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THE EDITOR'S PADD

VICE ADMIRAL CHRIS "TIGGER" WALLACE

COMMUNIQUE EDITOR

In my opinion, the Communiq   is the second most-tangible symbol of your membership dollar (after the friendships we make with other members).

With the 2000 STARFLEET Elections upon us, much has been made of the STARFLEET Communiq   as an election issue. Speaking as Editor for the final year of the Smith/Goldberg Administration, I wish to use this issue's editorial to espouse a bit on the CQ.

Many people have been asking "why is the CQ the way it is?"

It is true that the current format of the STARFLEET Communiq   was instituted by the Smith/Freas Administration when they assumed office in January of 1997 in an effort to drastically reduce the costs of producing the CQ. With the STARFLEET treasury essentially empty, the S/F admin had to produce the CQ for as cheaply as possible while trying to keep it from being a few bi-folded 8.5x11" copied sheets of paper.

Obviously, STARFLEET is now far better-off financially than it was in 1996. Still, Star Trek fandom, and STARFLEET's membership rolls, are declining. Each year, STARFLEET has less money coming in from new members and renewals than it did the year before. Yet our costs increase each year due to inflation and other reasons. Nonetheless, people are calling for us to abandon this "cost-saving" format for a more "professional" one.

If you spread them out side-by-side, you can see that Communiq   #101 looks a

heck of a lot better than Communiq   #79 does (the first published under this format in February of 1997). Four years of experimentation and experience have allowed us to consistently improve it. We now have two full-color spreads (outer and inner) in each issue, which no CQ has ever had (previously, we had two-color covers on some select issues).

So, why should we keep what we have? I feel there are a number of reasons. The first is, of course, cost. Right now, it costs approximately 90   to produce, print, and mail you your CQ. Over six issues, that is \$5.40 out of the \$15.00 membership fee – or 36%.

Think about that for a moment. Over one third of your membership dollars go just to providing you with the CQ. That leaves the remaining 64% (\$9.60) to pay for your membership handbook, your membership certificate and card, and to cover STARFLEET's operating costs.

STARFLEET last raised its membership fees in 1991 when they increased from \$12 a year to \$15. Since that time, postage has gone up; printing and copying have gone up; office supplies have gone up; utilities; you name it. Why has STARFLEET's membership dues not gone up in that time as well? Especially when we take in less money every year?

It is because we continue to find ways to keep spending down. We look for areas to lower our costs. We find better printing deals. We buy supplies in larger quantities to get better pricing. We, unfortunately, cut-back in certain areas like the old "goodies" you used to get in your membership packet – magnets or

cardholders.

Another reason we should keep what we have is that it looks damn good. I, for one, am "proud of" the Communiq  s I produce, and based on the feedback I get from the STARFLEET membership, so are they. As the quality and quantity have improved, more and more people are submitting a wider and wider variety of articles on subjects relating to STARFLEET, Star Trek   , space exploration, sciences, and other subjects of interest to the STARFLEET membership in general.

True, we're not "Star Trek: The Magazine", but then we do not charge \$70 a year to subscribe to, either. But compared to our "competition" (those newsletters produced by other fan clubs outside of STARFLEET), I think we pretty much crush them in quality, quantity, and content.

For the record, I have looked long-and-hard into the possibility of moving to a different format for the production and printing of the Communiq  . I fully agree with those that say the current newsprint paper we use is poor for archiving and that the ink rubs off in one's hands with use.

Of the various options before us, an 11x17" format is the most logical as it has been used successfully in the past, and it is at least somewhat close to our current 11x26" format, though it offers 35% less space per page for printing. Which means that a 40 page 11x17" CQ will have 35% less content than an 11x26" one (actually you will lose even a bit more, as you will have to crop the

pages to have them even at the right-hand edge).

Right now, STARFLEET gets an incredible rate from our local printer when it comes to plain-paper copies – something like three cents a page. Assuming we could get a five-cent rate for 11x17, doing a 20-page (double-sided, so ten pieces of paper) CQ would run us \$1.00 before mailing. Add that, and we're at \$1.25 per issue. That is 25% more than what we currently are paying for upwards of 35% less content than what we get now. And even if we did decide the benefits in archivability and durability are worth the extra cost, we would lose the full-color front and back covers, as well as the full-color inside spread, that we now currently enjoy.

And now we go from one-third of your membership dollars going to the CQ to one-half. With the membership handbook itself running \$1.50 to mail, much less produce, and you pretty much can dedicate 70% of your membership fee to the CQ and packet. Of course, that puts pressure on the family memberships to provide the "extra" income to help cover the other costs in keeping STARFLEET running. And as that income falls as STARFLEET has less and less members, that pressure will continue to mount until we need to raise rates again.

Make no mistake. We will need to raise membership rates again at some point in the future. Eventually, our costs will exceed our income. But if we can present a quality product for 90 cents, why should we increase that cost now, scavenging our savings, just to try something different? Something with 35% less content than what we have now?

To me, that is just not being responsible – or realistic.

► STARFLEET Annual Awards - page 15

A listing of all the Awards Handed out at the 2000 STARFLEET International Conference in Burlington, Vermont!



► Wedding Bells for STARFLEET Members - pages 22-23

Two prominent STARFLEET members recently were married -- and we've got pictures!





FROM THE TOP...

FLEET ADMIRAL MICHAEL D. SMITH
COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Wow.

In just 99 days of this writing, I'll be standing down as the 10th Commander, STARFLEET. I'm still in awe over the fact that 4 years have already come and gone since Jan 2nd, 1997, when I received the call from the CPA telling me that the Smith/Freas team won the 1996 STARFLEET election. I can remember the sense of jubilation that I felt, and the sense of fear as well, knowing that the hard part had yet to come for myself, Chuck and the rest of the team.

It's been an interesting 4 years as President of STARFLEET. I've seen many ups and many downs. Fortunately for me I find that the ups far outnumber the downs.

We recovered from the IRS, got STARFLEET out of debt and functioning normally, celebrated our 25th Anniversary as the premiere fan-run Star Trek® Fan Association out there, celebrating my 10th year of service to STARFLEET, and more. Being able to see and hear members telling of their happiness that STARFLEET was back on track, how happy they were that they got membership packets on time and finally started getting Communiqués again. I had fun attending many Regional Summits/Conferences, 4 outstanding International Conferences, and many, many, conventions, parties, social gatherings, and charity events.

Alas, there were also some things that weren't fun. Having to deal with the IRS and the debt left to us. Dealing with the petty politics of those out to further their own personal agendas rather than to further the agenda of STARFLEET. Having to deal with those who stepped out of line in regards to proper conduct towards their fellow STARFLEET members. Not handling varied issues as

well as I should have, and regretting the hurt feelings, etc., those failures caused.

Overall though, I think the team of hardworking and dedicated STARFLEET members that have served STARFLEET in various capacities at various times during the past 4 years have done exceptionally well. Communiqués continue to be delivered on time, Membership Processing consistently meets (and most often comes in under) the 6 to 8 week processing goal, STARFLEET's web site continues to garner web kudos on layout and content, and more.



Still in Command: While Fleet Admiral Smith gets ready to beam out to the retirement Colony, the true power behind his Administration, ZZzz' Ak'yaGyr continues to carefully orchestrate his every move.
Photograph by Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo

STARFLEET Academy continues to serve the membership with thousands of tests processed ever year, more fun and interesting Academies added and more. Communication between the members and the Administration is better than it ever has been.

We have constantly striven to improve upon the organization, and I believe that we have done so. I firmly believe that the hard-working volunteers of STARFLEET have made STARFLEET run smoother than it ever has before, and I take this time to salute all the hard-working (and sometimes unsung heroes) members that have worked for the betterment of STARFLEET during the past four years. They are simply too numerous to mention, but I hope that they will read this note of gratitude and feel a deep sense of pride and accomplishment in what they have done

and brought to STARFLEET.

Have we been perfect? No, of course not. I'm the first to admit we haven't been perfect. I've always striven to ensure though, that the membership was aware when processing of membership packets fell behind, or the Communiqué was delayed, etc. I've always been the first to admit when I've dropped the ball on issues, and apologized when it was appropriate to do so for mistakes made by myself or members of the Administration.

We have however, done the best that each of us can do, to the best of our individual abilities. Sometimes we have met or exceeded those abilities, and sometimes we fell short. But better to put honest hard work forward and do the best job possible, than not try at all. Had we not tried at all, who knows where we, or STARFLEET for that matter, would be today.

And that, to me, is really the bottom line. Within all the

triumphs, all the failures, all the good times and all the bad times, we have all tried our best. And to me, that's all anyone can ask for. An honest day's work and an honest day's effort. And I hope even those detractors of the Smith/Freas/Goldberg team will admit that we gave our responsibilities to STARFLEET our best effort, day in and day out.

Well, I think I'll leave off for now, and save the rest for my 24th and final article as President/Commander, STARFLEET.

See you in sixty...

SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith •
Commander, STARFLEET

Starting Balance
\$5398.50

Ending Balance
\$3120.42

Total Deposits:
\$14,871.47

Total Withdrawals:
\$17,148.32

Expenses:

\$750 for travel to Regions 1, 3, and 12, to be reimbursed by me.

\$89.76 in donations received in checks written to "STARFLEET" for the Ronald McDonald House **\$900** to reimburse Roy Sesler for membership processing work.

\$232 for SFMC expenses

\$350 in Office Supplies

\$285 for receipts collected on behalf of Region 1 Summit.

\$2000 for postage and mailing of the STARFLEET CQ

\$2500 for the printing of the STARFLEET CQ

\$119.18 for rental of the postage machine.

\$4000 for Membership Processing

\$221 for the Constitutionally mandated Bond Payment

\$1269 for receipts collected on behalf of STARFLEET IC

\$370 for receipts collected on behalf of 2000 Western Conference

\$110 for receipts collected on behalf of Region 13 summit

\$178 for telephone expenses

\$500 for shipping charges via Federal Express.



SECOND THOUGHTS

ADMIRAL GORDON GOLDBERG
VICE-COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Friendship and family. That's what STARFLEET's all about. And have Sven and I been spending a lot of time with friends from all over lately! First there was the Region Seven conference in Hanover, Maryland. I always love the R7 conferences because it's the one gathering I know will have a lot of my fellow Northstar crewfolk in attendance, as well as my former crewmates from the Avenger.

A few weeks after R7, we were off to the STARFLEET International Conference in Burlington. I flew in early in order to attend the Admiralty Board meeting on Friday, and Sven flew up after work Friday night. Aside from some tense moments transportationwise (the car service never arrived and I had to take a cab to the airport, and Sven's plane got grounded in Newark for three hours) we had an awesome time at the IC. The Burlington Sheraton is an absolutely gorgeous hotel with excellent service. Friday night's group dinners at the Outback Steakhouse were a riot of hilarity. The Saturday night awards banquet and roast of the outgoing Commander STARFLEET (yes, that's you, Mikey) were a blast — as were the impromptu parties in Mike's suite both nights! Thanks again to Region Fifteen for putting together an unforgettable event!

As I write this article, I'm still suffering sleep deprivation from a wonderful weekend down in Region One at Les Rickard and Dee Smith's (hmm, I guess now it's Dee Rickard) wedding. Despite the fact that it was a family event (no

the crew of the Accord up at Watkins Glen in a few weeks, or the Thagard at their upcoming anniversary party, but we are really looking forward to seeing everyone in mid-October at the Western Conference being run by Regions Four,



Dressed for Success: The Royal Order of the Two-by-Four and Mike Smith Attitude Re-Adjustment Society poses for a picture shortly before hauling its principle subject off to a back room for a special education session (From l to r: Chris Wallace, Mike Smith, Gordon Goldberg, Les Rickard).
Photograph by Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo

uniforms allowed!) there were probably more of Les and Dee's (and our) friends there that Sven and I knew than family members who we were meeting for the first time.

Unfortunately we won't be able to join

Five, and Seventeen out in Nevada. We're planning on stretching out our time there as much as we can, so we're flying red-eyes in both directions. It'll mean more sleep deprivation, but it also means we'll have more time to spend with friends... and as I said before, that's

IC 2003 BIDS

**FAdm Michael Smith • Commander,
STARFLEET**

This is just a friendly reminder that sometime early next year, bids for the 2003 International Conference will be due. While holding an IC is a lot of hard work and effort, the rewards of a successful and popular IC are well worth all the effort involved.

Any persons or groups wishing a copy of the Bid Guidelines should contact me via email at cs@sfi.org or by US Mail at 200 Hiawatha Blvd, Oakland, NJ 07436-3643.

I can't give all of you a specific deadline on when bids are due - that will ultimately be up to the new CS to determine. Thanks for your time, and I look forward to hearing from prospective groups.

what STARFLEET's all about.

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

Gordon L. Goldberg
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As always, I remain in Service to the Fleet,

UPDATED STARFLEET RECRUITING MANUAL AVAILABLE

Commodore Lisa N Paradis Berkenbilt • STARFLEET Recruiting Office

The updated STARFLEET Recruiting manual is available in electronic format (PDF and Word 97). This version has the long awaited Appendix B (which wasn't in the first distribution in July).

Anyone who has requested an electronic copy of the handbook since January 1999 has been sent an updated version. Of course, some email addresses bounced, so anyone who made a past request and did not receive an update, please contact me ASAP!

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If you can receive attachments up to

1.5M in size, send an email to me at paradis@ql.org with the following information: Your name, SCC #, Email address for receiving the handbook, PDF or Word version preference (if no preference stated, PDF will be sent). If your Internet provider cannot accept large attachments, CDs are available for \$3 each (includes postage and handling), and send your check for \$3 made out to Lisa Paradis Berkenbilt, to:

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The handbook is limited to STARFLEET members/ships only (as a perk of membership). We are pursuing other methods of distributing the handbook and will inform the membership when any of them are available.

Some freely available tips are available from the STARFLEET recruiting website at http://sfi_recruit.tripod.com



STARFLEET OPERATIONS

LIEUTENANT GENERAL LES RICKARD
CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Welcome to another Operations CQ Article. As always, this will be brief so that you can go on to other more entertaining portions 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 (R1, 2, 7 and 15)

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DVC Internat'l (R9, 10, 11 and 13)

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When you file an MSR you should be filing it with your Regional Coordinator or his/her designated officer as well as to STARFLEET Operations. When reporting to STARFLEET Operations you should be reporting to one of three District Vice Chiefs (DVCs).

Chapter Assistance Program

Last CQ I wrote a short bit about what STARFLEET Operations and the Chapter Assistance Program was doing. Allow me to reiterate.

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

than glad to give you any assistance we can.

Those letters went out and we received some good responses. However, we did not receive responses from all of them. Therefore STARFLEET Operations and CAP began sending out Stand By letters recently. This lets you know that your chapter is on Stand-By Status. What does this mean? It means that your chapter is in danger of being decommissioned. However, after receiving this letter if the chapter chooses to enter the CAP process that is great! This allows us, as I noted before, the ability to work with you to keep your chapter in STARFLEET. I hope that I or Pete here from the rest of the chapters involved so that we can work with them to regain their strength. Decommissioning is the last duty I care to perform and am trying to work toward preventing that if at all possible.

The Final Word

The final word will take a two fold message this month. First, I would like to note that this is the last CQ before the election cycle is over. As you know I am running for the post of Commander, STARFLEET with Gordon Goldberg as my VCS candidate. I will not campaign here for one ticket or the other. Rather I will only ask that you vote! A quote from one of my favorite shows, "The West Wing," *Decisions are made by those who show up.* Please "Show Up" and vote in SFI Election 2000!

Finally, I would take a moment out to thank everyone who honored Dee and myself with our wedding on September 23rd. We saw a lot of our dearest friends, many of whom stood with us as we exchanged our vows. It was, undeniably, the most important day of my life and I am glad to have been able to share it with all that were able to attend. For those that could not, we know you were there with us in our heart. From Dee and I to all of you who have made our life and that day special - Thank You! "And that's all I have to say about that!"



The very model of a modern Lieutenant General: On the verge of being married, Chief of Operations Les "Partyanimal" Rickard remains stoically aloof to the entertainment provided at his recent Bachelor Party.

Photograph by Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo

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. A decommissioning letter will follow up this standby 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

NEW ONLINE MSR FORM COMPLETES SHAKEDOWN CRUISE

Captain Donald Willits

Director, STARFLEET Operations - Online

The new on-line Monthly Status Report page has been up and running since July, and is completing its "shakedown cruise." Available at <http://msr.sfi.org>, the new online page lays the groundwork for some exciting features and functionality. Features include:

1. Automatic forwarding of the MSR to the appropriate RC, DVC, Ops, and CQ Summaries.
2. Validation and requirement of key address information.
3. Prompting for changed CO/XO/Chapter address and URL information with notification of changes submitted to CompOps and the Vessel Registry.

Planned features include:

1. After a valid password is provided, auto-filling of CO/XO/Chapter address information direct the latest version of the membership database. We will use the CompOps security scheme, and all CO's/XO's/Reporting Officers will need to request a password at <http://www.sfi.org/compops/database/PassRequest.asp>. If you don't request a password, no look-ups in the membership database will be performed, but you can still file a complete MSR.
2. On-line reviewing of MSR's by the reporting officer, or appropriate RC's.

Currently, preliminary work for implementing the planned features is underway and I am working with the excellent staff of CompOps to leverage the security system they already have in place for allowing CO's/XO's/RC's to view confidential data. Version 2.0 of the On-Line MSR page will utilize the same security front-end (Blair & Co. did a nice job with the ASP script behind-the-scenes, folks!).

Many of these features represent a proactive approach on the part of On-Line Operations to verify that the data reported matches what exists in the membership database & Vessel Registry. These features do not replace a chapters requirement to fill out a the appropriate CoC or VRR forms. As always...

For changes to the chapter command structure, such as a new CO or XO, please complete the correct Change of Command or Vessel Registry Request forms as always. If the existing CO or XO change addresses, they, like all members, need to let CompOps know, at CompOpsHelp@sfi.org or the published postal addresses.

LEAVING DRYDOCK: RECENTLY COMMISSIONED CHAPTERS

Below is a list of Chapters that have been commissioned since the beginning of 1999 and its Command Crew. Let me congratulate each of the chapters and their respective Command Crews for accepting the challenge of starting a new STARFLEET Chapter

USS GUADALCANAL, NCC-6021

Kodiak Class Battleship
MGen. Loujaue McPherson, CO
SgtM. Nathan B. Champine, XO
Commissioned February 1, 1999

USS LEGEND, NCC-75019

Sovereign Class Cruiser
Capt. Patrick Maes, CO
Cdr. David Adams, XO
Commissioned February 1, 1999

USS BANTING, NCC-17220

Banting Class Cruiser
Capt. Bernard Guindard, CO
Lt. Dave Blaser, XO
Commissioned February 1, 1999

USS INTREPID, NCC-74655

Intrepid Class Cruiser
Capt. Robert Schneider, CO
LCdr. Robert Sliney, XO
Commissioned March 7, 1999

USS LIGHTYEAR, NCC-74217

Defiant Class Escort
Capt. Pat Teachout, CO
LCdr. Helen Monath, XO
Commissioned March 7, 1999

USS PANTHER CITY, NCC-63543

Akira Class Battlecruiser
Comm. Mark Vincent, CO
LCdr. Cherie Vinson, XO
Commissioned March 7, 1999

USS NORMANDY, NCC-36000

Normandy Class Supercarrier
MGen. Les Rickard, CO
VAdm. Tom Monaghan, XO
Commissioned April 17, 1999

USS BELGICA, NCC-72301

Peacekeeper Class Exploratory Cruiser
Capt. Jeroen Vantroyen, CO
Cdr. Steve Haelterman, XO
Commissioned May 5, 1999

USS SEQUOYAH, NCC-2043

Excelsior Class Heavy Cruiser
FCapt. Jeremy Trent, CO
Cdr. Nathan Head, XO
Commissioned May 19, 1999

USS PROTECTOR, NCC-75023

Sovereign Class Cruiser
Capt. Vanessa Taylor, CO
Cdr. Sarah Craig, XO
Commissioned May 19, 1999

USS ULTIMATUM, NCC-10534

Ambassador Class Heavy Cruiser
Capt. John R. Watson, CO
Cdr. Wayne Killough, XO
Commissioned June 28, 1999

USS ORBIT JET, NCC-75024

Sovereign Class Cruiser
Capt. Jeffrey K Salamon, CO
Maj. Robyn Winans, XO
Commissioned June 29, 1999

USS RAVEN, NCC-1162

Akyazi Class Perimeter Action Ship
Capt. Trisha Rohal, CO
LCdr. Chuck Dobbins, XO
Commissioned July 10, 1999

USS EARHART, NCC-26199

Ambassador Class Heavy Cruiser
Capt. Glenda Bruner, CO
LCdr. Pat Siga, XO
Commissioned August 8, 1999

USS ASGARD, NCC-72402

Capital Class Heavy Space Control Ship
Capt. Darlene Harper, CO
FCapt. Cynthia Walker, XO
Commissioned August 8, 1999

USS STARLORD, NCC-74225

Defiant Class Escort
FCapt. Joe Podesta, CO
FAdm. Micheal D. Smith, XO
Commissioned August 8, 1999

USS ARIES, NCC-71806

Sovereign Class Heavy Cruiser
Capt. Micheal A Wilson, CO
Cdr. Brian Griffin, XO
Commissioned August 31, 1999

USS ARES, NCC-26291

Triumph Class Research Cruiser
Capt. Paul Fest, CO
Maj. Robert W. Langer Jr., XO
Commissioned September 8, 1999

USS CENTURION, NCC-74801

Yeager Class Scout
Col. Aaron Murphy, CO
LCdr. Kris Phifer, XO
Commissioned September 12, 1999

