lifeboat.htm>

March 13, 1781 / Astronomer William Herschel discovered a new planet, which he named "the Georgium Sidus" (the Georgian Planet), in honor of King George III. Today we know it as the planet Uranus.

<http://www.hawastsoc.org/solar/eng/uranus.htm>

March 16, 1926 / Robert H. Goddard successfully launched a liquid-fuel rocket, which flew to a height of 41 feet (12 meters). <http://www-istp.gsfc.nasa.gov/stargaze/Sgoddard.htm>

March 16, 1966 / The spacecraft Gemini 8 executed the first docking of orbiting spacecraft.

<http://www.friends-partners.org/~mwade/flights/gemini8.htm>

March 17, 1958 / The US satellite Vanguard 1 was launched. The first solar-powered satellite, Vanguard 1 showed that the planet Earth is elongated around the North Pole and flattened around the South Pole.

<http://www.nasm.edu/nasm/dsh/artifacts/SS-vanguard.htm>

March 18, 1965 / Russian cosmonaut Alexei Leonov became the first human to "walk in space."

<http://www.novaspace.com/AUTO/Leonov/Leobio.html>

March 19, 1918 / Congress introduced Daylight Saving Time

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/daylightsaving.html>

March 19, 1949 / The American Museum of Atomic Energy opened in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. In 1978 the name

was changed to the American Museum of Science and Energy:

<http://www.korrnet.org/amse/>  
March 22, 1946 / The first U.S.-built rocket left the Earth's atmosphere. Launched from White Sands, New Mexico, the U.S. rocket attained an altitude of 50 miles.

<http://www.thespaceplace.com/history/rocket2.html>

March 23, 1821 / Bauxite was discovered in southern France. Bauxite, the principal source of aluminum, is found in the largest quantities around the Equator.

<http://volcano.und.nodak.edu/vwdocs/minerals/bauxite.html>

March 23, 1840 / The Englishman J. W. Draper took the first successful photo of the Moon.

[http://www.nasm.edu/ceps/ETP/TOOLS/tools\\_based.html](http://www.nasm.edu/ceps/ETP/TOOLS/tools_based.html)

Other news:

A 17-Year-old girl has figured out how to place a message inside a strand of DNA!!!

<http://www.wired.com/news/technology/0,1282,34983,00.html>

Paralyzed man walks again

<http://cnn.com/2000/HEALTH/03/19/france.paralysis.reut/index.html>

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Sci-Fi Becoming a Reality - Popular Science, April 2000: Dermal Regenerator (well, close) page 9  
Large-scale X-Ray scanners ("Total Recall"): page 62-63

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Deb Kern (reporting for R17)

Hi it's me again. I stumbled on this web site looking for more information on the 10th planet being discovered. Astronomy picture for Feb 25 is the location of where the asteroid/meteor hit that killed them tar dinosaurs. Thought some of you might be interested.

**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  
29<sup>th</sup>, 2000**

**At the Region One Summit**

# WHITHER STARFLEET?

*Rear Admiral Ron Fell, Director of Recruitin*

Greetings, Fleet Friends:

Well, it's supptime. Break out the can of worms! Better make it the "family size" can since this is an issue that appeals to large appetites.

Curious that this should all come up right now when just a few weeks ago I was talking with a small group of longtime Fleeters and made much the same comments as those presented by my old comrade, VAdm. Thomas.

If we are to live long and prosper, STARFLEET must, someday soon, make a decision. STARFLEET has survived many crises over the last twenty-five years. It's a strong, determined, resilient organization. BUT...

Like it or not, Star Trek fandom, the mortar and bricks of our existence, is dying out. I believe it's a case of attempted infanticide since Paramount, the great "parent" of it all, has been killing the baby for a number of years now by producing an increasingly poor quality product in the face of ever-growing competition for the sci-fi fan's attention and devotion. Series episodes and feature films alike have been forced into a politically correct, plot impaired, revenue driven mold under the aegis of "pushing the envelope" or some other such studio tripe. The collector market has been flooded and gutted with nearly useless junk and trinkets in an attempt to squeeze the last drop of golden milk out of the cash cow before she is sent off to become hamburger. Never in the history of the franchise has fan apathy been so high. Unlike the "dark, Trek-less days" of 1974 when STARFLEET was founded, we now have nine feature films, four television series, hundreds of publications — and very little new interest being generated in continuing Star Trek's legacy.

Whither STARFLEET?

