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**Les and Dee, Vegas Style:** Lieutenant General Les Rickard and Colonel Deidre Smith mug for the camera at the Region Three Summit in Fort Worth, Texas

*Image courtesy of Michael D. Smith*

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## ► Commander, STARFLEET Nomination Results - page 09

Election Coordinator Allyson Dyar reports on the nominees for the 2000 Election.

## ► Academy News - page13

As always, there is tons of Academy info!



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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



Well, here we are. The Big 100. Over twenty-five years in existence, that works out to roughly four issues per year. Now that we publish six issues a year, we only have to wait until 2016 to hit our two-hundredth issue. \*niko niko\*

As I had hoped, at fifty-six pages this should be the largest Communique ever published. We could have gone even more, based on submissions that will be pushed back to Issue 101, but this represents almost a 50% increase compared to our usual spreads.

Election season is fast upon us. As this issue goes to press, so does the Election Guide. The latter will arrive before the former, since it will be going out First Class to ensure it is delivered as soon as possible. Be sure to take a look at it, and check Admiral Dyar's Election Article in this issue, as well. STARFLEET's direction for the next two years is on the ballot and an informed voter is important.

Speaking of deliveries, thanks to some excellent detective work at both Computer Operations and the Mailing House, we have discovered the reason why the second address line was deleted from some address labels on what seems to be a random basis. Believe it or not, it was a feature, and not a bug. So we have disabled that "feature" and it appears, based on personal experience and reports from people who have had the problem, that labels are now printing with all three address lines complete.

Even so, there are still a few people (based on feedback – if you're not getting your CQ, send a note to [compopshelp@sfi.org](mailto:compopshelp@sfi.org)) are still not receiving CQs, even though we have verified the addresses. CompOps is using a United States Post Office tool that will show whether an address is considered "deliverable" or not, and are adjusting mailing labels as necessary so that they are considered "deliverable". Hopefully this will improve the chances of the CQ getting to you. The CQ Remailer folks ([cqremailer@sfi.org](mailto:cqremailer@sfi.org)) are there to send issues out First Class so, again, if you do not receive a CQ, be sure to contact them and CompOpsHelp.

Two more Issues of the CQ remain in the Smith/Goldberg term, which happens to coincide with the remainder of my term as Editor. While I have been offered a position with the Rickard/Goldberg team, I honestly feel that seven issues is enough for me. A constant flow of "new blood" in the Editor's Chair means "fresh ideas" for the CQ. Also, I want to allow the new Chief of Communications the option to institute whatever changes they want in the CQ to give it their own look and feel.

Current CQ Staff members Admiral Kurt Roithinger and Fleet Captain David Pipgras have accepted the CQ Editor position on the Rickard/Goldberg platform, providing continuity to what we have now, while adding their own ideas. And Dwain Gleason, the choice for Chief of Communications for the Westfall/Black platform, has put forth some intriguing ideas for what he would like to do with the CQ should their team win. So whoever wins in 2001, the Communique should remain one of the premiere fan-produced periodicals out there.

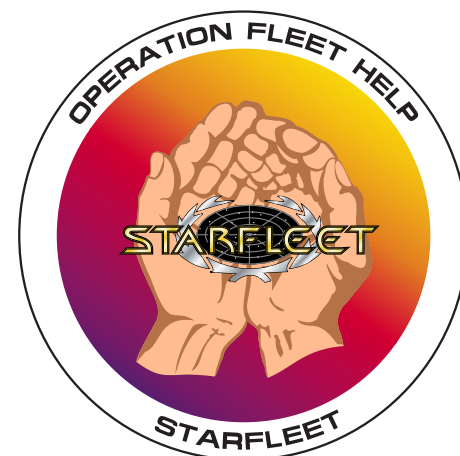
## ► Region Three Summit Report and Pictures! - page 27

News and pictures from the 2000 Region Three Summit in Fort Worth, Texas.



## ► Operation Fleet Help — page 16

Rear Admiral Sherry Ann Newell reports on their fundraising efforts!





# FROM THE TOP...

FLEET ADMIRAL MICHAEL D. SMITH  
COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings.

As I sit here at work during my lunch hour, I'm both amazed and relieved that in just 6 short months, I'll be passing the hat of Commander, STARFLEET to another person. Just three more CQ articles, including this one.

I'd like to take the time to remind folks once again to make sure they take the time to learn about the candidates and vote for the person/slate they feel will most benefit STARFLEET for the next two years. This is your one chance to help directly affect the future of the

organization for the next two years, and a 33-cent stamp and a bit of your time isn't much to ask.

I hope I'll be seeing many of you at the 2000 STARFLEET IC in Burlington, VT over Labor Day weekend. I know that Region 15 has been working long and hard to give the attending members a good time. I know that I'm looking forward to it, and I hope you are too.

Looking forward to my next Regional Conference here in my home region, hosted by Gary Ensey and the crew of USS Triton, followed by the IC, and then my final trip as Commander,

STARFLEET, to the Western Conference in October.

I look forward to seeing many of you during these events as I wind down my time as Commander, STARFLEET.

Take care, and see you in sixty.

## STARFLEET EXPENDITURES (AS OF 06/01/2000)

Compiled By Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith • Commander, STARFLEET

While this data is what has come straight from the bank, the listing of figures of expenses is not correct. I have found out that any quarterly financial report should only contain transactions during the period in question....it should \*not\* list any transactions that did not take place during the period, even if checks were written during the period but not cleared the bank.

I am working with Bob Maceluch and doing some data entry myself to get clarified figures out, but this will give you, the membership, a good indication of what was spent.

Thank you.

### BALANCES

Jan 1st Starting Balance  
\$ 4988.32  
March 31st Ending Balance  
\$ 5899.22

### EXPENSES

(Note that all figures are rounded to the nearest dollar)

\$1210 on computer related issues including parts and related expenses to support the two STARFLEET-owned computers that help provide internet related services that are located in Conshohocken, PA, a tape backup drive and a CD-Recordable drive that are at SFHQ, owned by STARFLEET and will be transferred to the new CS. (The funds related to the purchase of the tape backup and CD-Recordable drive were returned by me).

\$5100 in related expenses surrounding the printing, professional mailing and postage costs of the Communiqué.

\$4200 in related expenses surrounding the processing of STARFLEET Membership materiel.

\$920 in telephone related expenses, some of which was incurred in the latter months of 1999.

\$420 dollars in expenses related to my travel to the Region 2 Summit in Birmingham, Alabama, all of which has been returned to the organization via \$200 expenses donation from Region 2, and \$220 returned by me.

\$1740 in expenses related to STARFLEET collecting and delivering funds via credit card for the 2000 STARFLEET Region 1 Summit.

\$40 to STARFLEET Region 5/ Allyson Dyar in the matter of a money order from Scott Akers (I believe) that was written out to STARFLEET. The money order was sent to SFHQ for deposit and reimbursement.

\$1029 in expenses related to STARFLEET collecting funds on behalf of the STARFLEET Marine Corps for the SFMC Marine Pins.

\$750 in expenses related to the shipping of various packages and documents on behalf of STARFLEET, some of which was incurred in the latter months of 1999.

\$1000 in expenses related to payment of scholarships awarded to Amy Alexander and Becky Thane.

\$500 in expenses related to the STARFLEET Quartermaster.

\$120 in expenses related to STARFLEET Operations and a mailing sent by STARFLEET Operations early in the year.

\$140 in expenses related to the collection and forwarding of funds via credit card for the Year 2000 STARFLEET HQ Patches.

\$356 in expenses related to the collection and forwarding of funds via credit card for the 2000 STARFLEET IC.

\$200 in expenses related to SFHQ (paper and inkjet cartridges).





# SECOND THOUGHTS

**ADMIRAL GORDON GOLDBERG**  
**VICE-COMMANDER, STARFLEET**

Greetings from the Office of the Vice Commander!

Okay, fine... election season is upon us, and there's no better time to get this out of the way, so let me lay it on the line — Les Rickard, current STARFLEET Chief of Operations, is running for Commander, STARFLEET, and I've agreed to be his running-mate for Vice Commander.

There. It's said.

It's already been publicly announced by the constitutionally appointed election coordinator, Allyson Dyar, but I had to get it off of my chest, because I know what it's going to mean. It means that everything I say and do from now until the elections are over in November is going to be looked at by some people as a political ploy (yes, even what I'm saying right now, I know that). Which is rather silly, when you stop and think about it — after all, I'm already Vice Commander, STARFLEET, so it's not just a matter of saying "when I'm elected, I will do thus-and-such," but rather a matter of record — what I have done so far, what I'm currently doing, and what I plan to continue to do. It doesn't make sense for me to make "political" promises, or even politically-motivated statements. I'm not going to.

I've spent the past three and a half years on the Executive Committee saying and doing what I think is best for STARFLEET, and I'm not about to stop speaking my mind just because someone might think I'm stepping onto a political soapbox. Anything I say or do over the next few months will be said or done for the same reason as always — it's what I think is right.

Anyone is free to agree or disagree with me, and discuss my words or actions with me, and as always I will take what they say under serious consideration — not because it's the politically sound thing to do, but because that's the way I've always dealt with things.

Enough of that — let's consider the air cleared and move on.

But not too far. Yes, as I said, it's election season. And as I've done in the past, I urge you all to get involved in

the process — not only by voting, when you get your ballots, but before then, by asking questions of the various candidates, visiting their web sites, reading the election materials, sending email and postal mail if you have concerns, ideas, or questions you'd like them to address. If you have email access, join the election mailing list by sending email to [majordomo@sfi.org](mailto:majordomo@sfi.org) with the command subscribe vote2k-1 in the body of the message. Hear what the candidates have to say, and give them your feedback. If there are things you don't like about STARFLEET and want to see changed, or things that you do like and want to see more of, now is your time to let them know. Don't wait until the last minute — get involved now!

And when it comes time to vote, please, vote. Vote for the candidate of your choice, vote for the constitutional amendments you approve of and against those you disapprove of, but vote! Be a part of the process — it's your right as a STARFLEET member, and your responsibility to yourself.

As I mentioned in my last article, the Admiralty Board has been working on a number of amendments to patch up some holes in the Constitution, which will be presented to you for consideration during the election. One issue that's gone back-and-forth, and is unlikely to be resolved this time around, is the question of "campaigning," and whether campaigning should be allowed all year 'round. The current Constitution, like its predecessor, prohibits public campaigning prior to the announcement of the qualified nominees by the election coordinator. This means we basically get just over a year and a half respite from the arguments, mud-slinging, and other negatives typical of campaign seasons in most political arenas.

The old Constitution restricted campaigning to a two-month period. The new Constitution, with its broader election timetable, increased that period to four months. Some individuals (and I freely admit I am not one of them) want to eliminate the restrictions on campaigning and let prospective candidates campaign at any time. I think it's a bad

idea, and one that would lead to lots of political infighting and very few actual accomplishments if it were ever implemented. What do you think? Let your COs and Regional Coordinators know how you feel, whether it's in favor of continuing the limits or eliminating them — get involved, and give them your input.

Finally, I'd like to get some feedback from you on the STARFLEET nominations process. As you may recall, when I was Chief of Communications and Election Coordinator for the election two years ago, I publicly released the list of "who nominated whom" at the end of the nomination period. The reason for this was two-fold. First, by making the entire list public (and, by the way, under the corporate laws of North Carolina, where STARFLEET is incorporated, this information is legally a matter of public record anyway) it eliminated any question anyone might have had of me manipulating the number of nominations any of the candidates had received. Second, it allowed the members to see who their COs and RCs had chosen to nominate, if anyone (since only COs and RCs are qualified under the Constitution to make nominations.)

Needless to say, a number of people complained about their nominations not being kept private.

This year, Allyson Dyar attempted a compromise — she said that the list would only be made available to members who sent her a written request for a copy of it (along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Allyson Dyar, 1209 SE 89th Ave, Portland, OR 97216-1715). Once again, she got lambasted by various people for violating the "privacy" of the nomination. Which just goes to prove that no matter what you do, you can't please everybody.

I foresee this issue becoming another subject of debate among the Admiralty Board — so please let your RC know how you feel about this as well. Should the membership have the right to know who their COs and RCs chose to nominate (or not nominate) for Commander, STARFLEET, or should this information be withheld from the membership? You

## NEW FLEET DIVISION CHIEFS NAMED

**Colonel Kimberly Brooks • Deputy  
Director, STARFLEET FDC Program**

On behalf of Commodore Dustin Williams, director of the Fleet Division Chief Program, I'd like to announce the following staff additions:

**Command - BGR Larry Neigut.** Larry is currently serving aboard the USS Malverne as the OIC of the 41st MSG and the Intelligence Officer. He can be reached at [USSMALVERNE@aol.com](mailto:USSMALVERNE@aol.com).

**Engineering - CPT Anthony Armstrong.** Anthony is a member of the 868th MSG assigned to the USS Endurance. He is also a staff member of the Stampede Program. Anthony can be reached at [CoStampede@prodigy.net](mailto:CoStampede@prodigy.net).

**Communications - LCDR Andrew Gossett.** On the USS Yorktown, Andrew is head of the Special Projects Division and a member of the 114th MSG. He can be reached at [yorktown\\_spd@yahoo.com](mailto:yorktown_spd@yahoo.com).

For more information on the Fleet Division Program, please visit our website at [www.syn147.freesevers.com](http://www.syn147.freesevers.com).

can probably guess how I feel about this, but I'm open to input from you — let us know how you feel!

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:

Gordon L. Goldberg  
330 Haven Avenue, Apt 3C  
New York, NY 10033-5333

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



# STARFLEET OPERATIONS

## LIEUTENANT GENERAL LES RICKARD

### CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Hello from Ops HQ,

Well its CQ time again and here we are with the state of Operations. As always, I will try to keep this short and sweet because I know you all want to move on to other more interesting parts of the Communiqué.

#### Monthly Status Report Reminder

As always let me remind everyone that Monthly Status Reports (MSR's) are due each month to your respective District Vice Chief (DVC). Below is the list of DVC's you report to.

DVC East  
Regions 1, 2, 7 and 15  
BGR Dennis Rayburn  
PO Box 61  
Puryear, TN 38251  
[DVCEast@sfi.org](mailto:DVCEast@sfi.org) \*OR\*  
[stoncold@wk.net](mailto:stoncold@wk.net)

DVC West  
Regions 3, 4, 5, 6, 12 and 17  
FCapt Ken Kopacki

2441 NE Loop 410 #1204  
San Antonio, TX 78217  
[DVCWest@sfi.org](mailto:DVCWest@sfi.org) \*OR\*  
[compops@region3.com](mailto:compops@region3.com)  
  
DVC International  
Regions 9, 10, 11 and 13  
Commodore Michael "JD" Knight  
830 Euclid Drive  
Hanford, CA 93230-7632  
[DVCInter@sfi.org](mailto:DVCInter@sfi.org) \*OR\*  
[scohq@shadowguard.com](mailto:scohq@shadowguard.com)

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).

#### Chapter Changes of Command

In the last few months we have seen quite a few changes in the command staff of many chapters around Fleet. Please consult the Box below for the newest Commanding and Executive

Officers around Fleet.

If you do not see your chapter listed and your command staff has changed contact the Chief of STARFLEET Operations. If you have changes to your personal or chapter address or things of that nature send them to the Operations Chief \*AND\* the Operations Chief of Staff, VAdm Tom Monaghan.

#### Chapter Assistance Program

Recently all chapters in STARFLEET that are under strength according to Chapter Maintenance requirements received a letter from CAP Director Pete Lutz. This letter asked for all chapters who are below strength to send a roster of their STARFLEET members to compare against what CompOps has on file. This roster should have been sent to Pete and Chief of CompOps Mark Anbinder. If you have sent this roster as well as your intent to participate in CAP we thank you. If not, please get these rosters and cards out

so that we can make sure that all of your members are correctly listed. Participation in CAP will give the chapter time to work on gathering members, determining if we are missing members on your roster and etc. However, if we do not hear from all of the chapters Operations will be forced to send out thirty (30) day Stand By letters to those that are under strength. This standby letter will be followed up by a decommissioning letter. Trust me, that is the last duty STARFLEET Operations wants to do so help us help you and your chapter. If you have questions contact Pete Lutz or myself and we will be more than glad to give you any assistance we can.

#### The Final Word

Well, there is not much to say here other than I would like to thank those who have sent me well wishes and warm thoughts for my father. If you are not aware, he had a massive heart attack a month or so ago had to be revived through CPR and the use of a cardiac defibulator. He is doing well and is on his way to a full recovery. The cards, letters and phone calls we received at home and at the hospital were greatly appreciated. I have nearly talked my father, whom got me started in science fiction and Star Trek, into accompanying me to some trek events and meeting some of you. Time will tell...who knows maybe we'll get a new member out of him yet. Anyway, take care all and we'll see you next issue.

## RECENT CHAPTER CHANGES OF COMMAND

#### REGION ONE

USS ARIZONA NCC-71839  
New CO: Capt. Kris Williams  
PO Box 191  
Minerva, OH 44657  
New XO: Cmdr. Cindy Ramsey  
219 Lennox St NW  
Massillon, OH 44464

USS CHARLESTON NCC-71813  
New CO: Capt. Debra C. Martin  
4825 Old Park Road  
North Charleston, SC 29405  
New XO: Capt. Edith Padget  
1090 Berkley St. Apt. 2  
Hanahan, SC 29406

USS INTREPID NCC-74655  
New CO: Capt. Suzanne Guehring  
Maurer  
2290 S.R. 603 RR#1  
Ashland, OH 44805

USS MAAT NCC-1794-A  
New CO: Capt. Tammy Wilcox  
4121 Stillwood Court  
Virginia Beach, VA 23456  
New XO: Cmdr Joseph Kancel  
43 N. Greenfield Ave.  
Hampton, VA 23666

NIKOLA TESLA NCC-SS005  
New CO: BGR Dennis Rayburn  
PO Box 61  
Puryear, TN 38251  
New XO: BGN Jill Rayburn  
PO Box 61  
Puryear, TN 38251

USS TEMPEST NCC-21566  
New XO: Cmdr Rich Oakley  
4265 South Boogertown Rd.  
Sevierville, TN 37876

#### REGION TWO

USS ODYSSEY NCC-454-A  
New XO: Cmdr Mary Ann Curry  
184 Blackledge Circle  
Laurel, MS 39401

#### REGION THREE

USS DEVASTATOR NCC-10533  
New XO: Cmdr Jerry Amsler  
2630 Ridgeview Rd.  
Paris, TX 75460

USS RANGER NCC-2206  
New CO: Capt. Lee Passmore  
5904 St Agnes  
Plano, TX 75093

New XO: Comm. Cheryl Walker  
3604 SW 128th St  
Oklahoma City, OK 73170

USS SPIRITWOLF NCC-74300  
New CO: Capt John C. DuBose  
7302 Corporate Dr. #1906  
Houston, TX 77036  
New XO: Cmdr Robert C Graham  
1644 1/2 Hawthorne St. #C  
Houston, TX 77006

#### REGION FOUR

USS CENTURION NCC-74801  
New CO: Col. James Monroe  
22711 Brentwood St.  
Grand Terrace, CA 92313-4906  
New XO: Col. Truman Temple  
25663 6th St.  
San Bernardino, CA 92410

K'EHLEYR STATION NCC-SS009  
New CO: Capt Donald Leigh  
3700 E. Bonanza Rd Apt 1196  
Las Vegas, NV 89110

#### REGION FIVE

USS CONSTITUTION NCC-2040  
New CO: Capt Gary Schwanke  
PO Box 1181  
Albany, OR 97321

New XO: Capt Dwight Hall  
3222 Northshore Dr. #17  
Albany, OR 97321

#### REGION TWELVE

USS BRADBURY NCC-72307  
New XO: Cmdr Frank Waxman  
110 B Street  
Genoa, IL 60135

USS CELT NCC-75018  
New XO: Capt Kevin Neff  
2720 Mt Comfort Rd.  
Fayetteville, AR 72704

USS CONCORD NCC-1989-D  
New CO: Capt. Barney Cole  
2001 S. MacArthur # 168  
Oklahoma City, OK 73128  
New XO: Cmdr Fred Wilkerson  
811 N. Parker  
Oklahoma City, OK 73128

USS DELTA CLIPPER NCC-72302  
New XO: Cmdr Katherine Neill  
1654 Commercial  
Atchison, KS 66002

USS SEQUOYAH NCC-2043  
New CO: Capt Johnathan Rhine  
PO Box 211  
Stillwater, OK 74076

#### REGION THIRTEEN

USS VALKYRIE NCC-74658  
New CO: Capt Dwayne Sklar  
705 West Elmwood Ave.  
Clawson, MI 48017-1283  
New XO: FCapt Sally Moag  
18360 University Park Dr.  
Livonia, MI 48152

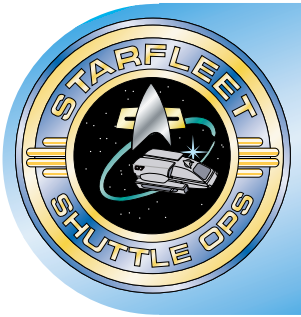
#### REGION FIFTEEN

USS HOOD NCC-1707  
New CO: Capt. Ronald Bishop  
29 Pinecrest Circle  
Concord, NH 03301-1824  
New XO: Cmdr Garret McCarthy  
27 Unlew Dr. Apt # 2  
Deary, NH 03033

#### REGION SEVENTEEN

USS MIR NCC-73281  
New XO: Cmdr Debra Kern  
2525 Enterprise Ave.  
Alamogordo, NM 88310





# MAMA DENNIS SAYS...

ADMIRAL DENNIS GRAY

CHIEF OF SHUTTLE OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

It's all downhill from here. As I write this, we have only a little over five months left until the end of the Smith/Freas/Goldberg Administration. I never once thought for a second, when Mike first asked me to be a member of his EC, that I'd still be at it 4 years later. Ooof! Retirement never sounded so good! I can't necessarily speak for the rest of the EC, but I know Mike and I are ready for some major time on some nice tropical beach somewhere, far from the joys, responsibilities, commitments, and yea, even aggravations that occasionally go with being an EC member in Starfleet. \*grin\* So - will it be the Caribbean, or the South Pacific, Mike? I think I'd prefer the South Pacific somewhere, personally...

Ok. On to more serious matters. It looks like ShOC will finish this administration with a little bit of a flourish. Two new major announcements to make this time around. By the time you read this, the long awaited sequel to the S.T.A.R.T. manual, the M.O.M. manual will be completed, and released to the members of Starfleet. It will be available for download as a .pdf or .txt file, at: <ftp.sfi.org/shoc>. For those without internet access, a hard copy will be available, as well. There will be a \$2.00 fee to mail a hard copy via US mail, to cover the copying and postage costs. Please send any/all requests to ShOC HQ, at my home address (listed in the rear of the CQ).

Next up, Captain Biff Bassett has devoted many long, hard, and often frustrating hours to putting together all new web pages for ShOC. And he has done an outstanding job of it, too! And, to make it all the more impressive, these are the \*first\* web pages Biff has ever designed! Remember that when you look at them. They were done by a novice! The man has great potential. I hope we'll see a lot more of Biff's work in Starfleet for years to come! The pages can be found by going to: <http://sfi.org/shoc> -or- <http://pcisys.net/~biff>. Please give Biff feedback on what you think of the new pages. He'll welcome your thoughts and opinions.

The 2000 IC is just around the corner. Just a tad over 5 weeks away as I write

this. With luck, this issue will be in your hands before then. It will be the last IC of the Smith/Freas/Goldberg Administration, and as such, a bittersweet one. It's our last hurrah! It will be our last opportunity to get out there and meet you, the members. To renew old acquaintances, to say our good-byes, to reminisce over the last 4 years, remember the good times (and

time, feel free to contact either one of my vice chiefs; Denine Sanders (VShOC@sfi.org -or- (913) 651-8735), or Jonathan 'Gumby' Simmons (shocman@hotmail.com -or- (469) 384-1974). They can handle pretty much anything that comes up (if they can't, I'm in trouble! <G>).

After the IC, I have just one more



bad), and hopefully to meet the individuals who will take up the torch come January 1st.

I for one, look forward to a great weekend, followed by an even better vacation! I am staying in upstate New York (and not very far from Burlington) until the end of the week after the IC, to enjoy some MUCH needed R&R! I have relatives with a beautiful home, up in the Adirondack mountains, on a beautiful, quiet, serene lake. So I am going to take a few days, and just relax, and soak it all in! ShOC HQ will be closed and absolutely out-of-touch during this time. No email, no computers, nothing. Just sunshine, trees, water, birds, et al. <G> ShOC HQ will re-open for business on or about the 11th of September. If there's something that absolutely positively HAS to be taken care of during this

appearance to put in as Chief of Shuttle Operations. I will be at the Starfleet Western Conference (a.k.a. 'DinkyCon') in Las Vegas, October 19-23. As you will no doubt read/see elsewhere in the Communiqué, the Western Conference is a joint regional conference, for regions 4, 5 & 17. From what I hear, it's gonna be one heck of a weekend! (Hey! How can it NOT be since it's basically in Las Vegas! <G>) I'm also looking forward to seeing how this joint regional conference concept works out. I could be wrong, but I do believe that that's a fairly new idea for SFI. And it makes a good bit of sense, since the western regions cover such a huge amount of land. It's not always easy to pack up and drive to a regional conference or summit, like it is in a lot of the other regions. Out here, you could drive a whole day, and never leave your home state, much less get to another! So

having a joint conference, where you can draw on at least three regions for attendees, and in an attractive area like Las Vegas, should hopefully make for a winning combination! (And I like the fact that it's in October - not as much HEAT! <G>)

Just a reminder - ShOC has an email listserve. You can subscribe to it by going to <http://www.egroups.com/invite/ShOC>, or sending an email to: [ShOC-subscribe@egroups.com](mailto:ShOC-subscribe@egroups.com). Traffic is \*extremely\* low on it (wouldn't mind a few ideas on topics for discussion, y'all!), so no need to worry about it flooding your, mailboxes! It's there for shuttle CO's, XO's, crew members, Mothership CO's - really anyone at all. So please, feel free to join, ask questions, speak your mind, bring up concerns, tell us how good we're doing (\*GRIN\*), etc. And if you're already subscribed, then speak up! Let's hear from you!

Well, our dear Comm Chief is reaching into her desk, grabbing her whip, and giving me 'The Look'. Her way of telling me it's time to turn in my article, like it or not. <G> So I will wrap things up here. Next issue I'll touch on things that happened at the IC, and look forward to the Western Conference, and more thoughts on retirement. <G> I'll also see if, for our LAST CQ of this administration, if I can put together a listing of all shuttles that have gone through ShOC in the last four years. Meantime, have a good summer. See you in two months!

Nurturing Starfleet's future,

Adm. Dennis 'Onions' Gray



# COMPUTER OPERATIONS

COMMODORE MARK ANBINDER

CHIEF OF COMPUTER OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

## A STARFLEET Computer Operations Primer

We here at Computer Operations receive a number of questions on the various functions we perform. Following is a primer on how to perform some of the more common Membership processes. If you have any questions, on items covered here or not, please send them along to [CompOps@sfi.org](mailto:CompOps@sfi.org)!

### Family Membership Changes

This time of year typically brings a high rate of weddings — and the resulting flurry of inquiries along the lines of, “How do I combine our two individual memberships into one family membership?”

First of all, congratulations! Second, this is a relatively easy change to arrange. The best approach is to “upgrade” one of the two (or more) existing memberships, probably the one that expires later, to a family, by paying a pro-rated portion of the difference in dues between the two membership types. For example, to add a person to a \$15 individual membership that expires in six months, making a \$22 family membership, pay half (six months worth) of the \$7 difference — or \$3.50. Send the payment (check or money order payable to STARFLEET, or all-purpose vouchers) and an explanation of what you want (including the current situation and what you have in mind for a change) to Membership Processing.

Generally speaking, a family membership should consist of multiple members who live in the same household and only want one of each mailing, such as the Communiqué newsletters. If you each want your own copy, stick to individual memberships.

### Splitting a Family Membership

Once in a while, people ask about dividing family memberships into individual memberships, too. Whether you’re moving, or just want your own CQ, to separate your membership from a family membership, the same concept

as above applies: just pay the pro-rated portion, for the rest of the year, of the difference in price. For example, to separate a \$22 family membership that expires in six months into two \$15 individual memberships, pay half (six months worth) of the \$8 difference — or \$4.

Again, send the payment and an explanation of what you want (including the current situation and what you have in mind for a change) to Membership Processing.

### Other Shufflings

Not all membership shufflings are quite as straightforward as our examples, but that’s the general idea, and we’ll be happy to help you figure out what you want to do. Just contact the CompOps Help Desk at [CompOpsHELP@sfi.org](mailto:CompOpsHELP@sfi.org) or the postal address in the CompOps directory listing in this issue. (Enclose a SASE for a reply.)

Please keep in mind that this sort of status change is intended to be a rare event, and we’d prefer that people avoid unnecessary or whimsical changes to their memberships, so as to keep the workload for the Membership Processing office reasonable.

### Change of Command Forms

Historically, the Chapter Change of Command form instructs members to send a copy of the CoC to the Chief of STARFLEET Computer Operations, since CompOps used to make the resulting changes in the member database. More recently, Operations has taken care of chapter-level changes to the database, such as new commissionings and changes of command, and Shuttle Operations has taken care of similar changes for shuttles.

Since the current approach makes the copies sent to CompOps redundant, and a waste of paper, postage, and effort, we will no longer be requiring chapters to send a copy to CompOps when they file a Change of Command form. Revised forms will soon be available, but if you’ve got an older copy of the form, feel free to ignore the

instruction to send a copy to the CompOps Chief. Do, however, make sure to send copies of your CoC to Operations (or Shuttle Operations, as appropriate) and your Regional Coordinator, with photocopies (not originals) of OTS and OCC certificates to each.

### Speaking of Family...

My last column, in CQ 99, talked about the CompOps staff, and mentioned that we’ve got people in other departments of the Fleet assisting us. The above mention of Ops and ShOC is a good opportunity to send our greetings out to Fleet Captain David McCabe of Ops, and Commodore Denine Sanders of ShOC. Dave makes changes to the member database to reflect the commissioning of new chapters, changes of command, and the like, based on information Ops manages. Denine handles similar tasks from ShOC’s end, for new shuttle launches. My thanks to both of these hardworking folks for their help in keeping the database up to date!

### Address Changes

Last but not least, a reminder that you should let us know about changes of address as soon as you know about them. We want to make sure everyone gets their newsletters, and right around now we’re also thinking about getting election ballots to everyone. If your address is out of date, your forwarding order has expired, or whatever, and we mail you something at an outdated address, there’s not much we can do but sympathize when you don’t get it.

Commodore Mark H. Anbinder  
Chief of Computer Operations

## COMPOPS ANNOUNCES NEW STAFFER

Commodore Mark H. Anbinder •  
Chief of Computer Operations

STARFLEET’s Department of Computer Operations has welcomed Fleet Captain Michael Dugas, CO of USS White Star, and Region 13 Chief of Operations, to the CompOps family. Mike, who can be reached at [<glithndr@whitestar.org>](mailto:glithndr@whitestar.org), will be taking over one of the tasks that Lieutenant Commander Blair Learn has been handling capably for a long time. Mike is best known Fleetwide as the keeper of the Fleet Online Directory.

