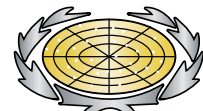




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## LES RICKARD SWORN IN AS 11TH COMMANDER, STARFLEET



Fleet Admiral Les Rickard takes the oath of office administered by Admiral Chris Wallace, while Rear Admiral Jack Hopkins holds a Gideon Bible.

*"I, Edwin Leslie Rickard Jr., do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of STARFLEET; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation -- other than running for office in the first place; that I will faithfully watch "The West Wing" every Wednesday; that I will whack the Admiralty Board with the Golden 2x4 when they annoy me; that I will consent to being whacked with the Golden 2x4 when I misbehave; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the Office on which I am about to enter: lest Deidre kick my rump."* – Text of the Oath of Office, as composed by Chris Wallace

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"You want me to do MORE Interviews for the Communiqué?" Jonathan Smith points out a surprised Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons, who in this issue conducts interviews with the newest member of the Admiralty Board, Regional Coordinator of STARFLEET Region 5 Scott A. Akers as well as Greg Trotter, who discusses his latest project, the brand-new STARFLEET Helpdesk.

Photograph courtesy of Keira Russel-Strong

Gumby's latest interviews start on page 22

Fleet Captain	●●●●●	Brigadier	◆◆◆◆◆
Captain	●●●●	Colonel	◆◆◆
Commander	●●●	Lt. Colonel	◆◆
Lt. Commander	●●●●	Major	◆
Lieutenant	●●	Captain	●●●●
Lieutenant (JG)	●●●	1st Lieutenant	●●●
Ensign	●	2nd Lieutenant	●

Fleet Captain Gregory A. Sheets of the USS Columbia details a full historical and fictional basis for ranks and positions on a starship. While originally written for the USS Columbia, it was revised for a more general audience. It is offered here as a template to assist in creating a more realistic fictional universe.

Artwork by David Pipgras

"Notes on Starfleet Ranks and Organization" starts on page 30

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**Correction:** On page 32 of CQ 102 a logo appeared which was adapted by David Pipgras. The original artwork was created by Ed Higgins of the USS Dominator in Region 1. Our apologies for the confusion.

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# DON'T CALL ME EDWIN!

## FLEET ADMIRAL LES RICKARD

### COMMANDER, STARFLEET

My fellow members, I bring you greetings.

For my first *Communiqué* article as Commander, STARFLEET, I have decided to run part of my "State of the Fleet" address that recently was posted to the STARFLEET electronic mailing list. The purpose of this address is so that you know both where we stand at this date and the goals that my administration has for the coming year. It is my intention to make this an annual event during my term of office as your President, and I hope that successive administrations will continue to do so.

I was elected to this office on a platform of "idealism tempered by practicality." While I plan to continue those aspects of the Organization that worked well under the Smith administration, where necessary or prudent I will be making changes. Our primary goal, as it has been with previous administrations, is to ensure the timely delivery of membership materials to you. This is the most important bond we have with you and my administration will do what we must to ensure that this bond is kept.

Our second goal is to ensure that the STARFLEET Bureaucracy remains responsive to the needs of the members. To this end, we will be doing some reorganizing within and across the Executive Committee departments to ensure that data gets to where it needs to with a minimum of

delay and that items with multiple "stakeholders" (such as Chapter Changes of Commands) get to all the proper places (such as Operations and Computer Operations). I understand that it is frustrating to write or email

Force" consisting of the Executive Committee, STARFLEET Treasurer Fleet Captain Tammy Willcox, STARFLEET Internal Auditor Commodore Howard Cronson, and Special Advisor to the President



**Always the consummate Gentleman:** Fleet Admiral Rickard shows the door to some guy named Smith, who was trying to ascertain if folks present were getting the same mileage as advertised for their Motor Vehicles -- because his mileage surely did vary.

*Photo courtesy of Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo*

someone and wait to hear back, wondering if they ever even received your message. We have high hopes that the new STARFLEET Helpdesk (see article in the Communications section) will improve HQ's responsiveness and get you the assistance you require.

Our third goal is to reform how STARFLEET finances are handled, to ensure that accountability and solid record-keeping are in place at all times and all stages. To that end, I have assembled a "Finance Reform Task

Admiral Chris Wallace. Their job will be to draft policy on how STARFLEET should set up, administer, and report on financial matters both for my administration and, hopefully, those that follow.

On the subject of finances, Fleet Captain Tammy Willcox has posted a complete financial report as of January 2001 to both the STARFLEET electronic mailing list and the *Communiqué*. This report will be published monthly to the STARFLEET electronic mailing list

and the *Communiqué* will also show the report relevant for the month of publication (February, April, June, August, October, and December). Full financial disclosure is important to me, and I want to ensure that members know, on a regular (monthly or bi-monthly) basis, where STARFLEET stands.

One thing that you will hopefully learn over time is that I am very goal-oriented. I asked the Executive Committee to send me some thoughts and goals that they would like to work toward. As this is the beginning of an administration I just said "Tell me what you would like to see and things that you and your department would like to work on or improve." They have sent these goals in as part of their own CQ articles, so I will not repeat them here. I do, however, ask that you please review them.

The Executive Committee alone cannot make STARFLEET better. Though it is from the EC that policies are formulated and drafted, the Admiralty Board, consisting of each Regional Coordinator, and the Commanding Officers of the Fleet's chapters serve as conduits from you, the members, to us at HQ. Your thoughts, ideas, suggestions, and concerns, given to your CO and then to your RC, helps us stay "in touch" with your desires and needs.

Together, I hope we all, leadership and member, work together to continue making STARFLEET the best Star Trek fan club ever. My email and post office mailboxes are always open and I welcome your thoughts.

Thank you,

# STARFLEET TREASURER REPORT

By Fleet Captain Tammy Willcox • STARFLEET Treasurer

Greetings from the STARFLEET Treasurer's office! Let me give you a little bit of background on myself so you'll be more familiar with me. I'm FCAPT Tammy Willcox and I joined STARFLEET back in 1982. I currently serve not only as Fleet Treasurer, but Region One Co-Treasurer, and Commanding Officer of the USS Maat.

In the past I have held various other regional and Fleet positions including: College of Trade and Commerce Director, FDC of Special Services, RDC of Special Services, R1 Co-Webmaster, Regional Relief Fund Coordinator, etc.

In addition to the STARFLEET oriented treasury or funds that I've worked with, I also managed or audited accounts with several other volunteer organizations.

STARFLEET's new checking accounts have been opened at the First Virginia Bank in Virginia Beach, VA. I have opened two accounts, one is a general STARFLEET operational account and the other is strictly for the Scholarship program. Marlene will be continuing to manage the STARFLEET Academy funds since she does such an excellent job of it!

The general account and the scholarship account will have three people who can sign checks: Les, Gord, and myself. Each check that is generated will have to be signed by two of us. If one of us needs to be reimbursed for expenses, the other two will sign the check.

As a further checks and balances procedure, the bank statements will be sent to the Assistant Fleet Treasurer, Randy Norris. Randy is the Executive Officer of the USS Jurassic and also

serves as my co-treasurer for the Region One treasury. Randy will be responsible for sending electronic copies of the bank statements to the EC/AB. Hard copies of the statements will be sent to Les, Howard, and me. Sue will also be receiving a hard copy of the scholarship statement. In addition, Randy will be assisting with other areas of the treasury such as forms, duplicate record keeping, etc.

You will see a treasurer's report from me in every issue of the *Communiqué* and the CSR. I am always available for questions, so please feel free to contact me at any time.

You can reach me at [treasurer@sfi.org](mailto:treasurer@sfi.org) or at my Postal Mail address:

Tammy Willcox  
4121 Stillwood Court  
Virginia Beach, VA 23456.

We are still in the transition phase for the STARFLEET accounts. Mike cannot close out the old accounts until NPC (one of our credit card processing firms) has completed their transfer to the new account. Unfortunately, NPC requires a voided check to make the transfer and we have not yet received the new checks. This should be resolved by my next report and you will then see the transfer reflected in the figures.

One last thing before I move onto the number crunching; my reports will not follow the bank statement dates, they will follow the reporting dates. You will always see the opening period date at the beginning of the report and the closing period date at the end. This will allow the information that you will be reading to be as current as possible.

## STARFLEET Academy Fund - Savings:

Beginning Date: 12/1/2000  
Beginning Balance:.....\$1,298.12  
Deposits/Credits:.....\$1.79  
Ending Date: 12/29/2000  
Ending Balance:.....\$1,299.91

Interest paid year-to-date on this account is \$17.35

## STARFLEET Academy Fund - Checking:

Beginning Date: 12/1/2000  
Beginning Balance:.....\$1,788.27  
Deposits/Credits:.....\$327.00  
Checks/Debits:.....\$108.80  
Ending Date: 12/29/2000  
Ending Balance:.....\$2,006.47

### Deposits Made:

12/12/2000.....\$201.00  
12/27/2000.....\$126.00

Deposits were tuition payments and repayment of returned checks.

### Checks Written:

12/08/00 - Check #139: Academy Postage.....\$19.80

### Debits / Charges

12/06/2000 Deposited Item Returned.....\$ 82.00  
12/06/2000 - Deposited Item Returned Charge.....\$ 7.00

## STARFLEET General Account:

Account Opened: 1/2/2001  
Opening Deposit:.....\$31.00  
Membership Processing Deposit 1/11/2001:.....\$229.00  
Membership Processing Deposit 1/19/2001:.....\$650.00  
Ending Date: 1/21/2001  
Ending Balance:.....\$910.00

Les is donating the cost of having the checks printed for this account because we wanted to have ledger style checks made and it was cheaper to do it outside of the bank.

Please make sure when writing checks or money orders for Membership Processing to make them payable to STARFLEET.

## STARFLEET Scholarship Fund:

Account Opened: 1/2/2001  
Opening Deposi:.....\$36.00  
Checks Ordered:.....\$15.85  
Ending Date: 1/21/2001  
Ending Balance:..... \$20.15

Donations to the STARFLEET Scholarship Fund can either be sent to the Scholarship Director, Sue Hampton, or to me. Please make sure to make donations payable to: STARFLEET Scholarship Fund

Please note that the Academy Accounts dates are from December, as the Academy Director will be reporting from her bank statement dates which will be different from my reporting dates.

This concludes the first treasurer's report of the new administration. I'll see you in the next publication!





# SECOND THOUGHTS

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

Greetings from the Office of the Vice Commander! I'm going to be rather brief this time around, since I had so much to say in the last *Communiqué*. I'd like to start out by thanking everyone who applied for the position of Director of the Fleet Division Chiefs (FDC) program. As I said, I expected it to be difficult to fill Dustin William's shoes, although to my surprise there were quite a number of interested, highly qualified members interested in the position. I am pleased to announce that Dustin's replacement will be, um, well, Dustin. Thanks to some unexpected changes in his schedule and commitments, Dustin will in fact be staying on as Director of the FDC program.

As you'll undoubtedly read elsewhere in this issue, things at STARFLEET headquarters are proceeding well. The

transition has gone fairly smoothly, and the new bank accounts and reporting systems have been put into place. There were a few incidental surprises that we're still clearing up, but happily things seem to be going pretty much according to plan.

A new Inspector General candidate has been nominated by Les for the Admiralty Board's confirmation, and the AB is looking for likely candidates to fill the newly created position of Judge Advocate General, whose role as I understand it will be to provide information, advice and guidance to members who have been investigated by the IG and are facing possible disciplinary penalties.

As you may recall from my interview with Gumby in the last issue, and will read in Les' State of the Fleet report, I'll be working

hard this year to revamp the FDC program, and to streamline the voucher program as well. I'd appreciate any input you might have on either of these initiatives.

If you've got any feedback or 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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New York, NY 10033-5333

As always, I remain in Service to the Fleet,

## STARFLEET DIPLOMATIC CORPS

**By Captain Kyle J. Wolf • Director, STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps**

The SFI Diplomatic Corps (DC) is an ambassadorial department whose primary goal is to establish contact and engage in friendly communications with other fan organizations. While the department first looks to Star Trek based fan organizations, we also look to other fan organizations. The DC understands that fleet is made up of a diverse membership and that fandom just does not end at Star Trek. Therefore, we will communicate with any organization that would like to enter in friendly relations with any part of Fleet.

Organizations are stand-alone chapters of fandom, small groups of fan chapters, localized organizations and international organizations and fan association. The DC is open to all and to provide assistance.

When the DC initiates communication with another organization or is contacted by other organizations, we are doing so simply as ambassadors. Our goal is to help with relations between our respective groups and thus we evaluate potentially thorny situations and try to provide possible solutions.

The DC never commands, but makes suggestions. It is the decision of the person we are working with to either accept or reject the suggestions. If the person rejects the suggestions, but still wants us to work on the situation, we will continue the work until either a solution does not appear possible or one of the parties decides to leave negotiations.

Which brings us to the second part of the DC's primary goal, what happens after the start of communications. It really depends upon the people involved. The DC can simply help to set up communications between the two entities, set up some kind of document stating the two entities' attempt at friendly communications, or help set up a diplomatic arena which the two entities could function in and with.

Once an agreement is established between two entities, the DC can come in and arbitrate any problems that arise. The DC then functions as an outside party not involved in the situation and brings partiality to the table. Again, the DC provides suggestions as to a solution as we do not command. The final decision is left to the parties involved. The DC will do what ever is possible to find a solution to any problem.

A secondary goal of the department is to help promote multi-functional events between two parties. The DC helps promote multi-functional events between affiliates of STARFLEET and STARFLEET. An affiliate is a party with which Fleet, through the DC, is in communications. The second is that the DC helps to promote inner-fleet multi-functional events. This means that two or more Fleet chapters are working on an event can ask the DC for assistance.

The purpose of this is to help set up events where multiple numbers of fans can gather and have a good time. It is not the purpose of the DC to take over any ones job or run

the event, but to be there to provide help. As an ambassadorial arena, multi-functional events are a part of what we do.

The DC is still looking for a few members to fill a couple of positions still available. Regional Ambassadors are permitted to form staffs within their offices. A member can contact their local Regional Ambassador to see if they are taking applications for staff. Another method a member can take is to join one of the DC's committees. The committees bring together a large group of people to discuss issues. When issues are finalized, the committee formally submits them to the Director, DC for review. Information on the committees can be found at the DC's web site.

I would also like to point out the new "Meet the Director" initiative that I have started this year. I will be on IRC (Internet Relay Chat) on the Fleetchat network for a minimum of one hour, once a month, for any person who'd like to speak with me. The channel is #sfi-dcs and my nickname is DCS-Guy. Whenever I'm online, I'll always be in that channel.

For those members who do not have email or Internet access, you can still reach me through snail mail: Kyle J. Wolf, 84 Stony Brook Rd., Pine Bush, NY 12566

Please visit our web site. Though in the process of being upgraded, it should be completed by the time you read this. The address is:

[members.aol.com/wolftrek7/dc.htm](http://members.aol.com/wolftrek7/dc.htm)

## IC SUBMISSIONS REQUESTED!

**Captain P.J. Trotter**  
**IC 2001 Chairperson**

Just a quick note to let everyone know that the IC committee is working hard to make this year's IC the best yet. We need several things for this year's International Conference to be a success.

### **Submissions for the Video Contest:**

- All videos must be on VHS tapes
- All videos must be no more than 5 minutes long, anything over 5 minutes and the video is automatically disqualified.
- Be Creative
- The video must show your crew in some way and must be STARFLEET related in some way.
- All videos must be family friendly. (No rated "R" videos please.)
- All videos must be received by May 31st, 2001.
- All videos become property of IC2001

Send the videos to:

**IC2001 Video Contest**  
**528 Ottawa**  
**Leavenworth, KS 66048**

### **Submissions for a collage of Starfleet:**

Photos can be sent electronically (jpeg or gif format please) to ([ic2001@sfi.org](mailto:ic2001@sfi.org)). Photos can be set hard copy to:

**IC 2001 Photo Collage**  
**528 Ottawa**  
**Leavenworth, KS 66048**

Hard Copy of Photos can only be returned if a SASE is enclosed.

### **Items are now being accepted for the IC 2001 Auction!**

Please send all donated items to the IC2001 address listed above.

### **The hotel is now accepting room registrations for IC.**

Please call Kansas City Airport Marriott at 816-464-2200 for reservations and tell them that you are with STARFLEET IC 2001 to get the \$79. a night room rate.

All hotel reservations must be made by July 5th, 2001 to secure the special rate.

Any questions, comments, or suggestions please feel free to email me at [ic2001@sfi.org](mailto:ic2001@sfi.org), or I am on most nights on IRC or visit the IC 2001 website at <http://ic2001.sfi.org/>

Thanks for your time and I hope to see everyone there!





# STARFLEET OPERATIONS

REAR ADMIRAL MARK VINSON  
CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Greetings Fellow Trekkers!

For those of you who don't know, or have never heard of me, my name is Mark A. Vinson and I'm here to serve you as the new Chief of Operations, STARFLEET. I am the Commanding Officer of the USS Panther City, NCC-63543 which is located in Fort Worth, Texas. I have been the CO since its inception as a shuttle and the two years we have been a full chapter.

I've been a member of Region Three's Executive Committee since 1992 serving in many different positions -- Communications, Computer Operations and finally as Chief-of-Staff -- before Les Rickard asked me to be Chief of Operations. Since I joined in 1990, I have also held the position of Director of Correspondence Chapter Operations for three years while I was CO of the Correy Chapter the Space Station Freedom III. I have seen Fleet go through many changes, in these eleven years -- some for the best and some for the worst. I will work to make sure your votes were not misplaced. I want to continue the work started by former Ops Chiefs Tom Monaghan and Les Rickard, while introducing some background stuff that will help all of SFI's records be as current and up-to-date as possible.

My staff and I are here to serve the chapters and members of Fleet, not the other way around. We are a much smaller department now that the Department of Technical Services, the Office of Technical Information, Advanced Ship Design Bureau, and the Existing Fan Club Program have moved to the Shuttle Operations Department, but communication and a more customer service-oriented approach are top priorities here at Fleet Ops. We will always endeavor to do our very best to address your concerns to the very best of our abilities.

The SFI Operations department still oversees the Correspondence Chapter Operations Department (led by RAdm. Michelle Fanelli), the Chapter Assistance program (led by

FCpt. Pete Lutz), and the Armed Services program (led by VAdm. Barbara Paul). These officers are good directors and I plan to rely on them heavily these next two years. My Senior Vice-Chief is Brigadier Dennis

This is because most people write their MSR's like the Chief of Ops is reading them. They expect him to help. I want to assure everyone that Dennis Rayburn and I will handle all MSR's. We will help.



**No, he does not need a big crate of "Head and Shoulders":** Chief of Operations Mark Vinson was recently spied "letting his hair down" at the Region New Years Eve Party (see page 48).

*Photo courtesy of Mark Vinson*

Rayburn; he will help me with the Monthly Status Reports. My Chief-of-Staff is RAdm. Mike Urvand, who will help me keep the STARFLEET Vessel Registry up-to-date.

Commanding Officer's and Reporting Officer's will notice a change in how the Monthly Status Reports will be filed and handled by the Ops department.

We have simplified the MSR filing procedure with an online form at <http://msr.sfi.org/>. This form will email not only SFI Ops but also your respective RC and if you are an Armed Forces Chapter, a Chapter Assistance Program Chapter or a Correy Chapter all you have to do is check one box. That is all. Your MSR will be delivered to all who

need it. This is the preferred method of MSR filing. If for some reason the form does not work, or you just don't want to use it, you can email your MSR directly to <MSRReports@sfi.org>. If you do it this way we ask that you download the email form from our website <<http://www.sfi.org/ops/msr.txt>>. PLEASE NO ATTACHMENTS. Half the time they get scrambled in the process. Just cut and paste the form into the body of an email message and fill it out. All you have to do besides emailing it to MSRReports@sfi.org is to email it to your respective RC and to any other department you are supposed to.

If you prefer to send in your MSR via postal mail, please send it to me at: Mark A. Vinson, 1047 Cottonwood Trl., Benbrook, TX. 76126. You will still have to send copies to your respective RC and any other department you are supposed to, but I will make sure that within SFI Ops it gets to where it is supposed to be.

Over the next two years I plan to utilize my real life experience with managing databases to make sure that the info contained in your MSR's and Change of Command Forms are entered properly into the membership database. With the help of Don Willit's in CompOps (who is also a database manager) rosters should be more accurate and up-to-date. Don and I want to make sure that all CO's know who SFI thinks is on their chapters vs. whom the CO knows is on their chapters.

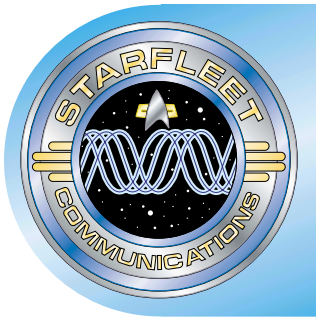
We know the Vessel Registry is in need of updating and Mike Urvand and I have been working hard on getting it corrected. We also know that the database needs work and are working on it Region by Region. If you have online access, please look at the rosters and if you see a change that needs to be made, send the information (wrong information and corrected information) to me at [ops@sfi.org](mailto:ops@sfi.org), or send me a letter via postal mail at the address above.

Please remember that we are human and, as such, don't have the gift of telepathy. So let us know if there is something you need or you are having problems. I encourage all of our members and chapters with comments and questions to please feel free to e-mail or write any of us in STARFLEET Operations.

*Mark A. Vinson*

Visit the Operations Website at <http://www.sfi.org/ops/>





# COMM AS YOU ARE...

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MICHAEL MALOTTE  
CHIEF OF COMMUNICATION, STARFLEET

Greetings and welcome to my first article as your new Chief of Communications. I'd like to thank Les Rickard for having the faith in me to add me to his team. I'm looking forward to serving you, the members of this great organization. I'd also like to thank Allyson Dyar, who's shoes I'm filling. It's going to be quite a challenge to run this department as smooth as she did. Allyson, thanks for everything you've done for communications all across Fleet!

And now, the obligatory bit about me. I joined Fleet in 1991, starting the USS Nomad out of Leavenworth, Kansas. I was CO until late 1994, when I moved to Arkansas. After a brief 1 year stint down there, where I was a member of the USS Vanguard and then XO of the USS Paraclete, I moved back to Kansas and resumed command of the Nomad. In 1999, I moved to Kansas City, stepped down as the CO of the Nomad, and joined the correy chapter USS Normandy, where I am currently XO and Officer in Charge of the 169th Marine Strike Group.

I've always enjoyed being involved in Fleet and was very active in Region 12, eventually becoming Region Coordinator. On the International side, I spent most of the last 4 years as Director of Promotions. I'm also an active Marine in the STARFLEET Marine Corps and, up until the first of this year, was the Deputy Commander, Forces Command.

On the real life side of things, I am a Client Care Team Manager at Gateway in Kansas City, overseeing a team of 14 technicians supporting Gateway desktop computers.

If you ever need to get in touch with me, here is my contact information:

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Well, enough about me... what follows is an up to date listing of your new

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Probably one of the most exciting things coming out the department is the implementation of the STARFLEET Helpdesk. In a nutshell, the process is: you send a question/complaint/request to [helpdesk@sfi.org](mailto:helpdesk@sfi.org). You will get an automated reply giving you a ticket number. This also generates an entry into the Helpdesk software interface. A member of the Helpdesk staff will take ownership of the issue and follow it to completion. While this is a pretty simplified overview, what it comes down to is a resource to get your issues resolved in a timely manner. Greg Trotter is heading this new department and will be letting everyone know all the ins and outs of this awesome resource.

In the next couple of issues, you will see a number of articles from the Comm Department letting all of you know just exactly what is available to you from us. As always, if you ever have any questions of me or my staff, don't hesitate to contact any of us - or just email [helpdesk@sfi.org](mailto:helpdesk@sfi.org).

See ya in 60!

## SFI HELPDESK IS NOW OPERATIONAL!

By Commodore Greg Trotter Director  
STARFLEET Helpdesk

*"I'm sorry, Dave, I can't do that."*

In the movie that made this year famous, the HAL 9000 computer wasn't being all that helpful when things really mattered. Sometimes it feels that way in STARFLEET. While we can usually find some person to open the pod bay doors, sometimes there are some issues -- whether it be about memberships, *Communiqués*, commissionings, or whatever -- that have some trouble getting resolved.

There's a lot of reasons for this, but mostly it comes down to the fact this is a volunteer organization, and with the limited resources that the organization has, some things get missed. And when the ball is picked up again, the member may have to explain everything to someone completely new.

We want to change that. The STARFLEET Helpdesk is the latest initiative from SFI Communications.

The STARFLEET Helpdesk answers e-mail sent to [helpdesk@sfi.org](mailto:helpdesk@sfi.org). The software will put your problem into our database, and email you back a tracking number. That number is your key to finding out the status of your question: you'll know STARFLEET got it, and we'll be able to find the status of any Helpdesk request.

We'll be the first ones to see your questions, and we'll answer them when we can. When we can't, we'll make sure that we find the right people to answer the question. I want to make this clear: this is not designed as a layer of bureaucracy between you and the departments of STARFLEET. By all means, feel free to contact them directly.

But, if you're not sure where to go, or you have a problem that can't seem to get resolved, send us an email at [helpdesk@sfi.org](mailto:helpdesk@sfi.org)! We'll get right on it.

Now, I realize that not everyone has access to email. So, we have a voicemail/fax number for those without email access. If you do have email access, we strongly recommend that you continue to use [helpdesk@sfi.org](mailto:helpdesk@sfi.org). But for those that don't, they can call (507) 299-2015. This is a number in the US, and yes, it's a toll call. You can send faxes to the same number. Make sure to leave us enough information so we know how to get back with you!

Any questions? Email us at [helpdesk@sfi.org](mailto:helpdesk@sfi.org)!

# STARFLEET COMMUNIQUE SUBMISSIONS GUIDELINES

By Vice Admiral Kurt F. Roithinger • Editor, STARFLEET Communique

*With the advent of a new administration and with me formally taking over the Editorial reigns on the STARFLEET Communique, I thought it would be prudent to publish some basic guidelines covering submission. Eventually, this document will be compiled into a FAQ, with the URL to be listed in the Colophon (usually page 2 of the Communique).*

When submitting material to the STARFLEET Communique, please note that submissions via the Internet are preferred. You can submit material to the following e-mail address: **cq@sfi.org** (Attachments are acceptable, though if at all possible, please compress the files via a program like WinZip or Stuffit).

Hardcopy submissions **MUST** be typed. Please do not send us handwritten submissions. If you do, they **WILL NOT** be used within the CQ. Hardcopy submissions should go to:

STARFLEET Communique  
1209 SE 89th Ave.  
Portland, OR 97216-1715

Here are some basic guidelines for what kind of files/objects to send:

## Images/Photos:

The \*.JPG and \*.TIF file formats are preferred. In general, they will yield the best reproduction quality. If possible, please send the highest quality and largest size sensible (if you use Adobe Photoshop, f.e., save a JPG at quality level 10-12 and about the size of a computer screen -- 800x600 or better).

Please do not try not to re-size smaller pictures to fit the above guideline -- just send them on 'as is' (you usually lose more quality in scaling up than you can ever hope to gain from the increase in size). Due to the fact that some of these images can get quite huge, we generally prefer that people just put them in a FTP/HTTP directory and send us an email (at the address above) with the URL and we will go grab them overnight.

If you choose to mail us a photograph, please include either a SASE or the appropriate amount of return postage (we have plenty of priority mail mailing supplies)

so that we can return the images after we're finished processing them for use in the CQ. If you do not want us to return them, please indicate as much in your mailing. Upon completion of that particular CQ, we will turn over any such pictures to the office of the STARFLEET Historian for the purpose of archiving.

One last caveat about the pictures you send to the CQ: If the pictures are so dark that all you can see are teeth and eyes or if the picture is too blurry, fuzzy or you can't make out who is who -- please don't send it. It's not that we don't want/need your effort, but in order to guarantee that the output of the CQ is visible and recognizable by all it's readers, we really need pictures that are crisp and bright. Overexposed pictures are actually far more useable for publication in the CQ than pictures that are in focus, but set against very dark surroundings.

## Artwork/Logos:

Any type of vector artwork would be most preferred (\*.ai, \*.eps, \*.wmf, \*.cdr). We can use raster images (JPGs, TIFs), but the quality simply is not the same. For best results, please send computer files (either via email or on a floppy disk via the USPS). If you send strictly a hardcopy, we will try our very best to rebuild the image in a computer format, but there simply is no guarantee that we will have enough time to complete the task.

If sending a raster image, the same criteria apply as noted for the pictures above, except that the art **\*\*\*MUST\*\*\*** be on a white background. The other very important thing to do is to include the credits for the artwork, as you want them to appear.

## Written Stuff:

When submitting articles via email, (almost) anything goes -- Word for Windows (all versions) files, Word Perfect (recent versions) files, ASCII Text (\*.txt) files or simply put it into an email and send it to the aforementioned address (the overwhelming favorite amongst those who submit to the CQ right now).

One caveat: do not imbed images into a Word for Windows/Word Perfect file. If you really have to, **\*PLEASE\*** send us the images individually as well. Hardcopy submissions are pretty

much covered above. Font and format are pretty much up to each and every ones choosing. One inch margins, double spacing and any type of standard font (Arial, Times New Roman, any non-cursive Typewriter font) would be optimum, but half-inch margins, single spacing and the use of the Courier font won't get you any minus points.

Some final words on submissions: Please also note that the CQ Staff reserves the right to edit any submissions as necessary. This is usually done solely to adjust size or correct errors or mistakes and is for the most part not done in order to alter content. If the content of a submission is deemed offensive or objectionable, the CQ staff reserves itself the right to exclude it from publication altogether. For the most part, this simply means to please watch your language. The CQ Staff are the very first ones to champion the rights of free speech and whatnot, however, children and young adults **\*DO\*** read this publication. Frankly, asking folks to keep their articles civil is not a matter of freedom of speech, but one of common courtesy towards those who do not need to be exposed to such material -- especially from a source that really is not designed to berate or titillate others. Similarly, we prefer that submissions do not include graphic descriptions of sexual acts or acts of extreme violence.

We usually will try to meet anyone making such submissions halfway, but again, the CQ is simply not the forum to use four letter words and engage in the dissemination of erotica -- no matter how relevant it may seem to the Star Trek universe.

Lastly, while we try to include everything submitted into each CQ, sometimes material will be left out -- either due to duplication of other material or simply due to the constraints of size and space. If possible, we will include these articles in the next CQ.

## Content Creation

As STARFLEET continue to progress and change, we welcome an increasing number of new ideas and new columns to the CQ. If you have an idea for an article or a column for the CQ but are not quite sure about how to progress or where to go with it, simply contact the CQ Editorial staff for input and

suggestions. We can be reached at: **cq@sfi.org** or at the mailing address listed above.

## Developing Articles

If you are developing an article on your own volition and you think it is suitable for inclusion within the CQ, it is yours to do with as you please and the CQ will always be glad to have your submission.

However, if you are developing an article or item for the CQ on behalf of the CQ staff (i.e. you were specifically asked by a member of the CQ or STARFLEET Communications Staff), we require that you **\*NOT\*** publish said article or item in any type of Chapter or Regional newsletter until **\*AFTER\*** it has appeared (either in part or in full) in an issue of the STARFLEET Communique.

## Letters of Comment

If you would like to comment on something you saw within a current or past issue of the CQ, please feel free to submit a letter of comment to the CQ at the address cited in above.

## Starfleet Communique Deadlines And Publication Dates -- 2001

### CQ 103 (February/March)

Submissions Deadline: 1/25/2001  
Date for delivery: 2/28/2001

### CQ 104 (April/May)

Submissions Deadline: 3/25/2001  
Date for delivery: 4/30/2001

### CQ 105 (June/July)

Submissions Deadline: 5/25/2001  
Date for delivery: 6/30/2001

### CQ 106 (August/September)

Submissions Deadline: 7/15/2001\*  
Date for delivery: 8/31/2001

### CQ 107 (October/November)

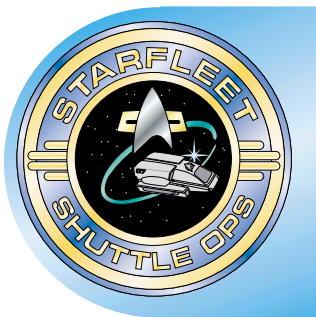
Submissions Deadline: 9/25/2001  
Date for delivery: 10/31/2001

### CQ 108 (December/January)

Submissions Deadline: 11/25/2001  
Date for delivery: 12/31/2001

\* The deadline for CQ 107 is a bit shorter than usual in order to allow for the publication to be completed in time for STARFLEET's IC 2001.





# I'M ShOC'D!

**ADMIRAL ALEX ROSENZWEIG**  
**CHIEF OF SHUTTLE OPERATIONS, STARFLEET**

Greetings, and welcome to the voice of ShOC for the new administration! We'll start off slowly, but I hope to make this column interesting and fun, too, with some thoughts and suggestions that everybody, from experienced long-term members to new folks just starting out, might be able to appreciate.