USS JUBILEE, NCC-57299

New Orleans Class Frigate
Capt. Anthony Goretski, CO
LCdr. Ralph Planethold, XO
Commissioned November 13, 1999

USS BRIGHT STAR, NCC-71875

Galaxy (II) Class Heavy Cruiser
Capt. Kasumi Tendou, CO
Cdr. Nabiki Tendou, XO
Commissioned November 13, 1999

USS OMEGA GLORY, NCC-26197

Ambassador Class Heavy Cruiser
Capt. Arthur Bouchez, CO
Cdr. Audi Jack, XO
Commissioned November 13, 1999

USS DRAGONMASTER, NCC-2078

Hatfield class Command Cruiser
Capt. Robert Benson, CO
Cdr. Fred Benson, XO
Commissioned on November 13, 1999

USS DRACO, NCC-78501

Nomad Class Exploratory Cruiser
Capt. Dallas Vinson, CO
LCdr James Whatley, XO
Commissioned February 3rd, 2000

USS DRAKENFIRE, NCC-71822

Galaxy (II) Class Exploratory Cruiser
Capt. Alice Strange, CO
Cdr. A. Jean Smith, XO
Commissioned on February 3rd, 2000

USS ARI, NCC-1723

Enterprise Class Heavy Cruiser
Capt. Michalene Biber, CO
Cdr. Michelle Bock, XO
Commissioned on February 4rd, 2000

USS JAGUAR, NCC-74750

Intrepid Class Cruiser
VAdm Chris Wallace, CO
LGen. Scott Akers, XO
Commissioned on February 21, 2000

USS CAROLINA, NCC-74222

Defiant Class Escort
Capt. David James, CO
Cdr. Debbie Butcher, XO
Commissioned March 25, 2000

USS SAGA, NCC-71202

Nebula Class Light Cruiser
Capt. Ivar Gunnarsson, CO
Cdr. Gudjon Sigmundsson, XO
Commissioned, April 15, 2000

USS BORTAS, NCC-74211

Defiant Class Escort
Capt. Donald A. Glenn Jr., CO
Cdr. Carolyn Zimdahl, XO
Commissioned April 15, 2000

USS TIOSPAYE, NCC-4102

Osler Class Medical Transport
Capt. Richard Squire III, CO
Cdr. Bill Lane, XO
Commissioned April 15, 2000

STATION SICITUR ADASTRA SFR-1202

Capt. Dale Thompson, CO
Cdr. Marti M. Wilson, XO
Commissioned Febuary 1, 2000

CHANGING FLAGS: RECENT CHAPTER CHANGES OF COMMAND

REGION FOUR

KEHLEYR STATION, NCC-SS009

Former CO: Donald Leigh
New CO: Capt. Keith Holycross
5370 E. Craig Rd. #1133
Las Vegas, NV 89115
Former XO: Keith Holycross
New XO: Capt. Diana Meyers
4506 Parkview Dr.
Las Vegas, NV 89104

REGION FIVE:

USS RUBICON, NCC-71816

Former CO: Nat Saenz
New CO: Capt. Patrick McAndrew
1320 Thayer Dr
Richland, WA 99352

REGION SEVEN:

USS ARTHUR C. CLARKE, NCC-63544

Former CO: Cheryl Lowe
New CO: Capt David Lynch
806 Beverly Dr. Somerdale, NJ 08083
Former XO: Marie Collier Carson
New XO: Cdr. Kirk Walters
47 Main St. Bridgeport, NJ 08014

REGION TEN:

USS CRYSTAL STAR, NCC-1160

Former CO: David Berube
New CO: Capt David Badger
801 Jay Circle Anchorage AK 99504

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.



HAILING FREQUENCIES

ADMIRAL ALLYSON M. W. DYAR

CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS, STATRFLEET

Election Death March, 2000: Replacement Election Ballots

Every eligible member of STARFLEET should have received a Ballot for the Election of the new Commander, STARFLEET (and Vice Commander, STARFLEET) as well as voting on six amendments.

Before you write and request a replacement ballot, please make sure that you were a member of 'fleet as of 01 August. For an example, if your membership expired on 15 July and you didn't send in the money until 02 August, you won't get a ballot. The cut off date I established was 01 August. In other words, everyone who was a STARFLEET member on August 1st got a ballot. Anyone who was not a member on that date did not. (As a side note, cut off dates are also used for *Communiqué* mailings, so this isn't a new process.) Also note that no replacement ballots will be sent out after 15 October for non-North American addresses or 01 November for North American mailing addresses. This is to give the various postal services a good chance of getting the ballots to the CPA by 15 November.

Assuming that you've had a continuous membership and haven't received a ballot, please send your SCC number,

name and address to me via email (preferred) Comm@sfi.org or snail mail (Allyson M Dyar, 1209 SE 89th Avenue,

check the Announcements Page: (<http://www.sfi.org/html/announcements.html>), and search for the messages concerning bounced ballots.

Stellar Visions #3 Update:

Still working on contacting all contributors for an electronic copy of their contribution. I'm missing only a few so I hope to have it finished within the next few months — before my tenure is up on 31 December).

Last Words:

CQ #102 will be my last issue as Chief of Communications and I'll try to make it a special one!

If for some reason, you are unable to contact me via [<comm@sfi.org>](mailto:comm@sfi.org), please try [<Allyson@SSNexus.Org>](mailto:Allyson@SSNexus.Org). Note: [<dyar@halcyon.com>](mailto:dyar@halcyon.com) is no longer a viable email address.

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

Your Humble and Not-So Obedient Servant,



Communications - Past and Present: Former Chief of Comm Gordon Goldberg and current Chief of Comm Allyson Dyar pose with Allyson's Chaperone.

Photograph by Mark Vinson

Portland OR 97216) for a replacement. I also have a list of ballots that were marked as undeliverable by the Post Office. As I have successfully been able to track the majority down. I won't reprint the list here, but ask that you

STARFLEET 1999 NEWSLETTER CONTEST

Admiral Allyson M. W. Dyar • Chief of Communications

On 19 August, Fleet Captain David Pipgras, Rear Admiral Kurt Roithinger, and I selected the winners of the 1999 STARFLEET Newsletter Contest.

We did something different this year, with the receipt of a number of newsletters using color, I decided to give out both a color and black & white award in each category. First off, thank you to one and all for contributing copies for the contest! Now on to the Winners!

Outstanding Cover

Color: *The Short Circuit* (USS Maat, R1)
Black and White: *Stardate* (USS Jamestown, R1)

Outstanding Graphics

Color: *Vigilance* (USS Kensington)
Black and White: *The Tribble Times* (USS Peacekeeper, R4)

Outstanding Overall Presentation

Color: *The Manifest* (USS Destiny, R5)
Black and White: *Angels Flight* (USS Angeles, R4)

Most Informative

Color: *On the Horizon* (USS Horizon, R12)
Black and White: *Region One Sciences* (R1)

Best Electronic Newsletter

The Vortex (USS Stormbringer, R4)

Newsletter of the Year

On the Horizon (USS Horizon, R12)

WEB AWARDS 2000

by Allyson M. W. Dyar
Chief of Communications

The Office of Communications and The Office of Web Consultants Presents The 4th Annual Web Awards for 2000.

The judges included Commodore Ed Nowlin, Director of the Office of Web Consultants, Lieutenant Junior Grade Leah Eddy of the USS Sol, in Region 10 and me, the Chief of Communications.

Approximately two hundred pages were judged starting 20 August and the final award selections were made on 28 August.

Because my husband had taken ill, I handed out letters to the web masters, Commanding Officers or the Regional Proxies. The full color certificates will be mailed to the WebMasters shortly.

Chapter Web Site of the Year

USS Saga, Region 9

Regional Web Site of the Year

Region 7

Information Web Site of the Year

STARFLEET Marine Corps

Fun Web Site of the Year

The Glorious Free People's Republics of Sektor Five, Region 5

Vanguard Web Site of the Year

USS Sovereign, Region 7

Awards of Excellence

STARFLEET 2000

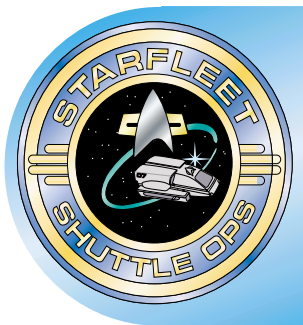
USS Matrix, Region 7

USS Panther City, Region 3

Rather than awarding an overall Web site of the Year, instead, we issued the Vanguard Award to recognize that one web site that pushed the envelope.

The winners of last year's award usually get together and issue a Winner's Choice. This year, for whatever reason, that didn't happen. For URLs of all of the below sites, please point your browser to:

<http://www.sfi.org/html/webawards.html>



MAMA DENNIS SAYS...

ADMIRAL DENNIS GRAY

CHIEF OF SHUTTLE OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

My next-to-last CQ article. (YEAH! No more deadlines, or grumpy Comm Chiefs! <G>) I sit here, pondering what to say, and how I want to say it. Should I reminisce over the last 4 years, or save that for the next article? Should I re-hash all 'Do's' and 'Don'ts' that I've gone over time and again in past articles? Should I re-cap the most recent news &/or developments in ShOC? *shrug* I dunno, I would hope that most of you would know those things by now. Maybe I'll just put my brain in idle, and see where my fingers lead me.

Hmmm... Let's start with a few thoughts about the recent IC in Burlington, VT. For me, the IC was full of many highs and lows. High: seeing a lot of my old friends. Living in a remote corner of the country, I don't get to see my friends as often as I'd wish. Getting to spend a weekend with a bunch of them was 'most excellent'. <G> Low: The layout of the hotel. Talk about weird... High: Riding up through the rural back roads of Vermont from Albany, NY, and just taking in the countryside. If you live in, near, or on the fringe of a major metropolitan area, you'll know what I'm talking about. Low: AB Meetings. Ok. Maybe not quite that low. <G> High: Cool sets in the main events room. Low: the main events room was in the convention center, not the hotel. High: The general session. Low: 'The Banquet' (sorry, Cindy!). High: Roasting the Fleet Admiral after the banquet. <G>

Anyway, you get the idea (I hope!) A few of the moments I will look back on and smile about: THURSDAY: The drive up from Albany. Arriving! FRIDAY: The closing moments of the 'EC' meeting. Friday night at 'Outback'. <G> The opening ceremonies. Watching the 'Faboo Four' get auctioned off! Comparing whips with Allyson! <GGG> (Thanks Jennifer!) SATURDAY: Not having to sit 'on stage' for the general session. <G> The ships roll call (The Guardian was *too* cool!). Capt. Biff Bassett semi-yelling 'Got You!' at RC R17 Keira Russell-Strong just after she received her promotion to RAdm, coinciding perfectly with a momentary silence by the FAdm. Talking 'shoc' with Alex after the general session. The 'Live IRC' session (that's one *big* fish you have there, Ann!). The ShOC panel. Roasting the FAdm after dinner (Mark? Next time,

give me more warning, ok? <G>). SUNDAY: Kosh (way cool costume!). Closing ceremonies (very emotional). Good-byes to friends, some not to be seen for another year. Dinner at Ponderosa (Another iced tea, Joan? <G>). Sitting in the bar, just talking amongst friends as the evening winds down. MONDAY: Vermont Teddy Bear Company (*shrug*

pilot came on the PA while enroute, and told everyone on the side of the plane that I was seated on, that if we looked straight down, we could see Niagara & Horseshoe Falls. Not only did he tell us, but he tilted the plane over as he did so, to give us a *spectacular* view! *Totally* awesome!



Whip it good: Chief of Shuttle Operations Dennis Gray responds to Allyson Dyar's prodding about his most recent CQ article with "What, gonna whip it out of me?" (Mr. Gray was found flogged and whimpering "Must...finish...CQ...Article..." several days later).
Photograph by Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo

Had to do some early Christmas shopping!). The ferry ride across Lake Champlain (wind-water-waves-front of boat-Joan-splash: 'nuff said! <G>). Driving through the Adirondack Mountains in upstate NY, and through Lake Placid (home of a bowling alley with the *coolest* name: 'Bowl Winkles'). Arriving at my relatives' house for two days of R&R. WEDNESDAY: Flying from Albany, NY, to Chicago, IL. The

A few side comments - I hear my fellow fleet members from R5 got lost leaving the Albany airport. Next time, ask someone who's very familiar with it, rather than rely on the FAdm's directions. <G> Next - my \$1.00 bid for the 'Faboo Four' still stands. <G> Allyson - you're most welcome for the loan of the pips. *smile*

There was a lot more, to be sure. But

those were a few of my more favorite highlights. And within a few weeks of this writing, I'll be heading off to Las Vegas for the Starfleet Western Conference, the joint regional conferences for Regions 4, 5 & 17. It will be my last Fleet appearance as an EC member. For that matter, it will be the last official appearance for almost half of the current EC (FAdm Mike Smith, Adm Allyson Dyar, and myself). It will no doubt be a very interesting, fun, and emotional weekend as well. I'll cover that in my next and (*gasp*) *final* article!!! <G>

As previously mentioned the long awaited sequel to the S.T.A.R.T. manual is out. The M.O.M. (Mothership Operations Manual) made its public debut at the IC. Electronic copies in .pdf (version 4.0) format are available from the ShOC website (www.sfi.org/shoc). Or from the ftp site ([ftp.sfi.org/shoc](ftp://ftp.sfi.org/shoc)). Plain text copies can be had upon request. For hard-copies, please send a legal (or larger) size S.A.S.E. to my address (Dennis Gray, 3014 Kromer Ave., Everett, WA 98201-4123). Please double-stamp the envelope, to ensure sufficient postage.

Once again - the new ShOC website is up and running. Please drop in and take a look. Our webmaster (Capt. 'Biff' Bassett) and I welcome your comments and feedback. Tell us what you like, what you don't, etc. The site will constantly be changing and evolving over the months to come, and your input will have a direct impact on those changes.

That's about all I really have for now, folks. The last month has been interesting, if not fun, and I look forward to next month, as well. Hard to believe that four years of being on the EC is finally winding down. I'm looking forward to being able to read *all* of my new email each day... Looking forward to no one bringing various problems to me to resolve... Basically, just looking forward to some well deserved time off. I will by no means disappear forever into the woodwork. I will still be around. Just with no duties or responsibilities for a while! <GGG> Who knows? I may actually get brave enough to venture back onto the Starfleet email listserv again. <thinking> "Nah..." <G>

So. Until November, and the last time I get to write to you all, take care, and *have fun!*

Check out the new ShOC Website at:

<http://www.sfi.org/shoc/>



COMPUTER OPERATIONS

COMMODORE MARK ANBINDER

CHIEF OF COMPUTER OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

What does family mean?

Last issue, my column focused quite a bit on families. We talked about family memberships, and the metaphorical family of my friends and colleagues in STARFLEET's Computer Operations department. In Burlington, Vermont last month, at the International Conference, I talked a lot about the extended family that is STARFLEET.

As I write this, it's been a week since I learned my fraternity brother, Harlan Williams, died while on a trip to Africa. In two days, I plan to attend his funeral in Massachusetts, and two days after that, I'm driving south for the wedding of my friends Dee Smith and Les Rickard.

Without diminishing how important my brother Jeff is to me, I can say that Harlan, Dee, and Les all feel like siblings to me. Harlan was a sophomore in my college dorm freshman year, and after he joined Kappa Delta Rho, he promised he'd come back the next year and get me, too. He did. Harlan died a few days into a vacation in Africa, collapsing on the way back from a day trip to see rare mountain gorillas in Uganda. The trip to Africa, and the gorillas, had been dreams of his for years. At least he got to see the gorillas before he died.

Over the course of the last week, I've talked to lots of fellow fraternity brothers and other mutual friends of Harlan's, and nearly all of them expressed disappointment that they hadn't kept in better touch with Harlan. I'm one of the lucky ones; I last e-mailed him right before heading to IC2000, and partly because I've been working on his law practice's web site for about a year and a half, I've been in touch with him for most of the time since he graduated twelve years ago.

Meanwhile, I manage to talk to Dee and Les nearly every day, thanks to the modern miracle of the Internet and IRC chatting. That's also one way I'm keeping in touch with my brother Jeff, who recently moved from Ithaca to New

York City.

Obligatory CompOps info

While I'm here, I'd better say something related to Computer Operations and Membership Processing. When you're filling out your membership application, whether on paper or online, please make sure you provide your full

address, especially if, as far as you know, there isn't a "Main Ave" or a "Fifth Ave N.W." in your town, but this is the sort of omission that can make your *Communiqué* go astray.

The STARFLEET Family

Getting back in touch with lots of old friends this week to pass on the sad news of Harlan's death has reminded me of some fun stories, and some of the strongest friendships I've ever enjoyed. In many ways, some of my Fleet friendships are similar. While many of the folks I know through STARFLEET are casual friends and acquaintances, lots more, in Ithaca and around the world, have become close friends, people I consider family.

That was never clearer than when I visited Dee and Les last November for Thanksgiving. Never mind how we met; that week I spent with them had nothing to do with STARFLEET. I like to think that, no matter how long any of us stays involved with Fleet, we'll manage to stay in touch, and stay good friends.

Stay in touch

Staying in touch with STARFLEET mostly means keeping us up-to-date on your address changes and the like, and making sure you renew in a timely manner. (Hey, more CompOps stuff.) Being active with your local chapter, and reading or contributing to this fine publication, will help you keep in touch with some of your own STARFLEET family.

Don't stop there, though. Take this opportunity to get back in touch with someone you haven't heard from in a while. Write to a childhood friend from camp. Call up your college roommate. Find the person who introduced you to Fleet but seems to have drifted away.

And whatever you do, don't put off your long-held dreams. Go see the gorillas. You never know — you might be doing it just in the nick of time.



Making History: The first-ever sighting of Chief of Computer Operations Mark H. Anbinder in a Star Trek Uniform was cause for a few chuckles, as anxious members rushed out to confirm that no four Horsemen were spotted riding across the Horizon -- yet.

Photograph by Rahadyan Sasrowardoyo

address as the post office recognizes it. Feel free to use USPS-approved abbreviations, but please don't leave anything out. For example, if your address is "528 Main Street," please don't leave out the "Street" part, though you're welcome to use "St." instead of "Street." Similarly, if your address is "400 Fifth Ave S.E.," don't leave out the "S.E." Neither of these things may seem important to provide as part of your

WHEN TO RENEW

Commodore Mark H. Anbinder

Members who allow their memberships to lapse by not submitting a renewal in a timely manner are not entitled to back issues of the *Communiqué* newsletter or any other membership benefits covering their lapsed time.

We in CompOps encourage members to renew their memberships BEFORE they expire, and we've put time and energy into putting together new mechanisms to ensure people know they need to renew. It's always a shame when people's memberships are allowed to lapse, and they therefore miss out on something they'd otherwise be entitled to.

The published turnaround time for Membership Processing is six to eight weeks, so if your expiration date is less than eight weeks away, and you haven't yet submitted your renewal application, there's a danger that you might be creating a lapse in your membership. In reality, Teri Smith has gotten her Membership Processing office to a level of efficiency where turnaround is usually MUCH quicker than that, but it's dangerous to assume you'll be safe if you wait very late to renew.

So, as an example: If your membership expires on August 13th (as mine does) make sure you submit your renewal application on or about June 18th, which is eight weeks earlier. If you wait until less than eight weeks from your expiration before submitting your renewal, there may be a lapse. If you wait until your expiration date before submitting your renewal, I guarantee there will be a lapse.

A brief lapse in membership won't be catastrophic if you're looking to take an Academy course, and as long as a CO corrects the problem quickly, it won't cause a chapter to be decommissioned. Even a lapse of a few days can cause a member to miss an issue of the *Communiqué* newsletter, because there's an exact date where we take a "slice," so to speak, of the membership, for each mailing. For each issue of the CQ, it's the first day of the first cover month. If you were a member on August 1st, 2000, you'd receive the August/September 2000 issue. If you weren't a member on that date, you wouldn't be eligible to receive that issue. If your membership lapsed and your new membership year starts on August 10th, you'd get the next six issues, but not that issue.



EX ASTRA, SCIENTIA

VICE ADMIRAL MARLENE MILLER
DIRECTOR, STARFLEET ACADEMY

And here we are...yet another IC is under our belts. "Thank you" to everyone who made this IC shine like that bright star in Orion's belt. Although I couldn't be there in person, I was there in spirit, and have heard all sorts of fantastic IC stories. (Some of which, no doubt, are within these CQ pages!)

I'd also like to thank everyone on the Admiralty Board responsible for giving me the honor of receiving Starfleet's lifetime membership! Wow! I'm still stunned by that. Another "Thank you" to the EC for handing me a set of Admiral's pins. I've already gone through three tubes of the giant economy size Flitz. Gotta keep those puppies nice and shiny just in case I need to use them as a survival signal "mirror."

Congratulations to all the winners of Academy awards, including those newly inducted to the Red Squad; our Director of the Year, Captain Wayne Killough (SACOM); our School of the Year - Klingon Warrior Academy under the direction of Commander Deb Kern; and our Certificate of Appreciation recipient, Rear Admiral Helen Pawlowski (FOS, SCC, SOUK).

Congratulations, too.... to all the Academy Directors who received promotions throughout year.

Another "Thank You" to Jill Rayburn, Tom Restivo, Helen Pawlowski and Sherry Anne Newell for conducting a very successful Academy Away Team. Quite a few Academy course packets were sold to attendees. And thank you, to everyone who purchased them. We're looking forward to seeing you roaming the Academy halls.

And last but not least, a great big *Thank You* to Tom Restivo who served as the Academy's proxy, and once again did an excellent job presenting the Academy awards with Jack Hopkins doing a

fabulous job of passing them out.

Gosh.. no *wonder* the television Academy Awards always go into 'overtime'!