The CompOps Rosters Coordinator fills requests for chapter and region rosters submitted by commanding officers, executive officers, and regional coordinators, on paper and by e-mail. Thanks to all those who applied for this position, and congratulations to Mike.

## STELLAR VISIONS #3 TO BE PDF-ONLY

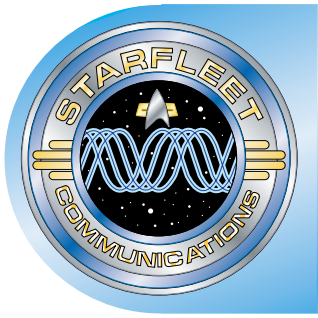
Vice Admiral Allyson M.W. Dyar •  
Editor

I received the hard copy masters of Stellar Visions three and I’m afraid to say, the master copy can’t be used. Rather than totally scrap the project, I’ve decided to go ahead and do an electronic version of SV3.

If the next Chief of Communications wants to, they can do a hard copy version. I’m in the process of contacting all the contributors from SV3 for electronic files and once I have it assembled, I’ll make an announcement when it is ready. Right now, I plan to have it available in PDF format that will allow us to provide some snazzy artwork.

I have a list of folks who pre-ordered Stellar Visions #3 and I should be contacting you in the next few months. However, in the meantime (and save me some work) if you could please send me a copy of your check or money order, it would help me verify who is owed how much for a refund.





# HAILING FREQUENCIES

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

Sir Isaac Newton said: "If I have seen further (than . . . Descartes) it is by standing upon the shoulders of Giants"

Both Vice Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace and I (along with the rest of the CQ staff) have received a lot of praise concerning our recent CQ issues. Believe me, we put in a lot of time and effort to bringing you the best product that we know how and it is gratifying to know that our hard work is being appreciated by STARFLEET members. We haven't done this work in a vacuum. There were many who came before us and I'd like to take this opportunity to salute the past Editors and Chief of Communications because if they hadn't done the job they did, we couldn't do what we do now.

Past Communiqué Editors: FAdm John Bradbury, Commodore Rob Saunders, RAdm Tammy Browne, VAdm Eric Stillwell, FAdm Fran Booth, Adm. Steve Smith, Adm. Buck Krause, Adm. Jack

Fields, FAdm Jeanette Maddox, Admiral Judith Brandy, VAdm Tim Gilliespie, RAdm Dwaine Gleason, Commodore Robbie Lewis, VAdm Doug Glenn, Fleet Captain Greg Trotter, Captain Brittany Sloan, Comm Wendy Fillmore, Comm Mark Anbinder and Rear Admiral Mandy Herrmann.

Past Chiefs of Communications: FAdm John Bradbury, RAdm Kevin Kadrmas, VAdm T. Wxyn, Admiral Brian Jackson, Adm. Mike King, Adm. Steve Smith, Adm. Buck Krause, Adm. Jack Fields, VAdm David Allen, Admiral Judith Brandy, VAdm Tim Gilliespie, Commodore Robbie Lewis, VAdm Doug Glenn, VAdm Gordon Goldberg.

Thank you one and all for a job well done and for providing the basis for which we do our work today.

Commander Christopher Esquibel has stepped down as Director and Captain

Kyle Wolf LrdVonWolf@aol.com will be taking over.

CQ #101 will be our IC special and I will have the winners of the Web Awards and the Newsletter Awards.

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

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

## STARFLEET ELECTIONS LISTSERVER

Ray Brown • Vote2K-List Administrator

As the main STARFLEET Listserver does not allow election-oriented messages, a separate Election Listserver has been established by the Offices of the Chief of Communications, STARFLEET and the Inspector General, STARFLEET. The Vote2K-L listserver allows candidates and the general membership to exchange platforms, ask and answer questions, and other functions.

This list is administered Ray Brown: raybrown@ipa.net

To join, send a message to: majordomo@sfi.org and in the body put: subscribe vote2k-l

For the digest form, send a message to: majordomo@sfi.org and in the body put: subscribe vote2k-l-digest

This list will be available for 'fleet members to discuss the upcoming elections and proposed constitutional amendments until 20 November when the results of the vote will be announced.

## COMMANDER, STARFLEET NOMINATION RESULTS

**Vice Admiral Allyson M. W. Dyar • Election Coordinator**

By 15 July, 2000, a total of 90 nominations were received and 88 were certified as valid (plus two nominations that came after the 15 July, 2000 deadline that were not counted or included in total).

The following Chapters/Regions submitted valid nominations: Space Station Nexus, Region 5, USS Jaguar, USS Kensington, USS Reprisal, USS Boston, USS Northern Lights, USS Normandy, USS Panther City, USS Stormbringer, USS Tanagra, USS Devastator, USS Saga, Space Station Nikola Tesla, Space Station Lewis B Puller, USS Royal Sovereign, USS Starlord, USS Sun Tzu, USS Aurora Vulcanus, USS Lexington, USS Relentless, USS Prevailing Wind, USS Challenger, USS Asimov, Space Station Freedom, USS Palo Duro, USS Avenger, USS Chautauqua, USS Ari, USS Hornet, USS Quana

Parker, USS Tempest, USS Justice, USS Aries, USS Crusader, USS Renegade, USS Banting, USS Jurassic, USS Morning Star, USS Thagard, USS Ohio, USS Providence, USS Endeavor, USS Matrix, USS Sky Dancer, USS Draco, USS Arizona, USS Jeannette Maddox, USS Galahad, USS Columbus, USS Richmond, USS Maat, USS Jamestown, USS Discovery, USS Comanche, USS Accord, USS Hexum, USS Asgard, USS PeaceKeeper, USS Okatoma, USS Haise, USS Albany, USS White Eagle, USS Cydonia, USS Rubicon, USS Eagle, USS Highlander, USS Athena, USS A. M. Valsalva, USS Carson, USS Northstar, USS Mir, USS Charleston, USS Czar'ak, Bennu Station, USS Simonov, USS Wernher von Braun, USS Flying Fortress, USS Umiak, USS Kitty Hawk, USS Arlington, USS Alaric, Region 7, Cascade Station, USS Triumph, USS Ares, USS Tsunami, USS Atlantis.

The results were as follows (this list is in alphabetical order and the number in parenthesis are the total number of ballots received and verified):

- Fleet Captain Sam Black (1)
- Fleet Captain Gary Donner (10)
- Lieutenant General Les Rickard (57)
- Admiral Alex Rosenzweig (1)
- Vice Admiral Robert Westfall (19)

### The Candidates for Commander, STARFLEET

The following 'fleet members received more than five valid nominations from Commanding Officers or Regional Coordinators. The following names will appear on the ballot (in alphabetical order):

Les Rickard  
VCS Candidate: Gordon Goldberg  
email: les@ussnormandy.com  
Web Page:  
<http://les2000.ussatlas.org>  
Mailing Address: PO Box 30341  
Winston-Salem, NC 27130-0341

Robert Westfall  
VCS Candidate: Sam Black  
email: westfall\_black2000@hotmail.com  
Web Page:  
<http://swbell.net/dgleason/>  
Mailing Address: 13214 West 62  
Terrace PMB 138, Shawnee, KS 66216

Note: Gary Donner, in a private email to the Chief of Communications on 23 July, 2000, declined the nomination for Commander, STARFLEET and will not appear on the ballot.

# STARFLEET

## OFFICE of Graphic Design



A strong professional quality logo can say a lot about your group. Whether you are a chapter, a department, or an Office within STARFLEET, you want to make the best presentation possible.



Unfortunately we don't all have a graphic artist on staff. Or we don't have the tools, or the time to make the best possible logo. That's where STARFLEET'S Office of Graphic Design can help.

We are small group of trained graphic artists that can provide you, a member of STARFLEET, with high quality digital output, ideal for web sites, brochures, and handbooks. Anywhere you may need a logo, we can provide you with one.

So visit our web site at <http://www.members.home.com/bulkeley> or write us at [FleetArt@aol.com](mailto:FleetArt@aol.com)



*A \$10 donation is requested for all projects. If you need anything other than electronic files, the \$10 donation is required to defray costs.*

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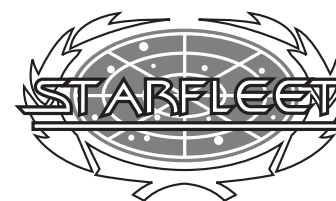
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Columbia, SC 29210 USA





# EX ASTRA, SCIENTIA

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

Hello everyone! Wow... Communique #100! I just LOVE the new layouts and congratulate the entire CQ Staff on a job well done.

The number "100" is one of those "special" numbers which makes one sit back and reminisce and that's exactly what I've been doing. Since its inception in the late 70s or early 80s ... the Academy has grown from its one-school curriculum into the mega campus you see today. Our campus has grown to include more than 20 Schools

and Colleges, over 30 members of the Staff and Faculty, and has slipped the boundaries of the United States to sink roots into Australia, Canada and Europe. Courses which traditionally have only been available in English, have been translated into French and Dutch by Academy Directors Manon Lessard-Belanger and Jeroen Vantroyen.

As you've seen in the past several issues of the Communique... our dedicated Academy Directors have submitted

articles for publication. I hope their articles have been of interest to you and have encouraged you to enroll in a few courses. Working together as a team, were proud to be able to offer you just about any course you can think of from "A" to "Z". As the adage goes... we have "something for everyone."

You'd think with the Academy's long history... that we've been there and done everything there is to do ... surprise! There's still more to come, including the newly created Starfleet

Academy Cadet Academy exclusively for Starfleet members up to age 18. Read more about the Cadet Academy and other interesting Academy articles in this issue.

With 20 years of Academy history behind us, Academy Commandants and Directors have come and gone. Commandants such as Brian Ackerman, Chris Lotito, Rob Lerman, Lori Ann Brown, Bjo Trimble, Paul Dyl, Mandi Herrmann... gosh... who did I forget ?? There's been so many Directors that I wouldn't even begin to try to name all of you. To those who are still here after all these years, I say "Thank You". To those who moved on to other things... I say "Thank You, too". Without each and every one of you, the Academy could not have evolved to what we have today.

I lift my glass of Diet Coke and propose a toast. Here's to 20 more years educating Starfleet's Finest! Let's move onward to Communique Issue # 200!



## STARFLEET ACADEMY MISSING IN ACTION

**Rear Admiral Helen Pawlowski • Director, Flag Officer School**

**Artwork by Fleet Captain David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five**

Is your name on this list? If it is, you paid for a test I have never received and I'd like to hear from you. My PO Box is such a lonely place! I've had the candle in the window for so long for some of you folks, I've set the curtains on fire twice!

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

Allen, Brian	45035	Dodge, Jean	16490	Horn, Dee	29528	Pense, Brad	17963	Tompkins, Robert	12582
Anderson, Michael	57532	Donner, Carolyn	10314	Idell, Stephen	11733	Perry, Jason	48411	Townsend, John	17415
Babb, Jack C	50283	DuBose, Michelle	30840	Ives, Stephen	46373	Picciano, Jennifer	27670	Traina, Christine	50079
Baldwin, Emma Sue	24649	Duerr, Jenn	51891	Johnson, Carl	26023	Picciano, Rick	17009	Turner, Isaac	17917
Barratt, Michelle	50545	Eaton, Jack	33857	Kueleers, Willem	50357	Pillow, Robin	11474	Urvand, Mike	19470
Bassett, Wm A III	45355	Eldred, Steve	27396	Kloempken, Linda	24040	Price, Warren	44204	VanArsdale, Eric	47221
Bellenger, Anne F	10883	Ensey, Gary Jr	45102	Krell, Cindy	17134	Pugliese, MaryAnn	30156	Vaughn, Susan	26211
Benson, Robert	50284	Fell, Ron	25944	Kuthy, Kim	26985	Ragsdale, Marlon	14724	Vinson, Mark	14511
Bergmann, Brian	28186	Ferguson, Larry	31814	Leddon, Christine	21760	Revor, Thomas Jr	17879	Wallace, Chris	11791
Bisig, Randy	44126	Fest, Phyllis	19604	Lerman, Kim	15606	Reynolds, Dana	10873	Walrath, Amy	29110
Black, Sam	28948	Fox-Davis, Susan	xxxxx	Lessem, Martin	47885	Rohal, Trisha	33298	Walrath, Brian	29103
Boatright, Michael	47829	Freas, Chuck	44601	Letch, Andy	46723	Rose, Valerie	11669	Washington Beryl	18700
Brinkley, Thomas	27477	Garner, Ann	33074	Lewis, Grace	20384	Salamon, Jeffrey	28235	Watson, Karen	52019
Brown, Raymond	12392	George, Michael	46236	Lewis, Robert	15051	Sommer, Bruce	11690	Wentworth-Kitson, Vivian	27948
Burhans, Willis B.	48098	Getz, Richard	33977	Lovell, Wesley	48513	Sowers Wm.	17900	Werner, Charles	26135
Burke, Don	15117	Gibson, Rebecca	51710	Lutz, Peter	10744	Sprouse, John	31072	Westfall, Robert	12243
Canada, Patricia	29317	Goldbach, Karen	10642	Miller, David	12730	Staylor, Gregory	28796	Wetherbee, George	45263
Cash, Troy	23272	Goldman, Larry	50896	Morgan, Leanna	26084	Stewart, Donna	25088	Wilson, Marti	51229
Connor, Jerome	20917	Gossett, Andrew	52279	Norton, Ken	45983	Stickler, Julie	27375	Winsley, John	19972
Copple, Matthew	17030	Guehring-Mauer, S.	50564	O'Brien, Pat	19431	Stratton, Michael	17952	Yarbrough, Kenneth	22572
Cowand, Erik B	33120	Guignard, Bernard	19225	Overson, Carlton	47451	Summers, Lisa	25578	Yates, Jerry	29427
Cushing, Karen	25847	Hamman, Christopher	50074	Owens, Tamara	30239	Telescan, Gary	23082	Ybarra, Robert	25421
Davis, Anita	10289	Higdon, Jeffrey	33791	Oziah, Ken Jr	29724	Theilman, Bethany	29363	Zimdahl, Carolyn	47863
Day, Adam	26649	Hilliard, Kelly	11231	Peden, Henry	50508	Thurmond, M.R.	27662		



# STARFLEET ACADEMY GRADUATE LIST



*By Vice Admiral Marlene Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy*

As always, it gives me great pleasure to present the Graduating Class of Starfleet Academy based on Directors' Reports received from June 1, 2000 - July 18, 2000.

An \* = Scores of 100% or Higher. Some schools issue "pass" or "fail" rather than numerical scores.  
A number next to the name indicates that the student has taken that many courses within the College or School

<b>INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP</b> <i>Peg Pellerin, Dean</i>	<b>Officer's Training School (OTS)</b> <i>Peg Pellerin, Elizabeth Worth, Manon Lessard-Belanger , Jeroen Vantroyen - Directors</i>			<b>Officer's Command College (OCC)</b> <i>James Cushing, Alan Yates, David Blaser - Directors</i>		<b>Flag Officer School (FOS)</b> <i>Helen Pawlowski, Alan Yates - Directors</i>
	Andy Maelstaf	Pamela J. King	James Thornton	D. Garry Cameron	Stewart Patton	Philip J. Kern, Jr. Ronda Lesa Pruitt * Melissa A. Lillie * Pat Stewart *
	Kennety M. Brinegar	Mike May	Sara C. Thornton	Jon Marshall Potter	Lee Passmore	
	Jeff Roy	Martin Turbak	Joan B. Crowley	Mary Kaufer	Willian Higgins	
	Terry Bingham	Efrain Vidal-Plaza	Ann Edmunds	Mary Connelly	David James	
	Kevin B. Brown	Kyle Curry	Mary Webb	Jonathan Rhine	David Jamison	
	Thomas S. Ferguson	Patrina Marie Kamp	Leah M. Eddy	Phil Guinta	Lori Straley	
	S'harien t'Devaster	Dusty Chesnavage	Dennis Rayburn	Dave Forrand	Sheri Huff	
	Theresa Jones	Robert Houser	Andrew Meyers	Dusty Chesnavage	John Bryant	
	Noralyn Ripps	Phil Giunta	Clifford Gardner	Spring Brooks	Covert Nelson	
Gregory N. Ripps	Earl C. Beighley	Anthony Stonaker	Leah Eddy	Adrian Nunenkamp		
F.A. Hawkeye	Geraldine A. Drane	Paula Carberry	Peter Miller	Jan Agee		
Kimberly A. Rochelle	James E. Drane		Cynthia Ramey	Alan Jack		
Nicole Washington	Susanna Reilly					
Ruth B. Sippel	Michael Silbernagel					

<b>INSTITUTE OF ARTS</b> <i>Sherry Anne Newell, Dean</i>	<b>School of Language Studies (SOLS)</b> <i>Sherry Anne Newell, Director</i>		<b>College of Literature (COL)</b> <i>Jill Rayburn, Director</i>		<b>College of History (COH)</b> <i>Deborah Butcher, Director</i>
	Larry Goldman *		Billie Clifton		Larry Goldman
	<b>School of Cultural Anthropology (SCA)</b> <i>Sherry Anne Newell, Director</i>		Mary Payne Connelly *		Wayne Killough *
			Wayne Killough *		James Monroe
					Cathy Edgington
	Lee Vitasek		<b>School of Treknology (SOT)</b> <i>Alice C. Strange; A. Jean Smith, Directors</i>		John Tuttle
		<b>School of Music (SOM)</b> <i>Sherry Anne Newell, Director</i>			Darlene Harper
	Larry Jones *		Sheila Benton (3) * *		
			Cathy L. Edgington		

<b>INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES</b> <i>Greg Staylor, Dean</i>	<b>Security School (SFASS)</b> <i>Greg Staylor, Director</i>		<b>College of Survival Studies - COSS</b> <i>Carol Thompson, Director</i>		<b>Vessel Readiness Certification Program - VRCP</b> <i>Carol Thompson, Director</i>
	Dean Rogers *		Belva Hall		USS Haise (3)
	Jeff Wilcox *		Sharon Russell		USS Jaguar
	Covert Nelson (4) * * * *		Elwood Carlson		USS Sol (2)
	Chanda Norman *				
Gary Hollifield (2) * *					
Nancy O'Shields *					
	<b>College of Starship Operations - COSO</b> <i>James W. Lee, Director</i>		<b>School of Strategy &amp; Tactics - SOST</b> <i>Sanford Berenberg, Director</i>		<b>Klingon Warrior Academy (KWA)</b> <i>Deb Kern, Director</i>
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			Jeff Roy *		Philip J. Kern

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	Wayne Killough, Jr.		Cindy Prindle (2)			
Kurt Roithinger *		Patrina M. Kamp (2)				
Jeff Roy *		John W. Bryant (2)		<b>College of Engineering (COE)</b> <i>Capt. Brian Dougherty, Director</i>		
Peggy Woods		Lea True-Rose				
Rodney Neil Yawn (2)		Laura Wintersteen		Meliton W. Carrillo *		



# STARFLEET COLLEGE OF ALIEN HISTORY AND CULTURE OPENS

**Captain David "Savel" Peifer Blaser • Director**

Greetings Members of the Fleet,

After a mere four years with the fleet but, with numerous Starfleet Academy courses under my belt including OTS, OCC, FOS, all 12 VAS courses, all 4 Security School courses, 6 of the Federation Studies courses, and 1 College of Medicine course; I am honored and proud to be on the "other side of the coin" as a director.

The College of Alien History and Culture (CAHC) courses were designed by me to provide you, the Starfleet Membership, an opportunity to increase (or show off) your knowledge of the Star Trek Universe for entertainment. Each course consists of questions pertaining to the cultures' History and Culture as revealed in the 1st four Star Trek series. There are 10 Star

Trek cultures to choose from: Federation, Romulan, Klingon, Vulcan, Trill, Borg, Ferengi, Barjoran, Cardassian, and Misc. Worlds.

The recommended reference books for the tests are the Star Trek Encyclopedia and the Star Trek Chronology. The cost per course is \$1.00 (make checks or money orders payable to "Starfleet Academy Fund") and a Large Self Addressed Stamped Envelope. The courses are available online at: [dpeifer@epix.net](mailto:dpeifer@epix.net) or by writing to:

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## SOLS SOM SOCA SOTH

**Rear Admiral Sherry Anne Newell • STARFLEET Academy**

SOLS SOM SOCA SOTH—SOLS SOM SOCA SOTH — Try saying THAT six times rapidly (thix timeth rapidly?). Better yet, enroll in one or all of the 16 courses currently available in the 4 schools: School of Language Studies, 10; School of Music, 2; School of Cultural Anthropology, 3; School of Trek Humor, 1 (so far!). All are heavily Trek-oriented, designed to offer hours of fan-fun as well as to provide a little real-world knowledge.

Tuition is only \$2 plus a SASE plus 2 loose first-class U.S. stamps per course. My turn-around time from request/completed exam to mail-out is generally same-day service, next-day if the mail has already gone out.

The reason SOLS has so many levels is that an exceptional student, Steve Turner (Hi, Steve!) kept wanting more. By the time I'd done 10, I was out of steam in that area, but soon went on to develop SOM, then SOCA, and then SOTH.

All courses have had Honors grads, nobody's given up in despair yet (that I know of, anyway), or failed outright. On the other hand, there seems to be enough of a challenge to maintain interest, and, in case anybody gets "stuck," I'm always available for help, just a SASE or an e-comm away.

References include tapes of series/movies and the "Star Trek Encyclopedia". Material is drawn from all four of the series (less from "Voyager" because of its more limited availability), with a few options built in for alternate questions if the student simply cannot access needed material. After all, we here in the Academy WANT our students to succeed so they'll keep coming back for more courses!

One of my very first students, now CO of the USS Mir (Hi, Nancy!) is still signing up for my courses! That gives me a REALLY good feeling! Another "star-student," Larry Jones has only 4 more to go to complete all the available courses With Honors! So why not pull out those SFA aps, fellow-Fleeters, look under "Institute of Arts," and sign up to Trek on in SOLS SOM SOCA SOTH?

# SHIP'S COUNSELOR COLLEGE CANADA

**Fleet Captain Donna Jean Noddin • Director**

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the Starfleet Academy Canada Campus has added the Ships Counselors College (SCC) to the Curriculum.

Our newest addition to the Academy Staff, Fleet Captain Donna Jean Noddin, has accepted the position as Director of SCC-Canada, and is ready for business!

Those who would like to apply to SCC-Canada should contact Dona Jean at:

Donna Jean Noddin  
P.O. Box 4501 STN-A  
Nanimo, BC  
Canada 9R 5J9

Since this falls within the SFA Canadian Campus, please make checks and money orders payable to: Donna Jean Noddin. Payments should be drawn on Canadian Funds. Starfleet Vouchers and Starfleet Academy Vouchers are welcome and encouraged!

## CADET ACADEMY OPENS

**Vice Admiral Marlene Miller • STARFLEET Academy Commandant**

It gives me extreme pleasure to announce that the Starfleet Cadet Academy is open and accepting applications for enrollment from Cadets who are 18 and under, and are Starfleet members "in good standing". You may request a Cadet Academy application and fact sheet (brochure) by sending a business-sized (#10) Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope (SASE) to:

Cadet Academy Application  
c/o Tom Restivo  
144 Willowdale Dr. # 34  
Frederick, MD 21702-1142

## ACADEMY TUITION REDUCTION

**Vice Admiral Marlene Miller • STARFLEET Academy Commandant**

Yes, you read right... in this day of inflation and rising prices, several Starfleet Academy schools have lowered their course tuition. Due to lower costs for photocopying and because of the fact that most Directors don't ask for reimbursement of their out-of-pocket money we're able to pass this good news on to our esteemed students.

At press time, the Academy Application found in this CQ may not reflect all tuition decreases. Rest assured, if you send too much money, you will receive a refund in the form of a Voucher that can be used for any Starfleet purchase including Starfleet Academy and the Starfleet Quartermaster's Office.

The following schools are among the first to lower their tuition:

Officer's Training School (OTS) \$1, SASE, 2 Loose 33¢ Stamps  
College of Survival Studies (COSS) \$1, 2 Loose 33¢ Stamps  
Starfleet Academy College of Medicine (SACOM) \$1, SASE, 2 Stamps  
Vulcan Academy of Science (VAS) \$1, SASE, 2 Loose 33¢ Stamps

We thank you for your continued support of Starfleet Academy and we hope that these lower tuitions will allow you to experience even more exciting schools.

Come join us.

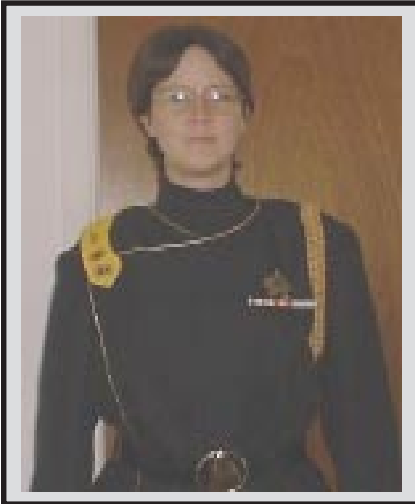


# KLINGON WARRIOR ACADEMY HONOR ROLL

**Commander Deb Kern • Director**

**Artwork by Fleet Captain David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five**

Since June 1999 when the Klingon Warrior Academy (KWA) opened its doors again, there has been a lot of new warriors-to-be. Two people that are now Klingon Warriors from the KWA really out did themselves: Marine Colonel Nancy D. Lynch and Ensign Craig A. Schuster. Both students received KWA's Honor Certificates and are now inducted into the Order of General Martok's Honor Guard. In addition, they received the KWA, STARFLEET Academy honor badge and House Veska's Order of General Martok's Honor Guard badge. The directors of the Klingon Warrior Academy wishes Col Lynch and Ensign Schuster God's speed with their future endeavors.



**COLONEL NANCY D. LYNCH**  
Commanding Officer • USS Mir

**Klingon Name: K'Chu-Sutai-VESKA**

Colonel Lynch is the first KWA Honor graduate. She passed all four courses with an average of 110 percent.

Colonel Lynch first joined STARFLEET International, May 13, 1995. At that time she was assigned to the security section at the rank of Midshipman to the Shuttle Nexus. September 1995 she accepted the Security Section Chief position and a promotion to ensign. Again, she was

promoted in November 1995 to Lieutenant Junior Grade and in December 1995 she was promoted to Lieutenant. She was promoted to Lt Commander in January 1996. There was a 10 month lapse before she became the Section Chief for Operations and received her promotion to Commander, November 1996. During this time, the Shuttle Nexus was commissioned as the USS Mir making Commander Lynch a founding member. In May of 1998 she joined the STARFLEET Marine Corps (SFMC) as an active duty member in The Special Operations Branch of the 875<sup>th</sup> Marine Strike Group of the USS Mir. Finally, Col Nancy became the Commanding Officer of the USS Mir on May 7, 1999.

## **Col Lynch's Awards and Honors:**

October 30, 1995, Personal Commendation from Captain John Baldwin of the Shuttle Nexus, August 1997, Distinguished Service Medal (USS Mir), Initial Training Ribbon (SFMC), Professional Development Ribbon (SFMC), Academic Excellence Ribbon (SFMC), Bachelor's of Military Science in Special Operations (SFMC), Honorary Bachelor's of Military Science in Medicine (SFMC), and Member of STARFLEET Academy's Red Squadron for honors in the School of Music and KWA in 1999. At the recent Region 17 summit she received the following Region 17 awards: Founder's award for being the Captain of the ship of the year for 1999, Distinguished Service Medal, (3 nominations), Newsletter of the Year where she is the editor of the Mir Universe newsletter, Clara Barton Medical Award for being CPR qualified, 5 year service medal, Starfleet Academy Training ribbon, Starfleet Military Training ribbon, Starfleet Technical Training Ribbon, and the Starfleet Arts Training ribbon.

**Col Lynch's Starfleet Academy Courses:** OTS, OCC, Flag Officer School (1), School of Language Studies (Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorate), School of Medicine (Basic, Emergency Medicine, and Pharmacology), Klingon Warrior Academy (Course 100, 200, 300, and 400w/honors), School of Literature 101, School of Music (Bachelors and Masters w/honors).

**Col Lynch's Starfleet Marine Corps Academy Courses:** PD 10(honors) and 20, IN-10 (honors) and 20, AE-10 (honors), AE-20 (Honors) and AE-25, SO-10 (honors), 20 (honors), and 30 (honors), CE-10(honors) and CE-20 (honors), ME-10 (honors) and ME-20 (honors), SU-10, SU-20, and SU-30.

## **Col Lynch's Hobbies:**

When I asked Col Lynch what her hobbies were she replied with the following: (I didn't change any words) Tae Kwon Do, reading during long soaks in the bathtub, Pokemon obsession (Bulbasaur is way better than the brown-nosing Pikachu!), and inspiring young officers to look deep within themselves and say with all honesty, "Yech, how did THAT get in there?". Col Lynch is a first degree black belt (1<sup>st</sup> Dan) in Tae Kwon Do through the Moo Duk Kwan Association and Kukkiwon Association. She also holds the same belt in Hapkido through the Han Moo Kwan Association.

## **Col Lynch's Education:**

Associates Degree in Nursing – May 1998-NMSU, Dona Anna Branch  
Bachelors Degree in Nursing – May 2000-NMSU, Main Campus

In addition to the above accolades she assisted the Commanding Officer of Training and Doctrine Command (COTRACOM), SFMC with writing the Starfleet Marine Corps Academy Medical manual in 1998.



**ENSIGN CRAIG A. SCHUSTER**

Lord of Klingon House on board Space Station Nexus.

**Klingon Name: K'Roc JoH Al Puqlod**

Ensign Schuster is the second KWA Honor Graduate. He passed all four courses with an average of 108 percent.

Ensign Schuster first joined STARFLEET International in 1997. He joined Space Station Nexus two years ago. He is involved in a non-affiliated Klingon House for a long time. His father started this group back in the 1980s. He is the Lord of the house and has been for the last 3 years.

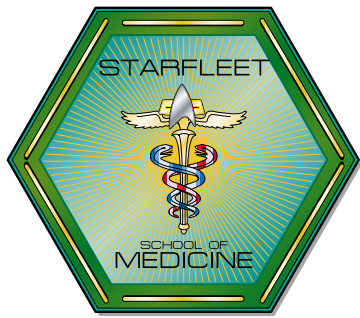
Ensign Schuster lives and works in the southwest suburbs of Chicago, IL. He works for a large telecommunications equipment supplier called Andrew Corporation as their Photographic/Image Specialist. His main responsibilities include all Photographic related needs such as Ads, Annual Reports, Catalogs, direct mail and POP displays. In addition, he does all digital retouching needs of the companies existing collection of images. He has been working at the Andrew Corporation for five years. Before he worked for the Andrew Corporation he was a photographer for a home furnishing studio in Chicago.

**Starfleet Academy Courses:** OTS (100 percent) KWA (Courses 100, 200, 300, and 400w/honors)

## **Education:**

Graduated from Northern Michigan University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Photography and Electronic Imaging.





# COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

**Captain Wayne Killough • Director**

**Artwork by Vice Admiral Chris Wallace • Vice Chief of Communications, STARFLEET**

Greetings from the STARFLEET Academy College of Medicine and welcome to CQ Issue 100!! There have been some changes here at SACOM Headquarters, and I thought I would like to mention them. First off, I have moved. After being single for quite along time, I have finally met the man for me and Kevin asked me to move in. So, here is the updated contact information for SACOM:

CAPT Wayne Lee Killough, Jr., SFMD/SFFM  
321 N. Maple St.  
Harrison, AR 72601  
sacom@sfi.org or kevknng@yournet.com

Next, I would like to personally recognize my Assistant Director, CAPT David Klingman. While I take care of the day-to-day operation and the administrative side of SACOM, David is busy completing the college and creating new exams. He has already created three exams for SACOM. The Field Medic Section (Basic Health, First Aid, and CPR). These three exams are for those members who have actual CPR and/or First Aid training. If you have any ideas for new exams or have any questions, please feel free to contact not only myself using the information above but also David. He can be reached at the following:

CAPT David E. Klingman  
9414 Covedale Dr.  
Charlotte, NC 28270-2140  
mirodon@carolina.rr.com

SACOM is currently made up of 24 different exams (and more on the way). No one (except for myself) has actually completed all 24 exams; however, I would like to announce that one member of STARFLEET is just one exam away from completing the entire college. CAPT Kris Williams, Commanding Officer of the USS Arizona will be the first student of mine to actually complete the entire college.

Once a student completes SACOM, they are presented a certificate for completing the college as well as a pin. I am still shopping for the right pin, but it will instantly signify the wearer as completing SACOM. I figure by the time Kris finishes her last exam, I will have found the right pin and will be eagerly waiting to send it to her. I will have an interview with Kris in an upcoming issue of the Communiqué about her completing the college.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to acknowledge those students who have completed SACOM courses with a grade of 95% or above since the first of the year. I will be having occasional updates with a listing like this. SACOM courses are very thorough and thought provoking. Passing one of these exams is not impossible. but passing with a 95% or above, in my opinion, deserves commendation. So, it is my pleasure to announce the following members as SACOM Honor Students for this term:

Name	Course	Score
Susan Bolick	Basic Doctorate	97
John W. Bryant	Basic Doctorate	99
John W. Bryant	Cardiology Specialty	101
Nancy O'Shields	Surgery Specialty	98
Leilani Purvine	Counselor Certification	95
William Purvine	AIDS/STD Specialty	100
Lori Straley	Basic Doctorate	95
Tammy White	Betazoid Telepathy Specialty	100
Jeanne Wilson	Counselor Certification	98
Jeanne Wilson	Betazoid Telepathy Specialty	100

Well, that will be all this issue. Remember to enjoy life and always stay safe. Until next time.



# SCHOOL OF UNUSUAL KNOWLEDGE

**Vice Admiral Marlene Miller • Commandant, STARFLEET Academy**

**Artwork by Fleet Captain David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five**

What was the name of Myanmar before it became Myanmar?

If you know the answer to that question, you might want to sign up for Starfleet Academy's School of Unusual Knowledge.

This School, under the direction of Rear Admiral Helen Pawlowski is comprised of an exam which touches on all sorts of unusual knowledge including country names which have changes with the times: What was Belize's name before it became Belize? Plurals of words: What's the plural of "Mouse"? Male-Female- Offspring: What do you call the Male, Female and offspring of... cats? This along with other examples will really test your knowledge of the unusual!

What makes this School even more fun is that it's not really a test. Although it could be! You could either send your answers to Helen for scoring, or request a copy of the answer sheet to score it yourself.

Cost for this examination is one Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope (SASE) and one brand new, uncanceled, first-class United States Postage Stamp.

Request your SOUK from:

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

You'll be glad you did!



# OPERATION FLEET HELP

**Rear Admiral Sherry Ann Newell • Commanding, USS Morning Star**

**Artwork by Vice Admiral Chris Wallace • Vice Chief of Communications, STARFLEET**

Those of you who have been in Fleet a while may remember Operation Fleet Cares back in the summer of '96, designed to provide aid and assistance to victims of the terrorist attack in Saudi Arabia and their families. I dutifully sent my check, but wanted to do something more, involving the entire crew of the USS Morning Star, as CO of the ship. Inspired by the CQ report of the children who were collecting aluminum tabs as a way of realizing, in some sense, the huge number of Holocaust victims during WWII, I decided on a three-phase project involving a fixed number of tabs pulled and recycled for each victim killed or injured in the attack in Saudi, culminating in a solemn remembrance to coincide with Pearl Harbor Day. At that time, none of us had any idea of the work involved in pulling and rinsing all those tabs, then counting them and depositing them in gallon milk/ water jugs for recycling. We have since learned! We collected some 15,000 tabs over the space of the next few months, recycled our tabs, sent the resulting check to a veterans' organization, and held our ceremony.

A new crew member joined our ship, became our Chocolate Officer, then the Regional Chocolate Officer, and the Morning Star became "The Sweetest Ship in Region 12" – not really all that hard for a boat-load of chocoholics. Starfleet switched the charities, and there we were, with lots of "chocolate" and no tabs—or so we thought. As it turned out, our former Chocolate Officer became our RMHC Officer, for he and his household had been saving pop tops for some time and delivering jugs full to the Ronald McDonald House in Oklahoma City whenever there were enough to make the journey—less than 200 miles round-trip. The ship has been diligently pulling away ever since, last year accumulating over 10.5 lbs. This year we're going to do even better, thanks in part to my appeal for help to the local senior center and their generous response.

But tab-pull wasn't enough. From time to time our small ship holds charity Garage Sales. In the past we have generated funds for the local Humane Society, the International Wildlife

Coalition, the local children's shelter, the local women's shelter, and one of the Stampede charities—the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Hunger Relief. This time, we chose RMHC to be the recipient of whatever money we could raise. Our several days of work—advertising, collecting and donating goods, set-up, sale, and "strike"—brought in \$450 in cash plus four car-loads of "leftovers" delivered to the Salvation Army, the Lawton Homeless Shelter, and local Public Radio.

On May 31, 2000, a check for this amount, along with five gallon-jugs full of tabs, was delivered (in Starfleet uniform) to RHM in OKC, where we were royally received by the Executive Director (Peggy Postage), the Director of Public Relations (Mary Lou Cozzens), and the Vice-President (Preston McPhail). We were treated to lunch with staff and residents, given a guided tour, and honored by having our name up in lights. WOW! (We learned that several Klingons had beamed down some weeks before, fixed lunch, and departed—no gag, just standard tasty Terran fare similar to

ours, I imagine, light, attractive, and delicious. The Vice-President, Preston McPhail, it turns out, is the brother of one of my oldest and dearest friends here in Lawton, our home port, a former Fleet member, and a former shipmate. She, Preston's two sons, and I all served on the same ship together in my early days in Fleet. Starfleet is, among other good things, a small and wonderful world in which pleasant surprises like this one wait round many a corner. We have collected many more tabs since May 31 and are looking forward to our next delivery to the Ronald McDonald House in Oklahoma City—"the house that love built"—with many more visits to come.



Ronald McDonald House Garage Sale  
(From Left to Right): Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Timbs, Commander (Senior Grade) Jones, Rear Admiral Newell



Delivering the Jugs  
(From Left to Right): Commander (Senior Grade) Jones, Rear Admiral Newell

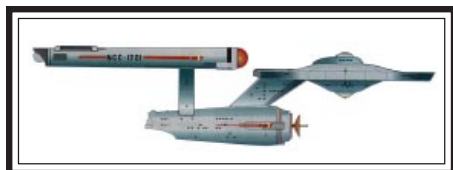




# A BRIEF HISTORY OF STARFLEET

**Lieutenant General Scott A. Akers • STARFLEET Chief Historian and  
Fleet Captain Jeffery Higdon • Office of the STARFLEET Historian  
Artwork by Fleet Captain David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five**

The following is a brief history of our organization, STARFLEET: The Inter-national Star Trek Fan Association, Inc. This history is partially based upon an article that appeared in the Starfleet Communiqué in Mid-1989 entitled, "12 Years: History of Starfleet", written by Admiral Christopher L. Smith. The remainder of the information since that time has been provided by STARFLEET's official publications and from interviews with various members, written by Lieutenant General Scott Akers and Fleet Captain Jeffery Higdon. Fleet Captain Higdon served as Editor of this version. See Editor's Notes at bottom...



## **USS Enterprise** The Mothership

The roots of STARFLEET begin in 1974 when John Bradbury and a group of Texas Star Trek fans formed the USS

Enterprise. The group did much the same things current STARFLEET chapters do: there were fundraisers, parties, and most importantly, an ambition to grow — and grow they did! The group became so popular that membership spread out across the state and the need for an organizational change became imminent. The command staff of the Enterprise subsequently decided that allowing other vessels was the solution to their problem of wide spread expansion of members.

On May 23, 1974, the first issue of the organization's newsletter (then called STARFLEET Communications) announced that "The USS Enterprise has been reorganized, effective Stardate 2538.0. It will henceforth be known as STARFLEET, due to directives determined during reorganization."

The first chapter of STARFLEET was commissioned as the USS Enterprise under the command of Captain Jay Wallace in Lufkin, Texas, which also became the location of STARFLEET Headquarters. The Fleet continued to prosper that first year under the command of, then, Commodore Bradbury. Two more chapters were quickly commissioned that next year: the USS Constellation in Memphis, TN, and the USS Constitution in Coppel, TX. By the end of STARFLEET's second year, there were 14 chapters across the country; including the USS Eagle in Region 4, which remains the longest continually running chapter in the Fleet!



## **USS Eagle** STARFLEET's Oldest Chapter

In the fall of 1977, Fleet Admiral Bradbury retired from active duty to enter college and was replaced by Fleet Admiral Adeline Longshaw. During the Longshaw administration, STARFLEET's organizational structure began to solidify with a large number of new Fleet Divisions developed, including the Chief of Fleet Recruiting, the Chief of Logistics, and the Alien Relations Board, to name a few.

It was also during this period that both STARFLEET's Command level newsletter (today's Command Status Report) and the STARFLEET Academy were developed. While serving as the Command Assistance Coordinator, Admiral Brandt Heatherington produced a monthly publication for all Command level officers, initially titled the CAC Bulletin, which later developed into General Orders (or GO, for short) which evolved into the current Fleet Status Report.

Also, Commodore John Wetsch was instrumental in opening STARFLEET Academy, which was just as popular then as it is today.

At the high point of the Longshaw Administration, STARFLEET could boast 16 active starships and 35 planetary outposts (predecessor to the current Shuttlecraft Program), and a total number of 700 members by October of 1979.

Unfortunately, in that same year, Fleet Admiral Longshaw stepped down as the Commanding Admiral of STARFLEET due to serious hospitalizing illnesses in her family. Admiral Heatherington as STARFLEET's first interim Commander, STARFLEET, succeeded her briefly. A few short months, Admiral John Wetsch became the 3rd Commander, STARFLEET.

The Wetsch administration improved further on the organizational structure of STARFLEET. The STARFLEET Officer's Handbook was greatly improved and a previous backlog in distributing membership packets was addressed. Unfortunately, one of Wetsch's own staff, Vice Chief of Personnel Vice Admiral Eric Stillwell, began a personal crusade to also further improve STARFLEET under his own program, entitled Mandate for Change. Early in his Mandate, Admiral Stillwell praised Fleet Admiral Wetsch for his accomplishments, but it soon became a political power struggle between Admiral Stillwell and his views on what direction the organization should take, and Fleet Admiral Wetsch.



## **Fleet Admiral Eric A. Stillwell** Fourth Commander, STARFLEET

An important element in this power struggle was the 'STARFLEET Communiqué', which had become the Fleet's quarterly newsletter. In 1981, due to delays in publication of the "Communiqué", Admiral Stillwell began publication of his own supplemental STARFLEET newsletter, which

became the regular STARFLEET magazine. It is interesting to note that records indicate that while Admiral Stillwell was serving as Vice Chief of Personnel, it was believed that he was also serving as the Chief of Communications under the pseudonym of 'VADM T. Wxyn'. The records also reveal that both shared the same address. Late in 1981, the power struggle ended in Admiral Stillwell's favor and he became the next Commanding Admiral of STARFLEET.

In an interesting side note that during this period, for the first and only time, STARFLEET was run by what seemed to be two administrations: Fleet Admiral Stillwell's popular and self-appointed administration, and Fleet Admiral Wetsch's official administration under STARFLEET regulations. This was only maintained briefly as the Stillwell Administration took the reigns of newly invigorated STARFLEET.

The Stillwell Administration was known for extremely professional quality newsletters and membership packets. Another important factor was the large amount of publicity STARFLEET received from the media. A paid advertisement and small article in 'Starlog' magazine coupled with attention from powerful Trek personalities such as Susan Sackett, Gene Roddenberry's personal assistant for many years, and Bjo Trimble considered by many as the Mother of Trek Fandom, helped STARFLEET enjoy a great growth at the time. Within a few short months membership grew to over 3,000 members across the world with almost 200 chapters in more than a dozen countries.

However, in the summer of 1982, a major crisis developed — and one that is not very widely known to STARFLEET members. At one time, STARFLEET had its own product distribution office, where several items of Star Trek nature were sold to members to raise sorely needed funds. Paramount Pictures contacted STARFLEET HQ, and it's parent company Gulf and Western, concerning the

violation of the copyrights and patents held by Paramount by selling unlicensed items and for using the calligraphic font in the name title of the organization. The situation dragged on into the winter and many of STARFLEET's top officers began to fear that, should Paramount take legal action, many of them would be held responsible.

However, the situation was finally resolved after the legal department of Paramount discovered that STARFLEET was indeed a fan club and offered no unfair competition to Paramount and/or any of its licensees. Paramount's solution to their legal dilemma of being required by law to defend their copyrights was simply to ignore a group that was giving them hundreds of thousands of dollars of free publicity. They had no need to protect a copyright from a group they pretended did not exist. Since Paramount was then beginning to try to work with Fandom through their official fan club, they instead chose to support and enlist the aid of the many fans in STARFLEET

Unfortunately, toward the end of the Stillwell Administration, the high cost of producing quality membership packets and an international newsletter, coupled with continual turnover of key Fleet personnel, affected HQ efficiency and many members and chapters began leaving STARFLEET. However, most damaging was a new organization, "Trek International", that was started and run by several members of Fleet Admiral Stillwell's own Executive Committee, which tried to undermine STARFLEET through the recruitment of Fleet's own members and chapters. Fleet Admiral Stillwell subsequently resigned on January 2, 1984 and went on to become a Production Assistant within the Star Trek Franchise.

### **Fleet Admiral Fran Booth** Fifth Commander, STARFLEET

Although two candidates emerged from the subsequent election process for a new Commander, STARFLEET, Captain Fran Booth, CO of the Texas Chapter USS Antares, was the winner. Captain Booth became the 5th Fleet Admiral and Commander, STARFLEET, on March 27, 1984. She took command of a much-depleted STARFLEET. Over the previous two years, membership had dropped from nearly 4,000 to 1,000 and chapters had decreased from close to 200 to fewer than 30.

The Booth Administration began immediately to rebuild the Fleet, almost from scratch. Inexpensive membership materials were developed. Captain Steven Smith was appointed the new Chief of Communications and quickly brought the Communications Department back on-line. Within a month information to STARFLEET members was back with the production of an informative but inexpensive Communiqué.

Admiral Brian Ackermann reopened STARFLEET Academy, which had been closed under Fleet Admiral Stillwell. Admiral Ackermann is credited with developing STARFLEET Academy into what it is known as today. The STARFLEET Shuttlecraft Program was developed to both recruit new members and chapters and to train their leaders in how to run successful chapters. But the toll of rebuilding the Fleet weighed heavily on Fleet Admiral Booth and at the end of her two-year term she announced her intention not to run for reelection.



### **Fleet Admiral Steven Smith** Sixth Commander, STARFLEET

Again, two candidates emerged: Admiral Steven Smith and Vice Commander, STARFLEET, Admiral Mary Helm. Apparently, Admiral Helm chose mainly to run so those STARFLEET members would have a choice in who to vote for. Even before the ballots were distributed, it became clear from the nominations received from the Admiralty Board and Starship Commanders who STARFLEET favored for nearly 100% nominated Admiral Smith. Shortly thereafter, Admiral Helm threw her support behind Admiral Smith and, by concession, Steven Smith became the 6th Fleet Admiral and Commander, STARFLEET, on December 28, 1986.

The Steve Smith Administration saw another explosion in the size and scope of STARFLEET. The Sector Commanders and Regional Coordinators gained new responsibilities and became more involved in the

operations of STARFLEET. The Academy continued to grow, with OTS under Admiral Chris Lotitio becoming a huge hit as well as the Post Graduate School and the Vulcan Academy of Sciences. The pocket-sized Communiqué went COLOR under Admiral Bill 'Buck' Krause, Chief of Communications, STARFLEET.

However this led to many problems. The publications of the CQ became outrageously expensive and other aspects of Fleet began to slow down. Because of this the Region 1 Vice Regional Coordinator, Commodore (?) Jeannette Maddox decided to run for Commander, STARFLEET. After a relatively mild campaign, Commodore Maddox succeeded and with her running mate Admiral Sue Hampton, became the 7th Commander, STARFLEET, in January 1989. Another point to the 1988 election is that Maddox was elected unopposed. Fleet Admiral Steve Smith, who was a candidate, withdrew from the election citing the promise of a new job. However the job fell through and Smith tried get back into the race. It was decided that once a candidate withdraws from the race for Commander, STARFLEET, he or she cannot enter the race again. This item was later incorporated in to the STARFLEET Constitution.



### **Fleet Admiral Jeannette Maddox** Seventh Commander, STARFLEET

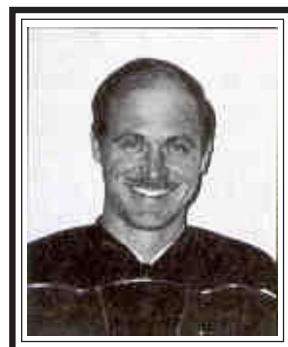
The Maddox Administration can be credited for bringing STARFLEET out of our parents' basements and into mainstream of respectability. To stabilize the finances, STARFLEET went back to black and white Communiqués. Once STARFLEET could afford it, the organization went to a larger, colored, magazine format to bring more information to the membership. The Scholarship program got off the ground, and almost every other month it seems another scholarship was added. During Fleet Admiral Maddox's first term as Commander, STARFLEET was once again was in the Black, membership was growing, and the Shuttle Program started under Fleet Admiral Steve Smith was fine-tuned as a useful tool to expand the organization.



Another highlight was the authorization of the Starfleet Marine Corps as a recognized appending body of STARFLEET. In addition both Shuttle Operations Command, and Computer Operations became Executive Committee level positions. All in all Fleet Admiral Maddox went into the election for her second term riding high and STARFLEET was right there with her.

Fleet Admiral Maddox second term was just as successful as the first, while she was able to convince fleet to raise the dues from 10 to 15 dollars a year, she also was able to begin the process to incorporate STARFLEET as a Not For Profit organization. However this in itself led to some controversy: the incorporation. This was done secretly and without membership input or consent. In addition, Fleet Admiral Maddox's opponent in the previous campaign, Admiral Bryan Ackermann, left STARFLEET to start his own organization known as 'The Federation', based mostly in the Northeastern United States.

STARFLEET Academy continued to provide new courses, more and more chapters came on line, and the Communiqué came out on a regular and timely manner every other month. The biggest accomplishment Fleet Admiral Maddox achieved though was continuity. Though Executive Committee members would come and go, the Maddox Administration endured. For four FULL years Fleet Admiral Maddox served the fleet and was able to hand over the reigns of a sound STARFLEET.



### **Fleet Admiral Rob Lerman** Eighth Commander, STARFLEET

The next election thought was less than amiable. An assortment of controversy occurred when the nominee hand-chosen by Fleet Admiral Maddox, Vice Admiral Daniel McGinnis, the Region 12 Coordinator, began to receive some bad publicity about alleged mishandling of regional finances. While the charges were discounted, Admiral McGinnis lost the election. However the

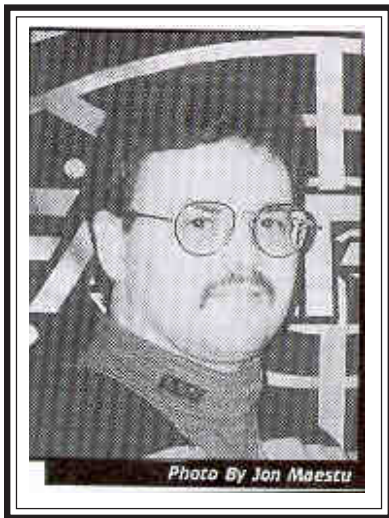


election returns were immediately challenged on the grounds the Election Coordinator, Fleet Admiral Maddox, may have been biased as she was on one of the opposing teams. However since she was on one of the losing teams, this appeal was disallowed and Admiral Rob Lerman was installed as the 8th Fleet Admiral and Commander, STARFLEET, in January 1993.

At this point the secret incorporation of STARFLEET was revealed and also the fact that while the Maddox Administration had danced through the government hoops to achieve Incorporation as a Not-For-Profit organization, she neglected to file the necessary tax returns. This opened up STARFLEET to massive tax penalties; penalties that Fleet Admiral Lerman and his legal advisor, Captain Gary Decker, spent the next two years battling; in order to keep STARFLEET from being pulled under by its very own attempt to reach out and help people. These tax penalties, along with others caused by the McGinnis Administration, were only recently worked out with the IRS.

The Lerman Administration was not particularly imposing years for STARFLEET. Political infighting between the regions was rampant and the STARFLEET Marine leadership founded its own separate organization, Starfleet Marines International, which quickly schism from STARFLEET. The Communiqué once again began to fall behind schedule, while most of headquarters attention was on resolving the IRS issues dealing with the incorporation, some bright spots appeared. Out of Region 3, STARFLEET Stampede Program and Earth day were rallying points for members looking to get away from the conflict and politics. STARFLEET Academy continued to grow, and Regional Summits became popular, allowing STARFLEET members even more reasons to get together and socialize.

### **Fleet Admiral Daniel McGinnis** Ninth Commander, STARFLEET



The next election was even more contentious than the last. Admiral McGinnis was again running for election, and with a new slate of backers, Fleet Admiral Lerman ran for reelection, and Rear Admiral Janis Moore, one of Fleet Admiral Lerman's oldest supporters, also entered the fray. This time Admiral McGinnis would win the plurality of votes, thus being elected the 9th Commander, STARFLEET. However the outgoing Executive Committee refused to seat due to the continuing financial scandal. The Executive Committee did however swear in the Vice Commander-Elect, STARFLEET - Admiral Deborah Nelson.

Nelson's first act as interim Commander, STARFLEET, was to restore Admiral McGinnis to STARFLEET. Then Nelson named him her Vice Commander, then resigned as Commander, STARFLEET. Consequently in the end and in less than a day after his dismissal from STARFLEET for cause, Dan McGinnis became Fleet Admiral and the Commander, STARFLEET. Fleet Admiral McGinnis then appointed Admiral Nelson Vice Commander, STARFLEET.

Strife and disagreement hallmarks the Administration of Fleet Admiral McGinnis. The 'Questar Debacle', which actually broke a few months into his administration, haunted Fleet Admiral McGinnis throughout his tenure. This arose from Admiral McGinnis' alleged failure to pay Star Trek: The Next Generation Star Wil 'Wesley Crusher' Wheaton for appearing at conventions hosted by Questar, a company owned by Fleet Admiral McGinnis. Although some STARFLEET members tried to work with the new administration while others were less cooperative and more vocal.

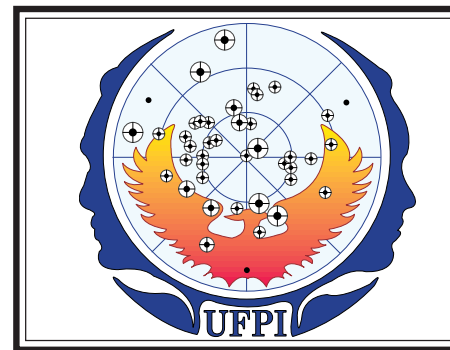
There were several members who throughout the first few months of 1996 called for Fleet Admiral McGinnis to resign. The most vocal of these members were former McGinnis Vice Chief of Staff, Fleet Captain Michael D. Smith, Region 15 Coordinator Rear Admiral Alan Ravitch and former candidate for the CS position, Rear Admiral Janis Moore, who at the time was serving as Region 4 Coordinator. The most vocal and scathing of these voices belonged to Fleet Captain 'Wild Bill' Herrmann, CO of the USS Rutledge.

These attacks on Fleet Admiral McGinnis came to a head during the 1995 International Conference in Atlanta when charges of 'Conduct Unbecoming an

Officer' and 'Violation of the Officer Code of Conduct' were brought against Ravitch and Moore. Admiral Moore was accused of releasing materials (given to her by what appeared to be the Wheaton people) that Fleet Admiral McGinnis felt was a personal problem best handled privately by the courts. Admiral Ravitch was very vocal over the unofficial STARFLEET List server. The consequences of these actions would lead to their dismissal as Regional Coordinators.

A year later, during IC96 in Oklahoma City, Fleet Captain Herrmann was brought up on the same charges, for his outspokenness over the STARFLEET List server, which led to his being reduced in rank to Captain, and dismissed as CO of the Rutledge. The Officers and Crew of the Rutledge refused to recognize the dismissal, standing by Captain Herrmann as their CO.

During this time of conflict within STARFLEET many Regions and Chapters chose to concentrate on their local and regional functions. But some chapters and members decided to withdraw from STARFLEET, some who would form another Star Trek Fan Organization.



### **The United Federation of Planets Internationale** The Phoenix Fleet Rises

In the summer of 1996, the United Federation of Planets Internationale (UFPI), was established, led by Phoenix Fleet's Fleet Admiral Kaye Downing and UFPI Council President Dennis Rayburn. Many saw this organization as an alternative to STARFLEET, others saw it as trying to

split, break up or even destroy STARFLEET. The number of chapters withdrawing to the UFPI hit Region 4 especially hard.

The IRS issue was still on the burner. Fleet Admiral McGinnis revealed that STARFLEET still owed back taxes, but that he was filing the appropriate forms to make sure that STARFLEET would owe no more. However no evidence has been found to substantiate that Fleet Admiral McGinnis had done this.

One of the bright spots during the McGinnis Administration, was the appointment of Bjo Trimble, known as the First Fan of Star Trek as Commandant of STARFLEET Academy. Regional Conferences became even more numerous during this time and more and more members turned to their chapter to organize parties and celebrations. Another beacon which members could go to was STARFLEET's



unofficial Editorial Website "Area 52", run by 'Cap'n Mike' Wilkerson, whose cartoons graced previous STARFLEET Membership Handbooks. 'Cap'n Mike' Cartoons alleviated the hardship the members faced, informing them and entertaining them at the same time. Also the Membership Handbook format was changed from a small-type half page pamphlet to several large full pages publication. The Handbook was only recently changed when an updated handbook, which kept the full page readable format, was finally released in 1999.

But problems with the McGinnis Administration came to head shortly before the 1996 International Conference in Oklahoma City when the Vice Commander, STARFLEET, Admiral Deborah Nelson-Maestu, resigned, reportedly due to her husband's illness (however rumors spread that her resignation was due to her own dissatisfaction with Fleet Admiral McGinnis). This may have been the case due to the inclusion of her husband in the next election-see below). Rear Admiral Paula 'Coyote' Schaff was appointed Vice Commander, STARFLEET, while still retaining her position as Region 12 Coordinator. But within a month, Admiral Schaff resigned abruptly, citing the lack of communications and cooperation with Fleet Admiral McGinnis and STARFLEET HQ.

At that moment Fleet Admiral McGinnis, who had declared he would not be seeking a second term, announced before the beginning of November 1996, that he would resign the position of Commander, STARFLEET, as well as his own STARFLEET membership, effective on Nov. 14. As McGinnis had yet to appoint a new Vice Commander, STARFLEET, Commodore James Herring, Chief of Operations, STARFLEET, and next in the line of succession, became the 3rd Interim

Commander, STARFLEET. Commodore Herring refused to take a promotion to the rank of Fleet Admiral, citing the length of time he would be in office, but was promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral.

It was only after Admiral Herring had to personally 'retrieve' records, files and other materials from Fleet Admiral McGinnis that the truth came out. STARFLEET was in serious trouble both financially and physically. The only trace of funds belonging to STARFLEET found were those belonging to the Scholarship funds. Traces of funds belonging to STARFLEET and other charitable programs administered by STARFLEET were not found at that time.

In response to this unprecedented appearance of duplicity and circumvention, Admiral Herring, with the approval of the STARFLEET Executive Committee, stripped Fleet Admiral McGinnis of his lifetime membership, which is granted to any former CS, as well as taking the unparalleled step of demoting Fleet Admiral McGinnis to the rank of Captain. This was a superfluous action as Captain McGinnis had also resigned his membership on back on Nov. 14.

It was during this time the word was sent out to those who had membership renewals due before the end the year, to delay their renewals until the next administration. A change of address was put on the old post office box, to prevent new memberships to be sent to Captain McGinnis. It was also found that hundreds of membership forms had not been processed. This took until mid-1997 before all these membership forms, as well as the membership forms for those who waited until 1997 to send them in, to be full processed.

Meanwhile, attempts to hold the elections of for Commander, STARFLEET, were well underway, despite Captain McGinnis' disinterest and obstruction. Three candidates appeared, Captain John Maestu (husband of former Vice Commander, STARFLEET, Admiral Deborah Maestu), Admiral Schaff and Fleet Captain Michael D. Smith. The voting was delayed because of Captain McGinnis' lack of cooperation before his resignation came into effect. Nevertheless due to efforts of the Chief of Communication, Rear Admiral Doug Glenn, the election was held and on January 3, 1998, Admiral Glenn announced that Michael D. Smith was elected the 10th Commander, STARFLEET.



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

The first step of the new Michael D. Smith Administration was to reverse the demotion of Captain Bill Herrmann and restore his rank of Fleet Captain. Then Smith issued a statement of apology to Admiral Alan Ravitch and Admiral Janis Moore, symbolically rescinding the removal order, noting he could not restore them to their position, he could restore some dignity to them.

Fleet Admiral Smith also declared that all forms of communications, in particular, electronic or e-mail communications could and would be considered an official way to communicate with STARFLEET, even though the old way, postal mail, was still acceptable. The McGinnis Administration declared electronic forms of communications, especially e-mail, unofficial and thus not to be used during his term of office.

The need for real reform was seen as necessary, so Fleet Admiral Smith appointed a new committee to fashion a new Constitution for STARFLEET. The committee actively sought out the help and advice of all STARFLEET members, keeping the membership updated periodically. Thus the REFORM of STARFLEET became a hallmark of the Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith Administration.

This document would make the Commander, STARFLEET, more accountable to the membership, take the Executive Committee out of the Admiralty Board, as well as guarantee Chapter autonomy and Member's rights. The new Constitution was complete and voted on at the end of 1998. It was ratified by a wide margin and put in effect in January of 1999.

However the lack of funds inherited from the McGinnis Administration put STARFLEET in the red by more than \$5000. A majority of this was liens and fines from the IRS and a rather large bill for printing Communiqués. A novel way was done to not only raise much need capital. An Internet auction injected hundreds of needed dollars.