Think about it. I'm a "middle-aged" guy, okay? I can live with that. Through my years of service I've made it "up there" in the ranks and leadership of STARFLEET. I'm proud of that. What troubles me is that, as I travel around the Fleet from region to region and place to place, I see the same faces "up here" with me. Most of them are "middle-aged" like mine — people in

their mid-thirties to late forties. Yes, a sprinkling of twenties and a smattering of fifties bracket us, but, by and large, our association is aging. Eight or nine years ago I saw new names and faces in command and leadership positions all the time. Now we are into recycling, with members of the "old guard" shifting around into new positions. I see the old faces at ICs, regional summits and conferences. You can just about predict who's going to turn up where. But I am starting to miss some old faces, too. Many of the leaders of my "junior officer" days are going, going and gone. I see members of my "graduating class" all around me. And as we retire out, burn out or drop out where are those who will replace us? I am concerned at the lack of new faces.

STARFLEET needs to pick a direction. The quarter-century old "SERIOUS vs. FUN"; "PARTY vs. WORK"; "FAN CLUB vs. SERVICE ORGANIZATION" debate must be decided, or STARFLEET will simply drown in the coming wave of apathy that will follow the departure of the current generation. Unless the die hard "party 'til you puke 'cause it's only a fan club" people and the equally die hard "work 'til you drop in service to humanity" people come to terms with one another, or unless Star Trek has a miraculous resurgence in popularity, unlikely in current hands — in a few years there will be nothing left for them to quibble over. And that would be a sad end to a potentially great organization with an amazing capacity for both fun and service. The trick is in the balance. I hope somebody can soon figure out a way to strike one.

I readily admit to leaning toward the "service" side of the argument. I'm a member of or a supporter of a number of "traditional" service groups. I have belonged to or worked with the Kiwanis, the Shriners, the Salvation Army and several others. It's what I do to repay in some small measure all the blessings I've received and enjoyed in life. And, frankly, I'm too damn old to think about wasting a great portion of my life on an organization in search of the perfect continuous party. So, yeah, I'd like to see the "serious" side of STARFLEET take the lead.

What I don't understand is who says you can't have fun while you're being

serious? The two are not mutually exclusive! The Shriners have a reputation for having a helluva lot of fun while they do serious work with burned and crippled children. Wouldn't it be great if STARFLEET could have its own airplane to transport the beneficiaries of its charitable endeavors like the Shriners do? That would be fun! And the Kiwanians have a lot of fun flipping pancakes and having spaghetti dinners and doing lots of other stuff to fund youth programs throughout the country and around the world. And there's the Rotary, the Lions Club, the Elks, the Jaycees, the American Legion and a dozen more. You see their signs in every town in America. What's wrong with having ours there, too?

Is it because we're based on something that's not real and, therefore, automatically trivial and not worthy of real consideration? As I sit here looking at my latest commendation from the Jamil Shrine Temple, I see depicted the fanciful images of camels and nomadic desert dwellers and representations of ancient Arabic culture. Wow! Those people are as far out in space as we are, right? I mean, how can you wear a fez and be called "Noble" or "Illustrious Potentate" and be serious, right? They should be content with being some sort of "camel jockey fan club" and just partying at their big conventions because they SURELY can't be taken seriously! Right?

One final example: my pathetically bad vision is corrected in a rather unique way. It is called, I think, "monovision." One eye is corrected to enhance distant vision, the other for close work. They achieve a perfect balance that allows me to function efficiently either way. Something to think about.

Just throwing my two cents — all right, twenty dollars — into the wind prior to putting up my flameproof shields.

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# STARFLEET PROMOTIONS LIST - 1999

*Compiled by Major General Michael W. Malotte*

Greetings Fleet!

I hope this finds you all well and healthy. As most all of you know by now, I have resumed my duties as STARFLEET Director of Promotions. It's a position I enjoy, as I get to be involved in rewarding the folks who work hard at making STARFLEET the best Star Trek club around. Here is a list of all those who were promoted during 1999. Many thanks to Captain PJ Trotter, who did this for most of 1999 and provided me the records when I took over.

