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## MICHAEL D. SMITH — COMMANDER, STARFLEET 1997-2000

*With Fleet Admiral Michael Smith due to complete his second term in office at the end of 2000, the Communique commissioned Vice Admiral Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons to conduct an interview with our outgoing Commander, STARFLEET.*

**Gumby: Mike, Welcome and thanks!**

**Mike:** Anytime :-)

**Gumby: Q: Four years Mike... You took over Starfleet at what some would say was its worst time and help bring about very positive change. Looking back, how has Starfleet changed in that time?**

**Mike:** Well, we've definitely grown as an organization. When we started 4 years ago, I don't think anyone really understood that STARFLEET had evolved past "just a fan club." Now more people understand that, and this is definitely a good thing. We've also become more electronic-friendly. I'm sad to say that my predecessor really gave the electronic side of things a seriously bad reputation.

**Gumby:** I remember that period.

**Mike:** Fortunately, we've been able to overcome it and integrate our electronic presence as part of how we operate the organization on a daily basis.

**Gumby:** Bringing Starfleet into the 21st century!

**Gumby: Q: How much has the electronic presence helped our organization?**

**Mike:** With our award-winning home page for news and information, to the ability for members to look up their information online, to join and renew online, and more, it's been a definite help to the organization as a whole. It's really gotten our name out there. Add that to the IRC channel that allows folks to help stay in contact, the electronic side of things has definitely helped STARFLEET.

**Gumby:** I know that I am not the only person to have met new friends on the IRC channel.

*\* Mike nods in agreement.* Quite true. It's always nice to go to events and put faces to the names on IRC.

**Gumby: Q: You have been a big influence on Starfleet in the past four years. What do you feel is your greatest contribution to the Fleet?**



*Photo by Mark Vinson*

**Mike:** It always has been a team effort. I don't count myself any higher than anyone else, and to be honest, there are people in the organization who've had a much greater impact that I personally had. I'm just glad that the team I was able to put together worked so well. I guess it really comes down to that... the fact that I was able to put together a great team of people.

**Gumby: Q: Some of those people are going on to serve in the next administration... How do you feel about that?**

**Mike:** I think it's a great thing. We have proven, capable leaders who will continue to do honest work for the members of STARFLEET. The voters set forth a mandate during the past election, and I'm glad to see that many of the people I've brought on board will continue to serve our members.

**Gumby: Q: Over 40% voter turnout this election, which is a record turnout. What do you think attributed to the high number of returns?**

**Mike:** During my trips across STARFLEET this year and in all my CQ articles, I always made it a point to remind the members to vote in the election. I'd like to think that my words had some effect in that regard.

**Gumby: Q: Mike, what was your most memorable experience as Fleet Admiral?**

**Mike:** Getting the word that we had cleared the issues with the IRS.

**Gumby:** Now that was a pack-a-lunch project!

**Mike:** Yes, it was. Chuck Freas was a Godsend for the organization. If it weren't for him, I'm not sure STARFLEET would have been around to see its 25th birthday.

**Gumby:** Indeed! Chuck was a big part of that project... we should say "Thanks, Chuck!"

**Mike:** We did earlier this year by awarding Chuck a three-year Honorary Membership. It's not much for all his work and effort, but it's the least we could do for him.

**Gumby:** Only three? He almost single-handedly saved us... from the IRS!

**Gumby: Q: Will you continue to actively serve Starfleet, or is this a full retirement?**

**Mike:** I currently serve the STARFLEET Marine Corps as Commanding Officer, Forces Command, and I'll be taking on some role or another with the San

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RESULTS INSIDE!**

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Dinky, beloved mascot of STARFLEET Region 4, recently invited everyone for a little get together down Las Vegas way...

*Artwork by Mike Wilkerson*

**Read more about the Western Conference on pages 28-30.**



Important STARFLEET Transition Information detailing the names and addresses of the incoming STARFLEET Executive Committee and some of their key staff. Included is a series of Interviews with the members of the newly elected STARFLEET Executive Committee, as conducted by Vice Admiral Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons.

*Artwork by David Pipgras*

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# THE EDITOR'S PADD

ADMIRAL CHRIS "TIGGER" WALLACE  
COMMUNIQUE EDITOR

Welcome to the "Transition Edition" of the STARFLEET Communiqué.

Twelve months and seven issues since I assumed the role of Communiqué Editor, the Smith-Goldberg Administration is in its waning days and this is my last month as Editor of the STARFLEET Communiqué. I think over the past seven issues my team and I have produced the best-looking Communiqué issues ever. Yeah, the paper sucks, but the content, graphics, and layout speak for themselves. I wish to thank Mike Smith and Allyson M. W. Dyar for the opportunity to allow me to serve STARFLEET and you.

Though this issue goes to press after the STARFLEET 2000 Elections, we have decided to set the theme as a tribute to Fleet Admiral Smith and his Administration. He now joins Fleet Admiral Jeannette Maddox as

Commander, STARFLEET General Les Rickard, and his administration. Les brings with him three senior members of the Smith-Goldberg Administration to continue the momentum they have built. He also

brings three new faces to provide a balance, and all seven have a host of new and exciting ideas that will continue to ensure that STARFLEET remains the best Star Trek Fan Club around.

Remember that no matter who is in the Editor's Chair, the Communiqué is still composed of the material sent in by You, the members. You've been doing a great job for twenty-five years, so keep it up!

TTFN - Ta Ta For Now!



**All work and no play makes Chris a dull Tigger:** The CQ production team of Kurt Roithinger and Chris "Tigger" Wallace take some time out to attempt to smile for the camera.

*Photo by Scott Akers*

Fortunately, while I must be moving on with the transition to a new team (I will be trying to do for Stellar Visions what I did for the Communiqué), my assistants have been building their skills working on Issues #101 and #102 and are now ready to take over and continue the momentum we have built.

the only Commander, STARFLEET to serve two entire terms, which is an accomplishment no less significant than doing it as US President. You can get elected on promises, but it is execution on those promises that you need to get re-elected.

We also wish to welcome incoming

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If you have any questions, please contact the CQ editors at cq@sfi.org.

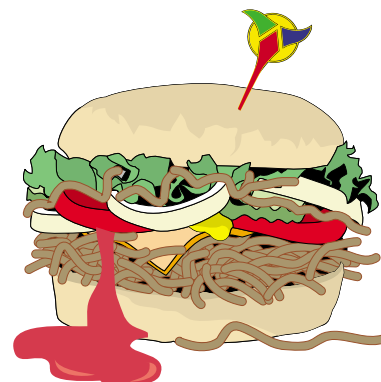
### ► STARFLEET Remembers Julien Fleming - page 16

Sad news about a little boy who touched us all.



### ► Give me a Gagh Burger in Paradise - pages 22-23

Well, if fast food survives into the 24th Century, lets just hope it isn't anything like this....







# FROM THE TOP...

## FLEET ADMIRAL MICHAEL D. SMITH

### COMMANDER, STARFLEET

As I begin to write my final article to you, the membership of STARFLEET, I feel a great sense of happiness and sadness. Happiness in that my term is finally complete and that I can start to move forward with parts of my personal life that have been left on hold too long due to my responsibilities to STARFLEET. Sadness that it is indeed well and truly over. While I will still be active in the organization and the STARFLEET Marine Corps as Commanding Officer, Forces Command, my time as Commander, STARFLEET is at an end.

I'm pleased that the membership has chosen to elect the Rickard/Goldberg ticket to succeed the Smith/Freas/Goldberg team. The voting margin well and truly validates the work that we have done over the past four years. While I'm looking forward to new and innovative ideas from Les, Gord and crew, I'm also pleased that the many plans and ideas that we have brought to the table over the past four years will be continued, expanded upon, and improved where needed.

And yes, I did say improved. STARFLEET is a growing and evolving creature, and we can't become stagnant in our successes. We must strive to keep pushing the envelope; to keep seeking new and better ways to do things within the organization for the members; new and exciting things for the membership to enjoy and more.

STARFLEET must not stagnate, and neither should the regions. After all, the regions make up the broader whole of 'fleet. I encourage the members of STARFLEET to take a good long look at their leadership on the regional level to ensure that they are indeed representing your best interests as members of the corporate Board of Directors, the Admiralty Board. Times are changing in STARFLEET and I task all of you to make sure that your Regions and your elected representatives support and encourage those changes that will better STARFLEET. Keep in mind that your representatives serve at your pleasure just as much as the Commander, STARFLEET does.

Last issue I globally thanked all the decent and hard working members of STARFLEET for their work and effort on behalf of the organization. This time around, I'd like to take some time to thank some specific folks who have helped me out in various ways over the past four years.

Special thanks to Kimi Brooks, Les and Deidre Rickard, Marla Bush, Rachel Pfeiffer, Mike Malotte, Ed Tunis, Mark Vinson, Mark Anbinder, and Lisa Paradis-Berkenbilt for being there all the times over the past ten years when I needed a friendly voice and ear.

To Angry Red Planet: Thanks for the good tunes and good times, gang. You'll be missed!

Linda Oakley, Ben Redding, Dee Oakley and the crew of Bennu Station: Nowhere

the document and brought it to life. kurt, I thank you for being one of the first folks to agree (for better or worse) to join the team and support our run for CS. You have been a principal player in our endeavors for so long now, it'll be odd not working directly with you anymore. I wish you all the best as you retire from doing a darn fine job as Regional Coordinator for STARFLEET Region 5, and hopefully some well deserved Shore Leave.

Joe Podesta: Joe, I thank you and Michelle



**Now it can be shown:** The legendary gilded 2x4 used to pummel some common sense into the Fleet Admiral on a regular basis, was revealed at long last at the 2000 Western Conference.

*Photo by Jolynn Brown*

outside my own region had I consistently been made to feel so at home while traveling across the country for various STARFLEET events, Summits, Conferences, etc. I can't tell you how much I appreciated your efforts to make me feel at home and comfortable and I thank you.

kurt roithinger: (yes, the lower case is deliberate here <grins>) If not for kurt, we would have no new Constitution. kurt single-handedly put the original document together, and along with both the first Smith/Freas Kitchen Cabinet, and then the AB, compiled and made all the changes, spelling corrections, etc, to

for all the great times that we have had in the past two years. I was humbled and honored more than I can say when you asked me to stand next to you as Executive Officer in launching and commissioning Starlord. I thank you for that opportunity, one to help bring another chapter into the STARFLEET fold. I thank you for the many things you both have shared with me and made me a part of, and I'll cherish those times always. I'll miss you all very much. Good luck with the new house and (hopefully! down the road) a baby brother or sister for Taryn (smile).

Tony Rowley: Tony, you da man. I guess it's ironically fitting that two folks who

couldn't get along if you paid them to just five short years ago could put aside their differences, work well together, and become the best of friends. I thank you for your friendship, your counsel, and your work ethic. You're the best Chief of Staff this organization has ever seen, and I'll miss working with you. My best to you and Kimi, and may the both of you find all the happiness you deserve.

Greg Trotter: Much like Tony, you da man as well. From your first email to me: "What can I do to help?" when I announced waaaay back in 1996 my intention to run as Commander, STARFLEET, your support of me, our team and this administration has been unflagging, even when we disagreed on how to approach the issue at hand. Greg, my thanks and gratitude for five great years.

Sashi German: The best gal friend a guy could ever wish for. From the days of simply passing in the hallways at Shore Leave; sticking it out through the IC from Hell at my side; planning a fantastic IC; sacrificing Easter of '98 to help convince USS Accord to rejoin STARFLEET (and more). You've always been there with a friendly smile, a generous hug, and good counsel, even when we were diametrically opposed on issues. Of all the friends I leave behind on the East Coast, I'll miss you the most. You have my respect, my love, and my best wishes for you and John (and Snoopy the beagle, too!)

To my EC over the past four years: With few exceptions, the greatest damn bunch of STARFLEET members I have ever had the pleasure and honor of working with. Again, with one or two exceptions, all of you have stuck by me through thick and thin, through times both good and bad, and without you, STARFLEET would truly not be where it is today. Chuck Freas, Gord Goldberg, Allyson Dyar, Les Rickard, Sal Lizard, Jesse Smith, Teri Smith, Mark Anbinder, Marlene Miller, Matt Myers, Tom Monaghan, Wendy Fillmore, Britt Sloan, Dennis Gray, Denine Sanders, Ed Nowlin, Tom Restivo. Please, take a bow folks. You deserve the kudos far more than I ever will.

Finally, to you, the membership. Thank you for your support and your criticisms over the past four years, for without you, STARFLEET would not exist. Please continue to do what you do best. Have fun, do good works for yourselves, your chapters and your communities, and enjoy your participation in STARFLEET.

I'd normally leave all of you off with "See you in sixty," but that's just not the case this time around.

I'll leave with just this...

*Fin.*





# SECOND THOUGHTS

ADMIRAL GORDON GOLDBERG  
VICE-COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings from the Office of the Vice Commander!

Two more years. The condolence messages are pouring in. People are telling me I must be crazy. Sure, wait until the election is over to say it – don't question my sanity when I first agreed to run a year ago, wait 'til it's all over... and after you've voted to keep me here.

\*chuckle\*

Well, the choice to run was mine, and I certainly can't claim not to have had full disclosure of what the job of Vice Commander entails – and I really don't consider it to be an extended sentence, regardless of what the pundits may say.

I'm honored and pleased to have the opportunity to continue to serve the membership, and to do so alongside some of the finest people I've ever known – people I'm happy to call not just my colleagues, but my friends. So thank you, STARFLEET.

I look forward to our next two years.

But for now, I'd like briefly to take a look back at the last four years, and extend kudos and thanks to our outgoing Commander STARFLEET, Mike Smith. Most of you can probably remember the shape STARFLEET was in four years ago when Mike stepped forward to take the helm of the organization.

STARFLEET was in debt up to our collective eyebrows, the Internal Revenue Service was breathing down our necks for not filing the proper tax statements and threatening to charge us thousands of dollars in back taxes and fines. The Communiqué had no postal permit. The scholarship funds were dry. Membership was dropping, and we had lost many, many chapters. The future of our organization looked very bleak indeed.

But Mike took us away from all that, and now... well, look where we are. We're operating in the black. Thanks to Chuck Freas' hard work, the IRS problems have gone away, and the Communiqué now has a periodicals-rate mailing permit. Not only that,

And so I say, "Thanks, Mike!"

Thanks for four years of growth and improvements, and for laying the groundwork on which the incoming Executive Committee will continue to build. Thanks for believing in STARFLEET, and its members, and



Of course, I make an excellent Vice-Commander, STARFLEET <hic>: Well, after 4 years with this guy, I deserve a drink! Mike won't be smiling after he get my Bar bill...

Photo by David Pitts

but the United States Postal Service is in the process of refunding to us the difference between what we paid in mailings over the past few years and what it should have cost us if our permit had been in place.

The scholarship funds are growing, and scholarships are being awarded once again. Membership is on the rise, and we've got many new and returning chapters, as well as a healthy crop of chapters-in-training. STARFLEET is on its feet and strong and healthy again.

While a lot of people share the credit for this turn-around, it was Mike's leadership that brought everyone together to effect these changes.

in the people you selected for your staff, and for taking us where we had to go. Thanks for caring so damned much.

Thanks to my colleagues and friends on the Executive Committee – those who are staying on with us for the next two years, and those who will be stepping down to take a well-deserved break from the hustle and bustle of running STARFLEET's day-to-day operations. It's been an honor and a pleasure to work with you all.

Thanks to my staff – thanks to my old staff in Communications, and especially Allyson Dyar who stepped in when I moved up to become

VCS and who did a fantastic job as Chief of Communications and Election Coordinator (and people thought I was the one who was crazy). Thanks to my staff in the Office of the Vice Commander, for whom I have even greater and brighter hopes for the future.

And thanks to you, my fellow STARFLEET members, for having faith in us four years ago, and again two years ago, and yet again this year. It is a privilege to be able to continue serving you, and I anticipate great times ahead for us all.

But it's going to require help and cooperation from everybody. It's time for us all to once again pull together for STARFLEET – to work together to make our organization even better.

Speaking of pulling together... I've been informed by Commodore Dustin Williams that he will be stepping down as Director of the Fleet Division Chiefs (FDC) program as of the first of the year. I'd like to thank Dustin for all his hard work with the FDC program, and to extend an invitation to anyone who would be interested in volunteering to take over as FDC Director to send me a copy of their Fleet/real world resume and a description of what they see as the role of the FDC program and the direction they would like to see it head. Applications can be sent to me via email or snail mail at the addresses below.

If you've got any questions, or if I can help you or your

chapters and regions in any way, please email me at [VCS@sfi.org](mailto:VCS@sfi.org), or send me postal mail at:

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Once again, it is my pleasure to remain in Service to the Fleet,





# STARFLEET OPERATIONS

GENERAL LES RICKARD

CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Cdr. Gary Gonsalves, XO  
Commissioned November 5, 2000

## Operations Transition

In the coming year there will be a few changes in STARFLEET Operations. One of the most significant is the change in the Chief's spot. Taking over January 1st will be RAdm Mark Vinson. Mark previously served STARFLEET Operations as the Director of Correspondence Chapter Operations and currently serves as Chief of Staff for Region Three.

I'll leave it to Mark to introduce himself in his first Ops article. However, I am confident that he will jump right in and start working with all of the chapters in STARFLEET. Welcome aboard, Mark!

Here it is - my last article as STARFLEET's Chief of Operations. As most of you know, as of January 1st 2001 I will assume the post of Commander, STARFLEET.

This means I'll be moving my article up a couple of pages. In that first article I will express my feelings about the campaign as well as the next two years of STARFLEET "life."

Allow me a moment to thank some important people, specifically the staff of STARFLEET Operations over the last two years. If I miss someone, I apologize.

Tom Monaghan, Matt Myers, J.C. Cohen, Michelle Johnson, Michelle Fanelli, Dennis Rayburn, Michael "JD" Knight, Ken Kopaki, Alex Rosenzweig, Chris Wallace, Jill Rayburn, Pete Lutz, David McCabe, Don Willits, Barbara Paul and Mike Urvand.

They have been there to make my job easier as well as help the chapters and members of STARFLEET. I salute you all!

I would like to give a special thank you to someone who has been a guiding force in my STARFLEET "career" in recent years. Admiral Thomas J. Monaghan Jr. or "Tommy" to many of us. Tom was the previous Operations Chief during the first Smith/Freas Administration. I worked with Tom in the months prior to January 1997, trying to reorganize the Vessel Registry and various things. Tom then brought me on board as his Senior Vice Chief when he took on the job of Ops Chief in 1997. Since that

time I have learned a lot from Tom about how to work with and serve an organization - with compassion and understanding. No Tommy, I won't forget the shot in the arm you gave me or the wisdom you imparted, my friend!

There are others that have stood by me, assisted when I was not sure about something, and simply been there as moral support or to listen. People like

Onward with the Ops Report!

I would like to showcase the chapters that it has been my privilege to commission recently:

**USS AUGUSTA ADA  
NCC-55011**

Olympus Class Dreadnought  
Capt. Ken Parker, CO  
Cdr David Benfell, XO  
Commissioned: October 19 2000



**ZZzz' Ak'yaGyr sees all, controls all and rules all:** Setting the wishes of our little green overlord aside, I would like to take this space to thank and congratulate my opponent in the recently concluded Commander, STARFLEET election. Robert Westfall conducted a clean and honest campaign and even though I was fortunate enough to come out ahead in the end, he should be commended on the way he conducted himself during this whole process. Once again, thank you, Robert.

Special thanks also to Election Coordinator Allyson M. W. Dyar, who always took the time to talk to me when I had a question about the election and its policies. Her service and dedication to STARFLEET will be missed.

*Photo by Mark Vinson*

## The Final Word

Well, here we are...at the end of my last Ops Article and it was as brief as always.

I have enjoyed my time as the Ops Chief. I am looking forward to stepping into the role of Commander, STARFLEET and continuing to work with and for all of the members of STARFLEET.

Let me emphasize that, just as it has been the past two years, my office is always open. If you have concerns, questions, suggestions or just a hello please feel free to write, call, email or send smoke signals.

I say that because without the proper communication neither I, the EC and their staffs, or your RC can do what

we've been elected to do: serve you, the members.

See everyone in sixty...same time, different page.

Mike Smith, Gord Goldberg, Mark Anbinder, Matt Myers, and many others. However, the most important of these people is my wife, Deidre. She has supported me in my role as Chief of Operations and will continue to do so as I move on to my next challenge - Commander, STARFLEET.

Okay, enough of the teary eyes - I mean mine! <G>

**USS BRIGHT STAR  
NCC-71875**

Galaxy (II) Class Heavy Cruiser  
Adm Chris Wallace, CO  
Cdr Emiko Tone, XO  
Re-Commissioned October 19, 2000

**USS DOMINATOR  
NCC-18076**

Joshua Class Heavy Frigate  
FCapt. Carl Lewis, CO





# HAILING FREQUENCIES

ADMIRAL ALLYSON M. W. DYAR

CHIEF OF COMMUNICATION, STARFLEET

Is it really over?

Yes it is, according to the calendar. All that's left is the shouting and I'd appreciate if one and all yell in a direction I'm not currently occupying. It's been a long and hard road. The Election took a major personal toll on me, but I survived, just as STARFLEET has, thanks in part to the efforts of all of us who truly believed in this organization. And look at what we've accomplished in these past four years!

A hearty congratulations to Fleet Admiral-elect Les Rickard and his staff.

It was a pleasure to work with them during the Nomination and Election seasons. And my condolences to my good friend Mike Malotte for taking over this job as the incoming Comm Chief....<G>

Speaking of the Election, 41% of us bothered to vote. That's not too shabby but I'm sure we can do better. It only costs a bit of time and the cost of a postcard stamp (for those of us in the US). It really isn't reasonable to whine about what's going on in Fleet if you don't vote.

With this Hailing Frequencies being my last as Comm Chief, there are a number of folks I want to recognize. The biggest thanks goes to Kurt Roithinger who worked on both CQ #101 and this issue, #102. He also kept me sane during the Election especially when I was really stressed out because my husband was diagnosed with diabetes and had a heart attack. If it wasn't for him, I probably would have thrown up my hands and quit this job. I also want to thank Ed Nowlin for his spectacular work as Director of the Office of Web Consultants and for being a good friend (I must add here that I had the distinct pleasure of not only submitting Ed's promotion but I also presented him with his promotion at the Western Conference in October). Thank you to

the rest of my staff: CQ Editor Chris "Tigger" Wallace, Michael Dugas, Joe Brouhard, Don Willits, Kyle Wolfe, Martin Lessem, and Kristi Fell. And last but not least, Mike Malotte who took over as the Communiqué Remailer for issues #100 and beyond, and is now going on to bigger and better things. Some staff will be staying on and some are moving on. Good luck wherever your journey may take you.

The biggest thank you is reserved for two men: Gordon Goldberg and Mike Smith. When Mike made his intentions known that he was running for Fleet

difficult for me to express how much I appreciate his support and most of all, his confidence in me. Thank you Mike and I look forward to having you live much closer to me in Region 4.

Just a few bits and pieces left to go before I hand over the keys to the Executive Wash Room to Mike Malotte. By the time you receive this CQ, Stellar Visions III should be available on line in pdf format. Check the EC page under Comm for the link or drop a line to comm@sfi.org if you can't find it. Also, I emailed copies of the Web Awards Logos to all the winners. If you

haven't received it, please let the Comm Chief know. The certificates were put in the mail in December. Sorry for the delay, but the Election had to take priority.

Speaking of the Election, my thanks and appreciation go to retiring Inspector General Danny Potts who hired the best CPA in the world! And to Ray Brown, the "list mommy" for the Vote2K mailing list.

A couple of folks asked me what I would be doing now that I'm retired as Comm Chief. Besides

going back to writing fiction full time (something I had to give up during the Election Season), I've been appointed as the Assistant Director, STARFLEET Academy College of Medicine (SACOM). I'm really looking forward to working with Wayne and Marlene.

OK... that's it. It's been a frisky twelve months. Some tears, some laughs, but ultimately a very satisfying ride. My Hailing Frequencies are now officially closed. See everyone around the galaxy!



Kurt bet me \$5 that this picture wouldn't print out well: And I hope to make him pay! I had a great time at Dinkycon (i.e. the 2000 STARFLEET Western Conference) this year and can't wait for next years! Oh, and the three gents next to me are (l-r): Kurt Roithinger, Ed Nowlin and Aaron Brown.

Photo by David Pitts

Admiral and Gord was tapped to be his Comm Chief, I went to Gord and offered my services doing web pages, etc., as I had started the Fleet web pages back in 1994. He not only accepted my offer, but appointed me as his Senior Vice Chief. It was a pleasure working with you, my friend. <<Hugs!>>

I obviously have a major league bias when it comes to the on-line arena and was quite disgusted that the previous administration decided that it wouldn't officially recognize the Internet as an official means of communication within Fleet. But Mike Smith had no such qualms and in fact, pushed STARFLEET onto the information superhighway with enthusiasm. It is

## 2000 STARFLEET ELECTION RESULTS

Admiral Allyson M. W. Dyar  
Election Coordinator

Overall, 3696 ballots were mailed and 1505 ballots were received.

No vote count will add up to 1505 since not everyone voted on each item.

1496 votes were cast for president.

The winners are in **Bold**.

### Commander, STARFLEET:

**Les Rickard: 997 Votes**  
Robert Westfall: 499 Votes

### Amendments to the STARFLEET Constitution:

Amendment 1:  
**Yes 1290 Votes**  
No 174 Votes

Amendment 2:  
**Yes 1339 Votes**  
No 126 Votes

Amendment 3:  
**Yes 1215 Votes**  
No 247 Votes

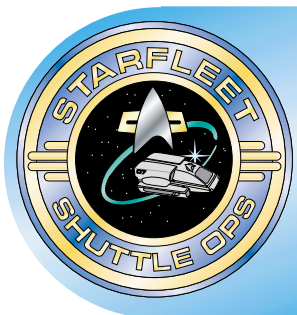
Amendment 4:  
**Yes 1274 Votes**  
No 187 Votes

Amendment 5:  
**Yes 1197 Votes**  
No 266 Votes

Amendment 6:  
**Yes 1307 Votes**  
No 157 Votes

Amendment 7:  
**Yes 1218 Votes**  
No 242 Votes





# MAMA DENNIS SAYS...

## ADMIRAL DENNIS GRAY

### CHIEF OF SHUTTLE OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

<a lone figure stands at the window in the dimly lit office, hands clasped behind his back, high overhead the surrounding grounds of Starfleet HQ. He looks out at the city, sleeping quietly below. A lone shuttle passes out over the bay, headed for some point high above in orbit. He hums a song quietly to himself...>

"All my bags are packed,  
I'm ready to go  
The last four years, have been  
a blast!  
But now has come, the time to  
say good-bye!"

Now the Rickard Admin  
is nearly here  
And my shuttle's waitin'  
so my duty is clear  
Time for me, to step aside  
and say GOOD-BYE!"

So pip me and smile for me  
Tell me that you'll wave at me  
Tell me that you'll watch me  
go

I'm leavin' on a shuttle  
I don't know when I'll be back  
again  
OK, I'm ready to go.

[apologies to John Denver,  
and Peter, Paul & Mary]

<"heh - that ought to raise a few eyebrows", the figure thinks, as he turns, and walks over to his large desk, and sits behind it, one last time, the chair squeaking in that now familiar fashion he's grown accustomed to. He reaches over, and activates his computer terminal, and calls up his farewell address, to review it one last time, before sending it off. With a little twinkle in his eye, he includes the lyrics to the song he was humming, as a prelude to his address...>

I'm outta here. After four LONG years, my tenure as ShOC Chief is almost over. (Polite applause and/or wild cheering to be heard in the background...) FAdm Mike was heard commenting recently, how strange it was going to feel, after four years, to

no longer be CS. Well, I know how he feels. After four years, it's going to be rather strange for a while, not being ShOC Chief, and being the caretaker of Starfleet's future. I guess now, I know how my predecessor(s) felt.

On the bright(er) side though, I

election is long over. Les Rickard and his team are the new suckers who will be running the show come Jan. 01. For me, that means my successor is Alex Rosenzweig. I've known Alex since my earliest days in Starfleet. I can think of few better individuals to take over from me. With Alex, Starfleet's



**And don't forget the Breathmints:** Originally, the EC was going to give Dennis a cake at his retirement party. But Tony Rowley intervened and thus the FAR more appropriate Onion Ring loaf was used as an acceptable substitute.

Photo by Joan E. Pierce.

won't have any pesky Comm Chiefs constantly reminding me of upcoming CQ article deadlines. This is my last article. (WOOHOO! YIPPIE! YAHOO! etc., etc., etc.) After four years, I no longer have to worry about what to say, how to say it, when to say it, deadlines, or like I said, grumpy Comm Chiefs. <G> (Hiya, Allyson!)