First, though, I'd like to start by introducing the staff of ShOC, who'll be helping make this department the place to go for chapter-development. We have a lot of fine people, who are here to help you, so let me introduce them and give a few sentences about what they do.

Vice Admiral Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons is the Vice Chief of Shuttlecraft Operations. Gumby will be backing me up on the administrative level, and will also be the liaison to the regional shuttle operations personnel. Together, Gumby and I will be working with the regions to develop ways of helping the Fleet grow in a managed and effective way.

Gumby will also be serving as the ShOC Publications Director. His exceptional work with the START and MOM manuals, and work creating effective and useful forms, has made a huge contribution toward making ShOC a better department, and I am very pleased that that will continue.

Fleet Captain William "Biff" Bassett is the Staff Assistant and Webmaster, and he served ably and well under Admiral Gray. I am exceedingly pleased that he will also be staying on to work on the team with me and the current ShOC staff. Watch for further developments on the website, as we add new sections for the benefit of the Fleet.

New to the staff is Captain Sandy Berenberg, who will serve as Shuttlecraft Development Specialist and liaison to Computer Operations. A lot of what he'll be doing is working one-on-one with shuttles that might need a little extra help or attention. The personal touch can be important, and Sandy will help ShOC make sure that it can reach out directly to the shuttles. That's not to say that I or Gumby won't

be available, but if we're caught up doing administrative stuff, Sandy is another person to help out.

Sandy will also be maintaining the ShOC database, and making sure that information flows smoothly to and from Computer Operations.

Now that covers the core ShOC staff. But ShOC is also now home to two more departments, both of which are important, too. These are the Existing Fan Club Program (EFCP) and the Department of Technical Services (DTS). Both have transferred to ShOC from Operations, due mainly to the fact that their organizational administrative roles are involved with developing new chapters.

Yours truly will continue to serve as the Director of DTS. Administratively, DTS is the agency that reviews and approves requests by STARFLEET chapters and shuttles for names and registry/NCC numbers. Groups seeking chapter status have their requests approved by DTS as a prerequisite for commissioning. The other general function of the DTS is the oversight of two "sub-agencies" that operate under its aegis. They are the Office of Technical Information (OTI) and the Advanced Starship Design Bureau (ASDB).

I also serve as the Director of the OTI. OTI is a reference and research service specializing in the science and technology of the Star Trek Universe. Have you got questions about starships? Planets and stars? Alien civilizations? The history of Star Trek's future? If so, OTI is the office to ask.

The ASDB, which continues to be chaired by Admiral Chris Wallace, exists to help you create new designs which will still fit within the well-organized world of Star Trek. Thanks to both Paramount and lots of dedicated Star Trek fans, the hows, whys, and wherefores of Star Trek engineering are well-understood, and the ASDB stands ready to help you make your new design work, and indeed, be one that we can add to the ever-growing world of Star Trek.

The other new addition, the Existing Fan Club Program, is headed by Brigadier General Jill Rayburn. Jill has been doing a fine job in that position, and when the Program came to ShOC, I was very happy to have Jill come with it to become a part of the ShOC team. If a group that isn't a part of STARFLEET wants to join our fine organization, Jill - aided by her staff - will be one of the first point-of-contact for them, and we look forward to helping many such groups become part of the STARFLEET family.

And that's the primary ShOC team right now. As time goes along, we may find the need to add more people, and in that case, I'll be letting the Fleet know about any new positions that may come open.

Meanwhile, don't hesitate to get in touch with us. Our contact information is in the staff listing elsewhere in the *Communiqué*. We're here to help you, the shuttles and chapters and members of STARFLEET, get the most out of this organization, so don't be afraid to use the resources that ShOC offers. That goes not only for groups who are already shuttlecraft, but those just getting started and wanting to eventually become shuttles and then full chapters. If you're thinking about starting a shuttle, do not hesitate to contact us, because we can help right from the very start. For those of you on-line, we also have a Shuttle Operations website, which is just filled with useful information. It can be found here: <http://www.pcsys.net/~biff/> Check it out!

In other news, as we're getting started in these first weeks of the new administration, we're not planning on making a whole lot of changes yet. But we will be looking at the various operating procedures and seeing what might benefit from some tweaking. Right now, there's really only one significant change, and that's from the DTS side of the house.

Put most simply, if you're going to reserve a name with DTS, be sure that there's a pretty good likelihood that you will be going ahead and getting that new chapter underway. The reason

is that, effective immediately, reserves will no longer be open-ended and unlimited. Once a name-reservation is made, a group will have six months to go to shuttlecraft status. At the end of that time, the group may apply to have their reservation extended. If I don't hear from the group, though, the name will be released again, so anyone can reserve it.

We also have one other change. ShOC has a new insignia! In working to create a logo version that was a bit friendlier for letterhead and related uses, we ended up redesigning the whole thing. It's gotten a lot of positive reviews from our staff, and we hope that you'll all like it, too. I'd like to thank the graphic artist who did the lion's share of the design-work on the new insignia, LCDR Lauren Milan of FH 1860 Avenger (and the Office of Graphic Design). She did a great job, and it's appreciated.

Now, for the roster of groups seeing their names in print. <BG>

Four shuttlecraft have graduated the Program since I assumed the reins, and have been sent on to Ops for commissioning to full chapter status. Congrats, folks! These groups are:

**1] Shuttlecraft Arc Royal**  
Region 17, Colorado Springs, CO  
Robert W. Bulkeley, Commanding

**2] Shuttlecraft Ark Angel**  
Region 3, Round Rock, TX  
Jeffrey Webb, Commanding

**3] Shuttlecraft Darwin**  
Region 15, Brockton, MA  
Corey A. Grant, Commanding

**4] Shuttlecraft Dragon's Cub**  
Region 4, Correspondence  
Dee Horn, Commanding

We haven't deployed any new shuttles yet, but I'm looking forward to seeing some VRRs soon. <grin>

And that's all from ShOC for this issue! In the months to come, I'll have much more to talk about, but also, if any of you, dear readers, have any suggestions, comments, questions, etc., please don't hesitate to get in touch with me. I and the staff look forward to serving you, and to talking with many of you over the next couple of years.

Ad Astra!



# COMPUTER OPERATIONS

REAR ADMIRAL MARK H. ANBINDER

CHIEF OF COMPUTER OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

As I look around our virtual "office" (how appropriate) I see several new faces, and yet I'm pleased to share with everyone my confidence that we can continue serving the Fleet without losing any of the momentum we've built up over the last couple of years. That momentum developed while I was watching (and working) in the CompOps departments run by Jesse Smith and Teri Smith.

As you may have gathered from the departmental contact information that squeezed into issue 102 of this fine publication, we've got a new Membership Processing crew, out in the Pacific Northwest, handling your new and renewal membership applications. We welcome Captain Don Willits and Admiral Chris Wallace to the CompOps family. Don is the new Computer Operations Vice Chief in charge of Membership Processing. He, with Chris assisting, will be not only handling applications, but also revamping the behind-the-scenes computer database that we use to keep track of members.

Welcome also to Brett Morrow, taking over for Greg Trotter as the network administrator for STARFLEET's Internet presence, maintaining the servers, mailboxes, mailing lists, etc., that make up [sfi.org](http://sfi.org).

You've already heard about Mike Dugas and Lisa Fogelman, the CompOps Rosters Assistant and Web Developer, respectively.

Also, now that we're into the new Rickard/Goldberg administration of 2001, we here in Computer Operations are working with a new group of folks in STARFLEET's other departments in helping to keep everyone's information straight and accurate.

Shuttle Operations Command interacts with the STARFLEET member database (and with your intrepid CompOps crew) for the purpose of defining new chapters-in-training at the shuttle stage. When a shuttle is launched, ShOC must define the chapter in the member database, and then assign each of the shuttle's members to that chapter. Helping CompOps with this task are Sandy Berenberg, and ShOC Director Alex Rosenzweig.

Similarly, STARFLEET Operations works directly with the member database when a chapter is commissioned, and they make changes to reflect chapter changes of command. (You may have noticed that chapters are no longer required to file a copy of their change of command form with CompOps. This was redundant, so we've decided to save you the postage of sending that extra copy.) We

welcome Ops Chief Mark Vinson, who's already working in the database, to the clan!

One of the members of the CompOps extended family isn't all that far from the trunk of the ol' family tree. Greg Trotter, now working under Mike Malotte in STARFLEET Communications, heads up the STARFLEET HelpDesk project, and is working closely with us on membership problems, such as helping folks who haven't been getting their *Communiqué*.

And, of course, we're working closely with Tammy Willcox, STARFLEET's dedicated treasurer, who handles all of the money we receive for membership dues.

My thanks to everyone for their patience as we've made the transition to an almost entirely new Computer Operations team over the last few months. I'm working with a good group of people, and we look forward to continue serving all of you as best we can. As always, I'm available to answer questions or help solve problems if you care to e-mail [CompOpsHELP@sfi.org](mailto:CompOpsHELP@sfi.org), or use my postal address as published in any issue of CQ.

## CHANGE IN COMMAND?

By Rear Admiral Mark H. Anbinder • Chief of Computer Operations, STARFLEET

If your chapter is getting a new Commanding Officer or Executive Officer, whether by election, appointment by fiat, or bloodless coup, you need to tell STARFLEET all about it. Filing a "Chapter Change of Command form" ensures that the Fleet's contact information for each chapter is current, and provides spaces for multiple signatures to confirm that the change of command is valid and approved by the chapter's membership.

Remember that, while it's not up to STARFLEET how your chapter selects a CO or XO, Ops does want to

be confident that the change is known, and approved, by your chapter's members. Also, remember that a CO and XO must be at least 18 years of age, and must have passed Officer Training School (OTS) and Officer Command College (OCC), both of which are courses available from the STARFLEET Academy.

Of course, chapter COs and XOs must also be members in good standing of STARFLEET. Keep in mind that membership processing can take 6-8 weeks, so someone who's about to become a CO or XO shouldn't wait until the last minute before submitting

a renewal or new membership application!

The Change of Command form must be sent to your Regional Coordinator and to the Chief of Operations. (The Ops copy must include photocopies of the OTS and OCC certificates for the new leader or leaders.) Please note that, while some versions of this form still say you must send the form to the Chief of Computer Operations, this is no longer required.

You can download a copy of the Change of Command form at: <http://www.sdi.org/docs.html>

## MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING UPDATE

Captain Donald Willits  
Director - STARFLEET Membership  
Processing

We are pleased to report that Teri Smith is ready to complete the mailing of the Membership Packets she has processed so they should be at their recipients soon. Kudos to Mike Smith for getting the numbers crunched so this could be wrapped up.

We thank Teri and Jesse Smith for their hard work these past few years.

As for our team, we are currently up-to-date with all applications received the past two weeks at our PO Box.

We mailed 17 membership packets off on January 8th and we have another 30 going out today (the 15th). We continue to streamline our process and will do our best to maintain our two-week processing and mailing schedule.

Building off Jesse Smith's excellent work with the membership database, we hope to have a new version on the SFI.ORG website within the week.

As always, questions, concerns, or comments about your membership should be directed to [membership@sfi.org](mailto:membership@sfi.org).

Finally, checks or money orders for membership applications should be made payable to STARFLEET and not any individual or chapter. Membership Processing's address is:

SFI Membership Processing  
P.O. Box 7056  
Bellevue, WA 98008-1056

Note that the address given in CQ 102 was only temporary. Chris Wallace, my partner in this endeavor, owns that P.O. Box and memberships sent to it will be processed almost as quickly as those sent to the correct mailbox.





# EX ASTRA, SCIENTIA

ADMIRAL MARLENE MILLER

COMMANDANT, STARFLEET ACADEMY

Hello Everyone!

**Academy Application:** As always, the Academy faculty and staff has been busy providing a STARFLEET education for those who dare to seek it. First of all, RAdm Tom Restivo has produced an updated version of the Academy application. Believe me, it's no small task to keep the "app" and brochure current! Thanks, Tom! You can obtain your very own personal copy of Tom's Gem in several ways: Send a SASE to Tom Restivo, me, or any other member of the Academy faculty and staff; access a copy at the STARFLEET website: ([www.sfi.org](http://www.sfi.org)); access a copy at the STARFLEET Academy website: ([www.sfi-academy.org](http://www.sfi-academy.org)); request a copy from your CO or RC; or dig through the "stuff" in your Membership Packet until you find one.

**Don't forget the SASE:** Whenever you request a course packet from an Academy Director, please be sure to submit all requirements as specified on the Application. Many people forget to send a Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope (SASE) and the required loose stamps with their application. Failure to include everything puts a financial burden on the Director. Granted, the cost may "only" be 2 loose stamps and an SASE ... but if you multiply that cost times approximately 100 students per month... that can turn into big bucks real quick!

**Transitions and Reconstructions:** As

always, the Academy is in constant flux. Within the past few months we've modified, will modify or have added the following schools: Radio School, B.U.R.P.S., College of Federation Studies, College of History, College of Alien History and Culture, College of Communications, and the Cadet School.

**College of Communications Seeking New Director:** Just a few days before the deadline for CQ #103, College of Communications Director, Michael Anderson reluctantly informed me that he needed to step down as Director. Mike has served the Academy as CoC Director for almost 2 years and letting go of something he enjoys doing, isn't easy. However, Mike realizes that his current time constraints, and the fact that he will be going back to college will put even more of a drain on his time. Rather than see the CoC students suffer by having to wait an excessively long time to receive test results, Mike has decided to do the honorable thing. Effective today and until April 10, 2001, I am taking applications for the next Director of the College of Communications. Although I prefer receiving applications via "snail" mail, I will accept them via e-mail. Please see details elsewhere in the Academy pages of this CQ. Thank you for your service with the CoC, and we're looking forward to having you remain with the Academy in other areas.

**Cadet Academy:** The Cadet Academy is now open and ready for students.

The first few departments include: Cadet 20th Century Space; Cadet Security and Cadet Federation Studies. Soon (perhaps as you read this) the Cadet Vulcan Academy of Science will also be waiting to hear from you. Be the first to graduate from a Cadet Academy course! Cadet students must be between the ages of 6 and 18. Older students may be admitted at the request of their Commanding Officer.

**Less from the Commandant:** In my attempt to acquaint you with the Academy faculty and staff, you will continue to see articles written by them in various STARFLEET publications, including the *Communiqué*. Read their articles... write to them with your comments, questions or ideas. We're here for YOU.

**International Campuses:** As always, I'm on the look-out for International STARFLEET members who would like to join the Academy faculty. So... if you enjoy working with people, and have a talent for teaching... The Academy Needs you! Send your application to me. Please see the College of Communications article for Academy qualifications.

Come on. Let's keep the Academy Directors so busy, they won't have time to be bored!

Take care. We'll see you in #104.

*Marlene J Miller*

## STARFLEET ACADEMY COMMANDANT REVEALED AT LAST?

After the intrepid CQ Staff's continuing mission to seek out pictures of one Marlene Miller and seemingly being thwarted by the thoroughly perplexing total absence of any known photographic image of the same said person (despite our generous bounty of \$6.47), we've slowly but surely begun to develop the theory that Marlene may not even exist!

These theories gained a startling amount of momentum upon the anonymous receipt of the picture to your left. It is supposed to be a photograph of the "real" Marlene

Miller, during a recent Academy Conference Call. The source, though wishing to remain anonymous, is considered to be a "guy of no little consequence within the Academy" and we have no reason to doubt him. This revelation has startling repercussions for all of STARFLEET and to get to the bottom of it, we've dispatched Ace Historian Scott Akers to write an expose for the next issue of the CQ, entitled "Marlene on Screen: The Molly Baxter Connection."

Stay tuned! You know you don't want to miss that one!

## BITS AND PIECES FROM AROUND THE ACADEMY

### College of Federation Studies

COFS is active again with tests now being accepted for grading. There is a new web site where tests may be downloaded. <http://www.geocities.com/sfacofs>. For those who download tests, when you mail your answers to me please include your e-mail address if you have one. A "fun" test to start with is History of the Enterprise. Also, new certificates are being designed which will be special. We welcome new students.

- Submitted by Anne Bellenger

### Cadet Academy

Starfleet Academy and Starfleet Cadet Academy currently have openings for Instructors for the Cadet Academy, and the following Campuses: Australia, Europe and Canada. Please submit your Real-Life and Starfleet resumes to:

Marlene J. Miller  
461 Harmony Lane  
Campbell, OH 44405-1212.

- Submitted by Marlene Miller

### College of Mythological Studies

Hello, STARFLEET! If you are into history, especially the mythological side of history, have I got news for you. The College of Mythological Studies (COMS) has opened up for students just like you! The college is divided into two categories: Terran Mythology and Alien Mythology. So far, we have five exams: Bajoran Mythology, Celtic Mythology, Classical Mythology (Greek and Roman), Egyptian Mythology, and Norse Mythology. Tuition is \$1, two loose first-class stamps, and a SASE (if requesting the exam via postal mail). You may send your applications to the following address:

Wayne Lee Killough, Jr.,  
319 N. Maple St.  
Harrison, AR 72601

- Submitted by Wayne Lee Killough, Jr.,

### ACADEMY SPECIAL ASSISTANT

I am currently in the process of putting the last touches on the rough draft of the new SFA Director's Guidebook. This manual will give ideas and advice to Academy Directors, both old and new. As the Special Assistant, I try to take in comments, ideas, questions, and concerns about STARFLEET Academy. If you have any input about the Academy, please contact me about it. I can be reached at [SFASpecAsst@sfi.org](mailto:SFASpecAsst@sfi.org) or at [killough@alltel.net](mailto:killough@alltel.net). I would love to hear any ideas you might have for the Academy...especially ideas on new schools. So, if you have an idea, or if you have a problem (I hope not, but if you do), just let me know and I will make sure the appropriate people are listening to you.

- Submitted by Wayne Lee Killough, Jr.





# 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 November 15th through January 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 with the College or School, during the report period above.

<b>INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP</b> <i>Peg Pellerin, Dean</i>	<b>Officer's Training School (OTS)</b> <i>Peg Pellerin, Elizabeth Worth, Manon Lessard-Belanger, Jeroen Vantroyen - Directors</i> <div>Daisy Wan Jeannette W. Self James A. Smith Debbie Artrip Jessica Flores Pena Alan Moresco Timothy Taber Charlie Hess Raymond Gale Paul Garrison Shawon Smith Marcus Hulshof</div> <div>Jeff Weber Kevin King Ronald Wentz Matthew Power Kristy Benoit Kyle Wolf Saraah Day</div>	<b>Officer's Command College (OCC)</b> <i>James Cushing, Alan Yates, David Blaser - Directors</i> <div>Franz Bruyere Lisa Jackson Patrina Kamp Mike Dethlefs Chris Johnson Gene Chapman Erik Larson Cami Royer Jolene Williamson Casey Covington Debby Garri Daniel LaBelle</div> <div>Richard Sussman Mark Schuber</div>	<b>Flag Officer School (FOS)</b> <i>Helen Pawlowski, Alan Yates - Directors</i> <div>Billie Clifton Jolynn Brown Billie Clifton David Lynch Andrew Gossett</div>
	<b>School of Literature (SOL)</b> <i>Jill Rayburn, Director</i> <div>Kitara Pramela John McCarter John Roberts</div> <b>School of Language Studies (SOLS)</b> <i>Sherry Anne Newell, Director</i> <div>Eddie Milbrandt, Jr (6) * * * * * Donna Gulluni Bud Cullum</div>	<b>School of Treknology (SOT)</b> <i>Alice C. Strange; A. Jean Smith, Directors</i> <div>Cathy Edgington (5) * Elizabeth Phillips (2) * Billie Clifton (3) * * Larry Williams Wayne L. Killough, Jr. Kurt Roithinger *</div> <b>School of Music (SOM)</b> <i>Sherry Anne Newell, Director</i> <div>Beth Phillips</div>	<b>College of Alien History &amp; Culture (CAHC)</b> <i>David Peifer, Director</i> <div>Kurt Roithinger (3) * * * Sylvester Smith (10) * * * * * Rena Williams-Criss (10) * * * * * * * * Linda Johnson * Diana Dungan *</div> <b>School of Trek Humor (SOTH)</b> <i>Sherry Anne Newell, Director</i> <div>Glenda Blanks</div>
<b>INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES</b> <i>Greg Staylor, Dean</i>	<b>Security School (SFASS)</b> <i>Greg Staylor, Director</i> <div>Patrina Kamp (5) * Heath Lerew * John Roberts (2) * * Larry Williams *</div> <div>Sherri Huff * Tricia Kettwig * Barney Cole</div> <b>School of Strategy &amp; Tactics (SOST)</b> <i>Sanford Berenberg, Director</i> <div>Barney Cole Sherri Huff (2) Robert Vosseller *</div>	<b>Klingon Warrior Academy (KWA)</b> <i>Debra Kern, Director</i> <div>Beth Phillips Kitara Pramela (2) * David Clifton (3) * Joseph Hoolihan (2) * * Brenda Rice (2) * * Kurt Roithinger * David Pitts (2) * Bryan Houseknecht (3) * * * Efrain Vidal-Plaza (2) * * Billie Clifton (3) * * John McCarter *</div> <div>Alice Strange * Jean Smith * Linda K. Johnson * David Pitts * Mandy Halleman * Edith Padgett * Wayne L. Killough * Scott A. Akers * Sean A. Meyer * John Roberts (3) * * *</div>	<b>College of Starship Operations (COSO)</b> <i>James W. Lee, Director</i> <div>Joe Hinson Sherri Huff</div> <div>Sylvester Smith (2) Aurora Gulluni (3)</div> <b>Vessel Readiness Certification Program</b> <i>Carol Thompson, Director</i> <div>These ships have certified departments since 9/13/00. U.S.S. BENNU (3) U.S.S. STORMBRINGER (1) U.S.S. DESTINY (5) U.S.S. MATRIX (10)</div> <div>U.S.S. SOL (1) U.S.S. MIR (4) USS NORMANDY (4)</div>
	<b>College of Medicine (SACOM)</b> <i>Wayne Killough, Director</i> <div>Jean Meyer * Raymond Johnson Nancy O'Shields (3) Allyson M. W. Dyar (5) * * Meg Roach Patrina Kamp (2)</div> <b>College of Computer History (COCH)</b> <i>Sharon Ann Clark, Director</i> <div>Kurt F. Roithinger *</div>	<b>Vulcan Academy of Science (VAS)</b> <i>Marlene Miller, Director</i> <div>John Roberts (2) Jeff Roy (4) * John Prushko (4) * * * Kurt Roithinger (2) * * Denise Wolff * Patrina Kamp Kimberly Rochelle (2) * Janice Willcocks * Nancy Lynch * Jeremy Grabbe * Pamela Michaud *</div>	<b>Ship Counselor College (SCC)</b> <i>Helen Pawlowski; Donna Jean Noddin, Directors</i> <div>Tira Lerew (3) * * Allyson M. W. Dyar (3) * * * Eddie Milbrandt * Anne Bellenger</div> <b>College of Survival Studies (COSS)</b> <i>Carol Thompson, Director</i> <div>Shannon Sidman Sharon Russell</div>





# THE SFA VESSEL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

By Commodore Carol Thompson • Director, VRCP

Artwork Adapted By Admiral Chris Wallace • STARFLEET Region Five

In the ages before starships roamed space, the US Navy required that each of its ships pass a series of tests or drills in order to become certified for sea duty. A Starship, Space Station, or other Vessel should also pass inspection before it is put into service. Each department and ultimately the entire vessel can earn its certification.

This series of certifications is to be earned through the efforts of the entire crew of a STARFLEET Vessel (hereafter referred to as "Ship".) The purpose of this program is to combine the efforts of a crew taking Academy classes. In the past, members took classes individually for their own edification, receiving promotion points for earning each diploma. (OTS and OCC were the only Academy courses that affected the entire Vessel.) The VRCP is designed to provide a platform in which Fleet members can pool their diplomas for the good of the ship.

## APPLICATION PACKET

The CO of the Vessel or a Designated Certification Officer should submit all applications for your Vessel. You may apply to the VRCP in three ways:

1. If you apply on the Academy application, a Certification Application Packet will be mailed or e-mailed to you
2. You may e-mail me directly [betazoid@mosquitonet.com](mailto:betazoid@mosquitonet.com) requesting an Application Packet.
3. Alternately, you may print out the VRCP applications by clicking on the hyperlinks online at: <http://www.mosquitonet.com/~betazoid/vrcp.htm>.

Return your Vessel Profile with your first Departmental Application. Return each Departmental Application with copies of required diplomas (hereafter called a "diploma packet.") and TWO FIRST CLASS STAMPS. When all of your departments are certified, submit the Vessel Readiness Certification application and copies of all the certifications. Include ONE FIRST CLASS STAMP.

## HOW IT WORKS & REQUIREMENTS:

Rather than one or two people taking all the classes, the entire STARFLEET crew will fulfill the requirements by submitting copies of diplomas from classes they took at STARFLEET Academy. (The VRCP does not administer its own exam.)

The ship can certify one or more departments at a time. Once all existing departments of a ship are certified, the ship will receive a STARFLEET Vessel Readiness

Certificate, which may be updated as conditions on the ship change.

Department Readiness Certificates include (Requirements are in parentheses):

- **Command Readiness Certification** (OTS, OCC, and choice of 1 diploma from EACH of any other TWO schools)

- **Operations Readiness Certification** (4 diplomas from College of Starship Operations)

- **Security Readiness Certification** (Choice of 4 diplomas from School of Strategy and Tactics, Security School)

- **Tactical Readiness Certification** (Choice of 4 diplomas from School of Strategy and Tactics, Security School)

- **Engineering Readiness Certification** (Choice of 4 diplomas from School of Engineering, College of Starship Operations)

- **Science Readiness Certification** (4 diplomas from Vulcan Academy of Science)

- **Medical Readiness Certification** (4 diplomas from Academy College of Medicine)

- **Counselors Readiness Certification** (4 diplomas from the Counselors' College)

- **Chaplains Readiness Certification** (Choice of 4 diplomas from Seminary [still being developed], Counselors College)

- **Communications Readiness Cert.** (Choice of 4 diplomas from College of Communications, College of Computer History, School of Language Studies, STARFLEET Officers' Radio School)

- **Cadet Corps Readiness Certification** (4 diplomas from any school. This is restricted to cadets or former cadets with cadet diplomas only.)

- **Education-Recreation Readiness Cert.** (Choice of 4 diplomas from College of History, School of Literature, School of Language Studies, School of Music, College of Trade & Commerce, Acrocademy)

- **Diplomatic Corps Readiness Cert.** (Choice of 4 diplomas from Klingon Warrior Academy, School of Cultural, Anthropology)

- **Marine Strike Group Certification** (Completion Confirmations for PD-10,

PD-20 and choice of two -10/-20 level courses in the Branch of the ship's MSG. If copies of the confirmations are not available, the CO or OIC of the MSG should submit a letter stating which courses have been completed.)

Other certificates may be created for unusual or combined ship operations.

Note: "Choice of 4 classes" followed by a list of schools means that the crew may take classes from any or all of the listed classes or schools. Commissioned Vessels with 10 or more STARFLEET personnel must submit FOUR diplomas for each department. Shuttles with 5 or more STARFLEET members but fewer than 10 must submit TWO diplomas for each department. Preshuttles with fewer than 5 STARFLEET members may submit ONE diploma for each department. Diplomas will be accepted from any campus (past, present, or future) of STARFLEET Academy.

## COMMON CONDITIONS

- **We Don't Have That Department:** A vessel does not have to certify departments it does not have (due to lack of members or by design) in order to earn her STARFLEET Vessel Readiness Certificate. Your departments will be listed in your Vessel Profile.

- **We Have A Combined Department:** Combined departments may take half of their requirements from one department and the other half from the other department. (example: A combined Security-Tactical Department may choose two diplomas from the requirements for the Security Department and two diplomas from the requirements for the Tactical Department.)

- **We Don't Have Enough Members In A Department:** Diplomas may be submitted from members of ANY department to certify ANY department. If you only have one Medical Officer, diplomas may be used from other crewmembers to certify the Medical Department. This is a ship-wide effort, not a departmental effort.

- **We Can't Earn That Many Diplomas!** A required diploma may be used to fulfill more than one certification. The ship does not have to earn diplomas for any class more than once. Just re-submit the diploma for each relevant certification the ship is applying for. A good strategy is to collect all the copies of all the diplomas earned by your crew. Make about 3 copies of each. Lay them out according to department and mix

and match till you meet the requirements.

- **Can I Send In Identical Diploma Packets For Two Departments?** The diploma packet submitted for one department must differ by at least two classes (one class for shuttles and preshuttles) from the diploma packet in another application. For example: a ship may not apply for both the Security and the Tactical Certifications with the same four diplomas. Two diplomas for Tactical must differ from the diplomas for Security. (Shuttles and preshuttles differ by one.)

- **One Or Two Officers Can Certify Most Of The Departments:** Diplomas must be submitted from as many different members as possible. A Commissioned Vessel should have at least four different people working together to certify the ship. (A shuttle should have at least three and a preshuttle should have at least two.) Although some specialized departments (Medical, Security, Counselors, etc) might submit four diplomas from one person, if at all possible, diplomas should come from several members.

- **What About Former Members?** Diplomas must have been earned by a current member of the ship. The diploma is valid even if the member is no longer a STARFLEET International member. If you have a valuable former member, it might be advantageous to get that person back on the duty roster, even if only by correspondence.

- **Is There A Time Limit On Diplomas?** Diplomas may have been earned at any time in the past, by any current member of the ship, from any department. (If a current ship member earned a diploma in 1979, then it is valid, whether or not the person is a current STARFLEET member.)

- **How Do We Update Our Certifications?** A ship holding a STARFLEET Vessel Readiness Certification may update departmental certifications as crew rotates and new departments are formed. The ship does NOT have to start all over.

A shuttle that graduates to a commissioned Vessel may update its certifications by submitting the additional diplomas required for that department. Credit is given for any diplomas already in the Vessel's file.

- **We Have Certified All Our Departments. Now What?** Once all of your departments are certified, the CO or Designated Officer will submit copies of all Certifications along with the application for the Vessel Readiness Certification.

# COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATIONS SEEKS DIRECTOR!

By Admiral Marlene Miller • Commandant, STARFLEET Academy

Because of time constraints and returning to College, Cmdr. Michael Anderson will be stepping down as Director of the College of Communications. As a result, I will be accepting applications for the position until April 10, 2001.

Each applicant must include a description of who you are (anything you want to tell me about yourself), what your qualifications are, and what you have accomplished in your STARFLEET career. Remember to include your ideas on how to improve the College. If you have developed a course which will fit into the Communications curriculum... send it along. All submissions will become the property of STARFLEET Academy and may be used even if the course developer does not receive the assignment.

These requirements and qualifications which must be met for potential STARFLEET Academy Directors:

1. Applicant must be a STARFLEET member who is in "good standing" (include your SCC #).
2. Applicant must have successfully completed, be in the process of completing, or be willing to complete (within 3 months) OTS, OCC, FOS and at least one other STARFLEET Academy course.
3. Applicant must have a good command of the English language.
4. Applicant must be at least 18 years old. (If under the age of 18, applicant must have permission of his/her parents or legal guardian).
5. Applicant must be able to relate, without prejudice, to all STARFLEET's members.
6. Applicant must be a fan of Star Trek.

As an Academy Director, duties would include, but are not limited to:

1. Receiving applications from potential students via postal and/or electronic mail
2. Recording and taking responsibility for safekeeping of income received

- from students which will be sent to the Academy Commandant or his/her designated recipient.
3. Sending exam packets to students via postal and/or electronic mail.
  4. Scoring exam packets which are returned to you.
  5. Sending monthly reports (Income Director's and Reimbursement ) to the Academy Commandant or his/her designated recipient.
  6. Fostering an overall positive attitude regarding your School and STARFLEET Academy.

Send to:  
Marlene J. Miller  
461 Harmony Lane  
Campbell, Ohio 44405-1212

Good Luck!

Mike... thank you for your work with the Communications College, and with the Academy. Although we hate to see you leave, I can understand your reason for doing so. Here's to your success in pursuit of your second college degree!

# ACADEMY ACCESS CONSULTANT

By Captain Michaelene Biber

I am physically challenged. I've had multiple sclerosis since 1970 and have been using a wheelchair since 1976. I went through college after becoming disabled and attended graduate school in a wheelchair. This was back in the 1970s when the world was not user friendly to the disabled. I have recently become hearing challenged, so I understand the obstacles encountered by those with hearing impairments.

I joined STARFLEET in 1993 and became the Chief Medical Officer of the USS Ari NCC-1723. Soon after joining, I started taking SFA courses. I had taken courses in several different schools, and had encountered some minor problems with some of the resource materials and requirements. In 1995 then-Academy Commandant, Bjo Trimble was looking for someone to evaluate SFA courses for accessibility to those with disabilities. In 1996 I started evaluating SFA courses as access consultant to SFA.