But the biggest news of the Smith Administration was the news on the front on the IRS. Admiral Chuck Freas, Vice Commander, STARFLEET, as well as being a Tax Lawyer, negotiated with the IRS on behalf of STARFLEET. In the end, the IRS forgave STARFLEET all back Taxes and penalties incurred. This included a sizeable refund of all penalties paid to the IRS.

When Fleet Admiral Smith took office, he also stated that any former members and chapters that wished to rejoin STARFLEET might do so unfettered of possible retribution. In order to facilitate this, a new department was formed within the office of the Chief of Operations. The Existing Fan Club Program was instituted to allow those chapters that had withdrawn from STARFLEET to efficiently rejoin. It also allowed other existing fan clubs that had no attachment to STARFLEET previously to also have an avenue to join STARFLEET without going through the Shuttle Program. The 1st Director of the EFCP was Commander Dennis Rayburn, who had helped in the creation of the UFPI the year before.

The 1997 International Conference held in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and the 1998 IC, held in Lubbock, Texas, were a celebration of Trekdom and STARFLEET. The Lubbock IC was capped off with the surprise attendance of Fleet Admiral John Bradbury, the 1st Commander, STARFLEET. STARFLEET had truly come full circle with Bradbury's presence at IC98.

When it came time for the 1998 election, there were a couple of dozen nominees that had received nominations, but only one person obtained the necessary 5 nominations in order to qualify as a candidate for Commander, STARFLEET - Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith. The election became a Vote of Confidence on the current administration and the vote validated the reforms that the Smith Administration has made.



### **1999 STARFLEET International Conference** Celebrating Twenty-Five Years

STARFLEET celebrated its greatest moment as the 1999 International Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, was held. STARFLEET celebrated its 25th Anniversary in 1999 and patted itself on the back. The organization had come from almost near collapse to say it was again at the forefront of fan-based Star Trek Fandom. It was, to that point, the most

attended International Conference ever. The 2000 International Conference will be held in Burlington, Vermont, with the 2001 International Conference returning to Kansas City, Missouri, and for the only the second time since National/International Conferences have been staged, in the year 2002, will be held in San Jose, California.

The year 2000 (also affectionately known as Y2K) started off with the resignation of the Vice Commander, STARFLEET, Admiral Chuck Freas. Freas cited needing more time with family and ever-growing personal and profession commitments. Fleet Admiral Smith then named Admiral Freas as a Special Advisor to the CS. He then appointed Admiral Gordon Goldberg, who was serving as Chief of Communications to fill the un-expired term of the Vice Commander. Long time assistant Admiral Alyson Dyar took up Goldberg's old spot of Chief of Communications.

In the summer of 2000, the first elections under the new constitution commenced with nominations from the Chapter Commanding Officers and Regional Coordinators. The nomination process, which began on June 1st, will end with the announcement of the candidates, all which must have the nominations of five (5) eligible nominators to be considered for election, on July 16th.

STARFLEET had started as the Starship USS Enterprise Fan Club in 1974 and now is close to 5000 members and more than 300 chapters worldwide as we enter the dawn of a new century. As Captain Jean-Luc Picard would say: "WELL DONE!"





Commanders, STARFLEET

<u>Commander, STARFLEET</u>	<u>Tenure Begins</u>	<u>Tenure Ends</u>
Fleet Admiral John Bradbury	May 1974	Fall 1977
Fleet Admiral Adeline Longshaw	Fall 1977	Early 1979
Admiral Brandt Heatherington (I)	Early 1979	Spring 1979
Fleet Admiral John Wetsch	Spring 1979	Late 1981
Fleet Admiral Eric A. Stillwell	Late 1981	Jan 1984
VACANT	Jan 1984	March 1984
Fleet Admiral Fran Booth	March 1984	Dec 1985
Fleet Admiral Steven Smith	Jan 1986	Dec 1988
Fleet Admiral Jeannette Maddox*	Jan 1989	Dec 1992
Fleet Admiral Rob Lerman	Jan 1993	Dec 1994
Admiral Deborah Nelson-Maestu (I)**	Jan 1995	Jan 1995
Captain Daniel McGinnis***	Jan 1995	Nov 1996
Rear Admiral James Herring (I)	Nov 1996	Jan 1997
Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith	Jan 1997	Dec 2000

\* - Currently the longest serving Commander, STARFLEET  
\*\* - Served less than one day.  
\*\*\* - Demoted from the rank of Fleet Admiral to the rank of Captain after his resignation  
(I) - Served as Interim Commander, STARFLEET

STARFLEET International Conference Sites

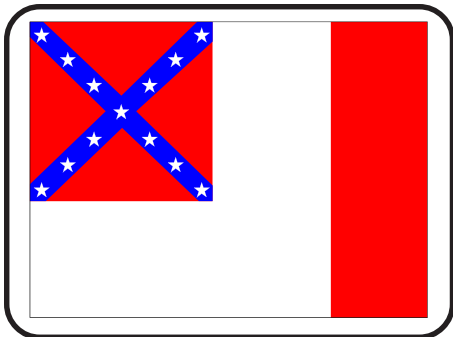
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1986*	St. Louis, Missouri	June 13-15 (?)	REGION 12
1987	Hunt Valley, Maryland	July 10-12	USS ACHERNAR
1988	Cleveland, Ohio	June 16-19	USS LAGRANGE
1989	San Jose, California	Aug. 25-27 (?)	REGION 4
1990	Kansas City, Missouri	Aug. 31-Sept. 2	USS STARGAZER
1991	Hunt Valley, Maryland	July 12-14	USS ODIN
1992	Kansas City, Missouri	July 3-5	USS STARGAZER
1993	Arlington, Texas	July 2-4	USS COMANCHE
1994	Orlando, Florida	July 17-19	REGION 2
1995	Atlanta, Georgia	July 13-16	USS REPUBLIC & USS MacLOED
1996	Oklahoma City, OK	Aug. 30-Sept. 1	USS RANGER
1997	Cherry Hill, NJ	Aug. 22-24	REGION 7
1998	Lubbock, Texas	July	USS QUANNAH PARKER
1999	Charlotte, NC	Aug. 6-8	REGION 1
2000	Burlington, Vermont	Sept. 1-3	REGION 15
2001	Kansas City, Missouri	July 27-29	REGION 12
2002	San Jose, California	Aug. 1-4	So. California Chapters

\* - Was billed as 'National Conferences'. They were referred as 'International Conferences' in 1994. (Information courtesy of Brenda Bell)

Editor’s Comments: In compiling this edition of A HISTORY OF STARFLEET, I not only relied on the written articles by Admiral Chris Smith, to whom all of us are eternally grateful, and a partial text by General Akers, but other articles, posts and eyewitness accounts of the times as relayed to this author. On the latter accounts (from 1994-on) it incorporates a part of General Akers narrative along with a personal account, taking in consideration all the views of the the people and events in question. I have tried to include most view points on conflicting histories as is possible. This history is a ongoing project and it will be continued.

There are mistakes. And with your help we, talking about all the members of the Office of the Fleet Historian, shall try to correct those mistakes in the text and timelines in a timely manner. Please forgive us if we seam to forget but let me assure you we have not. We are (as Spock likes to say) HUMAN and we do not intend to hurt, mislead or offend anyone, however we which to show only the truth or the various points of view of the times in question.

I would like to thank Lieutenant General Scott Akers, SFMC, Director of the Office of the STARFLEET Historian, for the opportunity to serve within his office on this project and the trust he has put into my handling it. Being able to dabble in several of my personal interests while doing this project has been very worthwhile. I also want to thank all those unnamed persons who in some small way added to this narrative. I also want to express my appreciation to my family, especially Captain Karen Higdon, whom at first ‘tolerated’ my hobby in Trekdom and now embraces it as the XO of the starship I command, the USS Black Hawk.



# CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTMENT

Vice Admiral Bon Vosseller

Artwork by Vice Admiral Chris Wallace • Vice Chief of Communications, STARFLEET

You never know whom'll you end up seeing when you go time traveling around New Jersey.

On the weekend of June 3 and 4 USS Justice CO Flt. Capt. Ed Tunis and his Romulan fiancée' USS Raven CO Capt. Risha Rohal had the opportunity to watch Justice member, Angie Linford participate in a Civil War re-enactment along the dusty streets of Wild West City, in Netcong, NJ. Warrant Officer Linford is a nurse aboard the Justice but she carried the confederate flag as part of the 9th Virginia Company K Volunteer Infantry during that weekend. Ironically, Angie, in full wool Confederate grays, played the role of a nurse and flag bearer for the infantry.

During a similar historical visit to the Civil War period of 1861-1865, USS Challenger CO Vice Admiral Bob Vosseller and his Betazoid bride to be Counselor Emily Ford enjoyed the Ocean County Historical Society's first ever Civil War Living History Day in Huddy Park Toms River on July 16. For Vosseller it meant not only an impromptu club event but also an assignment to cover for The Coastal Leader-Review newspaper and Toms River Magazine. Unexpectedly the pair came across Challenger science officer Angela Moorolino dressed in a beautiful 1860s white gown complete with decorative choker.

Several re-enactment regiments took part in the event including the 3rd Regiment USCT, 3rd Regiment NJ Volunteers, 6th Regiment NJ Volunteers, 11th Regiment NJ Volunteers, 6th Battalion Army of Virginia, the Union Artillery and the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War plus various civilians in historic attire from the Ocean County Historical Society.

"Women of this time period used corn starch and charcoal for makeup," Angelina said.

"You could tell how prominent the lady was by the amount of jewels on her choker. Despite the summer heat a lady could not wear a dress with short sleeves. The gown would go down to their ankles," Angelina added noting the heat of the

afternoon.

The event, which will be expanded to two days next year and moved to a larger park to accommodate the large turnout, the soldiers' camp, various cannons and the large number of troops, also featured documents featuring the authentic signature of President Abraham Lincoln.

Lincoln, in the form of actor Herb Wolke, appeared complete with top hat during the event. He joined Gen. Grant and saluted the troops present. The presidential impersonator also shared some little known facts about Lincoln's life with the Challenger members including the fact that Lincoln had two different sized feet and that he often took off store bought boots so his feet could breathe. When Lincoln's 11-year old son died while Lincoln was in office, he locked himself in his room for two weeks.

A musket firing drill and artillery firing kept the attention of those present. Many of the re-enactors took on the added roll of educators explaining the significance of various materials, weapons and equipment during that troubled time period. Highlighted were regiments featuring those spotlighted the historic role of African American soldiers in the Union Army and speakers who gave a lot of history of those troops. Also highlighted were those who had been awarded the Medal of Honor and who had lived in Ocean County NJ.

For Challenger's Away Team, it was a holo program that was exciting, educational and downright fun. Perhaps the Challenger and its daughter ship Justice must have mastered the "sling shot effect" around the sun as members of both groups teamed up for a visit to the Dark Ages at the Medieval Times Restaurant in Lindhurst, NJ earlier in the summer.

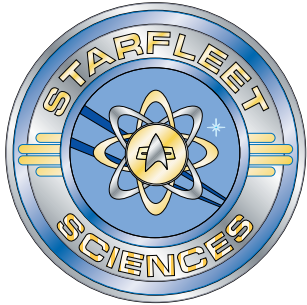


Jim Kirk wasn't the only Starfleet officer to meet "Honest Abe"! USS Challenger Counselor Emily Ford (donning Union Army cap) joins President Abraham Lincoln during a Civil War re-enactment held on July 16 in Toms River, NJ. A similar event held on June 3-4 in northern NJ featured 7th Fleet officer Angie Linford of the USS Justice who served as a Confederate officer with the 9th Virginia Company K Volunteer Infantry.



Joining the Victorian-era dressed USS Challenger Science Officer Midshipman Angela Moorolino (draped in a white dress) is fellow USS Challenger Counselor Emily Ford





# FLEET DIVISION CHIEF - SCIENCES REPORT

Commander Rick Driver • Fleet Division Chief - Sciences

Artwork by Fleet Captain David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five

In Science News around the fleet:

The International Space Station doubled in size on July 25th when the Russian Zvezda module successfully docked with the Station assembly already in Earth orbit. STARFLEET members monitored the docking live via the web while chatting in STARFLEET's IRC channel. Interested fleet members monitored the Space Station's orbital track in real time on NASA's 'real-time data' internet site while watching a Live webcast of the event. The event was webcast Live from

Mission Control Moscow in Korolev and the Johnson Space Center in Houston. The successful docking of Zvezda is an important milestone. Now, with the Zvezda Service Module attached to the International Space Station, the ISS's first crew is scheduled to arrive aboard the station around the first of November.

By the time you read this, the NEW "Science Officer's Training Course" should be completed and available at STARFLEET Academy.

The STARFLEET-Science listserv is now located at a NEW ADDRESS:

[SFI-FDC-Science@egroups.com](mailto:SFI-FDC-Science@egroups.com)

The FDC Science web site is located at:

<http://www.starfleetscience.org/>

If you would like to receive printed material from the FDC Science program (articles, descriptions of science projects, a recommended reading list, etc), please contact me and I will be happy to provide them.

As elections for the new Commander STARFLEET approach, I'd like to ask everyone to think about the issues that are important to them. Whether it's Science or SFMC or STARFLEET Academy or how memberships are processed or whatever, think about what's important to you as a member of STARFLEET and let the candidates know where you stand of those issues.



# STARFLEET PROMOTIONS

COMPILED BY MAJOR GENERAL MICHAEL MALOTTE

Greetings from the Office of Promotions! The following are those that have been promoted since the 1st of April. Congratulations to all promotion recipients!



**To Fleet Captain:**

Brett Morrow  
Margi O'Neill  
Stephanie Izard  
Richard Getz  
Karen Cushing  
Greg Sheets  
Carl Lewis  
Michael Klufas  
Sanford Berenberg  
Betty Flyzik  
Joseph Dobson  
Ken Dysinger



**To Commodore:**

Dave McCabe  
Chrylon Stroud  
Cynthia R. Walter  
Dustin Williams  
Gerri Wampler  
Beryl Washington



**To Rear Admiral:**

Dan Hislop  
Mark Hanford  
Michael W. Urvand



**To Vice Admiral:**

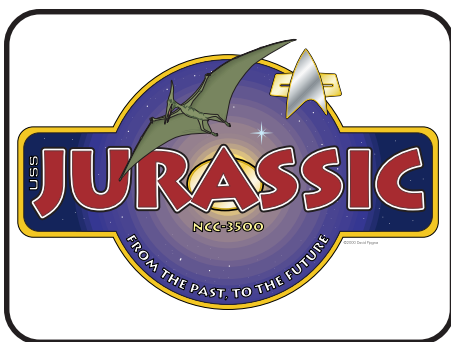
Robert Vosseller, Jr.



**To Admiral:**

Brad Pense





# USS JURASSIC HOLDS AMATEUR RADIO DAY

Vice Admiral Carolyn Donner • Commanding, USS Jurassic • N8ST

Artwork by Fleet Captain David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five

It seemed like a natural thing to merge our interests of Star Trek and Amateur radio. After all there is more to Star Trek communications than just Uhura saying "Hailing Frequencies Open" all the time. Amateur radio seems to be alive and well in the 23rd century. How do we know? Well in the original Star Trek series episode Operation Annihilate! when Uhura could not make contact with the officials on the planet Deneba, Captain Kirk tells her to try GSK783 on subspace frequency 3. No doubt that is the future equivalency of K8SSJ on frequency 28.345. Uhura says it is a private station, which we later find out belongs to the Captain's brother, Sam. And the callsign was probably issued by the FCC (Federation Communications Commission) <grin>.

With that in mind, we decided to apply for a club license from the present day FCC (Federal Communications Commission) and received KC8LEY on Earthdate: 9811.12 (12 November 1998 for those not familiar with Star Trek dates), with our Commanding Officer (Carolyn Donner - N8ST) as the trustee of the station. On 5 October 1999 we were granted a vanity callsign of K8SSJ (phonetically Kilo 8 Star Ship JURASSIC). Industry Canada issued JURASSIC second Club License, VE7SSJ, on 22 June 1999, with

communications officer Garry Cameron, VE7ACM, as trustee.

Currently about 20 per cent of our membership has amateur radio licenses. They are Gary Donner - K8BE, Carolyn Donner - N8ST, Garry Cameron - VE7ACM, Janis Cameron (honorary member) - VE7AAP, Charles Chandler - KG4DRD, Ralph Brigham - KC4CSQ, and David Pesec - KA8UPR. We encourage other club members who are interested to get on the air by visiting USS JURASSIC headquarters in Hamersville, OH where Gary K8BE and Carolyn N8ST will give them pointers on how to operate the club station until they gain some proficiency and pass the test to get their own license.

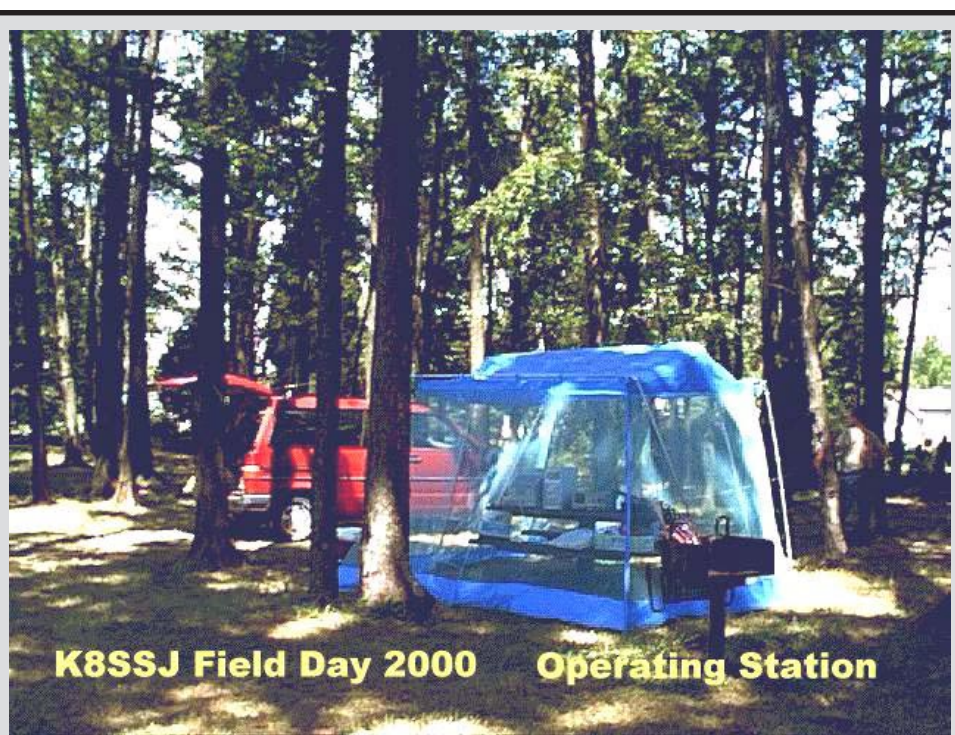
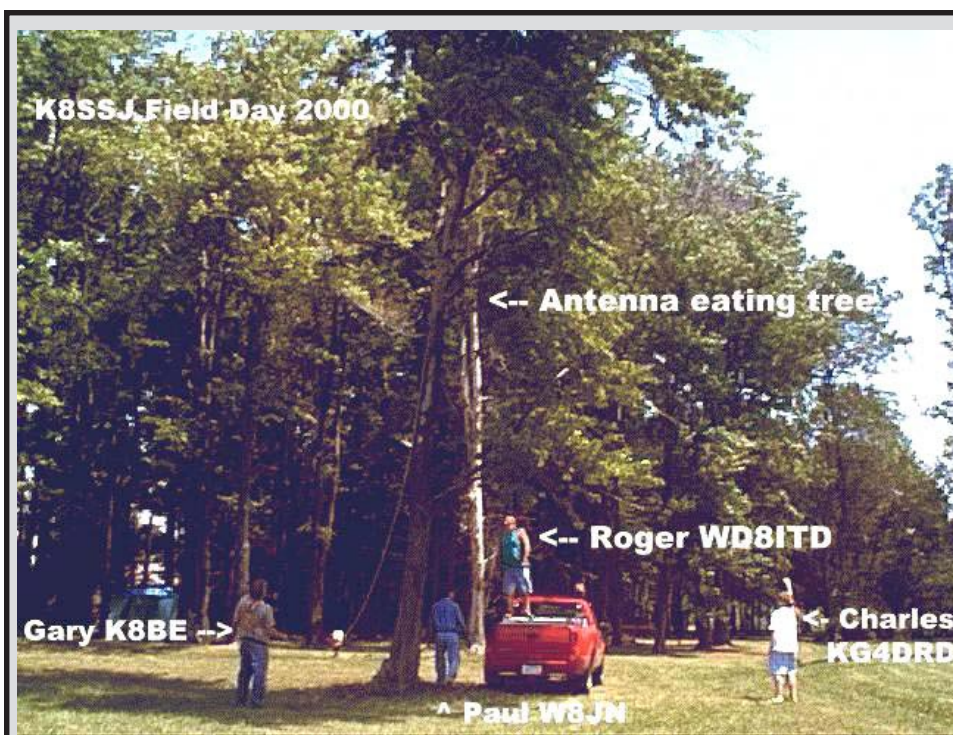
The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) puts on an event called Field Day every year the last full weekend of June. This event is meant to show the public how a group (or individual) can setup a radio station in an open area (we chose Hannah Park) using emergency power. Then get on the air and make as many contacts as possible during a 24-hour period. It is probably the single biggest event in Amateur Radio in North America. This was our second year for working Field Day. Our plan is to have lots of fun working in the great outdoors. Since we're a

correspondence type club, rather than a meeting club, our members are spread out all over the US and even in Canada. Naturally we can't get them all together in Hamersville, OH for any given weekend, so we work Field Day with the few members and friends who can make the journey. This year our workers consisted of Charles KG4DRD (JURASSIC member from Knoxville, TN), Roger WD4ITD (CO of the USS OHIO from Barberton, OH), and Paul W8JN (Cincinnati, OH). We're trying to recruit him <grin>), Gary K8BE (JURASSIC member from Hamersville, OH) and me (Carolyn) N8ST (CO of the USS JURASSIC in Hamersville, OH).

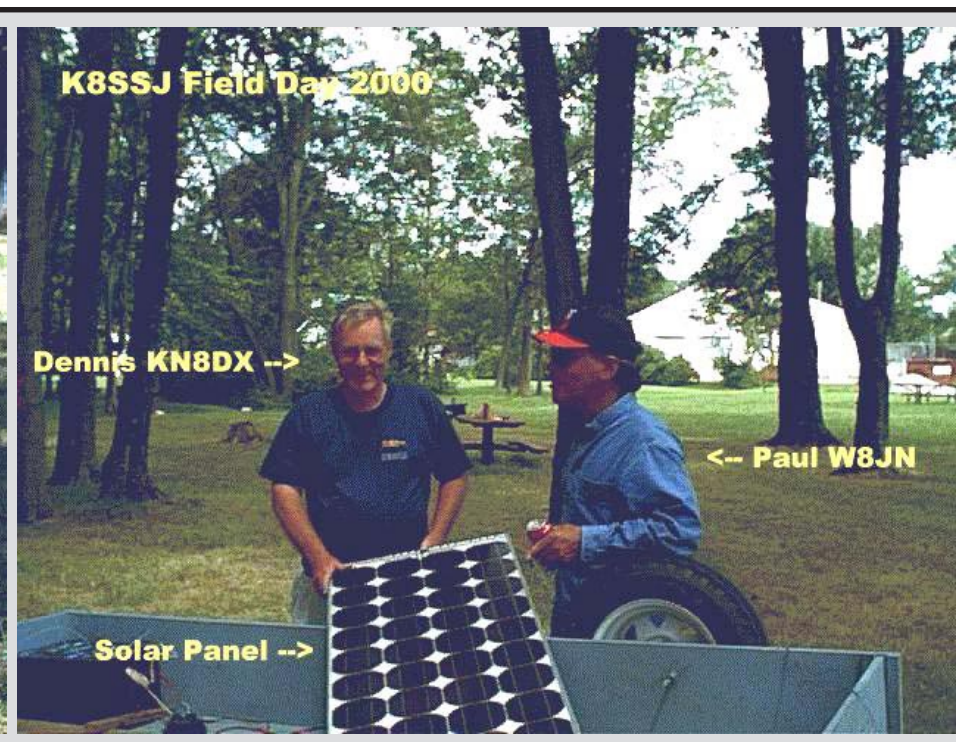
We refer to it as Field Day "weekend" because although it is a 24-hour on air event, it starts at 2 p.m. on Saturday and runs until 2 p.m. Sunday (thus a weekend "day"). This year it fell on June 26 - 27. We had everything loaded in the truck and van by 11 a.m. on Saturday, drove the three-minute drive to the park (did I mention Hamersville is a very small rural village?), and started setting up. The antenna we use is a dipole with each leg about 80 ft. long (this had to be shortened from last year). The park is filled with very tall trees, so the only problem we thought we'd encounter was finding two trees far enough apart that had a clear path

between them and a branch high enough to get the rope over. Gary and I had already picked out two that would put the center of the antenna (ladder line fed) near a picnic table. Out came the slingshot and fishing line, and with little effort and the skill of the Mighty Gorn (Gary) the fishing line was over the correct branch on each tree (and he only lost one sinker this year <grin>). Now we figured that was the hard part ... but the trees had different ideas.

One end of the rope was attached to one end of the fishing line, the other end attached to the antenna wire and up it was pulled. Smooth sailing until the fishing line hit the fork between two branches. It absolutely refused to move one more centimeter. One person on one side of the tree was pulling on the fishing line while one person on the other side of the tree started shaking the rope, pulling on the rope, trying every possible combination of shaking, jerking, and tossing that rope. It was like some new type of dance. Fifteen minutes later the tree finally gave in and the rope went through the branches and down the other side. Cheers from the small group as Gary tied off the rope to the other tree and attached the rope to the fishing line in that tree. Things moved smoothly on this tree until the fishing line broke in the middle ... just







high enough up in the tree that it couldn't be reached from the ground even with a pole. The rope didn't come down so it was still half way up the second tree. Several things were tried. Roger pulled his truck up to the tree, stood on top and tried to reach the fishing line, but the tree seemed to pull it back just out of reach. Not to let the tree get the best of him, Roger opened the toolbox on his truck, pulled out a harness; put it on and up the tree he went. It was a difficult climb, as the tree didn't have any strong branches on it. I kept telling him we didn't have any insurance, so he better hold on tight <grin>. In no time at all, the rope had been retrieved, a wrench tied to the end and thrown over the branch. The wrench was heavy enough to bring the rope down the other side of the tree and into the waiting hands of those watching. This had the antenna attached to the other end, so the second end of the antenna was soon up. We've decided that Charlie Brown has his "Kite eating trees" but here in Hamersville, we have "Antenna hating trees". From there on setup went pretty smoothly, a canopy was setup over the picnic table where the radio and computers were located. Flyers and handouts as well as some computer software for studying the amateur radio tests and Morse code were set out on another picnic table for the public to freely take. The generator was started, radio and computers turned on, and we were ready to go ... well almost ... the radio had to have some minor adjustments, and we never got full power out of it, but we did manage to get 60 - 80 watts output ... enough to work 163 stations during the weekend. Must do some work on that radio before next year's Field Day! Paul W8JN made

the first four contacts for us. From then on, we took turns on the mike and logging chores.

During the afternoon, a friend, Dennis KN8DX brought his solar panel and radio over, and I was given the privilege of making 5 contacts using only solar power. All I can say is, it was a great experience! We take for granted that electricity is going to be there constantly whether it is from our homes, or from a generator, but with solar power you could tell when the sun went behind a cloud, or if you talked too long at a time, because the power level would drop considerably, and at one time dropped all the way down so the radio had to reset itself. WOW! I want to try that again! The solar panel was powering two marine (no, not SF marines) batteries, which then powered the radio.

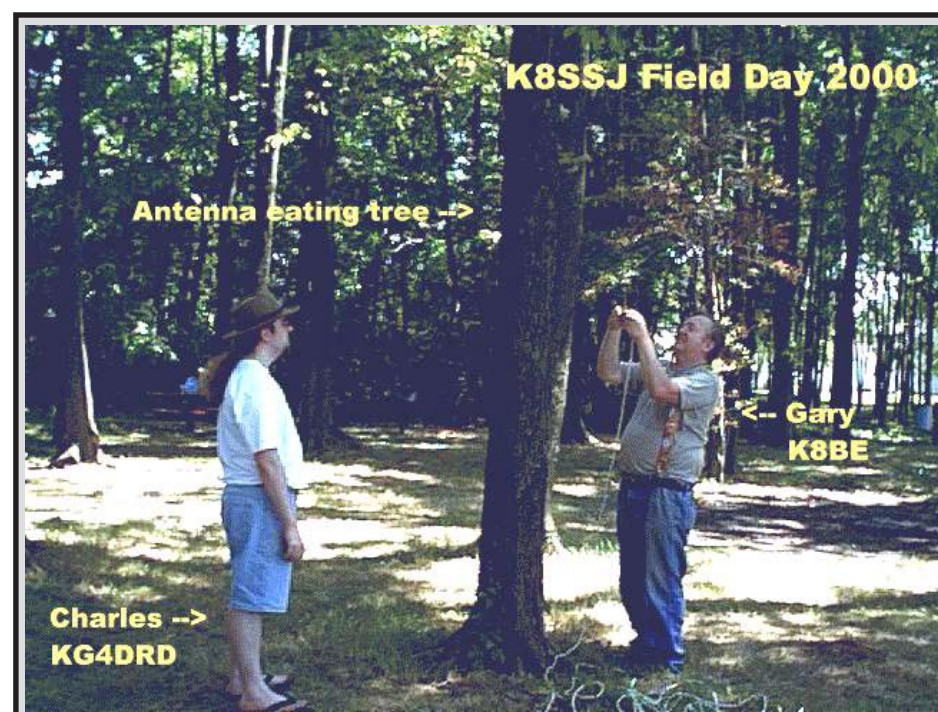
Later in the afternoon, we switched from making voice contacts to PSK31. This was the first time Roger and Charles had seen PSK31 and we were pleased the 20-meter band had lots of PSK31 activity on it. After giving them a brief demonstration of how to use the computer with the radio, both jumped right into the new mode, switching back and forth between running PSK31 and sleeping during the night. Gary and I have had extensive experience with PSK31, so we let Roger and Charles make the contacts and we took turns logging for them. [PSK31 is a digital mode of communication where you type into the computer from the keyboard, and the link through the radio sends it out over the air to another radio hooked to a computer that then shows what we typed on the screen. The concept is not new, but the PSK31

mode is fairly new.]

We managed to stop them long enough to give a Slow Scan TV demonstration in the early evening. It too was well received. Another SSTV demo was given on Sunday morning. This is another mode where you have the computer hooked to the radio, except instead of sending typed words, you send photos over the air. Setting up in the great outdoors is part of the fun for us, so had a small tent city (3 tents) setup for sleeping (not that very much of that was done!) We also cooked hamburgers, hotdogs, and smoked sausages on the grill, as well as having potato salad, chips, lots of soft drinks, ham and cheese, etc. to keep us from starving during the two days in the Park. On Sunday afternoon a pretty little gray and white kitten came over to the park to visit us. It was cute and

demanding our attention for a while (although it did not deter Charles from making contacts using the PSK31 mode at the time). <grin> Don't know where the curious little kitten came from but it disappeared just as quickly when it saw another small animal to chase.