<The figure grins silently, thinking of Admiral Dyar's office on the floor above. Many an hour was spent there, discussing Fleet news over hot chocolate, and cinnamon buns. The figure returns to reading his address...>

Obviously, you all know that the

future is in excellent hands. Alex of course, will be penning the next ShOC article in the CQ. No doubt, he will bring you up to speed on his plans, ideas, etc. for ShOC in the coming two years. Good luck, Alex! (You're on your own! <G> )

<The man at the desk knows Admiral Rosenzweig well. It gives him a sense of contentment, knowing such a capable person would be taking over.>

Ok. Now to the mushy/sentimental parts. I'd like to think that ShOC has run fairly smoothly these past four years. and I will be the first to admit -

the credit for that goes not to me, but my staff. Without them, I never could have kept up the department all this time. Recognition, and thanks, goes to my first vice chief, Daniel Friesen, and, with him, his wife Donna. Dan helped me feel my way through, and learn the ropes, the first year. We tried a few things, changed a few more, and changed yet again, when things didn't work as we planned. I owe a large debt of thanks to Dan. And Donna worked many, many hours behind the scenes; supporting Dan, working on the first ShOC FAQ, designing and putting together the first ShOC web page. Donna's contributions were quite significant, and went largely un-noticed. Thank you, Dan & Donna.

A big nod of thanks must also go to Tom Rutledge. The man was always there for me, always willing to help, always willing to do whatever he could. Our work schedules, and differing computer systems (apple vs. PC) kept us from taking as much advantage as we could have from living relatively as close to one another as we do. Thank you Tom, for being there.

<The figure picks up a couple of envelopes, makes sure they are addressed properly, and puts them in his briefcase. "Got to make sure I remember to mail those." He mutters to himself.>

Next, a huge THANK YOU has to go to my current vice chief, Denine Sanders. Contrary to what some might think, the brownies had NOTHING to do with me choosing Denine for my vice chief. Honest! (They *were* delicious, though) <G> Denine. What a remarkable woman. She brought a wonderful passion with her to ShOC. And a willingness to kick me in the butt when I needed it. Denine and I have/had a love/hate relationship. One minute, we would be arguing like cats 'n dogs. the next, we'd hug & make up. <G> Denine busted her butt as my vice chief. She worked many, many hard hours on the S.T.A.R.T. manual. She has collected the reports from all the shuttles since she came on board.



Reading each one. Dealing with the shuttles, to help them through their problems, or concerns, that they've broached in their reports. Without her, I simply could not have continued to do my job these past 2½+ years. Period. Denine - words will never be enough. But THANK YOU!!! (and I owe you a monster HUG!)

Jonathan 'Gumby' Simmons. The man IS ShOC. A note to all you future ShOC Chiefs, or CS candidates: If this man is not on your staff, or on your EC as Chief of ShOC, then you need to get your head examined. <G> The man is the originator of the S.T.A.R.T. and M.O.M. manuals. His advice, his wisdom, his willingness to jump into the fire, as it were, and help, has simply been invaluable. He's been one of my biggest sounding boards. A voice of reason that has kept me on track the last two years. In Jonathan, I have also found a kindred soul, and a terrific friend, one that I hope to have for MANY years to come. Believe it or not, we only got to meet for the first time back in October, as well. Thanks, my friend. I owe you.

Last amongst my staff, is William 'Biff' Bassett. Biff is the only one that's been on my staff for all four years. He was there from day one. If he wasn't giving me a place to live, then he was helping me upgrade my computer, both with hardware and software. Biff has always been there. Listening to me vent on things, offering solutions, trying to help wherever, and whenever he could. This past year, Biff has truly excelled. He designed from scratch, the new, and current, ShOC web pages ([www.sfi.org/shoc](http://www.sfi.org/shoc)). Take a look. Please! Now, for a special treat, Biff has written a few words of his own, which he'd like for me to forward to you all:

Hello, my name is Biff Bassett and for the past four years I have been the Staff Assistant to Dennis Gray, Director of Shuttle Operations Command (ShOC) and I have just recently taken on the job as ShOC Webmaster in this organization that we call Starfleet. I have been to five IC's, a Western Conference (aka; 'DinkyCon'), and a Region 17 Summit and every one of these events has been fun! I have met a lot of people at these events and have made a lot of new friends in the five years that I've been in Starfleet. I have thoroughly enjoyed all of the times that I have spent meeting

people and making new friends with these people at the events that I have attended. I have also made many new friends locally in the chapters that I have served on. With all these friends, old and new I have had a bunch of fun exploring old and new frontiers. The fact of the matter is that if I had never joined Starfleet and met Dennis Gray, I don't think that my life would have been this much fun! I am very thankful that I have had the opportunity to be able to do this.

This is why I have chosen to continue as a part of ShOC. ShOC is where the chapters begin in Starfleet and this is where you meet and make your new friends as a part of starting a new chapter in Starfleet! Since I have been blessed with many good friendships in the past five years, I want to give back some of what was given to me :) So, in continuing with ShOC I hope to help as many new chapters as I can by helping the next ShOC Director. So from a ShOC view if there is anything that I can do for any of you in Starfleet please let me know and I will try to help in any way that I can! My postal address and email address are listed in the back of this CQ as a part of the ShOC Department. This Thanksgiving I gave thanks that I have a friend like Dennis Gray and that he recruited me into Starfleet and ShOC so that I could enjoy the companionship that is gained through joining this fine organization we call Starfleet:) Thanks Again! You all have a good one and have as much fun as you possibly can!!!

Fleet Captain, William "Biff" Bassett

Thank you, Biff. \*sniff\* You're a true friend. And being so, I feel I must offer you this one piece of heart-felt advice: The next time you find yourself on your knees, offering a rose to a beautiful woman, make sure her husband isn't in the room, watching you first. <GGG>

<The figure opens his briefcase, and taking out several items, gets up and crosses the hall, and enters the office there. He opens the bottom drawer of FCapt Bassett's desk, and withdraws one of his famous roses. Quietly, he proceeds down the hall a short distance, and enters RAdm Sanders office. He leaves the rose, and a card, on Denine's desk. "Thank you Denine" he whispers. He then proceeds to the office across the hall, where, with a big eating grin, he leaves another card, along with a small

clay figure, in a Starfleet uniform. He then returns to FCapt Bassett's office, and places a final card there. "Give 'em hell, Biff!" Slowly he returns to his own office, and sits once again at his desk...>

Finally, I can't write this column, without a tremendous nod of thanks to the man responsible for my being here. Nay, even like as not, responsible for there still being a STARFLEET for us all to belong to. That man, of course, is Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith. Being a member of this organization, has brought me literally a wealth of new friends. My life was profoundly changed when I sent in that membership app some twelve years ago now. I could write volumes on how it's changed. Almost all the experiences, friends, and memories that I have, had, and hold dear to my heart, I have and have had, because of Starfleet. Because of that, I hold a debt of gratitude, and fierce loyalty to this organization, for all that it has accomplished, does, and stands for.

So when Mike approached me, nearly five years ago, and asked me if I would be a part of his Executive Committee, I jumped at the chance. To be a part of the EC, to serve the organization, particularly in one of it's darkest hours of dire need, to give back to the organization, and in a way that would help other people around the world, meet, and start new friendships, and carry on the torch, well, it was a no-brainer. So for that opportunity, I owe Michael D. Smith, probably the biggest debt of gratitude of all. Thank you my friend. Thank you for myself, and on behalf of Starfleet. <salute>

<The figure stops a moment, and takes a long, lingering look around his office. The photos, the commendations, certificates, etc. Years worth of memories come flooding back. A single tear appears in the corner of his eye...>

Well, that's pretty much it for the tear-eyed stuff. A few comments about the Western Conference, a few final thoughts, and I'm outta here. The Western Conference: I HATE the Las Vegas airport, plain and simple. Sorry. Had to be said. <G> Vegas itself - COOL! 'Nuff said. The hotel - cheap! (this is a good thing, mind you...) However, the trills, bleeps, bloops, hoots and beeps of the slot machines, gets very annoying very fast. Next time around, we gotta pick a hotel with a better layout and meeting space.

Gumby - you da man. I can't tell you how great it was, to finally meet after all this time. I had a blast! Biff - see my earlier comment above. <G> Mikey - <looking at a certain gilded piece of wood...> looks like you finally got what you had coming to you. <G> The Experience - well, again, there's too much there for words alone. So let me say it this way: FAdm Smith - please consider this a **FORMAL** request and requisition for a shuttle simulator, akin to the one in Las Vegas, for the ShOC Dept. Um, for 'training purposes'. <G> Those of you who have been there, and experienced it, know that of which I speak. <G> To summarize - the whole WC was a hell of an idea. :) It is my sincere hope, that it becomes an annual event. Thanks to everyone, who worked to put it together. It was a blast!

<A quiet knock at the door gets the figure's attention - "Admiral? Sir? Your shuttle is waiting downstairs." "Thank you, Lieutenant. I'll be down directly." "Aye sir.">

Well my friends, this article is finished. My days of writing one are through. And while I may be leaving the EC, I will always, always, be a Fleet member, and be found around somewhere, doing something.

Who knows? I may even start a shuttle.

(BWHHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!)

It has been a pleasure, and an honor, to be the caretaker of Starfleet's future these past four years. Thank you one and all. For being a member, for believing in Starfleet, and the dream.

Admiral Dennis Gray



<The figure instructs the computer to save and transmit the address. It's done. Quietly, he stands, closes his briefcase, turns off the terminal and the light on the desk, pushes the chair under the desk, and crosses the room to the door, turning, taking one, last, look around the room...>

<turning off the light...>

<\*click\*>





# COMPUTER OPERATIONS

REAR ADMIRAL MARK H. ANBINDER

CHIEF OF COMPUTER OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

## Happy to See You

"How can I get to every Region of STARFLEET while I'm on the Executive Committee?" That's one question that's been on my mind the last few weeks, and the election victory of the Rickard/Goldberg team means I won't be let off the hook. (No longer being CompOps Chief come January would have been too easy an excuse.)

Having my term as CompOps Chief extended by two years means I'll have an opportunity to further contemplate this MHA World Tour idea. This fits well into my "STARFLEET as family" theme that you've seen me talk about in this space before, but it actually helps me do my job as CompOps Chief to be able to chat face-to-face with people who have questions about joining STARFLEET, renewing their memberships, changing addresses, and so forth.

Honestly, it seems unlikely that I'll manage to get to every Region. While I'd like to, it seems improbable that I'll make it to New Zealand, Australia, or Japan any time soon. (I'm a good computer consultant, but the furthest anyone's flown me to help them so far is Boston.)

## Halfway there?

Hardly. So far, while I've visited many of the Regions within the U.S. as well as Canada and Western Europe, most of these visits haven't been for Fleet events, and that's all I want to count for the purposes of this tour.

Happily, I already have plans to visit Region 4 in January for the Macworld Expo, and I'm going to do my best to visit with some Fleet folks while I'm out there. It's my first time in California since the week Operation Desert Storm began (though there's no connection that comes to mind) and I'd better not risk the possibility that I won't be out to the left coast again for a while.

Hunkering down a bit, I figure I can get to at least a few more Regions without too much effort. For example, I'm already planning to attend the 2001 International Conference in Region 12

next summer.

Hitherto, I've really only been to STARFLEET events in Regions 1, 3, 7, and 15. Most recently, I attended the

and '99 in Charlotte, North Carolina), as well as USS Chesapeake's tenth anniversary celebration and the 2000 Region 1 Summit, both in R1.



A Special Thanks from all of us here at STARFLEET Headquarters to retiring Membership Processing Goddess...

## Rear Admiral Teri Smith

Your contribution was invaluable and we'll all miss you terribly! Have fun in your "retirement" and don't forget about your friends in 'fleet!

*Photo: Teri Smith at Watkins Glen Weekend 2000. Photo by Joan E. Pierce*

Region 15 meeting at this November's United Fan Con, in Springfield, Massachusetts. As I often have been at Fleet gatherings, I was delighted at the way I was immediately and completely welcomed into the "local" family. Saturday's Region 15 meeting was only part of that; I felt welcome, and part of the group, throughout the weekend. I've also been to ICs in Regions 1 and 3 ('98 in Lubbock, Texas

Heading south again is among my plans; I look forward to next spring's R1 Summit in Greensboro, North Carolina. I'd also originally hoped to return to Region 3 for their upcoming New Years Party, and was gratified to receive a couple of personal invitations to it, but I suspect the airfare will keep me away from this event. (Fear not, I will get back to Region 3, if only because I still haven't tried the

legendary ribs at Gardski's! Last chance I had, someone who shall remain nameless ate the last portion before I got a chance.)

## How about R13?

How could it be that, living about three hours from Canada as I do, I've never made it to a Region 13 event? Well, I keep wanting to get to a USS Banting event, but unfortunately, my schedule has never allowed me to attend. I've so far missed their shuttle launch party, their commissioning party, and (by the time you read this) their second anniversary party, despite early hopes of attending each.

Hopefully, one of these days I'll make it up there! (Keep inviting me, guys! It's nothing personal!)

Hey, does the boat tour that went into Canadian waters during a USS New Horizons Camporee a few years ago count?

## Handshakes around the Fleet

However I pull it off, I do hope to get to events in several more regions within the coming years. I'll keep an eye out for Region conference and summit announcements, and feel free to let me know about your chapter events.

Helping members with their membership issues is a nice side effect of getting to a variety of events. While we still haven't solved everyone's difficulties with getting the Communiqué newsletter in the mail, we've made a lot of headway, and talking to people at conferences and summits has been a big part of this.

Hard though it may seem, please keep in mind that the best way to sell new memberships at conventions and other events where recruiting takes place is via the Prepaid Membership Packets available through CompOps. This way it's easier for the recruiting group to handle things after the event; there's no need to keep track of money and remember to send it off to Membership Processing in a timely manner.

## High time I signed off...

Hokey-doke, I think that's enough rambling from me this issue. Stay tuned for a look at the new STARFLEET Computer Operations staff, 2001 edition, in the next issue of this fine publication.





# EX ASTRA, SCIENTIA

ADMIRAL MARLENE MILLER

COMMANDANT, STARFLEET ACADEMY

Here we are... getting ready to move into a brand new year, and the brand new Rickard-Goldberg administration. A quick peek at the Starfleet Directory of Contact Information will show you that quite a few changes have been, and are being made. I'm happy to be able to continue as Commandant of the Academy for at least another two years. There are several changes and improvements which I, along with the Academy faculty and staff, will be processing. As always, Starfleet Academy, the new Cadet Academy, and the European, Australian and Canadian campuses are constantly in a state of improvement. We hope to continue in that vein. If you reside in Canada, Australia, or Europe, and you'd like to become an Academy Director, please send me your Starfleet and "real life" resume along with a letter of intent.

As you see from the Contact Directory, I have chosen Academy Director Fleet Captain Wayne Lee Killough, Jr. as the Academy Special Assistant. Wayne's

credentials are massive and from working with him in the past, I know he's going to do an excellent job as SA. Congratulations, Wayne!

Also listed in the Contact Directory you will see that we have a new Vice

## STILL NO PICTURE OF MARLENE!

Gee, we're disappointed! We offer a \$5 bribe (in Academy Vouchers) and no one takes us up on the offer and sends us a picture of Marlene Miller! Pa-tooey!

Therefore we must now raise the stakes. Yes, a headshot of Marlene Miller is now worth **\$6.47** -- in cold, hard, genuine American **CASH!** The rules are still the same: mail us a photograph of Academy Commandant Marlene Miller and we'll give the person with the best submission the loot. Everyone else who submits will get their name listed in CQ 103. Deadline for submission is January 25th, 2001.

Please send submissions to the CQ addresses listed on Page 2.

Commandant - Electronic Services. Commodore Greg Staylor has been handed this position by virtue of his ability to organize and implement what's needed to get the Online Academy moving at warp speed. Greg will be choosing a team of interested volunteers who are willing to make our dream a reality. Congrats, Greg!

There are several other changes being made at the Academy and are being reported elsewhere in Communiqué #102.

If you have any questions or comments, about the Academy, if you'd like to volunteer to write courses or if you have ideas for a new school or college, please contact me either by e-mail [academy@sfi.org](mailto:academy@sfi.org) or by USPS:

Marlene Miller  
461 Harmony Lane  
Campbell, Ohio 44405

And, on a final note... I'm so happy to report that (unless the Communiqué Staff has found a photo of me) the Stealth Admiral (moi) still holds that dubious honor!

Have a super Holiday season! What a wonderful time to attend Starfleet Academy!

## STARFLEET ACADEMY ONLINE: ONLINE VOUCHERS (OLV) — QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

By Commodore Carol Thompson • Online Voucher Coordinator

**Question: Red paper Vouchers. Online Voucher Codes. What's the difference?**

**Answer:** Starfleet's red paper vouchers have been around for a long time. The advantage is that vouchers can be used as currency for anything Starfleet charges for, including Academy classes.

Starfleet Academy's Online Voucher Codes are used ONLY for Online Academy Classes. The advantage is that if you need to take your OTS right away, you can have your diploma or confirmation letter in a day or two.

**Question: How do the Voucher Codes work?**

**Answer:** When a class is taken

completely online, a student will register online, type in a Voucher Code, read the material, and take the test online. The student will be e-mailed a diploma or a confirmation letter (like the SFMC Academy sends.)

**Question: How do I get Voucher Codes?**

**Answer:** Online Voucher Codes are purchased from the Online Voucher Contact (OLVC). The postal address of the OLVC appears on the first page of the Online Academy website. Voucher Codes cost \$1 or one red voucher each. Once payment is received, the OLVC will e-mail the codes to the purchaser.

Since most courses only require one code, it may seem uneconomical to spend one stamp and one check or money order to order one code to take

one class. However, codes may be purchased in quantity by a Starfleet Vessel through a designated Officer and sold to crewmembers. Ambitious crewmembers may also buy several codes at once for their future classes.

**Question: When will more classes be offered at the Online Campus?**

**Answer:** The Online Academy is still being developed. Tests from the regular campus of Starfleet Academy need to be adapted for online use. This will take time. Check the website once in a while for newly-posted classes.

**Question: Where is the website?**

**Answer:** Go to <http://www.sfi-sfa.com/sfi-sfa> and follow the link to the Online Academy.

## THE SEARCH IS OVER!

Admiral Marlene J. Miller  
Commandant, Starfleet Academy

After receiving, reading, and digesting dozens of applications, I've chosen someone I feel will bring a breath of fresh air to the Academy and to the College of Federation Studies.

I want to thank all the RCs, COs, and all Starfleet Members who helped me get the word out that I was accepting applications.

I also want to thank everyone who applied. For the most part, your applications and resumes were impeccable. I know many of you personally (through Starfleet) and am confident that each of you would be an excellent Academy Director because I see what you've already done and are still doing within the 'Fleet. I'm thoroughly honored that you want to be a part of Starfleet Academy.

As great as you all are, it was really difficult to choose one from among you, but a choice was made.

Lt. Cmdr. Anne Bellenger of the USS Matrix will be the new Director of the College of Federation Studies.

I first "met" Anne back in 1990 when she started taking courses at the Vulcan Academy of Science. She aced 9 out of 9 V.A.S. courses and even though she underwent quite a few catastrophes in her life she never let them defeat her. That's the kind of person who fits right in at the Academy.

As soon as COFS documents can be transferred to her, the College will be reopened. I'm guesstimating this will be no later than the end of December. Please watch for an announcement here, in the Communiqué, and on the SFI-Announce List, as well as inclusion on the Academy Application and the Academy website.

If you currently have outstanding COFS tests, please remain patient until former Directors Donna Tucker and Isaac Turner return the documents and tuitions to the Academy.

Anne, you may pick up your Faculty Parking Sticker at Dean Newell's office in the Institute of Arts.





# STARFLEET ACADEMY GRADUATE LIST



*By 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 September 1 through November 15, 2000. An Asterisk (\*) 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 within 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*

Wim Muyleart                      Justin Cole  
Erik Johnson                      Tina Godley  
Kevin Faux  
Michael W. Wilsong  
Patricia A. Rudewicz  
Monica Crowley  
James Crowley  
Mike Dethlefs  
Robert Powell  
Jarrold Iverson  
Harold J. Heald

### Officer's Command College (OCC)

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

Margaret Dyl                      Angel Avery  
Tami Flowers                      Mark Easterbrook  
Jocylyn Giles                      Jeffrey Webb  
Cassie Hislop                      Raymond Johnson  
James Thornton                      Astridur Jonsdottir  
Sara Thorton                      Jeremy Grabbe  
Joan Crowley                      Raymond Roller  
Montine Strickland                      Eugene Sanford  
Brenda Rice                      Jennifer Kelly  
Tom Ferguson                      William Kelly  
Erik Johnson                      Harold Heald  
Josephus Dean Ueffing                      John Roberts  
Debbie Blaser

### Flag Officer School (FOS)

*Helen Pawlowski, Alan Yates - Directors*

Sherri Huff  
Doug Angeli  
Eddie Milbrandt, Jr. \*  
Joseph Kancel \*  
Cathy Edgington  
John Hoppa \*  
Philip J. Kern, Jr. \*

## INSTITUTE OF ARTS

*Sherry Anne Newell,  
Dean*

### School of Music (SOM)

*Sherry Anne Newell, Director*

Lena Johnson  
Beth Phillips

### College of Survival Studies (COSS)

*Carol Thompson, Director*

Shannon Sidman  
Sharon Russell

### School of Trek Humor (SOTH)

*Sherry Anne Newell, Director*

Beth Phillips  
Eddie Milbrandt

### School of Treknology (SOT)

*Alice C. Strange; A. Jean Smith, Directors*

Sheila Benton (3) \*\*      Wayne L. Killough, Jr (2)  
Linda K. Johnson \*      Elizabeth Phillips (2)

### School of Romance (SOR)

*Sherry Anne Newell, Director*

Eddie Milbrandt (2) \*\*

### College of History (COH)

*Deborah Butcher, Director*

Cathy Edgington \*

### College of Alien History & Culture (CAHC)

*David Peifer, Director*

Linda Johnson \*  
Beth Phillips (5) \*\*\*\*  
Billie Clifton (10) \*\*\*\*\*

### School of Cultural Anthropology (SCA)

*Sherry Anne Newell, Director*

Billie Clifton (3)

## INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES

*Greg Staylor, Dean*

### Security School (SFASS)

*Greg Staylor, Director*

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Lori Coffey \*                      Anita Davis (2) \*\*  
Betty Flyzik \*                      John Hoppa \*  
Aurora Gulluni \*                      Deb Kern (4) \*\*\*\*  
Donna Gulluni \*                      Brian Joerger \*  
Nancy O'Shields                      Prophet Livingood  
Shawn Smith \*  
Wade Wantoch \*  
Amile Wilson \*  
Little John Marcus \*  
Elizabeth Phillips \*

### School of Language Studies (SOLS)

*Sherry Anne Newell, Director*

Donna Gulluni (3) \*  
Beth Phillips  
Eddie Milbrandt (3)

### School of Strategy & Tactics - SOST

*Sanford Berenberg, Director*

Jeff Roy  
Robert Vosseller \*  
Sherri Huff  
Barney Cole

### Vessel Readiness Certification Program - VRCP

*Carol Thompson, Director*

USS Alaric  
USS Prevailing Wind (3)

### College of Starship Operations - COSO

*James W. Lee, Director*

Aurora Gulluni  
Joseph Kancel

## INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

*Sharon Ann Clark,  
Dean*

### College of Medicine (SACOM)

*Wayne Killough, Director*

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Tira Lerew                      Paula Kesler  
Linda K. Johnson                      Dusty Chesnavge  
David Peifer (2) \*                      Nancy Jean O'Shields \*  
Beth Phillips

### Ship Counselor College (SCC)

*Helen Pawlowski;  
Donna Jean Noddin, Directors*

Tira Lerew (3)

### Vulcan Academy of Science (VAS)

*Marlene Miller, Director*

Elsa Baker                      Pamela Michaud \*  
Lea Eddy \*                      Beth Phillips (2) \*  
Jeremy Grabbe \*                      Kurt Roithinger (2) \*\*  
Nancy Lynch \*                      Janice Willcocks \*

### College of Engineering (COE)

*Capt. Brian Dougherty, Director*

Erik Johnson \*

### College of Computer History (COCH)

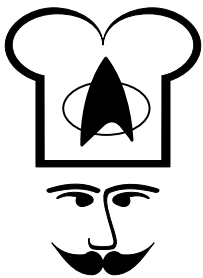
*Sharon Ann Clark, Director*

Susan Goodwin \*

### College of Trade & Commerce (COTAC)

*Tammy Willcox, Director*

Beth Phillips \*



# B.U.R.P.S. COMES TO STARFLEET ACADEMY

By Commander William Skinner • Co-Director, B.U.R.P.S.  
Artwork by Fleet Captain David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five

A new school has come to Starfleet Academy. Welcome one and all! The idea was given to me a few years ago by Helen Pawlowski. She said that given my love of food and cooking I should do something about it and develop an Academy course. Well, timing is everything and we are about ready to open our kitchen to you. I began compiling material, organizing it, and thinking of a name that would say it all and still be tied in (even loosely) to cooking and food. Bill's Unique Recipe Preparatory School (B.U.R.P.S.) is the result!

B.U.R.P.S. covers a little bit of everything from soup to nuts. The normal and the exotic, with over 300 questions, including Star Trek related questions, in quite a few courses. I gave it this broad range because there is just a lot of good food out there, locally and abroad, and I do not want anyone to limit the amount of pleasure that this great world of food has to offer. The material is broken down into several small tests. And more will be developed, in time, as interest and opportunity allows. I hope that you shall find the course both fun and educational. Once you have taken the course,

I look forward to reading your comments, insights, and criticisms

because I want this school to be the best it can be.

As for me, I am 37 years old, and have been with Starfleet since April 1990. I have completed several Academy courses, including OTS, OCC, FOS, VAS, Security, and the Counselor courses. During my time with Starfleet I have served aboard a few ships in various capacities from Security to Executive Officer. I currently serve aboard the USS Cherokee. I am XO, cook, publisher of the newsletter (The Medicine Shield) and I do our MSRs.

My personal life is no less interesting. I am in prison, have been since May 30, 1982, and I will be home no later than May 30, 2002. I am sure this will raise several eyebrows, and even more questions which I will gladly answer. But don't let this news stop you from taking our course and having some fun. I am qualified to offer it.

I have completed a 6,000 hour Cook's Apprenticeship and received my certificate in January. Through Luzerne County Community College I have enrolled in the Culinary Arts Program with a high grade point average. One class, Applied Foodservice Sanitation & Safety, offered a National Certification exam. I answered 79 out of 80 correctly.

I am also taking, by correspondence, a course in Hotel & Restaurant management. While in the kitchen I was also invited, time and again, to "cater" the meals for our Jewish congregation. As a result of that, because of my love for this work, one man's father offered me my own business once I am home (in return I would cater for his synagogue). And so I have tried to bring a little bit of all this to B.U.R.P.S. Future courses will reflect this same love and devotion as well.

My co-director is Anita Davis. Anita is CO of the USS Renegade, one of my former chapters, in Youngstown, Ohio. She will be helping me run B.U.R.P.S. in a lot of ways, partly because of my situation. With this in mind, given Academy procedure, here is how B.U.R.P.S. shall work, step by step.

1. Students will mail their \$2 check, SASE, 2 extra loose First Class postage stamps, and application to Anita Davis.
2. Anita will mail you the course material.
3. Once completed, you will mail the answers to me for grading.
4. After grading, I will notify Anita to

issue a Certificate, if you've passed.

5. Anita will mail the Certificate of Completion to you.

NOTE: If you are in prison, please make that clear to Admiral Davis as she will be the one grading your papers. I know that I am not the only inmate in Starfleet. Under Pennsylvania Department of Corrections policy, I cannot have contact with other inmates.

Our addresses are as follows:

Anita Davis  
469 Mistletoe St  
Youngstown, Ohio 44511

William T. Skinner  
AM-8585 S.C.I. WM.  
Post Office Box 256  
Waymart, PA 18472-0256  
e-mail: BillyBear@startrekmail.com

A friend checks my e-mail every few days, so please keep this in mind if you e-mail me. In my case, snail mail is better, and always keep copies of what you mail to us, just as a precaution.

In closing, have a great day, and I look forward to sharing my love of cooking with all of you!

## CHANGE IN DIRECTORS FOR THE COLLEGE OF TRADE AND COMMERCE

By Fleet Captain Tammy Willcox • Former Director, College of Trade and Commerce

I wanted to let everyone know that I will be stepping down as Director of the College of Trade and Commerce (COTAC) due to my assuming a new position in Starfleet in January.

I will be the new Starfleet Treasurer, and as such, I will need to concentrate heavily on that position.

The new Director will be Edith Padgett, Executive Officer to the USS Charleston, and my former Assistant Director of the College of Trade and Commerce. Edith has been the Assistant Director of COTAC for about a year, and

willing agreed to step up into my shoes so I could concentrate on being Treasurer.

So everyone, let's break Edith in right! Sign up for one of the COTAC exams, which are Basic COTAC, Intermediate COTAC, and the Shuttle Treasury Exam.

Here is Edith's contact info, along with a note from her:

Capt Edith Padgett  
1090 Berkeley St, Apt 2  
Hanahan SC 29406  
edithpadgett@hotmail.com

"I have quite a few challenges to look

forward to. I am very happy to be taking over as the Director of the College of Trade and Commerce, but I have big track to follow in.

I hope to maintain the high level that we have had in the past and I look forward to discovering new ways to increase our participation rates. I've always enjoyed taking Academy courses having completed several of the schools and want to see the whole Academy grow and prosper. Please come and see what we are about."

And lastly, a note from the Commandant, Admiral Marlene J. Miller:

"I'd like to take this space to thank Tammy

for her many years as Director of the College of Trade and Commerce. I think I speak for the rest of the Faculty and Staff when I say we hate to see her go, but we can understand her motivation. Tammy has done an exceptional job with the College and I'm sure Edith will continue in that direction. A smooth transfer of the College of Trade and Commerce documents has already taken place so Edith's ready when you are!"