I have a Masters Degree in Special Education. I have lists of closed-captioned Star Trek genre videos and Star Trek genre books that are available from the Talking Books Library in Braille or on tape. These videos and books would be appropriate sources for questions and answers on tests, for those who are hearing or visually challenged. Besides evaluating the tests for use by those who are hearing or visually challenged, I evaluate the tests for use by those who have physical or educational challenges and give the test a grade level.

When Academy Directors send me their tests, I include an evaluation of each test I receive, suggestions for improving tests or adding lower level tests, and the closed captioning & Talking Books lists in my evaluations. The tests that I evaluated in 1996 only needed minor changes. With most SFA materials available on the Internet, many tests will be more user-friendly to the disabled. Academy Directors may send tests for evaluation to: Michaelene Biber Access Consultant, SFA 159 Miller Avenue Apt 1-A Buffalo, NY 14211-3309

In order for STARFLEET to realize Gene Roddenberry's dream for the future, we must not exclude the disabled from any aspects of Starfleet membership.

# STARFLEET ACADEMY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

By Fleet Captain Wayne Lee Killough, Jr. • Director, STARFLEET Academy College of Medicine

Greetings from STARFLEET Medical. The College of Medicine has been getting more and more busy lately (which, in my opinion, is a very good thing). Not only have I been keeping busy, but I am trying to keep my Assistant Director, Allyson Dyar, busy as well. Thanks to her and Kurt Roithinger, SACOM has a new logo... I hope y'all love it as much as I do!!! Allyson has also

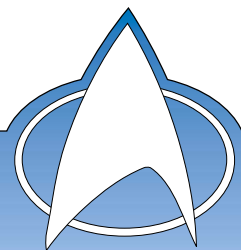
published new SACOM documents for me to use, displaying the new logo. Thanks bunches, Allyson!

Now, here comes the part I really like... I would like to congratulate the following students for passing SACOM courses with a 95% or above. These exams were taken from September 1, 2000, until January 10, 2001:

Allyson M. W. Dyar	Geriatrics Specialty	98%
Allyson M. W. Dyar	Nursing Certification	100%
Allyson M. W. Dyar	Pharmacology Certification	95%
Allyson M. W. Dyar	Physical Therapy Certification	100%
Allyson M. W. Dyar	Veterinary Medicine Specialty	95%
David Peifer	Dentistry Specialty	100%
John Roberts	Basic Doctorate	98%
Kimberly Renee Brooks	Obstetrics Specialty	97%
Meg Roach	Veterinary Medicine Specialty	97%
Nancy Lynch	Cardiology Specialty	100%
Nancy Lynch	Nursing Certification	100%
Nancy Joan O'Shields	AIDS/STD Research	96%
Nancy Joan O'Shields	Veterinary Medicine	98%
Neil Yawn	Veterinary Medicine Specialty	100% (Honorary)
Paula Kesler	Field Medic - First Aid	96%
Paula Kesler	Field Medic - CPR	96%
Raymond E. Johnson	Nursing Certification	100%
Rosa Jackson	Hematology Specialty	95%
Sean A. Meyer	Psychiatry/Psychology Specialty	100%

Let's give these members a big round of applause!!!





# STARFLEET PROMOTIONS

COMPILED BY MARINE CAPTAIN DEBORAH MALOTTE

Here are the final promotions for 2000:

## To Fleet Captain/ Brigadier:

Janice Willcocks  
JC Cohen  
Edgar Torres  
Linda Oakley  
Tracy Newby  
Joan E. Pierce  
Keith Brinegar  
Richard "Doc" Kinne



## To Commodore/ Brigadier General:

Jennifer Cole  
Shirley Weaver  
Jim Cushing  
Joseph Podesta  
Kurt Pfeiffer  
Hazel Gilbert



## To Rear Admiral/ Major General:

Mark H. Anbinder  
Tom Restivo  
Carol Thompson  
Greg Staylor  
Sashi Alexandra German  
Lisa N. Paradis Berkenbilt  
Matt Myers  
Denine Sanders



## To Vice Admiral/ Lieutenant General:

Helen Pawlowski



## To Admiral/ General:

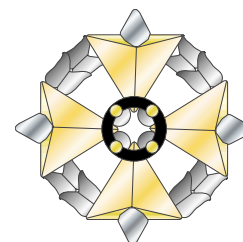
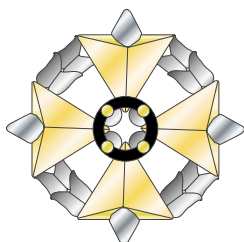
Marlene Miller  
Jesse Smith  
Barbara Paul



And, by the will of the membership:

## To Fleet Admiral:

Les Rickard



## STARFLEET PROMOTIONS UPDATE

By Marine Captain Deborah Malotte • Interim STARFLEET Director of Promotions

Hello STARFLEET! As many of you know, I have been named as the Interim STARFLEET Director of Promotions. Many thanks to Fleet Admiral Les Rickard for allowing me to get involved in Fleet at an International level. I'd like to take a minute of your time and give the contact information for requesting promotions.

The easiest way is to fill out the on-line form at <http://promotions.sfi.org/>. Once submitted, it comes to me automatically. I assign a number to it, enter it into the Promotions database, and forward it on to the EC for consideration.

To send it through US Mail, go to <http://www.sfi.org/html/docs.html/> and download the Flag Promotion Form. Fill it out and send it to:

Deborah A. Malotte  
Promotion Request  
4331 Laurel Ave.  
Kansas City, MO 64133

If you need a paper form you can send me a letter requesting the form and I will mail one back to you. This method takes a bit longer, as I need to type in the request manually, and then send it on (once the Postal Service gets it here).

If you have any questions regarding status of a request or just looking for general information, drop me a line.

I can be reached at [promotions@sfi.org](mailto:promotions@sfi.org) or you can call me at (816) 356-TREK. My current work schedule is as follows: Monday thru Friday, 8 am to 6 PM. The best times to reach me are after 7 PM Monday thru Friday, and hit and miss on Saturday and Sunday.

The bulk of my Promotions work will be done on the weekends so, if you have any emergency promotions that need to be done by the following weekend (for Summits, anniversaries, etc.), please try to get them to me by the previous Wednesday and I'll see what I can do to get them through.



# MISHAP III: THE SEARCH FOR SANTA

**Vice Admiral Bob Vosseller • USS Challenger**

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

Over 70 people attended and enjoyed MISHAP III: The Search For Santa the third annual holiday party hosted by STARFLEET chapters USS Avenger, USS Challenger, ISS Lexington and independents USS Bounty and USS Tempest on December 9.

Many groups in and out of STARFLEET enjoyed the party including the USS Malverne, USS Thagard, USS Justice, USS Tanagara and outside of SF, the USS Nemesis, Battlestar Phoenix, ISS Temperance and many others. (If I missed anyone, I'm sorry, there were just so many people it was hard to keep track.)

There was wonderful food, a fun atmosphere, arts & crafts, door prizes and dancing by Thagard's own Ty Campbell who served as DJ this year.

As usual Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus made an appearance and presented grab bag gifts to those that brought them for an exchange and gave out door prizes. A large collection of canned food was stacked up for distribution to an area food pantry

as part of Project:Replicator which represents fandom's effort to help the needy at this time of year.

children of club members are taking part in the same fun things that we all are. Its great to see. Photos will be seen



**Frequent Partyer:** Author Robert Vosseller, here seen at the Region 7 Holiday Party with Mark Hanford and Hazel Gilbert.

*- Photo courtesy of Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo*

There seemed to be more cadet age attendees then in year's past, reminding us that our corner of fandom seems to be getting older and more

on various websites and in several club newsletters.

Santa brought USS Challenger Ops

Chief Ken Diehl a nice surprise for the occasion, his certificate from Region 7 Coordinator Jesse Smith for his fourth pip and promotion to the rank of Captain. He was quite surprised.

For those involved in the Fleet Cavalry program around the region and in pockets of fandom, our snappy new lapel pins debuted with "Major General" Mark Hanford and I receiving ours during the party.

No one went home hungry and we'd like to thank the great work done by this year's caterer Eileen Schutsky of the USS Tempest and Challenger. Decorations, music, crafts, and all the fun took some work and we'd like to thank everyone involved. I think it's also safe to say that all the hosts of MISHAP III appreciate the great turnout and those who came out.

Also enjoying holiday parties the same evening were our friends from sector 3, the USS Accord and south of us in sector 1, the USS Thagard and the USS Sovereign. I'm sure you guys had a great time at your events also.

## USS CRYSTAL STAR BATTLES FOR BLOOD!

**Captain David Badger • USS Crystal Star**

*T'was just before Christmas and all round the mall.  
Starfleet and Klingons ran through the halls.  
The blood bank was in need and we tried to help.  
The Crystal Star and Hand of Fek'Ler answered their yelp.*

Yes we went at it again. Friday Dec 22 and Saturday Dec 23 the USS Crystal Star and the KAG ship the Hand of Fek'Ler faced off in a battle for blood for the 4th time. The goal was to get the most people to donate in the name of their favorite ship. In past blood drives the ships collected between 35 and 50 units in a day. We wanted to exceed that and make this a two day free-for-all. After spending hours setting up the props and getting into make-up it started at noon. The STARFLEET forces lead by Capt. David Badger, CO of the



**Who says Klingon and Federation Members can't get along:** A group shot of the participants in the Blood Drive.

*- Photo courtesy of David Badger*

Crystal Star, and Lt. Marcus Hulshof tried to entice people to give blood.

The Klingons were lead by Capt. Pil'o also used unusual methods to draw in patrons. We had a Klingon Santa for the kids, a Vulcan juggler, and gift wrapping in both Federation and Klingon style. Shirley Badger was wrapping for STARFLEET and Pil'o was doing the Klingon wrapping for the adventurous.

It was 2 days of hard work and fun that provided the blood bank with much needed supplies. The blood bank reported a tally of 143 units drawn over the two days, the second highest amount in the states history for a single drive and the largest ever in the city of Anchorage. And the final result? The Klingons had 6 more votes the Crystal Star - but the big winner was the Blood Bank!





# FROM USS EAGLE...

BY STARFLEET HISTORIAN LGEN. SCOTT A. AKERS



# ...TO USS JAGUAR

The Motto of the Office of Fleet Historian is simply "Memory is Fleeting, History is Eternal". It is the mission of this office to collect, preserves, analyze, and disseminate items and facts from our club's beginnings through today. Of the many different projects, which include the Short and Long Histories of Fleet, the Regional Genealogies, and the *Communique* Archives, is this new project. Namely to select one chapter every other month, that has both survived and thrived throughout the tumultuous 26+ years of our club's histories. In addition, highlights and information on the newest descendant of that chapter will be included.

First of these will be the oldest continuously active chapter in STARFLEET, the USS Eagle from region 4. Her newest great great great great (etc) grand daughter is the USS Jaguar, the 1999 Shuttle of the Year, and the Region 5 Flagship.

The USS Eagle the Proud Grand Dame of the Fleet was launched in 1978, long before the shuttlecraft program. According to the records, the group was originally gathered together as the Outpost Sirius 9, the first California group to charter with what was then still called STARFLEET CENTRAL in 1976. This group chartered directly off the Central HQ which was at first called the USS Enterprise, which was the first chapter of STARFLEET.

The Eagle itself was commissioned on July 7th, 1978 in Fremont, California, under the command of Captain Joseph Allen. In order the following officers served as CO of the Eagle: Jack Fields, Eugene Craig, Dail Koehler, Bonnie Doran, and currently Captain Jerry Tien.

The Eagle also launched a few chapters, before and during the shuttle program.

A partial list includes the USS Defiance (pre-shuttle program), the Northern Lights, and the Onizuka.

The Defiance, as mentioned was commissioned before the shuttle program, and according to past Fleet

Admiral Rob Lerman, they were already a collection of Star Trek fans in the Sacramento area, who had gathered together, and upon learning about STARFLEET from members of the USS Eagle at a local convention decided that they too HAD to be part of the greatest human adventure. Unfortunately the Defiance left fleet in 1995-6 during the McGinnis administration.

One of the most important Shuttles launched by the Defiance was the Shuttle and later full chapter the USS Simonov, still around today. The Simonov was at one time home of the Deputy Commandant of the SFMC, Brigadier General Rex Moffett, and was the ship was one of the primary sponsors of the 2000 STARFLEET West Coast Conference. The chapter has only had two CO's, 0/10/90 to 05/13/96 Vice Admiral Kim Lerman and 05/13/96 to Present Fleet Captain Pete Briggs. The Simonov has gained much notoriety as being the hunters of both the Regional Coordinator's Hat (sorry Ed) and the Regional Mascot, "Dinky" a stuffed Taco Bell Chihuahua. The USS Simonov shuttled off the Shuttle Atreides in the early 1990s. A sister ship of the Atreides was the Shuttle and later chapter USS Maud'Dib.

The Shuttle Atreides became the USS Atreides in 1992, and prospered in the Bay Area of California. One of the first shuttles to come off the Atreides was the Golden Gate, which commissioned as the USS Golden Gate, and here is where things get confusing. The Atreides under Captain Unicorn Escobedo and the Golden Gate under Captain David Nottage left Fleet in 1995 during the mass exodus of Region Four chapters following the removal of Admiral Janice Moore, by Fleet Admiral McGinnis. The then UFPI Golden Gate shuttled off the Shuttle Nexus, however it became quickly apparent that Golden Gate was unable to fulfill its responsibilities as a mother ship, and the Shuttle Nexus was passed off to the UFPI Atreides until its commissioning as the UFPI's Space Station Nexus under the command of then Captain Kurt Roithinger.

In 1996 the SS Nexus joined Starfleet

through the EFCP program, and shortly after the New Year, its CO, Kurt Roithinger was elected Regional Coordinator for Region 5. Kurt was also instrumental in drafting the current Constitution used by STARFLEET, with many checks and balances to prevent another Dictatorial Presidency.

In the spring of 1999, two members of the NEXUS, Rear Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace and Major General Scott A. Akers decided that northern Seattle needed a chapter that catered to the needs of their respective executive departments; the STARFLEET Starship Design Advisory Commission for Wallace, and the Office of Fleet Historian for Akers.

The crew of the Jaguar is composed of artists, animators (traditional and CG), fiction writers, storytellers, composers, researchers, technical draftsmen, layout artists, video production people, and web page designers. Their hobbies are many and varied, though we all have enough in common to make it an interesting blend of characters. Fiction writing is a major focus of the ship (and in fact, was one of the primary reasons for her creation).

The ship serves as both an International and a Regional "Think Tank," with a crew acknowledged as some of the top specialists in their fields. They have undertaken a number of projects dedicated to the betterment of STARFLEET and her members, and continue our endeavors to this day.

The Jaguar performs her "Fleet Think Tank" duties on the fictional level, as well. Home to the current Chairman of the STARFLEET Advanced Starship Design Bureau and to the Editors of Jane's Fleet Review, the Jaguar publishes a number of technical documents including Ships of the Star Fleet, STARFLEET Prototype, Dockyard Review, Jane's Fleet Review, and Ships of Earth. Many of these can be found on the publications page of ASDB.NET (<http://www.asdb.net>).

But technical publications are not all. Jaguar assisted in the production of the latest STARFLEET Membership Handbook, as well as the Region Five

Handbook and Region Five Uniform Guide.

Jaguar's senior officers work tirelessly for both STARFLEET and Region Five. Former Commanding Officer Chris Wallace was the current Editor of the STARFLEET *Communique* and is producing the best editions of that publication ever. And as Chairman of the ASDB, Admiral Wallace has produced dozens of technical publications. Former Executive Officer Scott A. Akers serves as the STARFLEET Historian and has worked tirelessly to document the history of the organization, as well as special projects like the Regional Chapter Lineages. Current CO and Stellar Cartographer Don Willits serve as the Ambassador for Region Five, as Director of Membership Processing.

The Jaguar travels within the Region, promoting STARFLEET and the Region itself. Officers have also traveled to events outside the Region and have provided support to other Regions and their chapters. Jaguar's dedicated to Community Service is no less. The ship sponsors a local Boy Scout's Explorer Computer Club, as well as funding local shelters and charities. Members of the Jaguar donated more than \$7,100 in 1999 to charities affiliated with fleet.

From Eagle to Jaguar, 23 years and counting and what a glorious 23 years, a History of the Giants in STARFLEET past and present, Fields, Lerman, Moore, Dyar, Roithinger, and Wallace; a Fleet Admiral, three Admirals, two Regional Coordinators, two Chiefs of Communications, one head of STARFLEET Academy, two Editors of the *Communique*, and even two STARFLEET Officer of the Year.

A fine tradition that is just starting.

Until next issue, I remain Historically yours,  
LGen. Scott A. Akers

STARFLEET Historian

# PICKS'N'PANS — WHERE MEMBERS REVIEW THOSE SPECIAL THINGS WE CANNOT DO WITHOUT!

## Fleet Captain Mike Wilkerson • USS Atlas: "G.I. JOE — THE MOVIE" (DVD EDITION)

One of the greatest things that technology has brought us in recent years, is the advent of the DVD. It has allowed us not only to enjoy the most recent releases in an all new format, featuring a new behind the scenes, how'd they do that, blooper reel, documentary-laden perspective, but also provided us the chance to step back in time.

Such was the case for me during the recent holiday season. Since late August this year (when Gloria and I acquired a DVD player), we have been hearty watchers and supporters of DVD technology. After watching some great films, both new and old, I recently decided to buy a select few that I wished to make part of our DVD library. At the most recent ATLAS General Meeting, we were fortunate enough to have Michelle Barbour bring her DVD version of "TRANSFORMERS: The Movie", which is easily one of the more memorable films I can remember seeing and being interested in during my mid-adolescence.

Another that held a significant portion of interest was "G.I. Joe: The Movie," which brought some of my favorite afterschool cartoons into another arena. I recently purchased this DVD and have once again been, thanks to DVD, transported back to a time when I remember being a "part of the Joe Team." The

DVD, from Kid Rhino Interactive, features not only the 94 minute feature film, but also, like many DVDs today, extra features that provide even MORE input. These features take the viewer back to simpler, "hurry up and foil Cobra Commander's plan in 30

minutes" era, which is strangely engaging. Tucked in the interactive menu structure, are the 25 "Public Service Announcements" that have helped at least a few ATLAS members avert their death over the years. Complete with the trademark almost-dying almost-victim saying "... and now I know," and the Joe hero finishing the sentence, "...and knowing is half the battle," these truly bring the cheer, innocence, and basic sense of "learning what to do" feeling right back to me.

Few things I watch on television make my heart swell as much as watching these, once again in a new but familiar format. Several other elements make



CPTMIKE & G.I. Joe: The Movie  
Photo courtesy of Mike Wilkerson

their way to yet another generation of viewers, one of which comes strongly to mind. Several sequences feature the many firefights, with streams of blue and red laser-bullet fire, ferociously flying left and right, with tons of destruction and absolutely no death anywhere.

Ahh, the simplicity of G.I. Joe fighting physics.

Don Johnson, in a role I'm almost certain doesn't get anywhere near his resume', is featured as Lt. Hawk, a "slick ass, hurry up and do it macho" officer, that ends up screwing up, providing what is a real "lesson" to those watching. One of the many things that today's cartoons are missing is that sense of learning something while watching.

Nonetheless, *G.I. Joe: The Movie* succeeds on many levels including,

most importantly, the "remember how you used to feel when you watched this show?" infusion level. The voice talents of most of the "big characters" during the regular cartoon series are featured, as well as large voices like the late Burgess Meredith and more. Sadly, one of the trademark voice actors, Chris Latta, the voice of "Cobra Commander" who screamed like no other (who was also the voice of STARScream in the TRANSFORMERS series and movie as well) died back in 1994. This leads me to the other part of viewing movies like this.

These movies make me remember times when I really enjoyed being entertained by movies (something that is sadly lacking in today's movies). These movies, in conjunction with "The Online Movie Database" (<http://www.moviedatabase.com/>) provide you with an in-depth view into the actors, factoids, and "did you know" that make my mind function on a different level.

I totally recommend this movie for any chapter's event! Now that you know more about the "G.I. Joe: The Movie" DVD, get out there and buy it because: "Knowing is Half the Battle..."

This review of "GI JOE: THE MOVIE DVD" is an excerpt from the USS ATLAS' Newsletter, the LEGEND.

## Captain Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo • USS Accord: "Star Trek: TNG: The Gorn Crisis" (Hardcover Graphic Novel)

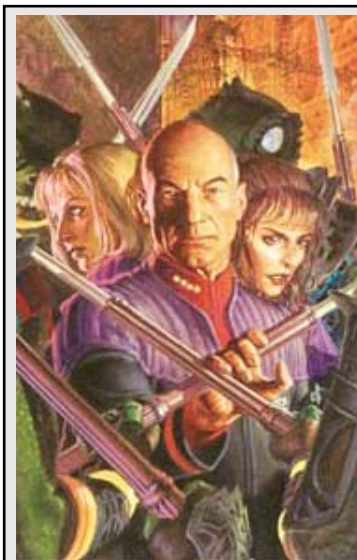
In December 2000, DC/Wildstorm published *Star Trek: The Next Generation: The Gorn Crisis*. It's written by Kevin J. Anderson and Rebecca Moesta, a husband-and-wife team best known for several "Star Wars" and "X-Files" novels, and painted (not merely penciled and/or inked) by Igor Kordney.

The plot concerns what the Enterprise-E was up to during the Dominion War. Commander Riker and a Starfleet Corps of Engineers team is temporarily assigned to the crew of the Klingon vessel Gar'Tukh to enhance the defenses of a Federation outpost near Gorn territory.

Meanwhile, Picard and the Enterprise crew are at the Gorn homeworld when a coup d'etat by one faction

of Gorn warriors murders members of the Gorn Ruling Council to avenge the "defeat" of Gorns by the Federation nearly 109 years earlier in 2266 (see the TOS episode "Arena").

Picard leads an Away Team to the Gorn Council Chambers to assess the damage and the Enterprise comes under fire by a Gorn war fleet, which has been secretly constructed. Data is left in command of the Enterprise, while Picard and the Away Team (including Dr. Crusher and Deanna Troi) are



"The Gorn Crisis" Cover Painting  
by Igor Kordnay  
(courtesy of Wildstorm Comics)

captured by the Gorn rebels.

I thought the graphic novel gave an excellent look into Gorn culture -- including a portrayal of their ships (which, due to 1960's budgetary concerns, were only a point of light on the Enterprise's screens in "Arena") -- that has not been seen outside of the role playing games. Appended in the back of the novel is "The Gorn Dossier," artist Igor Kordney's speculations on Gorn physiology (not seen since Eileen Palestine's 1977 *Star Fleet Medical*

*Reference*, which is out of print), ethnology, uniforms and government and social structures.

While, as Trek graphic novels go, I didn't like *The Gorn Crisis* as much as I did Chris Claremont's *Debt of Honor* from the early 90's or the adaptation of William Shatner's and Gar and Judith Reeves-Stevens's *The Ashes of Eden*, I thought it a worthy addition to the canon.

What might be offputting to the average Trek fan is the cost, which is \$29.95 in hardcover (though I've heard reports that you can get it on eBay and other auction sites for half the price) [You sure can. Heh Heh Heh! - Editor]. It is hoped that a lower-priced version in trade paperback will be released by DC/Wildstorm by the end of 2001.



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## YOUR INTREPID REPORTER: SUSAN FOX-DAVIS

Trek and TV fans in general mourned the passing of actor Ray Walston, best known to the rest of the world as Uncle Martin of "My Favorite Martian" and Judge Henry Bone in "Picket Fences," but we found wisdom in his words as the sagacious groundskeeper Boothby in "Deep Space Nine" and his alien look-alike in "Voyager." STARFLEET members spent a meditative afternoon at the Japanese Garden, shooting location for the Starfleet Academy, on a starkly beautiful January afternoon. However, strictly confidential and hush-hush: my inside sources claim that Walston's crusty exterior harbored no heart of gold, he used to bully the studio and agency help and more than one secretary left her desk in tears after his visits. So now you know the rest of the story.

Salome Jens, known to Trekkers as the tough polymorphic Female Founder in "Deep Space Nine," has appeared around the northeastern Cabaret circuit

as Marlene Dietrich in "Falling In Love Again." In late January '01, she made a rare New York theater appearance playing famous artist Louise Nevelson in the world premiere of "Embers" by Catherine Gropper, at the church where Nevelson designed the chapel. An astonishing performance by and about astonishing women! Are we sure that Miss Salome isn't really a changeling? No, it's just what we call "acting."

Golden Globes have come and gone, and we're not talking about special effects here but the annual pre-Oscar glitzfest by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association. Various Trek veterans were nominated, such as Kim Cattrall and Alfre Woodard, but the only member of the Starfleet Veterans Association to bring home one of the first golden statuettes of the new year was TNG cameo captain [and a BIG trek fan we hear], Kelsey Grammer.

Say, does anybody else here want to hear Frasier say, just once, "Please state the nature of your medical emergency?"

Whoopi Goldberg has been a busy life form. Winter shooting for "Hollywood Squares" wrapped up at the end of February, leaving herself free for appearances around the rest of Hollywood and other magic kingdoms. Whoopi plays a "Guinan-like role" as legendary figure Calafia, narrating a segment of Disney's California Adventure which opens to the public in early February. Well, of course we'll be there when the gates open!

Life imitates art! Our favorite starship captain, William Shatner, who played a beauty pageant host in the comedy "Miss Congeniality," has been signed as the master of ceremonies for the real Miss USA Pageant, coming to you live from Gary, Indiana on March 2. But

will he sing?

Jeri Ryan's alleged stalker faced arraignment on five counts, including Stalking and Extortion, before the Los Angeles Superior Court on January 31. He plead "Not Guilty" on all counts. There are scary people out there, friends, and not scary-fun but scary-dangerous, so when security measures are strict at your favorite conventions, know that it's not just to be mean, it's to protect you, me and the guests.

That's all the Star trekking for now, more fun to come after Oscar time. Hush-hush, and strictly on the subspace channels!

### Biographical information

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## FLEETCHAT: WHERE EVERY LIFEFORM KNOWS YOUR NICK!

By Captain Dixie Jack • Commanding Officer, USS Tanagra

Where in cyberspace can you meet up with STARFLEET members from around the globe? Where can you chat, swap jokes, find out STARFLEET information, and just generally have fun? Why Fleetchat of course! Fleetchat is an IRC network run by a consortium of STARFLEET members. While it is not an official arm of STARFLEET, Fleetchat provides a home to many STARFLEET related channels.

So what exactly is IRC? It stands for Internet Relay Chat and is a worldwide chat system. You can connect to an IRC network and talk to people from all over the world. All you need is a connection to the Internet and software known as a "client" to connect to IRC.

There are many freeware and shareware clients available to download. Once you have your client you select a network, connect, join a

channel, and start chatting.

An IRC network consists of one of more "servers." You can join any server on a network and talk to people logged in on the same network, even if they are on different servers. However you can't chat with people on a different network. Some IRC networks are very large and very active with thousands of people logged in. It can make networks slow and difficult to connect to.

That's where Fleetchat comes in. STARFLEET has been a presence on various IRC networks for many years. About two years ago several members of STARFLEET who had been frequenting and running IRC channels on other networks recognized the need for a smaller, quieter, more permanent location. They pulled together resources, located a few computers and created Fleetchat, a permanent home for STARFLEET related chats, where members could

connect easily and not suffer the problems of more populated servers. But Fleetchat is not restricted to STARFLEET only. Non STARFLEET related channels (chat rooms) also exist, such as one devoted to discussion of the show Roswell and one for discussion of Urban Legends. A lot of diverse interests are represented on the Fleetchat network.

Now that I've gotten your attention, I'm sure you're interested in how to access Fleetchat and all the STARFLEET members (and others) who inhabit the channels. Here is a listing of the Fleetchat IRC Servers:

**freedom.fleetchat.org**  
(Direct IP Address: 12.30.169.76)  
**patriot.fleetchat.org**  
(Direct IP Address: 63.162.10.42)  
**honor.fleetchat.org**  
(Direct IP Address: 64.123.230.81)

All connections are port 6667

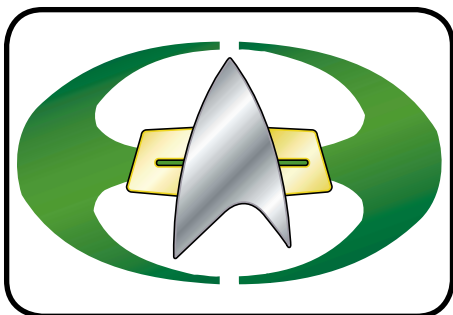
Set your connect time (if available) to 45-60 seconds. Then from there, just type: /join #starfleet

That's all there is to it!

But what if you need more information on Fleetchat, where to go? Why on our website of course! Surf over to: <http://www.fleetchat.org> and find out all you need to know to get connected. The FAQ provides instructions on finding an IRC client and connecting to Fleetchat. The website also provides a list of currently registered channels.

Once you are connected if you have any questions or need help, be sure to stop by the official Fleetchat room, #Fleetchat and ask one of your friendly IRC Operators for assistance.

Hope to see you online!



# LANGUAGE IN STAR TREK AND STARFLEET

**Brigadestro Ricardo Keni • Sciencestro Oficistro, USS Akordo**

**Artwork adapted by Kurt Roithinger • STARFLEET Region Five**

## LANGUAGE IN STAR TREK

As the series progressed language gained an increasing importance in the Star Trek universe. During Classic Trek the concept of language seemed to be limited to the Universal Translator, that device which would allow our heroes to easily talk to anyone, even if the species had never been known before. Klingons and Romulans spoke in perfect English (or whatever the actual language was that was conveniently being translated to English for us). It can be argued that the Federation spoke perfect 20th century English as its language, however, since Kirk, Spock, and McCoy had no problems conversing with Edith Keeler during "Guardian on the Edge of Forever" set in the 1930s in the United States. Vulcans apparently had their own language, though, and we learned a couple of words in it during the episode "Amok Time." Beyond that, Classic Trek gave us nothing from a language standpoint.

As Star Trek's Movie Era dawned, more attention was paid to languages and language differences between our characters. The first new Star Trek footage seen in years - the opening scenes of "Star Trek: The Motion Picture" - gave us our new Klingons speaking in Klingon, complete with convenient subtitles! Some minutes later we had confirmation that Vulcans indeed had their own language when we saw Spock on Vulcan speaking with the Vulcan Kolinar Masters.

The movies continued to give us a polyglot galactic culture as they went on. Paramount went so far as to hire language expert Mark Okrand to design an actual Klingon language for the race, which has been used, off and on, ever since. Evidence continued to mount, however, that 20th century English was the dominant language in the Federation. This is supported not only by the fact that the Enterprise crew had no language difficulties to speak of during "Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home," but Kirk and Spock also seem to be familiar with the 20th century English language writers Harold Robbins and Jacqueline Suzanne, whom they referred to as "giants" of literature.

With "Star Trek: The Next Generation" the show gave us the best treatment of language yet. While it was still obvious that the overriding language in the Federation was 20th century English, which all humans and most aliens appeared to speak, we found out that other human languages had indeed survived. This revelation came to me

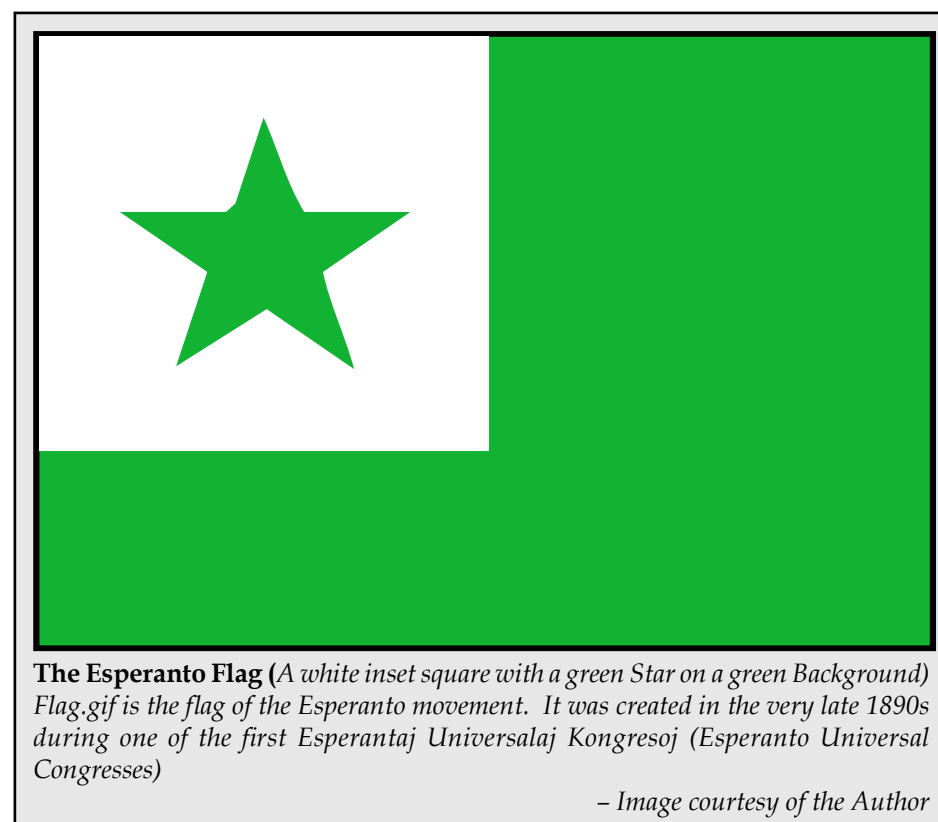
for glossing over the complexities of different languages. Between the fact that the show was meant for English speaking audiences and the circuitry of the universal translator we can understand why 99% of the time all we heard was 20th century English spoken. We, as members of STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association,

with just its sense of time. While we bill ourselves as STARFLEET: The International Fan Association, it must be recognized that STARFLEET is very largely a United States organization. It is almost completely an English language organization. Can we change this stance? Should we?