But now, as per usual, I just *gotta* brag a little about the Academy, its Staff, and especially to you... its Students.

Please check elsewhere in this CQ for a list of the latest graduates. Congratulations to all of you!

The Academy has grown by leaps and bounds these past few years. My tenure in the 'Dantship (yes, I've submitted

who are 18 years of age, and younger. However, by no means are they limited *only* to attending the Cadet Academy. Not by a long shot. Any Starfleet member (in good standing) regardless of chronological age, is more than welcome to attend the "regular" Academy.

The Academy website (www.sfi-sfa.org) is being completely redone and upgraded by Greg Staylor. The Online Academy is coming along slowly because, so far, Greg is doing almost all the work single-handedly. He's probably going to need some help getting schools Online... so if you know of anyone who's talented in that area...

have them contact Greg at owner@wow-web.com.

New campuses in Australia, Canada, and Europe are off to a nice start. I hope to find 'Fleet members from those countries, who are willing to conduct a School. A nice thing about having campuses in other countries is that it allows that country's students to pay for courses with currency of their country instead of needing to use sometimes very costly U.S. funds. Without the 'long-distance' mailing of packets... it should also cut down

on mail delivery. We also have a few courses in French and German and I'm hoping to add Spanish, as well.

We're working on creating some incentives to make the Academy even more attractive to Starfleet members. Some schools such as the Klingon Warrior Academy already offer pins and other 'perks' besides Diplomas, Honors Certificates, and Commendations, but hopefully we'll be able to offer 'perks' in all our Schools.

Gee... I could go on forever when it comes to bragging about the Academy, but I know you have a lot more pages to read, so I'll stop for now. Thank you for making the Academy the success that it is today. We hope to see you soon.

No Picture of Marlene?

Once again your intrepid Communique staff has failed in their efforts to secure a Photograph of that most elusive of STARFLEET Members, the *Millerus Commandantus*, also known as the free-roaming Academy Commandant, but generally just referred to as "Marlene Miller".

Therefore we've decided to put a bounty on her head. Yes, you read right -- a bounty. The rules are simple: bring us the head...er...a headshot of Academy Commandant Marlene Miller and we'll give the person with the best submission \$5 in Academy Vouchers. Everyone else who submits will get their name listed in CQ 102. Deadline for submission is November 25th, 2000.

Please send submissions to: Bring me the head of Marlene Miller!
1209 SE 89th Ave.
Portland, OR 97216-1715
or CQ@sfi.org

The higher quality your submission, the better chance of winning! Virtually all graphics formats are supported and Photographs will be returned after scanning if a SASE is included.

that word to Webster for his dictionary!!) has taught me a lot. We have some really fantastic people in 'Fleet who are ready, willing and able to come to the Academy and bring their talents with them. An idea may have been mine, but carrying it out is what *they* do. And they do it well.

The new Cadet Academy is coming along nicely. By the time all Schools are ready, we should have a minimum of 10 to choose from. Some of the schools are under the direction of Cadets, themselves, while others are being conducted by adults who enjoy working with youngsters.

The Cadet Academy is open only to Starfleet members (in good standing)

PREVAILING WIND SUPPORTS

STARFLEET ACADEMY

Vice Admiral Marlene Miller with
information provided by David Peifer

Recently, David Peifer brought to my attention that there have been quite a few Starfleet Academy graduates from the USS Prevailing Wind because of the efforts of Mort Smith. Since joining the Prevailing Wind in June, 1996, both Mort and David have been very active in various club activities and particularly Starfleet Academy.

Mort's personal participation in the Academy led him to want to share the fun with his fellow crewmates by becoming a liaison between the Academy and the crew. He's made himself available to any crew member who has questions about what to expect from the various Academy Schools and Colleges. He also helps them choose courses, and submit the proper application.

Because of his efforts, the following Prevailing Wind members have completed Academy courses:

Aurora Gulluni
Donna Gulluni
Betty Flyzik
Lori Coffey
Alvester Clinkscale
Kerry Wentz
Roger Wentz
Ron Wentz
Pat Smith
Shawn Smith
David Peifer
Grant Ebright

Mort himself has completed:

OTS,
OCC
Starship Operations 1
Basic Security
Convention Security
Intermediate Security
Early Law Enforcement
Basic Doctorate of Medicine
History of the Enterprise 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6
History of Federation Law 1 and 2

The Academy thanks Mort Smith for his continued support.



STARFLEET ACADEMY GRADUATE LIST



By Vice Admiral Marlene Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy

It gives me great pleasure to present the Graduating Class of Starfleet Academy based on Directors' Reports received from July 19 through September 10, 2000.

An Asterix (*) indicates 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 with in the College or School, during the report period above.

INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP

Peg Pellerin, Dean

Officer's Training School (OTS)

*Peg Pellerin, Elizabeth Worth, Manon Lessard-
Belanger, Jeroen Vantroyen - Directors*

Cindy Prindle	Debbie Blaser
Kitara Pramela	Wesley Schalck
Gene Adams *	Heath Lerew
Peggy Woods	Deidre Smith
Mark Schuber	Raymond R. Roller
Linda Johnson	Josephus Dean J. Ueffing
Tira Lerew	Brian Joerger
Daniel R. LaBelle	Daniel R. Smartt
Eddie Milbrandt, Jr.	Judy Waidlich
Jeremy Grabbe	William F. Zimmerman
Margie Dyl	

Officer's Command College (OCC)

*James Cushing, Alan Yates,
David Blaser - Directors*

Michael Davis
Emily Hanson
Prophet Livingood
Andrew Myerfs
Richard Schloss
David Clifton
Don Willits
Adelyn Upp
Kitara Pramela
Rene Bailey
Ewan Chalmers
Lisa Pruitt

Flag Officer School (FOS)

*Helen Pawlowski, Alan Yates -
Directors*

Leah Eddy
David Lynch *
James Brunton (2) *
Philip Kern, Jr. *
Jo Banister (2) *
Kathie Silbernagel *
Joseph Kancel *
Cathy Edgington *
Steve Eldred *
John Hoppa *
Nancy Lynch *

INSTITUTE OF ARTS

*Sherry Anne Newell,
Dean*

College of Alien History & Culture (CAHC)

David Peifer, Director

Wayne Killough, Jr (10) * * * * *

School of Treknology (SOT)

Alice C. Strange; A. Jean Smith, Directors

Linda K. Johnson
Lena M. Johnson *
Wayne Killough (5) *
Sheila Benton (3) *

School of Language Studies (SOLS)

Sherry Anne Newell, Director

Lena Johnson
Billie Clifton

School of Cultural Anthropology (SCA)

Sherry Anne Newell, Director

Larry Jones (2) *
Nancy Lynch

School of Music (SOM)

Sherry Anne Newell, Director

Larry Jones (2) *

School of Trek Humor (SOTH)

Sherry Anne Newell, Director

Larry Jones *
Nancy Lynch *

INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES

Greg Staylor, Dean

Klingon Warrior Academy (KWA)

Deb Kern, Director

Billie Clifton (3) * * *
David Clifton (2) * *
John McCarter *
Efrain Vidal-Plaza *
Alice Strange *
Jean Smith *
Scott Akers *
Linda Johnson *
David Pitts *
Mandy Halleman *
Edith Padgett *
Wayne Killough *

College of Starship Operations - COSO

James W. Lee, Director

Dusty Chesnavage
Joseph Kancel
Philip Kern, Jr (2)
Sherri Huff
Michael G. Boatright
Allyson Dyar

School of Strategy & Tactics - SOST

Sanford Berenberg, Director

Jeff Roy *

Security School (SFASS)

Greg Staylor, Director

Jeff Wilcox *
Covert Nelson (4) * * * *
Chanda Norman *
Gary Hollifield (2) * *
Nancy O'Shields *
Dean Rogers *

Vessel Readiness Certification Program - VRCP

Carol Thompson, Director

USS Ohio (2)
USS Haise

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

*Sharon Ann Clark,
Dean*

College of Medicine (SACOM)

Wayne Killough, Director

John Bryant	Jim Anglin
Susan Bolick (2) *	Tira Lerew
Nancy O'Shields	
Glenda Werner	
David Klingman (3) *	
Dusty Chesnavage	
John McCarter (4)	
Julie Rickard	
Lena Johnson	
Edith Padgett (2)	

Vulcan Academy of Science (VAS)

Marlene Miller, Director

Amy Alexander *	Nancy Lynch *
Leah Eddy *	Dale Anderson-
Deb Kern *	Veazey *
Wayne Killough	Jeremy Grabbe *
Kurt Roithinger *	Pamela Michaud *
Jeff Roy (3) * * *	Linda K. Johnson *
Peggy Woods	
Rodney Yawn	
John Prushko (2) * *	
Paula Carberry *	

Ship Counselor College (SCC)

*Helen Pawlowski;
Donna Jean Noddin, Directors*

Donna Jean Nodden (7) * * * * *
Kathy Hench (5) * * * *
Tina Lerew *
Rhonda Dobrovolski (2) *
Wade Anderson *

College of Computer History (COCH)

*Sharon Ann Clark, Director
Wayne L. Killough, Jr **

College of Engineering (COE)

*Capt. Brian Dougherty, Director
Erik Johnson **

College of Trade & Commerce (COTAC)

Tmmy Willcox, Director

Linda Johnson *

The foundation of any well-organized chapter is 50% crew enthusiasm and 50% communications. Uninformed crews, no matter how enthusiastic they are will always have difficulties in whatever endeavors they pursue, because they just simply don't communicate with each other.

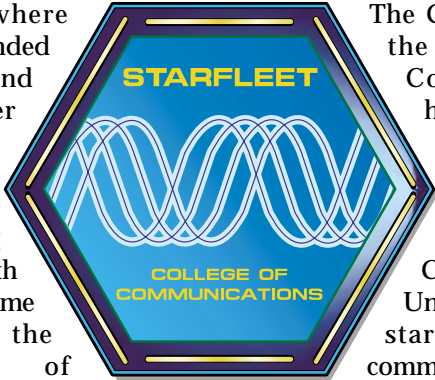
The College of Communications can help you to teach you the fundamentals of creating a chapter or regional newsletter, fliers, bookmarks, and more, while keeping a professional and fun outlook. These materials which keep the membership of your chapter interested in what's going on, and informed. It's definitely a course that every Comm Chief or Newsletter Editor should consider taking.

Now, you're probably saying "Wow, that's great, but what about the Canadian Campus?" This one is a simple - if space is the final frontier for Star Trek, the international scene is the

CANADIAN COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATIONS OPENS

Captain David Blaser • Director, College of Communications, Canadian Campus
Artwork by Vice Admiral Chris Wallace • Vice Chief of Communications, STARFLEET

final frontier for STARFLEET. Canada is the closest neighbor to the United States, where STARFLEET was founded and incorporated, and every single chapter and member in the United States has done a fantastic job of promoting STARFLEET's growth there. I think it's high time that we turned the collective eyes of STARFLEET to the international arena, and start growing in that direction, and Canada is as good



a place to start as any.

The Canadian Campus of the College of Communications will help our Canadian members and chapters to build as solid a foundation for STARFLEET in Canada as there is in the United States. And we'll start with the communications, by helping our Canadian Chiefs of Communications and Newsletter Editors learn to build a great newsletter

and Membership Drive materials. Here's how can you get in touch with the College of Communications:

United States Campus
College of Communications
C/O: Michael Anderson
218 W 8th St., Apt 9
Erie, PA 16501-1604
United States of America
E-Mail: nightowl@velocity.net

Canadian Campus
College of Communications
C/O: Dave Blaser
74072-260 Guelph St.,
Georgetown, ON L7G 5L1
Canada
E-Mail: blaser@attcanada.ca

There are two courses currently, **Newsletter Design** (\$4.00 plus two stamps) and **Interspecies Communications** (\$3.00 plus two stamps). Computers aren't necessary, but may be used for the **Newsletter** course.

WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE?

Rear Admiral Helen Pawlowski • Director, Flag Officer School

Well, maybe not a millionaire, but who wants to win a prize? Read on.

When the Leadership test in the Flag Officer's School was drafted, nobody knew what inspirational responses would be given to the question, "Pick any person, living, or dead, whose leadership qualities you admire and show how you would incorporate those qualities into your own leadership style."

I must tell you that some of the

responses were so thrilling that I got goose-bumps reading them. That's when I got the idea of incorporating the essays into a book that would be made available to STARFLEET members.

One of the latest submissions was a tribute to Attila the Hun, who had a lot of fine qualities that surprised me. It just proves that you may find heroes in the most unlikely places.

At present I am using the working title, "Profiles in Leadership" (partly because

I can't think of anything else and partly because I have always admired JFK and what was good enough for him is good enough for me.) I thought it might be a good idea to have a "contest" to give a better title to this thing I'm compiling, and since it will be for all of you, why not ask all of you to come up with the answers?

Just to make it more attractive, there will be a glorious prize for the winner. (If I can find a used bowling trophy at a garage sale); there will also be a bee-yoo-

tiful certificate of recognition, and the winner's name will be credited where everyone may read it (just think of the bragging rights!). If I find more than one trophy (cheap!) there might even be runners-up.

Got an inspirational title you'd like to throw in the hat? And is that your *final* answer?

Send your entries by 01 January 2001: Helen Pawlowski PO Box 22225 St. Louis, MO 63116-2225

STARFLEET Academy College of Medicine

Fleet Captain Wayne Lee Killough, Jr. • Director

Greetings from the STARFLEET Academy College of Medicine and welcome to CQ Issue 101! There have been some more changes here at SACOM Headquarters, and I thought I would like to mention them. I have moved again, so, here is the new, updated contact information for SACOM:

Wayne Lee Killough, Jr.
STARFLEET Academy of Medicine
319 N. Maple St.
Harrison, AR 72601
sacom@sfi.org
or
killough@alltel.net

Next, I would like to announce a new degree offered by SACOM...STARFLEET Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. I would like to personally thank Neil Yawn for the creation of SACOM's new Exam: Veterinary Medicine Specialty.

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 beginning of the summer with the listing next to this article.

Tha's all for this issue. Remember to enjoy life and always stay safe. Until next time!

SACOM HONOR GRADUATES

Name	Course	Score
James Anglin	Betazoid Telepathy Specialty	96
Susan Bolick	Field Medic - Basic Health	100
Susan Bolick	Field Medic - First Aid	100
Susan Bolick	Nursing Certification	96
John W. Bryant	Psychiatry/Psychology Specialty	96
John W. Bryant	Xenobiology Specialty	100
Dusty Chesnavage	Nursing Certification	97
Linda K. Johnson	Basic Doctorate	96
Lena M. Johnson	Basic Doctorate	96
David E. Klingman	Hematology Specialty	96
David E. Klingman	Xenobiology Specialty	100
John McCarter	Basic Doctorate	98
John McCarter	Field Medic - Basic Health	96
John McCarter	Field Medic - First Aid	96
John McCarter	Field Medic - CPR	96
Nancy Joan O'Shields	Emergency Medicine Specialty	98
Edith L. Padgett	AIDS/STD Specialty	97
Cindy Prindle	Basic Doctorate	99



A NEW CAMPUS FOR A NEW AGE

Commodore Carol Thompson • Director, College of Survival Studies

Artwork by Fleet Captain David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five

Starfleet Academy Online is a branch of Starfleet Academy for dedicated Internet users. If you dislike the wait involved with sending an application, getting an exam, mailing in the exam, and receiving your diploma, the Online Campus is for you.

Currently, some Directors do send and receive exams online. But the Online Academy goes a couple of steps farther. A student can apply online to a school, take the test online, and receive a printable diploma by e-mail. The only snail-mail required is your initial purchase of Online Voucher Codes. Here's how it works.

1. You or a representative of your ship mails a check or money order for as many Online Voucher Codes as needed.

Voucher Codes are one dollar each. These are NOT the printed vouchers used by the regular Academy. Virtual Vouchers are purchased from the Online Academy Voucher Contact (OLVC):

Carol Thompson
P.O. Box 135
Ester, AK 99725-0135.

2. The OLVC will e-mail you the Code numbers for your Online Vouchers. There will be one Code for each dollar you sent.

3. You go to the Online Academy Webpage and choose the course you want to take.

4. Fill out the application and list one

Voucher Code in each space provided. Most classes will only require one Code, but future ones may require two. If you want the director to snail-mail you a diploma, you will add another Voucher Code to pay for the printing, paper, and postage.

5. Your application will be processed and, depending on how the class is set up, you can access the manual and take the test immediately or the director will contact you by e-mail and direct you to a website where you can download the manual and take the exam. If you need to do some research, you will be able to return to the examination website later to take your test.

6. When you pass your test, the director will e-mail you a printable copy of your diploma (DOC, PDF, or a graphics file).

Once redeemed, a Code is immediately voided. A Code may only be used once.

Success of this program depends on the security of the Voucher Codes. The person purchasing the Codes must share them with no one except a student who is purchasing them from the ship. If a crew member buys 3 Codes from your ship, give that person ONLY three Codes. The rest of the Codes are classified.

Right now there are only a few classes available, but more are being adapted for online use. It takes Greg Staylor and Carol Thompson lots of time to type in manuals and to create online forms for the exams. Keep checking the website <http://216.87.6.119/sfi-sfa/online> for new classes.

BITS AND PIECES FROM AROUND STARFLEET ACADEMY

Compiled by Vice Admiral Marlene Miller • Comandant, STARFLEET Academy

Acrocademy

As per Director Mike Wilkerson, the Starfleet Academy Acrocademy is closed for reconstruction. Further developments will be reported as they become available.

- Vice Admiral Marlene Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy

Cadet Security School

The Cadet Security School course #1 includes recognition of insignias, and hazards both at home and school. It also identifies like objects and asks the question "What do I do 'if'?" Other courses still being written include 5 courses which are aimed at those cadets (12 to 18) that are or about to start driving vehicles. Other courses will be announced as they are completed.

- Lieutenant Nancy O'Shields, Cadet Security School Director

School of Romance

SFA's most recent addition, the SFA School of Romance will start off with TOS but add the other series later. First-Generation Trekkers can revel in all those romantic moments from the series that started it all. "Love makes the world go 'round," Tthis school invites the student to reflect on the nature of the various attractions among the characters of those first 79 episodes. The tuition is only \$1.00 +LSASE +2 loose first-class stamps. Where else besides SFA can you have so much fun for so little money? Recommended reference, as for my other courses, is the STAR TREK ENCYCLOPEDIA. Tapes come in handy, as do knowledgeable friends! Each test is only one page in length, so sign up, and enjoy!

- Vice Admiral Sherry Anne Newell, Academy Director Extraordinaire

College of Treknology

The College of Treknology now has a DS-9 section available. The College was established to increase your knowledge of the Trek Universe through trivia information while helping to build your research skills. The material for these courses deals with all of the various Star Trek Series, some of the books that are published about Trek, and the Movies too. In time, this School will have five sections. Four of the sections deal with the Star Trek series themselves: The Original

Series, The Next Generation, DS-9, and eventually Voyager, which is not open. The fifth section (also not open yet) will deal mainly with the movies. Most of sections have five tests: Character, Main Character, Episode, Technology, and Trivia.

Each test cost \$2 plus two first class stamps. If you get a whole section at a time it will be a little cheaper. We can provide tests for those who are visually impaired: print, large type, in Braille and in audio, although it might take us longer to get the material to you in these formats.

School of Treknology, 1294 George Crowe Rd., Odenville, AL 35120-8015, or email (Treknology3@aol.com).

- Captain Alice Strange & A. Jean Smith, Directors, College of Treknology

From the Australian Campus

I could say that although our Region is probably one of the smallest in Starfleet our members are amongst the keenest trekkies around. In late 1998 we formed the Australian Campus of Starfleet International Academy, the first SFA Campus not on American soil. We have four Schools active, OTS (Elizabeth Worth) -OCC (Alan Yates)- FOS (Alan Yates) COT (Forbes Kerry) and have Directors on standby for all the other Schools that the SFA Directors have been kind enough to offer us, some 16 in all. At our last count we have over 100 SFA certificates. In our 18 years in Starfleet and 30 years in Star Trek, our Region has raised many thousands of dollars for charity and the USS Southern Cross won Starfleet Chapter of the Year in 1988.

- Admiral Jennifer Yates, Regional Coordinator, STARFLEET Region 11

From the European Campus

The European Campus of SFA now also has OCC available. Contact Jeroen Vantroyen at Jeroen@hotmail.com or mail him at 120, Muilaardstraat, B-9000 Gent, BELGIUM

- Vice Admiral Marlene Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy

THE 2000 STARFLEET INTERNATIONAL AWARD WINNERS

Artwork by Fleet Captain David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region 5

During ceremonies held at the 2000 STARFLEET International Conference, the following Awards were given out. Congratulations to all Winners!