I've enjoyed my time as an Academy Director, and I really have to say, that the Academy people are a great group of people, and I'm going to miss working with them.



# BITS AND PIECES FROM AROUND STARFLEET ACADEMY

Compiled by Vice Admiral Marlene Miller • Commandant, STARFLEET Academy

## STARFLEET Academy Special Assistant

Hello, STARFLEET. I would like to thank Commandant Marlene J. Miller for appointing me the new STARFLEET Academy Special Assistant. In this capacity, I will help Marlene and our Vice Commandant, Tom Restivo, with Administrative duties within the Academy. One of my duties is to inform all necessary parties of any changes to Academy Personnel. This includes changes in address, rank, e-mail address, and such. More duties and projects are coming along as I type this article.

My first assignment as Special Assistant is to update the Academy Director's Handbook. This manual will be distributed to all Academy Directors as a Guidebook full of answers to commonly asked questions, as well as various information that a Director would need.

- Fleet Captain Wayne Lee Killough, Jr.

## STARFLEET Academy of Medicine

SACOM would like to take just a moment to thank David Klingman for his work as Assistant Director of SACOM. Due to personal issues, David has resigned his position and is now acting as an Advisor for the college. I wish to thank him for his help and support.

I would like to announce SACOM's new Assistant Director... ADM Allyson M. W. Dyar. Allyson brings to SACOM a wealth of knowledge and support. Be looking for changes and improvements for SACOM in the months ahead. Remember, if you have an idea for a new course through SACOM, or would like to create an exam, please contact me at [sacom@sfi.org](mailto:sacom@sfi.org) or 319 N. Maple Street; Harrison, AR 72601.

- Fleet Captain Wayne Lee Killough, Jr.

## Cadet Security School -- Students Wanted!

The Cadet Security School course #1 is Basic Safety and Security School

which includes an expandable folder color coded with the results and returned with the certificate. This course is in both black and white, and color for recognition of insignias, and important signs. Also included for the students that finish the course, is a wallet card that is laminated and a written certificate for each student. There are activities in each course for any age of the participants. All material needed is included in the packet. What would the student do if certain situations happen at home or school.

Course #2 includes laminated wallet card and a certificate, and this material can be added to the expandable folder that is included with the certificate from Course #1. The course is named Convention Security and the likely duties you can expect to find being a cadet. Test is currently being finished and should be done by January.

All material for first two courses are provided, the expandable folder will be sent with the certificate. The color of the folder is representative of what group you are in. Gold being honor, and so forth. Special recognition will be given to those that score 95% and above.

- Lt. Nancy O'Shields, Director Cadet Security

## Running Late?

If any of my students out there in any of my schools (SOLS, SOM, SOCA, SOTH, SOR) have unfinished exams and have gone past the "deadline," please feel free to go ahead and send the exams in anyway. I realize that "real life" sometimes interferes with "Fleet life" and that we just simply can't get everything done we'd like to, so please go ahead and give it a try. Don't be discouraged if you're "stuck." Just drop me a line (include a SASE, please), or send an e-mail, and I'll do what I can to try to help. I'm sure that I speak for all of us here at the Academy when I say that we are here to help and to do what we can to make your Starfleet experience rewarding and enjoyable.

-Vice Admiral Sherry Anne Newel

# STARFLEET ACADEMY: ELECTRONIC SERVICES DIVISION

By Commodore Greg Staylor • Director, STARFLEET Academy Electronic Services Division

Greetings from the Electronic Services Division of the Starfleet Academy! I am Commodore Greg Staylor and I was recently appointed to the position of Vice-Commandant - Electronic Services by Admiral Marlene Miller, Commandant of the Starfleet Academy.

The Starfleet Academy - Electronic Services Division (SFA-ESD) is mainly responsible for the Starfleet Academy web site (including the OnLine courses) at this time, but in the future will likely expand into other computer/Internet-related areas, such as database records of SFA students.

Just a bit about me... I have been an active member of Starfleet since 1993. I have served several positions in the past and my current position of Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. Powhatan, a chapter in Region One. On the regional level, I have been the Assistant Regional Division Chief - Security Division - R1. On the fleet

level, I have am the Security School Director, Dean of the Institute of Military Studies, and WebMaster, for the Starfleet Academy.

In 1997, I started the Starfleet Academy web site off my own server with the permission of Academy Commandant Rob Lerman. As the Academy web site has grown from a one page site on my server until the much improved site it has become, including a new Fleet server and web address ([www.sfi-academy.org](http://www.sfi-academy.org)), I have been active in each phase.

In real life, I am a Police Sergeant with the Chesapeake Police Department (Chesapeake, Virginia population approx. 200,000). My main assignment is as a street supervisor, but because I have always endeavored to train in vast areas, I hold many special collateral assignments.

One as the WebMaster of the PD web site ([www.chesapeake.va.us/cpd](http://www.chesapeake.va.us/cpd)). I also

have a small web site design business.

My plan are for the near future of Starfleet Academy - EDS is to enlist a small team of knowledgeable persons to work as Starfleet Academy - Electronic Services Engineers (SFA-ESE). They will help in the maintenance, design development, expansion and updates to the Academy web site. The requirements are:

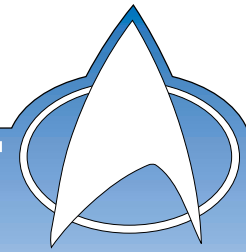
- 1). Good working knowledge of web design
- 2). Good working knowledge of FrontPage, or ability to learn
- 3). Willing to work as a Team, but in a solo work environment
- 4). Responsible enough to adhere to deadlines and commitments that you agree to keep.
- 5). Direct access to e-mail (with attachment capability) and the Internet. Additionally, any knowledge of Active Server Pages is an extra that would be helpful, but not required.

I am taking applications for Electronic

Services Engineers. Resume/information can be sent to me at [sass@sfi.org](mailto:sass@sfi.org). We will be expanding the OnLine courses and working toward the use of credit card and/or checking withdrawals to purchase the OnLine course.

A suggestion form will be setup on the web site. Many other projects are being looked into and we will keep the membership advised as new services become available.

I look forward to my new position and hope everyone takes advantage of the great opportunities at the Starfleet Academy. With many new and re-designed schools/courses, the Academy is a great way to be an active member in Starfleet! And remember, if you are qualified and dedicated; send your application for the Electronic Services Engineer positions as soon as possible. Deadlines for applicants will be posted on the Fleet mailing lists.



# STARFLEET PROMOTIONS

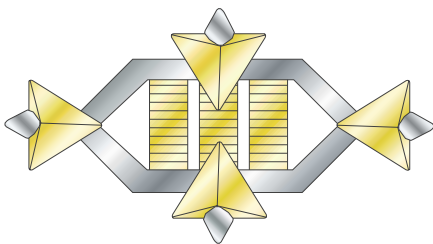
COMPILED BY LIEUTENANT GENERAL MICHAEL MALOTTE

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:

Kimberly Brooks  
Charles Werner  
Ramon Macias  
William "Biff" Basset

Ann Dysinger  
James Brunton  
Nancy Lynch



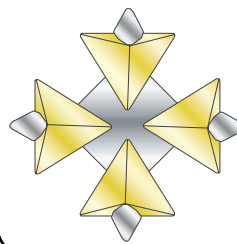
## To Commodore/Brigadier General:

Joseph P. Hoolihan  
Richard Benker



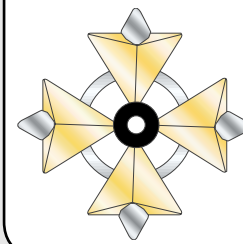
## To Rear Admiral/Major General:

Ed Nowlin  
Michelle Fanelli



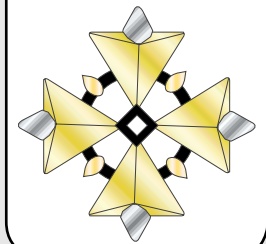
## To Vice Admiral/Lieutenant General:

Kurt F. Roithinger  
Jonathan Simmons  
Michael W. Malotte



## To Admiral/General:

Chris Wallace  
Tony Rowley  
Les Rickard



## VESSEL READINESS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

By Commodore Carol Thompson • Director, VRCP

The US Navy requires that all its ships pass certification tests before the ships are deemed sea worthy and battle ready. This led to an idea radically different from the usual Starfleet Academy course. There are no tests, no manuals, and no tuition beyond 2 first-class stamps. Instead of each crewmember taking classes for his or her own benefit, the crewmembers of a Starfleet Vessel pool together all of their diplomas to meet certain certification requirements.

The purpose of the VRCP is to encourage crew members to take Starfleet Academy classes for the good of their ships. All the diplomas earned by a crew are collected by a Starfleet Vessel's Certification Officer and submitted to certify departments on a ship. Once all a Vessel's departments are certified,

the Vessel receives a Vessel Readiness Certificate, stating that the vessel is spaceworthy.

Starfleet Vessels of all kinds are encouraged to enter the program: Starships, Outposts, Stations, Shuttles, Pre-shuttles, Relay Stations, Garbage Scows, Love Boats, and Life Pods, to name a few.

Participation in the program is VOLUNTARY, FREE, and FUN! Starfleet International does NOT require any of its vessels to be certified.

The VRCP has greatly expanded the lists of diplomas for each department. Hopefully this will make it easier for vessels to earn their certificates. As new Academy Classes are offered, the VRCP will be updated to reflect those additions.

The designated Certification Officer should print out the following website and all three of its hyperlinked forms:

<http://www.mosquitonet.com/~betazoid/vrcp.htm>

E-mail or 'snail' mail me with any questions you have (after reading the instructions) at the following address:

Carol Thompson  
P.O. Box 135  
Ester, AK 99725  
[betazoid@mosquitonet.com](mailto:betazoid@mosquitonet.com)

This program is quite flexible and can accommodate just about any departmental organization.

Hopefully, we will be hearing from you soon!





# STARFLEET REMEMBERS: JULIEN FLEMING, 1994 - 2000

By "The Vorta"

Dear STARFLEET,

A little more than three years ago, the members of USS Athena became aware of the plight of a small child in their area and determined to do all they could to help him and his family. A small group of friends from USS Athena, USS Highlander, and USS Dauntless pooled their creative talents to create a fundraising mechanism. In October 1997, the world was first exposed to the "wonderful madness" known as The Dominion.

Since that time, the local community's support for Julien Fleming and his family has dwindled. For the past two years, the primary source of donations for Julien's care

has been Science Fiction fans. The fundraising efforts have taken such diverse forms as The Dominion's celebrity kidnappings (Lisa Berkenbilt, Michael D. Smith and ducks, and Tom "The Little Guy" Restivo); The "Shave Mark Anbinder's Beard" initiative; raffles of "unique" Wonder Twin exclusive collectibles (Borgie Bear, Wilma Duckling, Amanduck Herrman, Klingon Barbie, Londo Mallardi, and others); and the charity auctions at two major East Coast Science Fiction conventions (Shore Leave and Farpoint).

Some fans have even become so involved that they specified items in their wills to be auctioned on Julien's behalf. Additional personal support has also come from Science Fiction series actors, including Kevin Kilner, Chase

Masterson, Aaron Eisenberg, Peter Jurasik, Robert O'Reilly, and Claudia Christian.

Julien Fleming is finally at rest. His struggle ended peacefully at approximately 1:30 PM on Wednesday, November 29. The Dominion mourns his passing, but celebrates his short life for the joy he gave his family and the lessons of love he showed us all. He brought us together with a purpose: making the world a little better, one child at a time.

Although Julien is gone, the bills remain, and we are committed to stand by the family until these, too, are paid. Anyone wishing to make a memorial contribution may send it to:

The Julien Fleming Fund  
c/o USS Athena

P.O. Box 710152  
Oak Hill, VA 20171-0152

For those who "dim the running lights" for such events, we would ask instead that you light a candle for Julien; hang a lighted star on your tree; light his journey with your thoughts and prayers, for none of us who knew him will ever be quite the same.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

*The Dominion: Making the world a little better, one child at a time.*

<http://www.networkboy.com/dominion/>

Email: [Dominion@ql.org](mailto:Dominion@ql.org)



*"Let me Help."*

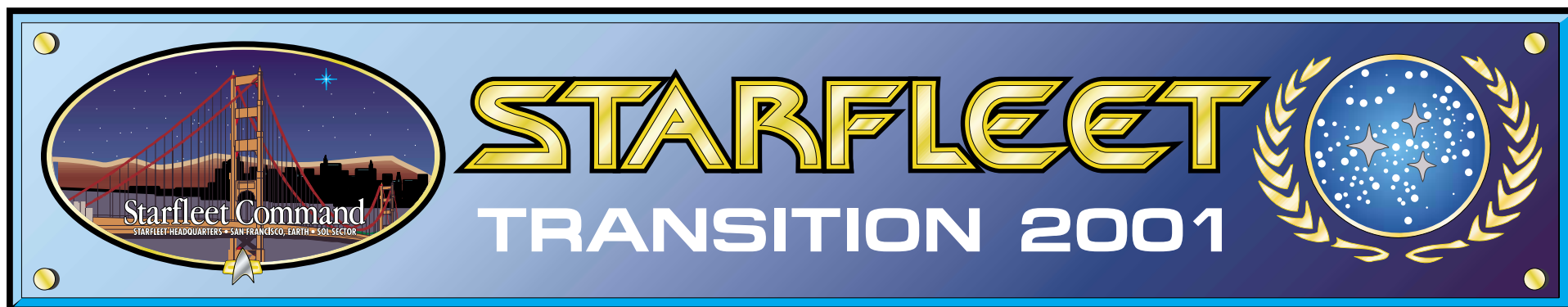
*Those three words will be spoken by an unknown poet sometime in the not too distant future according to a Starfleet Captain we all know. They will be more important than "I Love You", he says.*

*Not only have we helped Julien, Julien has helped us. Helped us realize the goodness in ourselves. Our compassion for another for no reason other than he is in need. We help because that is what we do, not because we must but because we want.*

*A candle will be lit not only to remember Julien, but indeed to help in some small way guide him. His spirit will continue and his life celebrated by each of us as we strive to help others around us.*

*Peaceful journey little one and peaceful journey to each of us this season of thanks and remembrance.*

*- Les Rickard*



## By General Les Rickard, Commander-Elect, STARFLEET • Artwork by Admiral Chris Wallace

Hopefully this issue has reached everyone in the middle of enjoying the Holiday Season. Regardless, Happy Holidays from the entire Rickard/Goldberg Team!

Briefly I would like to present some information regarding the changes taking place at the beginning of the year. There are not many, but there are some critical changes that need to be reported. These changes will also be sent to each Region Coordinator for reporting to their respective chapters.

### STARFLEET EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Yes, many know who made up the Rickard/Goldberg Team. But let me list below the EC for the 2001/2002 term and their contact information.

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VCS@sfi.org

#### Chief of Operations, STARFLEET

RAdm Mark Vinson  
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#### Chief of Communications

LGEn Mike Malotte  
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#### Commandant, STARFLEET Academy

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N. Brunswick, NJ 08902  
Shoc@sfi.org

#### Chief of Computer Operations

RAdm Mark H. Anbinder  
34 Sheraton Drive  
Ithaca, NY 14850-1671  
CompOps@sfi.org

There will be some changes in some of the Departmental Staff's, but I will leave those changes for each EC member to report in the coming months. However, I do need to provide some critical information for a couple of departments so that the information can start filtering down.

### MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING

Captain Don Willits, of Region Five, will be stepping into the shoes being vacated by RAdm Teri Smith at the beginning of 2001. Those shoes are some big ones to fill, Teri has done an outstanding job with Membership Services. I would like to take this time to thank Teri for all of the hard work she has put into this organization over the last two years, managing one of our most critical jobs. I believe we all owe Teri a big thanks and I say to her, Job Well Done!

The new PO Box mailing address for Membership Processing is:

**STARFLEET Membership  
Processing  
P.O. Box 52663  
Bellevue, WA 98015-2663**

Don can also be reached via email at: [membership@sfi.org](mailto:membership@sfi.org).

### MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

There will be some moving around in STARFLEET Operations per conversations with Mark Vinson, incoming Chief of Operations.

However, the change that needs to be reported to all of the Chapter Commanding Officers is the address where your Monthly Status Reports will go. Mark reports that he will not be using District Vice Chief's and will be receiving the MSR's himself at Ops HQ.

Beginning with the December MSR's (Due by January 5th 2001) all MSR's should be sent to:

**Mark Vinson  
Chief of Operations  
1047 Cottonwood Trail  
Benbrook, TX 76126  
MSRReports@sfi.org**

### OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER, STARFLEET:

There are a few changes in the offices of the CS as well as a couple of openings. These are not critical, but as I was writing this I figured I might as well make them known. Here is the list of Offices for the Commander, STARFLEET that are changing or open for applications effective Jan 1, 2001.

#### Chief of Staff

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Norfolk, VA 23503  
CSCoS@sfi.org

#### STARFLEET Treasurer

Tammy Wilcox  
4121 Stillwood Court  
Virginia Beach, VA 23456  
Treasurer@sfi.org

#### Director of Personnel

OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS  
Interim Director Mark Vinson  
1047 Cottonwood Trail  
Benbrook, TX 76126  
Personnel@sfi.org

#### Director of Promotions

OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS  
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Mark has agreed to continue to handle Personnel until a new Director is found, as the duties are not very time consuming. In the area of Promotions, Deb Malotte will be handling it in the interim until a new Director is found. The two positions will be open for application until 15 February 2001. Resumes, Fleet and Real Life, should be sent to the Director of Personnel above.

In the coming months, with changes in location for some key areas, there will obviously be some confusion and misdirected mail to various locations. We will work as hard as we can to make sure the word gets out to everyone about any changes that occur. However, we ask that the members work with us and understand when there is a glitch. No transition is perfect, but we are going to work to make sure this one is as glitch-free as possible.



# THE STARFLEET INTERVIEW

with Vice Admiral Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons

*On 0011.17, the SFI Election results confirmed that General Les Rickard and Team will become the next SFI Executive Committee. I was lucky enough to have my PADD handy during the victory celebrations and as a result, here is the first interview with "Tomorrow's EC"!*



## COMMANDER, STARFLEET

EDWIN LESLIE "LES" RICKARD, JR.

**Gumby: Congratulations on winning the election, Les!**

**Les:** Thanks Gumby. I am happy to get the opportunity to serve STARFLEET. We are lucky to have you as our next vict... er, Fleet Admiral.

**Gumby: Q: Now that you know that your administration assumes office on 01 Jan 2001, what steps are you taking to assure a smooth transition and transfer of records?**

**Les:** We are putting together a transition plan as we speak. One of the things I would like to do is mail a letter to all RC's with the transition plan so that they can inform their respective CO's. This would include information on the changes of address for the "mission critical" areas such as Membership Services, Operations (for MSR's) and other similar areas. Internally, we are developing a communication system that will be our standard for the next two years for all of the Fleet Staff.

**Gumby: Q: What will be your first official act as Commander: STARFLEET?**

**Les:** I haven't given that much thought really.

**Gumby:** Just having won... I can understand that! :)

**Gumby: Q: Have you appointed a cabinet? If so, who?**

**Les:** Admiral Tom Monaghan will be my Chief of Staff... SFI Treasurer will be Fleet Captain Tammy Willcox and I am hoping the AB will nominate and appoint Howard Cronson as Internal Auditor.

**Gumby:** Tom and Tammy bring a lot of experience to the table. We are lucky to have them serve!

**Gumby: Q: What will be your first goal upon taking office?**

**Les:** STARFLEET has moved forward in so many areas over the last four years. My first duty as Commander, STARFLEET will be to nominate, and hopefully, install a new Inspector General, STARFLEET. Danny Potts has done an outstanding job as IG, and he will be sorely missed. But my first and foremost goal is to, with the help of Howard, Tammy and the other members of the EC, found a firm financial accountability procedure that Fleet can use even after we are long gone from the Executive Committee.

**Gumby:** That is definitely a step in the right direction.

**Les:** I do not fault the past but know that we must improve in the future. There is always room for improvement.

**Gumby: Q: Voter turnout was over 40% this year... up from previous returns. How do you feel about that?**

**Les:** I was very pleased to see the turnout. I think that that was because we had two very good teams putting out two excellent platforms. People were fired up and really wanting to be a part of this process because of that I think. If we can maintain the same level of professionalism in the coming elections I think we will see that number increase.

**Gumby:** That's Great!

**Gumby: Q: What do you feel is STARFLEET's greatest area of improvement? What steps will you take to improve it?**

**Les:** Working together. There are often times when we don't seem to be as much working together as working against one another. The EC and AB need to work as a team, in tandem, to solve Fleet's issues. I want to include the people, that is the members in this, and the only way to do that is work with the representatives they elected.

How do we do this? I am not quite sure. But the first step is opening communication and keeping it open. Discussing the issues not arguing them.

**Gumby: Q: As you know... every one of the proposed amendments passed. What are your thoughts on this?**

**Les:** I would like to look at each of these closer and talk to not only the EC but the AB about any thoughts they have on enacting them. If there are problems then we certainly want to make the appropriate changes.

**Gumby: Q: Now that we know what kind of 'fleeite you are, can you tell us a bit about your mundane life? I understand you were involved in a \*big\* event in September.**

**Les:** Yes, I certainly was! On September 23rd 2000 I was married to another member of STARFLEET, Deidre "Dee" Smith. Dee and I live in a subdivision just outside Winston-Salem, North Carolina. We don't live alone - we share our home with two furry little ones, Chewy and Sunny. Chewy is a three year old German Shepherd which I raised from birth. Sunny is an 11 year old Cocker Spaniel that has been a part of Dee's life since high school - and the two little ones will have to share their spotlight with another little one in the coming year. Dee and I recently discovered that we will be parents in late June 2001!

As for the rest of my "mundane" life, I am a Police Officer by profession and have been since December of 1991. I have served the Thomasville Police Department in varying capacities over these nine years and enjoy the challenge each and every day.

**Gumby: Q: How do you think your job as a police officer will help you in**

**your position as CS?**

Well, as I have said to many before, in my department we operate as a Community Policing Agency (COP). This concept is not a new one, having been developed, in part, by the Metropolitan Police in London, England many years ago. The core of COP is the interaction of the police with the public...getting out of their cars and talking to the people. We learn what their problems are and work with them to solve them - not just respond when there is a symptom or result of a problem. It is being proactive instead of reactive.

I have a similar concept about this as CS. Getting out there and being available to each member whether they are enlisted, Officer, EC or AB. Asking people what they think works and doesn't and how they feel it can change for the better. Working with them to solve the problems, pointing to the people that can help if I can not. Realizing that we don't always have to wait for a problem to surface is the first step.

**Gumby: Q: Finally... Is there anything you'd like to say to the Fleet?**

**Les:** I am still somewhat speechless. But I think that if I had anything to say it would be thank you to everyone who voted.... for me or for Robert. The most important thing is to have your voice heard. Now that the election is over we will get on with the business of running fleet and my door is always open to questions or chat!

**Gumby: Les, thank you for taking the time for this interview! I look forward to working with you... and I know many of the readers of this interview will look forward to that too!**

**Les:** Thank you and thanks to the readers!

# VICE COMMANDER, STARFLEET

GORDON GOLDBERG



**Gumby: Q: Another term on the EC, Gordon... 2 more years to your sentence! Congrats and may the gods have mercy on your soul!**

**Gordon:** \*laugh\* Thanks, Gumby... I guess I'm just a glutton for punishment...

**Gumby: Q: Just what exactly is it that a Vice Commander-STARFLEET does anyway?**

**Gordon:** Well, in addition to assisting the Commander, STARFLEET in running the organization, and waiting to step in if the CS is incapacitated, the VCS is also responsible for overseeing the Fleet Division Chief program, the various STARFLEET charities programs, and now the Diplomatic Corps as well... and is constitutionally charged with production and revision of the Membership Handbook. One of my major projects will be improving the flow of communications and cooperation between the various Executive Committee departments. In addition, with Les as CS, we'll be implementing a double-signature control on the STARFLEET checking account, and I'll be one of the three people (Les and Tammy Wilcox, our Treasurer, are the other two) out of the two signatures.

**Gumby: Q: That sounds like a full plate Gordon. Any new programs under development?**

**Gordon:** New programs? Not specifically under the office of the VCS, although I'll be involved with much of the changes we'll be making in how fleet does business in general. We'll also be continuing to work on revamping the FDC program to make it more user-friendly, and more of a resource center

for chapters and members in general.

**Gumby: Q: Can you tell us more about the FDC revamping?**

**Gordon:** Sure! Basically, the direction we want to go with the FDC program is, as I said, to make it more of an information-sharing, resource-centered program, and less of a "command structure" element. One of the problems we've had with the FDC program is resistance from various Regional Coordinators to what they see as an intrusion into their regional reporting and command structure

**Gumby: Q: This would prevent the thinking that RDC's "fall under" FDC's, then?**

**Gordon:** yes, exactly... in that there is a perceived overlap between the FDC programs and the RDC programs in those regions that have bothered to maintain RDC programs

**Gumby:** I, for one, am glad that a clarification will be made. I have always seen FDC:ShOC as a resource and assistance program and have operated it as such.

**Gordon:** Right - that's exactly how it should be... and we're seeing a move in that direction in the various other FDC programs, but that's the way we want them all to eventually be run. While some regions may want to appoint the VFDC designated to serve that region to also serve as the RDC, it's not a necessary thing

**Gumby: Q: As you know... every one of the proposed amendments passed. What are your thoughts on this?**

**Gordon:** \*laugh\* well, my

immediate reaction is "Oh, God"

**Gumby:** I love that response!

**Gordon:** As you probably know, there were three out of the seven amendments that I actively spoke out against, as did former VCS Chuck Freas, in fact, most of the people who helped to draft those amendments ended up voting against those three as well. Unfortunately, they passed, and we'll have to live with them -- at least until STARFLEET decides to amend them further to fix the problems we found with them.

**Gumby: Q: Is there any aspect of STARFLEET that you'd like to see changed?**

**Gordon:** In the corporate sense? I think we're moving in the right direction, professionally. Things have improved a lot in the last four years, and I see some great advancements planned for the next two. So I'm fairly happy with the direction we're moving in. On the personal side, I'd like to see us, as a whole, be a little more understanding and appreciative of the work done by the volunteers in our organization.

The best example I can point to is our loss of Teri Smith who decided to step down from membership processing because of burnout. Burnout is a really big problem in many volunteer organizations, but especially in STARFLEET, and most especially in the area of membership processing -- not just because of the workload, but because it's essentially a thankless job. Membership processing spends hours and hours getting the membership packages out, and rarely gets any

"thank-yous" -- just complaint after complaint from people who didn't get their packages "fast enough" or whose packages never got to them because of bad mailing addresses and such.

**Gumby:** Then I think we should take a moment to thank Teri here in this forum for all her efforts!

**Gordon:** Definitely - we can't thank Teri enough - thank you thank you thank you, Teri, for all of your hard work!!!

**Gumby:** Thankyouthankyouthankyouthankyou!!!! :)

**Gordon:** and while we're at it, I'd also like to say thanks to the CQ publishing team and the web production folks in Communications, who also get more complaints than kudos, even though the kudos are extremely well-deserved

**Gumby: Q: Where do you see Starfleet a year from now?**

**Gordon:** A year from now? I see us operating well in the black, financially, with regular financial reporting, thanks to the system Les, Tammy, and others have put in place. I see the Executive Committee working even more closely with the Admiralty Board than it has been in the past, and I see us doing more outreach to expand the international regions. I see improvements in membership services, and improvements in the membership packages themselves.

**Gumby: Q: Finally: Is there anything you'd like to say to the Fleet?**

**Gordon:** Yeah -- thanks, folks! I look forward to serving you for two more years - now let's get back to work!





## CHIEF OF OPERATIONS

**MARK VINSON**

**Gumby: Congratulations on the election, vato! You da' OpsMan!!!**

**MarkV:** Thanks!

**Gumby: Q: What will be your first official act as Chief of Operations?**

**MarkV:** Well I guess my first action will be to deal with email MSR's and mailed in MSR's. Most people write their MSR's like the Chief of Ops is reading them. They expect him to help. I want to bring that back.

**Gumby: Q: Aside from commissioning chapters and tracking MSR's, what other duties do you have as Chief of Operations?**

**MarkV:** My department oversees the Correspondence Chapter Operations Department, The EFCP, and the Armed Services program. Right now I have good directors in those positions and I plan to rely on them more since they have their fingers on the pulse of those types of chapters.

**Gumby: Q: Is there any aspect of Ops that you'd like to see changed?**

**MarkV:** Well, that is a good question. Ops is already undergoing some

changes. With Alex Rosenzweig being ShOC we will be transferring DTS/OTI/ASDB and EFCP to ShOC. That way it will be one stop shopping so to speak for all new chapters.

**Gumby: Q: Have you appointed a staff? If so, who?**

**MarkV:** My new Vice Chief and I will handle all MSR's. People expect the Chief of Ops to read their MSR and I agree.

**Gumby:** We have the same attitude over in ShOC!

**Gumby: Q: Have you appointed a staff? If so, who?**

**MarkV:** At this time I am working on my staff. Tom Monaghan will be moving up with Les so I have to decide if I will replace him. Matt Myers is also standing down and since I will not have DVC's I am working on the best candidate for my Vice Chief. I am trying to get recommitments from Barbara Paul and David McCabe but I am having problems getting in touch with them. Michelle Fanelli is returning, Peter Lutz is returning. I hope Mike Urvand will stay and

continue to do MSR summaries but I have yet to hear from him.