In order for STARFLEET to become a real, true, international fan association, and in order for us to tap into the vast potential market we may have outside of English speaking countries, we need to solve what is affectionately known as "The Language Problem." Simply put, much of the planet speaks in ways that the vast majority of the planet cannot understand. This is not a new problem, of course, but because of the shrinking of the planet due to communications technologies it's a problem that's becoming more and more apparent. The walls of distances have nearly vanished. Now we have to deal with the walls of understanding.

Very little progress has realistically been made in solving the language problem because most people - certainly in the United States - already believe they speak the "international language." They are wrong. One hundred years ago French was thought of as the "international language." The French, of course, understandably liked it that way and fought to keep it that way. World War II and the rise of the United States in international affairs replaced French with English as the "king of languages" and for the last fifty years it is the English language that has enjoyed this status. With the rise of the Internet and the World Wide Web many thought that English was set as "the international language." They were wrong.

In 1995 English, which was never the number one language in terms of people who spoke it, went from second place to fifth place. Today, with the economic rise of the Pacific Rim, forward looking people can see Mandarin Chinese not only locking in its place as the most used language, but also the "king of languages" in terms of economic power. So, what do we do about this besides starting to take classes in Chinese? Don't laugh. Everyone learning someone else's



**The Esperanto Flag** (A white inset square with a green Star on a green Background) *Flag.gif is the flag of the Esperanto movement. It was created in the very late 1890s during one of the first Esperantaj Universalaĵ Kongresoj (Esperanto Universal Congresses)*

*- Image courtesy of the Author*

in full force one episode when those of us listening closely very clearly heard Capt. Picard swear...in French! He used a word that I'd never heard uttered on American TV before or since (although I have heard it on Canadian TV), nor can I comfortably put it on the pages of our illustrious journal. To this day I marvel that the word got past the censors. I think it speaks volumes to the notion that, certainly in the United States, only English is important.

Who also can forget the TNG episode "Darmok," where Picard had to try to communicate with an alien that not only didn't speak English but had a fundamentally different idea of communication? This episode is one of the favorites of the series!

TV shows are meant for entertainment purposes, and perhaps under that reasoning we can forgive Star Trek

however, may not have that luxury.

## LANGUAGE IN STARFLEET

I attended the virtual STARFLEET New Year's Eve party on December 31, 2000 as we said goodbye not only to an old century but an old STARFLEET administration as well. Never had the far-flung internationalism of STARFLEET made such an impact on me. Never had the parochialism of my own area been made more apparent, either. Here we were in a chatroom that was, by definition, nowhere, and yet wherever we were we were counting down to the start of the new century... using Eastern Standard Time. Mike Smith would step down and Les Rickard would rise up to Fleet Admiral at midnight... Eastern Standard Time. I found that profoundly silly.

STARFLEET perochiolism doesn't stop



language is one of the two answers we realistically have available to us. The other, I think better, answer is for everyone to learn the same second language, a language that is not attached currently to any religion, any culture, or any land: an artificial or planned language.

The issue is that if we make a current ethnic language the international language than a percentage of people automatically gain a huge advantage over the rest of the world. If you're one of the lucky ones, great, but if not, well, too bad. If an artificial language is developed we have a chance to actually create a reasonable grammar that follows its own rules and create a language that puts everyone on an even playing field.

Artificial or planned languages are not unknown to science fiction and fantasy fans. JRR Tolkien developed the Elvish Quenyan language before he wrote "The Lord of the Rings." As I mentioned above, Mark Okrand developed Klingon for Paramount for Star Trek. While both languages have their fans, of course, neither of them were made to actually facilitate communication among people.

One of the best answers to the problem of actually creating a language to allow people to communicate with each other was developed in 1887. In that year Dr. L.L. Zamenhof published the language called Esperanto. Today Esperanto has over two million speakers, several orders of magnitude more than any other artificial language ever created, but, of course, several orders of magnitude less than most natural languages such as Chinese, English, or French.

### THE ADVANTAGES OF ESPERANTO

I took French for three years in High School. It was my worst subject. I left High School after three years thinking I had no talent for languages. Now, twenty years after leaving French, I have an equivalent fluency in Esperanto after three weeks study. A small group of officers and friends of USS Accord are currently teaching themselves Esperanto and have moved to the point where, with the help of an online dictionary, they can converse via email with each other totally in that language.

How does Esperanto achieve this amazing success rate? One of its secrets is its amazingly regular grammar. For example, in English we have the great verb, "to be." We end up saying things with this word like:

I was.  
I am.  
I will be.

Hmmmm. Those words are the same verb, but they're all different and none of them even look like "be." Compare that to the Esperanto word "to be" which is "esti." In this case the above sentences are:

Mi estis.  
Mi estas.  
Mi estos.

Nice pattern, huh? The suffixes of -is for past tense, -as for present tense, and -us for future tense apply for every single verb in the language with no exceptions.

While you may have to read Shakespeare in the original Klingon to appreciate it, much more than that is currently available to read in Esperanto. La Biblio (The Bible) is available online, for example. My personal goal is to be able to read "La Kunularo de l'Ringo" (The Fellowship of the Ring) before the movie comes out this Christmas.

It doesn't stop there for us Star Trek fans. In the mid 60s a film was produced in Esperanto called "The Incubus." The Sci-Fi channel has restored it and plans to sell it soon. It stars - believe it or not - William Shatner, right before he took his role as Captain Kirk in a short-lived cult TV series called Star Trek.

Esperanto gives you the ability to read international literature in the first person. It allows you to try to understand people across the world in their own words without the need of a translator. Learning Esperanto puts you on equal ground with every other Esperanto speaker, regardless of your own language, both of you have made an equal effort to understand the other. Such overtures between people is what peace is made of.

### THE ADVANTAGE OF ESPERANTO FOR STARFLEET

Region 9 both suffers the worst of "the language problem" and could be the best helped by the addition of Esperanto to STARFLEET's arsenal. Region 9, of course, has more languages in it than any other active Fleet Region we have. Even now Region 9 is recruiting for a Chief Translator. Coincidentally, Region 9 is also where a significant percentage of Esperanto speakers currently live. It is possible we might make some inroads with regard to recruitment in that area, for example, by using Esperanto within

STARFLEET.

How might we do this? First we have to make some sort of determination of the Esperanto expertise we have within the Fleet. I'd be especially interested in knowing where that expertise is in R9 for example. Then, probably working under the auspices of STARFLEET's Translation Office (yes, we do have one!) we'd want to start some translation efforts of our own. We'd probably begin by translating some promotional materials into Esperanto, eventually translating the Membership Handbook. People we gain to STARFLEET in this manner would then be able to assist in any such translations and we'd have a better idea how profitable and practical such an idea is.

I wish to state that I am not advocating making Esperanto the official language of STARFLEET. That would be silly. However, I am saying that by making overtures in this manner we stand the gain a more international audience for our international fan association while at the same time exposing the members we already have to another culture and way of thinking in our own world that may be as alien as anything we might think to find on Vulcan. Part of Star Trek was about helping the human race reach for the stars by showing that cooperation was possible between our nations. That dream gave us our first major Black TV character as well as a Russian Ensign portrayed well in the middle of the Cold War. Here may be one way for STARFLEET to build on that great dream.

### STARFLEET AND ESPERANTO: TWO GREAT THINGS THAT GO GREAT TOGETHER

By the strangest coincidence STARFLEET's mission and Esperanto's mission are very compatible. We in STARFLEET seek to improve the world by bringing Roddenberry's message of cooperation and peace to the world. The Esperanto movement seeks to bring peace and understanding to the world by allowing the world to understand itself.

Interested in a little language adventure? Check out The Esperanton League of North America (ELNA) at <http://www.esperanto-usa.org/>. You can also take a look at a variety of Esperanto materials and links at <http://www.esperanto.net/vet/flavaj-pagxoj.html> and <http://www.webcom.com/~donh/etest1.html>. And, of course, you can write me at <n2ikr@arrl.net>.

Mi esperas audi de vin.



## 2001 Fleet HQ Staff Patches Now Available! Artwork & Article By Tom Monaghan

It's that time of year. The all new 2001 STARFLEET Headquarters Staff patches are on order and should be in by March. They're \$4 each so order now to ensure prompt delivery. You can send your orders to:

Tom Monaghan  
1341 Maplewood Avenue  
Norfolk, VA 23503

As always, if you have any questions just let me know at: [VADMTom@aol.com](mailto:VADMTom@aol.com).

Show your STARFLEET pride!  
Order a handful today!

## New Region 1 Website! By Captain David Klingman

Rear Admiral Matthew Myers (R1 Webmaster/Graphics Editor) and Captain David Klingman (Webmaster/Content Editor) would like to announce the new home of Region One on the web...

<http://www.NCC-4950.org/Region1>

Matt will be utilizing his skills as a graphic design and web design artist to host and maintain the new pages for Region One, and Dave will be (hopefully efficiently) maintain the accurate and up-to-date receiving and processing of information and updates.

The new web site will feature an online contact form, an online chapter update form, an up-to-date chapter listing, and a new sleek LCARS design layout. We hope you will take a look!

# THE STARFLEET INTERVIEWS

with Vice Admiral Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons

On this edition of Fleet Beat, we go behind the scenes of the Organization... the "movers & shakers", if you will. In coming issues, we will have interviews with RC's, Vice-Chiefs, Staff Assistants and more from the folks who make STARFLEET work for you day in, day out. This issue, 2 great members; one on the Admiralty Board, the other on the Diving Board... yet both managing to keep above the water! Please welcome LGen. Scott Akers and Comm. Greg Trotter!

**Name:** Akers, Scott

**Rank:** Lieutenant General, SFMC

**Current Assignment:** Region 5 Coordinator

*I remembered him from my days of R3ShOC... He was CO of the Shuttle Texas back in 93-94. He is very active in SFI/SFMC circles, he was the "Bionic Marine" and now he is the newly elected Region 5 Coordinator! He is Martok! He is Lieutenant General Scott Akers and we got him here on Fleet Beat!*

**Gumby: Welcome to the Beat, Scott!**

**Scott:** Bionic Marine?

**Gumby: That's what I used to call you many moons ago when we lived in R3. You were CO of the Shuttle Texas and I was the Regional ShOC.**

**Scott:** I did not know that... thanks... I think.

**Gumby: What does a Regional Coordinator do? What are your duties?**

**Scott:** First and foremost represent the membership from their region; coordinates the reporting of the chapters to Operations... encourages interactions between the chapters and the members and helps start new shuttles and guides the shuttles in the region to becoming full chapters and most importantly they get to wear a big blue hat with huge feathers!

**Gumby: Sounds like a full plate. <G> You have a staff to help you, right?**

**Scott:** Yes I have a variety of members from throughout the region. Nat Saenz from the Rubicon is my Vice RC... he was the other candidate nominated during the RC elections, and thus showed me that he has the support and desire to succeed me as RC if necessary. I have also appointed Sector Chiefs for Washington, Oregon, and Idaho-Montana... these are senior members who are or have been COs. I am hoping that they will both act as ombudsmen for their sectors as well as being trained to be RC's in the future

**Gumby: That's cool. An interesting approach.**

**Scott:** Part of the training I actually give during my daytime job

**Gumby: What is your daytime job?**

**Scott:** I work with the Boy Scouts of America as a District Executive in the

Everett, Washington area.

**Gumby: What plans do you have for R5?**

**Scott:** Several goals: to start groups in all the metropolitan areas in the region... To encourage interaction between all the chapters... to host a west coast summit... I also want to visit every chapter at least once in the next two years

**Gumby: Wow!**

**Scott:** I also want to help get more members to take OTS, OCC and other STARFLEET

**Scott:** What do I bring? hmmmm

**Gumby: You know, like a lunchbox?**

**Scott:** For one I am a certificated Parliamentarian

**Gumby: Which means?**

**Scott:** It means that I have been tested and certified as being proficient in the use of Robert's Rules of Order... I used to do it competitively, but back to the Admiralty Board...well, reading the delayed digests of the AB proceedings last year as Fleet Historian, I noticed the AB kept arguing



No, he is not the model of a very modern Lieutenant General: Region 5's Regional Coordinator Scott Akers takes a moment to pose for the camera.

- Photo courtesy of Scott Akers

Academy courses plus... I want that Big Blue Hat with the Feathers :)

*<Gumby turns the PADD to face himself and says, "Note, Big Blue Hat with Feathers and the RC's who wear them as topic for next Gumby Springer show!">*

**Gumby: What do you feel is Region Five's greatest strength?**

**Scott:** Its people

**Gumby: You are the AB "New kid on the block"... how do you feel about that?**

**Scott:** Giddy... Actually I am real excited about the opportunities!

**Gumby: I mean, what do you bring to the AB Table?**

over points of procedures. Most of those arguments wasted time, because they did not know how Robert's Rules makes business easier. Hopefully I can help make the business of the AB smoother.

**Gumby: As you know, all of the Amendments passed. Now that the election is over, some have called upon the AB to re-examine some of those amendments. What are your thoughts on this?**

**Scott:** Hadn't heard that yet. Except for the current IG not liking the JAG amendments, so honestly no opinion on that.

**Gumby: Do you think the AB will revisit the issue?**

**Scott:** Really will depend on whether or not the membership tells the AB that is their desire.

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

**Scott:** The polarization of the different factions in Fleet. It's not healthy and I would like to remind everybody why we are here...

**Gumby: I agree. What can we do?**

**Scott:** Not be petty ourselves, not to react, but be proactive! Myself for example, I am rewriting all of my posts and taking out any vehemence in my responses. Just stating the problem and my proposed solution... it's harder then it sounds. And finally wearing that big blue hat with the big feathers should break the ice!

**Gumby: You take over R5 from Kurt Rothinger... anything to say to him?**

**Scott:** Good leader, good friend, hard act to follow

**Gumby: What is your favorite episode of Star Trek? (any series, any era)**

**Scott:** "Soldiers of the Empire" DS9

**Gumby: Why?**

**Scott:** The bond between Worf and Martok was so intense... and the song at the end of the episode. Plus it was the one I saw yesterday... Trials and Tribulations was so funny

**Gumby: You are a member of the STARFLEET Marine Corps... how is that different from the traditionally naval-based STARFLEET?**

**Scott:** It's a different way to enjoy the hobby... for a lot of us the more military air makes Trek pretty fun! We follow the history and traditions of the Marine Corps instead of the Navy.

**Gumby: How does being a Marine factor into your duties as RC?**

**Scott:** Not at all. Not anymore than if I was an Engineer or a Doctor... Its just the fictional part of the hobby.

**Gumby: What was your first official act as RC?**

**Scott:** Appointing my staff

**Gumby: You have more staff?**

**Scott:** Yes I do... Regional Shoc, Regional Awards, Regional Treasurer, a chief of staff, Charities, Special Projects, Video, Graphics Designs (that spot is held by David Pipgras the finest graphic artist in fleet, IMHO). He did most of the Artwork for the CQ the last two years...

**Gumby: Yep, I am familiar with his style**

*<Gumby holds up the PADD to face him... "Note to get Dave in for an interview.">*



**Gumby: Where do you see R5 in 5 years?**  
**Scott:** Probably another 5 chapters... more activities and more visits!

**Gumby: Finally, do you have anything to say to the Fleet?**

**Scott:** Let's focus on the most important thing that Roddenberry was telling us about, the future, and for me that's our children.

**Gumby: And what of the Big Blue Hat with the Feathers? <G>**

**Scott:** Pictures will be forthcoming!

**Gumby: And that'll do it... Thanks for taking the time to share your thoughts with the Fleet, Scott!** I look forward to seeing the accomplishments you'll be making out there in the Fifth Fleet! Thanks Johnathan!

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*Name: Trotter, Greg*

*Rank: Commodore*

*Current Assignment: USS Nomad... SFI Senior Vice Chief: Communications*

*I looked up at the sign that read "STARFLEET Helpdesk" and the doors hissed open. The office was aglow with light from the bank of monitors on two of the walls. Hustling in before getting caught in the doors, I noticed the very busy form of Commodore Greg Trotter, Senior Vice Chief of Communications and member of the USS Nomad, waving his hand in an arc for me to come around behind the massive datastation... I was amazed at the array of buttons, switches, EZ Bake oven, cool blinking lights and wet bar! As I settled down in one of the proffered chairs, I took out my PADD and thumbed the REC switch.*

**Gumby: Greg, thanks for the tour!**

**Greg:** Welcome aboard! We've put a lot of work into this, and I think that Fleet's really going to appreciate what we do.

**Gumby: Greg, what is the Helpdesk and what does it do?**

**Greg:** Well, the Helpdesk is one-stop shopping for any customer service need a member may have. We at the Helpdesk take questions on any Fleet topic, and if we can't answer it, we will find the people who can. And, we follow up on each and every request to make sure that questions get answered, and problems get resolved.

**Gumby: Wouldn't that detract from using the SFI Chain of Command for problem solving?**

**Greg:** Well, we don't intend to get in the way of anyone in the chain of command that is working to resolve a problem a member may have. Indeed, we have had many COs that are using the Helpdesk to resolve problems for their crew. They seem to appreciate the ownership the Helpdesk staff takes in every problem. Also, we should remember that sometimes, things can get lost in the translation. That's why every member certainly has the right to contact STARFLEET directly on customer service matters, and we intend to help them anyway we can.

**Gumby: How does one contact the Helpdesk?**

**Greg:** Well, the best way to contact

the helpdesk is by sending an email to <helpdesk@sfi.org>. Members should be as detailed as they can be about the problem. That email address actually goes directly into our Helpdesk database, is assigned a tracking number, and the member gets a reply within minutes.

**Gumby: What about those who are not online? How can the HelpDesk help them?**

**Greg:** If you don't have email access, you are certainly not beyond sight of the Helpdesk! You can call (507) 299-2015 and leave a voicemail message for us. Remember to be detailed, and let us know how we can contact you! Also, you can send a fax to that same number!

**Gumby: Some may think that this is just another layer of bureaucracy, what would you say to them?**

**Greg:** I'll just point to the results: we have been able to turn around many problems in just a few hours. We can do this because we have the buy-in from all the EC departments to utilize this system. The Helpdesk isn't just more red tape... often, it can be the scissors that help you cut through the red tape.

**Gumby: What was the first problem sent to the Helpdesk and how was it resolved?**

**Greg:** The first problem was actually some feedback someone had posted to the sfi.org web page. The person writing was a Star Trek fan in England, and

**Greg:** Well, in the past decade, STARFLEET has made steps every now and then to help ensure its leadership stability. That was desperately needed, since that was our biggest problem at the time. But I believe that the biggest issue that STARFLEET needs to tackle is how it handles its customer service, and I hope that becomes the hallmark of the next ten years. We want people not just to be happy with the people they meet in STARFLEET, but to be happy with the service they get from the organization. Many people have told me they are members in spite of STARFLEET's customer service. In ten years, I want people to join *because* of it.

**Gumby: What is your favorite episode of Star Trek? (any series, any era)**

**Greg:** Hmm... making me choose between a TOS and a TNG! Well, I'll go with the TNG episode of "The Inner Light."

**Gumby: Most Excellent choice!**

**Gumby: What are your other duties as Senior Vice Chief?**

**Greg:** Well, at the moment, the STARFLEET Helpdesk is taking up most of my time! It's been a pet project of mine for the last year and a half. But as it gets on its feet, I am sure Chief of Communications Mike Malotte will find something for me to do! And I do pitch in from time to time on other Comm issues. My stint as CQ Editor four years ago proves valuable there, particularly when it comes to managing the vendor relationships that we see today.

*"Got any STARFLEET questions? We've Got Answers! Contact: HelpDesk@sfi.org"  
- Greg Trotter*

wanted information on his club becoming a part of STARFLEET. We gave him some information about our organization, and then we transferred the ticket to the Existing Fan Club Program. EFCP was able to correspond with the individual, and had access to all of the conversations we had had with him before they got the ball. It's a wonderful example of the technology behind the Helpdesk -- everyone has a full history of the prior work on this problem, even when it's switched between EC departments. Having worked in Comm and CompOps, I know how things can get confused when that happens.

**Gumby: In May, you get your 10 year service pip! How have you seen SFI change over the last 10 years?**

**Greg:** Oh, wow... it seems a lot smaller now than it did then! I don't mean in the number of members, but as someone just getting involved, it seems like a huge organization that never ends. As I've been in a few years, I've met a lot of people and have a good understanding of how our system works! And that's what we on the Helpdesk want to share with the rest of STARFLEET -- we want to be the everymember's "inside guy."

**Gumby: What do you think the next 10 years will be like?**

**Gumby: Where do you see SFI Communications two years from now?**

**Greg:** Soaking up the warm tropical rays of Maui!

**Gumby: Man with a goal... I like that!**

**Greg:** Actually, I see the Communications department as being what it is today... a world-class organization facilitating communications between the members and STARFLEET. We can already see that now, with the *Communiqué* deftly produced by kurt roithinger and his band of Merry Men! I hope that the Helpdesk can allow Communications to be an active two-way street of communications with our members!

**Gumby: Yes, kurt has done so well with the CQ! I most heartily agree.**

**Gumby: You used to be on the Star Empire, how is your new chapter, the USS Nomad, different?**

**Greg:** Well, it's about 350 miles further north, for one thing! Every chapter is so different. Both are laid-back chapters, and I like that! I was active on the USS Tucana as a non-fleet member back as long ago as 1984. All of the ships have one thing in common -- just people wanting to have a good time! But then, the Star Empire and the Tucana never gave out these awesome purple shades!

*<Gumby turns the PADD around and looks at*

*it... "Gotta get me a pair of those!">*

**Gumby: Token Non-Fleet Related Question: Dr. Who... Baker vs Pertwee... who is better?**

**Greg:** Hmm... which Baker? I'll assume you mean Tom! Tom Baker wins at a comedy shootout at the improv... in the fight ring, Pertwee in two rounds.

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

**Greg:** I want to encourage everyone to give the Helpdesk a try! We especially love the "impossible" assignments. We want a crack at them! We'd love to hear from anyone who has any outstanding problem with STARFLEET. We love fixing problems -- so send us yours! <G>

**Gumby: I can personally back you up here by telling everyone it does work! I had a problem with a member not getting CQ's... I used the Helpdesk and am happy to say that this problem was resolved in less than 1 week! It even gave me a tracking number for future reference!**

**Greg:** Yes! That's the beauty of the Helpdesk system. The member has a tracking number that is unique to his or her problem. It's something that will allow us to reconstruct the correspondence, and will allow us to tell a member exactly the status of their problem! In addition to your ticket, 37 other tickets have been opened in the first three weeks of the STARFLEET Helpdesk. Over half have been closed. And most of those are new requests submitted in the last few days. The rest are longer problems that take some research... but the Helpdesk facilitates the member's involvement in the process, so they can know exactly what's been done!

**Gumby: Greg, that is fantastic! Any other notable success stories?**

**Greg:** There is a new member in Hawaii that had not received his packet or any *Communiqués*. He mentioned his extreme displeasure to his RC. The RC worked with the Helpdesk, and within hours this new member received a phone call from a member of the Helpdesk, and everything was resolved to the satisfaction of the new member! He's excited about being in STARFLEET again, and we're proud of that!

**Gumby: Now all we gotta do is get him to start a shuttle in Hawaii! Shameless ShOC Plug :)**

**Gumby: Greg, thanks for giving me a tour of the STARFLEET Helpdesk... it has been a pleasure! Any last words?**

**Greg:** Thanks! We'd really like people to help spread the word... if someone mentions that they have trouble with STARFLEET, ask if they have contacted the Helpdesk!

**Gumby: Rest Assured... I will tell everyone!**

**Greg:** Awesome! You Da Clay Figurine!

**Gumby: Maybe so, but you have the cool purple shades :)**

*Is there someone you'd like to see interviewed on Fleet Beat? Send your nominations to gumby@sfi.org.*





# IT'S THE END OF THE MILLENNIUM AS WE

Artwork Adapted by Fleet Captain Dave



**Top Left:** The USS Hexum and friends! (L to r) Rick Gale, Loretta Dilks, John Newmark, Mary Anna Kaufer, Dianne Scheffing, Carole Smith and Charles Parks. (Photo by Walter Otten).

**Top:** Norm DeRoux of the USS Destiny (Region 5) presents a copy of his Chapters Newsletter to George Takei on January 6th, 2001 (Photo courtesy of Norm DeRoux).



**Left Center:** Members of the USS Jubilee, USS Odyssey, USS Continuum, USS Okatoma, USS Relenetless and the 2nd BDE (Region 2) distributed gifts to kids at the University of Southern Alabama Children's and Women's Hopstrial in Mobile, AL (Photo courtesy of Ralph F. Planthold).

**Left Bottom:** Sanford Berenberg transfers command of the USS Sun Tzu to Hank Heald at the Region 7 Holiday Party at West Point, NY

**Bottom:** How many people does it take to IRC? When you are with the Fleet Admiral, as many as possible! (L to r): Wade Olson, Les Rickard, Liz Woolf and Alex Rosenzweig try to figure this whole new-fangled Internet thing out at the 2001 Inauguration Bash (Last 2 photos courtesy of Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo).





# E KNOW IT — AND STARFLEET FEELS FINE!

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**"Recruit! Recruit! Recruit!"**

Region 15 Members man a recruiting Table at United Fan Con. Pictured (Form L to R): Betsy Nacula, USS Atlantis, Cindi "Spooky" DeMidio, USS Tsunami, Regional Coordinator Region 15 Rich Nacula, USS Atlantis and Peter Lutz, Shuttle Anubis (Photo courtesy of Eric Storch).



**"All Ye Crabs Who Enter Here... Beware!"**

New England/Region 15 and Shellfish – they just seem to go together. Pictured (L to R): Rich "Wing Chef" DeMidio, Tony "T-Bone" Lunsford and Joe "Right Full" Ruttar (Photo courtesy of Rich DiMidio).



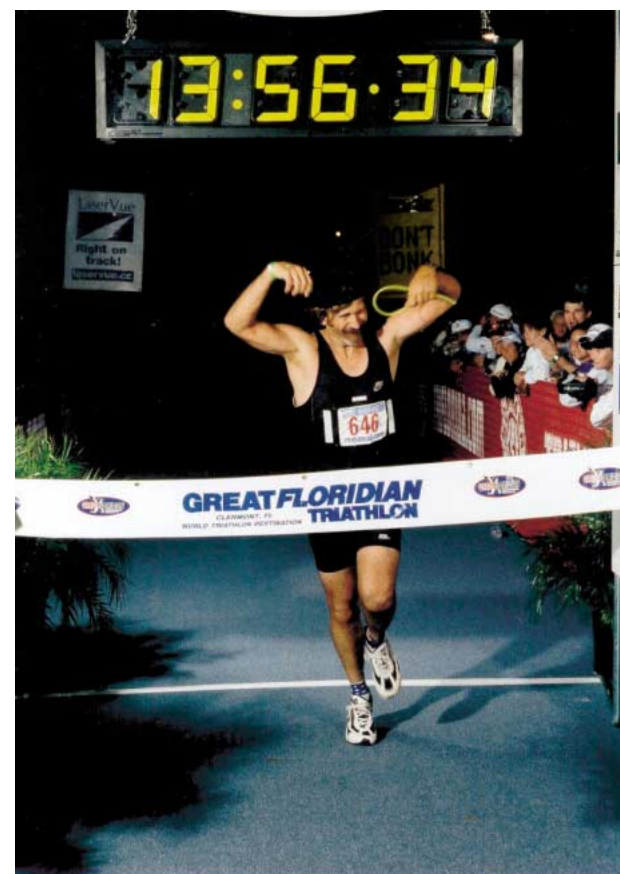
**Proud to be a STARFLEET Member:**

Parker Gabriel, of the USS Sovereign, proudly displays his Promotion Certificate! Way to go, Parker! (Photo courtesy of Parker Gabriel)



**Katrina Leigh Mohny**

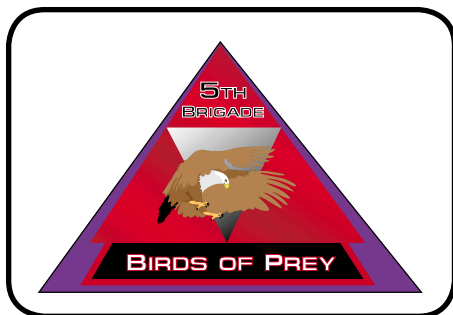
Region 2 Regional Coordinator Pete Mohny and his wife, Sue Ellen Mohny, are proud parents of Region's Two's newest member! The 'first baby' of Region Two was born on December 31, 2000, at 4:53 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 5 ozs., was 19 inches long, has blue eyes and light brown hair (Photo courtesy of Pete Mohny).



**After serving on the AB, I can Do \*ANYTHING\*!**

Joe "Right Full" Ruttar, Region 15's Iron Man, crosses the Finish Line in the Great Floridian IronMan Triathlon. Go Joe! (Photo courtesy of Val Ruttar)





# STARFLEET'S FIFTH BRIGADE IN ACTION!

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

Artwork By Admiral Chris Wallace • STARFLEET Region 5

The interest in our STARFLEET Marine Corps (SMMC) has increased tremendously in the past few years. I believe that more than six hundred members of STARFLEET now consider themselves active or reservist members of the SMMC. In recognition of this interest, I have been asked to give the general membership a view into just what it is that us Marines do.

This first article is about the people here in Region Five, or Fifth Brigade for those of us in the Marines. In Idaho, the 501st Marine Strike Group (MSG) is attached to the USS Kensington. They have 23 Marines in the Unit, including the ship's CO. Essentially, everything done by members of the Kensington is a Marine activity.

The 512th MSG is in Washington State, attached to the USS Jaguar. They have a new Officer in Charge, Colonel John Adcock, who transferred to the 512th and 5th Brigade after commanding the 2nd Brigade for the previous 18 months.

Here in Salem, Oregon, we have the 521st MSG serving with the USS Destiny. Four of our seven Marines attended the Western Conference 2000 last October, and spearheaded our chapter's charity drive gathering toys for the US Marines "Toys for Tots" campaign last Christmas. We celebrated New Year's Day by traveling to Portland, Oregon and competing in a gaming "battle" hosted by the Klingons there that pitted four Star

Trek clubs against each other.

On a personal note, I had the good fortune to represent the USS Destiny and the 521st MSG in a private meeting with George Takei before his appearance at the Creation Convention in Portland, Oregon on January 7th. I was granted this rare opportunity so that I could present George with a copy of our ship's newsletter, The Manifest. That particular issue included a scanned copy of my Program autographed by George during his earlier charity appearance in Portland introducing a theater showing of Star Trek VI. That Program sheet listed the film as "starring George Takei," and raised support to fight Parkinson's disease.

More recently, on January 13th, our 521st MSG provided a Marine Honor Guard for the USS Destiny's Change-of-Command ceremony as our outgoing CO, Fleet Captain Stephen C. Idell, passed command of the ship to me. Our Marines helped to make this ceremony truly impressive, and we received a nice write-up of the event in our local paper, the Statesman-Journal.

This is what the STARFLEET Marines are to me, but there are a great many other examples throughout the Fleet. As I write about other Brigade's activities in future issues, I hope to be able to credit individual Marines with specific information they provide to me.

## REGION 7 CADET CORPS CHRONICLES: A NEW BEGINNING

By Commander Dean Rogers • Commandant, Region 7 Cadet Corps

Artwork by Lieutenant Commander Lauren Milan, USS Avenger

It looks like that we are off to a great start as we continue to move forward in 2001. As the ball dropped on Times Square on New Year's Day in America, the first of our four quarters has ended & I got caught in a "Tholian Web" (More on than event in next report.) Overall, my very first New Year's Eve party was so great, with all many special thanks to the flagship of the R7CC, USS Highlander! Well, its time to get to business at hand here as I give you all a short version on the happenings of the first quarter.

### Region 7 Cadet Motto & Logo

Since we started the "Prep period" in November 2000, we decided to call our fellow officers to create a logo and motto for our beloved group. I am happy to report with all that's said and done, we had them both before 2000 had come and gone. The Official R7CC logo was created by Lieutenant Lauren Milan of the USS Avenger. We give many thanks for her special talent of graphic design & effort.