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

USS MIR
REGION SEVENTEEN

MEMBER OF THE YEAR

BLAIR LEARN
USS HIGHLANDER

OFFICER OF THE YEAR

CHRIS WALLACE
USS JAGUAR

SHUTTLE OF THE YEAR

SHUTTLE JAGUAR
REGION FIVE

CADET OF THE YEAR

LORI KINNEY
USS JURASSIC



ENLISTED MEMBER OF THE YEAR

GARRY CAMERON
USS JURASSIC

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

MARLENE MILLER
USS RENEGADE

HELPING HANDS

MICHELLE BARRAT
USS HIGHLANDER

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT

AMILE WILSON
USS HAISE

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

CHUCK FREAS
USS PALO DURO

"HONORING THE BEST AND THE BRIGHTEST"

College of Literature

Dave Blaser, USS Banting
Mary Payne Connelly, USS Heimdal
Wayne L. Killough, Jr., Shuttle Witchfire
John McCarter, USS Haize

College of Computer Science

Ruth Green, USS Ohio
Edith L. Padgett, USS Charleston
Kurt Roithinger, SS Nexus

Strategy and Tactics Red Squad

Joseph Kancel, USS Matt

Klingon Warrior Academy

Linda B. Eppinger, USS Fox River
Garrick L. Eppinger, USS Fox River
Nancy D. Lynch, USS Mir
Jim W. Monroe, Shuttle Centurion
Craig A. Schuster, SS Nexus

Officer's Training School

Gene H. Adams, USS Quannah Parker
Eddie K. Williams, Unassigned

School of Language Studies

Larry Jones, USS Morning Star

School of Cultural Anthropology

Larry Jones, USS Morning Star

Red Squad Leader

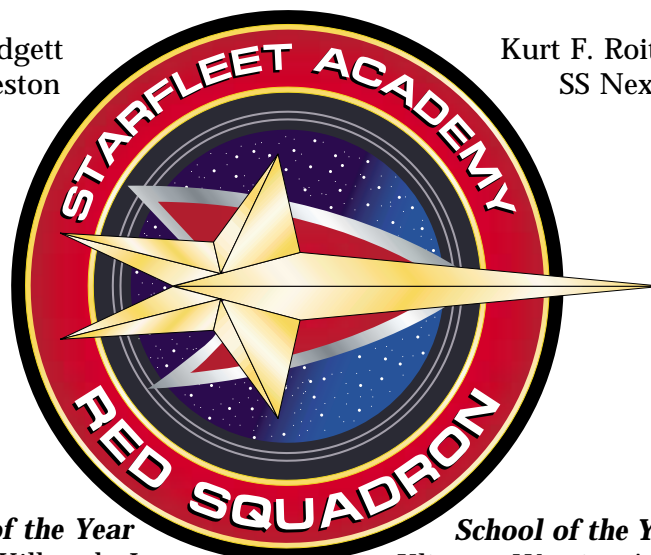
Paul Jones, USS Tanagra

Red Squad Assistant Leaders

Wayne L. Killough, Jr., Shuttle Witchfire

Edith L. Padgett
USS Charleston

Kurt F. Roithinger
SS Nexus



Director of the Year

Wayne Lee Killough, Jr.

School of the Year

Klingon Warrior Academy

STARFLEET Academy Certificate of Appreciation

Helen Pawlowski

College of Medicine

James Anglin, USS Guardian
Allyson M. W. Dyar, SS Nexus
Kris Williams, USS Arizona

Vulcan Academy of Sciences

Wayne L. Killough, Shuttle Witchfire
David Peifer, USS Prevailing Wind
Rodney Neil Yawn, USS Hephaestus

Security School

Claudia Fravel, USS Fox River
Paul Jones, USS Tanagra
Jill Rayburn, SS Nikola Tesla

College of Trade and Commerce

Paul Jones, USS Tanagra
Edith Padgett, USS Charleston
Kurt Roithinger, SS Nexus

Ship Counselors' College

Rhonda Dobrovolski, USS Rhyanna
Kathy Hench, USS Rhyanna, Region 3
Tira Lerew, USS Jamestown, Region 1
Donna J. Noddin, USS Roberta Bondar

Flag Officers School

Paul Jones, USS Tanagra
Melissa Anne Lillie, USS Bennu
Rodney Neil Yawn, USS Hephaestus

2000 STARFLEET ACADEMY RED SQUADRON

Artwork by Rear Admiral Kurt Roithinger and Fleet Captain David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region 5



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 June. Congratulations to all promotion recipients!



To Fleet Captain/ Brigadier:

Gary Ensey	Bernard Guignard
Elizabeth Woolf	Bert Peterson
Ray Shepherd	Cynthia Le Demidio
Wayne Lee Killough, Jr	Paul Fest
David Peifer	Valerie A. Ruttar
Danny Potts	Garrick Halverson
Tammy Willcox	Leslie Ryan
Charles Parks	Kris T. Klufas
Jonathan Lane	David James
Nevin Alley	John Ellingwood



To Commodore/ Brigadier General:

Richard Nacaula
Carol Burhans
Michael A. Figueroa



To Rear Admiral/ Major General:

Keira Russell-Strong
Teri Smith
Donna Friesen



To Vice Admiral/ Lieutenant General:

Sherry Anne Newell
Joseph Ruttar



To Admiral/ General:

Allyson M. W. Dyar
Tom Monaghan, Jr



REGION 7 CADET CORPS

Commander Dean Rogers • Region 7 Cadet Corps Director

Artwork re-created by Rear Admiral Kurt Roithinger • STARFLEET Region Five

Some of your finest cadets are becoming the future leaders of SFI today. Among them are the future Ship Officers, Commanding Officers, Regional Coordinator and staff members, or even the Commander, SFI. Their journey can start right here with the help of Region 7 Cadet Corps (R7CC)!

Hello, I am Dean Rogers, the new director of the Region Seven Cadet Corps program. The Cadet Corps started as a project on November 13th, 1999 at the Region 7 Conference in Ithaca, New York. There a group of former cadet officers and fellow senior officers had discussed of a new program to focus one of SFI's finest assets- the Cadets. After eight months of planning, we presented our ideas at the 2000 R7 Conference in Hanover, Maryland on August 13th, 2000. After viewing the R7CC presentation, VADM Jesse Smith gave

his seal of approval to make the project into a full-fledged program.

The purpose of the R7CC is to get our cadets more involved in ship & regional events. Currently, we are gathering a list of what chapters have cadets, and more information on their cadet program. First, we intend to have the Sector Cadet Commanders talk to the chapters in their sector in order to learn about their cadets and their programs. We plan to use this information to help better the R7CC. We also work toward starting a R7CC Awards Program to recognize our cadet's activities in and outside of SFI.

The following officers are the newly appointed R7CC staff. These individuals are dedicated to making this program successful for our future SFI Leaders. They are:

Mark Hanford - Liaison Officer

Dean Rogers - Director
Mandy Halleman - Executive Officer

SECTOR LIASION OFFICERS:

Joe Podesta, Jr. - Sector 1 Liaison Officer
VACANT - R7CC Sector 2 Liaison Officer
VACANT - R7CC Sector 3 Liaison Officer

SECTOR CADET COMMANDERS:

Maxxwell Santiago - Sector 1 Cadet Commander
Jessica Coyle - Sector 2 Cadet Commander
Alan Cohen - Sector 3 Cadet Commander

We are in need of Sector Liaison Officers for Sectors 2 and 3. A Sector Liaison Officer should be at least 18 years of age, a member of SFI for a minimum of 3 years, and an OTS graduate. Interested candidates should send their SFI and real world resumes to (acopsassist@hotmail.com). The deadline

for applicants is November 15, 2000. A decision will be made by December 2000. We are also in the process of creating a motto for the Region 7 Cadet Corps. If anyone out there has a great motto for us, please send it to email above. The deadline for the R7CC motto is also November 15th.

I would like to give special thanks to Captain Robert Mulvey. He was the very first Executive Officer of this program. He can no longer continue in this position because he is attending college in Florida. The R7CC would like to wish him the very best in his future endeavors. I would also like you all to thank the former and current cadets onboard your ships. Their motivation, dedication, and hard work are the reasons why the R7CC was created. Let's teach them what they need to know to create a brighter future for SFI and Region 7.



ADMIRALTY BOARD MEETING NOTES

Lieutenant General Scott A. Akers • Parliamentarian and Secretary

Artwork by Fleet Captain David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five

The year 2000 official meeting of the Board of Directors and Officers of STARFLEET, the International Star Trek Fan Association came to order at 14:05 on the 31st of August 2000. And with that Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith opened his last session of the combined Executive Committee/Admiralty Board.

After a roll call was called, the following official representatives were present, Region 1: RAdm Jack Hopkins – Proxy, Region 2: FCpt Jennifer Rosbury – Proxy, Region 3: Admiral Brad Pense – Regional Coordinator, Region 4: Commodore Ed Nowlin – RC, Region 5: VAdm Chris Wallace – Proxy, Region 6: Admiral David Kloempkin – RC, Region 7: VAdm Jesse Smith – RC, Region 9 Capt JC Cohen – Proxy, Region 10: RAdm Dan Hislop – Proxy, Region 11: RAdm Mark Vinson – Proxy, Region 12: VAdm Robert Westfall – Proxy, Region 13: Commodore Richard Smith – RC, Region 15: RAdm Joe Ruttar – RC, Region 17: Commodore Kiera Russel-Strong, Comp Ops : Commodore Mark Anbinder, Academy: Commodore Tom Restivo – Proxy, Shuttle Operations: Admiral Dennis Gray, Communications: Vice Admiral Allyson Dyar, Operations: Lt. General Les Rickard, Vice CS: Admiral Gordon Goldberg, and the Commander Starfleet: Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith.

mail from New Jersey to the Regional Coordinators' address of record that very day.

The Executive Committee then requested input from the Admiralty Board on the concept of a Chapter Hall of Fame for Starfleet: Concerns were voiced regarding chapters that have Starfleet for whatever reasons, what criterion the Regional Coordinators

should be those chapter chosen for the Hall of Fame. It was then decided to have an Initial Class of 15 chapters for AB induction, and then the 5 per year thereafter. It was also decided that the Chapter of the Year, would not be automatically included as it honors different work and aspects of service to fleet. Finally it was decided that the deadline for the initial induction class would be November 15th, for inclusion

Freas for consideration by the Admiral Board for honorary membership. The Admiralty Board without dissent passed this.

The meeting was interrupted briefly by the IC Conference Committee conducting Host Business.

The last agenda item concerned the official release of the pdf's of the CQ to the Internet. The CS explained what the current administration is doing and wishes to continue doing until the end of the year, which was to release the CQ to the net, as soon as it was sent to the printer. He then explained the available options:

- a. On the way to the Printer
- b. As it is printed
- c. As it is mailed
- d. 30 days after it is printed

A consensus was reached after CompOps explained that a password protection system was available, so that FLEET members could access it right away, but non-fleet members would have to wait. The Final Resolution of the AB was worded thus: "Motion: That the *Communiqué* pdf will be made available to the membership immediately via a Password Secure Site, and to the general public upon the mailing of the next CQ. This will be effective with CQ #101." The roll call vote of the AB was unanimous with 14

affirmative votes.

Closing Words: As he took the gavel (Batleth) in hand. Mike thanked the collective of the leadership, it had not always been easy, it had been hard to get everybody to see eye-to-eye, but politics and personalities aside, all the RC's were working for their membership. Mike thanked everybody for their efforts on behalf of the organization.

The meeting adjourned at 15:47.



STARFLEET's Leadership hard at work: The intrepid leaders of STARFLEET are stunned by the outcome of the first EC vs. AB Quake III Deathmatch and quickly resolve to stick to Minesweeper for the rest of the meeting (First Row: Jerry Tien; Second Row: Mark Vinson, Mark Anbinder, Les Rickard; Third Row: Jesse Smith, Michael Klufas, J.C. Cohen; Fourth Row: Richard Smith).

Photograph by Scott A. Akers

In addition several assistants to the Regional Coordinators were in attendance, as well as Lt. General Scott A. Akers as Parliamentarian and Secretary.

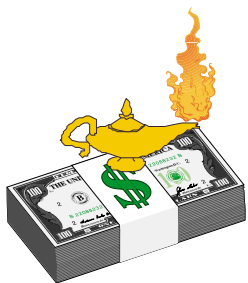
FAdm Smith opened the meeting with the first agenda item, that of the Finance Report. He quickly stated that the previous finance report had many errors with allocations reported incorrectly. He stated that an updated report will be done in September and that copies of the Bank Statements would be put in the

should consider in nominating chapters, and how many chapters would be eligible each year for entry to the Hall of Fame. The Region 5 proxy as co-author of the concept, explains why defunct chapters, should be considered down the road, and that the RC's themselves are the ones should be able to decide whether or not they want to nominate a chapter that may have left under a cloud. It was desired that chapters that have founded regions, or have done great work on behalf of the chapter, region, or fleet as a whole,

in CQ 102.

Next was considered the Lifetime membership award. The EC presented their nomination of Vice Admiral Marlene Miller for consideration by the Admiralty Board for lifetime membership. The Admiralty Board overwhelmingly passed this, and then the EC voted to also promote Marlene to Full Admiral.

Next considered were the Honorary membership awards. The EC presented their nomination of Admiral Chuck



DO YOU HAVE THE RIGHT STUFF?

Admiral Sue Hampton • STARFLEET Scholarship Coordinator

Artwork by Fleet Captain David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five

Do you have the *Right Stuff*; whatever it takes, to earn a STARFLEET Scholarship? Let's review and see if you make the grade. **First**, you have to be an active STARFLEET member. Since you are reading this article in the *Communique* you mostly likely are an active member or will soon be a member. **Second**, and this is a tough one, are you planning on attending some type of educational training after high school graduation? I'm sure there are plenty of you that will be starting colleges, universities, and technical programs in the fall of 2001. The STARFLEET Scholarship program is available to our members who are attending junior college, community college, 4-year college and universities as well as graduate school. Whoa, wait a minute, maybe you aren't planning to attend school yourself but you know of a member of your chapter who is graduating from high school this spring, is currently in college or is thinking about returning to school. Pay attention here; get all the information and make sure your friend knows **all** about this program. STARFLEET Scholarship Program awards \$500 to active STARFLEET members to assist them in furthering their education, to meet the challenges of our future. Back to the requirements. **Third**, can you use \$500 to help pay for college tuition, fees, books

and supplies? If you are one of those very lucky people with full scholarships or are independently wealthy, then you can skip the rest of this article. For the rest of you, **KEEP READING!** **Last Requirement**, while it may be the hardest, it is really not bad at all. You have to request an application for a STARFLEET Scholarship, complete the application and other paperwork, and return it by the deadline. So, you ask, what does that entail, pages and pages of paperwork, complicated financial statements, copies of good behavior reports since kindergarten? Not really. The application form is a single page. You write two short essays, get three letters of recommendation, and have an acceptance letter to an approved college, university, or technical program. All completed applications are judged and the winners are awarded appropriate scholarships.

These STARFLEET Scholarships are funded by the membership of this wonderful organization. Some individual members donate a few dollars each time they renew their memberships. Chapter and regions have fundraiser events at meetings, regional summits, and our annual International Conferences. Members donate their own Star Trek items for auctions and raffles. This works along the theme, "It takes a

whole village to raise a child." The members of STARFLEET take the responsibility and pride in helping other members to further their education. They, in turn, will make our planet a better place to live. Our members will develop new medical miracles, they will build onto the space station, they will travel outside of our solar system, and they will teach future generations to reach for the stars.

STARFLEET Scholarships are named after much beloved Star Trek actors/actresses and characters. *The DeForest Kelley / Dr. Leonard McCoy Memorial Scholarship* honors beloved "Bones McCoy" and is awarded to those studying in some type of medical field. *The James Doohan / Montgomery Scott Engineering Scholarship* honors that miracle worker on the *USS Enterprise*. It is for those studying in the many fields of engineering. *The Patrick Stewart Scholarship for the Performing Arts* is awarded to those studying the varied areas of music, dance, acting, as well as those skills and techniques that make performances possible. *The LeVar Burton Educational Scholarship* honors this actor's continued interests in educational programs. *The Gene Roddenberry Memorial Scholarship for Aspiring Writers* honors his love of writing and story telling. *The Armin*

Shimmerman Scholarship for Profitable Business is a tongue-in-check title relating to his Fernegi character, Quark. As the name implies it is for business majors. *George Takei Scholarship for International Studies* encourages students studying languages other than their native tongue and some areas for improving international relationships. Marina Sirtis authorized a scholarship for those studying *Veterinary Science*. There is a *Law and Order Scholarship* for those studying Law Enforcement programs. The *Space Explorers Memorial Scholarship* is in memory of those who died in the space programs. This can be awarded to a STARFLEET member whose field of study does not quite match one of the other scholarships.

I've got the Right Stuff, now what? To receive a STARFLEET application all you have to do is ask. E-mail requests go to: (Shampton@gnl.com) and postal requests go to:

Sue Hampton
116 Creston Street
Greensboro, NC 27406

Applications are sent out and must be returned by postal mail. Application period is from January 1, 2001 until May 31, 2001. I will gladly answer any questions by postal or e-mail.



IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

Rear Admiral Helen M. Pawlowski • Director, Flag Officer School

Artwork by Fleet Captain David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five

I discovered something while attending the International Conference in Burlington, Vermont this year. People can be walking billboards.

Vice Admiral Sherry Newell and I went to a restaurant near the hotel where the conference was being held because we both have dietary problems and chose not to partake of the banquet being served the other attendees. We were in uniform (and I thought we looked rather sharp) when we were approached by a waiter who pointed at Sherry and said, "Starfleet Academy, right?"

Sherry grinned at me and said, "Right!"

The young man proceeded to tell us how much he and his favorite uncle enjoyed Star Trek and he wondered how he could buy a membership as a gift. We told him that we didn't have any membership applications with us, but that we'd stop by the next day with the information he had requested. Before we left the restaurant two more waiters had stopped by our table to talk Trek with us.

I realize that Sherry and I must have

seemed strange in our uniforms since it is usually only the young who are willing to go in public dressed in such fashion, but the fact that we were dignified and proud of what we were wearing caught the attention of people who were honestly interested in what we represented.

We spent the whole weekend in uniform and guests at the Best Western Motel (where we were staying) greeted us — I even got a Vulcan salute — with smiles and friendly nods. Nobody treated us as though we were geeks or freaks;

rather, we were given friendly recognition of something that we were representing with pride.

The next time you have occasion to be in a Star Trek uniform, be sure that you are aware that you are an advertisement for all the rest of us. Be a good PR representative and stand tall! You never know who might decide that the uniform is a symbol of all that we claim for our organization.



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> Tom Restivo, Lauren Milan, Dee Smith, Joan Pierce, the Trout and Ann Garner

#starfleet

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<LGenMartok> Kurt!
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<@gren> yup.
<LGenMartok> Are you ever gonna use caps?
<@gren> nope.
<LGenMartok> So show me the pictures already!

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LGenMartok

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TomLG
Milan
Col_De
CaptHoney
Wicked_Ann

Blair
Moxie



> Mike Smith demonstrates the size of his trout to an awed Dennis Gray.



> Liz Soley tackle-hugs Blair Learn

FAdm_Mike
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Sal
NomadCO

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> Scott Akers demonstrates the latest Martok-approved Palmtop.
(The system combusts shortly thereafter. Chris Wallace is blamed)

LGenMartok



> "...and than POOF! Another Netsplit!" Sal Lizard and Carl Johnson

All pictures taken by Brenda (T'Mana) Bell.



SCENES FROM THE 2000 STARFLEET

Artwork by Fleet Captain David P



The STARFLEET Marine Color Guard At Opening Ceremonies with (from left to right) the Flags for the Commonwealth of Australia, the Kingdom of Belgium, the United States of America, STARFLEET, Canada, and the Republic of Iceland.

Photograph by Mark Vinson



Vice Admiral Tom "Little Guy" Restivo, Deputy Commandant of STARFLEET Academy and his wife, Maggy Restivo, mug for the camera. It should be noted the Tom, when he heard the word "mug", screamed "COFFEE!" and headed for the bar.

Photograph by Keira Russel-Strong



The Bridge of the Starship Alliance Galactic, the backdrop for the 2000 STARFLEET International Conference.

Photograph by Mark Vinson



The Faboo Girls (clockwise from front) - Vice Admiral Brooks, and Captain Liz Soley. Ol

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ET INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

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Captain Joan E. Pierce, Executive Officer of the USS Questar and Captain Rahadyan Sasrowardoyo, Chief Intelligence Officer of the USS Accord at the IC2000 Banquet
Photograph by Rahadyan Sasrowardoyo



Vice Admiral Jesse Smith, Region Seven Coordinator (right) and his wife, Teri, enjoy dinner at the Burlington Outback Steakhouse.
Photograph by Mark Vinson



Ilyson Dyar, Captain Joan E. Pierce, Colonel Kimberly, and Mike Smith is in the middle.
dyan Sasrowardoyo



Commander, STARFLEET Candidates Les Rickard and Robert Westfall tried to settle their issues with Nerf balls at dawn. Unfortunately, Hotel security intervened, so we won't have the outcome until November...
Photograph by Rahadyan Sasrowardoyo



Rich Dimidio, Fred McCarthy and Paul Fest at the helm of the USS Alliance Galactic. They were later busted by the Galactic Patrol and cited for flying while intoxicated.
Photograph by Aimee Marcello



USS Challenger CO Marries

Photographs and Text by Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo • USS Accord

Artwork by Vice Admiral Chris Wallace, Rear Admiral Kurt Roithinger, and Fleet Captain David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five



Bob and Emily Vosseller



L to R: Emily's sister Lydia, the Matron of Honor; Emily Vosseller; Bob Vosseller; Capt. David Singleton, Challenger CMO and Best Man; Lt. Theresa Griffin, Ship's Quartermaster.

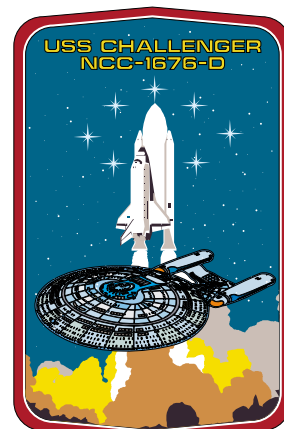


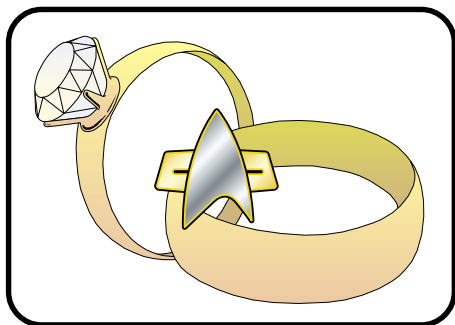
Bob and Emily Vosseller ducking Bubbles.



