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## REGION TWO SUMMIT 2001: A VACATION IN RISA!

By Commodore Pete Mohney • Regional Coordinator, STARFLEET Region Two

The Region 2 Summit 2001 was the biggest, and many in attendance said the best, that the region has ever seen. With more than a hundred people attending, from a region with fewer than 400 members, the numbers alone were pretty staggering! By the end of the weekend, forty people had registered for the next year's event. Nearly two thousand dollars in profit was registered for the weekend, which will be used to run the region for the next year, and will also allow the region to continue its tradition of making a \$500 donation to charity.

The weekend started on Friday March 2, as attendees began pouring into the beautiful Lafayette Plaza hotel in Mobile, Alabama. Members came from all four states of the region, plus a double handful from other regions; twenty-three chapters were represented. The hotel was hosting two basketball teams that were playing in a tournament that weekend, but the hotel staff didn't let that interfere with the quality of their service. Meeting rooms were always ready and arranged on time, and when changes or additions were requested, they moved quickly to help.

When Fleet Admiral Les Rickard arrived, he was treated to the traditional dinner at a local restaurant, this year for steaks and seafood. In the middle of dinner, a surprise arrival, Region 2 VRC Jennifer Rosbury swept into the restaurant; much to the happiness of those who thought she wasn't going to be able to make it this year. Jennifer and Summit Chairman Sandy Dolan had plotted to sneak Jennifer into the Summit, and surprised everyone with her presence. The dinner crowd then went back to the hotel for an evening of socializing.

Traditional Friday events include the pre-auction at "Moogie's Store," where items may be bid upon or bought from the dozens and dozens of auction items; the Great Dalmuti tournament; and the Region Two Staff meeting. Moogie's Store did great



**Some guys have all the luck:** Wade Olson (a.k.a. the Victim), Sandy Dolan, Kristi Fell and Jennifer Rosbury enjoy themselves on "Risa".

*Photo courtesy of Jill Rayburn*



**16 ounces of wholesome goodness not included:** The Region 2 Summit 2001 Commemorative mug.

*Photo courtesy of Pete Mohney*

business all afternoon and evening, with shoppers snapping up books, models, autographed photos, dolls, posters, toys and puzzles. The Region Two Quartermaster also had a table, where items from Summit t-shirts, Summit 2001 mugs and steins, Region Two polo shirts and various other items were up for sale. One end of the room was taken up by the booth for Region Two's official shirt supplier, Aardvark Screenprinting, the company that has supplied the Summit shirts for a number of years. The room was closed for the day at nine p.m., and a couple of dozen competitors gathered for the "Introduction to Dalmuti" tutorial. After a few practice hands for the new players, the tournament began. Nearly three hours later, the battle ended with eventual champion Sandy Arrington coming from behind and crushing the other finalists, including several former champions and second-place finishers from previous years.

Saturday began early with Opening Ceremonies at eight a.m. There were brief speeches by Summit Chairman Sandy Dolan, Vice Regional Coordinator Jennifer Rosbury, Regional Coordinator Pete Mohney, and Fleet Admiral Les Rickard. After a series of presentations, "fun awards" and announcements, the crowd moved on to the morning panels. The Summit had four tracks running all morning and afternoon, with thirty different panels on the schedule, including everything from Alien Food to Zone Coordinators. The Marines had their own track, with panels for everything from the member interested in starting his own group through the formal Marine Muster. A two-hour first aid panel was held to give basic training in how to deal with injuries and emergencies, hosted by two trained and certified emergency medical workers. Topics discussed at the panel ranged from the 3 Emergency Action Steps of Check, Call, Care to caring for people who aren't

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By day, mild-mannered Scott Akers is nothing more than a Regional Coordinator, but if you get him all worked up, he turns into...THE INCREDIBLE FLEET HISTORIAN! (Ahem).

*Logo created by David Pipgras*

**The Historian's trip down memory lane starts on page 22**



So, members of the USS Northstar got together and wouldn't you know it - things happened! It must be a New York thing.

*USS Northstar logo designed by Seth Weine, 3-D rendering by Rob Caves*

**"USS Northstar Welcomes  
Trek Author & Actress" starts on page 48**

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# DON'T CALL ME EDWIN!

## FLEET ADMIRAL LES RICKARD

### COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings once again from STARFLEET HQ! As I have always tried to do with my articles, I will attempt to be brief and then be gone. I would like to spotlight and thank a couple of people here at STARFLEET HQ that have worked very hard to make sure STARFLEET is running smoothly day in and day out. I would also like to introduce two new members to Fleetstaff. But first let's start with...

#### ADVENTURES IN TREKKING: RETURN TO REGION TWO

I had the honor and privilege to be invited to this year's Region Two Summit in Mobile Alabama on March second through the fourth. Let me say, I had an outstanding time thanks to the regional and summit staffs as well as the members of Region Two.

As you may recall from an article after last year's Region Two Summit, my traveling companions and I were indeed involved in some adventure going to and headed home from that event. When Pete Mohny, Region Two Regional Coordinator, made the flight arrangements I began thinking to myself "Oh please don't let me run into a tornado on the way down or something on fire on the way back!" \*Grin\*

I left Piedmont Triad International Airport in Greensboro, NC at around lunchtime on March 2nd headed to Mobile, Alabama. I connected in Cleveland, Ohio and laid over there for nearly three hours. That's the airlines for you -- go north to get south. Anyway, the trip down was uneventful and I landed on time in Mobile. Once I arrived I was immediately treated to the Region Two hospitality I remembered from the previous year - hugs, hand shakes and the like from around the region.

Shortly after arrival my dear friend Denby Potts said "You are here as our guest, relax and just enjoy yourself. You don't have to work this weekend." So...I did! Over the weekend I was able to enjoy myself, relax and take the opportunity to renew old friendships as well as make new ones. I enjoyed participating in Region Two's Great Dalmudi tournament (Next year you're going down Mohny! <G>), sitting in on regional panels, taking the opportunity to answer questions about STARFLEET and participate in the regional awards and promotions banquet.

When Sunday came I was saddened to have to leave early, around 11:30am, to catch my flight home. Sandy Dolan and Ralph Planthold were kind enough to miss their own closing ceremonies to take a couple of other travelers and I to the airport. During this trip I was able to visit with a brand new Fleet member whose first event ever had been the Summit. It was a pleasure to see a new member so excited about being a part of a region and the Fleet. I think that's what it is

all about - the fun and fellowship.

Again, thanks to the Region Two and Summit 2001 staffs for their hospitality and I am looking forward to Summit 2002!

#### WELCOME ABOARD

As everyone knows, we have two Fleet Staff positions open that we have sought applications for. Those are STARFLEET's Office's of Promotions and Personnel.

I have reviewed and considered all of the applications and I will honestly say that this was a very difficult decision to make as all of the applicants were qualified. I encourage all of those that applied to maintain their resume with STARFLEET. Now, it is my honor to present the following officers.