P-99-01	Lisa Paradis-Berkenbilt to Commodore
P-99-03	Wade Hoover to Brigadier General
P-99-04	Sherry Newell to Rear Admiral
P-99-05	Jim Cushing to Fleet Captain
P-99-07	Nat Saenz to Fleet Captain
P-99-08	Pat O'Brien to Fleet Captain
P-99-09	Joe Dobson to Fleet Captain
P-99-10	Jo Banister to Fleet Captain
P-99-11	Kurt Roithinger to Rear Admiral
P-99-12	Wade Olsen to Brigadier
P-99-13	Christine Leddon to Rear Admiral
P-99-14	Carolyn Donner to Vice Admiral
P-99-18	Denine Sanders to Commodore
P-99-19	Michelle Johnson to Fleet Captain
P-99-20	Jill Rayburn to Brigadier
P-99-21	Karen Goldbach to Commodore
P-99-22	Gary Donner to Fleet Captain
P-99-24	Willy Smith to Rear Admiral
P-99-25	Robin Pillow to Commodore
P-99-27	Patricia R. Lewis to Fleet Captain
P-99-28	Margaret Grunwell to Fleet Captain
P-99-30	Robert Mooney to Fleet Captain
P-99-32	Peggy Kennedy to Commodore
P-99-33	Joseph P. Hoolihan to Fleet Captain
P-99-34	Mark Vinson to Rear Admiral
P-99-35	Sean Caughman to Commodore
P-99-36	Ken Kopacki to Fleet Captain
P-99-37	Mary Collier-Corson to Fleet Captain
P-99-38	Joyce Flink to Fleet Captain
P-99-39	Byron Flynt to Fleet Captain
P-99-40	Barry Healey to Fleet Captain
P-99-42	Karon McLain to Fleet Captain
P-99-43	Joy Flynt to Fleet Captain
P-99-46	Linda L. Eppinger to Commodore
P-99-47	David J. Rose to Fleet Captain
P-99-48	Jerry Tien to Fleet Captain
P-99-49	Bea Hart to Fleet Captain
P-99-50	Kurt E. Pfeiffer to Fleet Captain
P-99-51	Johnathan Simmons to Rear Admiral
P-99-52	Donna Jean Noddin to Fleet Captain
P-99-53	Ed Nowlin to Commodore
P-99-54	Matt Myers to Commodore
P-99-55	Tom "Little Guy" Restivo to Commodore
P-99-56	Mark Anbinder to Commodore
P-99-57	Teri Smith to Fleet Captain
P-99-58	Michael A. Figueroa to Fleet Captain
P-99-59	Ben C. Redding to Fleet Captain
P-99-60	Joseph Ruttar to Rear Admiral
P-99-62	Carol Thompson to Commodore
P-99-63	Sharon Ann Campbell to Vice Admiral
P-99-64	Helen Pawlowski to Rear Admiral
P-99-65	Isaac Turner to Rear Admiral
P-99-66	Alan Yates to Commodore
P-99-67	Gregory Staylor to Commodore

P-99-68	Richard Hewitt to Commodore
P-99-69	Laura Hensley to Fleet Captain
P-99-70	Ron Fell to Rear Admiral
P-99-71	Les Rickard to Lieutenant General
P-99-72	Chris Wallace to Vice Admiral
P-99-73	Scott Akers to Lieutenant General
P-99-74	Michael J. Stratton to Fleet Captain
P-99-76	Jennifer Rosbury to Fleet Captain
P-99-79	Jeffery E. Higdon to Fleet Captain
P-99-80	Peter V. Briggs to Fleet Captain
P-99-81	Mark Roddenberry to Fleet Captain
P-99-82	Diana L. Hoff to Brigadier
P-99-83	Michael McGowan to Fleet Captain
P-99-84	Rick Giles to Fleet Captain
P-99-85	Richard Heim to Fleet Captain
P-99-86	Valerie Rose to Commodore
P-99-89	Ed Tunis to Fleet Captain
P-99-94	Ray Seay to Fleet Captain
P-99-95	Roger Stearns to Fleet Captain
P-99-96	Tony Rowley to Vice Admiral
P-99-97	Charles J. Flowers to Fleet Captain

Region Summit season is now upon us. So, if you have anyone you'd like to put in for a promotion, please use the online form at <http://promotions.sfi.org> or email me at [promotions@sfi.org](mailto:promotions@sfi.org). If you use US Mail, send the completed form to:

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Let me give you a quick overview of the process. Promotion requests come to me through email, the online form, or in the US Mail. They are processed each Tuesday and sent to the Promotions Listserv for consideration and voting. If the RC was not included in the email or the request came via US Mail, I send the RC an email informing them of the request. Each Tuesday, I also go over all votes received and put them in the spreadsheet where I keep track of all requests and votes. Once a request has gotten enough votes to pass, I print a certificate. All certificates for Fleet Captain and above are signed by me and then sent to FADM Mike Smith for his signature. He sends it to the appropriate party (or takes them to Summits to hand them out personally). Certificates are mailed to Mike on the first Saturday of the month unless needed sooner for a special occasion, such as Summit, IC, or an Anniversary Party.