Vice Admiral Robert E. Vosseller Jr. and Lt. Commander Emily C. Ford of the USS Challenger NCC-1676 (Region 7) were married at St. Elisabeth's Episcopal Chapel in Seaside Heights, NJ, on Sunday, August 6, 2000. Bob is the Challenger's CO and a former Region 7 Coordinator, while Emily is the Ship's Counselor of the Challenger. In real life, Bob is editor of the weekly New Egypt Press and Emily is an elementary school teacher.

Congratulations to the Newlyweds!





IF IT QUACKS LIKE A DUCK...

Commodore Mark H. Anbinder • Chief of Computer Operations, STARFLEET

Artwork by Fleet Captain David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five

There weren't any celebrities, but then many Fleet folks go to conventions without so much as a peek into the auditorium. There were lots of STARFLEET members, several good meals, and a pool and jacuzzi that officially closed at 10 pm, but in reality would be left open "all night as long as there are no disturbances." Two good signs that it wasn't a convention? No one put up fancy door signs, and the man standing up in front of the crowd was a Baptist minister in full vestments.

The occasion was the wedding of Colonel Deidre Smith and Lieutenant General Les Rickard, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and the weekend offered an excellent opportunity to spend time with fellow Fleet members, as well as get to know friends and family members of the bride and groom. Fleet folks present were Amy Alexander, Mark Anbinder, Kimi Brooks, Jenna Duerr, Gordon Goldberg, Steve Halber, Deb Hardy, Becky Hopkins, Jack Hopkins, Dixie Jack, Dave Klingman, Kelly Klingman, Kris T! Klufas, Michael Klufas, Lauren Lance, Mike Malotte, Tom Monaghan, Matt Myers, Joan Pierce, Dennis Rayburn, Jill Rayburn, Tony Rowley, Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo, Jesse Smith, Mike Smith, Teri Smith, Sven Weil, and Paul Wheeler. (Apologies if I've missed anyone!)

While a few of these folks only made it for a few hours on Saturday for the wedding and reception, most were around all weekend, and other than local residents like Jack and Becky, stayed in a cluster of rooms in the fanciest Super 8 hotel I've ever seen. Getting folks between the hotel and a variety of other destinations, including the church and the restaurant selected for Saturday night's dinner, involved a fair amount of vehicle shuffling, as many had flown to town rather than driving. As far as we know, we didn't end up stranding anyone — at least not for long.

In addition to the obvious popular time-wasters of relaxing in the hotel's jacuzzi and sipping Lynchburg Lemonades (or close facsimiles), the above gang got to spend time looking over lots of photos from the recent International Conference, reminisce over bald salads, and crane its collective neck enjoying



Les and Deidre Rickard



The Five Wise Guys: Tom Monaghan, Michael W. Malotte, John T. (Jack) Hopkins, Mark A. Anbinder, and Gordon L. Goldberg.

Photographs by Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo

Saturday morning cartoons on the TV in the hotel's breakfast nook.

Saturday started out overcast, and the store insisted the order had been for three round cakes, rather than four. They were persuaded to quickly decorate another cake, though, and those paying attention as the processional began noticed the stained glass windows brightening. After the ceremony, we were delighted to step outside into a bright and sunny afternoon, far from the grey and drizzly day that had been predicted by every meteorological authority except Dee.

Those of you familiar with such USS Accord events as Watkins Glen Weekend, or familiar with me in general, won't be surprised that I paid almost as much attention to the weekend's food as to the people. Lunch after we picked up our tuxedos Friday morning included some wonderful ham baked by Dee's sister Michelle, and the highlight of Friday's rehearsal dinner was a three-tiered pizza, complete with bride and groom statuettes, assembled by Jack Hopkins! Dinner Saturday night was at Darryl's, a restaurant and bar a few minutes from the hotel. The food was wonderful and plentiful, and we were all impressed with the smooth service, considering a group of 22 is never easy to handle.

Unlike the average convention or other Fleet event, the wedding provided a great opportunity to meet and get to know a variety of friends and relatives. Dee's extended family includes her adorable four-year-old nephew Jason, and it was great to meet him after hearing stories about him for two years. I even got to trade recipes with Dee's grandmother, whose famous handwritten recipe book (OK, not world-famous yet) includes such treats as the cobbler Dee brought to Burlington, Vermont for IC2000. I met Les's father and stepsister for the first time, and enjoyed seeing his brother again. (Chuck, or "Robert," depending on who you ask, was also at last June's USS Normandy commissioning party.)

The result? My fourth trip to North Carolina in the space of fifteen months was a weekend full of pleasant memories with friends, both old and new. Oh, and STARFLEET now has one fewer Smith. That's OK, we have spares!



READY FOR ACTION!

By Brigadier General Wade Olson • Commandant, STARFLEET Marine Corps

Artwork by Fleet Captain David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five

First off I would like to thank Mike Smith for letting me have a chance at commanding the Corps. I hope that the Marines are enjoying the new level of communications and the quick resolution to unfinished business and any concerns they may have.

I've been in office a couple of months now and we've accomplished alot, and there's more yet to come. I'd like to commend my staff for their fine work and dedication to the Corps. Most of the business that was left unfinished has now been addressed and we're moving ahead with new business.

The Steering Committee is making headway with the stockpile of proposals they have and we should see more and exciting changes and additions in the near future. If any Marines have proposals they want to submit please sent them to the Deputy Commandant, COL Deidre Smith, DepDant@sfi-sfmc.org.

The MFM has been revised and hopefully has been released by the time you read this. If not it should be released real soon. Additions were made on things that were approved and implemented after it was released in 1999 and it should now be up to date.

COSupCom has been real busy getting bids and arranging for new merchandise. We are now taking pre-orders for t-shirts, caps, watches, and patches. We will be ordering them soon In hopes to having everything in place for the start of a new year. If you wish to make an order or have any questions please send a message to COSupCom, COL Kimberly Brooks, COSupCom@sfi-sfmc.org or checkout the website at (<http://www.sfi-sfmc.org/html/qm.htm>).

We have recently seen a new release of the Attention On Deck (AOD) and It is a fabulous publication. If you haven't seen

it you should download the file, you will really enjoy it. It promises to be more and more informative with upcoming articles and submissions from events. If you have anything to submit for print please send it to AOD Editor, Sean Niemeyer, (aodeditor@sfi-sfmc.org). The AOD can be downloaded from (<http://www.griffyn.com/aod>).

Database and hopes to have it up and running in the very near future. Some major computer problems have given them a setback but they have about cleared that hurdle. You can still view the latest reported rosters on the Forces Command website (<http://forcecom.sfi-sfmc.org/roster.html>).

If you have any corrections to send you

wish to download any courses you can do so from the Academy site on (<http://www.sfi-sfmc.org/academy/index.html>). Any questions about the Academy can be sent to (cotracom@sfi-sfmc.org).

I would like to ask all the NCOs of the Corps to check in with the Sergeant Major of the STARFLEET Marine Corps, SGM Jack Kern, (pjkern@hotmail.com).

We had an alarmingly low number of NCOs report this past report period and I hope to see this corrected this next time. Each unit should have a First Sergeant, if not the NCOs of the unit should pick one NCO to report to the Battalion First Sergeant (if there is one) or the Brigade Sergeant Major.

The Battalion First Sergeant reports to the BDE/SGM who reports to the ForceCom/SGM who in turn reports to the SGM/SFMC. So, whomever is the next highest position in the chain should get your report and send it on. We'd really like to get an accurate head count of our NCOs.

As most of you know, Rex Prior had to step down as the Corps Surgeon General earlier this year. Members of his staff have contacted me and it looks like we'll have that department up and running again real soon. The new MERT program should come on line soon afterwards. Rex and his staff worked diligently to get this program going and I'm glad we'll now have a chance to start using it.

Hopefully, in the next CQ, you'll find a report on some of the events happening in the Corps. The Wilderness Challenge, which has probably completed by the time of this publication, will be highlighted along with another report from me.

Respectfully,

BGN Wade Olson
Commandant
STARFLEET Marine Corps



Marine Color Guard at IC 2000: Front Row: Col. Richard C.S. "Doc" Kinne. **Second Row:** Col. Kimi Brooks, BGen. Jill Rayburn, MCapt. Chris Carter, LtC. Dean Rogers. **Back Row:** BGen. Robb Jackson, LtGen. Scott Akers, Brig. Dennis Rayburn, MCapt. Matt Baillie.

Photograph courtesy of Scott Akers

The Chief Herald and Corps Historian, BGN Robb Jackson, has recently posted that he needs Logos from all Units, Battalion and Brigades, along with the artists name and any explanation of it's meaning. If you haven't already done

can do so at, <http://www.griffyn.com/forcecom/feedback.html>.

The TraCom staff is as busy as ever. They have created some new courses for the Corps that are presently in Beta Test.

"I hope that the Marines are enjoying the new level of communications and the quick resolution to unfinished business and any concerns they may have."

so please send this information into (historian@sfi-sfmc.org). He is presently working on a website for viewing these logos. COForceCom is still working on the new

From what I've seen they are as good as any we've seen so far. If my schedule slows down I hope to take them myself. I hope that we'll see them release very soon for the general Membership. If you



ONE MARINE'S IC MEMORIES

Lieutenant Colonel Dean Rogers •

Artwork by Fleet Captain David Piggras • STARFLEET Region Five

Hello there, this is LTC Dean Rogers reporting from the great state of Vermont. In my four years as being a member of *STARFLEET International*, I have attended three Region Seven conferences and this extraordinary international conference is my very first one. I have traveled to the beautiful New England State of Vermont in September of 2000. This is the very first time in 19 years that I have seen the New England side of the USA and I have to say that its so breathtaking. I wish that I can live here someday in the future. The 2000 STARFLEET International Conference is a grand event unlike no other. This is the first IC to be held in the new millennium and the start of the second quarter in this outstanding organization. For my very first International Conference, I had the time of my life there. I got to be part of the Yeoman Auction, carried the Canada flag for the International Color Guard, and saw three intrepid chapters carried home two SFI awards each.

Well, if you want to know what you seen or what you missed at this glorious event in *STARFLEET's* history, let's *Read On!*

DAY ONE

Well it's a beautiful night in the city of Washington, DC as two intrepid SFI officers embark on a journey to Region 15 for an international conference. Lieutenant Colonels Eugene Sanford & yours truly had taken the Greyhound Shuttle to Burlington, Vermont. We left our very own capital city at 0035 Hours and arrived at the great city of Burlington, Vermont at 1405 Hours. When we first saw the Sheraton Burlington Hotel, it was majestic. They really had gone to their great limits to find the right hotel for this year's International Conference. Later that day, I decided to go pick-up my registration packet and I saw a dragon's head for an entrance to the convention hall. I could've sworn I seen something similar on television before & then it hit me like lightning. The dragon entrance was inspired by the character Vaal in the *Star Trek* episode "The Apple". I have seen my old buddies from the 7th Fleet including Alex Rosenzweig, Lauren Milan, and Jesse Smith to name a few. I have also met some brand new officers in the fleet. Two Hours later, it was time

for the opening ceremonies of IC 2000.

The convention attendees had all gathered to the main ballroom to see the action unfold before their very eyes. As I enter the ballroom, I saw a beautiful replica of a starship bridge. It was so impressive to see all the technology of the 24th Century had come to life right before our very eyes.

At 1900 Hours, Fleet Admiral Mike Smith along with Rear Admiral Joe Ruttar used K a t a n a swords to cut t h e ceremonial ribbon to officially start the 2000 International Conference. Next on the agenda, there was the y e o m a n c h a r i t y auction. Even though I did not have any clue of what I was going to do at this conference, I decided to enter the y e o m a n a u c t i o n . T h a n k

goodness I was not alone. Also, in the auction were my best friend Lauren Milan and the four sweets of STARFLEET. In the end, Lauren got auctioned off for \$150, Alex Rosenzweig took home the 4 Ladies of SFI for \$250, and yours truly was auctioned for \$20. Overall, I had so much fun at the yeoman auction that I would do it again the next time around.

The final event of the evening was the Rocking the Millennium Mixer. This is where they use "The Guardian of Forever" to show some events that happened during the last 1,000 years along with a dance contest, trivia

contest, and Karaoke. There was something I always wanted to do when started singing Karaoke at Farpoint '99-to do a duet. For this year's IC, I finally got my wish granted. I sang "Unforgettable" with my best friend LCDR Lauren Milan. I was so happy to only perform a duet with a great friend, but sing a song that we both knew the words. After the song, we both received

a standing ovation. I don't know w h a t possessed me at the time, but I decided to do two more songs. I also performed the l o n g e s t number one song in h i s t o r y "American Pie" as a dedication to my Space C a m p teammates. The reason was that it was "the song" that we all sang t o g e t h e r during our time there. The second song was another dedication to my fellow STARFLEET officers. This

song was "Rocketman" by Elton John.

Well, the first evening of my very first International Conference was sensational. I couldn't wait to see what the future has in store for the grand event. Wait a minute, the future of this event was just a goodnight's rest away. As a famous lounge singer was sung, "The Best is Yet to Come."

DAY TWO

It is my second day of the International Conference 2000 and I feel alive! Today, I will perform a special task for which I have only done once in my tenure as a

STARFLEET Marine. I will be part of the International Conference Color Guard. I still couldn't believe that I got the call from FADM Smith in August to carry one of the international colors at this year's IC2K. The IC2K Color Guard consisted of COL Richard Kinne on the *bat'telh*, 1LT Chris Carter carrying Iceland's flag, LTC Rogers carrying Canada's flag, BGR Jill Rayburn carrying the SFI's Flag, COL Kimberly Brooks carrying USA's flag, Dennis Rayburn carrying Belgium's flag, MCPT Matt Baille carrying Australia's flag, Scott Akers also on the *bat'telh*, & BGN Robb Jackson as the Color Guard Commander. If you weren't there, you have missed a very special flawless performance of the color guard. We even had a photo taken with the SFC staff at the Guardian. That was so honorable to be part of two color guards within weeks apart.

Later that afternoon, I attend the International Marine Muster in the Shelbourne Room. I finally get the greatest chance to meet SFMC's top brass including Colonel Kimberly Brooks who is the CO of Support Command, Colonel Deidre Smith who is the Deputy Commandant of the SFMC, and General Mike Smith who is CO of Forces Command. At the meeting, we basically discussed the old & new business. Recently in the SFMC, there have been some staff changes in the chain of command.

Brigadier General Wade Olson is now the Commandant of the SFMC and Colonel Deidre Smith is the Deputy Commandant. In the awards, they put the Silver Nebula as the second highest ribbon and the Cadet Legion of Arms is the newest ribbon in the SFMC. This writer would like to add that I am the very first recipient of the CLOA ribbon for my four years of service at the Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps in Friendly High. I personally thank the corps for creating this award for the finest cadet officers in all the JROTC programs out there.

One hour later, I found myself going to the Academy- STARFLEET Academy that is! I wanted to take some new classes at STARFLEET Academy to expand my horizons. A SFI Academy away team led by Brigadier Jill Rayburn, Rear Admiral



Smile! You are on STARFLEET Camera: LtCol. Dean Rogers finds himself out of uniform and unable to defend the Federation from those dastardly villains from the Planet Paparrazzi VI.

Photograph by Joan E. Pierce

Sherry Anne Newell, and Rear Admiral Helen Pawlowski brought some of their courses to the IC this year. While there, I enrolled in three SFA courses this year. I decided to take the Klingon Warrior Academy to learn "The way of the Warrior", Flag Officer School to in-depth of becoming an top brass SFI Officer, and the School of Unusual Knowledge to learn about some things that are unusual. All three of the courses are challenging but I am willing to pass them all with flying colors. Wish me the best of luck.

To quote an old song lyric, "I love the nightlife, I got to boogie." Well, it basically describes the feeling I get inside when I have the night on the town or in this case, a conference. I was so prepared to see what this year's IC banquet has in store for the STARFLEET. This banquet marks the very first time that I dressed in a nice suit and tie. Ever since I was a member of SFI and NJROTC, I always dress up in uniform when it comes to banquets. I knew that it was time for a change. The banquet hall looked so very beautiful. With the starship bridge lights up in the front of the room, you have this great feeling that you are in 10-Forward. I decided rub shoulders with the Region 7 staff. I sat the table with Steven Halber of the Thagard, Dixie Jack of the Tanagra, J.C. Cohen of the Accord, Chris Wallace of the Jaguar, and Jesse Smith of the Tanagra. This banquet was a pure dream come true. Not only did I sit by my fellow region 7 friends, but I have had a wonderful meal. This was the very first time in 19 years that I had my very first salad with thousand-island dressing. I wish that my sweetheart could see me as ate my first salad. She was trying to get me to eat salad ever since we first met and I finally gave in. I also love the wonderful chocolate cake so much that it was sooo delicious! Overall, the dinner was so fantastic that I can still taste the food even today

After the banquet, Mark Anbinder had led a very special toast to Les Rickard and Deidre Smith. They will be married on September 23rd. Mark came back to the stage to also lead in a roast to honor the outgoing Commander, STARFLEET. Many of SFI finest have shared their great moments of FADM Mike Smith. Many of them were so memorable. I wish that I have shared my first experience of meeting Mike Smith. I know that he will be missed throughout the Fleet. They have announced the winners of the STARFLEET International Awards. I just found out that the Alpha Centauri have started a trend which continued at this year's awards. If you recall, we were the first SFI chapter to earn two awards at the IC 1999. This year, three chapters

have earned two awards each. Our very own 7th fleet chapter, USS Highlander, has won the "Member of the Year" for Blair Learn and "Helping Hands" for Michelle Barratt. USS Jaguar of the 5th fleet has earned the "Officer of the Year" for Chris Wallace and the "Shuttle of the Year". USS Jurassic of Region 1 has earned "Cadet of the Year" for Lori Kinney and Enlisted Member of the Year for Garry Cameron. By the way, Alpha Centauri won the last two awards in 1999 for Gracie Schmidt and yours truly. Scholastic Achievement went to Emil Wilson of USS Hayes and Starship of the Year went to USS Mir. Congratulations to all of this year's winners.

Next on the agenda was a video adventure presented by the crews of Region 15. They did an outstanding job onscreen and off by bringing an all new Star Trek episode for us to enjoy. The moment I have been waiting for has

goodwill ambassador on that very night. I am glad that I have introduced a new group of people to the world of STARFLEET. Later that night, I went to the party room at the Commander, SFI quarters. I really had the time of my life because I was really hanging out with the top brass of SFI. We even got to sing a great song known as American Pie. I am glad that I was there to help them with the words since I have sung the eight-minute song at karaoke.

Attending that party was in reality the very first real party I have ever attended in a long time. Besides, it's a great way to celebrate my final year as a teenager. Saturday was a wonderful day to enjoy but it will all end in 24 hours.

DAY THREE

It seems like every great trip that has come into our own lives has some good endings. This event's ending was like

standing ovation for his superior performance above & beyond the call of duty during the last four years as our Commander, STARFLEET. He is one of the driving factors that kept me in this organization. He was there to give his support when I first introduce the cadet corps project. He also one of my role models of who I have seen what a STARFLEET officer should be like and the STARFLEET Officer that I am going to become.

Commander Sanford and I took some more pictures of us at the bridge. We even got two memorable photos that I will treasure for a long time. The first photo is when we held up the region 7 poster in front of the Guardian. The picture to me symbolizes that I was the teacher passing along the dreams, hopes, and aspirations of a future to my apprentice. The second one is of me on the Operations Console. When it came down to choosing my first department five years ago, I choose Operations. What I didn't know is that in those five years I went from Operations Crewman to Assistant Operations Officer to Acting Chief Operations Officer to Chief Operations Officer. Operations will always be my first home no matter what chapter I end up serving on. As we headed home, Eugene and I found ourselves in the company of three teenagers from different walks of life. We met Alyssa Bernadino, Adrienne Griggs, and Jason Beck on a bus trip to Albany. I will never forget the helpful lessons in life that Adrienne have taught me and the great conversations that all five of us have during the 3-hour bus ride. I know one thing for sure and that is going to the International Conference this year reminds me of the number one reason of why I have joined SFI in the first place. The reason is to meet people for all walks of life who share a common idea in the world.

Overall, the 2000 STARFLEET International Conference was like no other. I have not only met some new and old friends along the way but I have a greater understanding of what its really like to part of a great organization. This STARFLEET has the finest and dedicated officers to help make it fun and enjoyable for all who ever taken the route of fandom. I have really enjoyed the experience of my first International Conference. I just can't wait to do it all over again in the near future. I would like to personally the IC 2000 staff for a job well done. You have given the next generation of International Conferences a great start in the new millennium. So, if you have not attended the IC this year, you missed a chance of a lifetime. That is "The first IC for the next quarter of STARFLEET International."



Going Boldly: Lieutenant Colonel Dean Rogers and Lieutenant Colonel Eugene Sanford take the U.S.S. Alliance Galactic out for a spin.

Photograph by Mark Vinson

finally arrived. It was time for the "Galactic Bandstand". We have seen Cher and Meatloaf appearing on the stage and singing their hit songs. This night will be so memorable because I had the honor of being an escort to an all women soccer team. No, I am not lying here. A group of college women wandered into the convention hall and wanted to see what we were doing. They are the University of New Hampshire Wildcats women's soccer team. They came into the ballroom with me and had a wonderful time learning how to party, STARFLEET style. I even had the pleasure of dancing with Molly Blessing. I knew that I played the part of a

no other. At the Pomp & Circumstance Revisted, the outgoing Commander, STARFLEET gave his final speech as he remembers the great times he has had serving as our president. The thing that I and all who attended will never forget is that Mike Smith was really emotional by the end of his great speech. There was not a dry eye in the room that hour because deep down inside everyone will have to leave a great experience behind and move on with the future at our grasp. I was really feeling the same thing as Mike but at a different perspective for which I will explain at the end of this report. All the audience gave the outgoing Commander, STARFLEET a



REPLICATOR RENDEVOUZ REPORT

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It was another fine summer day on the planet Earth. At the coordinates of USS Wasp Captain Shawn Fields' home in Shelbyville KY, an annual rite was underway.