First, please welcome aboard Marine Captain Deb Malotte on board as STARFLEET's next Director of Promotions. Deb has been the Assistant Director for some time and is quite versed in its operation and procedure. Deb has some ideas to improve and enhance the Office of Promotions. The contact information for the Office of Promotions is:

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Second, allow me the honor of presenting to you STARFLEET's next Director of the Office of Personnel, Fleet Captain Ben Redding. Ben is a member of Region One and is Commanding Officer of Bennu Station in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Ben brings to this position some new ideas on improving the Personnel Department and what it can for those around the Fleet. The contact information for the Office of Personnel is:

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Again, please welcome aboard these two new officers.

#### SHOW ME THE MONEY!

As I said before, I would like to take advantage of some of this space each issue to showcase or spotlight some hard working members at SFHQ and indeed around STARFLEET.

The first person I want to talk about is a person who, on occasion, tells the FADM NO! Now and again she refers to herself as the Moneywitch. However, I prefer to call her by her IRC nick MoneyGoddess - which she is! I am speaking of STARFLEET's Treasurer, Fleet Captain Tammy Willcox. A day does not pass when Tammy does not work on some aspect of Fleet finances and takes her

job very seriously. When there is a question on how something financial needs to be handled my first stop is Tammy and she inevitably has the answer - whether I like it or not. Tammy has been doing this for me and Fleet since the transition began in November and doing so with a drive that is difficult to describe.

When I approached Tammy last year about doing this job she made it clear that it would be done right...or she would not do it. I knew then that I had found the right person to do the nearly insurmountable job of tracking Fleet's finances. Tammy does this duty without want for recognition; rather she does it because it needs to be done. I believed then and now that she has what it takes to do it right. Over the last few months, when we had difficulties with the credit card system, she took it upon herself to work with our credit card companies on a nearly daily basis. She worked with other staffers and myself in ensuring that we were functioning up to speed despite these problems. As with everyone, there are occasions when real life just steps in and you have to concentrate on it. When this has happened Tammy has made sure that no matter what she stayed ahead of the game and made sure STARFLEET was running at full speed.

On top of her duties as Fleet's Treasurer she is also Treasurer for Region One and Commanding Officer of the Region One chapter USS MAAT. Tammy is married to Blair Willcox.

I would like to say to Tammy, and I am sure I speak for the rest of the Executive Committee and finance team, thanks for all that you do. You are an asset to the Team that would be very difficult to replace.

#### SHOW ME THE PACKETS!

There is another member of Fleetstaff that I would like to thank for all of their hard work since the transition began in late 2000. This person has been contributing to STARFLEET's continued success since he offered to head up the daunting task of STARFLEET Membership Processing Services. Captain Don Willits, from Region Five, assumed the duties of Membership Processing in late November and has not looked back.

In taking over this job he has worked with CompOps Chief Mark Anbinder to refine and improve the Membership Database. While doing this he has worked daily to make sure that we are up to date with the Membership Packet turnaround time. In addition Don has helped Tammy Willcox, STARFLEET's Treasurer, in developing a reporting system between Membership Services and STARFLEET Treasury so that we have an accurate reporting of our membership monies as they flow from Membership Services to the Fleet General Fund - whether by Credit

Card or batches of checks.

On top of all of these things Don is CO of the USS JAGUAR in Region Five. When he is not working on Fleet business he is a trainer with the Microsoft Corporation, teaching SQL, Visual Basic and other classes.

As with Tammy, I know that all it takes is a call or email to Don and I will have an answer quickly on any question I might have regarding Membership Services. I would like to thank for Don for all of the hard work he does for Fleet.

#### I SAID THAT TO SAY THIS

I wanted to mention these two outstanding individuals as they are two of the many volunteer's who work hard for this organization everyday. These two people make sure the money is right and accounted for as well as ensure that each member receives their membership packet in as timely a fashion as possible.

As I said before it is my hope that in each article I can, among other things, spotlight some folks that work very hard behind the scenes around STARFLEET. The reason for this is very simple. These are the people who are doing the real work to keep STARFLEET running smoothly. Without them there would be no Summits or IC's, you would not be getting your membership materials, I would not be writing this article each issue.

#### ONE MORE THANK YOU

I wanted to quickly thank someone without whom I do not believe I would be able to do the job of Commander, STARFLEET. Yes, when you attain this point in your Fleet career you sometimes feel like it is a job. It has its good days and it has its bad days and you take them all with a grain of salt and do your duty. I would like to take a moment to thank the person who is there day in and day out and, when she cannot help she hits one of the many speedials on the office phone and finds me someone who can.

They say behind every good man is a great woman, well I have that in my wife Deidre Rickard. I think I owe her a public "thanks and I love you" for everything she does so I am able to go about the business of running STARFLEET. In addition to that she is so caring about it that she is bringing another assistant into the world as well \*Grin\*. If you missed it in my interview in a past *Communiqué*, we are expected a new Fleet member in late June, Zachary Josiah Rickard. Again, thanks hon!

#### THAT ABOUT WRAPS THIS UP...

Well, as I said before, I have tried to be brief and now its time for me to be gone. But before I do allow me to thank everyone of you out there in STARFLEET for making this one of the worlds greatest Star Trek fan organizations. It is the membership of STARFLEET working with the Executive Committee, Fleetstaff and Admiralty Board that makes this organization great.



# STARFLEET TREASURER REPORT

## By Fleet Captain Tammy Willcox • STARFLEET Treasurer

The Treasurer's office has been slammed the last couple of months, but we've completed the transition from the former administration! We've got our credit card processing companies switched over to the new account, and things are once again moving smoothly for online renewals and other credit card transactions. All bills incurred during the 2000 fiscal year have now been paid, and the 2001 fiscal year is on an even keel. We'd also like to thank the former treasurer for sending his records to Howard Cronson, the Internal Auditor. Howard will be reviewing the records and when he has completed the review we will provide appropriate reports.

We have instituted a new policy to keep the AB informed of our financial transactions. A list serve was created to show all debits, credits, and expenses. Every transaction is posted on this list, along with when the checks are sent by Les to me, and when I receive them and mail them out. One RC is chosen by the AB to be on the list serve, and they will rotate every six months. The current RC is Brad Pense, the Regional Coordinator for Region 3.

Unfortunately, our credit card terminal died right after arriving at my house, and we had to order another one. Since new machines cost \$500.00 and up, the finance team decided to go with a reconditioned model for \$150.00. This fee won't be charged to our account, however, until sometime in April.

I need to explain discount fees and credit cards, so that the numbers that follow will make sense to everyone. STARFLEET processes Visa, Mastercard, and Discover charge cards. Visa and Mastercard are processed through a company called NPC. Discover cards are processed through Novus. Each company charges a "discount fee" for every charge that we process. In addition, for every charge that is "hand keyed" (one that does not have the card swiped) there is an additional fee

charged by Novus. The average cost of these fees is 3.5% of the charge, which means for every one dollar that we process it costs us approximately three and a half cents. In addition, we were charged a \$25.00 fee to change bank accounts from Valley National Bank to First Virginia Bank.