The motto contest was a grand success! The Region 7 Voting Council had chosen from 9 mottos that were

submitted by some of the Fleet's finest, some as far away as the 5th Fleet. For the finals, let it be known that the final round has been officially nicknamed "The War Between the Former Region 7 Coordinators" because the top three mottos were from Admiral Alex Rosenzweig and Vice Admiral Bob Vosseller who had the top two mottos in the finals. Here are the results:

### 1st place (Official R7CC Motto)

"Today's Cadets,  
Tomorrow's Leaders"  
Alex Rosenzweig, USS  
Avenger

### 2nd Place (Unofficial R7CC Motto)

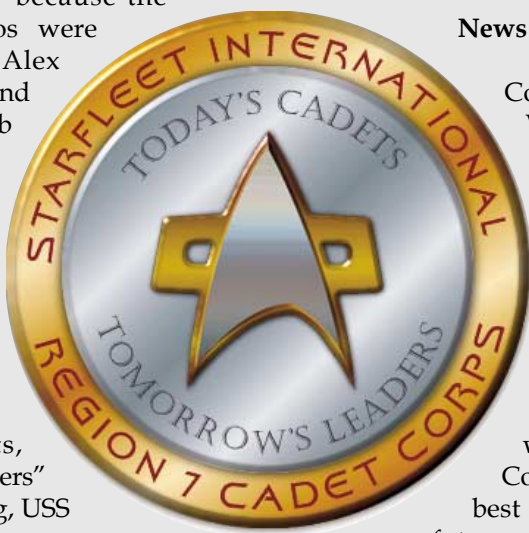
"Exploring the Final Frontier with  
a new generation of STARFLEET  
Officers"

Bob Vosseller, USS Challenger

### 3rd Place

"Leadership for a new Generation"  
Bob Vosseller - USS Challenger

I would like to extend our congratulations to all the participants in the R7CC Motto Vote and Special Congratulations to our winners for a job well done!



### News From The Fleet Cadet Corps

Colonel Dallas Vinson, SFI Cadet Corps Director, has decided to resign his position on Friday, January 5th, 2001. On behalf of the Region 7 Cadet Corps, I would like to wish Col Vinson the very best of luck in all his future endeavors.

### Phase 2 And Beyond

While we are still on Phase 1, I would like to you all a glimpse of the upcoming plans for 2001 in the R7CC. Within a few months, we will be starting a Cadet Corps website to incorporate all the chapter's information and a central database for our future officers. We are looking for

some volunteers to create the site.

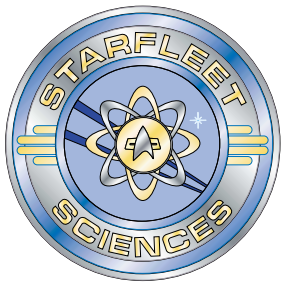
We are also creating an awards program for the R7CC! LT Mandy Halleman is currently finalizing the details with the Regional Awards director. They will be based on real world academics, Fleet participation and much more. More information will be posted in the next issue

The handbook will be the crowning achievement of the R7CC. We are looking towards the 7th fleet to incorporate various topics for the handbook like "What expectations does a cadet officer look for in their Commanding Officer and vice versa". I will be creating a draft letter which will be sent it to the staff, Liaison Officer, & the Regional Coordinator for approval. We should have the official letter out by the beginning of February.

Well all good things must come to an end and so does this latest chapter in the Region 7 Cadet Corps.

If anyone in STARFLEET would like some more information on the Region 7 Cadet Corps, you can email me at [acopsassist@hotmail.com](mailto:acopsassist@hotmail.com).





# ON THE HUMANOID CONDITION

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In continuing the series on the humanoid condition, I'd like to delve a little deeper into the state of humanity by discussing the role of Homo sapiens terra in the animal Order of Primates (this discussion will be based upon an evolutionary theory but in no way serves to express the opinions of the lecturer, STARFLEET, or in any way is meant to favor evolutionary versus creationist doctrine).

Primates refers to the Order Primates within the Class of Mammals (Mammalia) within the Phylum Chordata (chordate animals) that includes the monkeys, apes, and man. Primates evolved from arboreal insectivores approximately 130 million years ago (during the Cretaceous Period - it was during this Period that the mass-extinction of dinosaurs occurred). Primates are characterized by the following characteristics: - the presence of thumbs and big toes that are opposable (i.e. capable of facing and touching the other digits of the hands and feet), thus allowing for manual dexterity and manipulation of objects and forward-facing eyes which allow for binocular vision (i.e. the ability to produce a focused image of the same object simultaneously on the retinas of both eyes, thus permitting three-dimensional or "stereoscopic vision" and depth perception).

The brain of Primates, particularly the cerebrum (i.e. that part of the brain responsible for the integration of sensory

and neural functions, the learning process, the maintenance of short and long term memory) is relatively large and well-developed, accounting for the intelligence and quick reaction of these mammals [notation: it is held in theory and in biologic evidence from tissue sample that the complexity of neural processing is proportional to the surface area of the gray matter of the neural tissue - gray matter refers to the non-myelinated areas of the brain which are the cell bodies of the neurons responsible for processing sensory inputs and motor outputs; analysis of brain tissue reveals that species known to have intelligence as we know it are characterized by significant infolding of the brain surface, thus greatly increasing the surface area and hence the number of neurons capable of complex sensori-motor processing.

Primates typically produce offspring singly and the offspring undergo a prolonged period of growth and development into the adult form. The majority of primates live in social groupings (some prosimians live in alone).

Primates in general share some common skeletal and dental characteristics as well - generally (particularly among the higher primates such as apes and man) the dental structures are organized with four classifications of teeth - molars, premolars (or bicuspid), cuspids (or canine teeth), and incisors. [Note: Homo sapiens terra is characterized to be in adult stage by having

32 teeth in the natural dentition - 12 molars (including the wisdom teeth), 8 bicuspid, 4 cuspids, and 8 incisors].

Primates can be subclassified into two forms: - anthropoids (human beings, apes, and monkeys) and prosimians (aye-ayes, galagos, lemurs, lorises, pottos, and tarsiers; some scientists classify tree shrews among primates as prosimians).

Within the anthropoid subclassification, one can include: - five major groups of apes - bonobos, chimpanzees, gibbons, gorillas, and orangutans (gibbons, the smallest apes, are referred to as lesser apes; bonobos, chimpanzees, gorillas, and orangutans are referred to as great apes) - approximately 200 species of monkeys, which can be classified into New World monkeys (Central and South American species) and Old World monkeys (African and Asian species); typically, New World monkeys have nostrils spaced widely apart, have 36 teeth, are typically arboreal (live in trees) and grasp objects with their tails, while the nostrils of Old World monkeys are close together, these monkeys have 32 teeth (similar to apes), are typically ground-dwellers (although some are arboreal) and do not grasp objects with their tails. New World monkeys include marmosets and tamarins, and other species (including capuchins, douroucoulis, howlers, spider monkeys, squirrel monkeys, woolly monkeys, and woolly spider monkeys). Old World Monkeys include baboons,

colobus monkeys, guenons, langurs, and macaques.

Generally, apes and monkeys can be distinguished by several characteristics: - most monkeys have tails, while apes do not - the great apes are much larger and have longer fingers and toes - on the ground, bonobos, chimpanzees, and gorillas (and orangutans and gibbons less often) walk in a semiupright posture, supporting the front part of their bodies on their knuckles, while monkeys typically walk on all-fours and often use their tails for locomotion.

The next two articles in the series will explore (in order): - a closer look at anthropoid species (apes and monkeys) and a closer look at the prosimian species (The articles will discuss classification, physical characteristics including skeletal and dental classification, and evolutionary theory).

Source material and suggested reading:  
The Evolution of Primate Intelligence  
<http://www.hcs.harvard.edu/~husn/BRAIN/vol2/Primate.html>

Oxford Dictionary of Biology  
Oxford University Press  
4th Edition, 2000.

Rumbaugh D, "Primate."  
World Book Online Americas Edition  
<http://www.worldbookonline.com/>  
January 7, 2001.

Let me start with my local profile and work my way up from there... I am the Science Officer (specifically the Xenobiologist) aboard USS Hawkeye (In Region One), and it is from this perch in the laboratories of the Hawkeye that I do my writing and study of various alien species throughout the quadrants. Within the chapter, I maintain the chapter fiction through the ongoing voyages of the USS Cheiron, the experimental science vessel. The Cheiron is basically an overgrown runabout with modifications and design specifications that blend a runabout, the Shuttle Chaffee (from USS Defiant) and the Delta Flyer - the ship has a standard crew of 5-9, uses a quantum slipstream to travel at high speeds (we can hop across the galaxy in just under 10 days), and has some Borg and Romulan modifications (including adaptive shielding and a cloaking device). The ship is designed for long-range short-duration scientific and reconnaissance missions, and as part of our chapter fiction (if you are at all interested), I maintain an online library of the mission logs: <http://www.ncc-4950.org> - go to the MISSION LOGS link off the SCIENCE page. In addition

## THE MAD SCIENTIST OF STARFLEET

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I maintain an electronic list where I post the mission logs on a regular basis: SFI-USSCheiron@egroups.com (You can go to <http://www.egroups.com/subscribe/SFI-USSCheiron> if you would like to read along)

In addition, as the Xenobiologist on board, I also maintain an extensive and up-to-date database of all the alien species in the Star Trek television series, movies, a few of the novels, and have included alien species created by some chapters in STARFLEET. This is also accessible on the SCIENCE page at <http://www.ncc-4950.org> (just click on the XENO BIOLOGY link on the SCIENCE page) and I have available a Word97 version of this as well. I update it every week, presuming there is a new alien species introduced in Star Trek" Voyager or I come across a new species in one of the more 'canonical' novels (I should also say that I have examined the Paramount Star Trek web site, and their database is quite

out of date).

On a Regional level, I serve as the North Carolina/South Carolina Section of Region One.

I have been writing a column in the *Communiqué* for some time, usually dealing with some sort of scientific real-world facts (my personal favorite was the 100 YEARS OF SCIENCE article published in CQ100) and I am currently writing the ongoing series on humanoid life, which for the next 2 or 3 articles will focus on primate classification and physiology. I will as the "science editor" continue to write the series of articles, and I encourage anyone with a science background or an interest in science to submit articles to [cq@sfi.org](mailto:cq@sfi.org) - it's our input and information that makes the CQ a high-quality newsletter, and the CQ staff relies on this information!

I also encourage you to take notice

of your Regional and Fleet science programs, since we do have a number of organized science lists and regional science programs - for more information you can contact the Fleet Division Chief of Sciences, Richard Driver, at [rdriver@scifi-science.com](mailto:rdriver@scifi-science.com).

Last thing, I thought I would share with you some of the articles I plan to write: I have two more articles in the primate series (and perhaps in this order or in some other order); after that I plan to do a series of articles on human physiology and biology; after that I would like to talk about human medicine - after that I would like to talk about my area of expertise - Dentistry (and I have a few interesting dental facts you'll all get a kick out of). If there's anything else you would like to see, don't hesitate to let me know - I'm accessible by email, phone, and postal mail:

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# SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER: 15 YEARS LATER

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If there is one special day that I will never forget in my life, that day would be JANUARY 28, 1986. It was the day before my fifth birthday and I was so happy to turn five the very next day. Thousand of miles away from my location, the Space Shuttle Challenger was about to embark on its twenty-fifth space shuttle mission in space. What's special about this mission is that for the very first, an American civilian will take her place among the stars. The civilian to make history was a New Hampshire teacher by the name of Christa McAuliffe.

The actual launch had been delayed five times due to bad weather. In fact, January 28th was the coldest day that NASA had ever launched a shuttle. The time had finally come at 11:38 AM Eastern Standard Time and the Challenger left Pad 39B at Cape Kennedy. Seventy-three seconds into the flight, the Challenger exploded right before our eyes. The cause was due to the failure of the right SRB aft joint sealing, most likely due to the extremely cold temperature on the morning of January 28, 1986. Out of the two SRBs or Solid Rocket Boosters that were used, the one that was in the extreme cold was the one that failed. O-rings when they are cold do not move as quickly as ones that are warm. Therefore if the O-rings were nearly frozen in place during ignition, the gases burnt the O-rings and produced the black smoke. Challenger left the launch pad and headed for space. During flight the O-rings continued to not seal the joint, and the gases leaked through the aft field joint. The flame grew larger and later blew Challenger up. This event that unfolded in front of our eyes will always be remembered in the space program. This is one of the most significant events of the 1980's and the 20th Century as billions of people around the world saw the accident first-hand on television and empathized with any one of the seven crewmembers killed. This special report is a dedication to the Shuttle Challenger crew who has made the journey above and beyond the call of duty.

The crew of STS-51-L was like a real life representation of the Enterprise crew of Star Trek. It was a cross-section of the American population in the ways of race, gender, geography, background, and religion. In fact, they were one of the

very first diverse Space Shuttle crews in the history of the US Space Program.

The commander of STS-51-L was Francis R. Scobee. He was born on May 19, 1939 in Cle Elum, Washington. He enlisted in the US Air Force, training as a reciprocating engine mechanic but longing to fly. During his tenure in the Air Force, he received a B.S. degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Arizona in which made it possible for him to receive his officer's commission. He received his pilot wings in 1966 and began a series of flying

received his wings in May 1969. Later he worked as a test pilot for the Navy, flying 28 different types of aircraft and logging more than 4,300 hours of flying time. Smith was selected as a NASA astronaut in May 1980, and a year later, after completing further training, he received an assignment as a Space Shuttle pilot, the position he occupied aboard Challenger. This mission was his first space flight.

Judith A. Resnik was one of three mission specialists on Challenger. Born on April 5, 1949 at Akron, Ohio. Brought

American woman in orbit during the flight of Discovery, STS-41-D, between August 30 and September 5, 1984. During this mission she helped to deploy three satellites into orbit; she was also involved in biomedical research during the mission. Afterward, she began intensive training for the STS-51-L mission on which she was killed.

Ronald E. McNair was the second of three mission specialists aboard Challenger. Born on October 21, 1950 in Lake City, South Carolina. He achieved early success in the segregated public schools he attended as both a student and an athlete. Valedictorian of his high school class, he attended North Carolina A&T State University where in 1971 he received a B.S. degree in physics. He went on to study physics at MIT, where he specialized in quantum electronics and laser technology, completing his Ph.D. in 1977. As a student he performed some of the earliest work on chemical HF/DF and high pressure CO lasers, publishing path-breaking scientific papers on the subject. McNair met and married Cheryl B. Moore of Brooklyn, New York, and they later had two children. After completing his Ph.D. he began working as a physicist at the Optical Physics Department of Hughes Research Laboratories in Malibu, California, and conducted research on electro-optic laser modulation for satellite-to-satellite space communications. This research brought McNair in contact with the space program, and when the opportunity presented itself he applied for astronaut training. In January 1978 NASA selected him to enter the astronaut cadre, one of the first three African Americans selected. McNair became the second African American in space between February 3 and 11, 1984, by flying on the Challenger Shuttle mission STS-41-B. During this mission McNair operated the maneuverable arm built by Canada used to move payloads in space. The 1986 mission on which he was killed was his second Shuttle flight.

Ellison S. Onizuka, was the last of the three mission specialists. He had been born in Kealahou, Kona, Hawaii, on June 24, 1946. He attended the University of Colorado, receiving B.S. and M.S. degrees in engineering in June and December 1969, respectively. While at the university he married Lorna Leido



**The Crew of the STS-51L Mission:** Font (Left to right) Michael J. Smith, Frances R. Scobee, Ronald E. McNair. Back: Ellison S. Onizuka, Christa McAuliffe, Gregory Jarvis and Judith Resnik

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assignments with the Air Force. He was a test pilot who flew more than 45 types of aircraft, logging more than 6,500 hours of flight time. In 1978, Scobee entered NASA's astronaut corps and was the pilot of STS-41-C. He was married to June Kent in 1966 and had two children.

The pilot was CDR Michael J. Smith, USN. He was born on April 30, 1945 in Beaufort, South Carolina. He had been educated at the US Naval Academy, class of 1967, and received his M.S. in Aeronautical Engineering from the Naval Post Graduate School in 1968. From there he underwent aviator training at Kingsville, Texas, and

up in the Jewish religion, Resnik was educated in public schools before attending Carnegie-Mellon University, where she received a B.S. in electrical engineering in 1970, and the University of Maryland, where she took a Ph.D. in the same field in 1977. Resnik worked in a variety of professional positions with the RCA corporation in the early 1970s and as a staff fellow with the Laboratory of Neurophysiology at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, between 1974 and 1977. Selected as a NASA astronaut in January 1978, the first cadre containing women, Resnik underwent the training program for Shuttle mission specialists during the next year. Resnik was the second



Yoshida of Hawaii, and the couple eventually had two children. He also participated in the Air Force R.O.T.C. program, leading to a commission in January 1970. Onizuka served on active duty with the Air Force until January 1978 when he was selected as a NASA astronaut. With the Air Force in the early 1970s he was an aerospace flight test engineer at the Sacramento Air Logistics Center. After July 1975 he was assigned to the Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards Air Force Base, California, as squadron flight test officer and later as chief of the engineering support section. When Onizuka was selected for the astronaut corps he entered into a one-year training program and then became eligible for assignment as a mission specialist on future Space Shuttle flights. He worked on orbiter test and checkout teams and launch support crews at the Kennedy Space Center for the first two Shuttle missions. Since he was an Air Force officer on detached duty with NASA, Onizuka was a logical choice to serve on the first dedicated Department of Defense classified mission. He was a mission specialist on STS-51-C, taking place 24-27 Jan. 1985 on the Discovery orbiter. The Challenger flight was his second Shuttle mission.

The last two members of the Challenger crew were not officially Federal government employees. Gregory B. Jarvis, a payload specialist, worked for the Hughes Aircraft Corp.'s Space and Communications Group in Los Angeles, California, and had been made available for the Challenger flight by his company. Jarvis had been born on August 24, 1944, in Detroit, Michigan. He had been educated at the State University of New York at Buffalo, receiving a B.S. in electrical engineering in 1967; at Northeastern University, Boston, where he received an M.S. degree in the same field in 1969; and at West Coast University, Los Angeles, where he completed coursework for an M.S. in management science in 1973. Jarvis began work at Hughes in 1973 and served in a variety of technical positions until 1984 when he was accepted into the astronaut program under Hughes' sponsorship after competing against 600 other Hughes employees for the opportunity. Jarvis' duties on the Challenger flight had revolved around gathering new information on the design of liquid-fueled rockets.

The last member of the crew was Sharon Christa McAuliffe, the first teacher to fly in space. Selected from among more than 11,000 applicants from the education profession for entrance into the astronaut ranks, McAuliffe had been born on September 2, 1948. As a youth she registered excitement over

the Apollo moon landing program, and wrote years later on her astronaut application form that "I watched the Space Age being born and I would like to participate." McAuliffe attended Framingham State College in her hometown, graduating in 1970. A few weeks later she married her longstanding boyfriend, Steven McAuliffe. They stayed in the Washington DC area for the next eight years, she teaching and completing an M.A. from Bowie State University, in Maryland. They moved to Concord, New Hampshire where Christa took a teaching post at Concord High School in 1982, and in 1984 learned about NASA's efforts to locate an educator to fly on the Shuttle. The intent was to find a gifted teacher who could communicate with students from space. NASA selected McAuliffe for this position in the summer of 1984 and in the fall she took a year-long leave of absence from teaching, during which time NASA would pay her salary, and trained for an early 1986 Shuttle mission. She had an immediate rapport with the media, and the teacher in space program received tremendous attention as a result. It is in part because of the excitement over McAuliffe's presence on the Challenger that the accident had such a significant impact on the nation.

The legacy of space shuttle Challenger lives on today. Even though it has been fifteen years since the event occurred, the imagination of space flight fuels me even to this day. When that event occurred, I not only cried because it was so tragic but it was the day I started my journey to learn all about space exploration in general. I studied the Space Shuttle mission so much that I wanted to attend U.S. Space Camp when I was young. After years of hoping, I finally attended the ADVANCED SPACE ACADEMY at U.S. Space Camp on April 4, 1999. While there, they had a life-size replica of the Space Shuttle in Space Shuttle Park. At the end of the park, there was a big rock with a plaque on it. The park was dedicated to the crew of Challenger STS-51-L. Also, there was one souvenir I had to take home in which I had made a promise at age 11 to get while attending Space Camp. That was the Space Shuttle Challenger crew patch. To this day, I have the patch on my flight suit, forever remembering this special crew. So, whenever I go back to Space Camp; put on my ASA Flight suit to remember the times; or go back to Challenger Center; I will always remember the day of January 28, 1986 because for me it will forever be "The Day I Discovered The Final Frontier".

This is my dedication to the crew of the space shuttle Challenger and I SALUTE YOU ALL!



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



To The Editor:

My name is Anthony Wynn (Vice Admiral Wxyn, Retired) and I would like to respectfully take a bit of exception with the following paragraph, which appears on the USS Tanagra site detailing STARFLEET History, and apparently, has been printed in other STARFLEET materials:

VADM Stillwell, though serving as the Vice Chief of Personnel, was also believed to be serving as the Chief of Communications under the name of VADM T. Wxyn. VADM Stillwell definitely had control of the STARFLEET media and his "Mandate" continually called for members to "start doing, making and requesting" and mainly to get involved! Eric Stillwell was quickly making STARFLEET a "members" organization which won him great popularity throughout the Fleet. His fight was against the "bureaucracy which had devoured efficiency and effectiveness"...

I would like to assure the USS Tanagra and STARFLEET that I certainly indeed did serve a term as STARFLEET's first Vulcan Chief of Communications following the turnover of the fleet command to Admiral Stillwell. Prior to my promotion, I served under then Commodore Eric Stillwell as First Officer on our ship based out of Eugene, Oregon.

And later, the history further reads--

...Another problem that had raised its head was Trek International. This organization, barely days old, rode on the coat tails of the ill STARFLEET. More interestingly, Trek International was being set up and run by several members of Stillwell's own Executive Committee. Their approach at getting their group started was to undermine STARFLEET and recruit members and chapters from our own ranks...

I resigned from STARFLEET to become the Commanding Admiral of the new Trek International, based in San Antonio, Texas. True enough, many of the members came from within the ranks of STARFLEET and wanted to join a viable, operating organization -- although we did recruit many members who had never before been involved in any fleet-based organizations. At it's peak, Trek International boasted some 30 ships internationally and membership of over 1000 personnel. However, after several years of operation, Trek International was disbanded and it's ships were folded back into STARFLEET.

Thanks for this opportunity to correct a little bit of history! I appreciate your help in this matter. Perhaps one day I'll be able to attend a STARFLEET gathering to socialize a bit with other fleet officers!

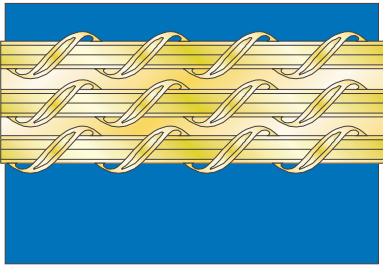
Sincerely,

Anthony Wynn (VADM Wxyn, Retired)

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# NOTES ON STARFLEET RANKS & ORGANIZATION

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## INTRODUCTION:

This essay was originally written to provide a full historical and fictional basis for ranks and positions as used in the U.S.S. Columbia. It has been revised slightly and is offered here as a model for other chapters to follow, should they choose to do so.

The individual reader's opinion may vary, of course--this is merely one officer's interpretation of the fictional Starfleet as seen in the various Star Trek television series and feature films. Much of the material in this essay is deliberately skewed toward traditional naval terminology, as opposed to the blander modern phrasing. It is understood that many people's interpretations of Star Trek and its setting are less militaristic in tone, and may prefer wordings that shun the 'barbaric' militarism of Earth's past. Certainly there is no reason that a "gunner's mate" could not be called a "phaser specialist"--and indeed, some examples from the Trek canon point more in that direction. On the other hand, the author is an unabashed devotee of naval history and literature, and is very much a subscriber to Nicholas Meyer's version of Star Trek (as seen in the two feature films he directed, *The Wrath of Khan* and *The Undiscovered Country*)--the ultimate extension of Gene Roddenberry's phrase "Horatio Hornblower in space."

The essay is written from the common fictional Starfleet point-of-view. In most circumstances, the term "Specialist" is understood to refer to a petty officer (enlisted) while a "Technician" refers to a warrant officer. Also note that the 'paygrades' in the higher officer ranks are given both in their traditional versions and those included in the current STARFLEET Membership Handbook--i.e., Fleet Captain as O-7.

## I. RANKS

Rank in Starfleet is a means of determining command authority and organization. Unlike past military organizations, Starfleet does not insist upon rank as an indication of social status: enlisted personnel are not in any way considered socially inferior to officers. It is true that higher-ranking personnel tend to enjoy slightly greater privileges than lower-ranking ones; however, the differences are at best trivial. Any individual in Starfleet service is accorded the same basic privileges of shelter, sustenance, and clothing as well as recreational opportunities. Where no other extenuating circumstances exist, greater privileges are often extended to higher-ranking officers as recognition for service and responsibility. However, personal need

is an equally- (if not greater) important determining factor. It is common for a enlisted crewmember with accompanying dependents to be assigned as much living space as an admiral with no dependents (it is telling that any admiral would without hesitation agree that an enlisted man with a wife and two children be billeted to spacious multiroom quarters while he himself occupied a modest stateroom). The consistent reduction of the social importance of material gain over the last four centuries have eliminated most such boundaries. It is worth noting that higher-ranking officers who do receive greater privileges universally have far more pressing and long-lasting commitments than junior enlisted crew.

Starfleet is a truly meritocratic organization. Any capable Federation citizen may apply for an appointment to Starfleet Academy; the only barrier lies in the competitive nature of the entrance examinations (it has always been imperative that Starfleet's leaders be those proven most capable of the extraordinary mental and emotional demands of command at space). Promotions in rank are based on an individual's capability first, with seniority in grade as a secondary consideration. The system of service ranks and promotions within Starfleet serve primarily as an accurate and easily-understood system of measuring an individual's abilities and experience. Unlike military organizations of Earth's past, in which the legal authority to command was often acquired as much through political connections and material wealth as through proven ability and dedicated service, the legal authority of Starfleet officers is understood to be inextricably bound to an individual's suitability to wield such authority. The extraordinary power and capabilities of modern starships, with their potential to enact social and political change on an interstellar scale, demands nothing less.

**Crewman Recruit (CR)**, Grade E-1, is the lowest rank within Starfleet. Recruits are those who have newly joined the space service and are undergoing basic training at one of several facilities throughout Federation space. Recruits are never assigned active duty in starships or stations.

**Crewman Apprentice (CA)**, Grade E-2, is the rank held primarily by those in technical training programs prior to deep-space assignments. These programs are conducted at service schools in various locations, many of them part of the Starfleet Academy campus in San Francisco on Earth. Graduates of these schools are frequently promoted to the next grade,

although it is common for CAs to serve in training vessels on space duty prior to promotion. During the Dominion War, the need for large numbers of personnel often resulted in CAs being posted to active starship duty on front-line vessels.

**Crewman (CN)**, Grade E-3. Crewmen--often referred to as 'able crewmen' in the old naval tradition--are fully-trained and qualified to perform basic duties in starship and stations. It is worth noting that the basic astronautic training required for advancement to the rate of Crewman exceeds in most ways that given to twentieth-century astronauts. At this level, the first degree of specialization in the ranks occurs. All crewmen are assigned to one of several major subdivisions according to their basic duties--Administration/Logistics, Operations/Engineering, and Sciences/Medical (corresponding to the three color-codes used in Starfleet uniforms). After gaining sufficient experience in their chosen occupational field, Crewmen are usually rated as 'strikers'--petty officers in training--for a particular specialty.

**Petty Officer Third Class (PO3)**, Grade E-4. Since the days of sail, petty officers have been the basic element in the shipboard chain-of-command. Specialists in a particular occupational field, they supervise crewmen in their duties. The highest level of specialization in Starfleet occurs at this level: all petty officers have a particular rating which indicates their field of expertise, such as boatswain's mate, medical technician, or yeoman. Any third-class petty officer is understood to have a mastery of at least the fundamental skills in his or her field.

**Petty Officer Second Class (PO2)**, Grade E-5. Second-class petty officers are given slightly greater responsibility, and accordingly have greater abilities and experience than their third-class counterparts. They are generally assigned similar duties, but are more frequently given individual responsibility by their seniors.

**Petty Officer Third Class (PO1)**, Grade E-6. Petty officers at this level are highly skilled and experienced, and frequently assist officers by overseeing large numbers of crewmen at their daily duties.

**Chief Petty Officer (CPO)**, Grade E-7. Chief Petty Officers are frequently considered the backbone of Starfleet. They are masters of their trades, and possess initiative and sobriety sufficient to give them authority over major tasks requiring the effort of numerous crewmen. Where commissioned

officers have broad responsibility for general areas of starship operations, CPOs coordinate and supervise day-to-day activities.

**Senior Chief Petty Officer (SCPO)**, Grade E-8. Senior Chiefs are CPOs of greater experience and knowledge. Usually possessed of over a decade's service, Senior Chiefs can be relied upon by commissioned officers to faithfully and efficiently carry out almost any task, often supervising scores of junior petty officers and crewmen.

**Master Chief Petty Officer (MCPO)**, Grade E-9. The Master Chief is very much that--an undisputed master of his trade, with indispensable wisdom and experience to his credit. Senior commissioned officers know that Master Chiefs can manage any important task, and value their counsel immeasurably. Junior officers know that although their commissions grant them authority over Master Chiefs, a Master Chief's advice is as close to a divine truth as can be found in the space service. The most capable Master Chiefs are assigned as Command Master Chiefs, the senior non-commissioned adviser to a captain.

**Midshipman** is the title held by student-officers at Starfleet Academy. Often erroneously referred to as 'cadets', midshipmen are distinguished in holding legal command authority as junior line officers (traditional military cadets had no such authority and were not legally entitled to issue orders). Those midshipmen engaged in undergraduate studies are unofficially styled 'cadet midshipmen', which title is often given as 'cadet'. Upon completing their academic requirements, midshipmen must then complete field studies in which they serve as junior officers in starships and stations. Only upon successful completion of these assignments may they graduate the Academy and be commissioned as Ensigns.

**Warrant Officer (WO)**, Grade W-1. It is often desirable to assign an extremely knowledgeable and experienced technical specialist to a position of greater authority. Warrant Officers are appointed from the ranks of particularly talented first-class and chief petty officers, and have limited command authority in their particular occupational fields. The grade of Warrant Officer (W-1) is frequently unused by Starfleet, as the higher-ranking Commissioned (or Chief) Warrant Officers fulfill the required duties; however, the Fleet's expansion during the Dominion War necessitated the rank's use. The primary difference between the two types is the origin of their authority--ordinary warrant officers hold warrants issued by the



Federation Commissioner of Starfleet, where as commissioned warrant officers hold commissions signed by the President of the Federation Council.

**Chief Warrant Officer (CWO)**, Grades W-2, W-3, and W-4. Chief Warrant Officers, as mentioned above, are actually commissioned officers ranking below Ensigns. They serve to supervise non-commissioned personnel in specific technical fields but hold no authority to command outside their own departments or specialties. They are not generally in line for promotion to higher commissioned rank. Normally, the only substantive difference between the three grades of Chief Warrant Officer is length of service.

**Ensign (ENS)**, Grade O-1, is the lowest commissioned rank. Most Academy graduates are commissioned as Ensigns upon graduation. Ensigns assist more senior officers in commanding divisions on board ship or in stations.

The title of Ensign originated in European armies, in which an Ensign was the most junior subaltern in a unit. Army ensigns were so called because they carried a unit's colors into battle. The French Navy borrowed the title for its most junior commissioned officers, known as ensigns de vaisseau. In both the British and U.S. Navies, midshipmen were required to pass an examination before being commissioned as Lieutenants; however, passing the examination did not guarantee a commission (actual commissions being issued only when vacancies occurred in ships). In both services, it was common for senior midshipmen to accept a warrant as master's mates (which came with increased pay, privileges, and responsibilities). Not all master's mates had advanced in this manner, however--some had advanced from the ranks of seamen and were not eligible for promotion to commissioned rank. The 'mates in line for promotion', former midshipmen, eventually came to represent a common step in the path to higher command. In the British service, the rank of Mate became a permanent commissioned rank, ultimately to be renamed 'Sublieutenant'; the American passed midshipman likewise became a permanent rank--in this case, taking the French title of Ensign (one occasion where the American service departed from British precedent).

Starfleet Ensigns are generally promoted to the next rank after eighteen to twenty-four months of service.

**Lieutenant Junior Grade (LTJG)**, Grade O-2. These officers command small shipboard divisions. Staff officers are often appointed in this grade upon entering the service. The rank evolved from the naval title of Master (warrant officers responsible for safe navigation of a ship)--much as with master's mates, passed midshipmen who had not yet been commissioned as lieutenants often accepted a master's warrant. Eventually the rank became a commissioned one and a normal step on the path to the rank of lieutenant. In the British Royal Navy, Masters were considered to rank 'with but

after' lieutenants but were not generally eligible for further promotion. Later, the Royal Navy replaced Masters with 'Navigating Lieutenants' (officers considered to rank with Lieutenants of the line but not authorized for command at sea) before phasing the rank out altogether. The U.S. Navy eventually changed the title of Master to Lieutenant Junior Grade.