Requests for the rank of Captain are handled just a bit differently. All those received get forwarded to the proper RC for consideration. Once approved, I print out a special Region Promotion Certificate, with the Region logo in the background. These are signed by me and then sent to the RC for signature and resend to the newly minted Captain, also on the first Saturday of the month unless needed sooner.

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at the above email/US Mail addresses or call me at (816) 356-8735. I can also be reached on ICQ - #1479736. I work 6 am to 3 PM CST on Mondays and 8 am to 9 PM CST Wednesday thru Saturday. The best time to reach me is usually Tuesdays and hit and miss on Sundays.

Take care and keep those requests coming!

Major General Michael W. Malotte  
STARFLEET Director of Promotions  
[promotions@sfi.org](mailto:promotions@sfi.org)



# WESTERN CONFERENCE

October 19-22, 2000

# 2000

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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## CONFERENCE INFORMATION



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**DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION IS  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2000**

### CONFERENCE PRICES:

- \$30 Conference/Awards Banquet (Until April 15th)
  - \$35 Conference/Awards Banquet (Until September 3rd)
  - \$40 Conference/Awards Banquet (After September 4th)
  - \$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](mailto: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.

NAME:			DATE:	
MAILING ADDRESS:				
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP CODE:	
CHAPTER NAME:		NCC#		
RANK:	POSITION:		SCC#	
REGION (WHERE YOUR CHAPTER IS LOCATED):				
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS:				
QTY	EVENT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	TOTAL	When would you like to attend the Star Trek Experience? <input type="checkbox"/> Friday <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> None
	CONFERENCE & AWARD BANQUET*			When (approx) would you be arriving? _____ Do you need transportation to/from hotel? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	CONFERENCE ONLY			
	BANQUET ONLY*			What method are you using to get to the conference?
	KIDS REGISTRATION (12 AND UNDER)			
TOTAL:				



# FANTASIA 2000

Rear Admiral Linda Kloempken, Commanding USS Czar'ak



Recently an away team from the USS Czar'ak went to the Imation Theatre at the Minnesota Zoo for Disney's *Fantasia 2000*. This wonderful animated film updates the original *Fantasia* with a number of new musical pieces and modern animation techniques.

One of the first pieces is a marvelous sequence with whales. The baby whale is so precious you just want to hug him. You can feel his fear and confusion when he's separated from his parents and share his joy at their reunion.

"Pomp and Circumstances", that old favorite of high school graduations everywhere, is used for the story of Noah's Ark. Noah's helper Donald (as in Duck) helps bring the animals into the ark two by two to that familiar march. The "subplot" involves Donald's mate, Daisy, not making it onto the boat. Of course, the audience knows she's there — thinking *he* missed the boat.

Included in the new movie is a favorite from the original — Mickey Mouse as "The Sorcerer's Apprentice". This is the charming story of what happens when a little magic goes just a bit too far. It holds its own quite nicely against the new pieces.

Transitions and introductions are handled by human hosts such as Steve Martin and Angela Lansbury. I believe it's Mr. Martin who explains that the original concept of *Fantasia* was that it be updated with new music/animation periodically. *Fantasia 2000* is the first time this updating has been done.

The feeling that I had was more, shorter musical pieces nicely tied together by the hosts as background to excellent animation. Children and adults can share a wonderful experience. If you haven't seen this one yet, be sure and catch it. Especially on the large screen!

## R7 CARGO BAY AUCTION

Captain Gary M. Ensey, Jr., Commanding USS Triton

The Region Seven Quartermaster's office will be starting an on-line auction on April 1st to assist in raising money for the Region. All proceeds go straight to the regions operating account, which is in need of funds.

Here's how it works. The region's quartermaster, Lorrie Nelson, will post a list of all available items, their opening bids and the deadline for bids on the various list serves periodically or you can go to the regions web page and check out the Cargo Bay E-Auction to get a current listing of the items. If you would like to place a bid on an item, send an e-mail to 'BIDS@REGION7.COM' stating the item you want and how much you wish to bid.

If you are the winning bidder Lorrie will contact you shortly after the deadline with the total amount due on

your item. This includes the bid price plus shipping and handling. Checks and money orders should be made out to Jesse Smith and sent to him at:

Jesse Smith, Regional Coordinator  
5126 Niagara Place, College Park, MD  
20740-1106

If you would like to pay by credit card do so through the paypal.com account set up in Jesse's name (jesse@sillypuppies.com or rc@region7.com). Once Jesse has received your payment he will let Lorrie know and she will have the donating chapter send your item right away.