It was the Replicator Rendezvous, a joint picnic sponsored by the Wasp, based in Shelbyville, and the USS Questar, based in Louisville. The invites call upon any and all ships within hailing distance (ie, the KY/TN sector of Region One) to come to the "aid" of the Questar and the Wasp, who have suffered replicator failure during a training battle.

They are in need of food stuffs for the troops. And, oh yeah, the safeties are off-line too so those folks in the infamous water battles really *do* get wet. And that can include bystanders of any rank. Although this year's gathering was a relatively small one, that in no way mitigated the fun the attendees had. In fact, one person was overheard remarking that he actually got a chance to talk a little with everyone for a change!

Quite a few folks were in attendance: Karen Goldbach, Anna Dennis, Betsy Packard and her daughter Emily, Shelba and Jim Bauermeister, Paul Fink, Mike Browne, Mike Harmon, Robin, Walter Ewing, Jennifer and Fritz Lehner, Carol Frazier, Larry and Danny Vaughan, Robert Lindsey, Shawn Fields... I think that's it. and me. ;)

We all chowed down on great queso, then adjourned to the battlefield. MikeB had posted strict instructions for the contestants to ensure fair play on everyone's part. With the balloons and guns filled, the judges ready and the sun shining, the battle began!

The battles began with tests of skill, the

first being the balloon toss. Participants tossed the balloons to one another. He/she who dropped or didn't catch the balloon lost. The winner in this competition was Danny. The second test of skill was the two-pronged target toss. Balloons were tossed at a bulls-eye target. The first toss was with a horizontal target. Danny again won this competition.

The second was with a vertical target. This was won by Mark Harmon. The final competition of the day was the

air with abandon. (Some even with aim!) Fritz bore a couple of nasty marks where balloons had smacked his bare back. Even the Questar CO, Commodore Karen, got into the swing of things, grabbing balloons and hurling them (but not without the comment that "they are too far away!") A judge's compassionate reply: "Hit Robin; she's close to you!") She had to make a run for it when MikeH decided to take advantage of her presence and toss balloons at her too!

By the time all the balloons were done,

appearance. The beverages were frosty and thirst quenching. Some folks drifted to the house, but quite a few of us stayed outside and enjoyed the shade, the slight breeze, and the company.

After way too much food was consumed (it's a requirement at a picnic to stuff one's self), most of us drifted back inside and continued various conversations there. Having decided we weren't *quite* stuffed, we made ice cream sundaes. Chopped nuts, whipped cream, cherries and chocolate (add a drizzle of liquor of your choice) and you had a dandy way to finish off a picnic meal!

We settled into the living room where folks had conversations on topics ranging from Trek and Star Wars collectibles, to Shelba's visit to Skywalker Ranch, to plans to rendezvous at the last RiverCon. At one point I hopped on IRC to establish a picnic presence (briefly).

A couple of folks took tours around the block in spiffy autos, with Karen reporting back that gas was *much* cheaper here and just down the street and around the corner, for those

who wanted to gas up before the drive home. (Her parting words at the end of the evening were "See you at the pump!!")

At 6 PM the Hive opened up for business, and strawberry daiquiris were seen floating about the living room. (More whipped cream!) Conversation grew mellow as the ranks began to thin out. This reporter decided to return home via the cheap gas station. Another great picnic with good friends.

Here's to next year! <toast>



Water most fowl: The winners of the 2000 Replicator Rendezvous water battles, from left to right, Mark Harmon, Danny Vaughan and Fritz Lehner.

Photograph by Joan E. Pierce

finale — the Battle for the Purple Duck. Ralph sat ensplendored on the table with the medals surrounding him while the battle raged.

Robert was impressive with his self-contained water resupply attached to his back. Fritz ducked too and fro in a stealth mode, shooting at everyone. MikeH was determined to get Robin good and wet. Robin was determined to get revenge on MikeH. Danny dashed about shooting everyone he could aim at. When the guns were out of water, it was balloon time. Balloons flew through the

there were few dry bodies. The judges conferred and decided, based on the categories of chivalry, participation, and dryness, Fritz Lehner of the Best Destiny had won. While Fritz accepted the honors modestly, he hammed it up for the camera. <G>

After the battle came time for the FOOD! Yeah, what the rest of us were waiting for. Hamburgers, brautwurst, hot dogs all off the grill, potato salad, baked beans and cole slaw, plus plenty of munchies in the forms of chips and dips. A vegetable tray even made a late



A CONVENTION REPORT

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On the weekend of September 8-10, 2000, Slanted Fedora Entertainment hosted many guests at the Durham Marriott in Durham, NC. Many Region One and some Region Two members attended.

The following Starfleet members attended (my apologies if I missed anyone, and my thanks to Mary Kane for assisting with this list):

FROM REGION 1: Scott Gibson and Stephanie R (USS Bonaventure), Debbie Butcher and Susan Mahaffey (USS Carolina), Karen and Shae (age 3) Emerson (USS Carson), Mark Easterbrook (USS Charleston), Debra Martin (CO USS Charleston), Beth Wingo (USS Charleston), Meg Roach (Shuttle Grey Ghost, off SS Bennu), John Sprouse (Shuttle Grey Ghost, off SS Bennu), Melissa Little (Shuttle Grey Ghost, off SS Bennu), Dave Klingman, and Wendy and Vernon Gilliatt (USS Hawkeye), Tammy White (USS Heimdal), Jeannie Wilson (USS Heimdal), Mary Kane (CO USS Hornet), Roy Potter (2nd Officer, USS Hornet), Donovan and Alex Jarrel (USS Hornet), Brian Holloway (USS Hornet), Carolyn Peters and Margaret McAlister (USS Hornet), JR Fisher (CO USS Kitty Hawk), Sandra and Cecil (Station Lewis B Puller), John "Kiwi" Kane (USS Reprisal), Ray Seay (CO, USS Ronald E McNair), Vicky Adkins and Marion Lowder (USS Yorktown), Members of the former USS Imperial Star, Unassigned members Cathy Johnson and Tom Watts, Emily Smith (aka Dana Scully), Rumors have it that at least one Alaric member also made it

FROM REGION 2: SFMC Commandant, Wade Olson, SFMC Commandant's Aide, DJ Allen, Larry Morris and Ed Lamb and others from the Khai Tam, Carol Corbin of the Triumph,

I present you with my brief thoughts on the convention as I saw it... Well, what can I say... this was a rocking weekend! Here are some of the highlights and details from the time I left my house on Saturday morning...

SATURDAY:

Left the house at 6:00am, arrived in Durham at 8:30am. Joined Roy Potter for breakfast in the hotel dining area.

Several surprise guests made an appearance... Jack Donner (Subcommander Tal from ENTERPRISE INCIDENT). France Nuyen (Elaan of Troyius). Jack will be appearing in a new show called PRIVATEERS. Richard Arnold then presented a history of Star Trek production.

Then, Stephen Furst (Vir Cotto/B5) and Mary Kay Adams (Grilka/DS9, Na'Toth/B5) appeared and Mary Kay served as auctioneer for several items: Stephen's B5 fleece, script for "Deconstruction Of Falling Stars," script

hear they did a wonderful theater show on Friday night) and Andrew was magnificent as an auctioneer, and both Andy and Sid raised over \$600 for Habitat for Humanity and Save the Children with some autograph items! Despite some rather long lines, Sid and Andy signed autographs (our own Carolyn "Moogie" Peters, XO of USS Hornet and recent promotee to Commander) was manning Andy's table!! I got my copy of "A Stitch In Time" signed (woo hoo!!) Herbert Jefferson (aka "Boomer" from Battlestar Galactica) was there as well signing



Making new Friends: David Klingman poses while actor Jeremy Bulloch readies some props for his impromptu recitation of "The Life and Times of Boba Fett -- The Unauthorized, yet completely accurate Biography".

Photograph by Mary Kane

for "Animal House" (Stephen was "Flounder"). And they raised \$600 for American Diabetes Association.

Mary Kay was joined on stage by Barbara March (aka "L'ursa") and Gwynyth Walsh (aka "B'etor") for a Klingon Babefest! Astronaut Rick Searfoss (who has flown STS missions for the ISS) spoke about the shuttle and the ISS (International Space Station). Jeremy Bulloch (Boba Fett) spoke about his experiences with his 4 lines and 10 minutes of on-screen fame. After the charity auction, I didn't go to, Lesile Hoffman and Brian Williams talked about stunts they have done on Star Trek. Alexander Sidding (Dr. Bashir) and Andrew Robinson (Garak) spoke (and I

autographs and talking with fans!

Dinner With The Stars

Magnificent! The main event was a sequel to "SPOCK vs. Q" (which will be out in about a month or so) where Spock and Q... (ha... thought I was going to give it away, didn't you...) Let's just say that this time, Q put Spock in *his* place! Everyone received autographed CDs of "Alien Voices: Spock vs. Q." Afterwards, R1 hosted a small gathering in the hotel bar and then moved up to my room for a Hospitality Hour... There were lots of other people I saw there, you know who you all are (I do remember seeing so many other people, nothing personal but I can't list them all) and Jeremy Bulloch (aka Boba Fett) just popped his head in

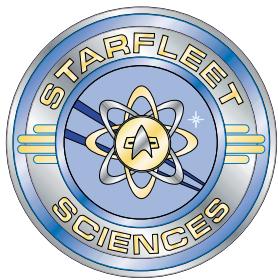
the door and spent about 45 minutes chatting with us and took some photos and just shared stories, a rather nice fellow!

SUNDAY:

The morning saw our guests including a return of the Klingon Babes, Mary Kay, Gwynyth, and Barbara! Jeremy Bulloch returned and with the help of a fan guest with a Boba Fett helmet held 'auditions' for the role of Boba Fett! Stephen Furst returned! Another auction! (again I did not go, after spending 700 bucks on a quilt, my master... er... wife... forbids me...) The stunt team returned! John DeLancie held us captivated for an hour speaking about everything from A to Q :) John and Leonard signed autographs! (Drum role please...): Lenoard Nimoy absolutely floored us all with kind words about us, bloopers, bad jokes about William Shatner, and lots of Q and A. I was stunned that I actually got to ask *two* questions: One was whether he has been to the Holocaust Museum in Washington DC, and he has, and the other was from a TV show called "Inside The Actor's Studio" (a show on Bravo, Sunday nights, 8pm US EST, I recommend it) and the interviewer asks: "If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you reach the Pearly Gates?" And Leonard's answer... "We've got this great script we'd like you to produce and direct!" I saw (much to my surprise, Wendy and Vernon Gilliatt, my own CO and XO, showed up for Leonard's time on stage!!)

And that was it in a nutshell... Phew!

Other notes: I managed to bring 35 Starfleet membership applications, and *all* 35 were gone by the end of the weekend! I would personally like to thank *all* the folks from both Regions 1 and 2 I saw for being so open, getting together, discussing plans for future events... Ray Seay and I talked quite a bit about working together as a Sectional Unit in Region 1 and I am encouraged by all the people that came out, we had a great time and some great conversations and made lots of new friends! Our goal for next year is to have a table set up for STARFLEET (yes! Slanted Fedora is returning to Durham next year, 9/29-30, 2001) Check it out at (<http://www.sfedora.com>.)



Philosophy, Taxonomy, and the Human Condition

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I recently performed a little taxonomic search to determine just where human beings fit into the scheme of the universe. Initially, the search was done for part of an ongoing piece of fiction I have been writing (some of you may be familiar with the voyages of the Science Vessel Cheiron) but lately I have been thinking about our unusual situation in the universe and asking (more or less from a scientific point of view) just what it is to be human. This is not intended to be a religious discussion of humanity, just a smattering of ideas and a little philosophy.

I thought it would be interesting to introduce you (for those of you who do not already know this) to a little bit of taxonomy and a discussion of what it is to be human or humanoid (we just love that term in Star Trek, don't we?)

First, a brief discussion of taxonomic terms:

Kingdom - The highest category into which organisms are classified (there are 5 recognized Kingdoms: Plantae, Animalia, Protocista, Bacteria, and Fungi)

Phylum or Division - A category of classification that consists of one or several closely related classes. Within Animalia, this includes Porifera (sponges), Cnidaria (jellyfish et.al.), Platyhelminthes (flatworms), Nematoda (roundworms), Mollusca (snails, oysters, octopus and squid, etc.), Annelida (segmented worms), Crustacea (shrimp, lobsters, et.al.), Uniramia (insects), Chelicerata (spiders, scorpions, et.al.), Echinodermata (starfishes et.al.) and Chordata (animals with a spinal cord and column). Humans, of course, belong to the Phylum Chordata.

Class - A category used to define similar or closely related Orders. Within the Phylum Chordata are the Classes of Agnatha (jawless fishes), Chondrichthyes (cartilaginous fishes - sharks et.al.), Osteichthyes (bony fishes), Amphibia, Reptilia, Aves (birds), and Mammalia. Humans, of course, belong to the Class Mammalia.

Order - A grouping of closely related families. Within Mammalia, this includes the Orders of Prototheria (monotremes such as the platypus that deliver egg births), Metatheria (animals such as the kangaroo that deliver pouch

births), and Eutheria (animals that deliver live placental births). And, of course, humans fall into the latter Order, Eutheria.

Family - A grouping composed of one or several closely related Genera. Within the Order Eutheria are the Families of Carnivoridae (carnivores), Chiroptera (flying mammals), Cetacea (whales, dolphins, and porpoises), Rodentia (rodents), Ungulates (herbiferous animals with hooved feet), and Primates (which is defined by a somewhat narrow list of characteristics that includes opposable thumbs and big toes, manual dexterity, forward facing eyes that allow for binocular and stereoscopic vision).

Genus - A grouping of closely related species. Human beings belong to the Genus "Homo" which literally means "man."

Species - Describes the narrowest form of classification, reserved for organisms that can breed amongst themselves and produce fertile offspring. Modern man is classified in the species "sapiens" which means "thinking" or "intelligent."

So, from a taxonomic standpoint, modern man, Homo sapiens, is a member of the Animal Kingdom, characterized by a defined spinal column and nervous system, is a mammal, a Primate with opposable digits and binocular stereoscopic vision.

Terrific.

Wonderful physical characterizations of some 4 billion organisms on the planet Earth. But what does it say about us as people? What characterizes us as humans or humanoids, to use the Star Trek term?

Well, a bit of research into the Encyclopedia of Star Trek is of little help - almost every creature we encounter is humanoid - they walk (more or less) on two feet, they have forward facing eyes, some sort of opposable digit, they make machines and fly around in spaceships with warp drives and quantum slipstreams and transwarp conduits. Some of them have the forehead of the week, some of them look like lizards, some of them are blue, some of them are black on one side and white on the other, and so forth and so on.

What all seem to have in common though is that they forget what they're doing has

an impact on the universe. They fight each other, they call each other names, they annex territories, they skulk around in cloaked warships, they assimilate other species, and so forth and so on.

And this brings me to MY thoughts on what is to be human. Beyond our physical characteristics and the rules for being "Homo sapiens" here are some thoughts on what *I* think it means to be human, summed up in 10 rules...

1. You will receive a body. You may like it or hate it but it will be yours for the entire period this time around.

2. You will learn lessons. You are enrolled in a full time informal school called life. Each day in this school you will have the opportunity to learn lessons. You may like the lessons or think them irrelevant or stupid.

3. There are no mistakes, only lessons. Growth is a process of trial and error, experimentation. The "failed" experiments are as much a part of the process that ultimately "works."

4. A lesson is to be repeated until learned. A lesson will be presented to you in various forms until you have learned it. Then you can go on to the next lesson.

5. Learning lessons does not end. There is no part of life that does not contain its lessons. If you are alive, then there are lessons to be learned.

6. "There" is not better than "here." When your "there" has become a "here" you will simply obtain another "there" that will again look better than "here."

7. Others are merely reflections of you. You cannot love or hate something about another person unless it reflects something you love or hate about yourself.

8. What you make of life is up to you. You have all the tools and resources you need. What you do with them is up to you. The choice is yours.

9. The answers lie inside you. The answers to life's questions lie inside you. All you need to do is look, listen, and trust.

10. You will forget all this.

Apply it.

Every person in Star Trek and in real life gets on life, one body. When you finally come to equilibrium with your surroundings, you're dead.

Find me a person who doesn't learn something each day that they didn't know before and I'll show you a person who is already dead.

Find me a person who doesn't learn from their mistakes and I'll show you a person who makes the same mistakes over and over.

Tell me how many times we have seen species in Star Trek go to war over the same things over and over (and also here on planet Earth) until they finally figure out that their differences aren't really such a big thing, and then something else comes along (make nice with the Romulans, because the Borg are a bigger problem, boys!)

Tell me how many times, despite the Prime Directive, Starfleet Captains find themselves in the same situation to which the Prime Directive does not apply once more, or tell me how many times we as Earthlings fight over the same piece of linen paper with a number on it and end up right back where we started from (and usually end up losing all those linen papers to pay for the machines that we thought would help get us more of the linen paper in the first place).

Tell me that the grass really *is* greener on the other side, and then tell me why we collect more and more junk because our neighbor has a better DVD player or a bigger house... there's always someone ahead, isn't there?

Tell me you hate someone because they're hateful and I'll tell you you're being hateful yourself. Every time we point out a character flaw in someone, changes are we have the same flaw in ourselves.

I have 2 eyes to see, 2 ears to listen, a mouth with which to communicate, hands to touch and feel my environment, legs to take a walk and check it out. All the rest of the stuff is just peripherals.

What's the answer to life? Easy. Live it. It's usually over in about 80 years. Life is, after all, a terminal disease, isn't it?

And, don't we all forget this every day?



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Dear Scott:

I enjoyed the history of Starfleet as printed in the CQ. Again, thanks for the credit and thanks for carrying on the work. It is good to remember where you come from.

I would like to comment on one thing, thought it is not really a big deal all these years later. I keep seeing reference to the “expensive Communiqué” where it pertains to Steve Smith. I thought I would also send these comments to the current EC just for the record. It is in no way a reflection of the fantastic job you have done in maintaining the written history of Starfleet.

The “expensive Communiqué” myth is really propaganda by Jeanette Maddox. Actually, Steve Smith found a place in Newton, Iowa that could print the Communiqué in color cheaper than what we could have it done in b&w in Akron. The finished issues were then shipped back to Akron for distribution. At that time, we didn’t use a service to label and distribute (though I wish we had on many occasions). When Jeanette took command, and there was nothing in the Fleet coffers, I spent some time trying to figure out what REALLY happened despite the “party” line being put out by Maddox. Here is what I discovered and pieced together as best I could.

When the Steve Smith Administration took office, we had around a thousand members. Many people did not renew due to late Communiqués and membership materials coming out of Texas. Steve took command and there was a *huge* influx of new members. This peaked in a few months at about 3000.

Fast forward. Steve decides to not run for reelection due to a job offer (of course we know that did come though and he tried to get back into the race, yadda, yadda). However, before all of this, it was the common opinion that Steve would take the election hands down. He had the support of 90% of the membership. In talking with Steve a year after Jeanette took command, I asked him what was going on fiscally at the time. Steve knew we were running out of cash as we were coming to the end of the membership influx. We had undergone two postage increases in two years, and the phone bills were killing us (even though at least half of it was being paid out of our own pockets). Steve told me that he felt he would win the election and that the renewals that poured in around that time would refill the coffers and put us back on track. Steve told me that we had experienced the same thing before during the membership lull created during the Booth/Smith transition.

I am not saying that Steve could have run a tighter fiscal ship, or that he should have consulted the rest of his EC to do some budgeting during the tight months, but the “Bad Guy” stuff that the following administration likes to lay out is just fluff. Steve did what was supposed to be done with the funds of the not-for-profit Starfleet, he spent them on the organization. His downfall was not saving for a rainy day.

In retrospect, I find all of this finger pointing ironic considering the true fiscal mismanagement of the second Maddox Administration and the McGinnis years. I just wanted to get the record straight since I have always felt bad about Steve’s hard work being glossed over.

Thanks for listening Scott. Keep up the good work and hope to run into you in the future.

Sincerely,

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The above letter was addressed to STARFLEET Historian Lieutenant General Scott Akers from Admiral Christopher Smith, who served as Chief of Operations and Vice Commander, STARFLEET during the Steve Smith Administration and is being reproduced with permission.

A Response to the Open Letter from Dennis Rayburn

In CQ 99, Dennis Rayburn wrote a stirring article regarding whether or not leaving STARFLEET can ever be a solution to the problems within STARFLEET. His answer was a resounding no. I will now present the opposite point of view.

I object to the characterization of people who choose to leave as “cowardly.” I object to the idea that it lessens yourself. I object to the portrayal of voluntarily leaving an organization as running away. I object to anyone doing anything but wishing people well who choose to leave.

Let’s face it folks, STARFLEET is not for everyone. What’s more, STARFLEET as an organization evolves, and may become something that is no longer for a given member. Or, a person may undergo a change, and may no longer get things from STARFLEET that they feel they need.

The reasons one may leave STARFLEET are many, and most of these reasons are valid. We are coming up on an election; a new administration may very well no longer satisfy parts of the membership, and they may want to leave. A leader of the organization may “burn” a member, even unintentionally, and cause the member to leave. A person may simply decide that they need a break from organized fandom; that it is time to leave.