**Gumby: Q: What do you see as Ops' greatest area of improvement? What steps will you take to improve it?**

**MarkV:** I want to basically do what Mandi Livingston has been saying. We need to be more customer service oriented. I want to make sure that all chapters know we are here to serve them and not the other way around. If they have a problem then I want to help.

**Gumby:** Excellent!

**Gumby: Q: Where do you see Operations a year from now?**

**MarkV:** In the next year I want to see Ops working closer with CompOps when it comes to rosters. We need to make sure that all CO's know for sure who SFI says they have on their chapters vs. whom they think they have on their chapters. Since we get MSR's and I want all chapters to start putting their SFI rosters on the MSR's we can help straighten out any problems and make sure that those who want to be assigned are assigned

to the right chapters. I need to work with Mark Anbinder on this but we have a CompOps Liason and I want to put him to work. We get MSR's and they don't... so they do not always know what changes need to be made in ranks, assignments, and positions. I forgot to mention that we have the Chapter Assistance Program. This is a service to those chapters who are struggling for whatever reason to keep 10 members. Peter Lutz is coming back and he and I have already been talking about what he wants the program to be.

**Gumby: Q: What about Joe Blow Stuffed Animal Crewmember?**

**MarkV:** Yes, that is something that I want to look in to.

**Gumby: Q: Finally... Is there anything you'd like to say to the Fleet?**

**MarkV:** THANKS!!!!!! I will work to make sure your votes were not misplaced. I want to continue the work started by Tom Monaghan and Les Rickard while introducing some background stuff that will help all of SFI's records be more correct.

## CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS



**MICHAEL MALOTTE**

**Gumby: Congratulations Mike! Now that you will be the next Chief of Communications, what's next?**

**Mike:** Thanks for the kudos, Gumby! First order of business will be keeping things running as they have been, for the most part. For the first time in years, the CQ is coming out on time and most folks are getting it... I plan to maintain that. On the horizon, though, is one of the most exciting things to come around in a long long time... it is the STARFLEET Helpdesk.

**Gumby:** I certainly have had no problems getting my CQ!

**Mike:** Great! We love to hear that!

**Gumby: Q: What will be your first official act as Chief of Communications?**

**Mike:** Probably the unveiling of the STARFLEET Helpdesk - Greg

Trotter, my Senior Vice-Chief of Communications, will be overseeing this. It will be a complete change in how problems experienced by members will be handled.

**Gumby: Q: You mention the STARFLEET Helpdesk... would you explain to the readers briefly what the helpdesk is?**

**Mike:** in a nutshell, there will be a webpage interface - email will be used as well. When the member experiences a problem, they contact the help desk. Once a complaint is received, the member is, within minutes, sent a reply from the helpdesk with a queue number. This shows that the problem has been received and logged... from there; it will be assigned to an individual who "owns" this issue until resolution is found. All processes

concerning the issue are logged within the program for historical and future reference. This process will span all factions of the EC and be a way for all departments to work together better than ever before!

**Gumby:** That is an outstanding idea!

**Mike:** We think so - Greg and I have been playing with the software and it's quite unbelievable what all it can do!

**Gumby: Q: Communications is more than just the CQ and the Helpdesk... Can you tell us some of your other duties as Chief?**

**Mike:** First and foremost, will be to assure that the CQ is done on time, every time... second will be to assure each member gets one... from there, it's overseeing the various departments under my office and assure they

work smoothly. I'm a real "hands on" type of guy - not to the point of micromanaging but I will know what's going on

**Gumby: Q: So it will be an automated helpdesk?**

**Mike:** Yes and no - the original response will be automated - the concerned member will get an email back saying the issue was received - from that point, it is handled by a member in charge of that particular issue and it is this live person who will work the issue through to resolution.

**Gumby:** Sounds as if you've been working this up for awhile now...

**Mike:** Greg has been working on it for over 18 months himself and we have been in contact together about this for the last few months

**Gumby:** Awesome!

**Gumby: Q: What do you feel is the CQ's greatest area of improvement? What steps will you take to improve it?**

**Mike:** Timely information - it's also the hardest thing to do. While I have no concrete plans for improving the timeliness of the info, it is a subject of discussion - as we come up with ways to do it, fleet will be the first to know.

**Gumby: Q: Have you appointed CQ Staff members? If so, who?**

**Mike:** Communications Staff is as follows: Senior Vice-Chief - Greg Trotter - also oversees the helpdesk; CQ Editor - Kurt Roithinger; Assistant CQ Editor - Dave Pipgras; CQ Summaries - Mike Urvand; Historical Editor - Scott Akers; Chris Wallace - Stellar Visions; Wendy Fillmore will oversee all of it and I think is an excellent choice as she has done both the Stellar Visions and the CQ; Ed Nowlin will stay on as Vice Chief of Electronic Services; Mike Dugas remains as online director; John Adcock will be taking on the STARFLEET News Service and has great plans for revamping it; Joe Brouhard stays on as Head of Electronic Gaming; Mike Wilkerson will be the new Webmaster assisted by Don Willits... that pretty well covers it at the moment - there will be a few more

here and there but most of the staff is in place.

**Gumby:** Wow! Now that's a staff!

**Gumby: Q: Are there any planned changes to the SFI Website?**

**Mike:** Not too many - a design change probably but the content will be as good as it is now.

**Gumby: Q: What do you feel is the CQ's greatest strength?**

**Mike:** Member input - we have a lot to brag about and I plan to use the CQ to do it! We have many, many outstanding members in this great organization of ours and this is \*their\* publication!

**Gumby: Q: What do you see as your biggest challenge in your new position?**

**Mike:** Maintaining a department that was as smoothly run as Allyson Dyar ran it - she is by far one of, if not \*the\* best Comm chief we've ever had - I hope to carry on that legacy during my stint as CoC.

**Gumby:** That is a tall order! Sounds as if your work is cut out for you, Mike!

**Gumby: Q: Where do you see Communications a year from now?**

**Mike:** CQ-wise, in the same shape, if not a little better - hopefully, we will come up with a way to get the info out

in a more timely manner - tough to do with a publication that comes out every two months. On the rest of it, I see it as the premier team to assure smooth communications from the members all the way up to the EC - the implementation of the helpdesk will be the key to constant, open fleet wide communication!

**Gumby: Q: Is there any aspect of the CQ that you'd like to see changed?**

**Mike:** Other than the aforementioned timeliness of the published info, not too much - of course, the more member input we get, the better the CQ will be - I want to showcase the best and brightest in fleet - from all corners of the globe! The current team has done a great job with it and I intend for it to only get better!

**Gumby: Q: One of the topics during the campaign was taking the CQ to an Archive Format... Ink on the fingers and all that... what are your thoughts on this now that you will be the next Chief of Communications?**

**Mike:** I want the .pdf to be available to all who want it but agree with those that say it shouldn't be released at the same time the printed one is mailed. It will be released 30 days from the original mailing. I have no plans to change the format. The current format

is efficient to publish and seems to be well liked, overall. As always, there will be some who disagree but at this time, unless someone can come up with a way that we can do a CQ with as much content and color and keep the cost to what it is now, I plan on leaving what ain't broke, alone!

**Gumby:** Excellent!

**Gumby: Q: Finally... Is there anything you'd like to say to the Fleet?**

**Mike:** I'd like to thank all of those who based some of their vote for Rickard/Goldberg on their faith in me. Being on the EC has been a dream of mine for years - not for the supposed power or rank but because it is a way I can truly help guide this organization on to better and greater things - I wanted the \*job\* not the position. I've had a lot of fun in fleet and have made many great friends - in some ways, they really are family and I'm happy to have the opportunity to give back!

**Gumby: Mike, thank you for taking the time out of your schedule for this interview. I look forward to the Helpdesk and I also look forward to seeing your plans come to fruition!**

**Mike:** No problem Gumby - it's been a pleasure I certainly hope so - there's nothing worse than a position without responsibility!



## STARFLEET ACADEMY

### MARLENE J. MILLER

**Gumby: Q: Marlene! Congrats on continuing your life sentence at STARFLEET Academy!**

**Marlene:** Thank you... it's a sentence I won't contest. And I WON'T ask for a recount!

**Gumby: Q: Any new programs in the works?**

**Marlene:** Yes. I've received several suggestions for new Schools and Colleges such as a Culinary School, Flight Qualification School, an NCO School, and a few others. To date, only the Culinary School (B.U.R.P.S. with Co-Directors Bill Skinner and Admiral Anita Davis) is almost ready to make its debut, but I hope to see the others fleshed out some time in 2001. Work is progressing,

and should be picking up speed with the Online Academy. Commodore Greg Staylor will be kicking this effort into third gear with positive results hopefully seen by summer of 2001 or sooner. Our Australian Campus, under the direction of Alan Yates, is well established, but I'd like to see more courses being offered at both the Canadian and European Campuses. To expand the curriculum, we'll need Starfleet members from those regions, who are willing to conduct the Schools for their fellow countrymen and women. Gee, can I put a little advertisement in here???

**Gumby:** Sure!

**Marlene:** If anyone from Canada or Europe is interested in

conducting courses at either Campus, please contact me. Only YOU can help the campus to grow. And then of course, we have the Cadet Academy. With Cadet Academy Dean, Admiral Peg Pellerin at the helm, courses such as Cadet Security, Cadet Vulcan Academy of Science, 20th Century Space Flight, Flight School, Cadet History, Cadet College of Federation Studies, the Kadet Klingon Kollege, and many more are either ready for students, or will be ready very soon. Another plug??? If you enjoy working with younger children (ages 6 - 18) the Cadet Academy can use your talents. Please contact me or Dean Peg Pellerin.

**Gumby: Q: Is there any aspect of the Academy that you'd like to see changed?**

**Marlene:** The Academy is ever changing. That's one really wonderful thing about working with the wonderful Faculty and Staff. Not a day goes by that someone doesn't come to me with a suggestion on how to make his or her School better and more appealing to our Students. We've reevaluated some of the course packets and decided to lower tuitions in some Schools. Several Directors have utilized 'perks' and incentives for their students such as wallet-sized certificates, bookmarks, pins, and very individualized Diplomas, Honors Certificates and Commendations. Many



Directors have endeavored to make their courses available online as well as via the US Postal Service. With the advent of the Online Academy, most, if not all, will be available via the Internet.

**Gumby: Q: How much of the Academy is online now?**

**Marlene:** Unfortunately, only one School. Right now we have Greg Staylor's Security School available, but Greg (and his newly-forming crew, including Carol Thompson) will be bringing more courses online in the coming year. I'll be putting that section of the Academy almost entirely into Greg's hands, since compared to Greg's

expertise in that field... my knowledge is at the amoeba stage!

**Gumby: Q: Where do you see the Academy a year from now?**

**Marlene:** Buzzing with students!!

**Gumby: Q: What do you feel is the Academy's greatest area of improvement?**

**Marlene:** At this point in time, I'd have to say it's the Cadet Academy and the Campuses outside the United States. Another area where we've grown and improved is with the Academy Away Teams under the guidance of BGR Jill Rayburn. Academy Away

Teams are Directors and Friends of the Academy who are willing to devote their time and energy manning the Academy table at Starfleet Summits, Conferences, and other Starfleet Events. These dedicated people sell Academy packets, conduct Panels, and promote the Academy every way possible.

**Gumby: Q: Finally... Is there anything you'd like to say to the Fleet?**

**Marlene:** Gosh.... I don't think the *Communiqué* staff would let me have THAT much space! Seriously though, I'd like to thank everyone who's ever taken a Starfleet Academy course. Without you, it's not fun! I'd

also like to invite those who've never taken a course, to give it a try. Not only will you have the time of your life... you'll also earn the distinction of accomplishing something you can be proud of. And if you combine your Academy courses along with those of your crewmates, you can earn Vessel Readiness Certificates as provided by Commodore Carol Thompson. If you're not quite sure what to expect from an Academy School or College... or want more information, please contact me at: Marlene Miller, 461 Harmony Lane, Campbell, Ohio 44405-1212, or by e-mail at: academy@sfi.org. You'll be glad you did!

## CHIEF OF SHUTTLE OPERATIONS

### ALEX ROSENZWEIG



**Gumby: Q: Congratulations on the election, Alex!**

**Alex:** Thanks! It's pretty exciting, isn't it?

**Gumby:** Yes, in fact, it is a thrill for me because I get to work with you in ShOC!

**Alex:** I'm very much looking forward to working together again. We almost got to be on the ShOC staff together once before, of course, but it got a bit short-circuited, as you'll recall.

**Gumby:** Yes that was Jennifer French, Chief of ShOC back in '94. I was her Vice ShOC then.

**Alex:** Yup.

**Gumby: Q: Now that you know that you are inheriting ShOC for the next two years, what will be your first goal upon taking office in January?**

**Alex:** Now, my first goal will be to make sure that we have a smoothly-running operation, and take a good look at what we can do to make it even better.

**Gumby: Q: What will be your first official act as Chief of Shuttle Operations?**

**Alex:** To declare the transition complete and the relocated office to be open for business. That includes announcing the staff as it is at that moment and letting the 'Fleet know we are here to serve them.

**Gumby: Q: You have a long history**

**with the Department of Technical Services, which is responsible for approving ship classes and NCC numbers; Now that you are Chief of ShOC, what will happen to DTS?**

**Alex:** I will be continuing to serve as DTS Director. I need to sit down with new Ops Chief Mark Vinson and decide officially whether DTS will stay as part of Ops or move to ShOC. In practice, whichever way we do it, it will speed the process of serving the 'Fleet, because more of the early groundwork for a group will be able to be done faster. Seriously, one of my conditions to Les of accepting the ShOC slot was that I also be allowed to keep DTS.

**Gumby: Q: So, in effect, if DTS is given to ShOC, you will be able to approve shuttles even quicker?**

**Alex:** Potentially, because I'll already have their name approval on file, although they will still need to include the correct paperwork. The big thing is that I become aware of a potential group from the moment they apply to reserve a name, sometimes well before they're actually ready to go to shuttle status. By having both parts of the process covered, I'll know about potential groups from the very start.

**Gumby: Q: What do you feel is ShOC's greatest area of improvement? What will you do to improve it?**

**Alex:** ShOC must improve its communications, with the rest of the EC, with the regions, and with the Fleet. I intend to work to build networks of communications on all those levels, so we can be more able to grow the Fleet in a positive and successful way.

**Gumby: Q: Have you appointed Staff members? If so, who?**

**Alex:** Our Vice Chief of ShOC will be Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons, who has a very long and distinguished history of service with ShOC, and whom I'm very pleased to be working with. Our Staff Assistant and Webmaster is Biff Bassett, who has also done some remarkable work in his time with ShOC. We may be adding more persons, as the need arises, but these gentlemen and I will be the ones to get things started. I should note that Denine Sanders chose to retire at the end of the Smith Administration, and her work should not go unappreciated. Thanks, Denine, for all you did.

**Gumby:** I am sorry to hear she is retiring because Denine was the BIG help in redoing the START manual! She put in countless hours in on that project alone... and still found time to do other stuff! The START manual and the ShOC program are better now, because of her! Thanks, Denine... for EVERYTHING!

**Gumby: Q: Is there any aspect**

**of ShOC that you'd like to see changed?**

**Alex:** The main aspect of ShOC that I see in need of change is its communication. I want to make ShOC more responsive, and more able to provide information that other parts of the Fleet might need. I also want to improve the idea that ShOC is a critical part of a team, with the regions and chapters of the Fleet, too, because in truth, the process of chapter building is a team effort.

**Gumby: Q: What do you feel is ShOC's greatest strength?**

**Alex:** Simply put, its ability to help people and make a difference. ShOC can help new chapters grow. Dennis put it really well a while back, saying, "I launch shuttles." and then following with a litany of the good things that could come out of that. Those are still the words to live by.

**Gumby: Q: How do you feel about the EFCP (Existing Fan Club Program)? Should it become a part of ShOC instead of Operations?**

**Alex:** I think EFCP itself is a wonderful idea, because bringing groups that already exist into Starfleet poses a unique set of challenges that the regular shuttle program doesn't handle ideally. In fact, considering that EFCP is part of the process of bringing chapters into Starfleet, Mark Vinson and I have

agreed that it will be moved into ShOC, pretty much bringing all the chapter-development functions under one roof, as it were.

**Gumby: Q: What are your thoughts on the "30 mile guideline"?**

**Alex:** In general, I believe in it. Now, it's never totally cut-and-dried, of course. Some areas clearly have the population to support multiple chapters close by, and sometimes groups can cover a market better by creating several specialized chapters instead of one generalized one. But if the "50 Km

Guideline" (as I like to call it) is to be waived, I think it should be done in a coordinated way, with the RC and existing area chapters involved and supportive, as much as possible.

**Gumby: Q: What will be your policy on "Accelerated Shuttle Launch"?**

**Alex:** That's something that will have to be looked at in some detail before we can reactivate it. A set of clear criteria for how to qualify will have to be worked out before the program can be put back into operation. It's not going to be on the first tier of things to

be done, to be honest, because I want to make sure we have the existing ShOC apparatus humming smoothly before I start playing with things like that.

**Gumby: Q: Where do you see ShOC a year from now?**

**Alex:** If all goes well, I'd like to see ShOC operating as a smooth, efficient program for helping new groups form and grow into being Starfleet chapters. I'd like people to look at ShOC and say, "They really made a difference for us." That would make me very proud. Note that I said, "They." Let's not forget that

the ShOC staff is a team, too. We will get things done as a team, too, and that will be our strength.

**Gumby: Q: Finally... Is there anything you'd like to say to the Fleet?**

**Alex:** Really, just that I and the ShOC staff are really looking forward to serving the Fleet, and hoping that we can be worthy of the trust and faith that Les has placed in us, and that the membership places in us, to make one of the most important programs to Starfleet's future a success.



## CHIEF OF COMPUTER OPERATIONS

MARK H. ANBINDER

**Gumby: Mark... Congratulations on the election!**

**Mark:** Well, thank you! We're very pleased at how forcefully the Fleet announced they want our group to serve.

**Gumby: This is true... Fleet had over 40% voter turnout this year. What do you think about that?**

**Mark:** I thought the turnout was remarkable. Such large, spread-out groups rarely vote in such large numbers, even when the outcome of the election is so important to the group. Just look at the US presidential election. Hmmm, on second thought, don't.

**Gumby: Q: Now that you know that you are inheriting CompOps for the next two years, what will be your first goal?**

**Mark:** My first goal, and my biggest challenge, is to fill the role of Membership Processing coordinator. Someone has to take over a job that Teri Smith has revolutionized over the last two years. It's a difficult job that requires pretty constant attention, and we know from past experience that the Fleet won't tolerate shabby performance. I'm lucky in that I've been a part of CompOps for the last two and a half years, and Chief since May, so I have a head start on knowing what needs doing. So, while we need to find someone to take over for Teri, everything else should continue to run fairly smoothly.

**Gumby:** Teri leaves BIG shoes to fill.

**Gumby: Q: Membership services and processing are a big part of STARFLEET. What changes, if any, will you make?**

**Mark:** We've spent the last year improving the performance the members see when they deal with us from a membership services standpoint. Keeping up with processing new memberships and renewals, and getting the packets out, is key. But also, being responsive to inquiries and fixing problems is important. The biggest improvement I'm looking for is in the area of getting people their Communiqués, which is our responsibility from a logistical sense. We manage the mailing list data that the mailing house uses to send the newsletters out. We've managed to fix the problems for a LOT of people, but there are still people who don't get their newsletters, and I'm not going to be satisfied until everyone's getting what they're entitled to.

**Gumby:** I have had very good service from CompOps... All my ship too, come to think of it!

**Mark:** I'm delighted to hear it. I know not everyone has had the same flawless service and smooth experience, but we do our best.

**Gumby: Q: Will the vanity email addresses still be available in the next administration?**

**Mark:** Yes, I think STARFLEET's Internet presence is very strong, and the sfi.org domain name is a big plus we have. I hope to do a little more proactive work to get more people taking advantage of the fact that EVERYONE can have an sfi.org address if they want it.

**Gumby: Q: Is there any aspect of CompOps that you'd like to see changed?**

**Mark:** Sirloins and martinis in the CompOps staff lounge!

**Gumby:** A man after my own heart attack!

**Gumby: Q: Expansion of the website into Member/Non-Member areas was a topic of much discussion during the campaign. Any plans on this?**

**Mark:** We've already got the needed mechanisms to have such things as members-only availability of a brand-new CQ issue. I think that's not unreasonable. I'd be reluctant to do TOO much segregating of material, considering we feel the web site is a HUGE recruiting tool.

**Gumby: Q: Any new programs in the works?**

**Mark:** Not yet. We want to improve the ways in which we remind people to renew. So... improvements in several areas... nothing new until I'm satisfied with what we've got.

**Gumby: Q: How about a different color mailing label on the CQ they get before their membership expires?**

**Mark:** We have very little control over the mechanics of the mailing labels. We give them a database and they get printed out at the mailing house. I like the idea of coming up with a better way of flagging those labels, though. Thanks.

**Gumby: Q: CompOps is more than just Website and Labels... What other things do you do?**

**Mark:** Well, the web site is only a small part of the Internet presence. The e-mail, mailing lists, FTP archive, and even web redirects for regions and chapters are a big part, too. The web site is not just a promotional and reference tool, but a path to accessing the member database for COs, XOs, and RCs. Rosters, and such.

**Gumby:** Note to readers... check out <http://www.sfi.org/com pops/> for info on all the neat stuff they do...

**Gumby: Q: Where do you see CompOps a year from now?**

**Mark:** Tahiti. Oh, I mean... I think we'll be doing mostly the same things, though a little bit better in most areas. There are other areas I'd like to explore down the road; we'll see how the first several months go. Replacing Teri means we have to start over on a few things, so I'm reluctant to push too hard on new stuff.

**Gumby: Q: What staff members do you have?**

**Mark:** Michael Dugas and Lisa Fogelman are going to seem like the veterans... even though they both took their jobs this summer, as Rosters and Web Developer, respectively. Brett Morrow is going to help out with the Internet Presence infrastructure work, taking over for Greg Trotter, who's found himself a new role with some new challenges in Communications. I should add that Mike and Lisa are BOTH replacing ONE guy... Blair Learn. He built a lot of the web resources we have now, such as the member lookup and rosters stuff. Now that the election is over, we're diving into the membership processing staff question.

**Gumby: Q: Finally... Is there anything you'd like to say to the Fleet?**

**Mark:** As I've been saying the last several months, please help us out by renewing in a timely manner and keeping your address current, and PLEASE let us know when you perceive a problem, so we can fix it rather than letting it stew.





# SCENES FROM DINKYCON AND

Artwork by Fleet Captain David P



**Burn, Baby, Burn:** Ed Nowlin just didn't learn his lesson and showed up wearing a hat once more. \$181 were quickly raised and the above is the result.

*Photo by Keira Russell-Strong*



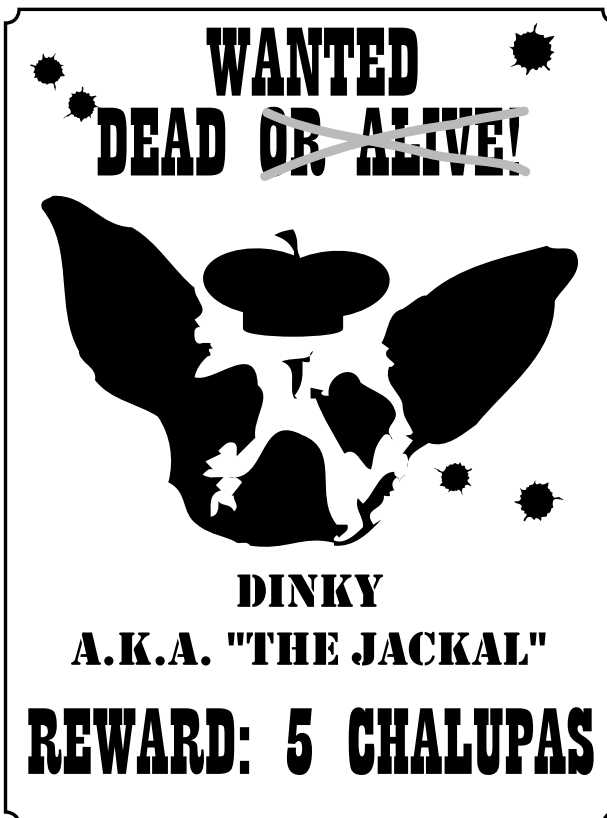
**We Remember:** Ruth Leigh receives a letter conferring the permanent rank of Captain upon her son, Donald, who had recently passed away - before completing his one-year stint as CO of K'Ehleyr Station.

*Photo Courtesy of Chrissy Killian*



**To boldly go:** This model of the Enterprise-D is hung above the Promenade area of the Star Trek Experience. You get a very good view of it when paying your admission. Other such models include a Klingon Bird of Prey and the USS Voyager.

*Photo by Chrissy Killian*



**Support your local Mascott - not:** One of the more entertaining events at the 2000 Western Conference was hatching ideas on how to best dispose of the cherished and oh-so-beloved Regional Mascott, Dinky, in as gruesome a fashion as humanly possible. This particular idea, which began popping up all over the convention Hotel on Saturday was conceived by Pete Briggs and Kurt Roithinger. Unfortunately, the subject evaded capture.

*Artwork by Mike Wilkerson and Kurt Roithinger*



**Provoking galactic incidents is just par for the course:** While enjoying lunch at Quark's, our intrepid STARFLEET members encountered a pair of Klingons. Things were going ok until Kurt Roithinger asked which one of them was the pitcher and which one of them was the catcher. Kurt was properly disposed of soon thereafter.

*Photo by Chrissy Killian*



**Chomp:** Richard Benker and Wendy Fillmore make a polite and subtle retort to those who doubted a 'fleet event could be organized in the Las Vegas area

*Photo Courtesy of Chrissy Killian*



**We won!** The top prizes for the Dinkycon Raffle were two hand-made dolls by Jolynn Brown. From L to r: Jeff Spurgeon of the USS Alioth, winner of "Kira", Jolynn Brown, Lisa Miller and Lisa Tintle of the USS Highroller, winner of "Dax".

*Photo Courtesy of Jolynn Brown*



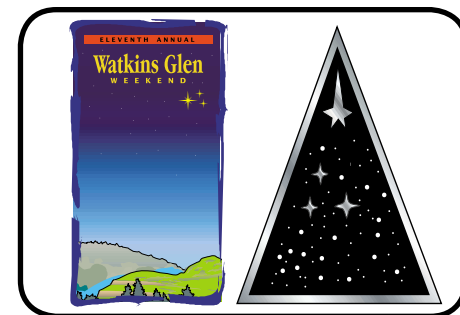
**Mhhmmm...Umax:** Chrissy Killian gets a bit more than friendly with one of the Ferengi attendants that staff Quark's Bar at the Star Trek Experience.

*Photo Courtesy of Chrissy Killian*



# ND WATKINS GLEN WEEKEND

ipgras • STARFLEET Region Five



**Commanding Officers get all the special perks:** Even though the event guidelines stating that the CO of the Host Chapter must be hugged by all female attendees was controversial at first, Mark Anbinder soon adapted (shown here with Ami Shappe).

*Photo by Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo*



**The truth can be revealed at last:** Mike Smith displays the secret ingredient that kept him going these last 4 years: Alcohol.

*Photo by Joan E. Pierce*



**His name is Harvey:** J.C. Cohen surprised a few folks at Watkins Glen Weekend by bringing his invisible friend (who is said to be at least 7 foot tall) along for the hike. The New York Knicks promptly asked if they could sign him to a contract...

*Photo by Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo*



**Faboo-lous!** Two of STARFLEET's legendary Faboo sisters, Teri Smith and Joan E. Pierce pose before the days activities. Immediately thereafter, rumors of a Stadium reunion tour sprang up all over the NYC press...

*Photo by Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo*



**We're walking, we're walking:** While hiking up to Mike Smith's retirement retreat, more than one member was overheard saying "I thought we were getting AWAY from him, not seeing more of him!" - *Photo by Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo*



**United we fan:** Lastly, a picture of 'fleet members at United Fan Con. from left to right, BGen. Robb Jackson, Col. Richard "Doc" Kinne and Fleet Captain Peter Lutz at a panel about STARFLEET Marines. - *Photo by Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo*



# "DEPARTURE ANGLE ON THE VIEWER, PLEASE..." - A LOOK BACK

By Admiral Tony Rowley • Chief of Staff to the Commander, STARFLEET

More than once over the past four years a question has come to mind, and more than once I've asked it of a few others of a certain tenure in STARFLEET: "Who'da thought?" Even now, looking back with the clarity of hindsight I cannot see any way I'd have predicted or foreseen where we are now in terms of this organization, its infrastructure, and its membership. Who'da thought? Certainly not me. I've never been known to keep my thoughts to myself, so I figured a few more words here at the eve of transition wouldn't hurt.