If you'd like to help out the region, please drop Lorrie a note with the item that you (or your chapter) would like to donate to the auction at 'QUARTERMASTER@REGION7.COM'.

Below you will find a list of the first items up for bid. The bidding deadline for these items will be April 21, 2000. More items will be added later as we receive donations. Let the bidding begin!

A signed copy of George Takei's novel: To the Stars  
Opening Bid: \$20

Star Trek Champions Fine Pewter Figure: KHAN  
Limited Edition No. 1271 out of 9,998  
Certificate of Authenticity. Never been opened  
Opening Bid: \$10

ST:DS9 novel, The Long Night  
Opening bid: \$1

A signed Gates McFadden Plaque (marble with plate) comes with 2 certificates of authenticity.

Opening Bid: \$40.00

The STARFLEET Officer Requirement Manual - copyright 1985-by David J Schmidt, 37 pages and The USS Enterprise Officer's Manual - A Star Fleet  
Publication copyrighted terra 2217, 124 pages.  
Opening Bid: \$27.00



# Region 15 New England's IC2000 Charity: The New England Deaf Camp

## THE CAMP

A two-week summer residential experience for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing children for the past 22 years since 1978 and completely volunteer. Everyone who works in, for or with the camp, does so on a volunteer basis. This camp has often been the only summer experience for many Deaf & Hard of Hearing children where they can feel a sense of kinship with their fellow campers. They develop a sense of community there unlike anywhere else, because there they **are** the community, THE majority rather than a minority within a majority. Everyone communicates in the language of signs. Some who come from far off locales use French or Canadian Sign Language, but most come from our own backyards. It is a thrilling adventure every year. Friendships are formed at Deaf Camp that last a lifetime. Typically, more than 50% of campers attend through camperships funded entirely by donations. A campership has never been refused to any Deaf child in 22 years of operation.

## LET'S HELP

They are in serious need of sponsors to cover some of the larger expenditures. The cost for T-shirts runs \$1,000.00, the cost for insurance is \$2,500.00, the cost for bringing in activities/guests runs about \$750.00. These are not exorbitant costs but for a volunteer

organization based solely on donation, it seems insurmountable. The cost to sponsor one Deaf child for the full two weeks is \$395.00. We ask for your assistance in some way to alter the summer isolation of at least one Deaf child.

## THE TRAGEDY

The New England Deaf Camp had been receiving an annual donation from a church organization of \$4,000.00 along with an insurance rider that enabled the camp to run. It had functioned entirely on donations from the communities whose children attend. Beginning in June 1999, the church organization was no longer able to fund the camp. One third of the operating budget and insurance is now gone, leaving the camp unable to open. To have to deal with the possibility of not having camp again because funding was cut has become a nightmare for the children. Young campers call and write on a daily basis asking if there will be a camp again next year.

*Please help us at IC2000 keep the New England Deaf Camp open for another year.*



## CAN'T MAKE IT TO IC2000 BUT WANT TO HELP FROM AFAR?

### HERE'S HOW!

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For each of our merchandise items sold, a **portion will go directly** to the New England Deaf Camp.

We have available now:

Long Sleeve T-Shirts Logo on White S M L XL - \$18 2X 3X - \$20

Hand Made "Any Ear" Earrings Red & Gold or Red & Black \$16 per pair

Mouse pads Full Color (9 1/2 by 7 1/2 inches) \$15

#### SECOND

Ads in the Program Guide, a **portion of the proceeds** will go directly to the Deaf Camp:

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\$15 for Business Size, \$25 for 1/4 page, \$45 for 1/2, and \$75 for a full page.

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To remember fellow Starfleeters, friends & relations who have boldly gone on before us. \$2 per name. The Names Of All The Remembered to be placed together in a visible area at the IC. **ALL** Proceeds from the Remembrance Wall go **DIRECTLY** to our Charity.

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## REGION TWO SUMMIT REPORT (CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE)

mostly I watched happily as item after item was bought - because everything that was left was going home with me for a year!

Every year we schedule putt-putt and go-cart competitions, and about every other year they are rained out. This year proved to be a rained out year, so we let the auction run a little long, then spent a little time in casual relaxation. The next big event would be the banquet, one of the high points of the summit each year. Everyone attends in uniform or eveningwear, and I can attest that we were a fine looking bunch of Starfleet officers! The dinner was excellent, with choices of two main courses, several sides and several desserts. The only low point was the tea, which tasted more like some sort of lemon-sugar concoction than any tea I've ever had. After the dinner ended, we moved into the main meeting area for the annual awards.