Although thoroughly exhausted, 2 p.m. Sunday came too quickly for everyone. Reluctantly we shut down the radio and computers, turned off the generator and started packing things back into the vehicles. As is normal, take down went much faster than setup and we were home by 3 p.m. I can't say any of us will miss the heat and humidity, nor the rain during the night, but we all agreed we're more than ready to do it again next year! And we'll be looking for friendlier trees next year, too. <grin>







# REGION ONE FALL CONFERENCE

**Captain Warren Price • Commanding, USS Providence**

**Artwork by Fleet Captain David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five**

It will be held in Jackson Tennessee. Date: October 20, 21, 22, 2000 At the Holiday Inn. The cost of the room is \$69.00, that's \$10.00 off the regular price. Contact the Holiday Inn at (901) 668-6000. Be sure to mention that you are with the "Star Trek Fan Club" to get the discount price.

Hosted by the USS Providence • NCC-71796, with the help of the USS Aeon and Station Nikola Tesla.

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Allen Drago of "Ask For It" is scheduled to appear. This group of PROP artists will be bringing many of the props from several science fiction series to include Star Trek, Babylon 5 and Crusades. They will also be having a table in the dealer's room.

We have confirmation that our special guests will be Dragon Dronet and Eugene Roddenberry.

Dragon Dronet is Special Effects, Props Master, and Stunt Man for Star Trek, Babylon 5, etc.

Eugene Roddenberry is the son of Gene and Majel Barret Roddenberry of Star Trek fame and is a technical advisor for "Gene Roddenberry's Earth: Final Conflict".

We have confirmed that also attending will be Andrew Hassfurth, mold maker and Carl Taliaferro, make up artist.

Also on display will be original props from Star Trek, Babylon 5 and other Sci-Fi shows.

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If you have any question, please feel free to ask. Thanks.



# BENNU STATION AWAY MISSION

**Captain Linda Oakley • Chief of Operations, Bennu Station**

**Artwork by Fleet Captain David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five**

On Friday, July 14, 2000 the members of the Bennu Station Away Team assembled at the docking ring and boarded two shuttles. We placed Captain Ben Redding and former XO Anthony Leopard in one shuttle and current XO Paul Wheeler and 2nd Officer Linda Oakley in the other. This was in case we ran into hostiles as we made our way to the final destination. Having all four of these seasoned officers in one shuttle would have given the Dominion a wonderful opportunity to wipe out the command staff of the Station. The trip was basically uneventful as it turned out, although the evening itself was not.

Upon arriving at Kingsport Parade Staging area we disembarked from the shuttles and made our way to locate the crews of the USS REPRISAL, USS ARIES, USS TEMPEST, AND USS NORMANDY. It was quite an impressive gathering of STARFLEET members in full uniform. The Federation was represented well by a walking unit, a vintage convertible automobile in which Kimberly Brooks, Judy Durall and Mike Wilson rode and that was followed by a truck carrying additional members from the various ships and a trailer adorned by all the ship banners. It was pretty impressive.

The parade route winds itself around

the downtown section of Kingsport and if you are at one end and look down the sidestreets, you can see parts of the parade as they past the other end of the block. I don't know how far we actually walked but this was one tired Borg by the other end of the route. It seemed to me that the actual parade route was longer than in years past. This was confirmed by the host ships when we had finished the assignment.

After the actual parade was completed, we all met back at the beginning to retrieve the banners from the trailer and to take pictures. After saying our goodbyes to all our friends, the Bennu shuttles began the trip home. This was

marked by a heavy storm, but we made it back to the Station without major difficulties. Thank goodness it didn't rain on our parade.





# REGION THREE SUMMIT

**Fleet Captain Joyce Fink • Chief of Communications, STARFLEET Region Three**

**Artwork by Fleet Captain David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five**

Region Three hosted "Summit 2000: Vegas Style" from May 19th to 21st at the Holiday Inn - South in Fort Worth, Texas. Approximately 105 people, who represented 20 chapters within Region Three and six chapters from outside of the region, attended the fifth annual event.

The festivities began on Friday, May 19th, with the opening of registration and people picking up their summit packages, consisting of a program guide, a game sheet for the "Clue style Murder Mystery" (more on that to follow), rules for the "Casino Night and Charity Auction" and flyers announcing various upcoming regional events. As always, everybody seems to have a great time fun meeting and greeting their fellow FLEET members from throughout the region. Unfortunately, the Texas weather decided to be uncooperative and unleashed a late spring/early summer storm during the registration period - providing a great display of thunder and lightning for all who were in the hotel atrium. Because of the inclement weather, DFW International Airport and Dallas Love Field decided to delay flight arrivals, and several of our out-of-town guests were either late in arriving for the traditional Friday night get-together or missed it completely. FAdm Mike Smith, Commander, STARFLEET, had a 12-hour flight delay, but later boasted that he had been in three different regions and five states all in one day! LGen Les Rickard, Chief of Operations, STARFLEET, and RAdm Jack Hopkins, Vice Regional Coordinator, Region One, had their connecting flight in Houston delayed to the point where they decided that they could drive to Fort Worth before the next available flight would be able to leave—but they later told us that their luggage went to Dallas on schedule.

Saturday, May 20th began with the traditional opening ceremonies. STARFLEET Marine officers from the Third Brigade acted as color guard and presented the U.S., Texas, Louisiana, and STARFLEET flags. Adm. Brad Pense, Region Three Coordinator, welcomed everybody and then was joined by RAdm. Mark Vinson, Chief of Staff, RAdm Dan Hislop, Vice Regional Coordinator - North, and Comm Michelle Fanelli, Vice Regional Coordinator - South in handing out Regional Awards and the Annual Region Three awards. LTC Robin Winans, former OIC of the Third Brigade, and LTC Alex Trevino, current OIC, presented STARFLEET Marine awards to various individuals and strike groups throughout the region. Adm. Pense then recognized those individuals who earned promotions to

Captain, and FAdm Mike Smith followed by announcing the recipients of promotions to Fleet Captain and above - including the promotion of VAdm. Pense to Admiral and Comm. Dan Hislop to Rear Admiral. During the ceremonies, several new chapters were welcomed to Region Three; the Shuttle Crazy Horse with Cmdr. Terry Jackson as CO, from Bedford, Texas, and the Shuttle Canis Lupus with Cmdr. James Muench as CO, from Houston were welcomed into Region Three and the U.S.S. Infinity with Capt. Billy Latham as CO, from Irving, TX (former Region Three chapter that went

asked to participate in a moment of silence to remember those who had died during the past year, including the four fathers of Region Three members. A recording of "Amazing Grace" played on the bagpipes accompanied this special segment of the program.

Throughout Saturday there were panels on everything from Shuttle Operations to the STARFLEET Marines to Costumes, Uniforms and Props. Eric Kristiansen, author of the *Jackill's Guide* series and another special guest for the weekend, and Alex Trevino sponsored a "Starship Design and Model Contest"

table and, just a table away, Comm. Robert Ybarra, Region Three Quartermaster, was offering Region Three merchandise. A couple of dealers' tables completed the foursome.

Saturday evening concluded with our traditional banquet with attendees getting the opportunity to dress up in their early 1960's evening clothes in recognition of the "Rat Pack" Vegas theme. Richard Gilbreth, Director of the International Exotic Feline Sanctuary (IEFS) in Boyd, Texas, was our special dinner guest. The IEFS was Summit 2000's charity this year and we raised \$750 for the "big cats." Mr. Gilbreth said that an anonymous benefactor in Houston had offered to match dollar for dollar, up to \$250,000 in donations made to IEFS this year. The murder mystery concluded with Adm. Pense announcing that "Madame Michelle" (Comm. Michelle Fanelli, VCR—South and CO of the USS Aurora Vulcanus) had "done it" in the Lounge with the Revolver.

Once the banquet was over, it was time for some serious casino fun. Blackjack, computer roulette, the "Human Slot Machine" (if you were at the '98 IC in Lubbock, Texas, you would remember this), Klingon darts, and the traditional Region Three "Gold-Pressed Latinum Tournament" (players from each ship pay to play and the final pot is split between the region and the winning ship) were among the games offered. Those wishing to play the games made a charitable donation to obtain Casino credit for use in the Casino. Many of our special FLEET guests volunteered to deal blackjack during the evening. The casino players enjoyed about three hours of games or just "people watched." When the games were finished, it was time for the charity auction portion of the program with many Star Trek, other sci-fi memorabilia, and, even, some practical items (like a CD player, various software programs and so forth) put up for bid.

On Sunday morning, the CO's and XO's gathered in the hotel's restaurant for their traditional breakfasts. The Congress of Commanding Officers (all CO's of Region Three chapters or their proxies and the Region Three Executive Committee) met to discuss various regional matters of importance. Following the meeting was the closing ceremonies. Although some people had to leave immediately to catch a flight or just had a long drive in front of them, many did stick around for a while—reluctant perhaps to say a final "goodbye" to their friends and a what proved to be a fun-filled weekend.



**Region Three Coordinator Admiral Brad Pense**

correspondence, moved to Region One and is now back) and the U.S.S. Ranger with Capt. Lee Passmore as CO, from Plano, Texas (formerly in Region Twelve but now a correspondence chapter). Then, the Shuttle Ark Angel with Cmdr. Mary Webb as CO, from Round Rock, Texas, was officially launched and welcomed to Region Three with an enthusiastic standing ovation. As the ceremonies began to conclude, Adm. Pense announced the beginning of Region Three's "A Night of Murder, Mystery & Intrigue at Vic's" Clue-style Murder Mystery in which four-members teams could pick up clues during the various panels and events and win credits to be use in the Casino Night games that was to take place before the evenings Charity Auction. Playing characters in the Murder Mystery were various members of the Region Three Executive Committee and Support Staff. At the end of the ceremonies, attendees were

for those who were interested. Contestants had their paper designs and models put on display with first, second and third place determined by whom received the most money in his or her respective jar. Eric and Alex selected the "Best of Show" in both categories. Attendees who had not previously taken the tests for Officer's Training School (OTS) and the Marine Exams had the opportunity to take these exams on Saturday. Special programming for the cadets in Region Three was also available. And last, but not least, summit attendees could also tour the Fort Worth Miller Brewery Museum and Pub (located almost next door to the Holiday Inn) with none other than RAdm. Mark Vinson leading the away team.

The atrium also had several merchandise tables. Comm Laura Reardon, STARFLEET Quartermaster, sold official FLEET merchandise at her





# REGION THREE SU

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Fleet Admiral Mike Smith, Michelle Fanelli, Dan Hislop,  
Alan Goulet



The Crew of the USS Ranger



The Marines of the Third Brigade on Patrol



The Crew of the Shuttlecraft Ark Angel



# COMMIT PICTURES

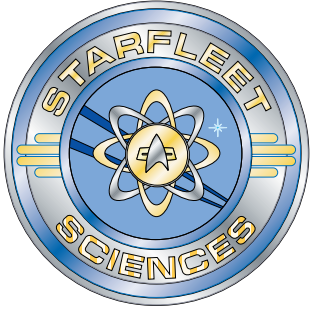
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Sam Black, Joyce Fink, Ken Kopacki, Mark Vinson







# ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF SCIENCE

David Klingman and Kelly Magnum • STARFLEET Science Institute

Artwork by Fleet Captain David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five

Now that we have passed through and are in the final year of this century (debates over when the new century/millennium starts to be set aside for now), we thought it would be appropriate as science fans to share with you all some of our thoughts on the scientific discoveries, inventions, and theories that have had the most profound impact on the human race.

This list is a composite of two lists, one prepared by myself as Science Officer of the USS Hawkeye on Region 1 and by Kelly Mangum, Region 3's RDC Science. The events and discoveries are listed by year (we researched this as thoroughly as we could to determine the correct year for all these, please forgive us if any years are inaccurate, it's the idea that counts). This list also does not cover everything - we are certain of that (Kelly has suggested that floppy disks, CD players, VHS and video are also among the most profound discoveries and inventions, but verifying years for these proved to be more difficult, so some of this material is not included in the list by year).

We have attempted to provide the names of the important players as well as a brief statement of what impact these discoveries have made. We hope you will enjoy and be motivated to learn more about the science behind our inventions and our world!

**1901**  
Guglielmo Marconi, an Italian inventor, generates radio waves that are detected across the Atlantic Ocean.  
Fisher invents the electric washing machine.

**1902**  
Willis Haviland Carrier designs a humidity control process and pioneers modern air conditioning.

**1903**  
First electrocardiograph.  
Orville and Wilbur Wright make their historic and documented flight in their motorized airplane. Edouard Benedictus, a French scientist, while working in his laboratory, accidentally spills a flask of celluloid on the floor of his lab, and comes up with a process consisting of sealing celluloid between two pieces of glass by heat, thus creating the first safety glass.

**1904**  
Sir John Ambrose Fleming invents the vacuum tube and diode.

**1905**  
Albert Einstein proposes both the wave-particle duality of light, which has wavelike properties, but also consists of discrete, quantized bundles of energy which are later called photons, and his Special Theory of Relativity, which postulates that nothing can move faster than light, that time and space are not absolute, and that matter and energy are equivalent ( $E=mc^2$ ).

**1906**  
Lee De Forest invents the triode / radio amplifier.

**1907**  
By measuring the radioactive disintegration of uranium, the American chemist and physicist Bertram Boltwood estimates Earth's age to be  $2 \times 10^9$  years, far greater than previous values. James Murray Spangler of Canton, OH, builds an (electric) machine for cleaning carpets. The Hoover Company markets the first electric suction sweeper the following year. Ernest Rutherford's scattering experiments allow him to formulate the first theory on the nuclear atom.

**1908**  
Henrietta Leavitt identifies a class of variable stars with similar physical properties. Their differing apparent brightness's reveal their distances which Edwin Hubble later uses to determine the scale of the universe. Hiram Maxim, inventor of the world's first automatic portable machine-gun, creates the first gun silencer.  
Dr. H. Anschutz patents the first north seeking gyrocompass with the United Kingdom's

Patent Office.

**1909**  
Belgian-born chemist Leo Baekeland invents the first completely synthetic plastic, Bakelite.

**1910**  
Cellophane invented by Swiss chemist Jacques Brandenberger. Automatic transmission engine invented by German Föttinger.

**1911**  
American geneticist Thomas Morgan shows that genes placed at specific sites along a chromosome represent inherited factors, revealing the role of physical structure in biological function. New Zealand-born physicist Ernest Rutherford proposes the nuclear model of the atom. Dutch physicist Heike Kamerlingh Onnes finds that mercury loses its electrical resistance at temperatures near absolute zero (the concept of superconductivity is formed). Elmer Sperry patents the first ballistic gyrocompass.

**1912**  
X-ray crystallography technique is developed by the father-son team of William Henry & William Lawrence Bragg in Great Britain, & Max von Laue in Germany. Peter Cooper Hewitt creates and patents the mercury vapor lamp.

**1913**  
Danish physicist Niels Bohr uses the idea of the quantum to predict the wavelengths of light emitted by glowing hydrogen, thus describing the spectrum of hydrogen and formulate his theory for the structure of the atom. Geiger counter.

**1914**  
American physicist Robert Goddard begins a series of liquid-fuel rocket launchings. British General Ernest Swinton introduces the first practical military tank based on designs he made during the Boer War.

**1915**  
Abel Wolman joins the Maryland Department of Health, where he perfects a formula for purifying water with chlorine. AT&T introduces the first long distance radiotelephone system.

**1916**  
German astronomer Karl Schwarzschild shows that a dense body can produce gravity so strong that light cannot escape: a black hole. E.C. Went at Bell Labs develops the condenser microphone to translate sound waves into electrical waves that could be transmitted by the vacuum tube amplifier.

**1917**  
Albert Einstein establishes stimulated emission, which will be the basis for all laser and fiber optic transmission. Electric razor (Schick).

**1918**  
First large-scale wastewater treatment plant to use activated sludge method built in Houston. Charles Strite patents the first electric pop-up toaster.

**1919**  
The bending of starlight from the sun is observed, proving Einstein's theories on gravitation. Ernest Rutherford proposes his theory for atom smashing which becomes the basis for much of modern nuclear physics.

**1920**  
AT&T develops the time domain-multiplexing concept. Juan de la Cierva of Spain creates the "autogyro" (precursor to the modern helicopter) based on his trimotor plane of 1918.

**1921**



Ethyl gasoline introduced; Charles Kettering, Thomas Midgley Jr., T.A. Boyd. L. Emanuelli invents the oil-filled cable. This revolutionary technology today permits the transmission of power in excess of one million volts.

1922

Carrier develops the centrifugal refrigeration machine. Larson introduces the first push-button elevator (using elevator brake design of Otis from 1852).

1923

The American physicist Arthur Holly Compton observes that in their interactions with electrons, X rays behave like miniature billiard balls, evidence for the reality of the photon and the particulate nature of light. Vladimir Zworykin invents the first practical form of television, the Iconoscope (Philo Farnsworth would publicly display the first television in 1927).

1924

The German rocket pioneer Hermann Oberth shows how a rocket could develop enough thrust to overcome Earth's gravitational pull. Atomic hydrogen welding - Langmuir & Palmer

1925

German physicist Werner Heisenberg proposes that atoms should be described without assuming anything about immeasurable quantities such as the positions and speeds of electrons inside atoms. Instead, he arranged the measurable quantities, such as the discrete frequencies of light emitted by the atom, in arrays of numbers not unlike spreadsheets. By manipulating these spreadsheets, which mathematicians call matrices, Heisenberg was able to recover the successes of the older quantum theory, without encountering its contradictions (Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle is born). Hilliard introduces the electric circuit breaker.

1926

Schrödinger describes the interior structure of atoms in mathematical form (Schrödinger Equation). Synthetic rubber. Erik Rotheim of Norway creates the first aerosol can delivery system.

1927

Single-core paper-insulated cables designed to carry 132,000 volts are laid in the United States. Polyvinyl chloride (PVC). Philo T. Farnsworth publicly demonstrates the first electronic television.

1928

While working on influenza virus, Alexander Fleming observes that mould develops accidentally on a staphylococcus culture plate, creating a bacteria-free circle around itself. He was inspired to further experiment and he found that a mould culture prevented growth of staphylococci, even when diluted 800 times. He named the active substance penicillin. John Logie Baird introduces the first color television system.

1929

Edwin Hubble discovers that the farther a galaxy is from us, the more its light is shifted toward the red and the faster it recedes from us, proving that the universe is expanding. Affel & Espensched introduce the first coaxial cable system

1930

The British geologist Arthur Holmes relates the ages of rocks as obtained from fossil evidence to their ages as determined by radioactive analysis, giving an absolute scale for geological time. Frank Wittle demonstrates the first gas-powered jet engine.

1931

GM's Frigidaire division adopts Freon 12 (dichlorodifluoromethane) refrigerant gas, invented by Thomas Midgley of Ethyl Corp. and Charles Kettering of GM.

1932

Defibrillator developed by William Bennett Kauwenhoven. First splitting of atom, John Cockcroft and Ernest Walton. Chadwick discovers neutrons in atomic nuclei. Transmission electronic microscope created by Knoll & Ruska.

1933

Fritz Zwicky, a Swiss astronomer in California, examines the rotation of galaxies, concludes that they must contain more mass than we can see, and calls the unexplained material "dark matter." Edwin Armstrong conducts a successful field test of 2-path FM radio, demonstrating its superiority over AM, from an RCA tower on top of the Empire State Building to the home of a trusted old friend on Long Island.

1934

Irène Joliot-Curie (daughter of Pierre & Marie Curie) & her husband Frédéric Joliot-Curie bombard aluminum with helium nuclei to make the first artificial radioactive

isotope, phosphorus-30.

1935

Agronomists Frank Duley and Jouette Russel conduct the first research on conservation tillage using the sweep plow. Charles Frances Richter introduces his scale for measuring the intensity of earthquakes (a 10-point scale had been conceived by François-Alphonse Forel and Michele Stefano de Rossi and was already in wide usage, and in 1902, the Italian volcanologist Giuseppe Mercalli had already created a 12-point scale of intensity). Robert Watson-Watt receives the first data from his Radio Detection And Ranging (RADAR) system.

1936

The "Magnetophone" device uses magnetic tape — first made from magnetic powder applied to a strip of paper — to record a concert conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham. George Paget Thomson & C.J. Davisson demonstrate the process of electron diffraction and proved mathematically that electrons behave in a wavelike manner.

1937

The concept of a nationwide emergency telephone number was first used in England when the code "999" was established on a national scale.

1938

American inventor Chester Carlson invents a copying method based on the fact that selenium becomes a good electrical conductor when illuminated, the first xerographic copying method. Nylon and Teflon and Fiberglass.

1939

German chemists Otto Hahn (above right) & Fritz Strassmann detect light elements in uranium irradiated with neutrons; the Austrian physicist Lise Meitner (in flight from the Nazis) and her nephew Otto Frisch explain this result as nuclear fission.

1940

Discovery of the radioactive isotope carbon-14.

1941

Mount Rushmore, a feat of engineering and geology, is completed by Gutzon Borglum's son upon his death.

Drs. Howard Florey and Ernst Chain develop the first practical use for penicillin, using the drug to treat infections in people.

1942

Beneath the west stands of the football stadium at the University of Chicago, a team led by the Italian-born physicist Enrico Fermi initiates the first controlled nuclear fission chain reaction. In the same year, Glenn Seaborg and colleagues bombard uranium in a cyclotron and produce the fissionable element plutonium-239, one of nine new elements heavier than uranium that Seaborg would help discover. John Dunning and co-workers show that uranium-235 is a fissionable form of uranium and develop a method to isolate this isotope. John Atanasoff & Clifford Berry create the first electronic computer (a patent infringement case was won and now gives them, not J. Presper Eckert and John W. Mauchly, inventors of the ENIAC, credit for the first electronic computing machine).

1943

The Manhattan Project and Los Alamos weapons laboratory in New Mexico are initiated under the scientific direction of the American physicist Robert Oppenheimer. Bacitracin — Johnson & Melenyl

1944

A team of scientists working at Harvard University and funded in part by IBM construct the first automatic, general-purpose computer.

1945

Artificial kidney developed by Willem J. Kolff.

1946

The ENIAC (Electronic Numerical Integrator and Comparator) computer, based on vacuum tubes, goes into service at the University of Pennsylvania. Synthetic quinine — Woodward & Doering

1947

American physicists John Bardeen, (counterclockwise from the top) William Shockley & Walter Brattain invent the transistor. The first commercial microwave oven is sold based on Dr. Percy Spencer's discovery in

1946 that a new vacuum tube called a magnetron emitted microwaves with caused the candy bar in his pocket to melt (he repeated the experiment with some popcorn kernels near the tube and watched as the popcorn popped).

1948

American physicists Richard Feynman & Julian Schwinger, and the Japanese physicist Sin-Itiro Tomonaga develop quantum electro-dynamics (QED), the first complete theory of the interaction of photons and electrons. Kevin Tuohy develops the first modern corneal contact lens.

1949

American engineer Jay Forrester, working for the U.S. Navy, uses small rings that can be magnetized north or south to represent binary “1” or “0.” Neomycin – Waksman & Lechavalier

1950

Using the newly invented ENIAC computer, the Hungarian-born American mathematician and computer pioneer John von Neumann and colleagues make the first computerized 24-hour weather predictions. Thiacetazone – Belmisch, Mietzsch, & Domagk

1951

American engineers John Mauchly & John Eckert construct UNIVAC I, with 5,000 vacuum tubes and data storage on magnetic tape. Experimental Breeder Reactor 1 (EBR-I) produces the world’s first usable amount of electricity from nuclear energy. Margaret Sanger and Katherine McCormack obtain funding and team with Gregory Pincus and Dr. John Rock (in 1952) and create the first prototype for a birth control pill. Concurrently, Carl Djerassi, working for Syntex, had just learned how to produce a synthetic oral form of progesterone. The collective effort resulted in the first available birth control pill in 1960.

1952

The United States tests an explosive fusion device at Eniwetok Atoll in the Pacific Ocean. A fission bomb initiates thermonuclear fusion of hydrogen, the process that makes the sun glow, in a 50-ton device.

1953

British biologists Maurice Wilkins & Francis Crick, together with the American biologist James Watson, discover the double helical structure of the complex organic molecule that encodes genetic information. First successful application of a heart-lung machine, John H. Gibbon.

1954

First human kidney transplant, Edward Donnal Thomas.

1955

Reynold Johnson develops the first disk drive.

1956

Dutch physicist Abraham van Heel coats glass fibers with a film leading to rapid transmission of light. Indian engineer Narinder Kapany coins the phrase “fiber optics” to describe this technique.

1957

Soviet Union launches the first artificial Earth satellite, the 184-pound Sputnik I, followed by the 1,000 pound Sputnik II. First externally worn, battery-powered pacemaker developed by Earl Bakken Robert Jarvik, and C. Walton Lillehie.

1958

Robert Noyce, of Fairchild Semiconductor Corporation, and Jack Kilby, of Texas Instruments, independently invent the integrated circuit, in one chip made of the semiconductor silicon. Seymour Cray at Control Data Corp. develops a transistorized computer based on this technology. Ultrasound is developed as an imagine technique and the first ultrasound images of the human body are produced. Van Allen radiation belt is discovered.

1959

Soviet space probe Luna 2 crash-lands on the Moon and Luna 3 photographs its far side, never seen from Earth.

1960

At the Hughes Aircraft company, the American physicist Theodore Maiman extracts bright, highly focused light of a very pure color from a ruby cylinder, producing the first laser. Firts externally implanted cardiac pacemaker.

1961

The first use of a laser for medical purposes: the removal of a tumor from the retina of an eye. The first silicon chips are produced for computer usage. Dr. Kouwenhoven, Knickerbocker, and Jude discovered the benefit of chest compression to achieve a

small amount of artificial circulation. Later in 1960, mouth-to-mouth and chest compression was combined to form CPR similar to the way it is practiced today.

1962

Researchers at GE, IBM, and the MIT Lincoln Laboratory find that diode devices based on the semiconductor gallium arsenide convert electrical energy into light. By the 1990s, billions of them are made yearly for use in telecommunications and CD players.

1963

American meteorologist Edward Lorenz notices that small changes in parameters entered into a simple computer model of the atmosphere strongly affect the predicted atmospheric behavior, in seemingly random ways, thus discovering deterministic chaos.

1964

American theorists Murray Gell-Mann & George Zweig independently postulate the existence of quarks, particles with electric charges that are fractions of those of electrons, as the building blocks of protons and neutrons and other strongly interacting particles. Two high-temperature insulators, carbon fiber and Beryllium developed for use in for heat shields in spacecraft, animal surgery, aircraft parts, etc.

1965

Digital Equipment Corp. (DEC) introduces PDP-8 minicomputer. James Schlatter discovers the sweetening effects of the artificial compound, Aspartame.

1966

Electronic fuel injection system for automobiles is developed in Britain.

1967

Christian Barnard performs the first human heart transplantation. Jocelyn Bell (under the teaching of Antony Hewish) at Cambridge University discovers the first pulsar, pulsing at 1.2 second intervals.

1968

On January 12, 1968, AT&T announced that an emergency number, 911 would be made available nationwide.

1969

U.S. astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin become the first human beings to walk on another celestial object (the moon).

1970

The Intel Corporation realizes \$9 million in sales the first year it introduces a computer memory chip that can store 1024 bits of information. Robert Maurer leads a team at Corning who design and produce the first optical fiber.

1971

Researchers adapt nuclear magnetic resonance properties into the first MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imagine) device, paving the way for medical imagine without the use of ionizing radiation. Intel introduces the first commercial microprocessor, the 4004, invented by three Intel engineers. Primitive by today’s standards, it contained a mere 2300 transistors and performed about 60,000 calculations in a second.

1972

The British engineer Godfrey Hounsfield, using methods developed by the South African-born American physicist Allan Cormack, combines X-ray images to display the interior of the human body in three dimensions, producing the first computerized tomographic (CT) scan.

1973

Xerox develops first Ethernet Local Area Network (LAN) technology.

1974

Dr. Henry Heimlich describes the Heimlich Maneuver, a technique to help prevent people from choking to death. First airbag is introduced by General Motors.

1975

Charge-coupled devices (CCDs), detectors of light based on semiconductors, are first attached to telescopes and used to observe the planet Uranus. They are more sensitive than photographic film, and greatly extend the power to see into the universe.

1976

U. S. spacecraft Viking I and II land on Mars and examine its surface. Tests for microorganisms in the soil first seem to give positive results, but further analysis shows that they reveal non-living chemical processes.



1977

The American inventors Steven Jobs & Stephen Wozniak produce the Apple II, the first personal computer sold in assembled rather than kit form.

1978

American astronomer Vera Rubin and her colleagues analyze how galaxies rotate, and conclude that the gravity due to their visible matter is insufficient to hold them together; hence they must also contain invisible or dark matter and the existence of dark matter in the universe is confirmed.

1979

French physicist Pierre-Gilles de Gennes presents his contributions to the theories of polymers and liquid crystals, leading to the explosion in technology utilizing 'liquid crystal' displays.

1980

Philip Estridge, IBM, develops the first hard drive for PCs. It holds 10MB.

1981

Invention of the scanning tunneling electron microscope: German physicist Gerd Binnig (right) and the Swiss physicist Heinrich Rohrer (left) develop a microscope in which a specimen is scanned by measuring the minute electrical current between the surface and an extremely fine metallic tip. The technique can produce a computer-generated map of a surface showing the outlines of individual atoms. IBM introduces the PC.

1982

The syndrome formerly known as GRID (Gay-Related Immune Deficiency) is given the new name AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) based on its presentation in both homosexual and heterosexual populations; in addition, the first blood transfusion recipient with AIDS is defined. US Physician Jarvik perfects the artificial heart.

1983

Doctors at the Institute Pasteur in France believe that they have isolated a new virus, which is the cause of AIDS. The virus is called lymphadenopathy-associated virus or LAV.

1984

The US Government announces that Dr Robert Gallo, at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) has isolated the retrovirus which causes AIDS and that it has been named HTLV-III. Blood testing is started to detect antibodies to the virus.

1985

Discovery of buckminsterfullerines: American chemists Richard Smalley & Robert Curl, & the British chemist Harold Kroto, find that 60 carbon atoms can arrange themselves into molecules shaped like a soccer ball, or a geodesic dome as designed by Buckminster Fuller. The United States Food And Drug Administration (FDA) approves Gallo's AIDS diagnostic kit based on the Western blot technique.

1986

At the IBM Zurich Research Laboratory, the Swiss physicist Karl Alexander Müller (left) & his German partner Johannes Georg Bednorz (right) discover materials that become superconducting at temperatures far above absolute zero. LAV and HTLV-III are both reclassified as the same virus, HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus).

1987

The US FDA approves AZT as the first anti-retroviral drug to be used in the treatment of AIDS. Meningitis vaccine – Connaught Labs

1988

AIDS, the clinical disease caused by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus, is reclassified as an epidemic of both homosexuals and heterosexuals.