I've been through four ICs [and helped run one - IC97 in Cherry Hill NJ] and attended a score of various other events in several different regions - I've honestly lost track of exactly how many and where, but I can assure you that in my mind the answer is 'not enough'. My biggest

regret from my four years as Mike's Chief of Staff [and even more glaringly so in my role as one of R7's VRCs] is that I never found enough time to get to everything I wanted to attend and never got the time I wanted to talk with and get to know other folks around 'Fleet. Perhaps that's something I can correct with my increased amounts of free time in the near future... [grin]

We've seen STARFLEET more or less in ruins, and we've seen STARFLEET at its best; we may not be at our highest numbers in terms of membership but what we have as a club is in my opinion the best it's ever been. I look forward to seeing the incoming Rickard/Goldberg administration's efforts to build upon a strong foundation left by the Smith/Freas/Goldberg administration.

I'm proud and feel privileged to have had the opportunity to pitch in with the efforts here and there in a small

way and even more so to watch the dividends of the team's effort from close-up.

Speaking of close-up, I'm grateful for the opportunity I've had to see the workings of the Admiralty Board at close range. I'm reminded of a saying comparing the workings of any body tasked to draft laws or regulations to the making of sausage - the results may be well-appreciated but the process is one not to be watched, or so it's said. Truth be told, there -appeared- to be a few efforts among some of the Admiralty to make this saying frighteningly accurate, but to STARFLEET's good fortune such attempts at parliamentary adventurism were kept to a minimum - proof that our system works!

It's been quite interesting over the course of four years to serve as an observer to the Starfleet Marine Corps'

steering committee. As some folks are aware, I've had an interest in the SFMC ever since I first encountered the original Marine College and its founding Commandant a decade or so ago. The Corps has been a source of both joy and frustration for me ever since, but it's been great to see the growth of the SFMC, sometimes in spite of itself [or so it seemed to me at the time]. One word: oohRAH!

It's time for me to wrap my rambling of short thoughts and second thoughts; a few words of thanks are in order. Thanks to the crew of USS Malverne for their steadfast support, to the folks of Region Seven and particularly Sector One for their forbearance, and last but not least to Fleet Admiral Mike: one last time - 'It's been a blast, bossman!'

Seeya 'round the Fleet - and the next round is on me!

## AN INTERVIEW WITH FLEET ADMIRAL MICHAEL D. SMITH

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Jose 2002 STARFLEET Int'l Conference team after I move to California and get settled. So, yes, I'll still be around, just no longer in the top seat <G>

**Gumby: Q: When you move to California, will you join a ship there or remain with the Starlord?**

**Mike:** I'll be serving on the USS Northern Lights.

**Gumby: Q: How has being Fleet Admiral for four years changed you?**

**Mike:** Honestly, I don't know that I've changed all that much. If anything, I'd say I've learned to be a bit more patient.

**Gumby: Q: Now that you are retiring as Fleet Admiral, how do you feel?**

**Mike:** Well, I'm not retiring as Fleet Admiral, just as the Commander, STARFLEET... How do I feel?

**Gumby:** Yes.

**Mike:** Mostly happy that I'll be able to move on with my life. I've put quite a few things on hold because of my responsibilities as CS. I'm a little sad, because overall being CS was a lot of fun. And I have to wonder how I'll adjust to no longer being CS. It's been 4

years, and it's a role I have grown very comfortable in handling. I've joked with a few friends on how I will need to learn how to be "Joe Member" again.

**Gumby: Q: Is there anything you wanted to accomplish, as Fleet Admiral but didn't?**

**Mike:** Actually, everything our team set out to accomplish we accomplished. I always hoped that perhaps the UFPI folks and STARFLEET could have reached a reconciliation, but it was never part of an official agenda. Just a personal hope of mine.

**Gumby: Q: Any regrets?**

**Mike:** No regrets. Everything we did we did thinking it was the best for the organization. I prefer to look forward to see what the next administration will do with the solid and strong foundation the team and I built over the past 4 years.

**Gumby: Q: Les Rickard will step into your shoes in January; any advice for him?**

**Mike:** No, not really. Les is a capable leader who's served with me for 4

years now. He knows his stuff, and has a good team surrounding him.

**Gumby: Q: As soon as your term is officially over, what's the first thing you are going to do?**

**Mike:** My running joke was that I was going to run down the street in a pair of boxer shorts yelling, "I'm free, I'm free," but in reality, probably nothing special. <G>

**Gumby:** I like that idea! That would be hilarious, Mike!

**Gumby: Q: Where do you see Starfleet in 5 years?**

**Mike:** I think we'll see STARFLEET as the same vibrant organization you see today. We've lasted 25 years, and I think we'll last for many more years.

**Gumby: Q: Just a steady course then, Sir?**

**Mike:** I don't see the need to fundamentally change our organization. While Trek may not be as strong as it was in the mid to late 1980's I think the franchise will bounce back, and that in turn will positively affect STARFLEET. If not, then I think the organization will adapt as needed.

**Gumby: Q: Do you see another Trek series down the road?**

**Mike:** Of course. Unless something very bad happens, I think we'll always see some sort of Trek on the air. Deep Space Nine proved that you don't have to center a Trek series around a starship and her crew, and I hope that the folks behind the franchise will expand upon that.

**Gumby:** A Starbase series?

**Mike:** Any sort of series. I think a good series would be following a group of cadets through STARFLEET Academy.

**Gumby: Q: Finally... Is there anything you'd like to say to the Fleet?**

**Mike:** Nothing that my final article as CS doesn't already say. It's been a great 4 years, and I look forward to seeing where the Rickard/Goldberg team takes STARFLEET next.

**Gumby: Mike, thank you for taking the time to chat with us! I know I speak for many, many others when I say that I wish you a safe trip to R4 and a smooth transition from CS to Joe Crewmember!!!**

**Mike:** Not a problem, and thank you.



# FIRST ANNUAL WILDERNESS CHALLENGE

By Brigadier General Wade Olson • Commandnat, SFMC

Artwork By Fleet Captain David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region 5

On September 30 - October 1 weekend a small group of STARFLEET Marines set out on the First Annual Wilderness Challenge. WC2K was a two day event of hiking and camping in the mountains of Tennessee and North Carolina and took place in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park.

Originally it started as two experienced hikers, who happen to be railroad buffs, taking a hike along the old railroad beds of the Little River Lumber Co. The LRLC logged the Mountains, of what now is the northwest section of the GSMNP, back in the 20's and 30's. The decision was then made to turn it into a Marine event and we invited any STARFLEET Marines and STARFLEET members to attend.

Early in the year I started collection of all the maps and literature I could on the Park so we could choose the trails we wanted to take and to get our backcountry permits arranged for. This was a task that proved to be more difficult than expected, since we wanted to stay on unique trails as much as possible without having to back track.

Once the trails were decided on and it began to look like a reality we started looking for a name to call our event. We finally decided on Wilderness Challenge and put it before, then Commandant, Brian Davis for permission to call it an SFMC event, which he approved. It was set up as Les Rickard as the leader and I as the navigator (since I was so familiar with the topography of the Park at this point).

At one time we had as many as 25 people planning on attending. At the end it was considerably less due to emergencies, work, and previous commitments. Four people ended up attending. They were Larry Morris and Ed Lamb of the 78th Marine Strike Group aboard the USS Khai Tam, and DJ Allen and Myself, Wade Olson, from the 674th Marine Strike Group aboard the USS Relentless.

I had planned it as an adventure to span spectacular mountain views, deep forest and wildlife experiences and wonderful views of mountain streams and rivers. It was all of that and more. Whenever we would stand in awe of the beauty and say, "It doesn't get any better than this," it got better.

In respect to the weather it couldn't have been closer to perfect than it turned out. The mornings were crisp and clear with temperatures in the forties with a high of upper sixties during the day. The skies were crystal clear and the sun in abundance (except in the deep woods). We were extremely pleased that the weekend turned out as beautifully as it did. In respect to the trails the first day couldn't

have been farther from perfect than it turned out. The Appalachian Trail is not like any other trail I've hiked in the whole Park. I had hiked several trails calculating how fast

full day of this we were all exhausted and wondering if we would make it out of the Park the next day. Even though our next days trip would be shortened by two miles

settled with the entrees and hit the sack. I slept pretty soundly until I heard the bear scrounging around our camp. He sounded pretty angry so I grabbed my flashlight just in case I needed to conk him on the nose, and look out of my tent. Even with the little light from the moon filtering through the trees I couldn't see him. But he sounded like he was really close to Larry's tent. I thought, "Oh My God! He ate Larry! You Ba...Oh, that IS Larry. Never Mind," and slept the rest of the night knowing no bear would come anywhere near us with that noise going on.

The second day we started out to find we only had seven minutes of hiking left before we left the Appalachian Trail and started north. This trail was considerably better than the AT except that part of it hadn't been traveled in quite some time. Someone had been through recently and chopped the weeds and bushes that had overgrown the trail and left the clippings to hide the obstacles underneath. This was the cause of a badly sprained ankle by of the hikers. Shortly after that the trail turned into the railroad beds that Les Rickard and I had originally planned to hike. If it hadn't been for the sprained ankle and the fact that we were all sore from the day before we would now have had the ideal hiking conditions; wide trail, steady downgrade and wonderful scenery along the rivers. This really aided us in finishing the twelve miles we had that day and we ended the hike about 30 minutes before sundown.

The experiences were priceless. Trudging through the woods as the sun is disappearing, knowing your camp is still three hours away. Having to scout a new camp in the rough because it's too dangerous to continue hiking in the dark. Knowing you couldn't make it back to civilization for food or shelter even if your life depended on it. Standing on a rock ledge looking down four thousand feet to the valley below. Wondering if you're going to run into a bear that you know is near by because of the large piles of fresh bear dung you've seen. Walking along a narrow trail on the very edge of the mountain hoping you don't trip and fall several thousand feet. Scaring up wild turkeys, skunks, and other small animals along the way. The teamwork that is necessary to travel nine miles through the wilderness with an injured person. Eating MREs (meals ready to eat, or more commonly know as "Meals Rejected by the Enemy"). This truly was the experience of a lifetime.

Despite the difficulties we encountered all in all the trip was very enjoyable. We all felt it was well worth the effort and don't regret it a bit. And we're all looking forward to next years Challenge.



**Row, row, row your boat:** Marine Commandant Wade Olson enjoys the great outdoors and contemplates climbing El Capitan next.



**The Intrepid Voyagers (l to r):** DJ Allen, Wade Olson, Ed Lamb and Larry Allen.

*Photos courtesy of Wade Olson*

hikers could travel over various terrains to get the most accurate plan I could. But the Appalachian Trail proved to be the exception to any rule. The AT follows the mountain tops for the entire seven miles we were on it. Steep inclines and down grades proved to be most strenuous when carrying a 45 pound pack. And in most places the trail is only six inches wide and worn five inches into the ground, making it hard to place one foot in front of the other. After a

due to the fact that we didn't make our designated campsite for the night, forcing us to camp where we weren't supposed to, we still had twelve miles to hike.

We set up camp as the sun disappeared behind the mountains, completing most of our setup in the dark. Then we had to break out the MREs and warm them up. We were so exhausted we found we didn't have the strength to prepare the whole meal and





# A MARINE'S VIEW OF THE 2000 WESTERN CONFERENCE

By Colonel Norman E. DeRoux • 521st Marine Strike Group, USS Destiny

Artwork By Fleet Captain David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region 5

The Western Conference 2000 was held in Jean (that's in-Jean-ious to the local residents), Nevada from October 19-22, 2000. I got my first look at the Conference on Friday evening, when Region 17 hosted an Ice-cream Social. As a member of Region 5, and our Marine 5th Brigade, I didn't have any idea what to expect when we stepped through the door into a suite full of smiling faces. People quickly made me feel welcome, and got me started eating ice-cream with them. I found many new friends that evening - from both Region 17 and Region 4. My thanks go out to each of you for making me feel a part of our big STARFLEET family.

The Opening Ceremonies on Saturday began with a Marine Honor Guard to welcome Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith. Err ...that is General Mike Smith, since he arrived wearing his Marine Dress Black uniform, along with Regional Coordinators Ed Nowlin, R4, Kurt Roithinger, R5, and Kiera Russell-Strong, R17, and of course the Conference Moderator, R4's Bob Fillmore. This was the last major STARFLEET event for FADM Mike Smith's term of office, and I will treasure having been there to receive his last Salute to the members of the Marine Honor Guard that morning. Colonel Jim Monroe (4th BDE) organized the Honor Guard for the event. Brigadier Steve Idell was the Team Leader (5th BDE), and Lee Williamson (17th BDE) and myself (5th BDE) were team members.

Unknown to many people, Ed Nowlin's baseball cap can be removed from his head. Mike Smith successfully grabbed the hat during the morning activities, and an immediate cry went up from those gathered to "Burn the Hat!" Ed demanded that a replacement hat be provided, along with raising more funds for the Regions than last year when his hat was burned. Mike passed the hat - and collected over \$180 from the attendees. Kiera Russell-Strong was given the task of burning the hat, but had to wait because of hotel restrictions on lighting fires. Chrissy Killian spent much of her time collecting funds for the Raffle, and borrowed Allyson's whip to add emphasis to her efforts during the morning. The afternoon Panels were also well attended, with discussions

on a variety of subjects, including leadership, newsletters, and chapter activities. STARFLEET Quartermaster supplies were available for sale throughout the day. There were even baseball caps direct from Australia. In addition, Deb Kern made sure the STARFLEET Academy table was manned, and stocked with applications for the schools and courses.

Promotions and Awards were handed out following the dinner, and I'd like to thank COL Jim Monroe, 4th Brigade, and BDR Steve Idell, 5th Brigade, for posting lists of their respective Brigade awards so that I could be sure to include them all here. A special thanks also to BDR Diana Hoff, OIC of 5th Brigade, who could not attend due to medical reasons but sent the Brigade's awards in

Leader's Commendation award to LTC C.M. Esquibel.  
LTC Chris Esquibel finished the evening by receiving a promotion to Captain (Marine Colonel) from STARFLEET Command.

## 5th Brigade

STARFLEET Cross - second award:  
BDR Stephen C. Idell

STARFLEET Cross - second award:  
COL Norman E. DeRoux

Cross of Valor:  
SGT Adrian Nunenkamp, 521st MSG

Sword of Valor:  
LTC Robert Levitzow, 501st MSG

Shield of Valor:  
COL Norman E. DeRoux, 521st MSG

Legion of Valor:  
521st MSG, USS Destiny

Additional awards to 5th Brigade members:  
SFMC Service Commendation:  
BDR Stephen C. Idell.

Marine Honor Guard:  
BDR Stephen C. Idell  
and  
COL Norman E. DeRoux

Following the presentation of awards, the evening concluded with a "Roasting" of FADM Mike Smith and R5's retiring RC, VADM Kurt Roithinger. And that wrapped up the activities for the evening.

Whatever else was done, we couldn't have the Conference in Nevada without including trips to the Las Vegas Hilton for Star Trek: The Experience. One group went on Friday, and a second group went on Sunday. We found The Experience to be well worth the cost, and saw some members return on Sunday for a second Experience after having been there on Friday.

I would like to thank Ed Nowlin, Bob and Wendy Fillmore, Richard Benker, Pete Briggs, and Jim Monroe for all the work they did in hosting the Conference. I look forward to seeing what Region 4 prepares for the IC 2002 in San Jose, California.



It was a dark and stormy room: The USS Destiny delegation at the Western Conference settles in for dinner. From left to right: Stephen Idell, James Morgan, Nadine Romero, Jean Linck and Norm DeRoux.

*Photo by Norm DeRoux*

Wearing our Marine Dress uniforms, called Salt 'n Peppers because of their white shirts and black pants, made some of us highly visible to other guests at the hotel. I was impressed with the courtesy shown us by the guests we encountered. People were friendly, and some asked polite questions about our uniforms and involvement with STARFLEET. It was a wonderful opportunity to build awareness of our organization among people who would be taking stories of meeting us back to their home communities when their vacations were over.

When we gathered for Saturday evening's Banquet and Awards ceremonies, it was impressive to see over 100 people wearing such a variety of costuming. There were traditional Star Trek uniforms based on the series and movies, Marine uniforms, Klingon uniforms, and of course some civilian attire.

a sealed envelope to be opened during the ceremonies. Congratulations to the following Marines for their outstanding performance:

## 4th Brigade

Cross of Valor:  
COL Truman Temple, 1st MSG

Sword of Valor:  
COL James Monroe, 1st MSG

Shield of Valor:  
BDR Scott Sommer, 29th MSG

Star of Valor:  
GSGT L.J. Marcus, 66th MSG

Legion of Valor:  
1st MSG, USS Centurion

Additional 4th BDE awards:  
Community Service Citation awards to LTC C.M. Esquibel, BDR Scott Sommer, GSGT L.J. Marcus, and COL James W. Monroe.





# DINKYCON AND BEYOND

**Fleet Captain David Pipgras • Space Station Nexus**

**Artwork by Fleet Captain David Pipgras and Fleet Captain Mike Wilkerson • STARFLEET Region Twelve**

Space Station Nexus, Station Log: Stardate 490010.27. Fleet Captain David Pipgras reporting:

As per schedule, I have arrived at the station by personal transport to meet up with Admiral Roithinger and Dyar. In turn, we are scheduled to meet up with several of the Starfleet upper brass at a conference on Starbase Nevada. From what I am told, this conference will help define the direction that Starfleet will be taking in the years to follow. Even the current Commander, Starfleet is supposed to be present.

I arrived at the station at about 0700 hours, station time, and met up with Admirals Dyar and Roithinger, both of who were making final preparations for the trip. Likewise, Ambassador Dafydd was present. Since we still had time, we took a jaunt down to one of the local cafes located on the promenade deck and got some breakfast.

After breakfast, we stopped by the quartermaster to get some supplies for our trip, and headed back to the bridge to make final departure arrangements. Once everything was taken care of, we arranged to have a runabout (USS Columbia) take us to our transfer spot, Starbase Pee'd'ex a couple of light years away, where we would catch up with the USS Southwestern, already enroute for the conference.

We arrived at Pee'd'ex, only to find out that the USS Southwestern would be delayed for a couple of hours due to some Navigation problems (apparently the Chief Engineer updated the astronavigation software, and caused the entire system to crash, which meant they had to wipe the entire subroutine and reinstall from their backup). So we waited. And waited. Eventually it arrived (a few hours later than expected, but it arrived none the less) and after a brief rendezvous with the USS Boise, to transfer some passengers, we were on our way.

We arrived at Starbase Nevada, Earth, about 1700 hours, local time. Despite our delay in arriving, we met up with Admiral Wallace of the ASDB. We were surprised to find that he too had been delayed. Apparently the software package that Starfleet released had a problem, and it managed to disrupt several starships before it was

discovered.

We arrived at our designated quarters, and settled in for the evening.

debauchery to make a Ferengi squeal with delight. I could tell we were in for a good time, providing we could survive the conference.

sites.

Of course, Starfleet took the priority (after all that was the reason we were there). We started with breakfast at the local eatery, and attended one of the two primary conference events. It was here that we touched upon the goals of the conference, and introduced ourselves to other members of the fleet - many of whom we have known for a long time only by name or via subspace communications.

Fleet Admiral Smith arrived, as well as Admiral Goldberg, the Vice-Commander, Starfleet. At the conference, after some of the typical meeting business, Admiral Smith took the stage and laid out his plans for the continuation of several Starfleet programs, as well as asking the various commanding officers to assist him in making the transition to the new Commander, Starfleet as smoothly as possible. I found that both of these officers were very friendly, and I can say it was a pleasure to finally meet "the boss" in person.

After the morning's events, Admiral Wallace, Captain Willits and I then took a private transport to take us on a tour to the various locations in the desert.

Our first stop (after getting lost for a few minutes -- hey, we did not have a navigator, just Command Staff) we made it to the historic Hoover Dam located on the Colorado River. And just as it was described in a Starfleet Historic documentary, it was a sight to see.

The dam was (and frankly is) an engineering masterpiece to rival that of any starship so far. It was started in the very early 20th century as a way to keep the river from flooding into settlements of that time. The dam itself extends from the riverbed (about 30 plus feet below the surface of the river) to about 500 feet in the air. It was built using what could only be considered crude methods by our standards today, using a wire and large containers to transport mixing compounds to the actual construction site.

The dam was constructed in several stages, the first being to stop and divert

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**He's an Artist and it shows:** Dinky contemplates the mystery of the Sphinx, while David exclaims "Hey, I'm a pretty good Photographer!" *Photo by David Pipgras*

Personal Log: Stardate 490010.28. I have heard a lot of reports about the various attractions available at Starbase Nevada, but to be honest, I was not ready for the sensory overload. There were tons of attractions, both natural and man made, to keep one occupied for months. In fact, there was enough

Personal Log: Stardate 490010.28: We got an early start today. Admirals Dyar and Roithinger prepared for the events that they would be hosting, while Admiral Wallace, Captain Willits of the USS Jaguar (who arrived just after we did), and myself made plans to see some of the local interests and historic



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the river so that the foundation could be constructed. To do this, the river was blocked about 1/4 of a mile upstream, and tunnels were drilled through the mountainside to allow the water to flow past the work site. Once this was done, the actual construction could begin. This would consist of workers making several thousand concrete slabs (each weighing several tons) in place (since they could not be moved due to the weight). Despite the various rumors and stories, no one was buried alive in the dam as it took several hours to make each slab, at roughly one foot per hour (which means if you could not get up from a foot of cement and get out of the way in two hours, well, what can I say?)

Once the construction was completed, the initial dam was destroyed and the new one took over -- and has been in operation ever since. If you are ever in need of something to do for shore leave, I suggest checking this out, and taking both the Lake Mead tour, as well as the 'Hard Hat' tour of the dam. Well worth the time and effort.

After that, we decided to take a walk down the main promenade strip, which is what the place is best known for. There are hotels and shops that range from the mundane to the, uh, extreme. There are buildings that are scaled down versions of New York, Paris, Egypt and more. There is even a hotel that is shaped like one of the ancient

great pyramids! And don't even get me started about the casinos! There must have been at least twenty different Ferengi there - all taking notes!

The place is a phenomenal experience in general. We even went to a pre-holodeck adventure scenario based on Starfleet itself! The 'experience' as they call it was very interesting. Gives you an idea of what entertainment was like before the advent of holotechnology.

We arrived back at our quarters shortly before 0100 hours the following day. We knew we would be very tired, but the fun and adventure was well worth the loss of some sleep.

The next day was quite the event as well. We attended an awards banquet, where several officers were issued some much-deserved promotions. Among those were Chris Wallace to full Admiral, Kurt Roithinger to Vice Admiral, and our host for the evening, Ed Nowlin, to Rear Admiral. We said our congratulations to all of the fine officers who received promotions, and moved on to the next series of events.

The last day of the conference held a special surprise for Captain Don Willits. It seems that his wife, Commander Daisy Wan, managed to plan a very special event for him, without his knowledge. Little did he know that his entire crew was aware of the event (she even managed to wrangle the cooperation of both myself and Admiral Wallace).

Under the pretense of going to have breakfast at one of the local establishments, we decided to choose another location, and made our way to the Venetian Hotel. By this time, Captain Willits was curious as to why we passed up all the restaurants. It was all Admiral Wallace and I could do to keep a straight face, but a straight (and somber) face we did.

We arrived at the end of the hotel location, where a replica of the old earth Venice canals had been recreated, and kept him busy while Daisy slipped off for a minute. When she arrived back, we took a step back as she looked him in the eye and issued those fateful words, "I have something to tell you."

I don't think he was ever as nervous as he was at that moment. As Daisy detailed out the carefully laid out plans - a surprise renewal of their wedding vows - the look of fear changed to confusion and then at last to astonishment. He discovered that his 'friends' had been plotting with his wife for several weeks to arrange this event.

They chose to have a minister perform the ceremonies as they took a 'cruise' down the canal. Admiral Wallace, having known Don much longer that I acted as a witness for the couple, and in turn, I opted to take on the role of photographer (of course, I forgot to mention that I can't take very good pictures, but it was the spirit that mattered).

After the event, we headed back to our quarters and shared some wedding cake with the other members of fleet. Once this was done, we headed back out to the promenade strip for the rest of the day, exploring new areas of the starbase.

Again, we arrived back at the conference quite late, and prepared for our departure the next day. Admirals Dyar, Roithinger and myself took a shuttle to the USS Southwestern and headed for home, while Admiral Wallace had other business to attend to, and caught a ride with the USS Alaska. We arrived back at Starbase Pee'd'ex around 1300 hours, local time. Admirals Dyar and Roithinger took a runabout back to the Station Nexus, while I decided to head off in a different direction, and took the first shuttle back home for a few days to enjoy some rest.

Personal Log: Stardate 490010.29: As a final note to this entry, I would like to offer some advice to everyone who considers making a trip out to Starbase Nevada. Take the time to get out to the Hoover Dam project (but watch the Discovery Channel special first, it adds to the experience). Likewise, take the time (and by that I mean a LOT of time) to get out and explore the town, walk the strip in the day and night both (it is a totally difference experience in daylight and night). See the natural surroundings and enjoy the scenery. The casinos are nice, but the real fun is OUTSIDE!

## DINKYCON MEMORIES

By Fleet Captain David Pitts • USS Stormbringer

I went to Dinky-Con and all I can say is, "I hope it becomes an annual event."

There are several reasons for that statement. They are:

1. A lot of people finally met other folks that they had only known via snail mail, email, the telephone, AOL Instant Messenger, MIRC or ICQ. This is part of why Starfleet exists, the meeting of new people, and making of friends. For example, I finally met my Executive Officer for the first time on my front porch this past October 19th. Our friendship began back in the fall of 1993 when I was stationed overseas in what was then Region 16, Japan. My current XO, then Captain Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons was living in Denton, TX. In a nutshell, we were officers aboard alike ships (Olympus Class Med-noughts) nearly ten thousand miles apart. When we finally met it was a

- great experience and I also met two more Stormbringer officers, Damon Schoonover and Johnathan Smith. As a correy chapter CO, truly a great day. As I understand it, similar meetings happened with Region 5 and Region 17 personnel as well. What could be better than that?

2. There were some first time experiences involved in just getting to Dinky-Con. I got to travel on Route 66 and cross the Hoover Dam. I did some gambling in Vegas and survived Star Trek: The Experience. Those who were there know what I'm talking about! <G> Truly and awesome ride and well worth nearly \$20.00 entry price... because after you paid your quatloos, got your hand stamped, you were good for extra rides until closing.

3. There was closure on issues of a personal and past political nature for several people. Fences were mended, apologies were made, and friend-ships

renewed. I hope this is an indication of Starfleet maturity as a collective whole because, folks, it was wonderful to see.

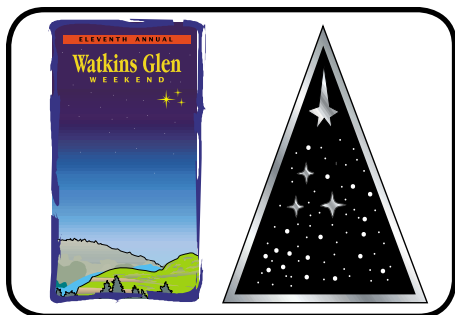
4. I don't believe there was a single harsh word or serious disagreement the whole weekend. Now obviously, I couldn't be and wasn't everywhere, but to me the overall mood was one of festive relaxation. Truly, the right attitude to take to any fleet function.

5. It was a chance for "Joe/Jane Fleetperson" to meet some of the Star- fleet movers and shakers. I was privileged to meet the Fleet Admiral, the Vice-Fleet Admiral, the Chief of Communications, the Chief of ShOC, three Regional Coordinators, plus numerous fellow Commanding Officers. I urge you to make at least one fleet function in your Starfleet career, be it an International Conference or Regional Summit. You'll find it an educating, informative, and relaxing experience.

6. USS Stormbringer, being a fun club first and foremost, carried herself with honor. To begin, we were awarded

Region 4 Chapter of the Year. That right there was a shock because in all honesty I thought there were more deserving chapters out there. "Thank you from everybody aboard, we will endeavor to live up to this fine recognition!" Afterwards, my boat was again rocked when Region 4 Officer of the Year and Region 4 Cadet of the Year went to Stormbringer XO Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons and Stormbringer Cadet Commander Jillian Whitney respectively. Just when I thought it was safe to sit down my crew garners two promotions. <G> Rear Admiral and XO, Johnathan Simmons was promoted to Vice-Admiral and Chief Counselor Captain Ann Dysinger was promoted to Fleet "Flaptain" Captain. WOW! :-)

If I might be serious about this a moment I originally joined SFI to get away from the active duty politics and mind games so rampant in the USAF. "Silly me!" The main ideals of USS Stormbringer have been to have fun with the make believe Star Trek universe and help a few people in the process. We hope we have succeeded in that mission.



# A STARFLEET TRADITION: THE WATKINS GLEN WEEKEND

**Captain Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo • USS Accord**

Artwork by Fleet Captain David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five

The first weekend of October saw three dozen Starfleeters and assorted “civilians” trek (sorry!) through the gorge at Watkins Glen State Park in upstate New York, about a half hour west of Ithaca. This is the annual Watkins Glen Weekend (WGW) sponsored by the USS Accord, a tradition that dates back to the chapter’s origins in the late 1980’s as the shuttle Odyssey off the USS Avenger.