**Lieutenant (LT)**, Grade O-3, is one of the oldest officer ranks in naval tradition. As the title suggests, lieutenants served as deputies to an officer in overall command. In Starfleet, Lieutenants command large divisions or small departments in ships and stations. They might serve as executive officers on small ships, or even command the smallest vessels.

**Lieutenant Commander (LCDR)**, Grade O-4. Lieutenant Commanders command departments and often serve as executive officers on mid-size starships, or hold sole command of small vessels and stations. The title evolved from the U.S. Navy rank of Lieutenant; Lieutenants in command of small ships were referred to as 'lieutenants commanding' or 'lieutenants commandant'. Eventually the rank became a permanent one; thus, Lieutenant Commanders are more a sort of senior lieutenant than a junior or deputy commander. The United States, in this instance, preceded the British Navy in adopting Lieutenant Commander as a permanent rank--tellingly, when the British followed suit, the insignia of Lieutenants of eight or more years' seniority was adopted for the new rank.

A Lieutenant Commander is properly addressed by the title 'Mister' and his/her last name, as with more junior officers (in keeping with their origins as senior lieutenants). It is quite common (though less correct) for a Lieutenant Commander to be addressed as 'Commander'--much as officers of the rank of Lieutenant Colonel are addressed as 'Colonel'.

**Commander (CDR)**, Grade O-5. Commanders have charge of major departments on large starships, serve as executive officers, and as commanding officers of small or mid-size vessels and stations. The title originated in the British Navy as 'Master and Commander'--the commanding officer of a type of vessel known as a 'sloop of war'. Such ships were considered too small to carry both a commanding officer and a separate chief navigating officer, so the two duties were combined in one officer. By the early nineteenth century, the title was shortened to 'commander' and was a distinct rank between lieutenants and captains. Officers of this rank in the U.S. Navy of the time were known as 'masters commandant'. Eventually both services adopted the title of commander. The Royal Navy almost always had more commanders than it had sloops for them to command; eventually it became common for commanders to serve as seconds-in-command of the largest warships. One relic of this tradition was the fact that all Royal Navy commanders were addressed as 'captain' out of courtesy until the 1920s. This persists in a fashion to the present day, in that the legally assigned

commanding officer of any ship (regardless of service rank) is addressed as 'captain'. In keeping with these traditions, a full Commander is always addressed by rank and last name--as in 'Commander Smith'--and never as 'Mister'.

Note: Obviously, the Starfleet of the twenty-third century was rather relaxed in regards to this tradition, as many full Commanders (Spock, Scotty, Sulu, Chekov) were commonly addressed as 'Mister'. On the other hand, Will Riker has almost always been addressed as 'Commander'.

**Captain (CAPT)**, Grade O-6. The naval title of captain is as old as the fighting navy itself. Originally, ships of war were merchant ships hired by a government for combat service. The officer in command of a merchant ship traditionally was known as its master. In pre-gunnery days, a merchant ship became a warship by simply sending a company of soldiers on board; as on shore, the officer commanding those troops was their 'captain'. The captain had overall military command of a ship, while the master was responsible for the ship's navigation and operations only. As naval warfare evolved and permanent, dedicated warships came into being, the distinctions were blurred, and the captain became simply the officer in overall command on a permanent basis (inheriting responsibility for all aspects of that ship); the master simply became a subordinate. Starfleet Captains command major starships and stations, and serve as staff officers with Starfleet Command.

**Fleet Captain (FCAPT)**, Grade O-6(a) (or O-7). Fleet Captains command squadrons or other small units of starships, and serve as senior command staff officers. The title has its origins in the British Navy's 'Captain Of The Fleet'--the title given to an Admiral's chief of staff.

**Commodore (COMM)**, Grade O-7 (O-8). The lowest flag rank--like Fleet Captains, Commodores might serve as commander of a squadron or task unit. The distinction is small, but Commodores usually have a Captain serving under them in command of their flagship (as Admirals do) whereas a Fleet Captain retains individual command of his flagship. This distinction was once seen in the Royal Navy, which in the days of sail had two classes of Commodore. A Commodore of the second class retained individual command of his ship and flew a burgee pennant as a distinguishing mark (compared to the flags flown by admirals or the commission pennants flown by captains of 'private ships'); the Commodore of the first class had a captain under him, flew a broad pennant, and was entitled to wear the undress uniform of a rear admiral.

**Rear Admiral (RADM)**, Grade O-8 (O-9). Rear Admirals (as do all flag officers) command fleets or forces of starships. They also command major shore facilities, and serve as senior officers of Starfleet Command's major technical bureaus. The title originates in the British Navy; when the Navy assembled as a single fleet, the rear admiral commanded the aftermost division of ships in the line of battle (the foremost

division, or 'van', was commanded by a vice admiral while the center was commanded by an admiral who also commanded the entire fleet).

**Vice Admiral (VADM)**, Grade O-9 (O-10). Vice Admirals command major fleets or forces of starships, and serve as top staff officers with Starfleet Command.

**Admiral (ADM)**, Grade O-10 (O-11). Admirals serve as Commanders-In-Chief of the major fleets (Alpha and Beta Quadrants), and in the top command positions of the space service as a whole.

**Fleet Admiral (FADM)**, Grade O-11 (O-12). There is generally only one Fleet Admiral on active duty at any given time; his or her position is Commander, Starfleet. The most distinguished admirals are sometimes allowed to retire with the rank of Fleet Admiral. The title evolves from the British 'Admiral of the Fleet'; the U.S. Navy first appointed five-star Fleet Admirals during World War II.

## II. SHIP ORGANIZATION

Starship crews are typically divided into several departments, each with its own particular set of duties and responsibilities. While exact organization varies from ship to ship, typically there are seven major departments common to all vessels. These are the Command Department, Operations Department, Engineering Department, Science Department, Medical Department, Communications Department, and Security Department.

### COMMAND DEPARTMENT

**Captain.** Each and every ship has a single line officer legally assigned to command it. Regardless of rank, this officer holds the courtesy title of Captain and is addressed as such. A Captain is responsible for all aspects of his or her ship, especially for safe navigation and execution of assigned missions. In situations where more than one officer of captain rank is present, the phrase 'The Captain' is understood to refer to the commanding officer.

**Executive Officer.** The Executive Officer (Exec, XO, First Officer) is the line officer second in rank on a starship and acts as the Captain's executive assistant. The XO's particular responsibility is for the readiness of ship and crew. All orders issued by the Exec are considered as coming from the Captain. Executive Officers with the rank of Lieutenant Commander or Commander are addressed as 'Commander' (compare with other officers of these ranks; Lieutenant Commanders are addressed as 'Lieutenant Commander Smith' or 'Mister Jones', where as Commanders are addressed by rank and name--'Commander Brown'). Any mention of 'The Commander' is understood to be a reference to the XO. In those instances where a full captain serves as XO, he or she is referred to by rank and name--as in 'Captain Smith' - to distinguish from 'The Captain'.

**Navigator.** The Navigator is the line officer concerned with the navigation and handling

of the spacecraft. Reporting directly to the Captain, the Navigator determines the vessel's position, plots courses, and supervises the flight control crew.

**Flight Controllers.** Flight controllers are generally junior commissioned officers, reporting to the navigator, and are tasked with supervising flight control, guidance, and navigation duties in their absence. Flight controllers stand watch at the Flight Control (CONN) position on the Bridge. Flight controllers are typically junior line officers or officers in training, and also stand watch as Officer of the Deck or Junior Officer of the Watch.

**Navigation Technicians.** Navigation technicians are warrant officers advanced from the Quartermaster rating. They generally serve as senior assistants to the Navigator, and may stand watch as Junior Officer of the Watch (but seldom as Officer of the Deck, which duty is usually reserved for commissioned line officers). Traditionalists within Starfleet often refer to NavTechs as "master's mates", in the old naval fashion. NavTechs sometimes serve as navigators in small vessels; tradition styles them as 'masters'.

**Quartermasters.** Quartermasters are petty officers specializing in navigation, ship handling, and communications. They stand watch at the CONN in relief of commissioned Flight Controllers; one quartermaster usually serves as Quartermaster of the Watch, assisting the Navigator and Officer of the Deck. Quartermasters are also trained shuttle pilots and (like Boatswain's Mates) serve as Coxswains.

Note: The term 'CONN' is generally understood to refer to the Flight Control station on a starship's bridge. Owing to the increased automation in ship control functions since the twenty-third century, the CONN replaces the separate helm and navigation positions on the bridge. The CONN is not necessarily the same as the phrase 'the conn', which refers to the status held by whatever officer has been designated to give steering orders for the ship. Frequently the two positions coincide, as it is more efficient for a single officer or crew member to have direct control over a ship's movements (eliminating the possibility of ambiguity in decision or reaction time). On certain occasions (usually during increased states of action or particular navigational evolutions) a separate officer may have 'the conn' while not physically operating the Flight Control station. Most deck crewmen are qualified helmsmen and are capable of supervising flight control functions during non-critical operations; under such circumstances, the Officer of the Deck will hold the conn. Alert status will require a quartermaster or commissioned officer to relieve the helm and take the conn directly.

**Personnel Officer.** The Personnel Officer serves as an assistant to the Executive Officer, and is primarily concerned with supervision of crew assignments, qualifications, training, and promotions. An ensign of the line is often assigned as

Personnel Officer.

**Records Officer.** The Records Officer also assists the XO. Responsibilities include supervision of all ship's logs, records, and archives; the Records Officer frequently doubles as Ship's Secretary, supervising clerical and administrative functions for the Exec. An ensign of the line is often assigned as Records Officer.

**Ship's Clerks.** Ship's Clerks are warrant officers who assist the Captain, Exec, Personnel, and Records Officers with all clerical and administrative functions.

**Yeomen.** Yeomen are petty officers whose duties involve clerical and administrative functions. They operate the ship's office.

**Legal Officer.** The Legal Officer is not an attorney, but rather a commissioned officer who assists the Captain in all legal and judicial matters. Attorneys are members of the Starfleet Judge Advocate General Corps, and do not generally serve in starships.

**Legalmen.** Legalmen are petty officers who assist the ship's Legal Officer.

**Supply Officer.** The Supply Officer has charge of all ship's stores and supplies, and is responsible for providing uniform clothes and equipment for the ship's crew as well as food and beverage for the general mess. The Supply Officer further has responsibility for all ship's accounts.

**Supply Clerks.** Supply Clerks are warrant officers who assist the Supply Officer in supervising logistical and materiel support functions. Traditionally, a warrant supply clerk serving as senior supply officer in a ship or station is called a "Purser."

**Storekeepers.** Storekeepers are petty officers who assist the Supply Officer, organize hold stowage, and keep inventory of ship's stores.

**Ship's Cook.** Generally, the ship's cook is a trained chef serving in Starfleet and appointed to warrant rank. The cook's primary duty is the preparation of meals in the traditional manner from fresh ingredients (usually for the Captain, the wardroom officers, or for distinguished guests at diplomatic functions). On many ships (especially during peacetime), a civilian chef working as a contractor to Starfleet fulfills these duties. When not called upon to prepare meals, the cook assists the supply officer in overseeing the ship's food stores. Many smaller vessels carry no cook at all, but rely upon replicators for all food preparation.

**Mess Management Specialists.** Mess management specialists are petty officers who assist the cook, supervise crewmen from other departments detailed as messmen and stewards, and operate and program the ship's food replicators. The senior mess management specialist also serves as the Captain's steward.

## OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

**Operations Manager.** The Ops Officer

is responsible for supervising shipboard activities and resources, and for seeing that they are carried out without conflict. The Operations Manager is head of the Operations Department, and stands watch at the Operations Management (OPS) position on the Bridge.

**Ops Watch Officers.** Ops Watch Officers relieve the Operations Manager at the OPS Station, and ensure that ship's operations run smoothly at all times.

**Ops Liaison Officers.** Ops Liaison Officers assist other departments in carrying out primary and secondary mission objectives.

**Resource Allocation Officers.** Resource Allocation Officers assist the duty operations manager in supervising usage of shipboard systems and facilities.

**Operations Specialist.** Operations Specialists are petty officers who assist the Operations Manager in his or her duties.

**First Lieutenant.** The First Lieutenant is the officer in charge of deck astronautics, having responsibility for maintenance and appearance of internal spaces as well as all deck and emergency equipment. Primary duties include care and maintenance of airlocks, lifeboats, environmental suits, and associated equipment, as well as overall responsibility for auxiliary spacecraft operations. The First Lieutenant (in cooperation with the Personnel Officer) also supervises the assignment of living quarters to officers, crew and passengers.

**Boatswain.** The Boatswain or 'Bo'sun', a warrant officer, is the principal assistant to the First Lieutenant and directly supervises deck operations. The Bo'sun and his mates also serve the traditional function of 'piping the side'--welcoming distinguished visitors on board with a bo'sun's call (modern powered bo'sun's calls are issued by Starfleet, but many captains prefer the use of replicated old-style calls).

**Boatswain's Mates.** Boatswain's Mates are petty officers who serve as deputies to the Boatswain. One Boatswain's Mate will generally serve as Boatswain's Mate of the Watch, assisting the Officer of the Deck in all deck operations. Boatswain's Mates are often trained shuttle pilots and serve as Coxswains.

## ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

**Engineer Officer.** The Engineer Officer, or Chief Engineer, is responsible for operation of the ship's propulsion and power systems. He or she also shares responsibility with the First Lieutenant for spaceworthiness and airtight integrity of the hull and spaceframe. Responsibilities also include upkeep and repair of all auxiliary systems.

**Propulsion Assistant.** The Propulsion Assistant is the chief aide to the Engineer Officer, and has authority over warp, impulse, and auxiliary propulsion systems.

**Power Assistant.** The Power Assistant

has charge of power generation and distribution systems.

**IDF/SIF Assistant.** The IDF/SIF assistant is concerned with inertial dampening and structural integrity force field systems, which protect the ship and crew from damaging effects of acceleration.

**Shipfitting Assistant.** The Shipfitting Assistant is the officer charged with maintenance of the ship's various utilities and auxiliary systems.

**Environment Assistant.** The Environment Assistant has charge of all environmental engineering and life support functions.

**Damage Control Assistant.** The Damage Control Assistant oversees and coordinates the ship's response to damage taken in combat or through other means.

**Transporter Assistant.** The Transporter Assistant has charge of all ship's transporter systems.

**Engineer's Mates.** Each of the Assistants to the Chief Engineer has a number of petty officers, or mates, who assist in executing his duties. Chief Engineer's Mates are assigned to supervise a particular area of responsibility--for example, the Propulsion Assistant has under him a Warp Propulsion Chief and an Impulse Propulsion Chief. More junior Engineer's Mates may have a particular specialty, and be assigned to supervise a particular part of the ship's engineering functions (as a transporter specialist or 'captain of the nacelle'), but many serve as general assistants to the Chiefs. A large number of crewmen are assigned as Engineer's Crew--occasionally known as the 'black gang' or 'blackhand gang', from the days of steam propulsion (when solid or liquid fossil fuels burnt to produce steam tended to leave black residue on engine room crew members).

## SCIENCES DEPARTMENT

**Science Officer.** The Science Officer commands the Sciences Department and supervises all ongoing scientific research projects, as well as providing scientific intelligence to the Captain. In days past, the command-intelligence function occupied much of a science officer's time; by the late 24th century, such duties are shared between the Operations and Security Officers to allow the Science Officer to devote more time to scientific investigation.

**Sensor Officer.** The Sensor Officer has charge of all remote sensing devices; the only exceptions are those dedicated sensors used for navigational, tactical, or engineering functions (which are tended by the appropriate departments).

**Computer Officer.** The Computer Officer has general responsibility of the care and operation of the ship's computer systems.

**Physical Sciences Officer.** The Physical Sciences Officer is in charge of the ship's physics lab, and supervises most ongoing



scientific investigations relating to physics and allied disciplines.

**Chemistry Officer.** The Chemistry Officer is in charge of the ship's chemistry lab, and supervises most ongoing scientific investigations relating to chemistry.

**Stellar Sciences Officer.** The Stellar Sciences Officer is in charge of the ship's astrosciences labs, and supervises most ongoing scientific investigations relating to astronomy, stellar cartography, astrophysics, cosmology, and allied disciplines.

**Life Sciences Officer.** The Life Sciences Officer is in charge of the ship's biology and botany labs, and supervises most ongoing scientific investigations relating to exobiology, zoology, botany, and allied disciplines.

**Planetary Sciences Officer.** The Planetary Sciences Officer is in charge of the ship's geology and geophysics labs, and supervises most ongoing scientific investigations relating to geology, geophysics, atmospheric meteorology, and allied disciplines.

**Social Sciences Officer.** The Social Sciences Officer is in charge of the ship's social sciences division, and supervises most ongoing scientific investigations relating to sociology, archaeology/anthropology, history, and allied disciplines.

**Sciences Technicians.** The various Sciences Technicians are warrant officers trained in scientific investigation; their primary responsibility is the supervision of the ship's laboratory facilities and equipment.

**Sciences Specialists/Crewmen.** Most starships carry a large number of crewmen and petty officers trained in scientific investigation. The most junior non-rated crew members perform basic lab work, while more senior petty officers supervise lab operations and assist officers in scientific investigations.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

**Medical Officer.** The Medical Officer--sometimes referred to as the Chief Medical Officer, CMO, or Ship's Surgeon--is an accredited Doctor of Medicine or its equivalent (be it a Terran MD degree, a Vulcan Healer's certification, or other cultural equal) and a member of the Starfleet Medical Corps. He or she has sole responsibility for the health of all officers and crew, and for the sanitary conditions of a ship or station. As such, the CMO has broad powers--including the power to relieve the Captain of duty on medical grounds. The Medical Officer also has command of the Medical Department's officers and crew.

**Surgeons.** In addition to the CMO, most starships carry one or more additional physicians (sometimes called Assistant Surgeons). Where practical, the different medical officers will hold particular medical or surgical specializations; almost every starship of sufficient size carries at least one specialist in emergency medicine.

**Ship's Counselor.** The Ship's Counselor is an accredited specialist in psychology or psychiatry (required to hold at least a Master's degree in psychology or its equivalent). The Counselor has responsibility (under the CMO) for the mental and emotional health of the crew, and often serves as an advisor to the Captain. The Counselor also assists the XO in evaluation of the crew. In many cases, the Counselor has taken the role once held by Chaplains in Starfleet's predecessor services; some Counselors may have training or accreditation from religious or spiritual authorities of their homeworlds.

**Dental Officer.** Starships of sufficient size may carry a dentist on board, who has charge of dental health and oral surgery.

**Chief Nurse.** The Chief Nurse is a commissioned officer in the Starfleet Nursing Corps, who has charge of all nurses on board and is responsible for nursing functions.

**Pharmacist.** Large enough starships carry a Pharmacist, a warrant officer having charge of all drugs, medications, and pharmaceuticals.

**Lab Technician.** The Lab Technician is a warrant officer having charge of the ship's medical laboratory.

**Medical Technician.** Medical Technicians are petty officers trained to assist medical professionals; their work might include first aid and minor surgery, patient transportation and care, prescriptions and laboratory work, or clerical duties within the Medical Department.

Some small vessels carry limited medical staff--a Medical Service Corps warrant officer or non-commissioned Medical Technician in the smallest ships. Such vessels are generally of limited range only and deploy on short patrols from starbases or other shore facilities. Newer vessels have begun to make use of holographic software agents (such as the Emergency Medical Hologram) in lieu of actual medical personnel. Larger ships often include an EMH as backup to their medical staffs.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

**Communications Officer.** The Communications Officer heads the Communications Department, and is responsible for all transmission of messages and data both within and without the starship. Additional responsibilities within the department include linguistic studies and language translation, as well as data/message encryption and decryption.

**External Communications Officer.** The External Communications Officer holds responsibility for transmission and reception of messages and data to and from the starship or station. Operation and maintenance of subspace and RF communications gear are this officers main duty, as well as the storage and issue of personal communicators and other portable communications gear.

**Internal Communications Officer.** The Internal Communications Officer is responsible for maintaining uninterrupted voice and data contact between all internal spaces.

**Cryptography Officer.** The Cryptography Officer is concerned with encryption of outgoing messages for purposes of data security, as well as decryption of incoming friendly and hostile signals.

**Linguistics Officer.** The Linguistics Officer is charged with the study and translation of languages, and particularly with the maintenance and operation of the ship's universal translator software.

**Signalman.** Signalmen are petty officers specializing in any of the various communications fields; they assist officers in maintaining communications between and within all Starfleet activities.

SECURITY DEPARTMENT

**Security Officer.** The Security Officer is in charge of the Security Department, and is responsible for the maintenance of safety, security, and order of a starship and its crew. Security Officers are trained not only in combat techniques and weapons systems, but in techniques of peaceful crisis management and resolution.

**Internal Security Officer.** The Internal Security Officer is charged with maintaining order and discipline among the crew, as well as the general security and safety of all hands and equipment (focusing particularly on internal threats, including boarders or other intruders).

**External Security Officer.** The External Security Officer is concerned with safety and security of ship and crew from external threats; he is responsible for the assignment and training of security personnel to away teams, as well as the ship's landing force. The External Security Officer also supervises security personnel assigned to shore patrol detail while in port. Under the direction of the Security Officer, the External Security Officer also supervises training and qualification with personal phaser sidearms for all assigned crew.

**Intelligence Officer.** The Intelligence Officer, in conjunction with the Operations and Sciences departments, is responsible for gathering, analyzing, and disseminating information on Threat forces. The Intelligence Officer also has charge of data security and personnel security clearance.

**Armory Officer.** The Armory Officer is responsible for storage, maintenance, and issue of all small arms and field ordnance.

**Master-At-Arms.** Petty officers specializing in security matters hold the rating of Master-At-Arms. They assist the individual officers of the ship's security department in their particular fields of specialization.

**Tactical Officer.** The Tactical Officer is the officer in overall charge of all ship's tactical systems, including weaponry, fire control systems, and defensive shielding.

**Tactical Systems Technician.** The Tactical Systems Technician is a warrant officer specializing in the operation and maintenance of fire control systems, defensive shielding, and other non-weapon technologies relating to the ship's defense.

**Tactical Systems Specialist.** Tactical Systems Specialists are petty officers trained in defense systems technology; they generally specialize in a single field, be it fire control, deflector shield systems, or other defense-related disciplines.

**Gunnery Officer.** The Gunnery Officer has charge of all directed-energy weapons systems on board, their operation, maintenance and care.

**Gunner.** The Gunner is a warrant officer specializing in directed-energy weapons systems. Gunners assist Gunnery Officers in larger vessels, or may have sole charge of such weapons in smaller ones.

**Gunner's Mate.** Gunner's Mates are petty officers who operate and maintain all energy weapons systems, be they phasers or other less-commonly used weapons.

**Torpedo Officer.** The Torpedo Officer is responsible for all ship's deep-space explosive ordnance and associated delivery systems, including storage of torpedoes, mines, and explosive devices and operation and care of all launcher devices.

**Torpedoman.** The Torpedoman is a warrant officer who assists (or in smaller vessels, performs the duties of) the Torpedo Officer. The Torpedoman is assisted by a number of Torpedoman's Mates.

**Torpedoman's Mate.** Torpedoman's Mates operate and care for all deep-space explosive ordnance delivery systems; as well as photon or quantum torpedoes, they also supervise the preparation and launch of instrumented probes (usually in cooperation with the ship's Science and Operations Departments).

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

The above departments are common to most starship types. Some highly specialized vessels may incorporate additional departments to assist in carrying out their mission operations. Shuttlecarriers will have an Aerospace Department, comprising the ship's Aerospace wing. Tenders and repair vessels would have a Repair Department to oversee repair of other vessels. Transport vessels may have a Cargo or Transport Command Department to supervise the transport of cargo.

Many starships--especially larger ones on extended exploratory missions, or those carrying large numbers of civilian family members--might also have a Special Services Department to coordinate recreational and crew support activities.

These departments would employ Starfleet petty officers (rated as Ship's Servicemen) as well as civilian contractors, whose jobs range from barber/hairstylist to restaurant/lounge staff to schoolteacher.

# UPCOMING STARFLEET CONVENTIONS AND REGIONAL EVENTS

The seventh annual Region 1 Summit is just around the corner and plans for the event are moving ahead at maximum warp. Summit coordinators Jack Hopkins and Ron Fell are ready to roll out the red carpet for Region One members and for visitors from around the Fleet.

R/1 Summit 2001 will take place the weekend of April 27 - 29 at the Holiday Inn-Airport in Greensboro, North Carolina. The Summit will feature a full weekend of events that will include a Friday night informal mixer hosted by the 1st Brigade, 5th Battalion, SFMC, opening and closing ceremonies, the R/1 Awards ceremony, live and silent charity auctions, a formal banquet, a Saturday night dance and party, a Sunday morning non-denominational service and, of course, a full slate of meetings and panels.

In addition, there will be a number

## REGION 1 SUMMIT PREPARES FOR HIGH WARP!

By Rear Admiral Ron Fell • Summit Coordinator

of special events at Summit 2001 that you won't want to miss. The Great Region One Tug 'o War returns this year. Besides this match up of brawn there will be a match up of brains, too, as the Commanding Officers of the region compete in a STARFLEET/Star Trek Trivia Contest under the direction of STARFLEET Historian Scott Akers. Kristi Fell, Director of STARFLEET's Office of Graphic Design will oversee an Art Show and Auction and a lucky Region 1 cadet will be awarded a trip to US Space Camp in an essay contest sponsored by Summit Administrative Coordinator Jack Hopkins.

The Marines are coming to Greensboro as well. A 1st Brigade Muster will be held in conjunction with Summit 2001 with its own slate of panels and meetings and a special appearance by Marine Commandant Wade Olson.

The Marines will play important roles in all aspects of the Summit, especially in ceremonial and security duties, under the direction of 5th Battalion OIC David James.

A variety of Summit 2001 merchandise is available including polo shirts, T-shirts, mugs, pins, and mouse pads. Some merchandise is now available direct online and some is available by special order with registration. See the Summit web site and your Summit registration form for details.

There'll also be a special free tour of nearby Replacement's, Ltd -- with the world's largest inventory of old and new china, crystal, silver and collectibles -- on Sunday afternoon.

It's a weekend you won't want to miss! Registration is open now. You

can register online through the Summit 2001 web site at <http://www.R1Summit2001.iwarp.com>. You can also register via regular mail by downloading a form from the web site or by requesting one from "Summit Central." R/1 Summit 2001, 1635 Bright Leaf Rd., Pfafftown, NC 27040.

The Holiday Inn-Airport is accepting reservations. Contact the hotel directly at (336) 668-7690 and ask for the STARFLEET Region One Summit rate. DO NOT USE HOLIDAY INN'S TOLL-FREE RESERVATION NUMBER. You will not get the discount and the Summit will not get the room credit.

You may also fax your reservation to (336) 668-7690 or you can e-mail [higsoap@email.msn.com](mailto:higsoap@email.msn.com). Or write: Holiday Inn-Airport, 6426 Burnt Poplar Rd., Greensboro, NC 27409.

See you in April!

The Region 6 summit theme this year is 'The Region is Not Enough'. <insert 'James Bond' theme song here>. This is a spy/villain theme and we will be having a costume contest Saturday night. We are encouraging our guests to come dressed as their favorite Spy or Villain. Some Spy theme costume ideas might be: 'James Bond', 'Our Man Bashir', 'Austin Powers' or, you can always create a Spy or Villain of your own!

The Summit room rate is \$89.00\* PER NIGHT (\$97.46 with Tax). This price includes Single, Double and King

## REGION 6 SUMMIT FAST APPROACHING!

By Lieutenant Jessica Stratton • Summit Coordinator

sleeping rooms. (Whirlpool rooms are available for an extra charge per night.) To reserve your room for the Region Six Summit, please contact the hotel at the following address: Hampton Inn, 3000 Eagandale Place, Eagan, MN 55121 (Telephone: 1-800-426-7866) Be sure to mention "Promotion Code SFG" in order to get the summit block rate.

Please Pre-register before February 8th 2001 in order to receive the

discounted rate and please note that all registrations must be received BEFORE May 8th 2001! Please note that the package prices below do NOT include the cost of a hotel room.

The "POWERS" Package Includes: Name tag and Summit booklet, Pre-reg price = \$19.50 (after 02/08/01 = \$24.50)

The "BASHIR" Package Includes: Name tag, Summit booklet and a Box

Lunch Saturday, Pre-reg price = \$27.50 (after 02/08/01 = \$32.50)

The "BOND" Package Includes: Name tag, Summit booklet, Box Lunch Saturday and Banquet (Please specify meat or meatless for your banquet meal). Pre-reg price = \$36.50 (after 02/08/01 = \$41.50)

For more information please check out 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 at [jessica\\_stratton@hotmail.com](mailto:jessica_stratton@hotmail.com)

The crew of the U.S.S. Omega Glory invites you all to attend Region 17 Summit 2001 on April 20-22, 2001, at the Holiday Inn DIA in Denver, Colorado. The Summit is being held in conjunction with StarFest, a large sci-fi convention.

Registration for the Summit includes name tag, program, StarFest weekend ticket (value \$36) with schedule and identification ribbon, and a sack lunch on Saturday.

Our R17 Summit activities will be scheduled on Saturday. However, StarFest runs from Friday afternoon

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through Sunday, and your ticket includes access to such activities as movies, art and model show, costume contest, panels, demonstrations, dealers' room, tables manned by various clubs, and guest stars. The list of stars won't be completed until a few weeks before the convention (because of filming schedules for the stars), but to date Kevin Sorbo (Capt. Dylan Hunt of Andromeda, former star of Hercules) and Virginia Hey (Pa'u Zotoh Zhaan of Farscape) have been

confirmed.

Deadline for receipt of registrations for the Summit at the regular \$39 rate is March 30th. After that date, late registration will be \$45. Please make checks or money orders payable to U.S.S. Omega Glory and mail to Audi Jack, 3965 S. Richfield Way, Aurora CO 80013. Please include name, rank, SCC number, chapter name, home address, telephone number, and email address for each attendee.

If you plan to stay at the Holiday Inn DIA, please contact the hotel directly at 303-418-0400 and ask for the Starland-StarFest rate, which is \$75 per night for one or two persons, \$85 for three, and \$95 for four--plus tax. This is the same rate I emailed to you last August, and I confirmed it with Pam at the Holiday Inn again this morning; at this time, she said, rooms still are available at this convention rate.

Please contact me if you have any questions. We hope to see you all in April!





# FLEET ACTIVITY REPORT

BY FLEET CAPTAIN JEFF HIGDON, CQ SUMMARIES COORDINATOR

This is my first attempt to bring you the Monthly Status Report (MSR) Summaries. I set up a few guidelines to determine what gets placed in the CQ Summaries section.

1. Use only the 'activities' section of the MSR (So if you want to give some attention to anybody or anything, please place it here especially if they work really hard! We want to give you some major credit!);

2. Reference to General or Staff meetings edited out unless it coincided with an event or a special person (or persons) visited;

3. Limited to the months prior to the issue which the current CQ covers (MSRs for November-December). I have received some MSRs for January however since they are not due until after the actual submission date for the summary, I have decided I would do the January-February MSRs in CQ 104. I've also had some October however unless something really BIG happened, they too will not be included. Besides I find that I have more than one MSR for the same chapter for the same months.

So here is my first attempt to edit the CQ Summaries. By the way I have tried to keep your reports as close to what you reported in the original MSR. There have been a few I had to completely re-write and I hope I have done well.

## REGION ONE

### USS AEON, NCC-75022 Memphis, TN

Our regular meeting for Nov. was a "Family Thanksgiving Dinner." We decorated a Christmas Tree to benefit the LeBonheur Children's Hospital at the Enchanted Forest. The tree will leave its current location at the event's end to be sent to "Seek the Old Path" shelter for women and children to help them celebrate the season. We held a Christmas Party as our December meeting but had to cut it short due to snow and ice blowing in suddenly on us (Please note: In Memphis, this is a serious situation. The only remedy is SPRING!).

### USS ALARIC, NCC-503 Asheville, NC

Chapter members involved in recycling aluminum, supporting local Eliada Children's Home and conducting fundraiser through eBay. Also a fun activity at November meeting was the trading cards session.

### USS ARIES, NCC-71806 Johnson City

First off we hit United Fan Con like a torpedo. We had most of our crew there, and we had a blast. We had our holiday party at the Knights of Columbus hall in Rockland, MA. We had our second annual toy drive for Toys for Tots.

### USS ASGARD, NCC-72402 Lancaster, OH

On November 4th & 5th we attended Untied Nations Festival, where we had a booth. On November 25th the membership attended the Star Trek convention in Indianapolis IN.

### USS ATHENA, NCC-51896 Reston, VA

On 11/4 a craft show raised over \$300 for the Fleming Family. On 11/22 crew presented \$1800 raised at Farpoint. On Dec. 3rd, 9th and 10th, craft shows at Sprint/Global, a mini craft show for STAT brought \$744.47 in monies and donations to the Fleming family.