1989

British engineer Tim Berners-Lee and colleagues at the Swiss-based international elementary particle laboratory CERN create Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP), a standardized communication mode for computer networks.

1990

The Hubble Telescope, built under the supervision of the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), is placed into orbit above the Earth's obscuring atmosphere.

1991

Aleksander Wolszczan and Dale Frail discovered the first confirmed planetary system

other than our own orbiting a millisecond-period pulsar, B1257. The pulsar was discovered in 1990 by Wolszczan using the Arecibo radio telescope in Puerto Rico. Two terrestrial-mass planets were initially discovered in 1991 (B1257 B,C).

1992

The World Wide Web is born, introduced by Tim Berners-Lee. The first audio and video multicasts are broadcast over the Internet.

1993

Culminating a 20-year project, the U.S. Air Force launches the last of 24 Navstar satellites that carry atomic clocks. Users anywhere on Earth can determine precise location from this network for navigation, auto-mobile guidance, hiking, and geophysical research, thus bringing online the Global Positioning System or GPS.

1994

Real Audio introduced to Internet which allows one to hear audio in near real time.

1995

Two research groups crystallize and determine by x-ray analysis the molecular structure of Cytochrome oxidase, a complex protein central to the metabolic processes that transfer energy within living cells.

1996

Protease inhibitors, a new kind of anti-viral drug, are the first drugs found to dramatically reduce the levels of HIV in the blood of infected individuals.

1997

The first clone of an adult mammal is produced by Dr. Ian Wilmut and his team at The Roslin Institute in Edinburgh, Scotland.

1998

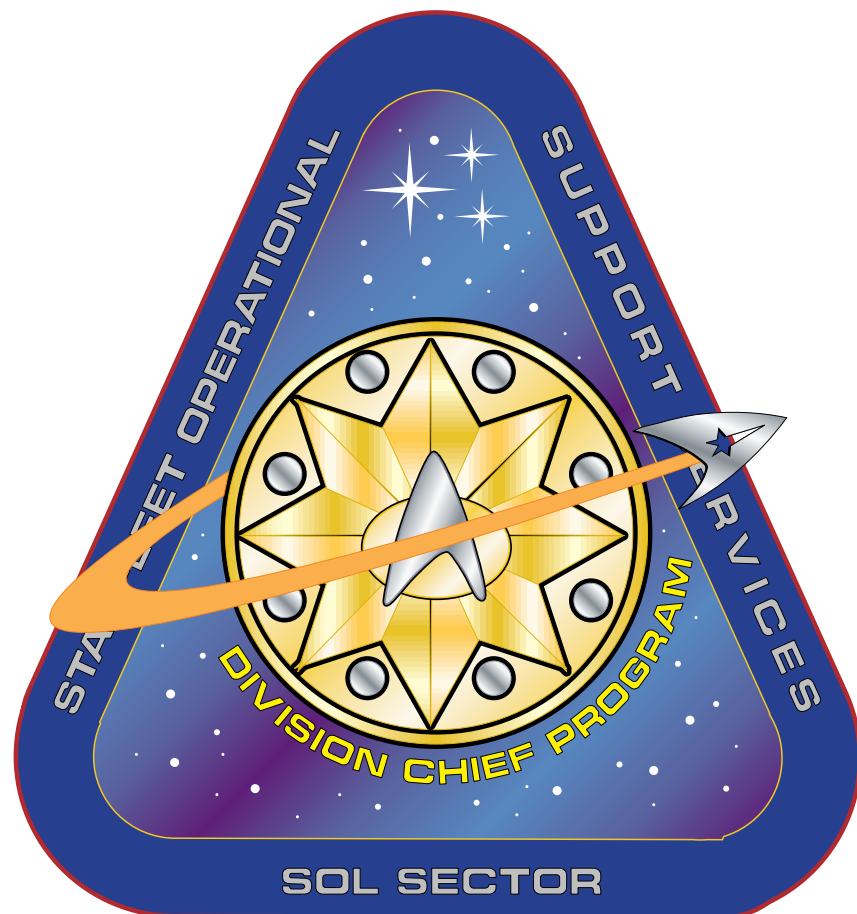
Evidence that life may exist on Mars was put to rest in February when carbon-14 analysis revealed that organic material discovered in a Martian meteorite was in fact contaminant from Earth biologic material.

1999

Neural network simulations of brain functions such as pattern perception, sensor motor control, and memory are produced.

2000

The first clinical trials utilizing gene therapy to treat a rare genetic disorder were halted following the death of a test subject, raising the medical and ethical questions of whether gene manipulation is either safe or morally justified. Scientists on June 26 announced the (basic) completion of the Human Genome Project in having completed the sequencing of the human genome.





# USS MAAT AND THE SPCA

Commander Julianne Tanski • USS MAAT SPCA Coordinator

Artwork by the USS Maat

All the critters, both two-legged and four-legged, down at the Norfolk, Virginia SPCA are wagging their respective tails since they were visited by the crew of the U.S.S. Maat NCC-1794-A on 15 July, 2000. The visit wasn't purely social, however. The Maat was very pleased and proud to present to the SPCA a check in the amount of \$800.00.

The crew of the Maat worked hard for many months in order to amass this amazing sum. The biggest charity fundraising activity was the Annual Maat Casino Night, which was held in June. At this gala event, friends as well as members of other area starship crews were invited to play chapter-run games and chow down on a huge selection of goodies contributed by members of the Maat. The guests could receive Maat money with which to play by giving cash donations or by bringing items for any of the Maat's charity collections, such as cancelled postage stamps, aluminum cans, canned food items, coupons, or of course, goods for the SPCA. All cash donations were turned over to the Maat's SPCA fund.

Prizes as well as fellowship attracted the players. Many local merchants were persuaded to donate items for prizes because the event was to benefit the SPCA. Five celebrity guests at ImagineCon were happy to donate autographed photos when they learned of our endeavor. (These were: Richard Hatch, Jack Stouffer, Chase Masterson, Cassandra Gava, and Erin Gray.) Members of the Maat contributed lots of great prizes, while still other prizes were purchased by the Maat. Prizes included science fiction items such as figures, books, photos, collectible cards and calendars as well as hand-etched glasses, a t-shirt from the SPCA and a Mikasa crystal bowl. Everyone had a great time, and nearly everyone went home with at least one prize.

Another major source of cash for the SPCA donation came from a good friend of the Maat, Keith Belk, who auctioned off his Star Trek collection, then gave 10% of his profits to the fund. In addition, varying amounts of money earmarked for the fund are collected at the Maat meetings every month. Even

the crew of the Maat was awed when our treasurer and First Officer, Commander Joe Kancel reported the total at the June meeting. It only goes to point out that over time, and with perseverance, a great deal can be done.

So it came to pass that the mighty

the staff. The list includes: cat food, dog food, cat litter, litter pans, rodent food and bedding, bags and bags of newspapers, bird and rabbit cages, pet toys, blankets, towels, Homeless Pet Points (found on some pet food labels), collars, leashes, bowls and treats, as well as pens (800 at one time!), bars of

recyclables are earned directly by the SPCA.

Founded in 1892, the Norfolk SPCA receives no government funding. They take in, care for and find homes for more animals than any of the other five shelters in the Hampton Roads area. They recently added a spay and neuter clinic to their list of services. Every animal adopted from them is neutered before it can be taken home, including puppies and kittens. They take great pains to ensure that their animals go to good homes.

The Maat has made cash donations to the Norfolk SPCA in the past. In 1995 they gave \$115 to buy a small animal cage. A brass plate on the cage indicates the donor. In 1997 they contributed \$250 to help establish the spay and neuter program. In August of 1999, the Maat donated a whopping \$500 to the spay and neuter fund, and in November of 1999, gave the SPCA a further \$100. To date, the U.S.S. Maat has donated a total of \$1665.00, and the Norfolk SPCA is delighted. That is \$277.50 per year, \$23.12 per month, and about .77 per day.

We of the Maat get a great deal of satisfaction from helping the animals at the SPCA. Each time an animal can stay there one more day is another chance for it to find a loving home. Through our monthly donations of goods and our monetary contributions, we are indeed giving frightened and abandoned animals a chance at a future they probably would not otherwise have. They may be voiceless, but they are far from friendless. Unwanted animals are a huge and very sad problem, but it is not an insurmountable problem. As the Maat has shown, many people working little by little over time really can make a difference. Don't listen to anyone who tells you otherwise.



From left to right: Acting CDT LT Colin Lynch, LT Robert Lambert, CMDR Gary Telecsan, LTSG Sean Lynch at the craps table.

Maaters beamed down to the Norfolk SPCA and presented the largest check, both literally and figuratively that they had ever given to any charity. Money is by far not the only thing the

soap (hundreds), pet food coupons, bleach, dish-washing liquid, hand-wipes, paper towels, tables, chairs, rugs, a microwave oven, a computer, a hand-quilted wall-hanging (to auction



From left to right: CAPT Donna Monaghan, Acting CMDR Elizabeth Lambert, COMM Richard Hewitt (Jamestown), Acting CDT LT Peter Payne (Heimdall), LT JG Mary Connelly (Heimdall) play Starfleet Life (a board game created by the USS Maat).

Maat has given to the SPCA. Since 1994, we have made monthly trips to the facility, and given them a large variety of items for the use of the animals and

at one of their events) and lots of bathroom tissue. The Maat also hauls recyclables to the SPCA's special bins. The proceeds from the sale of these





# ANNUAL STARFLEET AWARDS

By Liz Woolf • STARFLEET International Awards Director

The Office of Awards is honored to announce the nominees for the 1999 STARFLEET International Awards. Awards will be presented at the 2000 STARFLEET International Conference.

## Chapter of the Year

USS Continuum  
USS Highlander  
USS Mir  
USS Peacekeeper  
USS Rubicon  
USS Thunderchild  
USS Ursus

## Shuttle of the Year:

Shuttle Centurian (USS Bethel)  
Shuttle Dräkenfire  
Shuttle Jaguar

## Member of the Year:

Vice Admiral Allyson M. W. Dyar,  
Space Station Nexus  
Commander Debra I. Kern,  
USS Mir  
Lieutenant Blair Learn,  
USS Highlander

Don Meyer,  
USS Rogue Phoenix  
Lieutenant George Meyer,  
USS Imperium  
Vice Admiral Robert Westfall,  
USS Royal Sovereign

## Officer of the Year:

Captain Joseph Certeza,  
USS Tikopai  
Commander Randy Lynch,  
USS Mir  
Esther McCord,  
USS Odyssey  
Captain Kathie Silbernagel,  
USS Thunderchild  
Vice Admiral Chris Wallace,  
USS Jaguar  
Vice Admiral Robert Westfall,  
USS Royal Sovereign  
Captain Tammy Willcox,  
USS Maat  
Ensign Sonny Wright,  
USS Soverign

## Enlisted Member of the Year:

CPO Garry Cameron,  
USS Jurassic

CSM Philip J. Kern, Jr,  
USS Mir  
Bill Mock,  
USS Rogue Phoenix  
PO2 Val Rosenberg,  
USS Highlander  
MWO Bret Thompson,  
USS Thunderchild

## Cadet of the Year:

Cynthia Dolan,  
USS Continuum  
Commander Christopher J. Higdon,  
USS Black Hawk  
CPO Lori Kinney,  
USS Jurassic  
Lieutenant j.g. Matt Volk,  
USS Thagard

## Scholastic Achievement Award:

Ensign Jessica Coyle,  
USS Highlander  
Lieutenant j.g. Emily Hanson,  
USS Czar'ak  
Jonathon Tullis,  
USS Galahad  
Amile Wilson,  
USS Haise

## Helping Hands Award:

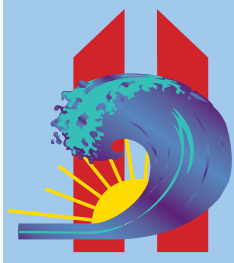
Commander Michelle Barratt,  
USS Highlander  
Captain Shaughn O'Connor,  
USS Rogue Phoenix  
Fleet Captain Janet Shepherd,  
USS Alioth  
MWO Bret Thompson,  
USS Thunderchild  
Jonathon Tullis,  
USS Galahad  
Ensign Veda Noelle Urias,  
USS Tikopai  
Fleet Captain Michael F. Walter, Sr,  
USS Columbus

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# SANTA CRUZ COMMAND STAFF WEDDING

Photography by Captain Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo • USS Atlas

Artwork by Vice Admiral Chris Wallace • Vice Chief of Communications, STARFLEET

On Saturday, June 3rd, Cmdr. Marie Beshures and Lt. Commander Daniel Adinolfi pledged their eternal troth in a church ceremony in Sage Chapel on the campus of Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. Marie and Dan are the CO and XO, respectively, of the shuttle Santa Cruz (Region 4) whose mothership is the USS Accord (Region 7).



Dan and Marie cut their wedding cake during the reception in Risley Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.



Commander Beshures-Adinolfi in her wedding dress, just after the ceremony. Marie's mother made the wedding dress, while Marie made the bridesmaid dresses.

## JULIEN FLEMMING UPDATE

Lisa N Paradis Berkenbilt

For the past couple of years, the USS Athena has been raising money (including \$1701 raised at Shore Leave) for the Julien Fleming Fund. Julien is a six year old boy suffering from the late stages of GM1 Gangliosidosis, a rare neurological disease. He has not been able to sit up, speak, talk or see since he was three.

Julien is NOT doing well. He went into septic shock in late June and was in a coma for a few days. At one point the doctors gave him 24 hours to live. However, Julien is a fighter and came out of the shock. He isn't as responsive as he was before, but he does have waking moments now. He

is also going through acute renal failure and edema (swelling). His doctor is not giving any timelines at this point. Clark and Donna (his parents) have been up around the clock caring for Julien. Even though Donna, Clark and their daughter Danielle have not had the time or energy to thank everyone personally, they are very grateful for the assistance.

Additional information on the fund, GM1 and access to Donna's web page can be found by pointing a web browser to <http://www.QL.ORG/julien>. Donations to the fund can be sent c/o USS Athena, P.O. Box 710152, Oak Hill, VA 20171-0152. Please make checks out to the Julien Fleming Fund.

## HIGHLANDER MOURNS LOSS OF MASCOT

Commodore Gerri "T'Rell" Wampler • Commanding, USS Highlander

Thank you from the Officers and Crew of the USS Highlander, Region 7 to all in STARFLEET that sent sympathy cards and notes of condolences on the recent loss of Yeoman Ratt, Tribble in Training, Mascot & Chief Morale Officer and beloved sidekick of Commodore Gerri "T'Rell" Wampler, CO.

She will be missed by all who knew her, she touched so many while working the registration and recruiting tables at conventions. The little maltese whose birthdate was unknown, was given a second chance at life and lived it to the fullest while helping to earn funds for charity.

She was always excited to put on her trademark plaid uniform and wore it proudly, she did not like having it taken off at the end of her shift. She will live long and prosper in our memory, she awaits across the RainBow Bridge. In the short time she spent with Highlander, she earned over \$100 in pocket change for charity. A check for \$105.30 will be given in memory of her to a local animal shelter in our area. We again thank all who made donations over the years, she will be missed but never ever forgotten. Her full story can be found at our website: [usshighlander.sfi.org](http://usshighlander.sfi.org).





# STAR TREK: THE SPIRITUAL VOYAGES

By Mark Haskett • Author of Going Boldly on Your Inner Voyage: The Unauthorized Starfleet Daily Meditation Manual

To quote shamelessly from the preface to my book's third edition, "...the voyages of the Starship Enterprise were never about frontiers in space. They were about the frontiers within our selves." And that's simply because Star Trek, for me and millions of others, continues to be a spiritual journey. Not necessarily a "religious" one (although the devotion of many Trekkers borders on religion), but a *spiritual* one.

I use the term "spiritual" in its most generic sense. After all, genuine spirituality isn't owned by any single religious tradition. It cuts across all religious boundaries. It can even be disconnected from what many of us call "the divine," much like Spock's or Tuvoc's personal discipline, or like the "Pure Land" form of Buddhism.

Spirituality, at heart, is about what gets us out of bed in the morning. It is concerned with our inner sense of motivation and direction, our awareness of life's purpose, our relationship to other beings and to something "larger" than ourselves. To be "spiritual" is to recognize that the material world — however beautiful it can be, however alluring its *things* — cannot ultimately give meaning to our existence.

Through its ongoing voyages, Star Trek has assembled a rich resource for exploring meaning, for discovering and refining our spirituality. In fact, its lessons are practically endless. Like the truth that risk is necessary for personal growth, demonstrated by Captain Picard in the episode, "A Matter of Time," or by Lieutenant Worf in "Peak Performance." Or like Counselor Troi's admonition to embrace our darker side in "Frame of Mind," a theme also explored by Kirk in "The Enemy Within," and B'Elanna Torres in "Faces."

Almost every crew member (as well as countless cameo characters) can be heard talking about the value of "community" and "working together" — though not at the expense of suppressing or "assimilating" our individuality. The very existence of The Borg symbolizes what can happen if we allow our uniqueness to be swallowed

by some all-consuming Collective, if we let our "things" and our technology become our masters rather than our servants. (For a fabulous contemporary treatment of this theme, read the article "Why the Future Doesn't Need Us," by Sun Microsystems's Bill Joy, in the April 2000 issue of *Wired* magazine.)

And, of course, there are the larger themes that are encapsulated not merely in a particular episode of Star Trek, but by an entire series. The premise of *Star Trek: Voyager*, for example, is more than a convenient framework for placing our fearless crew in jeopardy for one more hour each week, or for providing yet another excuse to "boldly go where no one has gone before." *Voyager*, I'm convinced, is a symbol for our desire to return to Paradise, for recovering what seems to have been lost... for having to deal with the unexpected (and sometimes undeserved) tragedies that spin our lives into uncharted and dangerous territory. And what we do on "our way back," as Janeway puts it, becomes our life's mission. We can cry out at the Universe for being cruel and unjust — as many of us do — or we can accept what has happened to us, and then use our present circumstances as a vehicle for self-development and spiritual growth.

Past readers of *The Unauthorized Starfleet Daily Meditation Manual* are right to point out that my book's format is virtually identical to the kind of Twelve-Step recovery books that populate the "self-help" shelves in the local bookstore. It's no coincidence — if only because Star Trek fans and Fleet members, like almost everyone else, are "in recovery" from something. We're recovering from troubled childhoods and family dysfunction. Or we're having to deal with rejection (and even persecution) at the hands of others. Or we're trying to transcend the narrow religious and cultural perspectives we've grown up with. And yes, we're attempting to overcome addictions or other destructive habits that keep us from realizing our own highest potential.

In this context of recovery, then, the words of Star Trek's characters can

bring not only solace, but inspiration and guidance. They certainly did for Steve Martin, the friend of mine who collected the pithy and sometimes humorous quotations that spark the meditations in my book.

Several years ago, while dealing with simultaneous crises (as well as an addiction or two), Steve began watching re-runs of "the ongoing voyages" every afternoon, and writing down the lines of dialog that resonated for him. He found himself re-reading the quotations for spiritual uplift and reassurance, often using them as daily affirmations. Steve and I eventually teamed up to design a poster celebrating "Three Decades of Wit and Wisdom" for the original series' Thirtieth Anniversary, which featured a handful of his collected quotes. A few more inspiring quotations found their way onto a set of *Voyager* coffee mugs. Eventually the organization I founded to promote inter-religious dialog and spiritual development published my volume of 366 quotations and accompanying reflections.

It has been gratifying to hear the positive reactions of Trekkers and non-Trekkers alike from all over the planet — although at least one reader accused me of "deifying" Gene Roddenberry through my book. Admittedly, the volume *does* include a reflection on Sulu's line, "May the great bird of the galaxy bless your planet," which many fans believe is a wink in Roddenberry's direction. And *Science Fiction Age* magazine *did* write that "...this compact manual perfectly embraces the philosophy behind Star Trek... Somewhere, we know, Gene Roddenberry is smiling." But most of us who enjoy Star Trek can see past the characters and creators of the series to the deeper meanings and myths which its stories embody — meanings which, in the guise of future space voyages, reflect the "universal" wisdom of humankind.

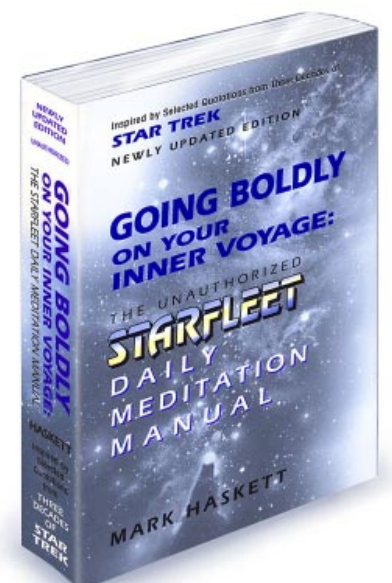
Some of the responses I most treasure are letters from inmates at the prisons where I regularly donate copies of my book. Many of these inmates tell me how much they appreciate a spiritual approach to self-development, which at

the same time doesn't have some hidden "religious agenda." In other words, they say, the book isn't trying to "save their souls," but rather to inspire them to reach deep inside, to discover *within themselves* the strength and inner resources by which to chart a new course in life.

The irony is, I don't see these two approaches as fundamentally different. To discover and begin using our inner resources (which, for me, is a kind of divine grace) *IS* to "save" one's soul. To recognize one's "mission" as a journey through the inner and outer universes in which we find ourselves... to commit oneself to this deeply personal voyage while embracing our mutual interdependence... to realize that the journey itself *IS* the destination — that, for me, is what "salvation" is about.

It's also, if I'm not mistaken, the primary mission of Starfleet.

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# CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE CHALLENGER KIND

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It all comes back to me now, as I stare at the Guinness bottle candleholders in my "Serenity Garden" on top of my monitor. Sunday, July 2nd, 2000. A day which will forever echo through the corridors of my mind...

It all started out quite innocently, with Mom (Avenger CMO Lt. Cmdr. Ann Marie Rielly) accepting an invitation to the Challenger's 12th Anniversary party from a member of the ship, their Asst. Security Chief Kenny Dohn. She passed the invitation along to me, and I looked up long enough from my Anne Rice novel to accept graciously.

Oh, if only I knew what lay in store for me! After that, Mom and my grandmother threw themselves into a tizzy of baking. For days, the house smelled of apple cake, chocolate chip cake, and the world-renowned orange blossom pound cake, all of which collapsed slightly in the heat. When they were done, I took care of the fun part...I frosted the chocolate chip cake and part of the special "Hey, Liz, it's Bob's (Vice Admiral Bob Vosseller, Challenger's CO since day one and former Avenger XO) birthday, why don't we pull Grandma's fake-cake trick on him and see if he falls for it!" cake. (In case you weren't there, he fell for it...a couple of times)

When the smoke cleared, we were left

with three real cakes, a reasonable facsimile of a cake, and a really big bowl of patent-pending Italian Chicken Salad. We piled the goodies and ourselves into Kenny's car and headed down the Parkway. In the shore traffic. For three hours. (Insert irritated hiss here) I had to hold the impostor cake in my lap the whole way down. It was in one of those old metal cake tins with the non-rounded edges that left little grooves on my legs, so by the time we arrived, I could've bowled on my thighs. Arrrgh.

The sight that at long last greeted us was a wee house-let with a great view of a water tower. I half expected to see a flickering neon sign that read "Bob's Bachelor Bungalow" over the door. Seriously, it was a cute little house, but I'd personally prefer something more along the lines of a 4-bedroom, 3 and-a-half bath Tudor style house surrounded by rolling green countryside and bordered by a beautiful forest akin to the one in "Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves." But, for a party, the "B-B-B" was great! I loaded as much as I could into my little arms and toddled around back to announce our presence and set food out. It wasn't fancy, but it was wonderful! The sun was shining, people were laughing, music was playing! Instantly, I felt warmed and welcomed by veritable tidal waves of

friendship and happiness. This impressed me very much, especially because it couldn't be chalked up to the yummys I was toting, but genuine good will.

As the day wore on, I fit in better and better with the Challenger crew. They, too have filthy minds. They, too indulge in withering sarcasm interspersed with unabashed wackiness. There were so many jokes that day, that it is impossible to record even a few, (suffice to say that about...oh, 110% of them were obscene) as they have almost all melted into a colorful mush in my memory, with a few exceptions, of course. Like this one...Before Bob was presented with his "cake", someone gave him a bottle of fermented fruit juice, calling it Klingon Blood Wine.

One thing, however, that I learned, was that these people love to get and make others soaking, sopping, wringing wet. I escaped for the most

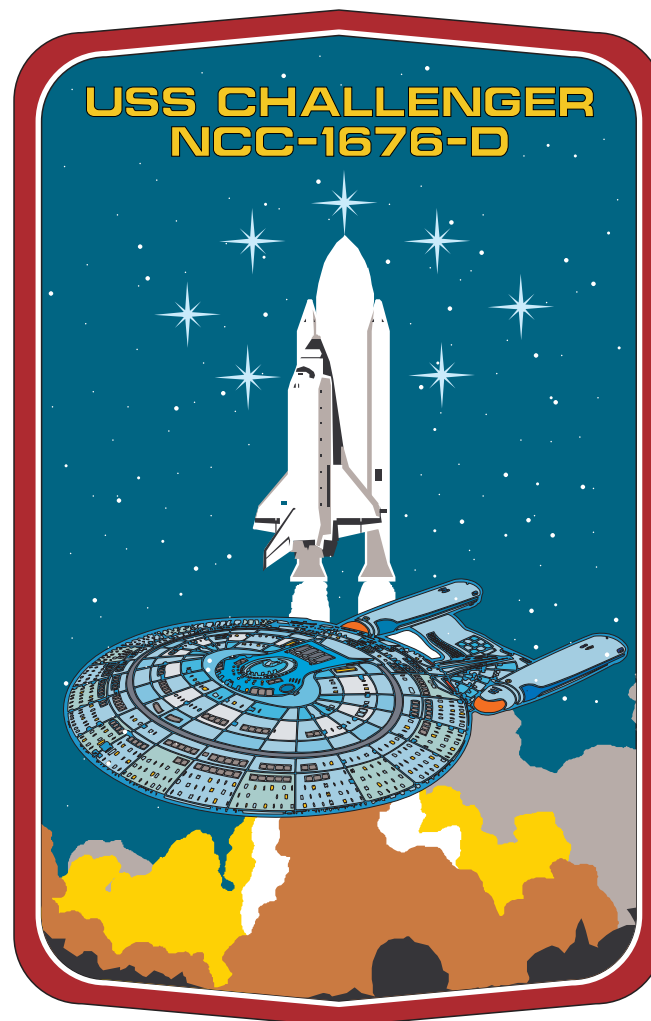
part, except for a certain XO (Cmdr. Chris Underwood) from the Avenger (who shall remain nameless) who kept pointing something at me that squirted when he pumped it. (Shut up, it was a Supersoaker.) I got my revenge, however, by asking (ISS Lexington CO R.Adm.) Mark Hanford from to get that XO back....And boy, did he ever! It involved another Supersoaker filled with icewater aimed at a certain personal region of the XO. For that kindness, Mr. Hanford can now be referred to as "Uncle Mark" if he likes!

When people got tired of belly-flopping into the pool, and attacking each other with large, plastic weaponry, we all drove down to the bay to see the fireworks. Oh, yes, it was extremely fun....I had no idea how much "adult" humor could be found in something as seemingly innocent as fireworks! The works themselves were beautiful. Not all of them had enough, er, oomph to make a big explosion, but, as the character of Mr. Humphries

noted in an episode of "Are You Being Served?", (a Britcom from the 70s), "Little things mean a lot!"

Ah, well, duckies, as time continues its congo line down through the ages, memories of that day and many others to come will live forever in our hearts, nurturing the seeds of friendship that will hopefully grow into mighty sequoias of...well...friendship!

This is the end of the piece now, so I'm going to go back to that Anne Rice novel, and maybe a game of solitaire, heck, I may even hand-buff the hardwood floor of my boudoir if I get bored enough!







TEXT OF THE AMENDMENT

The following text shall become Article 4, Section 12 of the STARFLEET Constitution.

**Judge Advocate General, STARFLEET**

The Judge Advocate General, STARFLEET shall be nominated by any sitting member of the Admiralty Board. The nominee shall than be confirmed to the position by a simple majority vote of the Admiralty Board. In the event more than two nominees are submitted, and one nominee does not gain a clear majority, the top two in voting shall face a run-off election, with the one gaining the majority winning. The JAG shall serve a term of no more then two (2) years, to commence on the first day of the year after the Commander, STARFLEET taking office and ending on the last day of the year preceding the election of a Commander, STARFLEET. At the end of that term, the AB may reconfirm the existing JAG, or vote to allow additional candidates to apply, with the confirmation process as outlined above used to determine the candidate.

The Office of the Judge Advocate General, STARFLEET is specifically tasked to provide STARFLEET members with aid and representation for the duration of an investigation or an appeal against a ruling taken on the Regional and International Level upon request of that member.

It is at the discretion of the JAG to set operational guidelines to outline the proper resources that should be placed at their disposal in order to properly execute their position. These operational guidelines are subject to approval and review by the Admiralty Board, who may approve them by a simple majority vote.

The Judge Advocate General reports to the Admiralty Board, shall be at least 23 years old, and must meet all other qualifications for office as set forth in the current Membership Handbook.

The following text shall become Article 5, Section 6 of the STARFLEET Constitution.

**The Judge Advocate General, STARFLEET**

If at any time a member of the Admiralty Board becomes dissatisfied with the performance of the Judge Advocate General, that Admiralty Board member may submit a motion to the entire Admiralty Board to have the Judge Advocate General removed from office. The Admiralty Board shall have thirty days from the date of the motion to investigate the matter, but may vote to extend this period an additional thirty days by a simple majority. At the end of this period, the Admiralty Board shall submit the motion to a vote. By a simple majority, the AB shall then vote whether to remove the Judge Advocate General or not.

EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENT

Rear Admiral Kurt Roithinger, Region Five Coordinator, and I both feel that with the Inspector General acting under the authority of the EC (through the CS) in investigating STARFLEET members, a separate Office should be created to assist in representing those members both during the investigative process and during any appeal of any rulings coming from that investigative process.

As the Admiralty Board serves as the appellate body, and to ensure the impartiality of the Office from the EC, both Admiral Roithinger and I feel that this Office should be filled by, and under the authority of, the Admiralty Board.

Michael Knight commented on the SF2K Listserver that while there is a procedure (Amendment II: Article 5, Section 5) for the removal of the Inspector General, there is no such procedure to remove the Judge Advocate General. Amendment II has been used as a model to address that issue.



TEXT OF THE AMENDMENT

Article 4, Section 2 is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

**Commanding and Executive Officer**

The Commanding Officer must meet all of the qualifications for office as set forth in the current STARFLEET Membership Handbook and be at least 18 years of age. A CO serves at the pleasure of his/her crew and can be removed by such if so desired. After the individual chapter decides upon the CO, the appointment will either be affirmed or denied by the Chief of Operations, STARFLEET based on a review of the potential CO meeting the above criteria as well as being a member in good standing. Without compelling reasons to the contrary, denial is based solely on the inability to meet the above criteria. In such cases, the Chief of Operations, STARFLEET is expected to inform the potential CO of these shortcomings and give him/her not less than 60 days to correct them. The potential CO can continue to serve as Interim CO during this period.