Among those present this year were WGW mainstay Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith, Region 7 Coordinator Vice Admiral Jesse Smith, Region 7 First Lady and CompOps/Membership Processing Goddess Rear Admiral Teri Smith, as well as contingents from the USS Angeles, USS Avenger, USS Lone Wolf, USS Questar, USS Starlord, USS Tanagra and USS Thagard.

Our usual numbers were down slightly from previous years (the peak was in 1995, when an estimated 95 participants took part in the weekend) due to the Farpoint convention’s taking place the same weekend down in Towson, Maryland. Participants in the hike this year came from as far away as southern California, Minnesota, and Kentucky.

The weekend began Friday night, October 6th, with Ithaca’s Ramada Inn being used as a base of operations. A few early birds had dinner at a local watering hole in celebration of Accord CO Commodore Mark Anbinder’s “33 1/3” birthday. Sadly, to this reporter’s knowledge, no one showed up in outfits made of vinyl. However, by 9 p.m., new arrivals took over the bar of the Ramada where much time was spent catching up with various friends from around the Fleet.

After a good night’s rest, we met at Collegetown Bagels in Cayuga Mall for breakfast. (I highly recommend the everything bagel with lox and cream cheese, washed down with two 16 oz. containers of coffee, but then again, I’m a native New Yorker.) At 10 a.m., we converged at the Community Corners parking lot near the Cayuga Heights fire station to saddle up for the convoy



**Ain’t we good lookin’?:** (l to r) Petty Officer Lisa Fogelman, Lt. Commander Brian Cameron, “civilian” Ami Shappe and Captain Michael Scott Shappe rest at the top of the gorge after hiking.



**Nature’s Majesty revealed:** The USS Accord’s 11th annual Watkins Glen Weekend, a hike through the gorge at Watkins Glen State Park, 45 minutes west of Ithaca, NY, took place on October 7, 2000.



**Repent! All this hiking will only make us healthy:** Cmdr. Steve Halber, Chief Engineer, USS Thagard; Capt. Dixie Jack, CO, USS Tanagra; and Fleet Captain Kris T! Klufas, CO, USS Thagard feast on the obligatory helping of junkfood to have the energy to make it up the gorge.

*All Photos by Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo*

to the glen.

It should be noted that the hike through Watkins Glen is so strenuous it requires two meals to gear up for it. The second one was lunch at the Burger King near the entrance to Watkins Glen State Park.

Despite portents of bad weather, we lucked out this year and it was a clear, still day at 55 degrees. At the top of the Glen, after getting refreshments from the local gift shop and massages from our fellow hikers, we had the annual round-robin in which we shared what had happened to us since the last time we were there. Those new to the experience shared milestones from their lives.

Mid-afternoon saw us return to Ithaca for a couple of hours rest before dinner at Billy Bob Jack’s, a popular BBQ restaurant. In addition to the fine food and drink, this is also an occasion for promotions and awards. Among the highlights of the evening was a ST:TNG engineering top given to Lieutenant Junior Grade Peter Green by former Chief Engineer Lt. Commander Nathaniel Burbank, who had graduated high school and was working in the Peace Corps in Kenya and the Middle East before starting college.

The evening finished with many going to Purity Ice Cream on Route 13, and a few going to the Chapter House Pub on Stewart Avenue.

Officially, WGW ended Sunday morning, with the traditional all-you-can-eat brunch at the Ramada Inn. However, a few stayed through Monday night to observe Yom Kippur (which began Sunday night) and had an early dinner at Joe’s Restaurant.

Next year’s WGW is tentatively scheduled for the first weekend of October. It’ll be great to have more of our Starfleet friends share in the experience with us. Please consult the USS Accord web page at:

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



USS DOMINATOR  
NCC-18076



# A DAY OF NEW BEGINNINGS

**Fleet Captain Carl Lewis • USS Dominator**

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

It was a day to remember, a day of true beginnings. November 5, 2000, was a day to be remembered for many years to come. No ordinary day, it was special for there were two ceremonies, both special in their own right.

The first event of the day was the wedding of the CO of the Shuttle Hokulani, Fleet Captain Carl Lewis and Science Officer of the Shuttle Hokulani, Lieutenant Rita Comperatore. In attendance were family members of the bride and the few remaining on the groom's side of the family. In addition to family members, members of the couple's extended STARFLEET family were in attendance. Members from the USS Carolina, USS Ronald E. McNair, USS Hornet, Shuttle Vindicator, various OICs of SFMC units in the region, as well as the VRC for Region One were all in attendance.

The ceremony was conducted in a Star Trek style as depicted in the various Star Trek episodes and as explained in the Region One Awards Manual. The location chosen was the back yard of the Captain's Quarters. Lieutenant Brandy Spell Hallman conducted the wedding ceremony, as she was authorized to do so in the state of South Carolina. She took her place at the front of the seated guests, with the Best Man and Groom in close proximity. Music from various Star Trek shows and movies played as guests were seated. VIPs and COs were announced and seated in STARFLEET fashion.

As the last of the dignitaries and COs were seated, the Bride's Maids were escorted by the Groom's Men and took their rightful place in front of the guests. The Bride then entered the ceremonial area. She was escorted by her two sons, one a U.S. Naval Officer and the other a Software Engineer for Martin-Marietta Aerospace. They gave her away and took their places with the other Groom's Men. Their ceremony began in the same manner as the ones on the Star Trek series did, but that is where the similarity ended.

The words that began with "Since the days of the first wooden sailing ships,...." were recited. After which the Bride and Groom performed their own ceremonial aspects. The Bride wanted

to read a poem to the Groom, who then had a special song played for her. Once this was completed, they opted to recite their own vows instead of using the vows that are so often recited in other weddings. During the exchanging of rings, wording that was written for the couple's engagement (or Betrothal) ceremony held in April concerning the importance and significance of the rings in a couple's relationship.

Once this was done, the couple was

Starship Dominator, effective this Stardate: 10011.05!" These words were spoken by The Vice Regional Coordinator for Region One, RAdm Jack Hopkins. It was with these words that the newest ship of the fleet, USS Dominator was commissioned.

There were many in attendance from various South Carolina chapters. A partial listing of those present included FCapt Ray Seay (USS R. E. McNair), Major Gary Hollifield, SFMC (161st MSG, 5th BN/1st BDE), RAdm Ron



Happily ever after: Fleet Captain Carl Lewis and his new bride, Lieutenant Rita Comperatore. Congratulations to the newlyweds!

*Photos courtesy of Carl Lewis*

introduced to those present as Mr and Mrs Carl Lewis. There was another "ceremony" and "promotion" where RAdm Ron Fell and "Mrs RAdm" Kristi Fell, promoted Rita to the most honorable rank of "Mrs Fleet Captain" and promptly informed her that she now outranked Carl, since he was a mere Fleet Captain. After receiving permission from the newly promoted "Mrs Fleet Captain" the other ceremony was commenced.

"By order of STARFLEET Command and the Commander-STARFLEET, the Chief of Operations-STARFLEET, the Commander-STARFLEET First Fleet, and by the Commander-USS Hornet; you, Fleet Captain Carl Lewis, and the crew of the USS Hornet shuttle HOKULANI, having completed your mission with excellence in STARFLEET tradition; are hereby ordered to commission and command the United

Fell (Shuttle Vindicator), Capt Kristi Fell (Shuttle Vindicator), RAdm Jack Hopkins (Shuttle Vindicator, R1VRC), John "kiwi" Kane (USS Hornet), FCapt Dave James (USS Carolina, NC/SC Senior Capt), Major Julie James (USS Carolina), Lt.Col Gary Hollifield (USS Carolina), Commander Susan Mahaffey (USS Carolina), 1st Lt. Howard Knapp (USS Carolina), WO1 Josh Brown (USS Carolina), Dakota Cook (USS Carolina), Tiffany James (USS Carolina), and included from the USS Dominator, FCapt Carl Lewis, LT Rita Comperatore-Lewis, LCDR Gary Gonsalves, LT Covert Nelson, LT Brandy Hallman, PO1 Burt Hallman, PO3 Tina Godley, PO3 Ewan Godley. Other STARFLEET members were present, but their names were not recorded in the Guest book.

After the reading of the orders, LT Col John "Kiwi" Kane, as Official

Representative for the CO of the USS Hornet, spoke of the Shuttle Hokulani crew. He spoke of the good times experienced during the shuttle phase, and also spoke of the turbulent period experienced halfway through. He spoke of the bond that had developed between the two chapters since the change. He also expressed his sincerest hopes for a trouble-free and long existence as a newly commissioned chapter of STARFLEET. "May the winds be at your back".

RAdm Jack Hopkins then spoke of what he had seen in the Shuttle Hokulani and her crew during this shuttle phase. He spoke of the tenacity of those in command to always go forward no matter the obstacle. He spoke of the mindset to work out any problem encountered, rather than retaliate or react. To be part of the solution, not the problem. He spoke of his expectation for a long and prosperous existence of this chapter and looked forward to many good years of comradely. After speaking, he presented the CO, FCapt Carl Lewis, with an approximate model of the new ship, USS Dominator NCC-18076, a Joshua Paul Class Heavy Frigate.

After inspecting the ship, FCapt Lewis accepted it. He then called his XO, CDR Gary Gonsalves to man the watch. Once that was completed and all departments answered up, FCapt Lewis spoke of his new command. He spoke of the support that was shown by all the members of his crew, both from those who were with the shuttle from its beginning, to those who had joined less than a month before. He spoke of friendships that had developed and friendships that were strengthened since the shuttle formed, leading to this day. He expressed a sincere joy and pride in his crew and his desire to lead this crew for many years to come.

FCapt Lewis then conducted an award and promotion ceremony for those of the crew who were present. Each member of the USS Dominator crew received a "Plank Owner Certificate" to signify their presence at the start of the chapter's existence. Each member also received permanent promotions to ranks held during the Shuttle phase of the USS Dominator's existence.

The ceremonies were concluded by refreshments and socializing by all present. The socializing lasted an hour and all personnel shuttles were loaded and departed back to the respective ship locations throughout the South Carolina and North Carolina sectors of Region One.



## RONALD MC DONALD HOUSE CHARITIES NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS

**Lorrie Nelson • Director, RMHC  
STARFLEET Program**

This year marks the third year of the RMHC STARFLEET Program. We all associate the RMHC with the Ronald McDonald Houses- they do more. I'd like to tell you about another way your contributions help. RMHC helps to fund the Healthy Families America program.

In partnership with Prevent Child Abuse, Ronald McDonald House Charities has played a vital role in ensuring the health, safety, and successful development of America's children through Healthy Families America (HFA). This innovative program provides support to new parents nationwide with intensive home visiting services for those at greatest risk. Through RMHC's support of Healthy Families America, the collective goal is to reduce child abuse and neglect among young children in the U.S. by 25 percent over the next five years.

In 1994, RMHC funded a five year, \$2 million grant to Prevent Child Abuse America to expand its Healthy Families America program. Healthy Families America provides voluntary home visitation services to families in low-income communities. Early studies of the program indicate that participants are less likely to abuse their children and more likely to seek appropriate medical care, have higher employment rates, have fewer teen pregnancies and demonstrate self-sufficiency.

With RMHC's help, HFA has grown from humble beginnings - 20 sites in 1992 - to 345 affiliated sites in 41 US states and Canada. Through this network, HFA is providing home visiting services to more than 33,000 families each year.

So please continue to participate in the RMHC STARFLEET program. For more information, please go to the RMHC STARFLEET program website. [www.inkeaze.com](http://www.inkeaze.com). And to the Chapters who have contributed the past 2 years.

# USS THAGARD CELEBRATES TEN YEARS OF FUN

**Captain Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo • USS Accord**

The USS Thagard NCC-652 celebrated its 10th anniversary at Williamson's Restaurant in Bala Cynwyd, Pa., on Saturday, September 30, 2000. The Thagard is homeported in Philadelphia and was founded in 1989 as the shuttle Kyrie Eleison, whose mothership was the USS Challenger. The Thagard's true roots, however, go back to the early 1980's when some of its current members were in the Delaware Valley Science Fiction Association.

In addition to Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith, also present were officers from various chapters around Region 7, including the USS Accord, USS Avenger, USS Sovereign, USS Starlord and USS Tanagra.

Highlights of the evening included the promotion of the Thagard's CO, Captain

Kris T! Klufas, and XO, Commander Angel Avery, to Fleet Captain and Captain, respectively, as well as a plaque presented to the Thagard for 10 years of Starfleet service and one given to Fleet Admiral Smith as well for his long support of the Thagard. The Thagard previously served as Starfleet flagship in the late 1990's.

Among the former commanding officers of the Thagard present at the anniversary were: Captain John Baldwin, Commodore Sashi German and Brigadier Matthew Black. Founding CO (and former Starfleet Chief of Communications) Judith Brandy was scheduled to attend, but was detained due to illness. As well, a moment of silence was held in memory of former commanding officer Capt. Saul Abraham, who died recently.

Among the memorabilia present were current and past issues of Norman, the USS Thagard's annual fanzine, as well as photo albums of Thagard events and parties of the past decade.

Kudos to the Thagard officers and crew, and especially to its anniversary party committee: Julie and David Reed; Susanna Reilly; and Sashi German. The Thagard was named for the astronaut Norman Thagard, M.D., a mission specialist on shuttle missions STS-7 (Challenger) in 1983, STS-51-B (Challenger) in 1985, STS-30 (Atlantis) in 1989; a payload commander on STS-42 (Discovery) in 1992; and cosmonaut/researcher on the Mir 18 mission in 1995, during which he conducted 28 experiments aboard the Russian space station in 115 days.



**Surprise:** Fleet Captain Kris T! Klufas presents Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith with a plaque showing the Thagard's appreciation for Mike's support over the past several years.



**Front:** Alex Rosenzweig, Kris T! Klufas, Sashi German, Jesse Smith, **Rear:** Michael D. Smith and John Baldwin



Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo and Sashi German  
*All Photos courtesy of Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo*



# THE USS RUBICON EIGHTH ANIVERSARY PARTY

By Fleet Captain Rebecca Elmore • Commanding Officer, USS Rubicon

It was a good day to party when the crew of the U.S.S. Rubicon gathered to celebrate its 8th anniversary. All the ingredients for a great birthday party were present. Good company! Good food! Tasty birthday cake! And a surprise birthday present!

RADM Kurt Roithinger, Region 5 Coordinator, presented CO Patrick McAndrew with the Region 5 Ship of the Year Award at the U.S.S. Rubicon's eighth anniversary of its commissioning on 19 September 2000 in Pasco, Washington. RADM Roithinger commented that the U.S.S. Rubicon was consistently very active in both club social functions and in community service projects, and Patrick's MSRs were an interesting read!

The festivities began with promotions, commendations, and special awards to individual crewmembers. A catered Italian dinner was served to the 41 attendees following the awards. Dinner concluded with the traditional toast to the ship and to the crew by the Commanding Officer. A custom decorated birthday cake baked by our very own Nelix was served. After dessert, the merry crew and guests moved to the auditorium for the premiere showing of the U.S.S. Rubicon movie, A Time for Q, written and produced by Sr. Comm. Rebecca Elmore, filmed and co-produced by Flt. Capt. Nat Saenz, and starring several crewmembers.

Special guests from Starfleet included RADM Kurt Roithinger, Regional Coordinator for Region 5; LGEN Scott Akers, SFI Chief Historian and RC 5

Elect; Vice Admiral Chris Wallace, SFI Vice-Chief of Communications and CQ Editor; and LT Don Willits, Region 5 Chief of Staff.

The U.S.S. Rubicon, a Galaxy class starship, has been home to a crew of over forty members since its commissioning in 1992. We have a wonderful crew from all walks of life. We also enjoy a wide range of ages. Our youngest member was born in January, and our older members are, well, middle-aged. In addition, it has been a joy to watch our original cadets grow up into responsible teens, and to leave the ship to go to college or to become officers on the U.S.S. Rubicon.

In addition, the U.S.S. Rubicon has been a very active member of the Tri-Cities community [Pasco, Richland, and Kennewick, Washington] with over 40 different community service projects. We are known as the club to call if a dependable crew is needed to assist a project. We have been active in fundraising for the local humane society, the Walk for the Needy food drive, the Finish Line at the March of Dimes Walk-America walk-a-thon, and in donating to the Women's Domestic Violence Shelter and other charities.

Now, do not get the idea that life aboard ship is all work! We seem to come up with ingenious ideas to have fun, from making our own feature movie, to attending sci-fi conventions, to computer gaming, to attending sci-fi movies, or just hanging out together. If you are ever on the eastern side of Washington State, please contact us!

Our welcome mat is always out!



SMILE! The crew of the USS Rubicon (Klingons and all!) pose for a group shot during their 8th Aniversary party. Photo courtesy of Rebecca Elmore.

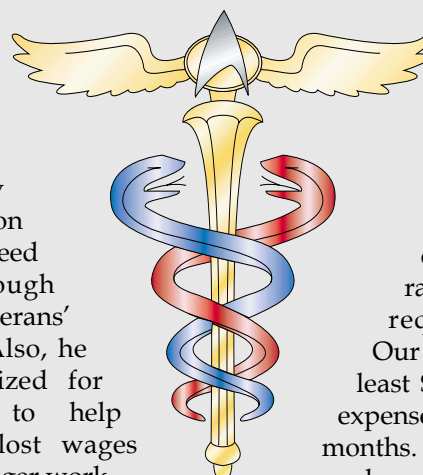
# USS PREVAILING WIND MEMBER IN SICKBAY

By Fleet Captain David Peifer • Commanding Officer, USS Prevailing Wind

What does a family do when a beloved husband and father is diagnosed with a life-threatening disease; anything and everything they possibly can. After they tire from the stress and grief they dig deeper into their fortitude and try harder.

John P. Coffey is in desperate need of a liver transplant and has traveled with his wife, Lori, from Pennsylvania to Florida for necessary testing to determine whether he physically qualifies for the procedure. His doctors felt he could not wait for the years necessary in Pennsylvania to move up on the transplant list and sought out a newly certified institution with a shorter waiting period.

John is luckier than many because he has health insurance--as long as he pays the monthly premium. The airfare to Jacksonville was covered by a charitable institution. He is a Vietnam veteran and should qualify for the anti-rejection drugs he may need in the future through the Veterans' Administration. Also, he has been authorized for Social Security to help compensate for lost wages since he can no longer work.



What other obstacles must these Starfleet members overcome? Lori has used all of her work leave giving care and taking her husband to doctor and hospital appointments. While she will be able to return to her job in the future, she is currently without an income and must pay \$230.00 a month for health insurance through her employer. In addition, they must make certain their children have enough funds to support the household in Pennsylvania while they cover their hotel, grocery and transportation expenses in Florida. As you could guess, Social Security does not stretch that far.

The Coffeys met while John was stationed at a Naval base repairing and maintaining helicopters, and Lori worked in a luncheonette on base. They have 3 lovely daughters

and a 21/2 year old grandson named Sean. According to an ex-coworker, John was always the type of person who worked hard and did more than his share. He still tries to help at home as much as possible on a "better" day. When he first found he must leave his job, his work friend, Vickie, collected an amount of money in her great concern for the family. his reaction was strongly against such aid. This man had always been a helper, not one who accepted gifts easily. He has had to develop the patient courage needed to live one day at a time and concentrate on his family's welfare instead of his pride. As the other John Coffey said in The Green Mile, "I'm tired, Boss. Dog tired."

Although we are a small club, we felt we must take action on behalf of this family. We have contacted service organizations,

the family's church and Friends of the Faire (as in Renaissance Faire) to which the couple also belongs. We are discussing fund-raisers and are requesting donations.

Our goal is to raise at least \$4000.00 towards the expenses of the next few months. If a large number of people would each give a small gift, this would be possible and painless, even at holiday time. If you would like to donate to this cause, you may send a check or money order to:

Aurora Gulluni  
3624 Colonial Road  
Harrisburg, PA 17109-2120

or you may use a major credit card on our website at:

<http://www.pixieworks.com/prevailingwind/coffey.htm>

Updates on John's progress and on the status of the fund may be viewed at the above site. Please write "John P. Coffey Fund" in the memo section of any mailed gifts.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.





## THE SOVEREIGN'S TENTH ANNIVERSARY

By Lieutenant (JG) Parker Gabriel • USS Sovereign

Artwork by David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five

The Sovereign had been in service for ten years, and we celebrated on Saturday, June 17, 2000, with an affair at Swan Caterers at 15th and Shunk Streets in south of Philadelphia. My own experiences there were these:

My escort to the affair, Patricia Jordan, who was also Joseph Horton's and Lorrie Nelson's escort, arrived twenty (20) minutes before I had expected her. (Horton's wife proved to have driven him to Jordan's quarters, and it was she who subsequently took her husband back to theirs...but that's another part of the report, and I'm getting ahead of myself.) In the midst of preparations, I had to leave for the affair without securing my dress boots, which I was wearing for the first time that evening. It was supposed to be a semi-formal affair, yet I had no bow-knottable cravat available to me. I was in what did not quite amount to a uniform—I wore such a tunic, doublet, cincture, and breeches as are part of my out-of-uniform uniform, but, as I have said, no such cravat as could be bow-knotted. (In my out-of-uniform uniform, these are supplemented with a four-in-hand cravat tied in a double-windsor knot, an outer tunic decorated with Delta Shields, and a peaked cover that would flunk SFMC muster.) On the way, we accepted Nelson as a passenger, but the cargo she had with her proved not to be capable of fitting into the hold.

When we reached the location, finding a docking port proved to be nightmarish. The lanes were clogged with all manner of civilian craft whose drivers did not care where they docked. Once we did find the docking port, it took some tricky precision work for Jordan to dock without damaging her shuttle; in this task, she acquitted herself quite nicely.

The event was something of a meeting place for some of the local brass who had been invited -- Robert Vosseller Jr., Jesse Smith, and Michael D. Smith himself were only three of the flag officers present. I was not to be aware of any others till later that evening—as I will explain soon enough.

The entertainment provider was a dj whom Traci Giorgianni, who had been entrusted with the responsibility of planning the affair, had recruited. In this, she made an excellent choice.

Only a small handful of the musical selections he played for the affair were what I would have called clunkers.

Our seating was organized into five tables. The table where I was situated, number five, was one I shared with Horton and Ronald Held. We also had a vexillologist (student of flag heraldry) at the table, who was assigned to the ShadowStar, one of our companion ships. His import will become clear soon enough.

Fleet Captain Beryl Washington, outfitted in a leopard-print chemise, had made a number of choices known to the dj, and I almost blundered recommending a choice that I had seen was available to him. That choice was "Fantasy;" the musical team responsible for it called itself Earth, Wind & Fire. (Its founder and original leader, Maurice White, was a believer in astrology; according to that pseudo-science, earth, wind, and fire were his cardinal elements.) The way I almost blundered was the fact that she had chosen primarily dance-oriented selections, and "Fantasy" was somewhat slower. But Eric Ambler, Ian Fleming, and Tom Clancy would have been impressed with how I ended up snatching a dare from the jaws of blundering. For the dj accepted my choice, and provided me with a cordless mike in order for me to be able to perform it. This I did, and impressively so, even though my pulse was racing and I was scared spineless throughout, for WHO DARES, WINS. I almost committed the "crime" of show thievery with that little performance.

The real show, however, came later in the evening, when presents were given to Washington and her Number One, Cher Schleigh. Washington, in turn, provided the three charter personnel present (Held was one of those three) with what amounted to keys. She considered them the keys to the vessel, as they had been there from the first and had helped kept it operating on all thrusters. At the beginning of that little ceremony, Fleet Admiral Smith, whose tenure as the Star Fleet Commander was due to expire in four months, gave Washington a very unexpected gift indeed—the Admiralty had granted her a promotion to Commodore!

The ShadowStar's resident vexillologist

now began to make his import clear, presenting Commodore Washington, as she had just become, with two flags. The one was of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the other was decorated with balloons and read, "PARTY TIME."

The newly-promoted flag officer also received, from the entire ship, a lighted display plaque featuring a "crystal" cat. (The substance of which it was made was really a glass, as its molecular structure was not regular. But then, who had ever said WE were?) Her Number One received a writing table, with an item inside it that I was not close enough to identify.

The Sovereign's logo had once been a phoenix rather than the current dragon, and I discovered that this was directly due to the influence of Pamela Fernsler, Washington's predecessor as the Sovereign's Commanding Officer, who was also present that night. Round her neck, Fernsler wore such a pendant, on a brass chain, as actor Judson Scott had worn in character, in Mark Carliner's The Phoenix, as an extra-terrestrial who called himself the Bennu. She told me that Mr. Scott had proven to be a major disappointment by comparison with the character he had acted out.

Cher Schleigh had said that the other personnel of the crew were not forgotten, but she was not able to print whatever it was we were due to receive—her press was damaged and inoperative.

When it came our time to go, Ensign Horton's wife, who proved to have driven him to Patricia Jordan's quarters, was the escort who subsequently took her husband back to their quarters. Before we left the caterer for the night, I gave closing remarks of my own, in which I noted that I had joined the crew during Commodore Washington's tenure and expressing hopes that she would command the Sovereign, as I phrased it, "with STRENGTH, WISDOM, IMAGINATION, and FIGHTING SPIRIT for TEN MORE YEARS!" I closed with my customary valedictory, the motto of the British Special Air Service, "WHO DARES WINS!!"

Then we were on the way back to NorthEast Philadelphia.

## OPERATION HEAVYSTUN

By Fleet Captain Roger Stearns, USS Matrix

Paramount is running a contest on [www.startrek.com](http://www.startrek.com) in which the winner will make an appearance in the series finale of Star Trek: Voyager. The contest is a web-based game called STARFLEET MISSION. The contest began on November 7th and will run through February 28th. At the end of February 28th, whoever has earned the most points will be the lucky fan to be immortalized in the Star Trek universe. In the end, there can be only one... may it be someone from STARFLEET INTERNATIONAL.

From the gaming perspective, this is a strategy game. Each player commands a group of ships and may issue an order to each ship once per day. Points are earned in the game by taking control of planets with the ships assigned to each player's command. For each planet you control you earn 3 points. Players also earn points by recruiting others to play the game. For each new player recruited the recruiter earns one point.

To this end the USS MATRIX requests support for Lieutenant William "HEAVYSTUN" Fox. Lieutenant Fox is both an active member of the Matrix crew and of the 787th Starfleet Marines. At the time of this writing, LT Fox has advanced into the top ten ranked in the game out of already more than four thousand players.

There is at least one other major organized trek fan club supporting one of their officers in this contest. I believe STARFLEET can be the club in the end represented in the season finale, if we log on and support Lieutenant Fox.

To visit the site to begin play or for more information point your web browser to:

<http://www.startrek.com/>

When you register to play, please be sure to type in "heavystun" as your referral; and feel free to contact Lieutenant Fox <[heavystun@hotmail.com](mailto:heavystun@hotmail.com)> for more information or assistance.

Your support is appreciated. May we be able to send Lieutenant "HEAVYSTUN" Fox to aid the USS Voyager in the Delta Quadrant.





# GIMME A GAGH BURGER IN PARADISE

By Fleet Captain David Pitts (Alias "Hec BAH") • USS Stormbringer

Artwork by Commander Bob Bulkeley • STARFLEET Region Seventeen

*(The following was an essay submitted to the Klingon Warrior Academy, who thoughtfully enough opted to share this bounty. Thanks, guys. We really appreciated it. Note: Please don't read this right after Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner. We speak from experience - Ed.)*

Nuqneh fellow warriors, may you find this installment from the Hand of Hech baH to your liking. It represents what I think is a remedy to a serious lack of adventurous eating in today's Suvwl' society. I have always enjoyed bold cuisine and would like to share with you all a few of my more memorable dining experiences.

My first experience with exotic foods while in the military was on the island of Guam in 1978. I'll explain about my first experience with exotic food stuffs initially and why I like bold eating later on. My hosts, my neighbors, were hosting a wedding. It should be noted that the island of Guam is approximately 38 miles long by 8 miles wide at its widest point. So, when someone tosses a big bash, it's not uncommon for several hundred people to show up. To proceed, I was offered what looked like a small rack of ribs and to be quite honest here, was well on my way to being the life of the party. It tasted good as far as I was concerned and I had several helpings. It was meat and I was hungry! Imagine my surprise when I found out afterwards that I had consumed several helpings of barbecued fruit bat. Legalities and protected status aside it was tangy, may have been the sauce, but quite palatable. That experience renewed a desire that I have had to this day to stay away from the mundane munchies that so frequent our lives and to go forth and scarf with daring and audacity.

The Pacific Rim offers many unique culinary choices. For example, if you like hot and powerful peppers then you need to try a little something called a Boonie Pepper. Located also on the island of Guam, Boonie Peppers are just a couple or three inches long at best but are packed with quite an attitude. They WILL

bite back and make jalapenos look like sweet bell peppers. You toss a few of these in your stew and you'll remember it I gua-ron-tee!

Not to be outdone for total tasteness is an item called Balut, and is pronounced "bah-LOOT." Balut originates in the Phillipines and is a boiled embroynated 9 to 14 day old duck egg. The time honored method of embryonating the egg is unique. They put numerous layers of hay on

extended amorous activities.

Proceeding from the Phillipines to Korea we find the pungent delicacy called Kimchi which consists of fermented Chinese cabbage and ground red chilies. The recipes are numerous and almost every Korean family has their own favorite. Basically, the cabbage is soaked in a salt water solution for 24 hours, and then afterwards the solution is replaced with a pepper water solution

Westerners-Koreans are quiet eaters. Even excess talk is considered impolite during a meal. Perhaps they need a warrior or two to wake up the feast. In their defense it should be noted however that the smell one first encounters when opening a kimchi pot for the first time is quite strong and worthy of any warrior's mettle. "Hoo-whee!"