Perhaps my view is a little skewed here; under McGinnis, I choose to leave. I wasn’t getting anything out of STARFLEET, and it was a point where the administration could not meet the expectations I had for them. It’s not a question of commitment to FLEET. It’s a question of leaving what is essentially a voluntary association when you choose to no longer associate. It’s akin to people leaving the Boy Scouts because of the issues involving homosexuality. People may very well have abandoned the association whichever decision had been made. Similarly, I abandoned a local gaming club because it didn’t promote certain games that I enjoyed. It’s a voluntary association that I no longer enjoyed, and I left. The same thing could happen, and has happened to members and FLEET.

To berate people for leaving, as has been done by certain high ranking FLEET members to people who have left. The quote “You left, and therefore, have no say” is frequently bandied about. Its ludicrous, folks. To ignore your former members and their legitimate concerns, and to belittle them, is what is truly damaging to this organization. It gives us no lessons about growth, and it only hurts our chances of cooperating with other national and independent fan clubs.

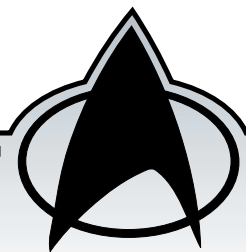
The organization is not always all things for all people. It can’t be. It shouldn’t be. And some times, people just have to leave. Let them. Wish them well. Welcome them back if they should choose to return. Be as great to them as you would hope they would be to you.

Dennis said “We talk the talk of IDIC. It’s time we walk the walk.” So let’s do that. And one of the combinations we should welcome is the sect that chooses to walk away.

Think about it.

Captain J.C. Cohen
USS Accord, NCC-1842
Region 7

J. C. Cohen currently serves as Commanding Officer of the USS Accord as well as Sector 3 Vice Regional Coordinator, Region 7. He is employed at the Nestle Library at the Statler Hotel School at Cornell University.



STARFLEET ANNOUNCEMENTS

JULY/SEPTEMBER 2000

COMPILED BY ADMIRAL ALLYSON M. W. DYAR

SEPTEMBER 2000

2000.09.25: Admiral Allyson M.W. Dyar, (comm@sfi.org), Chief of Communications and Election Coordinator announces that the second batch of corrected addresses for bounced ballots to be remailed was sent to the CPA

2000.09.25: Reminder — Commodore Wendy Fillmore, Region 4 DinkyCon Press officer - (kitten@gv2.com), announces that 04 October is the last date for securing a hotel room at the lowest price. Also, October 13th is the day we need a final count in to the catering department for the banquet. If you don't sign up by then, there's no guarantee there will be a space at the banquet. There are currently 100 people registered for WC2000, among them: Mike Smith, Commander, Starfleet, Gordon Goldberg, Vice Commander, Starfleet, Allyson Dyar, Chief of Communications, Starfleet, Dennis Gray, Chief of Shuttle Operations (ShOC), Starfleet, Ed Nowlin, RCR4, Jerry Tien, VRCR4, Kurt Roithinger, RCR5, Keira Russel-Strong, RCR17, Robert Westfall, candidate for next Commander, Starfleet. Conference main URL: (<http://www.region4.org/wc2000>).

2000.09.24: Admiral Allyson M.W. Dyar, (comm@sfi.org), Chief of Communications and Election Coordinator announces that she heard from the CPA and out of 3698 ballots mailed, 665 of them have been returned as of 23 September.

2000.09.20: Commodore Mark H. Anbinder, Chief of Computer Ops, (CompOps@sfi.org), explains about lapsed memberships. Members who allow their memberships to lapse by not submitting a renewal in a timely manner are not entitled to back issues of the Communiqué newsletter or any other membership benefits covering their lapsed time.

2000.09.19: HAL-IC-2001 Informational

Website Computer, announces the premier of the IC 2001 Web Site: (<http://ic2001.sfi.org/>).

2000.09.18: Admiral Allyson M.W. Dyar, (comm@sfi.org), Chief of Communications and Election Coordinator makes the following announcement concerning Replacement Ballots. Before you write and request a replacement ballot, please make sure that you were a member of 'fleet as of 01 August. For an example, if your membership expired on 15 July and you didn't send in your money until 02 August, you won't get a ballot. Assuming that you've had a continuous membership and haven't received a ballot, please send your SCC number, name, and address to (Comm@sfi.org). Elections Page: (<http://www.sfi.org/html/election.html>).

2000.09.15: Major Sean Niemeyer, SFMC, (warpcore@erols.com), Attention on Deck Editor, announces that the first issue of Attention on Deck is now available for download. Site: (<http://www.griffyn.com/aod>), Download page: (<http://www.griffyn.com/aod/documents/issuea.html>), File: (<http://www.griffyn.com/aod/documents/aod00915.pdf>).

2000.09.11: Admiral Peg Pellerin, STARFLEET Academy Director, OTS, reminds everyone that Officer's Training School has dropped its tuition from \$2.00 to \$1.00 and she is still getting checks for \$2.00. This tuition drop was effective as of September 1, 2000. STARFLEET Academy web site: (<http://www.sfi-academy.org>).

2000.09.07: Admiral Allyson M.W. Dyar, (comm@sfi.org), Chief of Communications and Election Coordinator has two announcements. First, the CQ #100: for those of you who haven't received CQ #100, please give it a few extra weeks. She knows that Tamara's email address for remailing has been bouncing sky high and we're in the process of correcting this problem as soon as possible. Ballots: she's

already received several queries concerning possible lost ballots or not receiving enough ballots. The ballots started showing up in the mail last Friday. Give them at least two weeks to find their way to you. If you didn't get enough ballots (you can tell by the number on your envelope,) please write to (Comm@sfi.org). Elections Page: (<http://www.sfi.org/html/election.html>).

2000.09.05: Admiral Allyson M.W. Dyar, (comm@sfi.org), Chief of Communications, and Election Coordinator, announces that until Rear Admiral Kurt Roithinger can get ftp/web access to update the STARFLEET 2000 Web Pages, the web pages have temporality changed to: (<http://www.ssnexus.org/sf2000/>). The Amendments presented in the Web Site are now in the same order you'll find them in the Election Publication, which was mailed out last week along with the ballots. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Election Coordinator. Elections Page: (<http://www.sfi.org/html/election.html>).

2000.09.04: Fleet Admiral Mike Smith, (cs@sfi.org), Commander, STARFLEET, announces that for her 22 years of service to her chapter, her Region, STARFLEET Academy and STARFLEET itself, he's pleased to announce that MARLENE MILLER has been awarded Lifetime membership within STARFLEET.

2000.09.04: BGR Dennis Rayburn, DVC-East, STARFLEET Operations, (stoncold@wk.net), announces that after discussion with the Chief of Operations, because of IC2000 and the Labor Day holiday, the deadline for MSRs to be on time to STARFLEET Operations will be extended this month. Any MSR either postmarked or emailed no later than the 9th will be counted as on time. Between the 10th and the 15th, they will be counted as late. Any MSRs not received by the 15th will result in the ship being recorded as failure to report for the month.

2000.09.04: Fleet Admiral Mike Smith, (cs@sfi.org), Commander, STARFLEET, announces that Admiral Charles A. "Chuck" Freas, Esq., former Vice Commander, STARFLEET was awarded a three-year honorary membership in recognition of his work and efforts during his tenure as VCS. If not for Chuck and his exceptional work, STARFLEET would surely not be where we now are.

2000.09.03: Fleet Admiral Mike Smith, (cs@sfi.org), Commander, STARFLEET, announces that the STARFLEET Election Ballots have started arriving in your mailboxes. Once again he asks that all of you take the time to cast your vote on the election for Commander, STARFLEET as well as the various amendments that were ratified by the AB and submitted for ratification by the general membership.

AUGUST 2000

2000.08.28: Fleet Admiral Mike Smith, (cs@sfi.org), Commander, STARFLEET, announces on behalf of STARFLEET Academy, he is pleased to announce the unveiling of (<http://www.sfi-academy.org>), the new dedicated website for STARFLEET Academy! Academy Commandant Marlene Miller, Vice Chief/Online Joe Podesta, Jr, and Academy Webmaster Greg Staylor have done a wonderful job with the new site.

2000.08.27: Rear Admiral Kurt Roithinger, RCR5, (gren@teleport.com), announces the availability of new *COLOR* patches depicting the Region 5 logo. A scan of this new patch as well as the USS Jaguar, NCC 74750 patch can be viewed at this URL: (<http://www.region5.org/patches.html>). Both patches can be ordered via the ordering instructions on the page. Please note that we now also accept credit cards via PayPal. The price per patch is still just \$6 (same as the old silver and black ones). The proceeds of the Region 5 go to Region 5 treasury, while the Jaguar

Patches are sold on consignment, with profits going to that club.

2000.08.27: Commodore Lisa N Paradis Berkenbilt, Deputy FDC Recruiting, (paradis@ql.org), announces the updated STARFLEET Recruiting is available in electronic format (PDF and Word97). See Article on Page 5 of this issue.

2000.08.27: Colonel Aaron Murphy, SFMC, announce the creation of the Marine Broadcasting System. This list has been developed to provide the Corps with up-to-date information and announcements. This will be a read-only list similar to the SFI Announcement List administered by Allyson Dyar. He will be pulling news-worthy messages from the SFMC List and posting them to the MBS List. Also, anyone with announcement that they feel would be of interest to the Corps may e-mail me at (mbsadmin@sfi-sfmc.org). To subscribe to the Marine Broadcasting System, click on the following link: <mailto:majordomo@sfi-sfmc.org?body=subscribe mbs> or send an email to (majordomo@sfi-sfmc.org) and type "subscribe mbs" in the body of the message.

2000.08.27: Commodore Ed Nowlin, RC/R4, (capt_ed@shasta.com), updated the Registration Confirmation portion of the Western Conference Website. It is located at (<http://www.region4.org/wc2000/confirm.html>). If you are not on there, E-mail him a copy of your registration confirmation (capt_ed@shasta.com) it will be fixed.

2000.08.26: VAdm Marlene J. Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy, (academy@sfi.org), announces lower STARFLEET Academy tuition for the following academies: School of Music (SOM) \$1 + SASE + 2 Loose 33-Cent Stamps and the School of Trek Humor (SOTH) \$1 + SASE + 2 Loose 33-Cent Stamps. STARFLEET Academy Web Site: (<http://www.sfi-academy.org>).

2000.08.22: Commodore Mark H. Anbinder, Chief of Computer Ops, (CompOps@sfi.org), wanted to take a moment to apologize for a brief period of unusually slow response from the Office of the Chief of Computer Operations, STARFLEET. His moving from one apartment to another for the first time in 11 years is coinciding catastrophically with the busiest time in his job at Cornell Information Technologies. Also, he wants to remind everyone that all inquiries regarding member records, requests for changes or corrections, and the like, should be e-mailed to (CompOpsHELP@sfi.org), and not to CompOps@sfi.org (my "role" address) or mha@ussaccord.org (my personal address).

2000.08.22: COL Kimberly Brooks,

(kimib@mindspring.com), announces her resignation as Deputy Director of the Fleet Division Chief Program. For more information on the Fleet Division Program, please visit: (<http://www.syn147.freesevers.com>).

2000.08.21: VAdm Marlene J. Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy, (academy@sfi.org), announces lower STARFLEET Academy tuition. The following schools have lower tuition: Officer's Training School (OTS) \$1, SASE, 2 Loose 33c Stamps; College of Survival Studies (COSS) \$1, 2 Loose 33c Stamps; Starfleet Academy College of Medicine (SACOM) \$1, Large SASE, 2 Loose 33c Stamps; Klingon Warrior Academy (KWA) \$1, 3 Loose 33c Stamps; School of Language Studies (SOLS) \$1, SASE 2 Loose 33c Stamps; School of Cultural Anthropology (SOCA) \$1, SASE, 2 Loose 33c Stamps; College of Alien History & Culture (CAHC) \$1, Large SASE, 2 Loose 33c Stamps; Vulcan Academy of Science (VAS) \$1, SASE, 2 Loose 33c Stamps. STARFLEET Academy Web Site: (<http://www.sfi-academy.org>).

2000.08.15: Commodore Mark H. Anbinder, STARFLEET Computer Ops - Chief, (compopos@sfi.org), announces a new member in the CompOps team, Lisa Fogelman, (ldf2@cornell.edu), will be taking over one of the tasks that Lieutenant Commander Blair Learn has been handling capably for a long time. She'll be working on the database tools and forms that enhance STARFLEET's online presence for members, COs, XO's, and RCs. These tools include the membership lookup page and chapter and region roster resources. CompOps Web Page: (<http://www.sfi.org/compops>).

2000.08.12: LGen Scott A. Akers, Chief Historian, (chunone@nwlink.com), would like to extend a huge note of gratitude and thanksgiving to the Tom Monaghan and Peg Pelerin, for copying, sending and sharing of their copies of Communique #30. This issue was the last done by Jack Fields CQ Editor for the Steve Smith Administration. FAdm Steve Smith had already stepped down and conceded the election to the new Fleet Admiral Jeanette Maddox, and the issue was never sent to the membership. FAdm Maddox as the new CS stepped forward and provided copies to those members who contacted her, so as to both preserve the work done by Jack Fields, and to provide the information to the membership who wanted it. In the next few days, he will be scanning the CQ #30 and pdf'ing same. This PDF will be made available on the Fleet Historian's website for all of the membership to enjoy.

2000.08.10: Admiral Gordon Goldberg, VCS, STARFLEET, (ggold@panix.com), announces that Chief of Operations,

LtGen Les Rickard underwent unexpectedly necessary, but otherwise routine, removal of his appendix. Dee Smith (Les' fiancé) informed him that the surgery went fine, and Les should be released from the hospital either tonight or tomorrow morning. Gord asks for everyone's understanding if it takes him a couple of days to respond to any email sent to him recently. Anyone who wants to send him their wishes for a speedy recovery can email Les at (les@ussnormandy.com).

2000.08.05: LGen Scott A. Akers, Chief Historian, (chunone@nwlink.com), is looking for a Database/Webmaster. Applicants need skills in Access Database, Form Writing, HTML, and can put up with a cantankerous old goat of a Chief Historian. Historian's Web Page: (<http://www.sfi.org/html/historian.html>).

2000.08.03: Vice Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace, Senior Vice Chief of Communications, STARFLEET, Editor - STARFLEET Communiqué, (CQ-Editor@sfi.org), discusses CQ submissions. For graphics: JPEG almost exclusively for pics because: a) - most digital camera support this format natively and b) - it makes for small files with still decent picture quality. Also, there is no CQ FAQ but one might be worked on in the near future.

2000.08.03: Fleet Admiral Mike Smith, (cs@sfi.org), Commander, STARFLEET, announces that the new MSR page is ready: (<http://msr.sfi.org>). This page was done with the hard work and effort of many people, most notably Region 5's Don Willits and Region 7's Jesse Smith, they have finally ironed out the last of the problems with the MSR page. Be sure to check out the new functionality, including checkboxes to make sure that the appropriate members of the EC will receive copies of MSRs that contain problem reporting. This will provide quicker resolution to problems filed with the monthly MSRs.

2000.08.02: Captain Audi Jack, (AudiCJ@aol.com), announces the Region 17 Summit 2001 will be held at the DIA Holiday Inn, Denver, Colorado, April 20-22, 2001. Registration will be about \$35—which will include the full weekend ticket to Starland's annual spring convention, "StarFest". The regular price of the weekend ticket alone is \$36, but we'll have a slightly reduced rate for the Summit, so we're hoping to keep total cost at about \$35. For people who want to keep hotel and registration costs lower, we're presently working out a Saturday-only price, and we are planning to hold all SFI "official" activities on Saturday. On Friday and Sunday, however, we'll have lots of other events and entertainments available to attendees. Starland has special contract rates for rooms during their conventions, which are: \$75 per

night for one or two persons, \$85 for three, and \$95 for four (plus tax). I don't know if this rate is available through the Holiday Inn 800-number, but it is if you phone the hotel directly at 303-418-0400 and mention Starland or StarFest.

2000.08.02: MCpt. Matt Baillie, (webmaster@sfi-sfmc.org), Deputy Commander, SUPCOM - Information, announces that the new Attention On Deck editor is Maj. Sean Niemeyer

2000.08.01: Dwain Gleason, (dwaingleason@yahoo.com), announces the Westfall/Black 2000 web site: (<http://www.westfall-black2000.org/>). Election 2000 Web Site: (<http://www.sfi.org/html/election.html>).

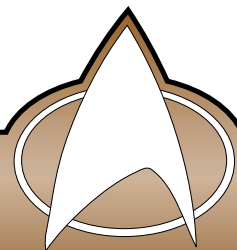
2000.08.01: Commander Paul Wheeler, II, FDC STARFLEET Security, (bennuxo@yahoo.com), requests that anyone who is a Security Officer on your ship or station who would be interested in joining the FDC Security listserve, and participating in the FDC program, please contact him. Also, anyone who has contacted him in regards to Security matters in the past two months, please re-contact him at the same address, he had a major computer goof and lost all his addresses.

JULY 2000

2000.07.31: Vice Admiral Allyson M.W. Dyar, (comm@sfi.org), Chief of Communications & Election Coordinator, announces that the PDF version of the current CQ will not be available on the ftp site until a month after the CQ is released to the postal mail. Any one who has issue with this matter should refer said correspondence to their respective Regional Coordinators.

2000.07.27: Colonel Kimberly Brooks, Deputy Director, Fleet Division Chief Program, (kimib@mindspring.com), announces the following FDC appointments: Command - BGR Larry Neigut, (USSMALVERNE@aol.com), Engineering CPT Anthony Armstrong, (CoStampede@prodigy.net), Communications LCDR Andrew Gossett, (yorktown_spd@yahoo.com). For more information on the Fleet Division Program, please visit: (<http://www.syn147.freesevers.com>).

2000.07.27: Commodore Mark H. Anbinder, STARFLEET Computer Ops, (mha@ussaccord.org), announces that the STARFLEET Department of Computer Operations has just completed the process of selecting from among the candidates for the Rosters staff position. The CompOps Rosters staff member fills requests for chapter and region rosters submitted by commanding officers, executive officers, and regional coordinators, on paper and by e-mail: Fleet Captain Michael Dugas, (glithndr@whitestar.org).



UPCOMING CONVENTIONS

COMPILED BY CORPORAL CAPTAIN BLAIR LEARN

Convention attendees: When calling conventions for information, don't call collect and don't 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. Please allow a minimum of three months time between your submission and the convention's date.