The awards ceremony began with a series of flag rank promotions. This year there had about a dozen promotions to hand out, and it was really exciting to me to be the one up front handing them out and shaking hands for the first time! Region 2 has a lot of deserving officers, and I got to personally reward them for their hard work, devotion to Starfleet and Region 2, and all their contributions that helped make our region the success it is. The awards followed, and if anything, this part was even better. Our awards chairman, Barbara Paul, has developed an excellent program, and the process went off without a hitch. We started off with the little awards, and worked our way up to the big ones at the end - chapter of the year and member of the year. It was such a pleasure to see the happiness on people's faces as they and their chapters won awards, it made me wish I could do it more often! One of my favorite moments was near the end, when I presented Barbara Paul with a Superior Performance award for her work on Region 2 Staff - and then took it away, telling her she couldn't have it! The look on her face was priceless, especially when I replaced it with a new award, named after her, in honor of the many years of service she has given the region, and the many times she was nominated for the award this year.

Rich Trulson, Region 2 Chief of Computer Operations and Commanding Officer of the USS Wernher Von Braun, said, "The biggest highlight for me was presenting the

Richard Daystrom Cyberspace Award for the first time ever. Even though I was nervous and nearly mispronounced a couple of the winners and categories, everything went very smoothly. I was honored the Awards Director entrusted me with the huge responsibility and honor of judging this award. All the hassles and stress became worthwhile when several of the award winners thanked me later in the night.

Of course, there were several humorous moments that stick out in my memory as well. The best one was when Ron Fell (Starfleet's FDC of recruiting) lost all control of the Auction on Saturday night. Suffice to say, I'll never look at Jar Jar Binks and Spock the same way again thanks to what was revealed and more so to the commentary of those there. I was also brought back to previous R2 Summit shenanigans during the Awards Panel with Barbara Paul, Region 2 Chief of Awards. Let's just say that the International Plastic Modelers Society acronym has a whole new meaning now too!"

The awards ceremony was followed by our first-ever Summit Dance, where about half the folks at the summit attended. We had an enthusiastic group on the floor for most of the evening, and an excellent sound system provided by Steve Gordon. Steve played music for hours, with help from Dallas Vinson, and we danced, played games, chatted and played the evening away.

On Sunday morning, we had three hours of panels. The first one for me was the 'Ask the Brass,' where the regional brass (that's the RC and VRC) sit down with the Fleet Admiral and answer questions from people in the region. There was one little problem - no Fleet Admiral! Chief of Operations Les Rickard sat in, and answered a lot of Fleet-level questions, which we really appreciated. I have attended this session every year for five years, and just like the Captain's Call, it has pretty much changed from a 'complaint session' to an 'information session,' thanks to improved management of memberships and other Starfleet materials. The next two hours worth of panels fairly flew by, and finally it was time for closing ceremonies. Most of the same group who did the opening ceremonies was on stage for closing, and we each spoke briefly, thanked everyone for attending, and said goodbye for another year.

## STAR TREK THE EXPERIENCE CAPITVATES REGION TWO FLEETERS

*Fleet Captain Jo Banister, USS Okatoma  
Commander Ralph Planthold, USS Jubilee*

In early March, a joint Away Team from USS Odyssey (Stewart Patton and Barbara Simmons) and USS Okatoma (Jo and Zane Banister, James Brunton) took a long range warp shuttle to Las Vegas, NV to visit STAR TREK: The Experience at the Las Vegas Hilton Hotel. Time traveling back to the year 2000 (Old Calendar), the Away Team joined forces with the crew of USS Enterprise. Their mission: Seek out and protect relatives of Capt. Jean-Luc Picard, in order to insure his continued existence. Mission status: Success. (He's still *around*, isn't he?)

Quark's Bar offered numerous alien delights in non-replicated organic sustenance for Terran guests. After appetizers such as Isolinear Chips & Dip or the Holy Rings of Betazed, their Klingon personae could brave Flaming Ribs of Targ or Korath's Revenge Pasta. Those less hungry might have elected to assimilate a Bacon Cheese Burger or to suffer the Wrap of Khan. Jo Banister followed her meal with Deanna Troi's Ultimate Sundae, three different forms of chocolate (with a little ice cream thrown in as an afterthought).

Quark surely enjoyed his guests' parting with major quantities of their latinum at his establishment, but the female members of the Away Team didn't seem to mind. They enjoyed having conversations with a handsome Klingon warrior who mingled with the guests and posed for pictures.