Proceeding south to the island nation of Japan an adventurous eater can find many foods worthy of search and consumption. Looking for something neat to eat is half the experience and one should not be reluctant to spend some time searching and sampling. Aside from an overall liking of seafood and Japanese food in general I preferred for sheer ease of eating, plus the weird looks one gets, barbecued Tako (octopus) arms. The meal is simplicity itself, the arms are cut off the body, skewered with a shiskabob stick, and put in the barbecue rack. In a few minutes a crunchy and delicious experience is ready. Barbecued octopus arms are not rubbery like steamed or boiled octopus. The same thing goes for Ika or squid. I must add here that no Japanese meal would be complete without a helping of Wasabi or simply, Japanese horseradish. Wasabi comes in three grades. They are Grade 1, which is basically a wasabi wanna-be and should not sully a warrior's palate. Next is Grade 2 which isn't much better and should also be ignored. Finally, comes Grade 3 which is 100 per cent pure wasabi. Wasabi is grown from a plant that takes 2 years to cultivate. The fiery, unique taste that opens even the most tight of sinuses is one you will never forget. Wasabi is usually a lime green paste that sits to the side of the main course. A mangHom's typical introduction is usually along the lines of, "Hey, wonder what this tastes like...YOW!!!" It is a condiment worthy of Kahless Himself! Try it with your next helping of blreQtagh won't you?

As we move on to the country of Spain let me get you started by introducing your taste buds to a



Culinary Delight by David Pipgras

top of the egg and then pour warm water on the hay several times a day. During this process the egg is in the ground. Then they harvest and boil the egg after 14 days for balut. At this time the embryo is almost a full duckling, with crunchy feet and feathers. When eaten, the egg yolk is reduced, the egg white is hard, and the amniotic sac is filled with liquid. So be careful when opening balut, because you might spill the liquid which is quite a delicacy. In case anyone is interested Balut is also rumoured to be an aphrodisiac. It is a common Phillipine custom to eat Balut before proceeding with

and allowed to soak for another 24 hours. As in the Phillipines the dish is prepared outside as the whole concoction is placed in a kimchi pot and buried underground in the summer or in the snow during winter. It's amazing to be in Korea during the major cabbage harvests. A "cord" of cabbage stacked like firewood will be placed on every block, and the residents will emerge and fill their earthenware kimchi pots. Kimchi is a major source of Vitamin C for Koreans and unlike Japan-where one is expected to indicate pleasure with food by slurping and burping and other sounds often rude to

wonderful beverage called Sangria. Sangria is a Spanish wine and fruit punch combo. What is really neat about Sangria is that the recipes are numerous. Every bar and family has their own particular style. Some are practically water and others... not so watery! While I was stationed at Torrejon Air Base, Spain from August 1983 until September 1986 one of my favorite hobbies (I was single then) was to go Tascas hopping. Tascas are Spanish bars that offer assorted munchies with their drinks. Aside from the usual chips and such one can find Escargot, the infamous, but oh so tasty French snails. Escargot meat, despite its shock value, is not slimy or foul tasting. The nutritional value is high as some species have a nearly 20 percent protein content as well as possessing chemicals that lower cholesterol and a high amino acid content allowing for ease of digestion. I often ate a dozen or more with my sangria for a supper. Now, if you want something for strange looks with gossip to go with it, I suggest you try Haggis.

Now I know Haggis is a Scottish dish, but you must remember here, I was stationed in Europe and the Spanish

put their own twist on the recipe. Traditionally, Haggis is made with a sheep's stomach as a casing. It is filled with oats, onions, spices and the other edible organs that are cooked first and then chopped up. These are called "pluck,"--things plucked from the sheep carcass--and include the "lights," or lungs. It should be mentioned here that Haggis lovers, as with other foods I have mentioned previously, love to hold Haggis contests and quarrel over recipes--much the way Texans fight over chili. When people mention Haggis the shock value rises in the room considerably but, for all its strange look and lore, Haggis is basically a big, round, spicy sausage...and that sucker is yummers!! If that doesn't entice you warrior please notice that Haggis has a tradition much like Klingon foods.

Every January 25, when Scotland celebrates the birth of her greatest poet Robert Burns in 1759, Haggis is served with Roast Beef, Dunlop Cheese, and spinach and the Haggis is addressed by a member of the party, ceremoniously, in the form of verses from Burns' poem, "Address to a Haggis." Oh, and did I mention

whisky is also served.

Now, making our way back to the United States after that great meal, let introduce you to a western classic, a meal sure to freak out the 9 to 5 burger munchers, that sidewinder sampler, the Rattlesnake. I first had rattlesnake in 1980 when I was stationed in Texas near Sweetwater. Mine was deep fried, which I really don't recommend. I prefer mine baked or plank broiled in front of an open fire. To me it tastes better and is more tender as well. Also, if you're ever in any of the western states do yourself a "flavor" and have some rattlesnake chili.

The recipes are varied here as well so don't be afraid to sample. Now, if you ever have a chance here's how to field dress a rattlesnake. Take the dead rattlesnake and place it on a cutting board. Now hold firmly behind the head and cut it off. Afterwards, discard the head AWAY from where pets or kids could pick it up. Reason being, it still has the venom sacks, and the head can still strike due to nerve reflexes for several hours. Now cut the rattles off for your collection. They look good to display, can be

made into jewelry, and you can also scare people silly with them! Next, strip off the skin slowly and save it as one long skin makes an impressive hat band. Make a long slice on the underbelly and remove all internal organs. Finally, cut into chunks, and refrigerate or freeze until you're ready to use.

In my Cub and Boy Scout days I had the good fortune to have an open minded scoutmaster. I really think the man had been a Green Beret or Navy SEAL because he knew more wood lore and survival tips than any person had a right to.

Being little kids at the time he toned down his recipes for us but introduced us to chocolate covered ants, grasshoppers, and cinnamon flavored honeycomb. For most of us it was our first introduction to exotic foods. It was fun, plus it freaked our parents and grossed out the girls. So as a salute to the open minded scoutmasters that infused a generation of us kids with the desire to experiment and try "different" foods, and to you the SuvvI tlhIngan I offer my final recipe..."The Grasshopper Tortilla." You'll need the following:

About 1000 grasshoppers -- the younger the better (Surf the Internet as there are businesses that deal in insect foods).

1/2 cup chili sauce

Pinch of salt

Garlic

Onion

1 Lemon

1 Cup Guacamole (I prefer to make my own)

6 Tortillas

Directions: Soak the grasshoppers in clean water for 24 hours. Change water, boil them after rinsing, then let dry. Fry in a pan with garlic, onion, salt, and lemon. Roll up in tortillas with chili sauce and the guacamole. According to the recipe, "It serves six if you can find six."

In closing, let me propose that adventurous eating not only satisfies your appetite, it breaks barriers. When I was overseas I discovered along with learning the local languages eating the local foods made an enormous impression on host country natives. As for the insect meals, just remember that the American Indians and Australian Aborigines have eaten insects as far back as history can trace them and they are still here. Perhaps that will help put your meal in perspective.

## WE SUPPORT SERVICE MEMBERS!

By Captain Larry Jones • USS Morning Star

For 17 years, Bill Hermann administered a program to honor the 240 Marines killed and the 151 more wounded when an Islamic suicide bomber crashed into their barracks. He encouraged Starfleet members and other organizations to send cards, letters, and packages to the Marines of that unit, the 24th Marine Amphibious Unit. The program expanded quickly to honor all servicemembers away from home with cards and letters. Bill's official functions were to obtain temporary zip codes for the US Post Office each year and to report the number of "Any Service Member" pieces of mail sent to the Department of Defense.

Sadly, Operation Eagle is gone. Bill has others interests and he just can't do them all. He has just started another large project; something had to go and Operation Eagle is it. Thanks, Bill. Because of security interests, the DoD won't allow packages this year anyway. However, you can still send cards and letters (13 oz or less) to service members through Operation

Abby, and you can mention Starfleet on the inside. You can report these cards and letters on your monthly and quarterly reports, too, either as Service Time or in specific numbers if your ship or region gives awards on this basis.

The USPS creates the same type of zip codes for Operation Abby; they are operational Nov. 15, 2000 - Jan. 15, 2001. Here are the addresses:

For Europe & SouthWest Asia:  
Any Service Member  
OPERATION DEAR ABBY  
APO AE 09135

For the Mediterranean Basin:  
Any Service Member  
OPERATION DEAR ABBY  
FPO AE 09646

For the Far East:  
Any Service Member  
OPERATION DEAR ABBY  
APO AP 96285

For the Pacific Basin:  
Any Service Member

OPERATION DEAR ABBY  
FPO AP 96385

If you want to send condolences to the USS Cole, many of the crew were airlifted to the mainland for leave. One wounded female officer had to be given a direct order to board the medivac helicopter; she didn't want to leave her command, which included some of the missing. All able personnel will be recalled as soon as the Cole reaches dry dock in Virginia.

In the meantime, the Commanding Officer is still aboard, supervising the efforts to recover the remaining bodies. All these people, the living and the dead, are American heroes. You can send letters and cards to the USS Cole at ATTN: Commanding Officer, USS Cole DDG-67, FPO AE 09566-1284. (This is a military-style address, so it is addressed to the Commanding Officer; he does not open all of these himself.) If your card or letter arrives early, it will be held until the crew returns to their ship.





# A WORLDCON FOR STARFLEET?

By Petty Officer 3rd Class Irvin Koch • USS Hornet

Artwork by Julia Morgan-Scott

First there was Bruce Gray, who wanted to do a special flyer. And Irvin Koch ... the Chair ... who needed to ... point out some things. Then Mary Kane said Allyson Dyar wanted an article.... So there was a ... discussion ... and when the flyer was done ... it looked like the start of an article.

BRUCE: A full line of Star Trek programming, panels, discussions, movies, videos, and much, much more will be run by Star Trek fans for Star Trek fans.

IRV: I think we can promise it will be run by Trek fans, but run for ALL fans. One object of the game for us is to "de-balkanize" fandom to what little extent we can.

BRUCE: This flyer is to give to Trek fans at Trek cons, not everyone. I applaud your sentiment in trying to "de-balkanize" fandom, but I still think that we need to stress this another way - by simply having the programming at all. The key is to get Trek fans to be willing to shell out hard-earned moolah to support and vote for US. However, I think that the "for Trek fans" can be dropped without further comment.

IRV: I wouldn't promise a "full line" of Trek programming. People will think it's a full blown Trek con inside the Worldcon, like Dragoncon. Depending on a ton of other factors, like other Program Blocks, meeting rooms available, etc., what we can promise is PROBABLY: <shudder, goes to count blocks in the TO (Table of Organization) and how many rooms that will take> Oh, <grumble>.

For the time that we have the meeting rooms, excluding the Ballroom, in the Convention Center, maybe 50% of the time there would be an ST program in one of them. Maybe. This is the first I've planned down to that level and it was cold water in my face. It will not be the same room, all the time, either, due to guessing what needs what size room, and trying to mix the various sub-groups. However, there should be a pretty much full time room of ST stuff in the hotel that has Program... and some kind of "lounge," which may be shared.

BRUCE: OK, so we won't have space for everything. But do we want to do "alternate" programming in hotel(s)? The all-night gaming will certainly have to do that.

IRV: The plan is still to have "some of everything" in the Convention Center and then more of the specialized stuff at the Hotel, along with the 24 hour activities. "Night Owl" and "Day Lark" ("main program" at night as well as early in the morning) will also be over there.

Not to mention that the ST fans should in many cases be happy that there are "blocks" of about the same scope for B5, SW, Brit. TV/movies, American TV/movies, other TV/movies etc., etc. ... with the provision that some of the blocks currently in the TO may get merged into Brit./etc., Am.TV/etc. or something ... depending on how much interest there is in what circa January 2004. The same provision says there may be new blocks if something new appears with wide enough interest.

BRUCE: Heck, "Voyager" will be long over by then, and at least one totally new Trek TV show, and minimum of one new Trek movie by then. But I agree with you - many Trek fans are fans of other media programming. So I included a new paragraph about other media programming. :-)

IRV: Obviously we can promise panels and discussions. We are promising movies and videos but exactly what they'll be is way way TBA.

BRUCE: Just saying we will have the panels and discussions, movies and videos will be enough for now. A lot of this will depend on who we get for guests (which is also a discussion for after winning <big grin>.

IRV: Actually, about six months before the site selection vote (where "we" win or lose), we (our Directors, which includes you now) will vote on what "Guests" we're going to have. That is how many and what type. Then we vote on who will be invited for each slot. Those are the only "Guests" and there's no way we'll be able to afford any who make their living from

performing/appearing. The other 493 or more "program participants" will be whoever chose to come on their own. They'll probably get their membership money refunded, but that's all -- and that includes a great many "big names."

On the "much more," well... yes... but that phrasing may get us in trouble if people expect a media con complete with big name stars selling autographs.

BRUCE: We might have one or two of them, too... just by default. However, I toned this section down by simply removing the "much".

IRV: Bottom line is, that paragraph needs work.

BRUCE: Note that this flyer needs -very- little work to be "translated" into a flyer for B5 fans, Star Wars fans, or anything else we decide to cover in the media field.

IRV: Precisely.

A Worldcon For Starfleet?

What's an article about bidding for the Worldcon\* (World Science Fiction Convention) doing in a Starfleet zine? Worldcons are supposed to be full of people not exactly enthusiastic about "media fans." Not this one. OK, so the Chair of the Charlotte bid for the 2004 Worldcon wouldn't have joined Starfleet if the Registrar wasn't the long time Captain of the Charlotte Starfleet Ship, Hornet.... <blink> At that point you can conclude this group is not "just" media fan friendly, but looking to have a much larger ST, and things that ST fans find interesting, program, than you're ever likely to see from a Worldcon. It's also worth noting that the Games Division (yes, a whole Division, not just a little piece of the Program Division) is currently headed by Bruce Gray, who worked on ST conventions since the '70s and one of the other Board of Director Members is Harry "FANDOM DIRECTORY" Hopkins, who some of you may be familiar with.

The prestige of a World Science Fiction Convention can and often does attract

guests who would not normally come to a "regular" Trek con, including Producers, Directors, Writers, Artists, high-level technical staff, special effects wizards, and maybe even an actor or actress.

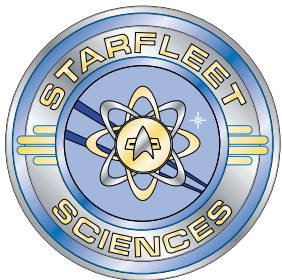
For example, one of the main guests at a recent Worldcon was to have been J Michael Straczynsky, Executive Producer, Executive Director, and sometimes writer of Babylon Five. (Although he had to cancel at the last minute due to personal health problems.) Other past Trek related guests have included writers like: Fred ("Arena") Brown, Harlan ("City on the Edge of Forever") Ellison, Theodore ("Shore Leave") Sturgeon, Norman ("Doomsday Machine") Spinrad, and others.

Other media related programming is being planned that should please everyone, including Babylon Five, Hercules/Xena, Star Wars, other American TV and films, British TV and films, Anime, and more!

But it will never happen unless Trek fans get out to register and get out to vote. To vote for us, you must join the 2001 World SF Con as at least a Supporting Member (\$40). Their address is: Millennium Philcon, P O Box 310, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006-0310.

A supporting membership gets you all their publications, which are considerable, one year's vote on the Hugos, and two years' right to nominate - and there is, after all, a Best Dramatic Presentation category. You will then, in 2001, receive a ballot, and probably must pay an additional \$40. That second \$40 will get you a supporting membership for the 2004 Worldcon, no matter where it is. Note that this also includes the same benefits as the supporting membership for Millennium Philcon. If you also gave us a full \$40 pre-support as well, and we win, you will be automatically converted to a full attending member.

\*"Worldcon" and "World Science Fiction Convention" are registered service marks of the World Science Fiction Society, an unincorporated literary society.



# ON THE HUMANOID CONDITION

By Captain David Klingman • STARFLEET Science Institute

Artwork by Fleet Captain David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five

Fans of Star Trek: The Next Generation may recall an episode entitled "The Chase" which involved a discovery by Professor Richard Galen that many of the humanoid races in the galaxy are in fact descended from a common ancestral seed planted on many worlds by an ancient protohumanoid race.

I would like to expand upon my previous article on the humanoid condition and share some thoughts on exactly what makes up a "humanoid" in the greater scheme of life in both Star Trek and on our planet (this is written as speculation based on some research I have done in the Star Trek television and motion picture catalog as well as in the Star Trek Encyclopedia, and is meant to entertain as well as raise questions as to what constitutes "humanoid" - discussion is welcome)...

Nomenclature of hominids: Classically, the "model" hominid has been *Homo sapiens* or "thinking man" - however, since the discovery of other humanoid forms, a new system has been designed to define the specific genera and species: - *Homo* will be reserved for those genera (regardless of Order) to define humanoids - *sapiens* will be reserved for those species that, regardless of any other classification, define a sentient species.

Given the sheer number of hominid species that exist, a further classification into subspecies is in order (there may in fact be more than one *Homo sapiens*) and therefore subspeciation will be defined by the indigenous environment (in most cases the home planet or variant thereof) of the species in question. Examples: *Homo sapiens terra* - Earth man or Terran *Homo sapiens vulcanis* - Vulcan *Homo sapiens cardassiensis* - Cardassian

## On sentient life forms

Several recent presentations of life have

brought up the question of sentient life? What defines sentient life? Recent legal determinations, particularly those of the android Data have suggested that a sentient form understands several basic concepts of existence: - self-awareness - self-determination - understanding of one's own existence in time as it relates to past, present, and future - understanding of one's own existence at it relates to the existence of other species - understanding one's

forms such as nanites, metalloorganic life, and such

A determination of the sentience of certain holograms is in its early stages (given that certain holograms meet the criteria for sentience and can in some cases program fully aware 'offspring'). The following nomenclature is presented for both Soong androids and holograms for consideration: Cyber sapiens soong - Soong Android



**Show us that \$1000 smile:** David Klingman was just informed that he will become the first salaried staff reporter for the STARFLEET Communiqué. His disappointment when told that it was just a hoax roughly 5 minutes later was equally memorable.

*Photo by Brenda Bell*

own mortality (if and where it applies) - ability to react to the environment and adapt complex sociologic tools (Interestingly, procreation has not been listed as a criterion for sentience)

Of particular interest to Xenobiologists who study hominid life are those species (if they can be called such) that are completely outside the realm of living beings but possess the basic characteristics of living sentient beings: - cybernetic beings such as the android Data - holographic life forms such as the EMH Programs utilized by Federation starships - emergent life

Hologram sapiens medicalis - Medical hologram

## Final thoughts...

It is not the purpose of this database\* to present the genera and species names of every sentient life form in the galaxy, but this does serve as a guide to: 1. nomenclature of new sentient life forms 2. definition of hominid forms 3. a broader understanding of the role of each species in the scheme of humanoid life

\* Database here refers to the Alien Species Database maintained by the Xenobiology Department of USS Hawkeye, Region 1.

As the Xenobiologist of USS Hawkeye, I maintain an up-to-date database of all the alien species presented in Star Trek television and motion picture media, official Star Trek publications (such as the Encyclopedia), and Star Trek: The Magazine and Star Trek: Communicator. The purpose of this is to present an up-to-date synopsis of every species encountered (and as far as I can tell, it's more complete than Paramount's Xenology database at their official web site at <http://www.startrek.com/library/xeno.asp>) - I have also recently included information on alien species presented in various Starfleet fan fiction archives, and I regularly correct any spelling or grammatical mistakes based on what I see in the various Star Trek publications and media.

The complete Alien Species Database (which is updated weekly according to new species discovered by USS Voyager) can be accessed at: <http://www.angelfire.com/nc2/sardis/xenobio.html>.

You can also send me an email at [mirodon@carolina.rr.com](mailto:mirodon@carolina.rr.com) and I can send you a Word97 file copy of the database. If you would like a hard copy, send me an email and I can discuss postage with you (the database is currently 52 pages long and will continue to grow).

If you have an alien species you would like me to introduce, feel free to drop me an email - include a brief paragraph or two on the name, basic physical and social characteristics of the alien species, and please include which quadrant (Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta) the species is primarily from.

Disclaimer: I receive no compensation for maintaining the database, and the use of the names and places is in no way meant to infringe upon the rights of Paramount or its subsidiaries.



# UPCOMING STARFLEET CONVENTIONS AND REGIONAL EVENTS

## 2001: A STARFLEET Odyssey -- STARFLEET's Annual International Conference

By Fleet Captain P.J. Trotter • IC2001 Chairman

Howdy! My name is PJ Trotter and I am the IC2001 Chairperson. I would like to feature some of the many activities we are planning for IC2001 in Kansas City, Missouri July 27-29, 2001. The conference starts at Noon on Friday. Check in at registration early and join us in exploring all that Kansas City has to offer. Whether it is a tour of the historic Union Station, shopping at the Country Club Plaza, America's oldest shopping center, or going and gambling at one of the area's riverboat casinos.

Are you bringing the kids? Why not take them to the Crayola Café at Crown Center, headquarters of Hall's department store and Hallmark Greeting cards, or World's of Fun or Oceans of Fun our area Amusement park and Water park. Looking for something more educational, visit our zoological park. The zoo has added 150 new animals in the last year in honor of Kansas City's 150th anniversary. Among those new animals is a rare baby rhinoceros born in September of this year.

After the day's activities join us for opening ceremonies featuring Les Rickard, newly elected Commander STARFLEET as well as a brief introduction of all the heads of this year's IC's chairing committee. After that, stick around for a reception in honor of the newly elected Executive Committee.

During this time we also be hosting a Tournament of Champions of various games. The Great Dalmutti Tournament a poker tournament will be held, as well as Science Fiction Win, Loose, or Draw, STARFLEET Match Game, and many other games. Saturday morning brings General Session opening with the

parade of regions as well as Ships Roll Call. During this time the STARFLEET Marines will also be joining us in celebrating their International Muster. And that's just the first 24 hours.

So you see the committee is planning lots of activities for you and your family to come enjoy IC2001: A STARFLEET Odyssey. What we need from you, the members of STARFLEET, is just some small tokens to let us know that you out there want to make this the best International Conference yet. We need group photos of your ships, and if you are not a member of a ship we would like photos of you individually. The photos can be sent electronically (please jpeg or gif format only) to [ic2001@sfi.org](mailto:ic2001@sfi.org) or hardcopy (I'm sorry we can't send them back without a SASE) to:

IC2001 Photos  
528 Ottawa  
Leavenworth, KS 66048.

The committee would also like to announce that we are holding a Video Contest. The rules are simple: The videos cannot exceed 5 min in length (Anything over 5 minutes and it is automatically disqualified.) The videos must be family friendly. That means no "R" rated films.

They must be Fleet related somehow. (i.e. have members in it, show chapter activities, etc.). Have Fun, Deadline is May 30, 2001. All tapes become property of the IC2001 committee. Send tapes to IC2001 address (528 Ottawa, Leavenworth, KS 66048).

Well that is about all I have time for now. If you have any questions please feel free to go to our web page [Ic2001.sfi.org](http://Ic2001.sfi.org) or email me at [ic2001@sfi.org](mailto:ic2001@sfi.org)

## Region 1 Summit Moves to the State Where Flight Began

By Rear Admiral Ron Fell and John T. "Jack" Hopkins • Coordinators

For the first time since its inception, the Region One Summit will relocate in 2001. Greensboro, North Carolina -- just a short distance from the scene of the Wright brothers' first flight -- will play host to R/1 Summit 2001 the weekend of April 27 - 29.

R/1 VRC John T. "Jack" Hopkins, will be handling administrative duties for the Summit. STARFLEET's Director of Recruiting, Ron Fell, returns to the creative helm of the event he originally launched in Gatlinburg, Tennessee in 1995. Hopkins and Fell will be assisted by David James, CO of the USS Carolina, who will coordinate SFMC participation in the Summit. Joining the team will be Kristi Fell, Becky Hopkins, and Brandie Tarvin, a recent transfer from R/6, will help plan and "stage manage" the event, reflecting a part of her "real life" occupation.

The Summit will be held at the Holiday Inn - Airport in Greensboro. The site offers a convenient location near the intersection of Interstates 40 and 85, just three miles from the Greensboro - Triad Airport. While large enough to provide first-class facilities for the Summit, the Holiday Inn is small enough that STARFLEET members will essentially "take over" the hotel for the weekend, minimizing potential problems and conflicts with other guests and insuring more direct and personal attention from the hotel staff.

Jack Hopkins has negotiated some great deals to bring Summit prices lower than they have been since 1995. Room rates and registration costs have been slashed and a "family friendly" banquet is being offered with discounted prices for children. High quality merchandise,

including polo shirts, T-shirts, mugs, pins and mouse pads, is being offered at very reasonable prices.

The Summit logo, created by Kristi Fell, director of STARFLEET's Office of Graphic Design, bears the legend "Having Fun & Getting It Done." Jack and Ron promise that the "K-I-S-S" principle will be rule by which Summit 2001 is run. "As Kristi often says, 'Throw four or five STARFLEET members in a room and you've got a party,'" says Ron. "Our goal is to plan an event that will allow people to get a lot done and have a good time without trying to force them to do so. Our schedule -- indeed, our whole event -- will be light and easy, allowing the business of the region to be conducted while still providing opportunities for social interaction and fun."

Besides the meetings and ceremonies, Summit 2001 will feature an informal Friday night mixer hosted by the 1st Brigade, 5th Battalion, SFMC. Saturday night's banquet will be a formal affair. There will be a live charity auction and a silent auction on Saturday night and, of course, a great party! The "Great Region One Tug o' War" returns to the Summit in 2001 and a weekend art show and silent auction are planned. There will be a non-denominational service offered on Sunday morning.

Discounts are being offered for early registration, so register now. Online registration is available through the Summit web site at [www.R1Summit2001.iwarp.com](http://www.R1Summit2001.iwarp.com). You can also download a PDF registration form on the web. Contact us via e-mail at [R1VRC@aol.com](mailto:R1VRC@aol.com) or [RArmFell@aol.com](mailto:RArmFell@aol.com) or via snail mail at Region One Summit 2001, 1635 Bright Leaf Rd., Pfafftown, NC 27040.

## THE REGION SIX SUMMIT -- JUNE 8TH-10TH, 2001

Where: Hampton Inn, Eagan, MN 55121, Tel. 1-800-426-7866

Our summit theme this year is 'The Region is Not Enough'. This is a spy theme and we will be having a

costume contest Saturday night.

Pre-register before February 8th 2001 to receive a discounted rate; all registration must be received BEFORE May 8th 2001!

Please mail your registration, and make checks payable to:

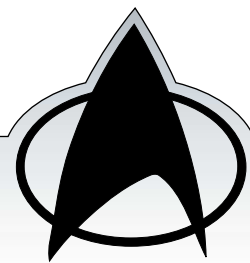
REGION SIX  
PO Box 23321  
Richfield, MN 55423-0321

For more information, please look at

the Summit Web Site  
[http://www.geocities.com/czarak\\_ncc\\_1798a/r6summit.html](http://www.geocities.com/czarak_ncc_1798a/r6summit.html)

or email the summit coordinator [jessica\\_stratton@hotmail.com](mailto:jessica_stratton@hotmail.com)

See you at the Summit!



# STARFLEET ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2000

COMPILED BY ADMIRAL ALLYSON M. W. DYAR

**2000.11.26:** Admiral Marlene J. Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy, (academy@sfi.org), announces that Anne Bellenger of the USS Matrix will be the new Director of the College of Federation Studies. If you currently have outstanding COFS tests, please remain patient until former Directors Donna Tucker and Isaac Turner return the documents and tuitions to the Academy. COFS should be open sometime in December. STARFLEET Academy Web Site: (<http://www.sfi-academy.org>).

**2000.11.21:** LGen Scott A. Akers, SFI Historian, (chunone@nwlink.com), is looking for Photographs of some former Fleet Admirals: Fleet Admiral Adeline Longshaw, Fleet Admiral John Wetsch, and Fleet Admiral Fran Booth.

**2000.11.20:** General Les Rickard, Fleet Admiral-Elect, announces the deadline for IC 2003 Bid packets. SFIC 2003 Bid packets are to be received no later than 15 February, 2001. SFIC 2004 Bid packets are to be received no later than 15 February 2002. If there is a bid committee or potential bid committee that needs Bid guidelines contact him.

**2000.11.20:** FCapt. Peter Lutz, Chapter Assistance Program Director, (petelutz@gis.net), reminds everyone that in the performance of his duties as the director for the Chapter Assistance Program he routinely checks on chapter's membership levels. This month (November) there are an awful lot which have dipped below the 10 member minimum. Therefore he wants to take this time to urge ALL COs to check their membership roster and get those crewmembers who have let their memberships lapse renewed. Otherwise he'll have to send those infamous letters.

**2000.11.17:** Admiral Allyson M.W.

Dyar, (comm@sfi.org), Chief of Communications and Election Coordinator announces the results of the recent STARFLEET Election. The next Commander, STARFLEET will be Lieutenant General Les Rickard and all the amendments passed. For details, check the Elections Web Page: (<http://www.sfi.org/html/election.html>).