Please note that voucher purchases will now take place through the Treasurer's office instead of through Gordon Goldberg. Vouchers are available in one-credit certificates and five-credit certificates. We are in the process of getting a secure online site for vouchers to be purchased with credit cards. Once this has been completed, we'll announce it, but please remember that we will only accept credit cards for voucher purchases over 5 credits. Vouchers can still be purchased via mail by sending me a check or money order made payable to STARFLEET to the address below. Voucher cost is equivalent to the number of credits you want to purchase. (One credit = \$1.00, Five credits = \$5.00)

When renewing, please make checks payable to STARFLEET! When making donations to the scholarship fund, please make the checks payable to STARFLEET Scholarship Fund.

I am always available for questions, please feel free to contact me. You can reach me via email at [treasurer@sfi.org](mailto:treasurer@sfi.org). My mailing address is:

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As a reminder, the general treasury information will be presented by reporting dates, while the academy information follows the bank statement 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. Also, please note, if it is a business I will list the business name, if it is an individual, I will just list what the expense is for.

### STARFLEET Academy Account - Savings:

**Beginning Date: 2/1/2001**  
**Ending Date: 2/28/2001**

**Beginning Balance: \$1,301.95**  
**Ending Balance: \$1,303.69**

The Academy Savings account recieved interest in the amount of \$1.74 and has yielded \$3.78 in the year to date.

### STARFLEET Academy Account - Checking:

**Beginning Date: 2/1/2001**  
**Ending Date: 2/28/2001**

**Beginning Balance: \$2,006.12**  
**Ending Balance: \$2,083.08**

Deposits/Credits: \$205.00

Checks/Debits: \$128.04

\$79.04 of the Academy Expenses were for reimbursements to Directors, \$49 was for a new Toner Cartridge. All \$205 income was via Tuition deposits.

### STARFLEET General Account:

**Opening Date: 1/21/2001**

**Opening Balance: \$910.00**

#### Deposits:

2/06/2001 - Membership Processing Deposit*:	\$691.00
2/14/2001 - Membership Processing Deposit*:	\$454.00
2/26/2001 - Transfer from Valley National Bank:	\$2,952.71
2/28/2001 - Membership Processing Deposit:	\$369.00
2/28/2001 - Membership Processing Deposit:	\$664.38
3/05/2001 - Chapter/Shuttle Application Fees:	\$30.00
3/11/2001 - Credit Card Processing Test:	\$1.00
3/13/2001 - Credit Card Processing**:	\$735.00
3/13/2001 - Credit Card Processing**:	\$311.00
3/13/2001 - Credit Card Processing**:	\$50.00
3/15/2001 - Credit Card Processing**:	\$1,133.00
3/15/2001 - Credit Card Processing**:	\$70.00
3/16/2001 - Credit Card Processing**:	\$264.00
3/19/2001 - Credit Card Processing**:	\$110.00
3/19/2001 - Credit Card Processing**:	\$110.00
3/19/2001 - Credit Card Processing**:	\$674.00
3/21/2001 - Credit Card Processing**:	\$589.00
3/26/2001 - Membership Processing Deposit:	\$614.00
3/26/2001 - Membership Processing Deposit:	\$601.00
3/26/2001 - Membership Processing Deposit*:	\$313.50

#### Debits:

1/22/2001 - Returned Check & \$5.00 Fee:	\$20.00
1/24/2001 - Returned Check & \$5.00 Fee: (Repaid)	\$45.00
2/15/2001 - Novus/NPC Account changeover fee:	\$25.00
3/05/2001 - Novus/NPC discount fee:	\$17.85
3/06/2001 - Novus/NPC discount fee:	\$20.73
3/06/2001 - Stamps.com (membership processing postage):	\$475.00
3/06/2001 - Novus/NPC discount fee:	\$85.96
3/14/2001 - Novus/NPC discount fee:	\$25.00
3/18/2001 - Stamps.com (membership processing postage):	\$475.00

#### Checks:

#1001 - Membership Processing Expenses:	\$1,121.86
#1002 - Void	\$0
#1003 - IC 2001 (CC registrations):	\$325.00
#1004 - Countywide News for CQ101 mailing:	\$278.80
#1005 - Printing of Membership Cards/Certificates:	\$56.40
#1006 - Edmond Sun for Printing of CQ 102:	\$1,300.00
#1007 - Countywide News for postage for CQ103:	\$400.00
#1008 - CPA Fee for 2000 Election:	\$500.00
#1009 - Scholarship Fund (for donations w/renewals):	\$29.00
#1010 - Edmond Sun for Printing of CQ103:	\$1,291.22
#1011 - Countywide News for mailing previous CQs:	\$404.72
#1012 - IC2003 Bid Packet copying:	\$38.50
#1013 - Printing of Membership Cards/Certificates:	\$230.00
#1014 - 2001 R1 Summit Fund (CC processing):	\$783.58
#1015 - HQ Office Supply (ink cartridge):	\$29.67
#1016 - STARFLEET Marine Corp (CC Pin Orders):	\$63.00
#1017 - IC2001 (CC registrations):	\$865.00
#1018 - Countywide News (postage for CQ104):	\$800.00

**Ending Date: 3/26/2001**

**Ending Balance: \$1,940.30**

\* Designates that part of the deposit included Chapter/Shuttle Application Fees, Check recoveries, CQ ads, etc.

\*\* Designates that the Credit Card Deposit comes from a variety of charges, such as membership processing, IC registrations, Summit registrations, and Marine Pin Orders.

### STARFLEET Scholarship Account:

**Beginning Date: 2/1/2001**  
**Ending Date: 3/26/2001**  
**Deposits/Credits: \$1,234.19**

**Beginning Balance: \$20.15**  
**Ending Balance: \$1,254.34**  
**Checks/Debits: None**

#### Deposits:

2/06/2001 - Transfer of Funds from Sue Hampton:	\$526.50
2/26/2001 - Transfer from Valley National Bank:	\$90.19
3/05/2001 - Deposit from R1 Mile of Dollars:	\$588.50
3/26/2001 - Deposit from Fleet General Account:	\$29.00



# SECOND THOUGHTS

ADMIRAL GORDON GOLDBERG

VICE-COMMANDER, STARFLEET

As I write this article on March 26, 2001, I acknowledge that I'm submitting this column a day after the deadline, and on a subject not at all what I expected to be writing about, and both for the same reason. This weekend I attended the funeral of my Aunt Carolyn.

Now, Aunt Carolyn wasn't really my aunt according to strict definition. She wasn't the sister of either of my parents, nor was she married to a brother of either of them. She was however, second only to my father, my mother's best friend for the past forty-five years, and she was my aunt in all the ways that really count.