The Away Team agreed that STAR TREK: The Experience is about as close as 21<sup>st</sup> century Terrans can get to being on the bridge of USS Enterprise, traveling in a shuttle through outer space, and being attacked by a Klingon Bird of Prey. It's also as close as most 24<sup>th</sup> century Terrans can get to having a hand in keeping Capt. Picard's ancestors alive, yet returning to their own time safely.

The Away Team advised everyone to forget the negative rumors they may have heard about the life expectancy of STAR TREK: The Experience. They're already making plans for next year, convinced that the return trip will be not a disappointment; but an explosion of heartfelt fun and fantasy, just like this one.



James Brunton, Barbara Simmons and Stewart Patton outside Quark's Bar.

# USS Mir Hosts “IDES OF MARCH” TOGA PARTY

*Captain nancy Lynch, Commanding USS Mir*



Looks like the XO might be looking to move up to CO...



The brave souls who strapped on togas (from left: Capt. Nancy Lynch, Cdr. David Braddi, Stephanie Heuck, LTC Randy Lynch, Lt. Deb Kern, PO3 Everett Brooks).



PO3 Everett Brooks and 875th MSG OIC LTC Randy Lynch show off their legs for the camera.



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# BIRTHDAY LIST

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- 4/1 - Grace Lee Whitney (Janice Rand)  
4/2 - Capt. Mike Wilkerson, Commanding Officer, USS Atlas, Region 12  
4/3 - Col. Richard “Doc” Kinne, Chief Science Officer, USS Accord, Region 7 (also: OIC, 5th Battalion, 7th Brigade, SFMC)  
4/4 - Lt. Commander Maud Freifelder, Chief Security Officer/Chief of Cadet Corps, USS Triumph  
4/12 - Capt. Brian Smith, Chief Engineering Officer, USS Challenger (also: Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Region 7; Photo Editor, Region 7)  
4/12 - Comm. Karen Goldbach, Commanding Officer, USS Questar, Region 1  
4/13 - Comm. Robin Pillow, Commanding Officer, USS Tempest, and Vice Region Coordinator/Shuttles, Region 1  
4/13 - Eric Pfeiffer, Region 12  
4/15 - Commander Angel Avery, Executive Officer, USS Thagard, Region 7  
4/15 - Captain Dixie Jack, Commanding Officer, USS Tanagra, Region 7  
4/15 - Michael Ansara (Kang, ST:TOS/DS9)  
4/16 - Admiral Chuck Freas, USS Palo Duro, Region 3 (also: Special Consultant to the Commander, Starfleet)  
4/16 - Susan C. Vaughn, USS Alaric, Region 1  
4/17 - Rick Campbell, Region 3  
4/17 - Danny James, Region 3  
4/17 - Scott Sommer, Region 4  
4/17 - RADM Mark A. Vinson, Commanding Officer, USS Panther City and Region 3 Chief of Staff  
4/18 - Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko, DS9)  
4/19 - Herman Zimmerman, set designer, Star Trek  
4/19 - Zachary Schwab, Space Station Freedom III, Region 3  
4/20 - Lt. Commander Ray Greenberg, USS Thagard, Region 7  
4/20 - George Takei (Hikaru Sulu)  
4/20 - Justin Kreger, Region 1  
4/20 - Capt. John R. Watson, USS Ultimatum, Region 12  
4/22 - Debbie Butcher, Region 1  
4/22 - Admiral Dennis Gray, Chief of Shuttle Operations, Starfleet (also: Region 5 Shuttle Coordinator)  
4/23 - Philip Decker, Region 12  
4/25 - Monty Strickland, Region 2  
4/26 - Spice Williams (Vixis, Star Trek V)  
4/28 - Wesley Frey, Region 12  
4/28 - Kevin Moore, Region 1  
4/29 - Capt. Deanna Porter, Commanding Officer, USS Solar Flare, Region 5  
4/29 - Kate Mulgrew (Kathryn Janeway, VOY)  
4/30 - Cmdr. Chris Higdon, USS Black Hawk  
5/2 - Commodore Ed Nowlin, Region 4 Coordinator and CO, Cascade Station (also: Vice Chief, Net Services, Starfleet Communications)  
5/2 - Barb Gambill, Region 12  
5/3 - Capt. Larry Neigut, USS Malverne, Region 7 (also: editor, Fleet 7 regional newsletter)  
5/4 - Fleet Capt. Jeff Higdon, Commanding Officer, USS Black Hawk (also: Sector Advocate for Illinois, Region 12)  