Arizona

Nov 10-12 Tus-con 27, Tucson, Arizona; Info: PO Box 26822, Tucson AZ 85726 Ph: 520-881-3709 or 520-293-1455 <http://www.azstarnet.com/~basfa/> Guests: Catherine Wells, Liz Danforth, Ed Bryant, Stephanie Bannon, Craig Dryer

California

Oct 27-29 Friscon 8, San Francisco, California; Info: P.O. Box 419, Simi Valley, CA 93062 <http://www.plasticcow.com/friscon/>

Nov 11-12 Creation Hercules & 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, Willa O'Neill, Adrienne Wilkinson, William Gregory Lee

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, CA Info: P.O. Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/>

Nov 24-26 LosCon 27, Burbank, California; Info: 11513 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601 <http://www.loscon.org/loscon/27/> Guests: Orson Scott Card, Bob Eggleton, Harry Knowles, Robert Hewitt Wolfe, Craig Miller, Genevieve Dazzo, Frank Kelly Freas

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.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/>

Jan 27-28 Creation Giant Star Trek, Sci-Fi, Pop Culture Convention, Sacramento, California; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.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/>

Florida

Oct 20-22 Necronomicon 2000, Tampa, FL; Info: P.O. Box 2076, Riverview, FL 33568 <http://www.stonehill.org/> Guests: James P. Hogan, Lynn Abbey, James Bassett, Christopher Benson, D.C. Black, Richard Lee Byers, Craig Caldwell, Bruce Chiu, Vince Courtney, Jo Davidsmeyer, Barbara Delaplace, Caber Dun, Linda Evans, Charles Fontenay, Frank Frey, Owl Goingback, Joseph Green, Jack Haldeman, Lew Hartman, Mitch Hyman, Chris Kosarich, Craig MacDougall, Randy Miller, Jeff Mitchell, Kendall F. Morris, Kendall D. Morris, Bonnie Neel, Gary Roen, Rob Sommers, Jeanette Spencer, Dr. James Strange, Del Stone Jr., Jean Pierre Targete, John J. Urbancik, Rick Wilber, Ed Wysocki, Timothy Zahn

Nov 10-12 Tropicon XIX, Hollywood, FL; Info: PO Box 70143, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33307-0143 Ph: 561-844-6336 <http://sfsfs.org/Tropicon/>

Tropicon19.html Guests: Vernor Vinge, David A. Cherry, Dave Langford, Hal Clement, Barbara Delaplace, Kathleen Goonan, Joseph Green, Jack C. Haldeman II, Mike Resnick, S. L. Viehl

Nov 17-19 Vulkan, Orlando, Florida; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkan.com/> Guests: Bruce Campbell, Ted Raimi, Tracy Scoggins, Jeffrey Combs, Barry Jenner, Kurt and Cody Wetherill, Julie Caitlin Brown, Laurette Spang, Dirk Benedict, Richard Hatch, Jerome Blake, Marjorie Monaghan

Dec 1-4 HiSeas 2000, Miami, Florida; Info: 10302 South Federal Highway, PMB 329, Port Saint Lucie, Florida 34952 <http://homestead.juno.com/time-quest/HiSeas.html> Guests: Claudia Christian, Elizabeth Gracen, Tracy Scoggins, Bill Blair, Herbert Jefferson, Jr, Robert Krimmer, Astronaut Rick Searfoss, Arne Starr

Dec 1-3 SMOFcon 18, Cocoa Beach, FL; Info: c/o SFSFS, PO Box 70143, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33307-0143 Europe: Pat McMurray, 28 Plaistow Grove, Bromley, KENT, BR1 3PB, United Kingdom <http://www.smocon.org/>

Jan 6-7 Creation Star Trek & Media Convention, Orlando, Florida; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> Guests: Robert Picardo, Robert Beltran

Georgia

Jan 6-7 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/>

Illinois

Nov 10-12 Windycon XXVII, Schaumburg, Illinois; Info: PO Box 184, Palatine, IL 60078-0184 Ph: 847-677-WNDY <http://www.windycon.org/> Guests: Terry Brooks, Lubov, Patrick Nielsen Hayden, Teresa Nielsen Hayden, Larry Smith, Sally Smith, Phyllis Eisenstein, Barry B. Longyear, Laurell Hamilton, Christian Ready, David Lee Anderson, Suzanne Alles Blom, Juanita Coulson, Bill Fawcett, Roland Green, Marty Greenberg, Betty Ann Hull, Leigh Kimmel, Kathleen Massie-Ferch, Erin McKee, Rebecca Meluch, Frieda Murray, Jody Lynn Nye, Frederik Pohl, Gene Wolfe

Feb 8-11 Capricon 21, Chicago, Illinois; Info: PO Box 60085, Chicago, IL 60660 <http://www.capricon.org/> Guests: Allen Steele, Geri Sullivan

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/> Guests: Alexander Siddig, Andrew Robinson, Alexandra Tydings

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: Brent Spiner, Marina Sirtis, Michael Dorn, Nicolle DeBoer, Claudia Christian, Robert Krimmer, Astronaut Rick Searfoss, Jeremy Bulloch

Kansas

Nov 16-19 ShaunCon XVIII, Overland Park, Kansas; Info: P.O. Box 7457, Kansas City, MO 64116 Ph: 816.455.5020 http://members.aol.com/_ht_a/RPGKC/shaun.html

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

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/>

Feb 16-18 Boskone 38, Framingham, Massachusetts;
Info: PO Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701
<http://www.nesfa.org/boskone/>
Guests: George R. R. Martin, Charles Vess, Jack Cohen, Juanita Coulson

Michigan

Oct 20-22 Conclave XXV, Lansing, Michigan; Info: PO Box 2915, Ann Arbor, MI 48106
<http://www.conclavesf.org/> Guests: David Weber, Todd Cameron Hamilton, Michael Longcor

Nov 17-19 U-Con 2000, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Info: PO Box 4491, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-4491 Ph: 734-930-6363
<http://www.deathstar.org/~ucon/>

Jan 19-21 ConFusion 2001, Warren, Michigan;
Info: P.O. Box 8284, Ann Arbor, MI 48107
<http://www.stilyagi.org/cons/confusion.html>
Guests: Sarah Zettel, Bruce Schneier, Carla Speed McNeil, Tom Barber, Kathy Becker

Nevada

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

Jan 20-21 Creation Star Trek, Xena, & Sci-Fi Convention, Las Vegas, Nevada;
Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960
<http://www.creationent.com/>

New Jersey

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

Jan 5-7 Slanted Fedora, East Rutherford, New Jersey;
Info: 11916 W. 109th Street, Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210
Ph: 913-327-8735
<http://www.sfedora.com/>
Guests: Alexander Siddig, Nana Visitor, Michael Dorn, Marina Sirtis, Nicolle de Boer, Walter Koenig, Robert O'Reilly, JG

Hertzler, Barabara March, Gwenyth Walsh, Claudia Christian, Mark Goddard

New York

Nov 18-20 Northeast Supercon, Nassau County, New York;
Info: Celebrity Entertainment Corporation, P.O. Box 266, Malverne, NY 11565
Ph: 516-564-1058
<http://www.supercon.org/>
Guests: James Marsters, Gary Cohn

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/>

Dec 9-10 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/>
Guests: Terry Farrell, Michael Dorn, Robert Picardo, Chase Masterson, Robert Trebor, June Lockhart, Richard Arnold, Lawrence MONTAIGNE, Victoria Pratt, Celeste Yarnall

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, Bruce Campbell, Tom Atkins, Douglas E. Winter, Danielle Harris, Joseph Stefano, Kane Hodder

Feb 9-11 Astronomicon '01, Rochester, NY; Info: P.O. Box 1701, Rochester, NY 14603 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

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

Oct 27-29 Ohio Valley Filk Fest, Columbus, Ohio;
Info: PO Box 20125, Columbus, OH 43220
<http://www.ovff.org/>
Guests: Talis Kimberley, Mark Bernstein, Joy Parker, Lee and Barry Gold

Nov 25-26 Mid-Ohio-Con 2000, Columbus,

Ohio;
Info: P.O. Box 3831, Mansfield, OH 44907
Ph: 419-526-1427
<http://www.wfcomics.com/midohiocon/>
Guests: June Lockhart, Bill Mumy, Angela Cartwright, Yvonne Craig, Jon Provost, Laurie Jacobson

Oregon

Nov 17-19 OryCon 22, Portland, Oregon;
Info: PO Box 5703, Portland, OR 97228
Ph: 503-774-1043
<http://www.orycon.org/> Guests: Kara Dalkey, John Barnes, Gordon Van Gelder, Dr. Robert Forward, Gail Butler, Larry Warner, Richard Dansky

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, PA;
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

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, TN
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

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

Nov 11-12 Sci-Fi Expo & Toy Show, Austin, Texas;
Info: PO Box 941111, Plano Tx 75094-1111 Ph: 972-578-0213
<http://members.aol.com/toyshow/>
Guests: David Prowse, Michonne Bourriague, Silas Carson

Dec 31 – Jan 1 STARFLEET Region 3 New Year's Eve Party, Waco, Texas;
Info: PO Box 1756, Coppell, TX 75019
<http://www.region3.com/2MI.htm>

Virginia

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 2-4 SheVaCon 9, Roanoke, Virginia;
Info: PO Box 416, Verona, VA 24482-0416
Ph: 540-248-4152
<http://www.shevacon.com/>

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

Washington

Nov 3-4 ConiFur Northwest, Fife, WA;
Info: 2406 SW 308TH PL, Federal Way, WA 98023
<http://www.conifur.org/>
Guests: Roy D. Pounds II

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

Feb 16-18 Radcon 3A, Pasco, Washington;
Info: PMB# 162, 2527 West Kennewick Ave, Kennewick, WA 99336-3126
<http://Radcon-SciFi.penguinpowered.com/>

West Virginia

Nov 18-19 Slanted Fedora, Huntington, West Virginia;
Info: 11916 W. 109th Street, Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210
Ph: 913-327-8735
<http://www.sfedora.com/>
Guests: Denise Crosby, Alexander Siddig, Andrew Robinson, Robin "Savik" Curtis, Jeremy Bulloch

International

Nov 10-12 Primedia, Mississauga, Ontario;
Info: P.O. Box 21146, RPO Meadowvale, Mississauga, ON, Canada L5N 6A2
Ph: 905-820-3844
<http://www.interlog.com/~kcozens/primedia/>
Guests: Ramona Milano, Larry Day, Rick Green, Mag Ruffman, Andrew Jackson, Alyson Court

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 McGoohan, 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, Jaz Wiseman, Jeff Smart, Roger Murray Leach, Brian Johnson.



FLEET ACTIVITY REPORT

BY REAR ADMIRAL MICHAEL URVAND, CQ SUMMARIES COORDINATOR

Region One VAdm Carolyn Donner, Regional Coordinator

USS Alaric, Asheville, NC
Continued recycling program. Fictional storyline will continue in the newsletter

USS Asgard, Lancaster, OH
Away teams were sent US Air Force Museum and the OH State Fair. The Crew celebrated first anniversary.

USS Carolina, Greenville, SC
Planning a paintball match for Aug12th

USS Columbus, Columbus, OH
Crew attended meeting of USS Asgard. Visited US Air Force museum and the OH State Fair.

USS Charleston, Charleston, SC
Crew is working with the Ronald McDonald House, Adopt-A-Highway, The American Red Cross Blood Drive, The American Diabetes Association, and the LowCountry Food Bank. Crew is planning participation in the Christmas parade this year, and have various fun events for the ship in the works.

USS Hornet, Charlotte, NC
The Crew preparing to attend Leonard Nimoy convention.

USS Jamestown, Hampton VA
A Tubing trip with the IKV Bat'Leth Held regular USS Jamestown Regular Membership Meeting at the Virginia Air and Space Center.

USS Maat, Virginia Beach, VA
Bowling at Indian River Lanes Chapter's 13th Anniversary Party to be held at the River Club in Chesapeake.

USS Starward Fury, Fayetteville, NC
The group held a Command Staff Meeting Held. Business Meeting Held at Cliffdale Library Activity Day held at Fantasy Lake

USS L. B. Puller, Summerville, SC
Making plans to attend Highland Games in Sept.

USS Powhatan, Chesapeake, VA.
Crew undertaking beach adoption. Crew working on school supply drive.

USS Star League, N.Augusta, SC
Held combined crew business meeting and picnic at Magnolia Springs State Park in Millen, Ga. Attendance was

Making plans for Reprisal get together in September.

USS Tycho, Fremont, OH
Crew collecting stamps for the STARFLEET Stampede, coupons for the STARFLEET Overseas Coupon Project, and various items for our ongoing food bank donations project.

USS West Virginia, Chas., WV
Club will vote on new XO at the

Renaissance Faire Fund Raiser

USS Hephaestus, Birmingham, AL
Dates for the Halloween and Christmas parties have been set. We will continue meeting at Barnes and Noble through November, then assess with Barnes and Noble whether or not to continue meeting at that location.

USS Paegan, Orlando, FL
Crew helped sponsor local Sci-Fi/Fantasy Picnic.

USS Spiritwalker, Decatur, AL
Collecting funds for the local animal shelter. Opened the Cadet Vulcan Academy of Sciences.

USS Triumph, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Crew welcomed an astronaut to their meeting to speak.

Region Three Adm Brad Pense, Regional Coordinator

USS Aurora Vulcanus, Houston, TX
Crew has published issue 3 of its fanzine. Hosted trip to Johnson Space Center.

USS Rhyanna, Austin, Texas
Crew is working with Literacy Austin teaching people to read. The crew delivered 83 tomato items to Hill Country Pantry

Region Four Comm Ed Nowlin, Regional Coordinator

USS Angeles, Los Angeles CA
Continued work on television series. Pool party and meeting with special guest actor who played "Kahless" in the TOS episode, "Savage Curtin". Crew enjoyed Bingo Game with Wil Wheaton.

USS Stormbringer, Tucson, AZ
Chief Engineer assisted local Autism awareness group with a weekend long



Ready for Duty:

The U.S.S. *Werner von Braun* pulls away from Starbase 99 in the M'shrak system. In the foreground, the U.S.S. *Katana*, lead vessel of a new class of superscouts, takes on supplies.

disappointing. Plans underway for participating in Juvenile Diabetes Walk on 9/23/00.

USS Tempest, Harlan, KY
Participated with many OH chapters in visiting the Wright-Patterson AFB museum. Voted on Region 1 Summit bids. CO continues work on regional handbook. CO and XO holding on-line chats with each other to stay up to date.

September 16th meeting, all that wish to try out for the spot must have the OTS & OCC completed by that time.

Region Two Comm Pete Mohny, Regional Coordinator

SS Dark Silence Station, Florence, AL
Crew is planning to attend an upcoming Vulkan. Crew is planning an upcoming

fund raiser golf tournament.

Region Five
RAdm Kurt Roithinger,
Regional Coordinator

USS Crusader, Otis Orchards, WA
Crew has begun working on a RPG saga, with actual play in a few months.

USS Destiny, Salem, OR
Crew participated in Mini-Golf and Laser Tag Gaming Challenge. Crew had annual Summer Picnic. Away Team visited Oregon Coast Aquarium in Newport, OR.

USS Jaguar, Redmond, WA
CO and XO will be attending the 2000 STARFLEET International Conference in Burlington, VT. Commander Donald Willits will become new Commanding Officer on October 1st.

Space Station Nexus, Portland, OR
Members plan to attend various fleet events and wrote fiction.

USS Pendragon, Bellevue, WA
The Crew enjoyed a ship's barbecue

USS Rubicon, Richland, WA
The club is preparing for their 8th Anniversary Dinner.

Region Six
Adm David Kloempken,
Regional Coordinator

USS Czar'ak, Minneapolis, MN
Crew participated in (and lost) annual mini-golf challenge with USS Behr'ak. Four members of command staff preparing to travel to IC in Vermont with RC and VRC. Crew attended Creation Con.

USS Imperium, Fargo, ND
Crew is continuing to prepare for the 2000 Region 6 Fall Conference at Valleycon 25 in Fargo.

USS Thunderchild, Rapid City, SD
Crew enjoyed a day at a local mini-golf course

Region Seven
VAdm Jesse Smith,
Regional Coordinator

USS Accord, Ithaca, NY
Crew is planning expansion of the ship's newsletter. Preparations are ongoing for Watkins Glen weekend.

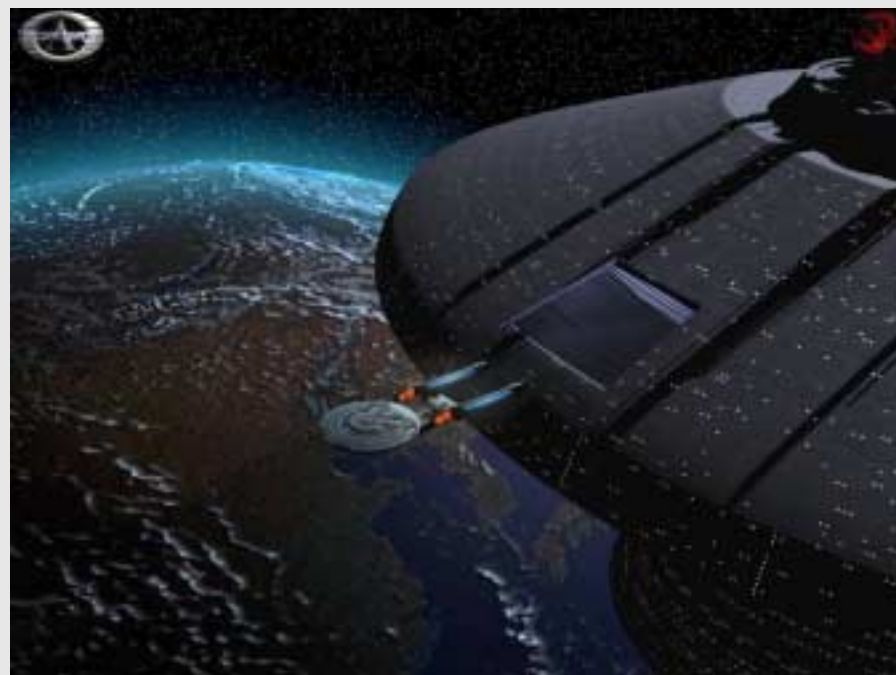
USS Alpha Centauri, Washington, DC
Ship will be represented at IC. Ship held annual pool party.

USS Matrix, Laurel, MD
The SETI@home support has logged over 18 years of CPU time on the project,



To the Stars and Beyond:

With the end of the Dominion War, Star Fleet has been working hard to rebuild the Fleet. Here, we see the latest batch of ships to come from the Utopia Planitia Ship Yards.



Steady as she goes:

Though now almost a century-old design, the *Excelsior* class continues to serve the Star Fleet well. Constantly updated over the decades, most recently the LN-84 series drive from the *Sovereign* class is being fitted.

for the USS Matrix! Reorganized and updated of ships website.

USS Prevailing Wind, Harrisburg, PA
In the process of ordering club jackets. Participated in local charity to benefit Humane Society. Plans for Farpoint convention.

USS Sovereign, Philadelphia, PA
Planning on fund raiser for Lupus Foundation in honor of one of our members, whose son is battling this disease.

Region Twelve
MGen Wade Hoover,
Regional Coordinator

USS Cydonia, St. Ann, MO
Ship held it's annual July 4th Barbeque/video night, and participated in the Gateway Con.

USS Discovery, St. Louis, MO
Crew assisted with presentation at Archon.

USS Morning Star, Lawton, OK
The Crew is helping with presentation for Archon. Attended shows at the Muny and Grandel Theatre. Also, a number of Fairs and special presentations.

USS Nomad, Leavenworth, KS
CO, XO and MSG OIC attended IC in

Burlington VT. CO and XO will be in charge of next years IC.

SS Sicitur AdAstra, St Joseph, MO
The ship's Crew held a Movie Night Out.

USS Stellar Wind, Olathe, KS
Crew is in the midst of a recruiting drive.

Region Thirteen
Comm Richard Smith,
Regional Coordinator

USS Banting, Guelph, Ontario
Charity Car Wash for our Charity of the Year. Raised \$170 for the Guelph Women in Crisis Shelter. Had group barbeque at a nearby park.

Region Fifteen
VAdm Joe Ruttar,
Regional Coordinator

USS Ares, Boston, MA
The crew hit the IC2000 with a Vengeance. Ship's next big event will be United Fan Con.

USS Boston, Worcester, MA
Continuing to write fictionally. Discussing changing to Corry Chapter status. Members will attend IC.

ABOUT THE ARTIST:

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<http://members.tripod.com/~devilsworld6/>

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Chapter Summaries are published each issue of the Communique.

Please send a summary of your chapters activities over the the last couple of months to :

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12400 Inglewood Ave S., #4
Savage MN 55378

Email:
Msr_Summaries@hotmail.com



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

Deck plans for sale! Be one of the last people to own a set of USS Stellar Wind 1501A deck plans. Only a few left. \$12 by priority mail. Make checks payable to: Allyson Dyar, 1209 SE 89th Ave, Portland, OR 97216-1715 or allyson@ssnexus.org

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

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

USS Jaguar Patches for Sale
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Chris Wallace
9301 Avondale Road NE #D2022
Redmond, WA 98052-3381

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If you are living in the Albuquerque, NM metro area, a new shuttle is forming and we invite you to join us. You can make contact with us through:
Earl Beighley
7309 Cardiff Ave. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109
(505) 828-1241
ABQSFI@aol.com

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

The USS BOSTON (GALAXY Class) is a correspondence chapter based in Watertown, MA. We are seeking unassigned and new members of STARFLEET, who have a story to tell. We are a group of writers whose fictional personas tell the story of the BOSTON's missions through their personal logs and interactive writing.

There is more to life than "Seeking out new life, and new civilizations...." Yeah, the Dominion War is over, but that doesn't mean the bad guys have left town. Action, adventure, and danger on the sharp end await you. This ain't your *mamma's* StarFleet.

If you have what it takes, contact us at robbjackson@mediaone.net or ICQ# 47777999

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Attention non-assigned members in Colorado Springs, CO. The USS ArcRoyal is forming in this area. For more information please contact Bob Bulkeley at bulkeley@home.com or Don Day at dday@vni2000.com.

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

ATTENTION Unassigned members!!! The shuttle Hokulani, an internet-based correspondence chapter that launched at the Region One Summit, is looking for members to join us in Cyberspace, for camaraderie, and story writing, and parties. If interested email us at uss18076@starmail.com.

The Shuttle MENAHGA NCC-1716/03 Region 15, near Boston MA is gearing up for it's commissioning as a ship, USS MENAHGA NCC-3100, and is looking for additional crew members. If you are not currently aboard a chapter, please consider signing aboard the MENAHGA. For more info please contact:
FCapt. Peter Lutz.
62 Columbia St.
Swampscott, MA 01907
petelutz@gis.net

WANTED

Wanted video tapes of the following original episodes: #3, "Where No Man Has Gone Before," #10 "Corbomite Maneuver," #33 "Mirror, Mirror," #56, "Spock's Brain," #74, "Requiem for Methuselah," #77 "Savage Curtain." I would appreciate any help in finding sources. I have other tapes for trade. D. O. Neidigh, 620 Bethany Loop, Bethany Beach DE 19930. (302) 537-7404.

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Unlike Chris Wallace, Mini-Kurt was able to find I-87 North right away.



Mini-Kurt enjoys a scenic Ferry trip across Lake Champlain with Allyson Dyar.



Being from the West Coast and all, Mini-Kurt gives in to his jet-lag and just takes a nap.

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THE FUN STARTS HERE!



Welp, time to go back to Portland. Boy, ICs are tough work. Perhaps I should lay off such events. At least until the Western Conference, anyway...



Once Mini-Kurt got down to business, he naturally was a big hit with the Ladies (pictured: Dee Rickard).



Mini-Kurt enjoys the hospitality of the Fleet Admiral. Shortly thereafter he went off to “celebrate” with a passle of German soccer fans. The resulting tattoo is not suitable for a family publication.



“Override! Where is the Override!”

**PHOTOS BY
SCOTT A. AKERS AND
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Mini-“Hef” enjoys the finer things after an exhausting day of online activities. Now where is that pipe?

Kurt Roithinger Goes To The International Conference. And 'Fleet Was Never The Same.

By Admiral Allyson M. W. Dyar

Because Rear Admiral Kurt Roithinger couldn’t attend the IC this year, he sent Mini-Kurt in his stead. As Mini-Kurt’s official Guardian, I spent more time keeping him out of trouble. Several times he tried to tell Chris Wallace where I-87Northwas (Chris didn’t listen). When we finally arrived in Burlington, he flopped down on the bed and snored very loudly. He spent most of his time drinking booze and schmoozing with the ladies. Next time, Rear Admiral Roithinger can’t make an event, Mini-Kurt gets a different keeper. I’m beat!