She was always there for the important events in my family, and we were always there for her's. Despite the fact that we were Jewish and they were Lutheran, Aunt Carolyn and her daughter, my "cousin" Suzy, came to the Passover Seder at my parents' house every year, and for dinner and the exchange of presents at Chanukah. My family celebrated Christmas at her house, trimming the tree and then sitting down to a dinner which always featured two huge pans of her wonderful lasagna -- one with meatballs, and one without. Aunt Carolyn was with us for my Bar Mitzvah and my sister's wedding, at all the birthday parties and anniversary parties and yes, unfortunately, at my grandparents' and great-grandparents' funerals too.

Aunt Carolyn was my reading partner and mentor as well. She was a voracious reader of high and low fantasy novels and an occasional science fiction fan as well, and would show up at every gathering, random dinner, or afternoon tea with a shopping bag full of books she had finished and thought I would enjoy. She was the one who made sure that every year, among my holiday presents, there would be a gift certificate from one of my favorite book stores.

She introduced me to Piers Anthony's humorous and pun-filled prose, to Terry Brooks' fabulous fantasy, to Tolkein's epics. It was Aunt Carolyn with whom I would compare notes, having just completed the latest book in the Eddings' Belgariad or Mallorcan or their sequels. She and I would chatter for hours about the latest Star Wars

movie, or about the goings-on in the lives of Belgarath and Polgara and Belgarion and Ce'Nedra, and muse about whether the mysterious owl could possibly be Poledra, as though these were all real people who were old friends of ours. Most recently, we both enjoyed J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter novels, and were looking forward to the upcoming feature film releases of both

cat, and lay down on the sofa for a nap. She never woke up.

The coroner says that she'd had a massive cerebral hemorrhage, and died instantly with no pain. I guess that's how I'd want to go when it's my time, although I'd like some advanced warning, so I can say my good-byes.



**Yes, flannel shirts are in once more:** Gordon (Yes, Gordon - Not Gord, Gordo or <shudder> Gordie) models the latest in urban lumberjack fashion.

*Photo courtesy of Marc Handler*

Harry Potter and The Lord of the Rings. I'm still looking forward to seeing them, although I'm afraid the discussion afterward is going to be sadly one-sided.

At fifty-nine years old, everyone, including Aunt Carolyn herself, thought she was in the best of health. Last Monday afternoon, she went home from work a little early with a minor headache. She came home to the house she shared with the world's loudest and friendliest German shepherd and worlds most sexually frustrated spayed

I guess there are two morals to this story. The first is that family isn't just restricted to those who are related to us by blood or marriage. Our families are the people we love and care for, and who love and care for us -- the people who fill spaces in our lives that we often don't even realize are spaces, until they're no longer there to fill them.

The second is that you never know how long you have, or how many opportunities you'll have to share the good things with the people you care for. You never know when the last

thing you've said to someone will really be the last thing you'll get to say to them, or when the things you didn't say will forever remain unsaid.

Cherish the ones you love, and let them know just how important they are to you. You never know when the time you're spending together will be the last chance you'll have to do it.

Now it's time for me to take a deep breath, and change the subject completely. Just so you don't think I've completely abandoned Fleet business, I do have a few announcements to make as Vice Commander.

The first is that, thanks to an inquiry from Vice Admiral Sherry Anne Newell of the USS Morning Star, we've learned that there were some post office problems involving the Stampede, which STARFLEET's International Charities Coordinator, Amy Alexander, has informed me have since been straightened out. Amy also tells me that Lynn Evans, the Stampede Director, is recuperating from injuries incurred in a bad automobile accident, so I ask all of you for your patience and understanding, and extend to Lynn my wishes for a full and speedy recovery.

The second is that Rick Driver has stepped down as FDC Science as a result of changing priorities in his life. I'd like to publicly thank Rick for all his help and hard work, and wish him the best!

A number of people have already expressed an interest in the position, and we'll be appointing an interim FDC Science to keep the program moving along, but FDC Director Dustin Williams and I won't be filling it permanently until the Fleet in general have had the opportunity to submit applications. Since Dustin's been having some connectivity problems recently, interested members can send their applications to me by email, or regular postal mail to the address below.

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:

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

As always, I remain in Service to the Fleet,





# STARFLEET OPERATIONS

**REAR ADMIRAL MARK VINSON**  
**CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET**

Things have been going along at a fair clip here in the Operations department. We have commissioned ten new chapters, processed ten changes of command and in January and February nine Regions had 100% reporting. We have vastly updated the Vessel Registry (you can get the current version at <http://www.sfi.org/ops/vr.pdf>) and have been working hard on the membership database.

Don Willits, Membership Processing Coordinator, has also been working overtime on the database. He has the daunting task of trying to get the multiple copies of the database that Ops, CompOps, and ShOC edit each month into one up-to-date version. You may have noticed that some changes have begun to show up in the on-line version but not others. This is because of the merges. The Fleet's database is in Microsoft Access. Access, although a good program is like all programs -- it has issues. One of the major issues is that the program is not really capable of merging all the changes correctly. We make changes then they get lost in the merges. Don works for Microsoft and in his capacity there he is able to do things with the database that the average person cannot. He has been working long hours trying to figure out how to ensure that all the changes made to the database stay there. It has not been easy. This is why CompOps has not uploaded any changes since 21 February. Please bear with us. As soon as he has it ready the changes will be on-line. If you get a minute, email him at ([membership@sfi.org](mailto:membership@sfi.org)) and thank him for all his hard work.

The Chapter Assistance Program has undergone some changes since I took over

Ops. The Chapter Assistance program gives those chapters below 10 members a 90-day window to get their numbers back up before they are put on stand-by. Here is how the program works:

1.) If a chapter falls below 10 members they get no notice from CAP for the first month because for the majority this drop below 10 is a temporary thing.

pending decommissioning letter from Ops in their third month.

4.) All chapters participating in the CAP program must also contact SFI Recruiting for ideas to help them get new members.

5.) Chapters get only one 90 day extension if they are participating in CAP, growing and reporting to their RC, Ops and CAP.

## MSR REPORTING — OPERATIONS BY NUMBERS:

### January 2001:

R1 = 52 Chapters - 100%	R6 = 4 Chapters - 100%	R12 = 45 Chapters - 71%
R2 = 25 Chapters - 100%	R7 = 34 Chapters - 82%	R13 = 4 Chapters - 100%
R3 = 19 Chapters - 100%	R9 = 2 Chapters - 100%	R15 = 11 Chapters - 100%
R4 = 18 Chapters - 94%	R10 = 5 Chapters - 80%	R17 = 6 Chapters - 90%
R5 = 12 Chapters - 100%	R11 = 1 Chapter - 100%	

### February 2001:

R1 = 52 Chapters - 92%	R6 = 4 Chapters - 100%	R12 = 42 Chapters - 81%
R2 = 25 Chapters - 100%	R7 = 35 Chapters - 85%	R13 = 4 Chapters - 100%
R3 = 19 Chapters - 100%	R9 = 2 Chapters - 100%	R15 = 11 Chapters - 100%
R4 = 18 Chapters - 94%	R10 = 5 Chapters - 80%	R17 = 6 Chapters - 100%
R5 = 12 Chapters - 100%	R11 = 1 Chapter - 100%	

2.) If, however, by the second month their numbers remain below 10 then the CO gets a letter from the CAP Director inviting them to join the program. If the chapter joins, they have 90 days to get their numbers over 10 but they must keep them there for the rest of the year and during this same period the chapter may not miss even one MSR, to any office. If they do then either the CO will be relived of duty and/or the chapter may be decommissioned.