All COs shall be responsible for sending a monthly chapter status report to their Regional Coordinator as well as the Chief of Operations, STARFLEET or the Director, Shuttle Operations Command, as they may be required to do so in the manner set forth in the current Membership Handbook or Shuttle Operations Command Manual. In addition to all duties imposed by law, all COs are responsible for the general welfare and administration of their chapters or chapters-in-training, as well as the administration and disbursement of their ship's or shuttle's funds and the maintenance of the chapter's financial records.

COs in general are expected to set an example for their fellow crew members while also promoting the ideals of STARFLEET and Star Trek in general. They are also expected to aid in fostering growth and harmony within their chapters while trying to keep discord at a minimum.

Each STARFLEET chapter and shuttle is required to have an Executive Officer who, in addition to meeting the specific requirements laid out in the STARFLEET Membership Handbook, must also meet the above qualifications so that they may assume the position of Commanding Officer if necessary.

EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENT

Though the position of Commanding Officer is well-defined in the Constitution, it says little to nothing about the position of the Executive Officer. Since the Executive Officer would succeed the Commanding Officer should the CO be unable to continue, it seems prudent that the XO be mentioned, as well.

It should be noted that the entire main body of the Section is unchanged from the original. Only the final paragraph has been added and the Section title changed. While this Amendment could probably have been written by just changing the title and adding the final paragraph, by repealing and replacing the Section, when it comes time to draft the next Constitution, the wording is already there.





TEXT OF THE AMENDMENT

Article 4, Section 11 is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

**Inspector General, STARFLEET**

The Inspector General, STARFLEET is nominated to the Office by the Commander, STARFLEET. This nomination is then submitted to the Admiralty Board for confirmation by a simple majority vote. Upon confirmation, the Inspector General, STARFLEET shall serve a term of no more then two (2) years, to commence on the first day of the year after the Commander, STARFLEET taking office and ending on the last day of the year preceding the election of a Commander, STARFLEET. At the conclusion of such a term, and if the CS so desires, the IG may be resubmitted to the AB for re-confirmation to serve another term.

The Inspector General, STARFLEET acts as STARFLEET's chief investigator in matters where their expertise is called upon. The Inspector General is invested with broad investigative powers in accordance with the guidelines established in the Inspector General Handbook. The Inspector General, STARFLEET can also draw upon any Fleet Personnel to aid in any matter relevant to the operation of STARFLEET. It is also at the discretion of the Inspector General, STARFLEET to assemble a staff to carry out their duties within selected Regions or areas. These Staff Officers shall report directly to the Inspector General, STARFLEET who shall be held liable for the results brought about by their staff.

The Inspector General is also charged with overseeing electoral processes to elect or confirm the Regional Coordinators within the various STARFLEET Regions. Additionally, the Inspector General, STARFLEET cooperates with the Chief of Communications, STARFLEET to coordinate the procedure of electing a new Commander, STARFLEET and, in consultation with the Chief of Communications, is responsible for hiring an independent CPA who is in no way associated or affiliated with any chapter or member of STARFLEET to oversee the tallying of the returned ballots. The Inspector General, STARFLEET is expected to perform its duties in total impartiality, and shall not allow personal opinion to color, or perceive to color, either the investigation or its findings. The Inspector General, STARFLEET may choose to recuse themselves from an investigation if they believe that a perceived or actual conflict of interest exists. In such cases, they shall choose one of the Assistant Inspector Generals to perform the investigation and make the report.

The Inspector General, STARFLEET reports to the Commander, STARFLEET, shall be at least 23 years old, and must meet all other qualifications for office as set forth in the current Membership Handbook.

If at any time the Commander, STARFLEET becomes dissatisfied with the performance of the Inspector general, he may submit a motion to the Admiralty Board to have the Inspector General removed from office. The Admiralty Board shall have thirty days from the date of the motion to investigate the matter, but may vote to extend this period an additional thirty days by a simple majority. At the end of this period, the Admiralty Board shall submit the motion to a vote. By a simple majority, the AB shall then vote whether to remove the Inspector General or not.

EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENT

The recent issue with the dismissal of the current IG from the Office of the Inspector General requires both a clarification in how the IG is both initially nominated, and re-nominated, for their position, as well as to how they are expected to perform the duties of their Office. The rewrite of this section addresses all three areas in clear terms, as well as limiting the time an incoming EC would have to work with an IG from a previous administration.

With the changes in Article 4, Section 11 concerning the dismissal of an IG, it is necessary to allow the CS the same control over the IG that he would have with any other member of his staff. However, due to the sensitive nature of the position of IG, it is also necessary to put in place a process of appeal of such a decision by the affected IG.



## TEXT OF THE AMENDMENT

Article 4, Section 1 is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

### **Section 1: The STARFLEET Appeals Process**

STARFLEET recognizes the right, codified in the STARFLEET Membership Handbook, of a member to appeal any judgmental decision entered against them BY STARFLEET, OR ANY OF ITS OFFICERS. This Amendment helps to define the appeals process as it applies to both Senior STARFLEET Officers and general STARFLEET members.

### **Section 2: Discipline of STARFLEET Senior Officers**

The Executive Committee of STARFLEET has the right to call upon the Inspector General, STARFLEET, to investigate allegations of misconduct performed by any STARFLEET officer whose position is described in Article 4, Sections 2 through 10, inclusive.

Based on the formal report presented to the EC by the IG, the EC may then recommend formal sanctions be imposed on said officer.

Should the Executive Committee decide to recommend formal sanctions ste.imposed, the Executive Committee shall prepare a formal list of Articles covering the transgressions and the suggested sanctions. As Chairman of the Admiralty Board, the Commander, STARFLEET, shall present this to the full Admiralty Board.

The Admiralty Board shall have sixty days from the date said Articles are presented to debate the proposed sanctions and render a decision by majority vote. The AB may choose to a) accept the sanctions in total; b) amend the sanctions as they see fit; or c) reject the sanctions in total. Whatever decision is reached, the defendant's Regional Coordinator shall report the findings back to the defendant, at which point the process is completed.

The Admiralty Board may call the Office of the Inspector General to offer clarification on his report, if necessary. The defendant may call upon a person of his choosing to assist in the presentation of their defense. If the AB feels that they cannot complete the review of the process due to incomplete information or wish to further review the information provided to them, they may vote to continue the review period for another sixty days. At the end of this additional period, the matter will be brought to a vote.

### **Section 3: The STARFLEET Appeals Board**

The STARFLEET Admiralty Board shall serve as the formal appellate body of STARFLEET. However, in the interests of not burdening the AB with the weight of all the appeals that could possibly be filed by the membership, a body of three members shall be convened as necessary to review all those appeals that do not fall under Section 2 of this article. This includes, but is not limited to, appeals of decisions of the EC against officers not covered under Article 4, Sections 2 through 11, inclusive, decisions of a Regional Coordinator, and decisions of a Chapter/ Shuttle Commanding Officer.

The membership of the STARFLEET Appeals Board shall consist of one volunteer member of the Admiralty Board, one volunteer member of the Executive Committee, and one volunteer member at large holding the rank of Commander or above. Should no volunteers avail themselves form any or all bodies mentioned above, a random name shall be drawn from the most current roster of Executive Committee, Admiralty Board and Commanding Officers by the Inspector General, STARFLEET. Should the chosen member decline this duty, another name will be drawn until such time someone agrees to serve. None of the Appeals Board members shall be from the Region of the member filing the appeal. There is no limit to how many times a qualified member may serve on the Appeals Board. The Appeals Board shall review the appeal presented before them for it's merit and determine whether there is grounds for sending the appeal to the full Admiralty Board for formal review.

Should the Appeals Board vote that the appeal is without grounds for consideration of the full Admiralty Board by a two-thirds or greater vote, then that appeal is formally ended and the original decision shall stand.

Should the Appeals Board deny a member's appeal, that member may petition a Regional Coordinator to bring a motion before the full Admiralty Board to hear the appeal. If a majority of the Admiralty Board so rules, the Admiralty Board shall then hear the appeal.





## EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENT

Okay. This is a radical restructuring of this Article.

By defining only five specific cases where it can be imposed, the current Article 4 Section 1 is too limited. I expect it was created to prevent the excesses of the McGinnis Administration and to prevent an EC from running roughshod over the members by removing people at will.

However, as a recent situation has show us, it severely limits the ability of the Fleet Leadership to discipline members for serious transgressions. As it now stands, even if an action could be considered criminal in nature, unless that member is tried and convicted of the crime, they cannot be removed. I do not feel that it is in our best interests in forcing STARFLEET to spend the time and money of pursuing a court conviction against every serious transgression a member makes to allow A4S1 to be enforced.

Now I admit that allowing the EC to define what "allegations of misconduct" are might scare many people. However, Rear Admiral Kurt Roithinger and I developed a safeguard - any such sanction was automatically appealed to the AB. In addition to ensuring that the AB could hear an appeal on such sanctions, the automatic appeal would also prevent what happened recently, when an appellate waited 90 days to file when the Constitutionally-mandated appeal period was only 60 days.

Thinking about that, I realized that if every sanction is automatically appealed, why have the EC even impose a sanction? Why not just model this on the Criminal Justice System of the United States?

The Inspector General, STARFLEET, serves as the Detective. The Executive Committee serves as the District Attorney/Prosecutor. The JAG (or whoever the defendant chooses) serves as their Defense Attorney. And the Admiralty Board serves as the Jury.

In other words, the IG investigates the transgression. The EC determines the applicable charges and recommended sentence. The JAG defends the person charged. And the AB renders the final decision.

This system essentially performs the same function that the current Article 4, Section 1 does, but allows the Fleet Leadership much more flexibility in "prosecuting" transgressions. However, it also allows the "defendant" more safeguard since the body actually "determining guilt or innocence" and "imposing sentence" would be the Admiralty Board. The AB is about "impartial" a body as is possible without creating a dedicated judiciary branch protects the member's rights.

If the EC presents a half-assed case to the AB, it will fail. It will help ensure that the EC has what they believe to be a solid case to offer such sanctions. And by being able to call the IG and "cross-examine" him, the AB will be able to get the information "from the horses mouth", so to speak.

Another thing I discovered is that Article 4, Section 1 specifically covers the EC imposing sanctions against only those members defined under Article 4, Sections 2 through 11, inclusive. It does not make any mention of imposing sanctions against other STARFLEET officers and members. Now, the AB has supported the EC bringing sanctions against a member holding a position other than that outlined in Article 4, Sections 2 through 11, inclusive, on at least two occasions, so there is precedent for such actions. Nonetheless, Section 3 of this article hereby formally grants the EC the authority to sanction any member, just as an RC or CO may sanction any member under their direct authority. Again, with the AB serving as the jury, "malicious prosecution" by the EC will be curtailed, as they need to present a solid case in order to get a "conviction".

Other STARFLEET members have already presented the idea for the creation of some type of Appeals Board. In my opinion, it is an excellent idea to handle "junior" appeals and determine whether or not they are worthy to bring to the attention of the full AB. And even then, the member has the right to go to an RC and try and get a motion for the entire AB to hear the appeal anyway. But just as the Supreme Court, serving as the final appellate body of the United States, can choose the majority of the cases it hears brought to it from lower appellate courts, so shall the AB do the same by voting on whether or not to hear appeals rejected by the Appeals Board (serving as the STARFLEET equivalent of the US Circuit Court of Appeals). If the AB decides that the appeal denied by the Appeals Board has merit and they wish to take it on, a motion followed by a simple majority vote allows them to do so.



# STARFLEET ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MAY/JUNE 2000

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### JULY 2000

- **2000.07.22:** LGen Scott A. Akers, Chief Historian, (chunone@nwlinc.com), presents an update of the Historian's Goal list presented in January to the Fleet. What has been completed and what is left to do.
- **2000.07.22:** David E. Klingman, (mirodon@carolina.rr.com), announces a new mailing list to be a forum for discussion of music, reviews, and perhaps exchange of albums for folks interested in music. To join, send a blank email, no subject, to (SFI-music-subscribe@egroups.com).
- **2000.07.21:** Commodore Wendy Fillmore, Region 4 DinkyCon Press officer - (kitten@gv2.com), reminds everyone that the Western Conference (Regions 4, 5 and 17) is just a few short months away. Jean Nevada, outside Las Vegas, at the Nevada Landing hotel/casino. October 19-21, 2000 Conference main URL: (<http://www.region4.org/wc2000>).
- **2000.07.20:** Commander (LTC) Christopher "WhiteKnight" Esquibel, Ph.D., (whiteknight1a@earthlink.net), Director: Starfleet International Diplomatic Corps / Subspace Communications, announces his retirement as Director of the Diplomatic Corps. Captain Kyle Wolf, (LrdVonWolf@aol.com), will be the Acting Director of Diplomatic Corps. Web Page: (<http://home.earthlink.net/~whiteknight1a/dc/>).
- **2000.07.19:** Fleet Captain Peter Lutz, (petelutz@gis.net), Director: Chapter Assistance Program, announces that all CO's who have been contacted by this office, at the behest of the Chief of Operations, but have not yet responded to please do so ASAP. Times a wastin! Please contact me at the e-mail address (petelutz@gis.net), or surface mail address: 62 Columbia St., Swampscott, MA 01907. CAP web page: ([www.sfi.org/ops/chapter\\_assist\\_prog.html](http://www.sfi.org/ops/chapter_assist_prog.html)).
- **2000.07.16:** Vice Admiral Robert Westfall, (mavric@sky.net), has formerly accepted the nomination to be on the ballot as a Commander, STARFLEET Candidate and has announced FCPT Sam Black as his Vice Commander running mate. Both he and Fleet Captain Black can be reach at: (westfall\_black2000@hotmail.com).
- **2000.07.16:** Fleet Captain Ray Brown, moderator, election list: vote2k-I, (raybrown@ipa.net), has further information on the Election List. All subscription requests automatically go to him for approval and he will have you subscribed to the list in less than 24 hours. There is also a digest version available: send a message to (majordomo@sfi.org), in the body put: *subscribe Vote2k-I-digest* <yourname@youraddress>. For those of you who wish their mail sent as it is posted, send a message to (majordomo@sfi.org), in the body put: *subscribe Vote2k-I* <yourname@youraddress>.
- **2000.07.15:** LGN Les Rickard, SFMC, (Les@ussnormandy.com), has formerly accepted the nomination to be on the ballot as a Commander, STARFLEET Candidate and has announced Admiral Gordon Goldberg as his Vice Commander running mate. His web site is: (<http://les2000.ussatlas.org>). Election 2000 Web Site: (<http://www.sfi.org/html/election.html>).
- **2000.07.15:** Brigadier Dennis Rayburn, Fleet Division Chief - Chaplains/Counselors, (stoncold@wk.net), announces the appointment of Col. Sue Davis as the Senior Vice Fleet Department Chief for Counselors. FDC Web Page: ([HTTP://syn147.freesevers.com/](http://syn147.freesevers.com/)).
- **2000.07.15:** Vice Admiral Allyson M.W. Dyar, (comm@sfi.org), Chief of Communications & Election Coordinator, announces the results of the nominations for Commander, STARFLEET: Fleet Captain Sam Black (1), Fleet Captain Gary Donner (10), Lieutenant General Les Rickard (57), Admiral Alex Rosenzweig (1), Vice Admiral Robert Westfall (19). Of those nominees listed above, unless s/he declines the ballot (or other circumstances), the following members of STARFLEET will appear on the ballot: Fleet Captain Gary Donner, Lieutenant General Les Rickard, Vice Admiral Robert Westfall. For more information, please consult the Election 2000 Web Page: (<http://www.sfi.org/html/election.html>).
- **2000.07.11:** Capt Danny Potts, Inspector General, STARFLEET, (ig@sfi.org), announces three main changes that have taken place recently in the Office of Inspector General, STARFLEET. Please welcome Betsy Matteis to the Inspector General's office as Assistant Inspector General, Region 02. The second change is Ray Brown as the Deputy Inspector General new position in the Inspector General's Office and Robb Jackson to the Inspector General's Office as the Assistant Inspector General, SFMC Liaison.
- **2000.07.10:** LT. Rick Driver, FDC Science, announces an official FDC Sciences list for everyone interested in Science, Technology, Space, and the Environment. To join, send an email message to: (SFI-FDC-Science-subscribe@egroups.com). FDC Web Page: ([HTTP://syn147.freesevers.com/](http://syn147.freesevers.com/)).
- **2000.07.09:** VAdm Marlene J. Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy, (academy@sfi.org), announces that Captain David "Savel" Peifer has joined the Starlfleet Academy staff. David has developed and will conduct the College of Alien History and Culture (CAHC) which has been added to the Academy's curriculum. Each course consists of questions pertaining to the cultures' History and Culture as revealed in the 1st four Star Trek series. There are 10 Star Trek cultures to choose from: Federation, Romulan, Klingon, Vulcan, Trill, Borg, Ferengi, Barjoran, Cardassian, and Misc. Worlds. The recommended reference books for the tests are The Star Trek Encyclopedia and the Star Trek Chronology. The cost per course is \$1.00 (checks and money orders payable to "Starfleet Academy Fund") and a Large Self Addressed Stamped Envelope. The courses are available online at: (dpeifer@epix.net) or by writing to: David Peifer, 6112 Nassau Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112. STARFLEET Academy Web Site: (<http://www.sfi-sfa.com>).
- **2000.07.07:** Captain Dave Blaser, (blaser@attcanada.ca), Commanding Officer - USS Banting, is interesting in hearing from anyone interested in purchasing a STARFLEET Flag. They are looking at a 3 foot by 6 foot flag. The style is the same as what had been made in the past - a blue flag with the STARFLEET logo on it in silver. The cost is approximately \$50US which \*does\* include the shipping and a donation to our Charity of the Year, the Guelph Women in Crisis Shelter. The only drawback is that there is a requirement of a minimum order of 30 flags in order to achieve that cost. So far, they've managed to put together an order of 15 flags, only half way to the 30 needed.
- **2000.07.07:** Vice Admiral Tom Monaghan, Starfleet Operations Chief of Staff, (vadmtom@aol.com), reminds all Commanding Officers that if you have any updates, changes or additions to your chapter's contact info in the Starfleet Vessel Registry (this includes new/current CO, rank, address, email, website URL) PLEASE send notification to him at (vadmtom@aol.com) so that he can update the VR. The Vessel Registry is Starfleet's main source of contact information for all our chapters and HQ staff (especially all new members looking for a chapter to join). Starfleet Operations Web Site: (<http://www.sfi.org/ops>).
- **2000.07.06:** Commander Mike Anderson, (nightowl@erie.net), Director, Starfleet Academy College of Communications, announces that the College of Communications is back online with a new address: Mike Anderson, 230 W 9th St Apt 26, Erie, PA 16501. Starfleet Academy Web Site: (<http://www.sfi-sfa.com>).
- **2000.07.05:** BGR. Dennis Rayburn, FDC-Chaplains/Counselors, (stoncold@wk.net), announces the appointment of a Vice Fleet Department Chief which will be their representative in Region 12. After taking applications, and with the advice and consent of R12RC Wade Hoover, who was a tremendous assistance in this matter, I'm pleased to announce the appointment of Fleet Captain Jeff Higdon as VFDC-R12 effective July 4th, 2000.



- **2000.07.03:** Colonel Kimberly Brooks, Deputy Director, Fleet Division Chief Program, (kimib@mindspring.com), announces that Commander Paul Wheeler is the new FDC of Security. He can be reached at: (bennuxo@yahoo.com).
- **2000.07.03:** Colonel Kimberly Brooks, Deputy Director, Fleet Division Chief Program, (kimib@mindspring.com), announces opening in the FDC program for Command, Communications, and Engineering. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact her at (kimib@mindspring.com).
- **2000.07.02:** Commodore Lisa N Paradis Berkenbilt, Deputy FDC Recruiting, (paradis@ql.org), announces that the latest version of the Recruiting Handbook (2000 version) is ready for distribution. The PDF version would be a 900k message in your inbox. The MS Word version is about the same size. If your provider allows messages up to 1M in size, she can email the file to you. Otherwise, contact her PRIVATELY and she can see what she can do to get it on CD (let her know if you need the PDF reader as well and whether you're using a Mac). SFI Recruiting Web Site: ([http://members.tripod.com/~sfi\\_recruit](http://members.tripod.com/~sfi_recruit)).
- **2000.07.02:** Major Gary "Tiny" Hollifield, SFMC, Fleet Division Chief, Operations, (Trek4evr@aol.com), announce these appointments to the Offices of Fleet Division Chief, Operations: Senior Vice Fleet Division Chief, North America—Jim Chapman, (chaps@attglobal.net), Vice Fleet Division Chief, East—Kevin Brown, (Cmdrserek1@aol.com), Special Assistant to the Fleet Division Chief—Julie "Jules" Cook, (dasjules@mindspring.com), Special Assistant to the Staff—Commander Susan Fox-Davis, (selene@earthlink.net). He is also looking to fill the following slots: Senior VFDC, Global; VFDC, Mid-West, and VFDC, West; Deputy Fleet Division Chief, Operations. If interested, send in your resumes (Fleet and real life) to him at (Trek4evr@aol.com) as soon as possible.

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- **2000.06.26:** Fleet Admiral, (cs@sfi.org), Commander, STARFLEET, thanks everyone who has donated to paying back Laura Reardon, the 'fleet Quartermaster. Kurt Roithinger has graciously agreed to maintain a small web page under our domain to list these fine folks and others who may wish to donate as well and he will be sending out Certificates of Appreciation to all those who do send in funds to help out as well.
- **2000.06.22:** Captain Warren Price, (wormmy@aeneas.net), made some updates to the R1Y2K Fall Conference and and Convention web site. The schedules for the Conference and the Convention are now listed. Go to the following web site at (<http://home.aeneas.net/~wormmy/r1y2k.htm>). To view the Conference schedule, scroll down and click on "Information for the Region One Conference" and then click on the Activities link at the top. To view the Convention schedule, scroll down and click on "Information for the Y2K Convention" and then click on the Activities link at the top.
- **2000.06.22:** Captain Laura Dugas, (ldugas@whitestar.org), announces the creation of the unofficial Starfleet Message Boards. The message boards are a web-based forum for topics related to Starfleet... they are open to all members and can be found at: (<http://www.whitestar.org/boards/>). To post messages, you will need to register and login as a forum user if you just want to look around, feel free to visit with Guest Access.
- **2000.06.16:** Admiral Brad Pense, Commander, Third Fleet, (rc@region3.com), invites everyone to Region Three for a big celebration at the Regional New Year's Eve Party — 2MI: Beginning the New Millennium — in Waco, Texas on December 31st, 2000. Check out the 2MI Web Site at (<http://www.region3.com/2MI.htm>) for more information and on-line registration.
- **2000.06.11:** Commander Michael Anderson, Director, Starfleet Academy College of Communications, (nightowl@erie.net), announces a change of address for the College of Communications: Cmdr Mike Anderson, Director SFA-College of Communications, 230 W 9th St Apt 26, Erie, PA 16501. STARFLEET Academy Web Site: (<http://www.sfi-sfa.com>).
- **2000.06.05:** VAdm Marlene J. Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy, (academy@sfi.org), announces a new school their newest offering: the School of Trek Humor (SOTH), under the Directorship of RADM Sherry Anne Newell, invites the student to explore the comic elements of selected incidents in the series and films. Cost is \$2 plus 2 loose first-class stamps plus a SASE (same as for SOLS, SOM, and SOCA), so why not be one of the first to sign up and re-live some well-remembered chuckles? STARFLEET Academy Web Site: (<http://www.sfi-sfa.com>).
- **2000.06.01:** Fleet Admiral Mike Smith, (cs@sfi.org), discussed the upcoming elections: *As many of you know, June 1st is the new start of the election season with the opening of the window for the Chief of Communications to accept nominations for the position of Commander, STARFLEET. (...) During the past two election cycles, I was pleased to see the mud-slinging, et al, kept to a brief minimum. I would like to take the time to express hope that any candidates that receive the required 5 nominations will strive to continue to meet the bar that this Administration has set over the past two cycles: to campaign based on issues and agendas for the betterment of STARFLEET, and not with the mud-slinging, et al, that is normally reserved for real-life politics.*

## CQ100 EDITORIAL SPECIAL

### Commodore Wendy Filmore • CQ Editor - Issues 85-90 & 93-94

#### Greetings!

As we all ooh and aah over issue number #100 of the Communiqué, I'd like for everyone to think for just a moment about the hard work that goes into this publication.

There's always been a lot of talk about "getting our money's worth" from the one tangible benefit of Starfleet membership, namely, the CQ. I submit that we do indeed get our money's worth.

When I took over the layout of the CQ in May of 1998, the Feb/Mar '98 issue was only partially done and the Apr/May issue was running late, with the deadline for the June/July issue closing fast. I spent six solid weeks (two weeks an issue) doing the layout, creating the .pdf files for the printer, and then starting over again with collecting/collating/editing the submissions for the next issue. FAdm. Mike Smith came to my home numerous times to help with the software and hardware needed to create the document necessary for the printing company to be able to use it. Greg Trotter helped with advice through e-mail and on IRC. My own husband put in time helping me learn the software. Others offered help as well, including Mark Anbinder who actually did the job for two issues in a row when I was on maternity leave with Sean (many of you know of the complications that kept me from my volunteer work for a time). Teri Smith and the folks at CompOps were always there when I got the complaints "Where's my CQ?!" Kris Harrah, Mike Shappe, and Jenna Duerr all helped with editing submissions. There were others too, names I don't remember, who offered their time and talents. Please forgive me for not remembering who you were, but please know that I truly appreciated your offers. Once my second son was born I found that I was unable to continue putting in the hours, and after two more issues, I reluctantly had to hand over the reigns to the next volunteer.

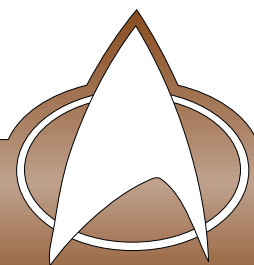
All of this was worth every minute of it to me for the service I was able to provide to our 4000+ members. However, it also took its toll on my family time and personal life. When I said six solid weeks for those first three issues, I mean 10-12 hours a day

every day for at least 5-6 days each week. Layout for the CQ is a \*huge\* job, even with the templates to pour the new submissions in to. You still need to send reminder e-mails to EC members to get their submissions (some were really good about getting theirs in on time, some weren't so good, but all were wonderfully nice about it). You still need to edit the submissions for spelling and sometimes grammar (and try not to change the meaning of the message). You still need to decide what order they're going in so you can then start to fill in the blanks and make it all fit where you want it. You need to convert the pictures to the proper format before using them in the publication. You need to make the pictures fit where you need them. As Yul Brynner's king in "The King and I" would say, "Etcetera, etcetera, etcetera..."

The Communiqué has taken many forms over the years. When we first saw the color magazine style I was very impressed. Alas, that cost way too much money. The current newspaper style isn't nearly as flashy, but it gets the job done much more professionally than your basic local newsletter style (which I happen to like too, so don't anyone take offense!). I'm looking forward to seeing what changes come with the new administration, as I'm sure that whoever the CQ editor is, they will continue to improve our publication.

Whatever form those changes take, please remember the hard work that goes in behind the scenes. From the folks who take the time to write the submissions and get them in, to the editor who does the layout, to the person(s) who labels them and gets them out in the mail, literally hundreds of man-hours go in to each and every issue. I'd like to take this opportunity to say "Thank you!" to all those who have volunteered a part of those man hours from their own personal lives to give us this means of staying in touch and communicating with each other throughout our international organization. The friends I've made through Starfleet are more than worth the price of admission, no matter what form the Communiqué takes.

Take care, be good, and above all, have fun!!



# UPCOMING CONVENTIONS

## COMPILED BY CORPORAL CAPTAIN BLAIR LEARN

I'm trying something new this time around; the conventions are now listed by location. Hopefully this will make it easier for you to locate events in your area. Let me know what you think. And if your favorite convention is missing from the list, let me know that too!

**Convention attendees:** When calling conventions for information, don't call collect and don't call too late in the evening (many organizers list their home phone numbers). When writing for information, it's frequently a good idea to include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

**Convention Organizers:** Please send the convention's name, dates, location, and contact information to Blair Learn at 11604 King's Arrow CT, Germantown, MD 20876 or to [Blair@NetworkBoy.com](mailto:Blair@NetworkBoy.com). Please allow a minimum of three months time between your submission and the convention's date.