### BENNU STATION, SFR-119 Gatlinburg, TN

We participated in the following activities: Blood Drive, the Gatlinburg Christmas Parade, and went to movies twice.

### USS CAROLINA, NCC-74222 Greenville, SC

The Carolina will once again be participating with the local chapter of the MDA. Helping to prepare packages for the Shamrocks against Dystrophy Campaign. We will also be supporting the Salvation Army by helping as bell ringers.

### USS CHARLESTON, NCC-71813 Charleston, SC

The USS Charleston was in the Fire Chief's Christmas Parade on Sunday December 3rd.

### USS COLUMBUS, NCC-72401 Columbus, OH

Nov. 4th & 5th, 2000 the members of the USS Columbus lead a joint Task Force to participate the UN Association's Columbus International Festival. On Nov. 25th members attended a Convention in Indianapolis. The chapter collected coupons totaling more \$9,575.00.

### USS DOMINATOR, NCC-18076 N. Charleston, SC

The USS Dominator NCC-18076 was commissioned in a ceremony held at the Captain's Quarters. Immediately before the commissioning, the CO and Science officer were married.

### USS GREY GHOST, NCC-75001 Appomattox, VA

We signed x-mas card for a senior angel. Made and sold Christmas tree decorations at Christmas At The Market on the 26th and 27th with proceeds going to the Pediatric CF fund at UVA. 14 members and friends went to the Trek exhibit in Roanoke. We had a Christmas party with many of our friends and family as well as members in attendance.

### USS HEIMDAL, NCC-1793 Madison Heights, VA

November meeting was called "Sundae on Saturday." Members brought ice cream and toppings to make ice cream concoctions. Good idea except it was 31. Laid back meeting -- watched Galaxy Quest.

### USS HORNET, NCC-1714-D Charlotte, NC

We are donating \$50 for an interior door to Habitat for Humanity. This year, we have donated 9 pints of blood to the Red Cross. And in OCP news: On Wednesday, 12/27, I sent out our final year 2000 OCP shipment to Ikego Naval Base in Japan. The totals for the year is now \$20,779.85 and our lifetime total, since 1994, is \$56,023.26.

### USS JAMESTOWN, NCC-1843-D Newport News, VA

Held the USS Jamestown's Third Coupon Cutting Party and Stupid Movie Night on Nov. 15th. Prepared about \$3000 of coupons for shipment. On Nov.26th we attended the IKV Bat'Leth's membership

meeting and Sci-Fi Charity Auction.

### USS NORMANDY, NCC-36000 Correspondence Chapter

New Flagship of STARFLEET. Collected bags for the Department of Children's Services. Helped prepare and serve food at the Salvation Army. Adoption Awareness Walk Donated items and worked at Bosom Buddies, a local resale store that donates a percentage of its sales to breast cancer research. Also collected coats and gloves for the Coats For Kids program. Collected Christmas cards to donate to the St. Jude's Ranch for Children. Donated items and worked at Bosom Buddies, a local resale store that donates a percentage of its sales to breast cancer research.

### USS POWHATAN, NCC-1967 Chesapeake, VA

Adopt a spot in Chesapeake, VA; Filling Christmas stockings for the needy; collecting can goods to give to the needy

### USS REPRISAL, NCC-1896 Kingsport, TN

CO continues work on regional handbook. Attend Reprisal Awards banquet. CO and XO continue with on-line chats.

### USS RONALD E. MCNAIR, NCC-61809 Columbia, SC

In lieu of first regularly scheduled meeting, six of us went to Charleston to wedding/commissioning of the USS Dominator. Had a recruiting table set up at the opening of Red Planet.

### USS STAR LEAGUE, NCC-2101 N. Augusta, SC

Winterfest held however attendance was down due to severe weather in the area.

### SHUTTLE VINDICATOR, NCC-61809/01 Lexington, SC

The 177th Marine unit selected the North Carolina Rottwieler Rescue as the official charity for the unit.

### USS TYCHO, NCC-59325 Fremont, OH

We have volunteered to help the American Cancer Society with their gift-wrap booth. We are still collecting stamps for the

STARFLEET Stampede, coupons for the STARFLEET Overseas Coupon Project.

**USS WEST VIRGINIA, NCC-2008  
Charleston, WV**

Some went to a Slanted Fedora con, then we went and ate pizza from Momma Rosa's and watched the new Voyager tapes sent to us by the Borg.

**REGION 2**

**DARK SILENCE STATION  
NCC-SS007, Florence, AL**

Finished annual reading angel Christmas tree and sold 100 angels (books) for needy children-Dark Silence Station paid for 31 of the angels and FCAPT Carol Burhans paid for 31 of the other angels. The community bought the other 28.

**USS DRÄKENFIRE, NCC-71822  
Odenville, AL**

Routine work was been done on the ship's web site and the ship is continuing to participate in the R1's EROR/1A program. Our mini-herb garden is not doing well for our project. Our ship keeps raising funds for the ship by voting whether or not to kill the purple dinosaur, Barry. We also did a lot of coupon clipping and sent in almost \$1100 worth this month!

**USS HAISE, NCC-74664  
Jackson, MS**

November 25 Meeting and Second Annual AntiTurkey Pizza Party at Fazolis. Crew voted to send \$50 to Community Stewpot out of club funds. December 2 and 16 Ringing bells for Salvation Army at Flowood Wal-Mart.

**USS HEPHAESTUS, NCC-2004  
Birmingham, AL**

In November, the Region 2 Chief of Medical, Rosa Jackson, sent the Hephaestus a certificate, proclaiming the Hephaestus the Region 2 ship with the largest number of actual medical personnel on board.

**Shuttle LIBERTY, NCC-71821/01  
Panama City, FL**

Continue to place flyers out for recruitment. Chapter supported 3 children and 1 senior citizen for the Angel Tree project for Christmas.

**USS SPIRITWALKER, NCC-31097  
Decatur, AL**

Took \$50 worth of pet food to the Decatur Animal Shelter for the animals to have food in the month of November. The ship also had a thanksgiving meal together for the members who live in the Decatur area. The group took some food to the CCC for people to have over Thanksgiving. The Spiritwalker collected food and goodies for the Decatur Animal Shelter for the Christmas season.

**USS TRIDENT, NCC-74692  
Stuart, FL**

On Nov 5th and 11th we held the Chapter Yard Sales raising a total of \$136 for Space Camp Scholarship.

**REGION 3**

**SHUTTLE ARK ANGEL, NCC-71718/02  
Round Rock, TX**

The Ark Angel held their formal change of command ceremony on 18 November. Ship-local awards were issued, as well as promotions and assignments for the coming year.

**USS JOAN OF ARC, NCC-73289  
Corpus Christ, TX**

The Science Dept reported a box of coupons had almost been have been gathered and are ready to send to the Starfleet OCP center. Medical Dept reported on two annual drives. Warm clothing is needed for the fall and winter drives all sizes will be gratefully accepted.

**USS INTANGIBLE, NCC-65421  
College Station, TX**

Prepared for Radio MASH. This is the Intangible's premier community service event. Members put in over 100 man-hours during this 100-hour toy drive and as a result, we have become quite a fixture at Radio MASH.

**USS PANTHER CITY, NCC-63543  
Ft. Worth, TX**

Held Toy's for Tots Drive; Had 2nd Annual Xmas Party and Ferengi Gift Exchange; Attended R3 NYE Party and Regional planning retreat.

**USS RHYANNA, NCC-1892  
Austin, TX**

In November we delivered 87 tomato items to Hill Country Pantry. We also delivered 119 items, plus 3 turkeys for the Hill Country Pantry for needy families. We still cut coupons to send our Army Base in Germany.

**USS SPIRITWOLF, NCC-74300  
Houston, TX**

Held the second anniversary party for USS SpiritWolf at PaPa La Rosa Restaurant on 10/28 with Commodore Michelle Fanelli and bother David as guests.

**REGION 4**

**SHUTTLE ANGELFIRE, NCC-76206/01  
Phoenix, AZ**

On Dec 12th we had a gift wrapping party to wrap the presents for our adopted family at Luke AFB. Then on Dec 23rd crewmembers had a Christmas party with the family that we had adopted.

**USS ANGELES, NCC-71840  
Los Angeles, CA**

Recruiting party at a local SF convention. Planning a new video season for next year. Plan to hold auditions for video commercial called "Red Shirt Life Insurance."

**CASCADE STATION, NCC-SS003  
Redding, CA**

Celebrated the holidays by hosting the 5th Annual Gift Exchange. Adopted a Highway. We will be cleaning our adopted highway on January 13th, and plan to draw the local media's attention to our efforts both in an effort to make ourselves better known to our community as well as direct attention to our participation with the Overseas Coupon Project.

**Shuttle DRAGON'S CUB, NCC-71827/01  
Shafter, CA**

Christmas stocking decorating for Volunteer Center, Toys For Tots, getting ready for Toy Run, clothing, and food basket donations. In Dec. we had a Yule, Christmas, and New Year get together of people in the area.

**USS HIGHROLLER, NCC-23104  
Reno, NV**

During the month of December the crew celebrated Christmas, New Years, and the Chapters anniversary all in one large party.

**K'EHLEYR STATION, NCC-SS009, Las  
Vegas, NV**

On Dec 12th we held our Christmas party at the IHOP. The evening included socializing, dining, and a gift exchange. We also completed a food and toy drive this month. The food was donated to Safe Nest and the toys went to Toys 4 Tots.

**USS PEACEKEEPER, NCC-72300  
Visalia, CA**

We donated to the Dialysis Center of Porterville, 2 - 13" TVs. In addition to the TV's, we donated \$100 to the American Red Cross of Tulare/Kings County, \$100 to the Diabetic Youth Foundation and \$268.84 to FoodLink of Visalia, which is our primary charity. In Dec. we had our annual Christmas potluck and Klingon Gift Exchange.

**USS SIMONOV, NCC-2002  
Fairfield, CA**

On Dec 12th we held our annual Christmas party. Also several members of the crew marched together in the city of Woodland's Christmas Parade.

**REGION 5**

**USS CRUSADER, NCC-74711  
Spokane, WA**

We had a Thanksgiving party on the 11th of November with games and food.

**USS DESTINY, NCC-97301  
Salem, OR**

November 1st: Start of 521st MSG's and USS Destiny's support of the annual Toys for Tots campaign that continues till mid-December. November 25th: Away Team to Portland, Oregon, met with the Klingons from IKV Raptor, and IKV Drako for Millennium Gaming Day #4. December 2nd: Chapter's Annual Holiday Party at the home of Norm DeRoux. January 6th & 7th: Creation Con at Holiday Inn - Airport, Portland, OR. January 13th: Change of Command Ceremony, following the General Meeting.

**SHUTTLE GREYWOLF, NCC-75016/01  
Boise, ID**

The membership got together for Thanksgiving. We also held a Christmas party. The membership did a fundraiser to help aid the clubs funds, by delivering phone books.

**USS JAGUAR, NCC-74750  
Correspondence Chapter**  
Donation to Seattle Symphony totaling

\$1000 by one crewmember. Sent out video's/CD's to members of Jaguar showing off the creativity of our crew for this last year.

**USS RUBICON, NCC-71816  
Richland, WA**

We had our annual Christmas party and gift exchange. It was too cold outside to go Christmas caroling, so we sang to ourselves.

**SPACE STATION NEXUS, NCC-DS021  
Online Correspondence Chapter**

Tom Rutledge donated \$110 worth of coupons to the OCP.

**SHUTTLE SACAJAWEA, NCC-2002/10  
Great Falls, MT**

Adopted a Christmas family.

**REGION 7**

**USS ACCORD, NCC-1842  
Ithaca, NY**

The Accord was represented by four members at United Fan Con, held in Springfield, Massachusetts, while Colonel Doc Kinne assisted on the SFMC panel. Getting early planning under way for Watkins Glen Weekend 2001. Alan Rose took a \$1200 pledge when Accord folks went to WCNY to help with their current pledge drive on December 17th. The 771st collected toys for the USMC Toys for Tots program at the December holiday party.

**USS ALPHA CENTAURI, NCC-71812  
Washington, DC**

Continuing to clip coupons and stamps. Continuing toy collection for Toys for Tots, canned goods for the food pantry. Plans for our tenth year anniversary party proceeds. Recruitment going well. Have several people interested in joining.

**USS LONE WOLF, NCC-72214  
Ocean City, MD**

Ran another successful Christmas parade. We enjoyed our annual Christmas party and began compiling our 2001 calendar of events.

**USS MATRIX, NCC-72296  
Online Correspondence Chapter**  
The SETI@home support has logged over 23 years of CPU time on the project, for the USS Matrix! - New website address at <http://www.ussmatrix.org>.

**USS PREVAILING WIND, NCC-74667  
Harrisburg, PA**

Working on Fund Raiser for John P. Coffey

**USS RAVEN, NCC-1162  
Correspondence Chapter**  
Members attended Creation Con in New York City on December 9th. The 711th MSG participated in Toy's for Tots Program.

**USS STARLORD, NCC-74225  
Ramsey, NJ**

On Nov. 5th we were lucky to have a BBQ at CMO's House. On Nov. 1st, 11th, 17th, 19th and the 26 we held Gaming Nights at the Ops Chief's House. On Dec. 1st we held a Gaming Night at CO's House. On



New Years Eve we held our New Years Party.

## REGION 12

### USS ARLINGTON, NCC-2375 Correspondence Chapter

Held "Operation: Butterball III" for the Federation Legion at Thanksgiving. Members from Kansas and Oklahoma were in attendance. Hosted Region 12 Christmas Party on December 2 in Columbia, MO.

### USS BLACK HAWK, NCC-74683 Rockford, IL

Announced winners of the 2000 Black Hawk (formerly Shiloh) Ship's Awards. Mega-kudos to Captain Higdon on the new STARFLEET History Website which the USS Black Hawk Communications Department hosts!

### USS BORTAS, NCC-74211 Urbana, IL

Held Chili supper fundraiser on DEC. 2, 2000. Held Chapter New Year's party. Continuing plans for an OCT. 2001 Convention

### USS CELT, NCC-75018 Fayetteville, AR

Held monthly meeting at the Jones Center for Families in Springdale and attended Marko Ramius Halloween party.

### USS CONCORD, NCC-1989-D Oklahoma City, OK

Participated in the local Veteran's Day Observance. Also provided classroom materials for 1st grade class at Polk School.

### USS CYDONIA, NCC-74687 St. Louis, MO

The crew held their annual Christmas dinner on Dec. 2. They collected items for donation to Our Little Haven for children as well as making a \$100 cash donation made possible through the sale of Replicator Manuals and Teddy Bears. The Cydonia Website has undergone extensive modifications to the Members section.

### USS DISCOVERY, NCC-1308 St. Louis, MO

Crew attended the R12 Christmas Party. Members donated to the "Toys for Tots" program. Rounded up yearly OCP contributions. Annual Christmas Eve Open House was held. Wrapped up year with our annual New Year's Eve bash.

### USS FLYING FORTRESS, NCC-31904 Tulsa, OK

Crew members sending cards and packages to American servicemen overseas as part of annual Operation Eagle drive. The ship continues to collect recyclable: in the year 2000, the Flying Fortress collected 117 lbs. of aluminum cans, 206 lbs. of glass, and 968 lbs. of paper to be recycled.

### USS HELLFIRE, NCC-74206 Ottawa, KS

Continue to collect coupons for the OCP project. We will be holding an online auction on our website at: [www.weblink2000.net/~rossman](http://www.weblink2000.net/~rossman) from Feb 15th through April 15th to raise money for charity.

### USS HEXUM, NCC-2199 Belleville, IL

We sent SCPO Eleanor Sanders a Schnucks gift certificate for Thanksgiving and will send her another for Christmas because her medical bills are high and her income low. Eleanor has completed her special quilt, constructed totally by hand. It's a beautiful creation and we're working on the best method to present it for sale (So take NOTE!). We sent a large envelope to Starfleet Stampede! We clipped and sorted for the Overseas Coupon Project.

### USS MARKO RAMIUS, NCC-23103 Fayetteville, AR

Donated two Turkey Dinners and weeks Groceries to two needy families for Thanksgiving. Assembling the same type of packages for Christmas. Continuing to contribute to OCP. Christmas Party Canceled to inclement weather.

### USS MORNING STAR, NCC-4126 Lawton, OK

Totals for the various charities - RMHC = 70,371 tabs Stampede = 482 Best Choice = 42 OCP = \$1490.89 Campbell's = 42 Humane Society = \$6.24 Also CO served 70 meals for St. John's Street Feeding. CO & another crewmember raised \$160 bell-ringing for Salvation Army. CO donated toiletries to Women's Shelter. Ship donated food/litter to Humane Society. CO collecting goods for Benefit Sale for Humane Society. Crew recycled for charity 106-lbs. paper & 44-lbs. plastic. CO recycled 3.5-lbs. aluminum, 394 lbs. papers, and 14-lbs. glass. CO & another crewmember earned \$1.50 for Habitat for Humanity at Carnival.

### USS MYSTIQUE, NCC-58929 Russellville, AR

Starfleet Stampede, saving Best Choice UPCs for local 4-H chapter, recycling, Overseas Coupon Project

### USS STAR EMPIRE, NCC-2116, Norman, OK

Held a Thanksgiving dinner with a good number of people in attendance. Our next meeting will be to tour the Christmas lights in Chickasha's park.

### USS STELLAR WIND, NCC-40513 Correspondence Chapter

Our chapter community service project is donating to the Overseas Coupon Project. Sent \$348.20 to the OCP project for November.

### USS TRAVELER, NCC-3145 Emporia, KS

Crew attended USS "Doc" Holiday Christmas party; Held chapter Christmas party; Saving stamps; collecting best choice labels; collecting pop tabs; Crew planning 6th anniversary party to be held 1-20-01.

### USS TIOSPAYE, NCC-4102 Urbana, IL

We held movie nights on Nov. 25th and in December also.

### USS URSUS, NCC-2011 Springfield, IL

ChamBanaCon 30 security detail went

wonderfully. Christmas hospital visits are proceeding on target. Christmas party will be on 16DEC2000.

### SHUTTLE WITCHFIRE, NCC-74206/03 Harrison, AR

Recruitment drives are in operation. Working on STARFLEET charities. Working with CO's employer, Millbrook Distribution Services, for support on STARFLEET Charities.

## REGION 13

### USS BANTING, NCC-17220 Guelph, ON

Crew did volunteer landscaping work for our Charity of the Year. On November 12th the crew took a trip to the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto and on Dec. 9th we held our Second Anniversary Party.

### USS EMPRESS, NCC-15025-A Sterling Heights, MI

Donated time at local shelter kitchen. Gathering our toys for the club charity. Attended Starbase Indy, in Indiana. Attended the Anniversary party for the USS Banting. Crew collected over \$800.00 in gifts for the Michigan Children's Leukemia Foundation.

## REGION 15

### USS O'BANNON, NCC-5372 Sanford, ME

Eight crewmembers attended United Fan Con X. Delivered pre-Thanksgiving cache of food donations to Sanford Soup Kitchen. Approached by group hoping to use our services to make stuffed animals to be sold, proceeds to benefit the Animal Rescue League in spaying/ neutering cats put up for adoption.

### USS OMAR KHAYYAM, NCC-79001 Watertown, MA

Members attended United Fan Con, Nov 10-12 in Springfield MA and helped staffed the STARFLEET recruiting tables. BGN Jackson gave a panel on the STARFLEET Marine Corps. In Dec. members relaxed over the holidays, while the ship is going through regular maintenance.

## REGION 17

### SHUTTLE ARC ROYAL, NCC-14110/01 Colorado Springs, CO

Held a Thanksgiving party. Continued work on fan fiction and handbook. Plans started for commissioning party.

### USS MIR, NCC-73281 Las Cruces, NM

On Nov. 4th we held an Anime marathon. On Nov. 18th was Game day where we tried out our new Star Trek Trivia game. On Dec. 16th we held our Christmas party and gag gift exchange.

### USS WIND SPIRIT, NCC-14110 Colorado Springs, CO

The ship went to the Colorado Springs Winter Parade of Lights. The 10 December regular meeting was a Christmas banquet.

# ANNOUNCING STELLAR VISIONS IV!

Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace  
Editor - Stellar Visions IV

It gives me great pleasure to announce that we are now accepting submissions for Stellar Visions IV. For those who do not know, Stellar Visions is the fanzine of STARFLEET, showcasing fiction pieces (including stories and poems) from STARFLEET members. The first two editions were printed, however like Stellar Visions III, the fourth edition will also be produced as an Adobe Acrobat Portable Document (PDF). It will be available for free download from the [sfi.org](http://sfi.org) website, as well as available for purchase on CD-R, which will also include Stellar Visions III.

We prefer electronic submissions in either Word for Windows (any edition) or Rich Text Format. We will also accept hardcopy provided they are typed or computer-printed. Please use Courier at 10 or 12 point (as this will be most accurately read by our OCR software).

It is our intention to have the PDF ready by International Conference, so submissions will have to be in by June 1st, 2001. Submissions can be sent to:

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[fanzine@sfi.org](mailto:fanzine@sfi.org)

We also are looking for editors for the purpose of reviewing submissions. Those interested please apply to the same address.



# STARFLEET ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DECEMBER 2000/JANUARY 2001

### COMPILED BY ADMIRAL ALLYSON M. W. DYAR

#### JANUARY 2001

**2001.01.28:** Chief Ambassador Kyle J. Wolf, Director Department of Diplomatic Corps, (WolfTrek7@aol.com), announces that the DC Command Staff has decided to close down the position of Subspace Communication. If during a future time there comes a demand for it, we will reopen the position. With the closing of the position -- another change has been added. The Department of Diplomatic Corps/Subspace Communications is changing its name to STARFLEET, International Diplomatic Corps. The new web address is (members.aol.com/wolftrek7/dc.htm).

**2001.01.28:** Commodore Greg Staylor, Vice-Commandant - Electronic Services Division, STARFLEET Academy, (Owner@WOW-Web.com) reminds everyone that the Starfleet Academy web site includes a download area with the current Academy Applications available for quick download in several formats, including Adobe Acrobat (pdf), Microsoft Word (doc), Rich Text (rtf) and Plain Text (txt): (<http://www.sfi-academy.org/primary/applications.asp>). This should be the primary download area to obtain Academy Applications. STARFLEET Academy Web Site: (<http://www.sfi-academy.org>).

**2001.01.27:** Fleet Admiral Les Rickard, (cs@sfi.org), Commander, STARFLEET, announces that Vice Admiral Jesse Smith has decided to step down as RC/R7 and he has appointed Fleet Captain J.C. Cohen as Interim RC/R7.

**2001.01.27:** Fleet Captain Joseph P. Hoolihan, Assistant Director, Correspondence Chapter Operations, (joehooli@erols.com), announces, the interim Correspondence Chapter Operations Web pages can be found at: (<http://users.erols.com/joehooli/correy>). Correy chapters are asked to please check their pages and let him know of any corrections or changes.

**2001.01.27:** reminder -- Commodore Pete Mohney, Region 2 RC, (pdmohney@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. The newly elected president of Starfleet, Fleet Admiral Les Rickard, is expected to attend, as is the Marine Commandant, Brigadier General Wade Olsen. Also, expect a few other dignitaries to attend, including Rear Admiral Ron Fell, director of recruiting; Captain Kristi Fell, director of the Office of Graphic Design, and possibly some others. For information, please go to (<http://www.region2.sfi.org>) and click on Summit. You can also register through Paypal, via (pdmohney@aol.com). *Registrations including the banquet must be received by February 28, 2001.*

**2001.01.25:** Commodore Greg Staylor, Vice-Commandant - Electronic Services Division, STARFLEET Academy, (Owner@WOW-Web.com) announces that with the Fleet run Starfleet Academy web site server well established, he has discontinued providing the old domain. You can no longer use ([www.sfi-sfa.com](http://www.sfi-sfa.com)) and *must* use the ([www.sfi-academy.org](http://www.sfi-academy.org)) web address for the Academy site. He will be creating a mirror site at ([www.WOW-Web.com/sfa](http://www.WOW-Web.com/sfa)) in the near future, but members should use the primary site whenever possible. Also, Starfleet Academy - Electronic Services Division is still looking for volunteers to assist in the design, update and maintenance of the Academy web site.... if interested, please e-mail: (VAcademy-OnLine@sfi.org).

**2001.01.24:** Commander Mike Anderson, Director, SFA College of Communications, (nightowl@erie.net), announces that all applications and tests received will still be processed as soon as he can. New applications can still be sent to him, but allow time for processing and return. Some may be forwarded, depending on time, to the new director. (See message above for details). STARFLEET Academy Web Site: (<http://www.sfi-academy.org>).

**2001.01.24:** Admiral Brad Pense, Commander, Third Fleet, (r3rc@flash.net), announces Region Three's FIRST Summit of the Third Millennium, Summit 2MI will be held on June 22nd -24th, 2001 in Waco, Texas at the Clarion Inn. The Summit 2MI web site is up and running and ready.

You can go to (<http://www.region3.com/s2001.htm>) for direct access to the 2MI web site. On-line registration is available at ([http://www.region3.com/registration\\_s2MI.htm](http://www.region3.com/registration_s2MI.htm)) or from the Summit 2MI web site.

**2001.01.22:** Captain Brian W. Dougherty, Director, College of Engineering, Commander, STARFLEET Corps of Engineers, announces changes the Corps of Engineer home page. These have been done to improve the sites readability... (<http://home.postnet.com/~briwdou/coe/coe.html>).

**2001.01.21:** reminder -- Fleet Captain Jeffery Higdon, Deputy Director, Office of the STARFLEET Historian (captshiloh@hotmail.com), reminds everyone about the STARFLEET Historian's Listserv. It was created by Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo and is for the discussion of history matters within STARFLEET, whether it be fleet-wide, or only regional or local. It would be a good place for those of you that like to dabble in history and are concerned with how our history is presented. To join, send a message to: (SF-Historians-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

**2001.01.20:** Captain David Klingman, R/1 Webmaster/Content Editor, (mirodon@carolina.rr.com), announces the new Region 1 Web Page: (<http://www.NCC-4950.org/Region1>).

**2001.01.20:** Lieutenant General Michael W. Malotte, STARFLEET Chief of Communications, (comm@sfi.org), announces that back issues of the *Communiqué* (CQ) have been mailed out.

**2001.01.19:** FCapt. Peter Lutz, Director: Chapter Assistance Program, (petelutz@gis.net), announces that due to a hard drive crash, some chapters who are already enrolled in CAP may not be getting the initial notice letter usually sent out. Do not be upset, it's due to the crash. At the end of the month he will resume full operations and send out e-mail notices to the chapters that are below strength.

**2001.01.17:** Fleet Captain Mike Wilkerson,

Webmaster: 2001 STARFLEET International Conference, (sfiderman@ussatlas.org), that the next STARFLEET International Conference will be the test ground for the first ever "VIDEO CONTEST!" Rules and regulations for the event can be found at the 2001 International Conference website located at: (<http://ic2001.sfi.org/>). If you have any questions after reading the information provided, please contact the 2001 STARFLEET International Conference staff at: (ic2001@sfi.org).

**2001.01.17:** Commodore Greg Trotter, Logistics Chair, IC2001, (greg@ussnomad.org), reminds everyone to call and make your reservations for the 2001 STARFLEET International Conference at the Kansas City Airport Marriott. Just call 816-464-2200 and ask for Reservations. Make sure to mention that you are with the Starfleet International Conference to receive the \$79 room rate (important for you!) and to ensure that we get credit for all the rooms (important to them!) It's July 27-29, 2001. Of course, registration materials are available at (<http://ic2001.sfi.org/>) on an Internet near you!

**2001.01.17:** RAdm. Mark A. Vinson, Chief of Operations, STARFLEET, (ops@sfi.org), announces the commissionings of the following new Starfleet ships of the line: U.S.S. ARC ROYAL, NCC-63546, U.S.S. DRAGON'S CUB, NCC-81003, U.S.S. ARK ANGEL, NCC-74662. STARFLEET Operations Website: (<http://www.sfi.org/ops/>).

**2001.01.14:** Chief Ambassador Kyle J. Wolf, Director Department of Diplomatic Corps/Subspace Communication, (WolfTrek7@aol.com), announces new members to the DCS: Ambassador, 3rd class Ken Swenson as Region 7 Regional Ambassador. Ambassador, 3rd class James Herring as Region 12 Regional Ambassador. Staff personnel Benjamin Kokochak as the departments Records Officer. Department of Diplomatic Corps Web Site: (members.aol.com/wolftrek7/DCS/index.htm).

**2001.01.13:** Rear Admiral Ron Fell, Programming Coordinator, R/1 Summit 2001, (RAdmFell@aol.com), announces



that a member attempting to make a hotel reservation for the upcoming R/1 Summit 2001 in Greensboro, NC ran into a snag. The summit is contracted with the hotel as "STARFLEET Region One Summit" and that's the only way the people on the desk will know what you're referring to when you register. As printed and posted elsewhere, you must ask for the "STARFLEET Region One Summit" rate when registering. Complete Summit details and reservation information is available through the Summit 2001 web site at [R1Summit2001.iwarpc.com](http://R1Summit2001.iwarpc.com).

**2001.01.11:** Tom Restivo, (TomR@fred.net), announces his Fourth Annual "STARFLEET - The Year in Review" results. This list is the Unofficial Online Little Guy STARFLEET-YEAR In REVIEW Top Five List, with the #1 as STARFLEET Person of the Year -- the person who, for good or ill, has made an impact in Fleet this year. Nominations were spread out over THIRTY-EIGHT different individuals and groups. The top five: #5, Robert Westfall, #4 Teri Smith, #3 Allyson M. W. Dyar, #2, Les Rickard and #1 for the fourth year in a row, Mike Smith.

**2001.01.11:** Rear Admiral Ed Nowlin, Director of Memory Alpha, ([capt\\_ed@shasta.com](mailto:capt_ed@shasta.com)), announces that Memory Alpha is about ready to come back online, and he is finding all sorts of new graphics for various departments (I noticed STARFLEET Academy had a ton on their website, which he scooped up for the archive!) and would like as many as possible to add to the archive. Please mail images to ([capt\\_ed@shasta.com](mailto:capt_ed@shasta.com)) and prepare for the grand unveiling!

**2001.01.08:** Commodore Carol Thompson, Director, Vessel Registry Certification Program (VRCP), ([betazoid@mosquitonet.com](mailto:betazoid@mosquitonet.com)), announces that if you having trouble meeting the Engineering Certification, then check out the VRCP website. She added a slew of VAS's Physical Science courses to the list of acceptable diplomas.

**2001.01.08:** FCapt. Michael Dugas, ([glithndr@whitestar.org](mailto:glithndr@whitestar.org)), reminds everyone about the Region 13 Summit in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada. The 2001 Summit will be held on June 1st, 2nd, and 3rd (Friday, Saturday and Sunday). Watch the Region 13 Website ([www.region13.org](http://www.region13.org)) for more information... or you can drop him a line at ([glithndr@whitestar.org](mailto:glithndr@whitestar.org)).

**2001.01.06:** Lieutenant General Michael W. Malotte, STARFLEET Chief of Communications, ([comm@sfi.org](mailto:comm@sfi.org)), announces that in a continued effort to help resolve lost/missing CQ issues as rapidly as possible and, in conjunction with the newly unveiled STARFLEET Helpdesk, there is now a new way to report if you have not received an issue of the CQ. Activated now is a new email address to report this to. This address is: ([lostcq@sfi.org](mailto:lostcq@sfi.org)). Email sent to this address will immediately be put in the Communications queue at the SFI Helpdesk. Please send the following info when requesting/reporting a CQ mailing issue: Name, Complete Postal Address (including zip code), SCC#, Renewal date, Phone number (optional), Issue(s) needed.

**2001.01.05:** BGEN Jill Rayburn, Director, Existing Fan Club Program (EFCP), announces that with the new administration, EFCP now has a new home. They are now a part of Shuttle Operations Command. The vanity address for EFCP has changed; it is now: ([efcp@sfi.org](mailto:efcp@sfi.org)). Jill can also be reached through her primary personal address: ([jazdan@wk.net](mailto:jazdan@wk.net)).

**2001.01.05:** Col Dallas Vinson, Region 2 Chief of Communications, ([ussdraco@bellsouth.net](mailto:ussdraco@bellsouth.net)), announces his resignation as Fleet Dept Chief, Head of Cadets.

**2001.01.03:** Commodore Greg Trotter, Senior Vice-Chief of Communications: STARFLEET Helpdesk, ([helpdeskadmin@sfi.org](mailto:helpdeskadmin@sfi.org)), announces a HelpDesk Primer: "After my lengthy email yesterday, I thought some people might appreciate a quick reference on how to use the Starfleet Helpdesk. If you have any question about Starfleet, and are not sure where to turn, email ([helpdesk@sfi.org](mailto:helpdesk@sfi.org)). If you have a problem within Starfleet that you can't seem to get resolved, email ([helpdesk@sfi.org](mailto:helpdesk@sfi.org)). What kind of questions will we take? Anything about Starfleet. We'll find the right people to give the best answer. What kind of questions won't we take? Well, we don't know where you left your car keys. But check under the sofa cushions. That's where mine go. We're here for the big problems, and the small ones.