3.) If a chapter chooses not to participate in CAP then they get a 30-day standby

I want to remind all CO's that MSR's are due by the 5th of each month and considered late from the 6th to the 10th. After the 10th chapters are placed on the Failed to Report List. If three reports in a row are missed your chapter may be decommissioned and/or the Commanding Officer relieved of duty. If a chapter makes a habit of missing a couple of MSRs then catching up, the chapter will be treated as if three in a row have been missed.

Getting your MSR to STARFLEET Operations is easier than ever. The

preferred method is to use the Online MSR Reporting form at <http://msr.sfi.org/> but you can email your MSR directly to [MSRReports@sfi.org](mailto:MSRReports@sfi.org) or mail it to:

**Mark A. Vinson**  
1047 Cottonwood Trl.  
Benbrook, TX. 76126

Please remember that there are no longer any DVC's so please remove any DVC email address or Dennis Rayburn, Ken Kopacki or JD Knight's addresses from your distribution list. I will see that Dennis gets copies of those MSR's he is responsible for.

If you use the Email text form or the U.S. Mail version for reporting PLEASE make sure to put both the CO and the XO's dates of passing OTS and OCC as well as the date of their latest promotion in a MM/DD/YY format. If you email directly please download the email form from our website (<http://www.sfi.org/ops/msr.txt>). Do Not Send 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.

Please remember that you are also required to send MSR's to your respective RC and any other Regional Office they deem necessary. You are also required to send a copy of your MSR to ([correy@sfi.org](mailto:correy@sfi.org)) if you are a Correspondence Chapter, to ([tmbewolf@pciconnect.com](mailto:tmbewolf@pciconnect.com)) if you are an Armed Services Chapter and/or to [petelutz@gis.net](mailto:petelutz@gis.net) if you are in the Chapter Assistance Program. MSRs go to the Chapter Summary Department for the *Communiqué* ([CQSummaries@sfi.org](mailto:CQSummaries@sfi.org)).

In closing I want to say Thank You to Fleet Captain Gregory A. Sheets of the USS Columbia. Greg helped to rewrite the Commissioning E-mail that I send out for all Shuttles and EFCP chapters when they complete their respective programs. His help was greatly accepted and I hope that all appreciate its Old World Naval Flair.

*Mark A. Vinson*

## CHAPTER CHANGES IN COMMAND

STARFLEET Operations has processed Ten Changes of Command since January 01:

### Region 1:

**USS Aeon, NCC-75022**  
New CO, Captain Laura Flippin  
New XO, Commander Susan Jones

### Region 3:

**USS Tejas, NCC-9756**  
New XO, Comm. Chrylon Stroud

### Region 12:

**USS J. Maddox, NCC-14514**  
New CO, RAdm. Christine Leddon

### Region 2:

**USS Odyssey, NCC-454**  
New CO, Captain Mary Curry  
New XO, Cmdr. Stewart Patton

**USS Traveler, NCC-3145**  
New CO, Capt. Kevin Shane  
New XO, Cmdr. Phillip Decker

### Region 17:

**USS Omega Glory, NCC-26197**  
New CO, Capt. David Chadwick  
New XO, Cmdr. Jennifer L. Scott

### Region 3:

**USS Intangible**  
New CO, FCpt. Raymond Ford  
New XO, Cmdr. Scott Stamm

**USS Wind Spirit, NCC-14110**  
New CO, Capt. Erik A. Johnson  
New XO, Cmdr. Laura Latrell

## CHAPTER COMMISSIONINGS

STARFLEET Operations is pleased to announce that it has commissioned 10 chapters since January 01, 2001:

### Region 1:

**USS Vindicator, NCC-74212**  
Commanded by RAdm. Ron Fell

### Region 12:

**USS Brimstone, NCC-3143**  
Commanded by Tom Townley

### Region 2:

**USS Shadow Hawk, NCC- 74660**  
Commanded by Capt. Josh Ainsworth

### Region 15:

**USS Anubis, NCC-586**  
Commanded by FCpt. Peter Lutz

### Region 3:

**USS Ark Angel, NCC- 74662**  
Commanded by Capt. Jeffrey Webb

### Region 15:

**USS Darwin, NCC-1166**  
Commanded by Capt. Corey Grant

### Region 4:

**USS Dragon's Cub, NCC-81003**  
Commanded by Capt. Dee Horn

### Region 17:

**USS Arc Royal, NCC-63546**  
Commanded by Capt. Robet Bulkeley

### Region 12:

**USS Adjudicator NCC-73707**  
Commanded by Capt. David Lockwood

### Region 17:

**USS Pioneer NCC-5280-D**  
Commanded by Capt. Debby Garris



# COMM AS YOU ARE...

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MICHAEL MALOTTE  
CHIEF OF COMMUNICATION, STARFLEET

Welcome to CQ #104! I'd like to start off by thanking the entire CQ staff for an absolutely awesome job on #103. It's nice to see so many things coming together so well. A few of the new features have gone over with rave reviews, especially Scott Akers' Historian column and Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons' interview column - you can expect to see more from them each issue. A special thanks to Kurt Roithinger, Dave Pipgras, J.C. Cohen, Allyson Dyar and Wendy Fillmore for all of their time in making sure all the I's were dotted and the T's were crossed. If it's true that a leader is only as good as the people he leads, then you folks are making me look great! Keep up the excellent work!

As some of you might know, JC Cohen was recently elected as the new Regional coordinator of STARFLEET Region 7.

Because of the responsibilities that come with this position, JC has opted to reduce his involvement with the *Communiqué* and thus resigned as Copy Editor. Taking his place will be our very own Vice Chief of Communications (and former CQ Editor herself), Wendy

Fillmore.

If you have any questions about any of our publications, please do not hesitate to contact Wendy at [kitten63@lvcm.com](mailto:kitten63@lvcm.com).

The rest of the Comm Department continues to keep things rolling quite smoothly. By the time you get this, the new STARFLEET web pages should have been unveiled. I personally apologize for the delay in not getting this done sooner. We had a few issues on access to the proper areas to get it up and going but, thanks to the hard work of Mark Anbinder, Brett Morrow, Jesse Smith and Mike Wilkerson, all these issues should be behind us. The upside of this delay is that Mike has had the time to really tweak his work - from everything I've heard, the new site promises to be just this side of unbelievable. Thanks to all for working together to get this accomplished.

Fleet's newest department, the Helpdesk, has been a resounding success. As of this writing, we've handled over 160 questions and requests, ranging from things as simple as "What is an International Reply

Coupon?" and "Please change my address to..." to actually contacting a new member in Hawaii by phone to assure him that his membership materials were on the way. Major kudos to Greg Trotter, Joan Pierce, and the rest of the staff of the Helpdesk for their dedication to the members of Fleet.