5/5 - Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat, DS9)  
5/5 - Mary Moore, Region 1  
5/5 - Brad Wilders, Region 12  
5/5 - William S. Woods, Region 1  
5/7 - Linda Oakley, Bennu Station  
5/8 - Elizabeth Cash, Region 12  
5/8 - Chris Jackson, Region 12  
5/9 - Curtis Stenovich, Region 3  
5/9 - Comm. Mark Hanford, Commanding Officer, USS Lexington, and Assistant Inspector General, Region 7  
5/18 - Lesley Pike, Region 2  
5/19 - Lt. Commander Leslie Pearson, USS Avenger  
5/19 - Ellen Schwab, Space Station Freedom III, Region 3  
5/20 - Tom Campbell, Region 12  
5/20 - Capt. Kathryn Janeway, USS Voyager :)  
5/20 - Dorothy Getz, Region 3  
5/22 - John Winsley, Region 1  
5/23 - Joan Collins (Edith Keeler, ST:TOS)  
5/24 - Comm. Wendy Fillmore, K’Ehleyr Station, Region 17  
5/24 - Cmdr. Karen Bloch, Chief Medical Officer, USS Justice, Region 7  
5/26 - Andrew Holland, Region 12  
5/26 - Brittany Sloan, Region 12  
5/28 - Donald Revere, Region 1  
5/30 - Colm Meaney (Miles O’Brien, TNG and DS9)  
5/30 - Michael Piller, creator and executive producer, DS9 and VOY  
5/31 - Capt. Jack Eaton, Commanding Officer, USS Trident, and Region 2 Vice Chief of Shuttle Operations  
6/1 - Rene Auberjonois (Odo, DS9)  
6/1 - Richard A. Crum, Region 1  
6/1 - Jason Schreck, Region 1  
6/2 - Kris McDaniel, Region 3  
6/2 - Ben Schwab, Space Station Freedom III, Region 3  
6/5 - Eril Vanarsdale, Region 1  
6/6 - Comm. Mark H. Anbinder, Commanding Officer, USS Accord, Region 7, and Vice Chief - Administration, Computer Operations Department, Starfleet  
6/6 - Jeri Taylor, creator and executive producer, VOY  
6/7 - Brigadier Jill Rayburn, Station Nikola Tesla, Region 1 (also: Director, Existing Fan Club Program; Director, Starfleet Academy School of Literature)  
6/7 - Christen McClintock, Region 12  
6/9 - Admiral Gordon L. Goldberg, Deputy Commander, Starfleet  
6/9 - Norman Huff, Region 12  
6/11 - Thelma Dozier, Region 1  
6/11 - Elise Dunham, Region 1  
6/13 - Fleet Capt. Brenda Bell, Operations Advisor, USS Avenger, Region 7  
6/13 - Tommy Holman, Region 3  
6/13 - Malcolm McDowell (Soran, ST:GEN)  
6/14 - Arthur B. Getz, Region 3  
6/15 - VADM Chris Wallace, Vice Chief of Communications and CO, USS Jaguar  
6/15 - RADM Doug Glenn, Region 12  
6/16 - Victor Coll, Region 1  
6/18 - RADM Kurt F. Roithinger, Region 5 Coordinator and CO, Station Nexus  
6/19 - Cheryl D. Walker, USS Ranger, Region 12  
6/20 - Admiral Alex Rosenzweig, Chief Science Officer, USS Avenger, Region 7 (also: Director, Department of Technical Services, Starfleet)  
6/22 - Capt. Amy Alexander, USS Chesapeake, Region 1 (also: Director, International Charities, Starfleet)  
6/22 - Lt. Jennifer Heitmueller, USS Challenger, Region 7  
6/22 - Tim Russ (Tuvok, VOY)  
6/23 - Matthew Baillie, Station Nikola Tesla, Region 1  
6/23 - Ruth Green, Region 1  
6/26 - Renee White, Region 12  
6/27 - Eloise Hassell, Region 1  
6/27 - David R. Vaughn, Region 12  
6/29 - Lt. JG Scott Inman, Region 12  
6/29 - Capt. Carlos Ruiz, Executive Officer, USS Northstar, Region 7  
6/30 - Clay S. Oliver, Region 1
- Apologies in advance for any incomplete or inaccurate information. Sources for this info include recent digests of Starfleet-L, the March 2000 version of the Vessel Registry and the websites of the Regions.
- Anyone wishing to have their birthdays listed in Communique should drop me a line at: [historian@region7.com](mailto:historian@region7.com). Any corrections should be sent there as well.
- In Service,  
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Capt. / Intelligence Liaison Officer / USS Accord NCC-1842  
Region 7 Historian



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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