**2001.01.03:** Fleet Captain Jeffery Higdon, Deputy Director, Office of the STARFLEET Historian ([captshiloh@hotmail.com](mailto:captshiloh@hotmail.com)), announces that the official STARFLEET History has been added to and greatly expanded. It is pretty much the same with the narrative from the Brief History being used as a basis. However we have divided the narrative (and in some cases, added to it) into individual chapters based upon each administration or Commander, STARFLEET. There is also a separate Glossary, Links, References, Documents, Regional History and Historian Links, Credits, Legalities and a Bibliography (which is pretty much just his comments on certain sections of the history). Framed: (<http://www.interplanetary.net/blackhawk/SFIHistory/>). Unframed: (<http://www.interplanetary.net/blackhawk/SFIHistory/sfihis.htm>).

**2001.01.03:** Fleet Captain Joseph P. Hoolihan, Assistant Director, Correspondence Chapter Operations, ([joehooli@erols.com](mailto:joehooli@erols.com)), announces that the new Correspondence Chapter Ops page is located at: (<http://www.ussmatrix.org/correy>).

**2001.01.02:** LGen Scott A. Akers, SFI Historian, ([chunone@nwlink.com](mailto:chunone@nwlink.com)), announces the appointment of Fleet Captain Jeff Higdon has been appointed the Deputy Director of the Office of Fleet Historian. Jeff has done huge amounts of work in preparing first the Brief History of Starfleet for Web publication, and soon to be releasing a new publication. In addition his work as the new CQ Summaries Editor will assist him immensely with this new role.

**2001.01.02:** Fleet Admiral Les Rickard, ([cs@sfi.org](mailto:cs@sfi.org)), Commander, STARFLEET, announces that STARFLEET HQ is officially open for business!

**2001.01.01:** Lieutenant General Michael W. Malotte, STARFLEET Chief of Communications, ([comm@sfi.org](mailto:comm@sfi.org)), announces additional transition information: John Adcock's [STARFLEET New Service - SNS] email address is ([kamarag@snowhill.com](mailto:kamarag@snowhill.com)). The Rickard/Goldberg SFI webpages will be up and running within about a week. Now that the transition is going on, there will be quite a few staff updates and changes so he and Mike Wilkerson decided to make sure all the original info was correct before going live. For now, the current [sfi.org](http://sfi.org) webpage is still up and running and Allyson is graciously doing some updates.

**2001.01.01:** Lieutenant General Michael W. Malotte, STARFLEET Chief of Communications, ([comm@sfi.org](mailto:comm@sfi.org)), announces the addition of Fleet Captain Jeff Higdon as the new CQ Summaries Editor.

## DECEMBER 2000

**2000.12.31:** Admiral Dennis Gray, former Chief, Shuttle Operations (ShOC), announces that effective (*very*) shortly, the email address [shoc@sfi.org](mailto:shoc@sfi.org) will point to the new ShOC Chief, Alex Rosenzweig. Having been the only one to ever wear this alias (<G>), some mail might get mis-directed. Hence, if you wish to contact me directly, you will have to use one of the following email addresses to do so: ([shoc@premier1.net](mailto:shoc@premier1.net)) (this one may change in the future), or ([TTO@sfi.org](mailto:TTO@sfi.org)).

**2000.12.31:** Admiral Marlene J. Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy, ([academy@sfi.org](mailto:academy@sfi.org)), announces that once again, we at the Academy need your help. As you know, the former STARFLEET Academy College of History Director, George Clark, resigned several months ago. To date, I have not received any of the College of History documents which George has in his possession and from my records, and it appears George is no longer a Starfleet member. If you've taken College of History DOCTORAL LEVEL courses, and have copies of your questions & answer sheets... would you please send copies to her? She'll be happy to reimburse your mailing costs. Or if you have them saved electronically, e-mail would work, too. STARFLEET Academy Web Site: (<http://www.sfi-academy.org>).

**2000.12.30:** Admiral Allyson M.W. Dyar, ([comm@sfi.org](mailto:comm@sfi.org)), Chief of Communications announces that the STARFLEET Fanzine, Stellar Visions 3 is now available as a pdf file. SV3 features stories from: Allyson M.W. Dyar, Alex Rosenzweig, Jeffrey Higdon, Jennifer Morris, Tom Restivo, Carl Lewis, Bob Fillmore, Tammy Willcox and Jennifer McBride, Lorraine Anderson, and Erik Larson. Stellar Visions 3 can be downloaded from: (<http://www.ssnexus.org/sv3.zip>).

**2000.12.28:** Fleet Captain Mike Wilkerson, Webmaster: 2k01 R12 Summit,

([cptmike@cptmike.com](mailto:cptmike@cptmike.com)), announces the official Region 12 Summit Website is now live: (<http://allfor12.ussatlas.org>).

**2000.12.26:** LGen Scott A. Akers, SFI Historian, ([chunone@nwlink.com](mailto:chunone@nwlink.com)), announces that he is looking for anyone who had served on the USS Krieger in Region 12, in the mid 1980's, or know of someone who did, please contact the Office of Fleet Historian.

**2000.12.21:** Captain PJ Trotter, Chair, IC 2001, would appreciate any suggestions for items to be included in the IC auction. They may not be able to get everything on the wish list, but they'd sure like an idea of what folks might be interested in! Please mail the suggestions to her at ([ic2001@sfi.org](mailto:ic2001@sfi.org)).

**2000.12.21:** Admiral Alex Rosenzweig, ([alexr@castle.net](mailto:alexr@castle.net)), will be conducting an interview for the *Communiqué* with Keith R.A. DeCandido, a science fiction and fantasy author and editor who has also written the Star Trek comic miniseries series "Perchance to Dream" and the upcoming Trek novel *Diplomatic Implausibility*. Alex is putting out a call for questions you'd like him to ask Keith. Send them to: ([alexr@castle.net](mailto:alexr@castle.net)).

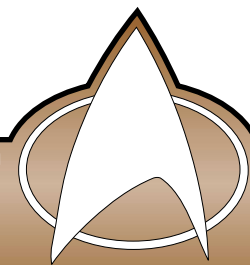
**2000.12.20:** Fleet Captain Mike Wilkerson, Webmaster: SFI IC 2001, ([CPTMIKE@cptmike.com](mailto:CPTMIKE@cptmike.com)), announces that the registration forms section of the 2001 STARFLEET International Conference Website have been updated, and are ready for your viewing: (<http://ic2001.sfi.org>).

**2000.12.15:** Admiral Tom Monaghan, HQ Patch Guy, ([VADMTom@aol.com](mailto:VADMTom@aol.com)), has a handful of Y2K STARFLEET HQ Staff left. They're \$3 each. Send checks made out to: Tom Monaghan, 1341 Maplewood Ave, Norfolk, VA 23503.

**2000.12.12:** Major Joe Brouhard, Director, STARFLEET Department of Online Gaming, ([jbrouhard@home.com](mailto:jbrouhard@home.com)), announces the new DOG list: Send a message to [Majordomo@armada.homeip.net](mailto:Majordomo@armada.homeip.net) with the body: subscribe dog-l <your email here>.

**2000.12.10:** Admiral Allyson M.W. Dyar, ([comm@sfi.org](mailto:comm@sfi.org)), Chief of Communications announces that Communiqué #102 is now available for download: (<http://private.sfi.org/restricted/CQ/>). This is a secured site. You will need your SCC# and corresponding zip code before it lets you enter.

**2000.12.08:** LGen Scott A. Akers, SFI Historian, ([chunone@nwlink.com](mailto:chunone@nwlink.com)), has an announcement concerning a correction to previously announced historical information. It was previously announced that the birthday of the STARFLEET organization was the 5th of October, 1974. Following diligent research and attention to detain FCapt. Jeff Higdon has found that date was not correct, but instead was the first anniversary of the group that founded Starfleet. The Birthday of the founding of STARFLEET CENTRAL which later became STARFLEET the International Fan Association is May 23rd, 1974.



# UPCOMING CONVENTIONS

## COMPILED BY CORPORAL CAPTAIN BLAIR LEARN

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

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

### Alabama

**Mar 2-3** STARFLEET Region Two Summit, Mobile, Alabama; Info: 1105 Oak Creek Trail, Birmingham AL 35215 Ph: 205-680-5723 <http://www.region2.sfi.org/summit/>

### Arizona

**May 18-20** LepreCon 27, Scottsdale, Arizona; Info: PO Box 26665, Tempe, AZ 85285 Ph: 480-945-6890 <http://www.leprecon.org/lep27/> Guests: Stephen Hickman, Michael A. Stackpole, Robert Ross

### Arkansas

**May 18-20** 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

**Feb 23-25** Potlatch 10, San Francisco, California; Info: c/o Mary Kay Kare, P.O. Box 3042, San Ramon, CA 94583 <http://www.potlatch-sf.org/>

**Feb 23-25** Gallifrey 2001, Los Angeles,

California; Info: PO Box 3021, North Hollywood, CA 91609 Ph: 818-752-3756 <http://www.gallifreyone.com/> Guests: Sarah Sutton, Mark Strickson, Bonnie Langford, Marjorie Monaghan, Marjean Holden, Tim Choate, Beata Pozniak, Jeffrey Willerth, Maggie Egan, Justin Richards, Peter Anghelides, Simon Bucher-Jones, Stephen Cole, Paul Cornell, Craig Hinton, Lance Parkin, Dave Stone, Keith Topping, Nick Walters, Jason Haigh-Ellery, India Fisher, Charley Pollard, Lisa Bowerman, Bernice Summerfield, Alistair Lock, Rob Shearman, David Bailey, Bill Baggs, Jo Castleton, Keith Barnfather, David J. Howe, Arnold T. Blumberg, Lars Pearson, Jon deBurgh Miller, Ethlie Ann Vare, Matt Kiene, Joe Reinkemeyer, Ashley Miller, Zack Stentz, Mark Altman, Robert Burnett, Dan Vebber, Harry Werksman, Gabrielle Stanton, Fiona Avery, Kay Reindl, Steve Melching, Javier Grillo, Steve Kroizere, Larry Niven, Frank Kelly Freas, Iona Morris, Mojo, Jeff Cioletti, Bjo Trimble, Eric Hoffman, Jill Sherwin, Amberwolf

**Mar 2-4** Consonance, Santa Clara, California; Info: 6167 Jarvis Ave #174, Newark CA 94560-1210 <http://www.consonance.org/> Guests: Urban Tapestry, Mike Stein

**Mar 10-11** Celebrity Autograph Collector's show, San Francisco, California; Info: Post Office Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/>

**Mar 30-Apr 1** Creation, Pasadena, California; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> Guests: William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy, James Doohan, Walter Koenig, George Takei, Nichelle Nichols, Grace Lee Whitney, Majel Barrett Roddenberry, Ricardo Montalban, Richard Arnold, John De Lancie, Marina Sirtis, Michael Dorn, Garrett Wang, Roxann Dawson, Tim Russ, Ethan Phillips, Robert Duncan McNeil, Robert Beltran, Robert Picardo, Scarlett Pomers, Rene Auberjonois, Andrew Robinson, Marc Alaimo, Chase Masterson, Jeffrey Combs, James Darren, Armin Shimerman, Max Grodenchik, Aron Eisenberg, Cecily Adams, Brannon Braga,

Lolita Fatjo, William B. Davis, Tyler Mane

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

**Apr 19-22** 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

**May 4-6** Creation, Pasadena, California; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> Guests: Lucy Lawless, Renee O'Connor, Bruce Campbell, Ted Raimi, Hudson Leick, William Gregory Lee, Adrienne Wilkinson, Alexandria Tyddings, Claire Stansfield

**May 25-28** 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

**Jun 8-10** AgamemCon V, Burbank, California; Info: 92 Corporate Park, Suite C-330, Irvine, CA 92606 <http://www.agamemcon.org/> Guests: Claudia Christian, Tracy Scoggins, Mark Scaggs

### Connecticut

**Mar 2-4** 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

**Aug 24-26** 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

**Mar 2-4** 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 Waid

**Mar 21-25** 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

**Apr 6-8** Vulkan, Orlando, Florida; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkan.com/> Guests: William Sadler

**Apr 28-29** Klingon Kon 2001, Jacksonville, Florida; Info: 6270 Hollow Lane, Medina, OH 44256 Ph: 330-764-7967 <http://www.makeitsoproductions.com/> Guests: Michael Dorn, Tony Todd, Robert O'Reilly, Rosana DeSoto, J.G. Hertzler, Barbara March, Gwynth Walsh, Todd Bryant, Spice Williams, Mary Kay Adams

**May 25-27** Oasis 14, Orlando, Florida; Info: P.O. Box 940992, Maitland, FL 32794 Ph: 407-263-5822 <http://oasis14.html> Guests: Jack McDewitt, 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

**Apr 12-15** 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

**May 25-27** Vulkan, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkan.com/>

## Illinois

**May 11-13** 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

**May 18-20** DuckKon X, Lisle, Illinois; Info: PO Box 4843, Wheaton, IL 60189 <http://www.duckon.org/>

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

## Iowa

**Feb 23-25** Gamicon, Coralville, Iowa; Info: PO Box 525, Iowa City, IA 52244-0525 <http://www.mindbridge.org/gamicon/> Guests: Jonathan Tweet, Cathy Klessig, Steve Crow, David Glewwe

**May 4-6** Demicon XII, Des Moines, Iowa; Info: PO Box 7572, Des Moines, IA 50322-7572 Ph: 515-224-7654 <http://www.dmsfs.org/demicon.html> Guests: Harry Harrison, Sergey Poyarkov, Rusty Hevelin, Glen Cook

## Kansas

**Apr 27-29** STARFLEET Region Twelve Summit, Emporia, Kansas; Info: 517 Exchange St, Emporia, KS 66801-3819 <http://allfor12.ussatlas.org/>

## Kentucky

**Feb 23-25** Concave 22, Park City, Kentucky; Info: PO Box 3221, Kingport, TN 37664 Ph: 423-239-3106 Guests: Janice Gelb

## Maryland

**Mar 2-4** JohnCon, Baltimore, Maryland; Info: 3505 N. Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21218 <http://come.to/JohnCon/>

**May 25-28** 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, Frank Hayes, Robert Sacks, Stephen L. Burns, Kara Dennison

**Jun 3-8** Classic Film Fest, Hunt Valley, Maryland; Info: 9721 Britinay Lane, Baltimore, MD 21234 Ph: 410-665-1198 <http://www.midmar.com/> Guests: Blake Edwards, Barbara Shelley, Forry Ackerman, Veronica Carlson, Jonathon Haze, Yvonne Monlaur

**Jun 22-24** Conterpoint Four, Rockville,

Maryland; Info: PO Box 2823, Arlington, VA 22202 <http://www.filker.org/conterpoint/>

## Massachusetts

**Mar 9-11** Intercon A, Chelmsford, Massachusetts; Info: 66 Spring Street, Stoneham, MA 02180 <http://intercon-a.ldbw.com/>

**Mar 30-Apr 1** Corflu 18, Boston, Massachusetts; Info: P.O. Box 724, Mountain View, CA 94042 <http://world.std.com/~webber/corflu18/>

**May 18-20** The Black Road, Marlborough, Massachusetts; Info: 12 Dodge Street, Wynantskill, NY 12198 <http://www.theblackroad.org/>

**Jul 13-15** Readercon 13, Burlington, Massachusetts; Info: PO Box 38-1246, Cambridge MA 02238-1246 <http://www.readercon.org/>

## Michigan

**May 18-20** 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

**May 25-28** MediaWest\*Con 2001, Lansing, Michigan; Info: 200 E. Thomas St., Lansing MI 48906-4047 <http://members.aol.com/MdiaWstCon/mwc20.htm>

## Minneapolis

**Apr 13-15** Minicon 36, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 8297 Lake Street Station Minneapolis, MN 55408 <http://www.mnstf.org/minicon35/> Guests: Ken MacLeod, Jo Walton, Leslie Fish

**May 11-13** 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

**Jun 8-10** STARFLEET Region Six Conference, Eagan, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 23321, Richfield, MN 55423-0321 [http://www.geocities.com/czarak\\_ncc\\_1798a/r6summit.html](http://www.geocities.com/czarak_ncc_1798a/r6summit.html)

## Mississippi

**Mar 16-18** CoastCon XXIV, 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

## Missouri

**Mar 9-11** Name That Con 14, Eureka, Missouri; Info: Post Office Box 575, Saint Charles, Missouri 63302 <http://www.scsffs.org/ntc/> Guests: Lorie Ross, Christine Beshier, Marie Willbrand, James P. Hogan, Laura Freas, Frank Kelly Freas, Jim & Paula Murray, Margene Bahm, Mickey Zuckert Reichert, Kevin Randle

**Mar 23-25** 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

**May 25-27** ConquesT 32, Kansas City, Missouri; Info: PO Box 36212, Kansas City MO 64171-6212 Ph: 913-768-0779 <http://www.kcsciencefiction.org/con32.htm> Guests: James Morrow, Bill Hodgson, Stephen Pagel

**Jun 15-17** Conjunction 2001, Columbia, Missouri; Info: PO Box 874, Columbia, MO 65205-0874 <http://conjunction.cjb.net/> Guests: Jody Lynn Nye, Keith Berdak

**Jul 27-29** STARFLEET International Conference 2001, Kansas City, Missouri; Info: 528 Ottawa, Leavenworth, KS 66048 Ph: 913-758-0749 <http://ic2001.sfi.org/>

## Montana

**Jun 1-3** Miscon 2001, Missoula, Montana; Info: P.O. Box 7721, Missoula MT. 59807 <http://www.miscon.org/>

## Nebraska

**Mar 16-18** Willycon 2001, Wayne, Nebraska; Info: Wayne State College SF & Fantasy Club, c/o Conn Library, Wayne, NE 68787 <http://www.wsc.edu/student/activities/clubs/sclub/willycon/willy03/willycon3.htm> Guests: Julie Czerneda, Frank Wu

## New Jersey

**Apr 6-8** JerseyDevil Con, South Plainfield, New Jersey; Info: P.O. Box 403, Metuchen, NJ 08840 <http://jerseydevilcon.hypermart.net/Homepage.html> Guests: David Drake, Jack L. Chalker, F. Paul Wilson, Greg Costikyan, Ron Goulart, Rowena, Lee M. Silver, Tom Smith, Brian Burley, Edward Carmien, Tommy Castillo, Tony DeLorenzo, Tony DiGirolamo, J.R. Dunn, Michael Flynn, Dave Fooden, John Klima, John R. Platt, Shane Tourtellotte

## New Mexico

**Aug 24-26** Bubonicon 33, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Info: Box 37257, Albuquerque, NM 87176 Ph: 505-266-8905 <http://members.aol.com/bubonicon/> Guests: Sarah Zettel, S.M. Stirling, Lee Seed

## New York

**Feb 24-25** Creation, New York, New York; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> Guests: Willa O'Neil, Karl Urban, William Gregory

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**Mar 23-25** 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

**Mar 30-Apr 1** 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: Majel Barrett Roddenberry, Timothy Zahn, Harlan Ellison, Brad Dourif, Ray Harryhausen, Harry Turtledove

**May 24-27** SFRA 2001, Schenectady, New York; Info: PO Box 2085, Albany, NY 12220-0085 Ph: 518-456-5242 <http://www.klink.net/~fcs/sfra2001.html> Guests: CJ Cherryh, David Weber, Jane Yolen, Vincent Di Fate

**Jun 30-Jul 1** Northeast Supercon, West Hempstead, New York; Info: Celebrity Entertainment Corporation, P.O. Box 266, Malverne, NY 11565 Ph: 516-564-1058 <http://www.supercon.org/>

## North Carolina

**Mar 16-18** 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

**Apr 27-29** STARFLEET Region One Summit, Greensboro, North Carolina; Info: 1635 Bright Leaf Rd., Pfafftown, NC 27040 <http://www.R1Summit2001.iwarp.com/>

## Ohio

**Mar 23-25** Millennicon, Kings Island, Ohio; Info: 143 Schloss Ln., Dayton, OH 45418 Ph: 513-933-0452 <http://www.millennicon.org/> Guests: Catherine Asaro, Robert Daniels

**Apr 7-8** 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, Cortlandt Hull, Pamela Sue Martin, Stella Stevens, Carol Lynley, James Doohan, Grace Lee Whitney, Jack Grinnage, Carol Ann Susi, Steve Stevens, Mike Forest, Barbara Luna, Guy Williams Jr., Bill Mumy, June Lockhart, Angela Cartwright, Marta Kristen, Mark Goddard, Bob May

**May 25-27** 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

**May 26-27** 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>  
Guests: Scarlett Pomers, Nancy Hower, Jennifer Lien, Roxann Dawson, Kate Mulgrew

**Jun 21-24** Midwestcon 52, Cincinnati, Ohio; Info: 34 Creekwood Square, Glendale, OH 45246-3811 Ph: 513-771-7587 <http://www.cfg.org/midwestcon/>

## Oregon

**Mar 9-11** Gamestorm, Portland, Oregon; Info: P.O. Box 764, Portland OR 97207 <http://www.pdxgames.com/>

**Jul 5-8** Westercon 54, Portland, Oregon; Info: PO Box 5901, Portland, OR 97228-5901 Ph: 360-993-2001 <http://www.osfci.org/w2001/> Guests: Tim Powers, Mike Glycer, Terri Windling, Frank Lurz, Golden Bough

## Pennsylvania

**Mar 3-4** Creation, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/>  
Guests: Marina Sirtis, Keith Hamilton Cobb, Majel Barrett Roddenberry, William Gregory Lee, Kevin Sorbo, Michael Hurst, Robert Duncan McNeill, Majel Barrett Roddenberry, Jim Steranko, Carmine Infantino, Walter And Louise, Simonson, Dan Adkins, Stewart Moss, Carolyn Seymour, Neil Dickson, Jack Donner, Paul Carr, Deborah Downey, Richard Arnold

**Apr 27-29** 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

## Rhode Island

**Jul 19-21** Necon 21, Bristol, Rhode Island; Info: 67 Birchland Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02860 Ph: 516-326-6140 or 401-726-2003 <http://www.para-net.com/~necon/> Guests: Tim Powers, Christopher Golden, Nicholas Jainschigg, Roman Ranieri, Craig Shaw Gardner

## Tennessee

**Mar 23-25** MidSouthCon 19, Memphis, Tennessee; Info: P.O. Box 11446, Memphis, TN 38111-0446 Ph: 901-274-7355 <http://www.midsouthcon.org/> Guests: Laurell K. Hamilton, Alan Clark, Cullen Johnson, Jack McDavitt, Glen Cook

**Mar 23-25** Galacticon, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Info: 6636 Shallowford Rd, Chattanooga, TN 37421 <http://www.thewebfool.com/galacticon/>

Guests: Diana L. Paxson, David B. Coe, P.M. Griffin, Julia Morgan-Scott, Laura J. Underwood

**Apr 20-22** Kubla Khan 29, Nashville, Tennessee; Info: PO Box 68203, Nashville, TN 37206 Ph: 615-851-9352 <http://www.telalink.net/~badger/kubla30.html> Guests: Rick Shelley, Andrew J. Offutt

**May 4-6** Tenacity/DeepSouthCon 39, Birmingham, Tennessee; Info: 279 Chesire Rd, Harpersville, AL 35078 Guests: Larry Elmore, Ned Brooks, Sharon Green

**May 25-27** 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

**Mar 10-11** Sci-Fi Expo & Toy Show, Austin, Texas; Info: PO Box 941111, Plano Tx 75094-1111 Ph: 972-578-0213 <http://members.aol.com/toyshow/>

**Mar 22-25** 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

**May 18-20** Long Range Desert Convention, Austin, Texas; Info: PO Box 4366, Austin, TX 78765 <http://www.klio.net/LRDC/> Guests: Gary Raymond, Donna Barr

## Utah

**May 18-20** CONDuit, Salt Lake City, Utah; Info: PO Box 11745, Salt Lake City UT 84147-0745 <http://conduit.sfcon.org/> CONDuit/ Guests: Alan Dean Foster, James Rogers

## Virginia

**Mar 16-18** Technicon 18, Blacksburg, Virginia; Info: P.O. Box 256, Blacksburg, Va 24060-0256 <http://www.perspex.com/technicon/> Guests: Jeff Darlington, Tim Mullins, Daniel Trout, John "Kermit" Greener

**Mar 23-25** Madicon 10, Harrisonburg, Virginia; Info: P.O. Box 607, Harrisonburg, VA 22801 <http://www.madicon.org/> Guests: Jack L. Chalker, Steven Gould, Néné Thomas, Tony Stephens

## Washington

**Mar 16-18** Lepracon 2001, Wenatchee, Washington; Info: PMB #353, 2527 W. Kennewick Ave., Kennewick Wa 99336 Ph: 509-943-6873 <http://lepracon.penguinpowered.com/>

**Apr 14-15** Norwescon 24, Seatac, Washington; Info: PO Box 68547, Seattle WA 98168-0547 <http://www.norwescon.org/> Guests: Connie Willis, Bob Eggleton, Charles N. Brown

**Apr 27-29** 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

**May 18-20** Anglicon XIV, Seattle, Washington; Info: PO Box 75536, Seattle, WA. 98125 Ph: 206-789-BRIT <http://www.webwitch.com/anglicon/> Guests: Robert Trebor

**May 25-28** 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

## Wisconsin

**Mar 23-25** Congenial XI, Racine, Wisconsin; Info: PO Box 542911, Chicago, IL 60654 <http://www.congenial.org/>

**Mar 30-Apr 1** Odyssey Con 2001, Madison, Wisconsin; Info: 901 Jenifer St., Madison, 53703 <http://www.venture-1.com/~oddcon/> Guests: Jack L. Chalker, Vernor Vinge

**May 25-28** WisCon 25, Madison, Wisconsin; Info: PO Box 1624, Madison, WI 53701 Ph: 608-233-8850 <http://www.sf3.org/wiscon/> Guests: Nancy Kress, Élisabeth Vonarburg

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### Australia

**Apr 12-16** 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

### Canada

**Feb 23-25** Ad Astra 21, Toronto, Ontario; Info: PO Box 7276, Station A, Toronto, ON Canada M5W 1X9 <http://www.ad-astra.org/> Guests: Connie Willis, David G. Hartwell, Rick Green, Robert J. Sawyer

**Mar 30-Apr 1** Filk Ontario 11, Mississauga, Ontario; Info: c/o 98-145 Rice Avenue, Hamilton, ON, L9C 6R3, Canada <http://www.bserv.com/community/fkoa.htm> Guests: Bill & Brenda Sutton, Steve Simmons, Erica Neely

**May 25-28** CostumeCon 19, Calgary, Alberta; Info: Box 20001, Bow Valley Postal Outlet, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 4H3, Canada <http://www.msight.com/cc19/>

**May 4-6** V-Con, Burnaby, British Columbia; Info: 1410 Regan Ave., Coquitlam, BC, V3J 3B5, Canada <http://www.v-con.org/> Guests: Lynne Abbey, James Ernest, Pat Turner

**May 18-20** Keycon 18, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Info: P.O. Box 3178, Winnipeg, MB R3C 4E6, CANADA <http://members.tripod.com/~keycon2001/> Guests: Spider Robinson, Jeanne Robinson, Phil Foglio, Kaja Foglio

**May 25-27** Anime North, Toronto, Ontario;

Info: c/o Dufferin Mail Postal Outlet, PO Box 24090, 900 Dufferin St, Toronto, ON M6H 4H6, Canada <http://www.animenorth.org/> Guests: Ben Dunn, Stephen R. Bennett IV, Doug Smith

## England

**Feb 23-25** Redemption, Ashford, Kent, United Kingdom; Info: 26 King's Meadow View, Wetherby, LS22 7FX, United Kingdom <http://www.smoof.com/redemption/> Guests: Gareth Thomas, Ron Thornton, Michael Sheard, Andy Lane, David Walsh

**Mar 16-18** Starfury 2001, London, United Kingdom; Info: 148a Queensway, Bayswater, London W2 6LY, United Kingdom Ph: +07-930-319-119 <http://members.aol.com/fabevent/> Guests: Jerry Doyle, Elizabeth Gracen, Lani Tupu, Lisa Howard, Von Flores, Robert Leeshock, Richard Chevolleau

**Apr 13-16** 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 Brialey, Mark Plummer

**May 4-7** Odyssey 2001, London, United Kingdom; Info: PO Box 3870, Troon, Scotland, KA10 7PZ Guests: Armin Shimmerman, Max Grodenchik, Chase Masterson, Aron Eisenberg, Cecily Adams, Harry Groener, Lolita Fatjo

**May 25-27** Second, Swindon, United Kingdom; Info: 19 Hill Court Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL52 3JJ United Kingdom <http://www.cix.co.uk/~sjbradshaw/second/> Guests: Paul McAuley

**May 25-27** Eclectic 21, Leicester, United Kingdom; Info: 47 Bennetts Court, Bristol, BS37 4XH, United Kingdom <http://www.eclectic21.co.uk/> Guests: Gareth Thomas, Jacqueline Pearce, Storm Constantine, Ed Bishop, Frank Maher

## New Zealand

**Apr 13-16** OdysseyCon, Auckland, New Zealand; Info: P.O. Box 74-013, Market Rd, Auckland <http://odyssey-con.sf.org.nz/> Guests: Mercedes Lackey, Larry Dixon, Lyn McConchie

## Scotland

**Mar 17-18** Compulsion 2001, Edinburgh, United Kingdom, Scotland; Info: 1F1, 94 Thirlestane Road, Marchmont, Edinburgh, EH9 1AS, United Kingdom Ph: +0131-623-0417 <http://www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/societies/geas/CONVENTION/> Guests: Chris Baylis, James Wallis, John Wick

**Sep 22-23** Hypotheticon, Glasgow, United Kingdom, Scotland; Info: 25 Ravenscraig Ave., Paisley, PA2 9QL, United Kingdom <http://www.hypotheticon2001.co.uk/>





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Members of the Shuttle Ark Angel at Dinner.



Regional Coordinator, Region 3 Brad Pense and his wife, Ranna Pense.



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Top: The 2MI Champagne Flute.

Left (from left to right): Randi Spears, Cassie Hislop, Dan Murphy, Jesse Naumann and Dan Hislop.

Right: Members of the USS Ranger (from l to r) - Heather Ingram, Lee Passmore, Cheryl Walker, Dave Walker and Peggy Ingram.



Members of several Region Three Chapters at the Dance



"Da Boyz of da Panther City" (from left to right): Mark A. Vinson (CO), Alex Jones (XO), Michael Benoit and Aaron Murphy.



## REGION THREE'S ANNUAL RETREAT AND 2MI MILLENNIUM PARTY

By Admiral Brad Pense • Regional Coordinator, Region 3 & Fleet Captain Sam Black • USS Quanah Parker

Region Three held its 3rd Annual Regional Retreat on Saturday, December 30, 2000, in Waco, Texas, in conjunction with the ringing in of the third millennium at the 2MI Millennium Party on Sunday, December 31, 2000. After the Retreat's General Meeting concluded, everyone adjourned to the atrium to catch up and relax. Then, everyone went over to Cricket's for food, drink, fun, and more relaxation.

Sunday made way for tours of the Texas Ranger Museum and Hall of Fame as well as the Dr. Pepper Museum and Free Enterprise Institute. The items on display at the

Ranger Museum were phenomenal. I've never seen such a fantastic tribute to one of the best law enforcement agencies in history. I'm going to have to go back just to try and totally absorb it all. What can I say about the Dr. Pepper Museum? It was great. You can have a Dr. Pepper made right for you at their soda fountain and turn it into a float with Blue Bell Ice Cream in no time flat. You can cap your own message in a Dr. Pepper bottle. Their Gift Shop is one of only two places you can get Dr. Pepper made with real Imperial Pure Cane Sugar bottled in Dublin, Texas.

Sunday evening, following a wonderful

Banquet Dinner in the hotel atrium, new regional appointees were announced as well as award recipients. And finally, the incoming STARFLEET Chief of Operations, RAdm. Mark Vinson with the assistance of Regional Coordinator, Adm. Brad Pense and Mothership (USS Bexar) representative, RAdm. Pat Spillers commissioned Region Three's only shuttle. It was announced that effective 01 January 2001 at 12:01 am, the Shuttle Ark Angel NCC-71718/02 was commissioned as the USS Ark Angel, NCC-74662 under the command of CO: Capt Jeff Webb and XO: Cmdr Randi Spears.

After dinner and the presentations,

everyone moved to the Waco/Texas room for the Charity Auction. Region Three was able to raise another \$750 for the International Exotic Feline Sanctuary in Boyd, TX, bringing our total donation amount for the year to \$1,500. After the Auction, members danced and partied until midnight, when everyone toasted the New Year, Decade, Century and Millennium with champagne in elegant flutes embossed with the 2MI logo and danced and talked until the wee hours.

If you didn't make it, you missed a great time with friends and Fleet family.