Well, that about does it for me this issue... as always, if anyone is missing a CQ, please send an e-mail to [lostcq@sfi.org](mailto:lostcq@sfi.org) with the following info:

**Name**  
**Complete postal address**  
**Renewal date**  
**Issue(s) needed**  
**Phone number (in case I need to contact you)**

And if you have any other questions and don't know who to turn to, remember that an e-mail to [helpdesk@sfi.org](mailto:helpdesk@sfi.org) can get you fixed up in a flash!

See ya in 60!

## 5th ANNUAL WEB AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT

By LGen. Michael Malotte • Chief of Communication, STARFLEET

For those who you who "live on the web", the Office of Communications announces the contest for the Annual Web Awards for 2000.

The Categories and descriptions thereof are as follows:

**Chapter Homepage of the Year:** Individual ship's page. Well-balanced use of graphics and color; overall design and appearance. Content is well constructed and easy to navigate.

**Information Resource:** These are sites designed as a reference tool. Links and online information to assist in locating materials on a specific subject. Materials are presented in logical and concise form.

**Regional Website of the Year:** Well-balanced use of graphics and color; overall design and appearance. Content is well constructed and easy to navigate.

**"Fun" Site of the Year:** the title says it all!

**Awards of Excellence:** will be awarded at the discretion of each of the Web Award Judges.

**Winner's Choice:** will be awarded by the Web Masters of last year's winning web pages. (Please note, last year's web award winners are not eligible for an award, but the web masters are if they've done other pages.)

**Vanguard Award:** for those Web Masters who are on the cutting edge of technology and are pushing the envelope of web design.

To be eligible for the award, the site must be one of the following:

1. Any Fleet Site listed on [sfi.org](http://sfi.org)
2. Any Fleet Site listed on the STARFLEET

Operations Website

3. Any Fleet Site listed on a Region Website

Winners will be announced at the STARFLEET International Conference, 2001 in Kansas City, Mo.

Want to get involved in this? As with previous years, we are looking for an individual to help judge the web sites. Interested parties must have IRC access, be somewhat knowledgeable about web surfing, and willing to contribute the time necessary to judge. One thing to note - if you are a judge, your site will not be eligible for consideration.

If you are interested in being a judge or have any questions on the Web Awards, please contact STARFLEET Vice Chief of Communications/Electronic Services Ed Nowlin at [netservices@sfi.org](mailto:netservices@sfi.org). Good luck to all!

## NEWSLETTER CONTEST ANNOUNCED!

By LGen. Michael Malotte  
Chief of Communication, STARFLEET

Now that spring is on it's way, it's Summit season once again so the IC can't be too far away. And you know what that means! Yep, it's time again for STARFLEET's annual Communications Awards. So, without further adieu...

The Office of Communications announces the contest for the Annual Newsletter Awards for 2000 Publications. This year's judges will be Allyson Dyar, Kurt Roithinger, Dave Pipgras, and Chris Wallace.

### CATEGORIES:

Newsletters will be judged in the following categories:

**Outstanding Cover**  
(both b/w and color)

**Outstanding Graphics**  
(both b/w and color)

**Outstanding Overall Presentation**  
(both b/w and color)

**Most Informative Newsletter**

**Best Electronic Newsletter**

**Best Printed Newsletter**

**Newsletter of the Year**

### Hard Copy Submissions:

Chapters or Regions interested in submitting their newsletters for consideration should send one issue per Chapter or Region no later than 31 May 2001 to:

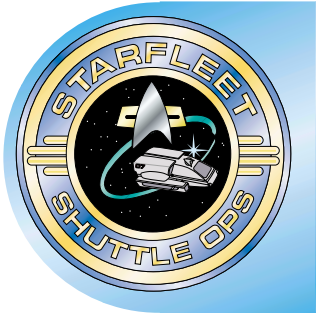
Allyson M.W. Dyar  
SFI Newsletter Contest  
1209 SE 89th Avenue  
Portland OR 97216-1715

If you would like your newsletters returned, please include a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE) with sufficient return postage. Otherwise, I will donate the newsletters to the IC 2001 for everyone to enjoy (in this case, the newsletters will not be returned.)

### Electronic Submissions:

Please send one copy or send a link if it is a web page to [allyson@ssnexus.org](mailto:allyson@ssnexus.org). Submissions must be received by 31 May 2001. If your newsletter is not strictly web-based and requires a download from the site, please send the file (not just the URL) to Allyson. Winners will be announced at the STARFLEET International Conference, 2001 in Kansas City, Mo.





# I'M ShOC'D!

## ADMIRAL ALEX ROSENZWEIG

### CHIEF OF SHUTTLE OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Greetings, everyone!

I hope this *Communiqué* finds you well. I'm pleased to report that ShOC has continued to progress quite nicely since last issue's column was written, with more groups graduating from the Program and the first new groups of this administration launched.

This issue will also mark the first of what I hope will be a series of discussions about matters of interest to the members about shuttles and how the Shuttle Program works.

Let's begin with the news of various groups. It's always exciting to watch groups proceed along the path toward chapterhood, and I'm only too happy to share the news with all of you. <grin>

Three shuttlecrafts 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:

**Shuttlecraft Anubis (Region 15)**  
Swampscott, MA,  
Peter Lutz, Commanding

**Shuttlecraft Brimstone (Region 12)**  
Kingman, KS,  
Tom Townley, Commanding

**Shuttlecraft Shadow Hawk (Region 2)**  
Smiths, AL,  
Joshua Ainsworth, Commanding

Two ships completed the Existing Fan Club Program, as well, and were also sent to Ops for commissioning:

**U.S.S. Adjudicator (Region 12)**  
Kansas City, MO,  
David Lockwood, Commanding

**U.S.S. Pioneer (Region 17)**  
Denver, CO,  
Debby Garriss, Commanding

We also deployed two new shuttles since last time, the first new shuttle launches of this administration. They are:

**Shuttlecraft Achilles (Region 5)**  
Portland Oregon,  
Timothy Taber, Commanding)

**Shuttlecraft Dark Wolf (Region 1)**  
Blountville, TN,  
Fred C. Parsons III, Commanding)

Welcome to the Shuttlecraft Program, folks!

Word has it that there are several more

groups in various stages of preparation for shuttlecrafting. I'm in touch with most of them directly, and a few more I'm hearing about and look forward to speaking to soon.

All that said, we reach our main topic for this issue: Why shuttle? Perhaps equally important, when is shuttling perhaps not the best idea? Let's do the first question first, though.

There can be many different reasons to start a shuttle. Perhaps the most obvious is for a new member who's joined STARFLEET and lives in an area where there aren't any chapters to take on the challenge of getting one started. That can be challenging, but is very exciting, too. It brings STARFLEET into a new location, and reaches more potential new friends.