**2000.11.17:** Fleet Admiral Mike Smith, (cs@sfi.org), Commander, STARFLEET, announces that according to Admiral Chuck Freas, as a result of his continued efforts and follow ups, the USPS has granted STARFLEET postal credit for the difference in rates between Bulk Rate and Periodicals class. This amount is estimated to be around estimates this credit to be around \$1200.

**2000.11.16:** Brigadier Michael J. McGowan, TRACOM DataWarfare Chief (a.k.a. WebGeek), announces that for those who might require it, a text only version of the new TRACOM navigator can be located at (<http://www.sfi-sfmc.org/tracom/alternate>). The graphical site is located at: (<http://www.sfi-sfmc.org/tracom>).

**2000.11.12:** Commodore Pete Mohny, Region 2 RC, (pdmohny@aol.com), announces the Region 2 Summit in Mobile, Alabama, on March 2-4, 2001. Registration for the entire weekend, including dinner on Saturday night, is only \$40 through the end of November. For information, please go to (<http://www.region2.sfi.org>) and click on Summit. You can also register through Paypal, via (pdmohny@aol.com).

**2000.11.11:** *reminder:* Rear Admiral Ed Nowlin, Director of the Office of Web Consultants, (owc@sfi.org), is shooting to get Memory Alpha back on line. He is also offering the entire archive of Memory Alpha for a SASE and a blank CD-R disk. Send to: Ed Nowlin, PO

Box 494781, Redding, CA 96049-4781. Please note that the SASE you send along with the CD, please make sure it is USPS please!

**2000.11.06:** Fleet Admiral Mike Smith, (cs@sfi.org), Commander, STARFLEET, announces that Richard Nacaula, has been duly appointed the next Region 15 Regional Coordinator by the will of the majority of his region. This posting will take effect at 0000 hours on 12 Nov 2000.

**2000.11.06:** Fleet Admiral Mike Smith, (cs@sfi.org), Commander, STARFLEET, announces that Lt General Scott Akers was elected as the new RC Region 5 and will take office 01 January, 2001.

**2000.11.05:** Commander Rick Driver, FDCScience, (fdc@starfleetscience.org), announces that the STARFLEET Team at SETI@home is now up to 300 members. SETI@home has just released version 3 of the software. Please go to the STARFLEET Science web site and follow the links to SETI@home. (<http://www.starfleetscience.org/>).

**2000.11.05:** Fleet Captain Jeffery Higdon, Editor & Compositor, The Official STARFLEET History, (captshiloh@hotmail.com), announces that there has been a major update of the STARFLEET History Website. Please take a look at (<http://www.interplanetary.net/blackhawk/sfihs1.htm>).

**2000.11.02:** Rear Admiral Ron Fell, Programming Coordinator, R/1 Summit 2001, (RAdmFell@aol.com), announces the Region One Summit 2001 in Greensboro, North Carolina next April. Summit web site: R1Summit2001.iwarp.com

**2000.11.02:** Fleet Captain Robert Mooney, Region 12 Chief of Communications, announces that

Region 12's newsletter, Starfleet Illustrated is now available for download: <http://www.region12.org/si>

### OCTOBER 2000

**2000.10.30:** Admiral Allyson M.W. Dyar, (comm@sfi.org), Chief of Communications, announces that CQ #100 is now available from the SFI publications page at: (<http://www.sfi.org/html/pubs.html>) or directly from the FTP site at: (<ftp://ftp.sfi.org/Documents/CQ/cq100.pdf>).

**2000.10.28:** Captain Warren Price, (wormmy@aeneas.net), announces that he has posted pictures of the Region One Conference and Convention at the following site: (<http://home.aeneas.net/~wormmy/conpic1.html>).

**2000.10.28:** Commodore Ed Nowlin, RC/R4, (capt\_ed@shasta.com), announces that there are pics from the Western Conference are online and can be found off the WC Website at (<http://www.region4.org/wc2000>) under "Pictures."

**2000.10.25:** Commander Larry A. Barnes, Member IC2002 Committee, (larry@m-five.net), announces that the Starfleet International Conference 2002 in San Jose CA Website has been updated and moved. The New and PERMANENT Address is: (<http://www.ic2002.tsx.org>).

**2000.10.23:** Comm. Carol Thompson, Director Vessel readiness Certification Program (VRCP), announces that VRCP has added many courses to the Departmental Certification requirements and a new department has been added, Starfleet Intelligence. VRCP website: (<http://www.mosquitonet.com/~betazoid/vrcp.htm>).



**2000.10.14:** Blair Learn, (Blair1@erols.com), CQ Convention gatherer, wants to know if you know of an upcoming Science Fiction, Fantasy, or similar convention, or a STARFLEET Regional Conference, now would be a splendid time to send it in! What information do you need to send? I'm glad you asked that! Convention Name, Location (City, State or Province, and country if outside the US), Dates, A \*POSTAL\* contact address. That's the required list. If such information is available, He'll also publish the conventions list of celebrity guests, official web-site, and primary e-mail address.

Once you've gathered up all that information, you can either e-mail it to: (conventions@networkboy.com), Or, you can send it via regular mail to: Blair Learn, 11604 Kings Arrow Ct, Germantown, MD 20876-1720 . Please bear in mind that due to the lead times for the various publications, it may

take up to three months before a new listing appears in print.

**2000.10.12:** LGen Scott A. Akers, SFI Historian, (chunone@nwl.com), has another request for help from your friendly neighborhood Fleet Historian. In 1995, in the first months of the Dan McGinnis administration, it was decided to print one of the two CQs from the Lerman administration. The one chosen #65 was the one edited by Robbie Lewis, which leaves us the one *not* chosen, #64 edited by Dwaine Gleason. Dwaine's was not printed nor obviously mailed to the membership. Dwaine says that he did make up a master copy. Does *anybody* have a copy of this master? Does anybody have a copy of a copy? Any information leading to discovery of this missing CQ would be greatly appreciated.

**2000.10.09:** Karen Cushing, OCC online has just been updated. Instant access to online tests once payment has been

received. Tuition decrease to \$2 by mail or \$1 by internet/e-mail. Paypal links updated for instant access and Paypal will be opening up for international exchange at the end of this month! (<http://www.people.memphis.edu/~kcushing/occ/index.html> ). Please direct any questions to (sfaocc@aol.com).

**2000.10.06:** Admiral Allyson M.W. Dyar, (comm@sfi.org), Chief of Communications and Election Coordinator, announces that the sfi.org alias (cq-remailer@sfi.org) now points to the (comm@sfi.org) address. Any requests for missing issue of the STARFLEET Communiqué will be directly to the Chief of Communications.

**2000.10.03:** Fleet Captain Danny Potts, Inspector General, (ig@sfi.org), announces that he does not intend to hold the position of Inspector General, STARFLEET after this year.

## REGION FIVE APPOINTS A NEW REGIONAL COORDINATOR

By LGen. Scott A. Akers • RC-Elect, Region 5

November 2nd, 2000, a day that will live in Infamy. That was the day, that I received an email for Starfleet's Inspector General Danny Potts, that the election for a new Regional Coordinator to succeed the long serving (suffering?) Vice Admiral Kurt Roithinger had been completed.

No recounts were necessary, and no court challenges were contemplated. With 9 of the 13 chapters voting, I had received a 77% mandate to follow Kurt into the Region Five center chair.

I had moved home to Region 5 two years ago. I had grown up here, my family, many of my old friends were still here, but after being away for some 14 years I had to relearn a lot about the culture, the changing face of the communities, and northern Washington, was a little different then Oregon.

What had I done since moving back to R5, I helped Admiral Chris Wallace launch the 1999 Shuttle of the Year - which became the USS Jaguar and grew the Office of Fleet Historian into a premiere Executive Office in Starfleet International. Did that make me Regional Coordinator material? We would see. I developed a plan outlining what I would like to accomplish if I were allowed to serve as RC. One, that the Region's Stability under Kurt, would be continued; Two, that I would visit EVERY Chapter at least once in the next two years; and Three, that I would work to expand the number of chapters, and to make Starfleet a positive influence on fandom in our region.

In October, the ballots were cast, and lo and behold, I had succeeded. The choice for my Vice Regional Coordinator was easy, Fleet Captain Nat Saenz of the USS Rubicon, who garnered the other 22% of the votes, and an OUTSTANDING Officer, would also serve the region with his entire being.

Thank you Region Five, and thank you Starfleet for this opportunity too serve.

## HAIL CAESAR! CHANGING OF THE GUARD IN REGION 15

By Fleet Captain Cindi Demidio • USS Tsunami

Out-Going RC Joe Ruttar and In-Coming RC Rich Nacaula Congratulate Each Other At Midnight November 4, 2000 As Joe's Administration Comes To A Close And Rich's Administration Begins.

After 4 years, Region 15 RC Vice Admiral Joe "Right Full" Ruttar steps down from the helm of "The Little Region That Could." Joe's Administration brought about a change in Region 15, culminating with the success of IC2000, which brought New England together after many years of separatism. Joe happily retires to his long held position of Commanding Officer USS

Endeavor. "These past 4 years have been some of the best of my life," he said regarding retirement. "After all, if it wasn't for STARFLEET and this Region, I wouldn't have met many of you, whom I really and truly consider my best friends. This region has a lot to be proud of, and I'm sure that everyone that was at the IC, will back me up, THIS REGION ROCKS!!! Thank you all for allowing me to be a part of it."

New RC Commodore Rich Nacaula of the USS Atlantis comes to the job having held the Commanding Officer position on a single ship for more years than any other current CO in Region 15. He has served on Starfleet

Committees, held Regional Positions including VRC and Treasurer. He most currently held the position of International Conference 2000 Co-Chair. "I have some awfully big shoes to fill." He commented on becoming Region 15 RC, "Joe built a strong foundation and laid the brick-work for us to build on. Now it's up to me to honor him by building up from that foundation. Region 15 is a nice place to live, work and play.

I am excited and honored beyond words to be Region 15's Regional Coordinator. Time to get those warp drives online, fired up and start having some FUN!!!!!"

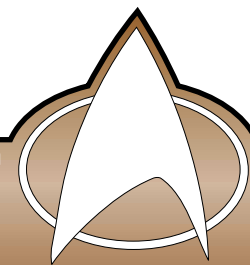


### GOING OUT IN STYLE:

After impressing all of STARFLEET with his uncanny Sonny Bono impersonation (left), outgoing Regional Coordinator, STARFLEET Region 15 Joe Ruttar turns the reigns in Region 15 over to Richard Nacaula (who considers wearing a Superhero uniform to be optional).

Photos courtesy of Cindi Demidio





# 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 Conventions@NetworkBoy.com. Please allow a minimum of three months time between your submission and the convention's date.

### Alabama

**6/1/01 - 6/3/01** Movicon IV, Mobile, Alabama; Info: P.O. Box 161632 Mobile, AL 36616 <http://www.mobicon.org/>

### Arkansas

**5/18/01 - 5/20/01** Roc\*Kon 2001, Little Rock, Arkansas; Info: 6115 West Markham, Suite 9H, Little Rock, AR 72205 <http://www.rockon.org/> Guests: Barbara Hambly, Nene Thomas, Richard Knaak, Chris Hanther, John Connolly, Alfred Bonnabel, Wendy Carson, John Belden, David Lee Anderson, W. Mark Simmons, Libby Singleton, Margaret Middleton, Leonard "Giacomo" Wilson, Ann Wilson, Lee Martindale

### California

**1/20/01 - 1/21/01** Celebrity Autograph Collector's show, Hollywood, California; Info: Post Office Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/>

**1/27/01 - 1/28/01** 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/>

**3/30/01 - 4/1/01** 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/>

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**4/7/01 - 4/8/01** Celebrity Autograph Collector's show, Hollywood, California; Info: Post Office Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/>

**4/19/01 - 4/22/01** ConFurence 12, Burbank, California; Info: P.O. Box 84721, San Diego, CA 92138-4721 Ph: 619-223-9482 <http://www.polarden.org/cf12/> Guests: Jymn Magon, Monika Livingstone, Mike Kazaleh

**5/25/01 - 5/28/01** BayCon 2001, San Jose, California; Info: P.O. Box 610427, San Jose, Ca. 95161-0427 Ph: 408-450-1788 <http://www.baycon.org/> Guests: Rudy Rucker, Bill Hartmann, Kathryn and James Stanley Daugherty, Poppy Z. Brite

### Connecticut

**3/2/01 - 3/4/01** Slanted Fedora, Waterbury, Connecticut; Info: 11916 W. 109th Street, Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Ph: 913-327-8735 <http://www.sfedora.com/> Guests: Brent Spinner, Gates McFadden, Denise Crosby, Wil Wheaton, Robin Curtis

### District of Columbia

**8/24/01 - 8/26/01** Slanted Fedora, Washington, District of Columbia; Info: 11916 W. 109th Street, Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Ph: 913-327-8735 <http://www.sfedora.com/chicago.htm>

### Florida

**1/6/01 - 1/7/01** 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

**3/2/01 - 3/4/01** MegaCon, Orlando, Florida; Info: 4023 Tampa Rd. Suite 2400, Oldsmar, FL 34677 Ph: 813-891-1702 <http://www.megaconvention.com/> Guests: Jason Carter, Richard Biggs, Nick Cardy, Joe Jusko, Jim Silke, John Romita Sr., Peter David, George Tuska, George Perez, Mark

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**3/21/01 - 3/25/01** 22nd International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Info: Cultural Studies Program, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario K9J 7B8, Canada <http://www.iafa.org/> Guests: John Crowley, Brooks Landon, Brian Aldiss, Joshua Kane, Patricia McKillip

**4/6/01 - 4/8/01** Vulkan, Orlando, Florida; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkon.com/> Guests: William Sadler

**4/28/01 - 4/29/01** Klingon Kon 2001, Jacksonville, Florida; Info: 6270 Hollow Lane, Medina, OH 44256 Ph: 330.764.7967 <http://www.makeitsoproductions.com/> Guests: Michael Dorn, Roxanne Dawson, Tony Todd, Suzie Plakson, Robert O'Reilly, J.G. Hertzler, Gwyneth Walsh, Barbara March

**5/25/01 - 5/27/01** Oasis 14, Orlando, Florida; Info: P.O. Box 940992, Maitland, FL 32794 Ph: 407-263-5822 <http://oasis14.html> Guests: Jack McDevitt, Jean Pierre Targete, Tom Smith, Ben Bova, Jack Haldeman II, Barbara Delaplace, Mike Resnick, Kathleen Ann Goonan, Matt DiPalma, Richard Lee Byers, Linda Evans, Owl Goingback, Diana Gallagher, Peter Telep, Adam-Troy Castro, Jeanette Spencer, Mary Hanson-Roberts, John Stevens, Stan Morrison, Steve Parady, Mike Conrad, Lew Hartman, Jeff Mitchell, Joe Green, Rick Wilber, Randy Miller

### Georgia

**1/5/01 - 1/7/01** Gafilk 2001, College Park, Georgia; Info: 3630 Salem Drive, Lithonia, GA 30038 <http://www.gafilk.org/>

**4/12/01 - 4/15/01** Fantasm 01, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: 67 Gail Drive, Athens, GA 30606 Ph: 706-369-1561 <http://www.fantasm.org/> Guests: James Bickert, Dale J. Norris, Phil Brucato, Andrew Greenberg, Ken Lightner, Bill Bridges, John Bridges, Chris Weise, Jeff Pittarelli, Philip Xavier, Scott Rorie, Dennis Cramer, Glenda Woodrum, Barry Hunter, Fredrick Noble, Cloei, Mystrys, Dawn Marie, Kandi

**5/25/01 - 5/27/01** Vulkan, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkon.com/>

**8/31/01 - 9/3/01** Dragon\*Con 2001, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: P.O. Box 16459, Atlanta, GA 30321-9998 Ph: 770-909-0115 <http://www.dragoncon.org/>

### Illinois

**2/8/01 - 2/11/01** Capricon 21, Chicago, Illinois; Info: PO Box 60085, Chicago, IL 60660 <http://www.capricon.org/> Guests: Allen Steele, Geri Sullivan

**2/10/01 - 2/11/01** 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

**5/11/01 - 5/13/01** Anime Central, Arlington Heights, Illinois; Info: 119 South Emerson Street, Suite 231, Mount Prospect, IL 60056-3296 <http://www.acen.org/> Guests: Kia Asamiya, Yoshitoshi Abe, Scott Frazier, Robert Dejesus

### Maryland

**5/25/01 - 5/28/00** Balticon 35, Baltimore, Maryland; Info: PO Box 686, Baltimore MD 21203-0686 Ph: 410-563-2737 <http://www.balticon.org/> Guests: Hal Clement, Halla Fleischer, Dave Kyle, Robert Sacks

### Massachusetts

**1/12/01 - 1/14/01** Arisia 01, Boston, Massachusetts; Info: 1 Kendall Square, PMB 322, Building 600, Cambridge, MA 02139 <http://www.arisia.org/> Guests: Lois McMaster Bujold, Wojtek Siudmak, Jan Howard Finder

**2/16/01 - 2/18/01** Boskone 38, Framingham, Massachusetts; Info: PO Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701-0809 <http://www.nesfa.org/boskone/> Guests: George R. R. Martin, Charles Vess, Jack Cohen, Juanita Coulson

**3/9/01 - 3/11/01** Intercon A, Chelmsford,



Massachusetts; Info: 66 Spring Street, Stoneham, MA 02180 <http://intercon-a.ldbw.com/>

## Michigan

**1/19/01 - 1/21/01** 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

**5/18/01 - 5/20/01** Motor City Comic Con, Detroit, Michigan; Info: 19785 W. 12 Mile Rd, PMB #231, Southfield, MI 48076 Ph: 248-426-8059 <http://www.motorcitycomiccon.com/> Guests: Richard Kiel, Richard LeParmentier, Bob May, Jay North, Ethan Phillips, Mark Rolston, Dick Ayers, Terri Boyle, Frank Brunner, Sal Buscema, Guy Davis, Dan DeCarlo, Franchesco, Cully Hamner, Adam Hughes, Georges Jeanty, Joseph Michael Linsner, Vince Locke, William Messner-Loebs, Jason Moore, James O'Barr, Mike Okamoto, David Quinn, Greg Rucka, Marie Severin, Brian Steelfreeze, Karl Story, Randy Zimmerman

**5/25/01 - 5/28/01** MediaWest\*Con 2001, Lansing, Michigan; Info: 200 E. Thomas St., Lansing MI 48906-4047 <http://members.aol.com/MdiaWstCon/mwc20.htm>

## Minnesota

**5/11/01 - 5/13/01** Marscon 2001, Bloomington, Minnesota; Info: P.O. Box 600458, St. Paul, MN 55106 Ph: 612-724-0687 <http://marscon.org/> Guests: Jane Yolen, Bill Blair, Carl Talliaferro, Christopher Jones, Michael Liebmann, Debbie David, Lisa Getto

## Mississippi

**3/16/01 - 3/18/01** CoastCon CCIV, Biloxi, Mississippi; Info: P.O. Box 1423, Biloxi, MS 39533 Ph: 228-435-5217 <http://www.coastcon.org/> Guests: Alfred Richard, Danny Strong, Larry Bagby, Todd McIntosh, Nene Thomas

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**3/23/01 - 3/25/01** Slanted Fedora, Kansas City, Missouri; Info: 11916 W. 109th Street, Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Ph: 913-327-8735 <http://www.sfedora.com/> Guests: Robert Duncan McNeil, Roxann Dawson, Ethan Phillips, Robert Picardo

**7/27/01 - 7/29/01** STARFLEET International Conference 2001, Kansas City, Missouri; Info: 528 Ottawa, Leavenworth, KS 66048 Ph: 913-758-0749 <http://ic2001.sfi.org/>

## Nevada

**1/20/01 - 1/21/01** 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/>

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**1/5/01 - 1/7/01** 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, Nicole de Boer, Walter Koenig, Robert O'Reilly, JG Hertzler, Barabara March, Gwenth Walsh, Claudia Christian, Mark Goddard, Marta Kristen, Alexandra Tydings

## New York

**1/27/01 - 1/28/01** 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

**2/9/01 - 2/11/01** Astronomicon '01, Rochester, New York; Info: P.O. Box 1701, Rochester, NY 14603-1701 Ph: 716-342-4697 <http://www.RochesterFantasyFans.org/> Guests: Steven Barnes, Dennette Harrod, Tananarive Due, Robert J. Sawyer, John Allen Price, Doranna Durgin, Dr. Dave Stephenson, Nick Dichario

**2/24/01 - 2/25/01** Creation Hercules & Xena convention, New York, New York; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210, <http://www.creationent.com/>

**3/23/01 - 3/25/01** Lunacon 2001, Rye Brook, New York; Info: PO Box 3566, New York, NY 10008-2566 <http://www.lunacon.org/> Guests: Charles Sheffield, Jody Lee, John Hertz, Nancy Kress

**3/30/01 - 4/1/01** I-Con 20, Stony Brook, New York; Info: PO Box 550, Stony Brook, NY 11790-0550 Ph: 631-632-6045 <http://www.iconsf.org/> Guests: Mary Ellen Wessels, Ed Stauff

## North Carolina

**3/16/01 - 3/18/01** Stellarcon 25, Greensboro, North Carolina; Info: Box 4, Elliott University Center, UNCG, Greensboro, NC 27412 Ph: 336-334-3159 <http://www.uncg.edu/student.groups/sf3/stellarcon.htm> Guests: Jim Baen

## Ohio

**3/23/01 - 3/25/01** Millennicon: The Liftoff, Kings Island, Ohio; Info: 143 Schloss Ln., Dayton, OH 45418 Ph: 513-933-0452 <http://www.millennicon.org/> Guests: Catherine Asaro, Tom Smith, Robert Daniels

**4/7/01 - 4/8/01** Frightvision 2001, Cleveland, Ohio; Info: P.O. Box 547 Ravenna, OH 44266-0547 Ph: 330-297-5441 <http://www.frightvision.com/> Guests: Bobby "Boris" Pickett, Jeffrey Warren Park, Neal Smith, Dennis Dunaway, Joe Bouchard, Barbara Leigh, Brinke Stevens, Linnea Quigley, Dick Warlock, Tom Morga, Felix Silla, Richard Valley, Ted A. Bohus, Roxanna Martin, Countess Vladimira, Douglas Clegg, Ben Chapman, Lou Ferrigno, Dick Durock, Don Stroud, Veronica Cartwright, David Naughton,

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**5/25/01 - 5/27/01** Marcon 36, Columbus, Ohio; Info: P O Box 141414, Columbus, OH 43214 Ph: 614-470-5448 <http://www.marcon.org/> Guests: Robert Jordan, Ellisa Mitchell, James P. Hogan

**5/26/01 - 5/27/01** The Women of Star Trek Voyager, Cleveland, Ohio; Info: 6270 Hollow Lane, Medina, OH 44256 Ph: 330.764.7967 <http://www.makeitsoproductions.com/trek.html>

## Oklahoma

**7/27/01 - 7/29/01** Conestoga 2001, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Info: PO Box 54037, Tulsa OK 74155-4037 Ph: 918-836-5463 <http://www.sff.net/people/sfreader/conestoga.htm> Guests: Joe Haldeman, Tim Powers, Mike & Karla Weaver, Kelly Vandiver

## Pennsylvania

**4/27/01 - 4/29/01** Pittsburgh Comicon, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Info: 1002 Graham Ave., Windber, PA 15963 Ph: 814-467-4116 <http://www.pittsburghcomicon.com/> Guests: David Belmore, Matt Busch, Frank Cho, Amanda Conner, Evan Dorkin, Wayne E. Faucher, Gene Gonzales, Rob Hunter, Steve Lieber, Gray Morrow, Dennis Mullen, Rudy Nebres, Jimmy Palmiotti, Andy Park, John Romita, Jr., Brian Rood, Tom Savin, Mark Schultz, Jeff Smith, William Tucci, Rich White, Joe Williams, Al Williamson, Philip Xavier

**8/30/01 - 9/3/01** Millennium Philcon (59th World Science Fiction Convention), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Info: Box 310, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006 <http://www.netaxs.com/~phil2001/> Guests: Greg Bear, Stephen Youll, Gardner Dozois, George Scithers, Esther Friesner

## Tennessee

**5/25/01 - 5/27/01** LibertyCon 15, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Info: PO Box 695, Hixson, TN 37343-0695 <http://www.libertycon.org/> Guests: David Drake, Larry Elmore, Debbie Hughes, Eric Flint

## Texas

**12/31/00 - 1/1/01** STARFLEET Region 3 New Year's Eve Party, Waco, Texas; Info: PO Box 1756, Coppell, TX 75019 <http://www.region3.com/2MI.htm>

**3/22/01 - 3/25/01** AggieCon 2001, College Station, Texas; Info: Memorial Student Center, Box J-1, Texas A&M University, TAMUS 1237, College Station, TX 77844-1237 <http://aggiecon.tamu.edu/> Guests: Charles de Lint

## Virginia

**2/2/01 - 2/4/01** SheVaCon 9, Roanoke,

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

**2/16/01 - 2/18/01** Katsucon Seven, Arlington, Virginia; Info: P.O. Box 577, Dumfries, VA 22026 Ph: 703-624-6527 <http://www.katsucon.com/> Guests: Amy Howard, Lea Hernandez

## Washington

**1/12/01 - 1/14/01** Rustycon 2001, Everett, Washington; Info: P.O. Box 84291, Seattle, WA 98124-5591 <http://www.rustycon.com/> Guests: Bob Mayer, Bob McGuire, Robert Doherty, Joe Dalton, Greg Donegan, Real Musgrave

**2/16/01 - 2/18/01** Radcon 3A, Pasco, Washington; Info: PMB# 162, 2527 West Kennewick Ave, Kennewick, WA 99336-3126 <http://Radcon.SciFi.penguinpowered.com>

**4/12/01 - 4/15/01** Norwescon 24, Seatac, Washington; Info: PO Box 68547, Seattle WA 98168-0547 <http://www.norwescon.org/> Guests: Connie Willis, Bob Eggleton, Charles N. Brown

**4/27/01 - 4/29/01** Sakura Con 2001, Everett, Washington; Info: 900 Meridian Avenue East #19-407, Milton, WA 98354-7019 Ph: 253-535-2395 <http://sakuracon.org/> Guests: Lia Sargent

**5/25/01 - 5/28/01** World Horror Convention 2001, Seattle, Washington; Info: PO Box 5171, Bellingham, WA, 98227 <http://www.whc2001.org/> Guests: Richard Laymon, Simon Clark, Jessica Amanda Salmonson, Barbara and Christopher Roden, Charles Vess, Jack Ketchum

## International

**4/12/01 - 4/16/01** SwanCon 2001, Perth, Australia (WA); Info: PO Box 162, Nedlands, Western Australia 6909, Australia <http://www.gu.uwa.edu.au/swancon/swancon01/> Guests: Rosaleen Love, Marilyn Pride, Lewis Morley, Kate Orman

**12/27/00 - 12/31/00** ArmageddonCon, Jerusalem, Israel; Info: Mishkenot Sha'ananim, P.O. Box 8215, Jerusalem 91081, Israel Ph: +972-2-673-0003/7 <http://armageddoncon.org/> Guests: Larry Niven, Joan D. Vinge, Paul McAuley, Jack Cohen, Ian Watson

**11/1/01 - 11/4/01** World Fantasy Convention 2001, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; Info: c/o Bruce Farr, PO Box 7191, Chandler AZ 85246-7191 Ph: 602-395-1945 <http://www.worldfantasy.org/wfc01.html> Guests: Fred Saberhagen, Joel Champetier, Charles de Lint

**4/13/01 - 4/16/01** Paragon - Eastercon 2001, Hinckley, Leicestershire, United Kingdom; Info: 379 Myrtle Road, Sheffield, S2 3HQ, United Kingdom <http://www.keepsake-web.co.uk/paragon/> Guests: Stephen Baxter, Lisanne Norman, Michael Scott Rohan, Claire Brialley, Mark Plummer



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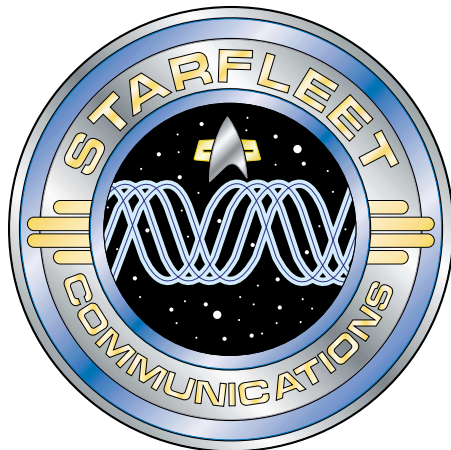
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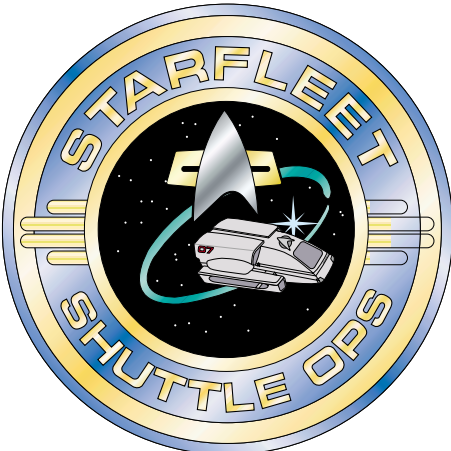
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