**Sept 15-17** Crusade for a Cure, Costa Mesa, California; Info: 23010 Lake Forest Drive, Suite D, #395, Laguna Hills, CA 92653 <http://www.ulyssesfoundation.org/c4ac/convention.asp> Guests: Stephen Austin, Bill Blair, David Allen Brooks, Richard Chevolleau, Tim Choate, RL Dietz, Carrie Dobro, Robin Atkin Downes, Maggie Egan, Stephen Furst, Anita La Selva, Eugene Roddenberry, Jr, Brian Roe, Christopher Russo, Peter Woodward

**Sept 16-17** V The Convention, Los Angeles, California; Info: 6270 Hollow Lane, Medina, OH 44256 Ph: 330-764-7967 <http://www.makeitsoproductions.com/> Guests: Marc Singer, Jane Badler, Kenneth Johnson, Frank Ashmore, Mickey Jones, June Chadwick, Richard Herd, Andrew Prine, Blair Tefkin, David Packer, Peter Nelson

**Sept 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>

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

**Nov 11-12** Creation Xena Convention, Palo Alto, California; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> Guests: Hudson Leick

**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.hollywoodcollectorsshow.com/>

**Jan 20-21** Celebrity Autograph Collector's show, Hollywood, California; Info: Post Office Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorsshow.com/>

**Mar 30 – Apr 1** Creation Star Trek and Sci-Fi Grand Slam, Pasadena, California; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/>

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

### Florida

**Sep 9-10** Creation Fangoria Weekend of Horrors, Orlando, Florida; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-

0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> Guests: Angus Scrimm, Clint Howard, Tom Savini, Kane Hodder, Richard Liberty, Tony Timpone

**Nov 17-19** Vulkan, Orlando, Florida; Info: c/o Joe Motes, PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkan.com/>

### Georgia

**Oct 6-8** Anime Weekend Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: PO Box 13544, Atlanta, GA 30324-0544 <http://www.anime.net/~awa/> Guests: Jessica Calvello, Peter Fernandez, Tiffany Grant, Micheal Brady, Greg Lane, Brett Weaver, Clay Croke, Amy Howard, Bruce Lewis, Neil Nadelman, Carl Horn, Steve Bennett, Tim Eldred, Anna Exter, Stephanie Gladden, Michael Schultze, Shaindle Minuk, Ed Hill, Dan Baker, Steve Bennett

**Jan 5-7** Gafilk 2001, College Park, Georgia; Info: 3630 Salem Drive, Lithonia, GA 30038 <http://www.gafilk.org/>

### Hawaii

**Nov 4-5** Creation Star Trek, Xena, & Sci-Fi Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/>

### Idaho

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

### Illinois

**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 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

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

**Feb 10-11** Slanted Fedora, Champaign, Illinois; Info: 11916 W. 109th Street, Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Ph: 913-327-8735 <http://www.sfedora.com/newpage1.htm>

### Indiana

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

### Louisiana

**Nov 17-19** Exoticon 3, New Orleans, Louisiana; Info: PO Box 840029, New Orleans, LA 70184-0029 <http://home.earthlink.net/~rfontenot/exoticon.html> Guests: Claudia Christian, Larry Elmore, James P. Hogan, Paul T. Riddell, Dave Arneson, Bill Blair, Jeff Dylan Graham, Lilith Stabs

### Maryland

**Oct 6-8** Farpoint 2000, Hunt Valley, Maryland; Info: 6099 Hunt Club Road, Elkridge, MD 2107 Ph: 410-579-1257 <http://www.bcpl.net/~wilsonr/> Guests: Andreas Katsulas, Max Grodenchik, Aron Eisenberg, Cecily Adams, Chase Masterson, Tucker Smallwood, Astronaut



Ed Mitchell, Lolita Fatjo

## Massachusetts

**Nov 10-12** United Fan Con X, Springfield, Massachusetts; Info: 26 Darrell Dr, Randolph MA 02368-4810 Ph: 781-986-TREK <http://beam.to/unitedfancon/>

## Missouri

**Mar 9-11** Slanted Fedora, Kansas City, Missouri; Info: 11916 W. 109th Street, Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Ph: 913-327-8735 <http://www.sfedora.com/newpage1.htm>

## Nevada

**Oct 19-21** STARFLEET Western Conference (Regions 4, 5, and 17), Jean, Nevada; Info: c/o Richard Benker, 433 A. North Lamb, Las Vegas, NV 89110 <http://www.region4.org/wc2000/>

## New Jersey

**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/> Guests: Ted Raimi, Ebonie Smith, Adrienne Wilkinson, Jeremy Callaghan

**Nov 10-12** Eclecticon, Newark, New Jersey; Info: 9-11 Ayres Court, Bayonne, NJ 07002-3510 <http://members.aol.com/natpe1/eclecticon.htm>

## New York

**Sep 1-3** MainMission 2000, New York, New York; Info: c/o Tom Lowery, 473 Monmouth St, Suite 6, Jersey City, NJ 07302 <http://www.cybrary1999.com/con2000/> Guests: Barry Morse, Martin Landau, Nick Tate, Barbara Bain, Alibe Parsons, Tony Anholt, Prentis Hancock, John Hug, Anton Phillips, Gerry Anderson, Johnny Byrne, Chris Penfold, Brian Johnson, Juliet Landau, Keith Wilson, Catherine Schell, David Tomblin, Clifton Jones, John Muir, Zienia Merton, Grace Lee Whitney, Suzanne Roquette

**Oct 6-8** Albacon 2000, Schenectady, New York; Info: PO Box 2085, Albany, NY 12220-0085 <http://www.albacon.org/> Guests: Glen Cook, Joe DeVito, Lisa Ashton, Billie Aul, Lisa Barnett, Morgan Brilliant, Christine Bunt, Beryl Bush, D. Cameron Calkins, Kathryn Cramer, Deb Geisler, Susan de Guardiola, Jennifer Dunne, David M. Harris, David Hartwell, Peter Huston, Jael, Peter Kappesser, Joel T. Keener, Sharon Lee, Paul Levinson, Jim Macdonald, Paul Martens, Terry McGarry, Steve Miller, Mark Olson, Penny Perkins, Dan Persons, A. Phyllis Pinzow, Mark Rapacioli, Donald J. A. Redick, Pat Ritter, Chuck Rothman, Charles Ryan, Steve Sawicki, Melissa Scott, A.L. Sirois,

David Stephenson, Ian Randal Strock, Shane Tourtellotte, Deb Wunder

**Nov 24-26** Creation Star Trek & Media Convention, Long Island, New York; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/>

**Jan 27-28** Creation Fangoria Weekend of Horrors, New York, New York; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> Guests: Clive Barker, Tom Atkins, Douglas E. Winter

**Feb 9-11** Astronomicon '01, Rochester, New York; Info: P.O. Box 1701, Rochester, NY 14603-1701 Ph: 716-342-4697 <http://www.RochesterFantasyFans.org/> Guests: Steven Barnes, Dennette Harrod, Tananarive Due, Robert J. Sawyer, John Allen Price, Doranna Durgin, Dr. Dave Stephenson, Nick Dichario

**Feb 24-25** Creation Hercules & Xena convention, New York, New York; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/>

## Ohio

**Sep 29-Oct 1** Context XII, Columbus, Ohio; Info: PO Box 163391, Columbus, OH 43216 Ph: 614-889-0436 <http://www.contextcon.com/> Guests: Nancy Kress, Charles Sheffield, Gordon Van Gelder, Juanita Coulson, Maureen McHugh

**Oct 27-29** Vulkan, Cleveland, Ohio; Info: c/o Joe Motes, PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkan.com/> Guests: Andreas Katsulas, Cecily Adams, Max Grodenchik, Aron Eisenberg, Julie Caitlin Brown, Lolita Fatjo, Chase Masterson

## Pennsylvania

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

**Nov 17-19** Philcon 2000, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Info: PO Box 8303, 30th Street Station, Philadelphia, PA 19101-8303 Ph: 215-604-3980 <http://www.philcon.org/> Guests: Vernor Vinge, Bob Walters, Poul Anderson

## South Carolina

**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

## Tennessee

**Oct 20-22** STARFLEET Region One Fall Conference, Jackson, Tennessee; Info: c/o Warren Price, 315 Highway 220, Cedar Grove, TN. 38321 Ph: 1-888-EXCITE2 x9019872838 <http://home.aeneas.net/~wormmy/r1y2k.htm> Guests: Eugene Roddenberry, Jr, Dragon Dronet

**Nov 24-26** ConCat 12, Knoxville, Tennessee; Info: 316 E. Scott Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917 Ph: 865-523-6986 <http://www.vic.com/~chloiea/ConCat.html> Guests: Charles De Lint, Charles Vess

## Texas

**Aug 26-27** Creation Star Trek and Sci-Fi Convention, San Antonio, Texas; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> Guests: Marina Sirtis, Garrett Wang, Grace Lee Whitney

**Oct 26-29** World Fantasy Convention 26, Corpus Christi, Texas; Info: Box 27277, Austin, TX 78755 <http://2000.worldfantasy.com/> Guests: K.W. Jeter, John Crowley, Joe Lansdale

## Vermont

**Sep 1-3** STARFLEET International Conference 2000, Burlington, Vermont; Info: c/o Richard Nacaula, 32 Macy Avenue, Brockton, MA 02302-3612 <http://www.sfi.org/ic2000/> Guests: Tyrone Bourdony, Jim & Jack Weiner, Chuck Rak

## Virginia

**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 2-3** Creation Star Trek, Xena, & Sci-Fi Convention, Richmond, Virginia; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> Guests: Bruce Campbell, Garrett Wang

**Oct 6-9** Gaylaxicon 2000, Arlington, Virginia; Info: PO Box 1862, Annandale, VA 22003-9862 <http://www.lambdasf.org/g2k/> Guests: Tristan Alexander, Colleen Doran, Nan Fredman, Richard Mandrachio, Hannah M.G. Shapero, Robert Angell, Catherine Asaro, Don Basingthwaite, Brenda Clough, Carolyn Ives Gilman, Anne Harris, Keith Hartman, Tanya Huff, Shariann Lewitt, Susan R. Matthews, James Morrow, Severna Park,

Fiona Patton, Carrie Richerson, Joan Slonczewski, Laura Underwood, Jan Whitely, Kurt Erichsen, Rob Gates, Stephen Pagel, Farah Mendelsohn, Richard Valley, John Hall, Melissa Good, Jeff Dylan Graham, Joe Parra

**Oct 21-22** Starz 2000, Salem, Virginia; Info: 545 Howard Drive, Salem, VA 24153-2167 Ph: 540-389-9400 <http://www.starzevents.com/> Guests: Richard Biggs, Gerard Christopher, Maggie Egan, Linda Harrison, Richard Herd, Jane Kean, John Kerr, Tommy Kirk, Ann Lockhart, Joyce Meadows, France Nuyen, Celeste Yarnall, Denise Brown

**Feb 16-18** Katsucon Seven, Arlington, Virginia; Info: P.O. Box 577, Dumfries, VA 22026 Ph: 703-624-6527 <http://www.katsucon.com/> Guests: Amy Howard, Lea Hernandez

## Washington

**Nov 3-5** ConiFur Northwest, Fife, Washington; Info: 2406 SW 308TH PL, Federal Way, WA 98023 <http://www.conifur.org/> Guests: Roy D. Pounds II

**Jan 12-14** Rustycon 2001, Everett, Washington; Info: P.O. Box 84291, Seattle, WA 98124-5591 <http://www.rustycon.com/> Guests: Bob Mayer, Bob McGuire, Robert Doherty, Joe Dalton, Greg Donegan, Real Musgrave

## West Virginia

**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/>

## International

**Aug 25-27** Expo Trek, Hanover, Germany; Info: Schisslerstr. 4, 86154 Augsburg, Germany Ph: +49-821-219-1935 <http://www.expotrek.de/> Guests: Peter Mayhew, Alice Krige, Robert Duncan McNeill, Nicole deBoer, Eva Pflug, German Astronaut Ulf Merbold, Robert Picardo, Geoge Takei, Chase Masterson, Andrew J. Robinson, Max Grodenchik

**Oct 13-15** Con\*Cept/ Boréal 2000, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; Info: C.P. 405, Station H, Montréal, Quebec, Canada H3G 2L1 <http://AFM.infinet.net/concept/> Guests: Charles De Lint

**Oct 27-30** Cult TV: Breakaway, Barton Hall, Torquay, United Kingdom; Info: Barton Hall Centre Kingskerswell Road Torquay, Devon TQ2 8JY, England Ph: +01733-205009 <http://www.cult-tv.freemove.co.uk/> Guests: Patrick McGoochan, Peter Purves, Robert Llewellyn, Alexandra Bastedo, Sarah Douglas, Caroline John, Stephen Greif, Ian Richardson, Cyril Shaps, Al Hunter-Ashton, David Croft, Martin Bower, Simon Tytherleigh, Jez Wiseman, Jeff Smart



# FORGET THE TREKKIES. THE REAL NUTCASES ARE ON THE LUCE.

By David Learn

Forget the Trekkies, the Real Nutcases Are On the Luce  
By David Learn

I used to think that if you wanted to offend someone, you had to do something, well, offensive. Something like feeding them soup made with Puppy Chow, playing "Elton John's Greatest Hits" over and over again, or e-mailing them copies of a column you write.

I've been set straight on that score. Apparently, all you have to do is make a movie that satirizes them, their favorite TV show and the actors from that TV show, and they'll get offended. They get even more offended if you release it on videotape.

In this case, a friend of mine told me how offended he was by "Galaxy Quest," a movie that does all those things for Star Trek, when I casually remarked that I had seen it had been released on videotape and was hoping to buy a used copy when one became available.

My friend, who regularly reminds me that "Trekkies" are the really far-out fans and that "Trekks" is the preferred term for fans who don't require medication, wasn't amused by the movie. In fact, he was a little put off.

"Why does everyone like to pick on Star Trek fans?" he demanded angrily. "We're not freaks. We just like good sci-fi."

I avoided the obvious cheap shot — that people make fun of them because it's so easy — and conceded that he had a point. Trekkies — excuse me, Trekks — love lots of good science fiction, including the novels of Larry Niven, shows like "Babylon 5," and other great epics, like "Zombies of the Stratosphere."

My friend was absolutely right. Trekkies — sorry, I mean Trekks — clearly have been the victims of a media smear campaign.

But if Star Trek fans aren't the dweebs we've always thought, then who is? Because there are a lot of dweebs in the world, and they have to belong to some easily identifiable group. That's how it works, and a TV show is a good a basis for the designation as anything else.

After giving the matter a lot of thought, I finally realized the truth. The TV show that has inspired unthinkable levels of zaniness and belief-defying antics from its fans is "I Love Lucy." Those are the real freaks among us, not the Save our Sesame Street militia, not the politicians, not the newspaper editors and columnists, and certainly not the Trekkies. (Trekks. Sorry.)

In its time, "I Love Lucy" has spawned no fewer than three sequels — "The Lucy-Desi Comedy Hour," "The Lucy Show" and "Here's Lucy" — that continued in the same tried-and-true formula as the original, with little fresh creative spark to make them stand out.

Star Trek could never even begin to compare to that.

The Lucy phenomenon is the driving force behind massive conventions within Lucy fandom. These events happen regularly, and draw attendees from hundreds of miles away, who come dressed as their favorite characters. They even have contests among redheads to see who looks the most like Lucy. Sick, sick, sick!

And then there's the real whacked-out fans who know unhealthy amounts of trivia about "I Love Lucy," including the names of bit characters, other shows those actors appeared in, original episode air dates, entire runs of dialogue and

the backstage quarrels of the actors.

While we're at it, let's not forget Barbara Adams, the woman dismissed from jury duty on the Whitewater trial in Little Rock, Ark., because she kept coming to court dressed like Little Ricky, complete with a miniature bongo drum. Reports even have it that her co-workers call her "Junior."

Actually, I'm surprised it took me so long to finger the Lucy fans as such oddballs. The Lucy phenomenon has been documented quite thoroughly in the media. Pop culturalists have written books about the zany antics of "Lucy" fans and the strong political themes the show addressed.

For a show from the early days of television, fans say, "I Love Lucy" confronted several major issues of its day. There was an episode about U.S.-Cuba relations, dealt with through a clever parallel built around uranium mining, another episode about McCarthyism, and a third about the rising price of toilet paper.

And then there's the infamous honor's thesis, written in college by someone whose name I have forgotten, about the religious themes of "I Love Lucy," including the death of God, the return to Paradise and the failure of traditional religion.

It should be clear by now who the real losers are.

Trekkies — I mean Trekks — you stand absolved of all charges of dweebiness of which you have been accused. The real dweebs, clearly, are the Lucies.

Sorry. I mean the Lucers.

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# MARINES TAKE SHORE LEAVE (2000)

By Colonel Doc Kinne • Adjutant, 7th Brigade, STARFLEET Marine Corps

Pictures by Colonel Doc Kinne / Artwork by Fleet Captain David Pipgras, Region Five

Current astronomical theory teaches us that stars are born by the gathering of gas clouds so that, at one point, enough is gathered so that the gas ignites and a star is born. Something similar seems to happen with groups as well.

Starfleet Marine Corps Seventh Brigade held their Muster in concert with the Shore Leave fan run convention during the weekend of July 8th. It was, without a doubt, the most successful muster the Brigade has ever had both in terms of attendance, activity, and convenience. The Shore Leave convention is particular that way in that it seems to successfully combine both fandom in its traditional sense and various forms of Starfleet, Region 7 business.

And so, the gathering for Shore Leave/The 7th Brigade Marine Muster went on. It was very special to me since, up to this point, even though I was the Brigade Adjutant, time and geography had actually prevented me from ever meeting the vast majority of my fellow Brigade members, including my boss, Brigade Commander Colonel Martin Lessem.

My first piece of business upon getting to MD was to rectify that problem, and lookup up Martin at his hotel room was easily done. It turns out that Martin Lessem might be described as a larger version of Doc Kinne: short dark brown hair, glasses, and the tendency to wear about the same Marine uniform. Apparently Martin had this impression as well as this meeting set the stage for a joke that would run through the entire convention within twelve hours.

The first, general activity with the Marine Corps occurred at the ungodly hour (for some) of 10:00AM: The combined Marine inspection. This was special in a number of way, not least of which was that this inspection was combining members of both the Starfleet Marine Corps and Starfleet Marines International.

SMI could be called the "parent organization" of the Starfleet Marine Corps, but there was a nasty split between Marines that wanted to stay with Starfleet and others who wanted to go their own way. I myself went through that split when it happened several years ago, and it actually delayed the formation of not a few Marine Strike Groups. Here, at this inspection, it was good to see all Marines, no matter where they stood in the fandom area, getting along like the brothers they should be.

The principal inspectors were General Honeycut from SMI (no relation, from what I understand, to BJ Honeycut), and Seventh Brigade Commander Colonel Martin Lessem for the SFMC. Participation in the inspection went from Lieutenant Colonel Dean Rodgers, who would have made a professional USMC soldier proud, to Ed

Tunis who showed up dressed as Hawkeye Pierce, complete with martini glass (but no olive that I noticed)!

Next on the agenda was the actual Muster meeting. It was here that the running gag of the Muster started. As mentioned before, some of the Brigade members had never met, so introductions were in order. Martin got us started. At the end of Doc Kinne's introduction as Brigade Adjutant, Martin paused dramatically and lifted his right pinky to his mouth declaring, "I shall call him...Mini-me!" The room went nuts, especially when Doc got up and went behind the podium making sure that no one could see him behind it!



2Lt Hank Heald, 755th OIC, Col Doc Kinne, 5th Battalion OIC and 1Lt Ken Hontz, 760th OIC, ready for inspection during the 7th Brigade Inspection.



2Lt Hank Heald leads the 755th MSG into combat! Photo by Col Doc Kinne

The yearly Brigade level awards were given out. A couple of the awards were nice surprises sprung on their recipients at the meeting itself. Brigadier Shirley Weaver was given a Meritorious Unit Award she and the 781st had earned from last year.

One of the Brigade's newest members, then Sgt Hank Heald, Commander of the 755th MSG, was given the 5th Battalion's very first Leader's Commendation Award. Hank and the 755th aboard USS Sun Tzu, is the largest MSG in the 5th Battalion, and the most active. They host paintball tournaments, charity events, and some of their members are keeping the faculty at the Marine Academy rather busy. In giving the award to Hank, Doc Kinne put him on notice that he expected the 755th to garner a Meritorious Unit Citation in the near future, and informed General Mike Smith, who attended the muster that, "Next year, the DUCK stops HERE!"

The surprises weren't over as General Mike Smith then took the podium. He then awarded the Starfleet Cross to Brigadier Shirley Weaver, Lieutenant Colonel Dean Rodgers, and Colonel Martin Lessem for long or exceptional service within the Brigade.





**General Honeycut of SMI and Colonel Martin Lessem, 7th Brigade Commander, confer before the Marine Inspection at Shore Leave 2000. Picture by Col Doc Kinne**

With the end of the meeting came the end of the official Marine activities for the Shore Leave convention, but it turned out that the marines of the 755th and the crew of the USS Sun Tzu had one more surprise up their sleeves. They warned all of us to be at the Shore Leave Masquerade that night. Something would happen that we wouldn't easily forget.

The Masquerade itself was a showcase of creativity and talent. Not only are costumes displayed but also they're showcased with music, lighting effects, and dance in some cases, all done by the individuals involved. The whole show was a tribute to the creativity of fandom.

Second from the end, about the time when some people began to think they'd been cut, the member of Eclipsos Armory, made up, in part, from the 755th MSG and the crew of the USS Sun Tzu took the stage. Seven people walked out in powered infantry armor that would have made Robert Heinlein proud! The crowd went wild! The powered armor had lights. The guns fired via sound effects, and the heavy weapon, a rotating Vulcan arrangement, actually moved! Eclipsos Armory took away both Best Workmanship and Best of Show! They made such an impression that they had to be escorted out of the photography area because people kept taking picture after picture after picture! The next morning Brian Healy, the leader of this amazing costuming group, stunned us by casually mentioning that the costumes that had won Best of Show weren't quite finished yet.

Shore Leave was generally a good time. The guests were good and Claudia Christian in particular looked like she had a good time. One of the other things I like about Shore Leave is that it combines not only Starfleet events and traditional science fiction fandom, but also mixes in some actual science. This year on Friday night a small Star Party was held that showcases some wonderful summer sky items such as M57, the Ring Nebula and M13, the star cluster in Hercules, as well as some wonderful telescopic views of the Moon. I also had a good time at Dr. Kirk Borne's talk on galactic evolution.

Shore Leave lived up to its reputation as one of the biggest conventions on the East Coast. For the Marines, it was also very convenient and decisions have been made to make the 7th Brigade Muster a permanent part of future Shore Leaves.



**Ed Tunis of the USS Justice arrives for the Marine Inspection in his own way.**



**Major James Pepe, 6th Battalion Commander, readies himself for a security situation during the 7th Brigade Muster. Picture by Col Doc Kinne.**







# FLEET ACTIVITY REPORT

BY REAR ADMIRAL MICHAEL URVAND, CQ SUMMARIES COORDINATOR

## Region One VADM Carolyn Donner, Commanding

USS Asgard  
Lancaster, OH  
Away teams attended the Origins convention and the meeting of the USS Columbus.

USS Columbia  
Wooster, OH  
Ship sent an away team to Marcon.

USS Columbus  
Columbus, OH  
Crew participated in a rally for the Excelsior campaign. Attended marcon and Capcon.

USS Hornet  
Charlotte, NC  
Had Monthly meeting. Held Spaghetti Night Out at a local restaurant. The CO sent 78 photos of R1 Summit for inclusion in CQ.

USS Jamestown  
Hampton VA  
USS Jamestown away team attended the USS Maat's Casino Night. USS Jamestown away team attended the USS Chesapeake's Change of Command. Held regular membership meeting. Crew discussed upcoming STARFLEET and Ships elections.

USS Lagrange  
Cuyahoga Falls, OH  
Crew had dinner meeting. Working on a parade/rocket car fundraiser.

USS Maat  
Virginia Beach, VA  
The Maat crew held the 6th Annual Casino Night. The chapter went to the Chesapeake Public Schools planetarium for a presentation on the Mysteries of Stonehenge. The chapter went bowling at the AMF Lanes on Indian River Road.

USS Tempest  
Harlan, KY  
XO graduated from Gatlinburg-Pittman High School. CO attended USS Reprisal meeting. CO attended USS Bennu meeting.

USS West Virginia  
Cross Lanes, WV  
The crew are drawing lots to get to see who takes the tapes of Voyager home First. This crew is making plans for it's summer pool party in July..

USS Draco  
Cullman, AL  
Preparing to have a Fleet recruiting booth at the Moulton Days festival later this month, will hopefully have the help of Dark Silence Station.

USS Khai Tam  
Tallahassee, FL  
Ship had a CO/XO Poker Night. Crew attended Tampa Vulkan. Marines attended IM.

USS Odyssey  
Hattiesburg, Ms  
Auction scheduled for Aug 5, 2000 meeting

USS Paegan  
Orlando, FL  
A mega picnic is still being planned for mid summer in Central FL.  
The USS Paegan is sponsoring and planning a major get together of all Interested people in the central FL area.

USS Triumph  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
A yard sale is scheduled for June or July. The planning for the next Trek Happening is progressing well. The Black Star will be attending our July meeting.

## Region Three VADM Brad Pense Commanding

USS Aurora Vulcanus  
Houston, TX  
AG #2 hit the stands. Son of the AG emailed out latest on Regional events during the month. Other chapter information such as history booklet, rosters, etc., were updated in the files during June. The chapter will celebrate her 17th birthday on July 4.

USS Palo Duro  
Amarillo, TX  
Crew for monthly meeting. Nominations for Senior Officers positions closed.

USS Rhyanna  
Austin, TX  
Crew focusing on local literacy program and OCP.

## Region Four COMM Ed Nowlin, Commanding

USS STORMBRINGER  
Tucson, AZ  
Commanding Officer completed first battery of tests in the Klingon



The Third Fleet Assembled at Spacedock, Terra.  
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USS Tycho  
Fremont, OH  
The ship's Handbook and Bylaws committee met in May and outlined several proposed changes to those documents at this month's meeting. These changes were passed by the membership and will be put into effect upon approval.

## Region Two COMM Pete Mohny, Commanding

USS DaVinci  
Columbus, GA  
The ship making the final plans for it's annual 4th of July cookout.

USS Haise  
Jackson, Mississippi  
CMO has initiated and volunteered to coordinate our Vessel Readiness Program. We have several departments which are good to go now. Club has decided that August 6 would be the first best time for everyone to go visit the children's hospital in uniform.

USS Hephaestus  
Birmingham, AL  
The Captain's cookout was a huge success, bringing together members from three different Region 2 chapters.

Warrior Academy Course. Readyng numerous tabs, stamps, and food coupons for mailing to various SF Directors.

**Region Five**  
**RADM Kurt Roithinger, Commanding**

USS Destiny  
Salem, OR  
The USS Destiny's Sixth Anniversary Party & Awards Dinner (Potluck) was held in Salem. Kurt Roithinger, RCR5, as well as several Regional Staff and visiting COs from other R5 Ships were in attendance. A good time was had by all. Away Team went to Salem's WorldBeat Festival.

USS Jaguar  
Redmond, WA  
Held a Memorial Day BBQ at XO's house. Hosted a "24 Hours of IRC" during the 24 Heures du Le Mans race on July 17-18th at the Region Five RC's house.

**Region Six**  
**ADM David Kloempken, Commanding**

USS Czar'ak  
Minneapolis, MN  
Crew attended Region 6 Summit. An away team went to a local amusement park. Members of the crew attended Convergence.

USS Imperium  
 Fargo, ND  
An away team was sent to the Region 6 Summit. Held annual picnic which was visited by a local sci-fi group as well as the VRC. Attended a picnic hosted by the same group.

USS Thunderchild  
Rapid City, SD  
Three members of the Thunderchild crew attended the second annual Region 6 Summit, held on June 9-11.

**Region Seven**  
**VADM Jesse Smith, Commanding**

USS Albany  
Guilanderland, NY  
Crew had a mini-golf event. Crew had an away team to see West Point.

USS Arthur C. Clarke  
Cinnaminson, NJ  
New CO and new XO were elected at the last meeting after the resignations of the sitting CO and XO. Miniature Golf Tournament was tabled and other activities were discussed at the last meeting.

USS Alpha Centauri  
Washington, DC  
Monthly business meeting was held at CO's. Website update ongoing. Crew participated in Oxon Hill Food Pantry Walk a Thon.

USS Matrix  
Fayetteville, AR  
Ship made plans for Shore Leave and the Region 7 Conference. Ship's Operations manual has been completed.



The STARFLEET Museum Displays Part of Their Collection on Federation Day  
Meshes and Image by Ted W. Geibel



The USS Prometheus Under Escort to the Pluto Test Range  
Artist Unknown

USS Northstar  
New York, NY  
Crew participated in local PRIDE parades. Ship celebrated it's ninth anniversary.

USS Sovereign  
Philadelphia, PA  
10th Anniversary party was a blast. Our RC and FADM Mike Smith attended. Highway cleanup was performed on June 10, 2000. Preparing for Shore Leave - will have kick-ass bridge setup there. Raffle of Phaser Rifle at Shore Leave to benefit our charity

USS Thagard  
Philadelphia, PA  
Crew attended Shore Leave

USS Triton

Glen Burnie, MD  
Ann impromptu Trek Night was held as a follow up to the one we had the week before. Monthly membership meeting was held. Plans were made to hold a Car Wash/Bake Sale. Shore Leave was discussed.

**Region Twelve**  
**MGEN Wade Hoover, Commanding**

USS Atlas  
Bridgeton, MO  
Crew attended a showing of Battlefield: Earth. Held monthly meeting at a local Ren-Faire.

USS Bradbury  
St. Charles, MO  
An away team attended a convention in Rosemont.

USS Discovery

St. Louis, MO  
Planning the MO Sector Picnic for July 29th. Crew is working with the USS Hexum on presentation for Archon. Plans on attending Gateway Media Con. Also, crewmembers joined the Cydonia book club, and Bowling with the Hexum and Arlington. Will hold Joint meeting in July with the USS Hexum.

USS Hexum  
Belleville, IL  
Invited all the St Louis area ships to bowl with us at Panorama Lanes! We had a number of people participate from the Hexum, Discovery and Arlington! The Green Hornet and his thugs are working hard on their skit for ARCHON in September.

USS Morning Star  
Lawson, OK  
Monthly meeting + brown bag + Birthday Party for CO & new recruit. Donated food & litter to Humane Society, fan to Salvation Army, records/tapes to Public Radio Station.

USS Marko Ramius  
Fayetteville, AR  
Monthly meeting. Crew etched glasses with ship's logo, ate dinner, Then watched Galaxy Quest. Plans for the next Klingon Games/Quarks are coming along.

**Region Fifteen**  
**RADM Joe Ruttar, Commanding**

USS ARES  
Boston, MA  
The Ares had it's June meeting on the 24th at the home of our shuttle's engineering officer. We were there to celebrate the launching of the Shuttle Darwin with a party. The crew is continuing to work towards the IC2000.

**Region Seventeen**  
**COMM Keira Russell-Strong, Commanding**

USS Mir  
Las Cruces, NM  
The crew had a cookout and pool party. The crew had a movie night and watched the 13<sup>th</sup> Warrior.





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# U.S.S. DESTINY ANNIVERSARY PARTY

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Good friends and good food! What more could you ask for? Well, for the USS Destiny's Anniversary Dinner on June 17, 2000, we added warm summer weather and a community center with a deck over a small lake. This year's gathering celebrated the 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the commissioning of the Destiny, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the chartering of the 521<sup>st</sup> Marine Strike Group.

Special guests from STARFLEET included RADM Kurt Roithinger, Regional Coordinator for Region 5; VADM Allyson Dyar, SFI Chief of Communications; LGEN Scott Akers, SFI Chief Historian; VADM Chris Wallace, SFI Vice-Chief of Communications – CQ Editor; LT Don Willits, Region 5 Chief of Staff; FCPT David Pipgras, Chief of Region 5 Office of Graphic Design; and CMDR Ken Waid, visiting from Arizona.

The dinner concluded with an ice-cream birthday cake for RADM Kurt Roithinger, before moving on to the anticipated Awards ceremonies. To start things moving, LGEN Scott Akers requested the floor and called LT Don Willits up front to present him with an award from the Boy Scouts of America. As Scott said, it was a chance to match schedules with Don and give him with the award at a STARFLEET chapter event.

Chapter Annual Awards included: Academic Excellence, CDT Joey Romero; Volunteer of the Year, LT Nadine Romero; Esprit de Corps, ENJG Jean Linck; Individual Development, SGT Adrian Nunenkamp; and Member of the Year, FCPT Stephen Idell.

A surprise came at this point, when RADM Kurt Roithinger requested the floor and announced that when leaving home he had stopped the car to let his mail carrier give him a just-arriving envelope from STARFLEET. Opening the envelope as he spoke, Kurt announced my promotion to Captain and presented me with my certificate from STARFLEET.

With the awards completed, attention shifted to socializing and viewing some of Don Willits' computer animation work. Don had brought his laptop computer, and showed Star Trek ships fighting in a Babylon-5 setting. (See issue #99 of the Communiqué for Don's excellent article on animation.) This became the entertainment for the evening, and made a nice ending to an enjoyable day.



Clockwise from front: Ken Waid (Nexus), Chris Wallace (Jaguar), David Pipgras (Nexus), Don Willits (Jaguar), Scott Akers (Jaguar), Allyson Dyar (Nexus), Kurt Roithinger (Nexus).



Region Five Coordinator Rear Admiral Kurt Roithinger presents Norm DeRoux with his Certificate of Promotion to the Grade of Captain.



Clockwise from front: USS Destiny members Steve Idell, Nadine Romero, Jean Linck, Paul "Brew" Chandler, Mary Ann Chandler.



Scott Akers, District Executive, Puget Sound District, Mt. Baker Council, Boy Scouts of America, presents Don Willits and Microsoft with a plaque in recognition of their donations to the BSA.