Another reason for shuttling happens when an existing chapter gets very large. In this case, the chapter may find itself forming subgroups within itself, and each of these subgroups may find that they have different views on how the chapter should operate. At that point, rather than have arguments over it, it might be time for one or more of the subgroups to strike out on their own, forming new groups that can offer a different point-of-view and way of doing things. This can add variety to what STARFLEET offers potential members.

In still a third case, some members of STARFLEET cannot find a chapter that appeals to their particular interests. Instead of just struggling to find one, they decide to create one of their own that does something that none of the others nearby do. Again, this can expand the opportunities for prospective members.

Those are perhaps the most common of the "positive" reasons to start a shuttle. Of course, with many individual groups, there could be others.

Some reasons, though, aren't so positive, and these are pitfalls to watch out for. If any of these sound too familiar to you or a group you know, step back and take a deep breath before continuing that drive toward shuttlehood. It might not be the right thing to do.

If you just lost an election in your chapter, and you're mad about that, it's probably not a good time to decide to shuttle. Your emotions-and maybe those of other members-are running hot, and that's not the time to make this sort of decision.

After a couple of months, when people have cooled down, ask yourself if you still feel like starting a shuttle, and if you and

any members who might want to shuttle with you fall into one of the categories above.

If you're in a chapter, and you want to start a shuttle just so you can be in charge, don't. Being in charge is work. There's a lot that goes into leading a group, and even the leader may not always get his/her way. If you really want to lead, work within the chapter you're already a part of, and rise through the ranks. You can gain respect and support, and maybe grow to lead that chapter someday.

If there are already a number of chapters in your area, especially if they have different styles and can appeal to different groups of fans, it's probably not a good idea to just try to throw another chapter into that mix. If you want to do something that another chapter is already doing, forming a new chapter probably won't be looked on with a lot of enthusiasm, especially if you've not tried them out first.

Just as with the "positive" reasons, this list is definitely not comprehensive. These are just some of the more common situations that have arisen. Every situation is unique, of course, and sometimes what seem like "negative" reasons can result in positive things happening. It's just something to be careful of.

One important part of making sure that bringing a new chapter into being is viewed by all parties as a positive step is communication. Talk to the COs of chapters in the area, if there are any. Talk to the RC. And talk to ShOC, either at the Fleet level or your region's Shuttle Operations Officer. Let them know about your interest in helping STARFLEET to grow, and see how they respond. The goal is to help make this organization the best it can be for all its members, and making sure its growth is positive. Communication is a key part of reaching that goal.

In future columns, I'll continue to talk about different aspects of the Shuttlecraft Program. If you've got anything you'd like to see addressed, or maybe a question that you think people would enjoy reading the answer to, please don't hesitate to contact me. Those questions and suggestions might well find their way into future columns.

Finally, another bit of news from the DTS part of ShOC: There's a new position opening up, that I'd like to invite any interested members to apply for.

Unlike the abortive attempt to create a new Office of Technical Publications (most of the functions of which are currently being handled in ASDB at the moment), this time

we have a much more specific mission for the new post.

We are seeking a schematics artist to aid in both the design of new ships and to flesh out designs which we know something about, but may not have good drawings of. This artist must be able to do schematic drawings (plans and elevation views, at the least) in a reasonable period of time, working from known technologies and proposals for new designs that chapters may submit. While it's common now to see new designs rendered in various computer modeling programs, straightforward engineering schematics seem to be in shorter supply, and DTS would like to add a staffer to help us create them.

To apply for this position, please contact me within one month following the release of the *Communiqué*. Send the following:

1. A short resume with a description of your abilities and experience that are relevant to creating schematics. Any real-life and STARFLEET experience is what I'm interested in.
2. Top plan and side elevation drawings of the following four starships:

Constitution-class heavy cruiser  
(Original Series Enterprise)

Enterprise-class heavy cruiser  
(refit Enterprise/Enterprise-A)

Galaxy-class large exploratory cruiser  
(Enterprise-D)

Sovereign-class heavy cruiser  
(Enterprise-E)

By having everyone do the same four ships, you demonstrate that you can handle tech over a span of time in the Trek Universe, and I can get an objective comparison of everyone's relative capabilities.

Drawings may be sent in electronic or hardcopy format, but if you send electronic files, please be sure that they can be printed out in black and white. In general, bmp, gif, jpg, pdf, and doc files can be accepted. Check with me if you want to use any other formats.

Send art and resumé to:

**Alex Rosenzweig**  
**Director, DTS**  
**980 Linwood Place**  
**North Brunswick, NJ 08902-2267**

E-mail: [DTS@sfi.org](mailto:DTS@sfi.org)

I look forward to seeing who's interested, and what you all can do.

And that's the news from Shuttle Operations! Once again, please feel free to contact me if there's anything I can do to assist, or with any comments or questions you might have. Take care, and 'til next time...

Ad Astra!





# COMPUTER OPERATIONS

REAR ADMIRAL MARK H. ANBINDER

CHIEF OF COMPUTER OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Less than three months into the Rickard-Goldberg administration, we've learned a lot about how our plans don't always materialize in reality. We've also had a completely new Membership Processing staff learn on the job and get up to speed.

## Credit Card Processing:

The biggest hurdle we've faced in getting membership processing back in gear at its new home has been the transfer of our credit card merchant accounts to reflect the organization's new leadership and its new bank accounts. At one point, thousands of dollars we'd been assured would be deposited into our new accounts were instead deposited into the old STARFLEET bank accounts Mike Smith had set up in a New Jersey bank. This took several weeks to finally get straightened out, but we're now successfully processing credit card transactions and finding the appropriate funds being deposited into STARFLEET's current bank accounts!

STARFLEET Treasurer Tammy Willcox and Membership Processing Coordinator Don Willits both put countless hours into resolving these problems, and the relief was palpable when Don's last \$1 test charge finally turned up in our checking account.

## The Backlogs

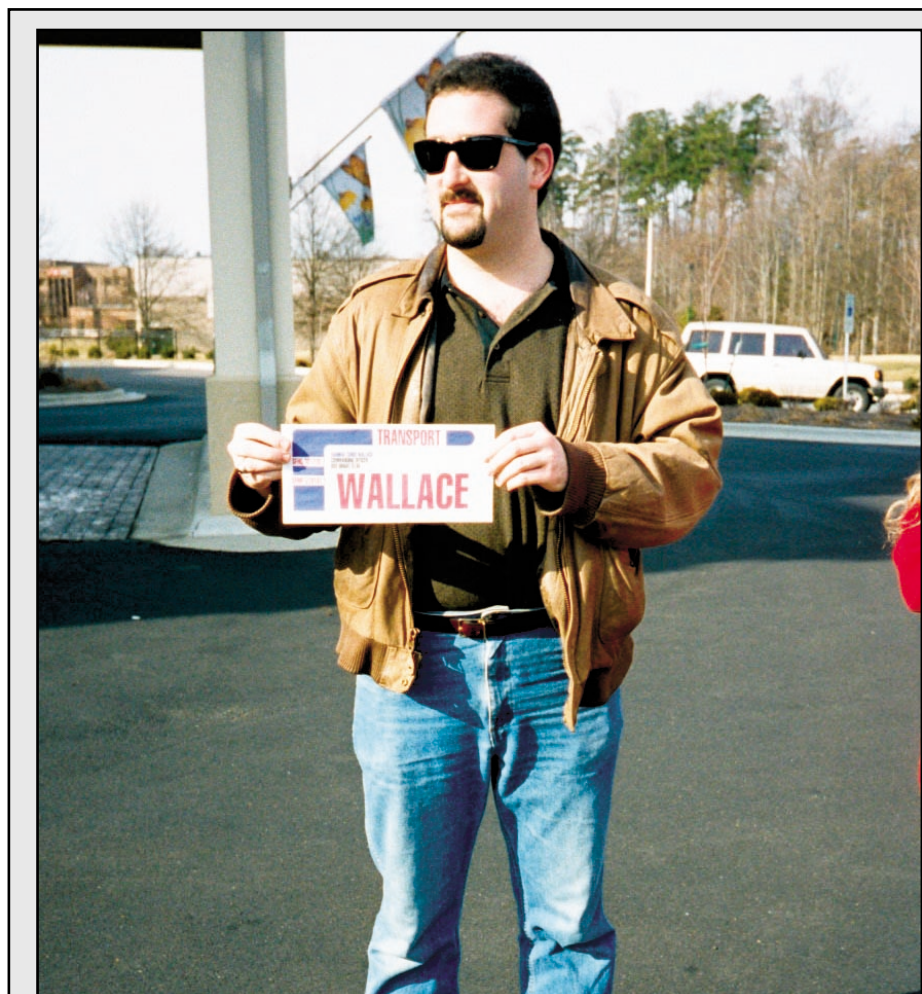
Because of the credit card issues and related banking delays, and just general scratch-the-head hurdles that popped up as we got membership processing transferred to the Pacific Northwest, we had longer delays in getting people their membership materials than we would have liked.

Don reports that, for membership applications received from December 15th on, submitted with checks or money orders for payment, there was a two- to five-week turnaround. For credit card applications, submitted on paper or online, the turnaround stretched as long as twelve weeks.

The good news is that, for applications received since February 22nd, whether payment was by check, money order, or credit card, the turnaround time has been four weeks or less. As of this writing, on March 21st, Don reports that Membership Processing is up-to-date as of this week. The last batch of packets will be in the mail within the next couple of days for memberships processed in the last several days.

## Patience is a Virtue

We appreciate the patience of those members whose applications could not be processed as quickly as we'd have liked in the early weeks of this year. The vast majority of you who sent inquiries



**The Program was quickly discontinued:** One recent idea field tested by the intrepid CompOps staff was the notion of having Mark delivering ones membership packet in person.

*Photo courtesy of Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo*

about the delay were very friendly and understanding about it, and we appreciate that.

I'm still often surprised at how many folks are taken aback when they realize that membership processing isn't instantaneous,

especially when they submit an application online. In this universe of instant gratification I can understand why folks would like instant membership processing, but until we can afford to pay a full-time staff, that's just not going to be feasible for STARFLEET.

We do our best to make sure everyone realizes this, by including the info on paper and online membership applications, in the automatic e-mail acknowledgement sent to those submitting applications online, and in a variety of recent communications, both in print and online. If you're a CO or XO, I ask you to remind your fellow chapter members to renew in a timely manner, and I encourage you to do so yourself!

## When to Renew

Please submit your renewal application no later than 6-8 weeks before your expiration date!

## Tips for Membership Applications

If you send your membership application via registered mail, certified mail, receipt-requested mail, or with not enough postage, it will (not may, will) slow down the process. Since Don often picks up mail from the Membership Processing P.O. Box outside of business hours, any mail that requires a signature or paying extra postage may necessitate an extra trip back to the post office.

Please don't send anything bigger than a 9x11 envelope, and please make certain your mail has enough postage on it. If you need to send a larger package, please give Membership Processing a heads-up in advance so Don can make arrangements to retrieve the package from the post office successfully.

You can renew (or submit a new membership for someone who isn't yet a member) in the following ways:

Online at <http://www.sfi.org/compops/database/join.asp>

Via postal mail to:

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

If you've got any questions for Computer Operations or Membership Processing, e-mail [CompOpsHELP@sfi.org](mailto:CompOpsHELP@sfi.org) or [Membership@sfi.org](mailto:Membership@sfi.org), or see the contact info at the end of this CQ issue! Well, that is all for now!

## "HISTORY OF STARFLEET" NOW AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD!

By Lieutenant General Scott A. Akers • Chief Historian, STARFLEET

The Office of the Chief Historian, STARFLEET, is pleased to announce the release of the print edition of "The History of STARFLEET". Thanks go to Jeff Higdon for his work on "A Brief History of STARFLEET" which served as the inspiration and basis for this expanded edition, which was spearheaded by Chris Wallace.

The document may be downloaded at <http://ftp.sfi.org/Documents/>



The Cover of "A History of STARFLEET".

History/SF\_History.pdf and is a little under 5MB in size.

Please note that this document is not a static one, and that it is being updated on a regular basis as STARFLEET itself grows.

Remember to check <http://www.sfi.org/html/historian.html> every few months to see if a new one is available.

This report summarizes information that has been going across STARFLEET-I, the announcements list, and the March CSR. It also provides much more detail than the more concisely worded report Mark H. Anbinder has provided in his CompOps report elsewhere this issue. So if you like Readers Digest--go read his version! Mine's much more wordy!!!

#### **Congratulations on member # 55000**

On March 20th, I assigned SCC# 55000 to new member Tracy Brochu of the U.S.S. Challenger in Region 7. Our SCC# scheme actually starts at 10,000, so this means Tracy is actually member number (~)45,000.

Welcome (back) to STARFLEET Tracy!!! (Your packet goes in the mail the week of March 26th).

Only 5,000 new members to go until we hit 50,000 for the history of the club so get your membership apps out and start recruiting, people! But take your time, eh...? I'm just getting caught up on the backlogs!

#### **Contacting Membership Processing**

E-Mail: [membership@sfi.org](mailto:membership@sfi.org)  
World Wide Web: <http://www.sfi.org/compps/database/join.asp>

Snail:

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

and of course, for any issues or problems, not limited to MP, there is always the STARFLEET HelpDesk (<http://helpdesk.sfi.org>) which can be reached at: [helpdesk@sfi.org](mailto:helpdesk@sfi.org)

#### **Sending Registered, Certified, Return-Receipt Mail or Not Enough Postage**

The P.O. box that I use is very conveniently located. It is also not overly large, and the post office it is located in is inordinately busy. I usually only hit it on weekends/odd hours.

If you send registered mail, certified mail, receipt requested mail, or (more frequently) mail with not enough postage, it will slow down (not may, will) the process. It may necessitate an extra trip to the post office, to pay extra postage/ etc. and sometimes that is not always possible. (I have a rather inflexible teaching schedule, for example, and the week of March 20th it was impossible for me to reach the post office during business hours).

Please limit your packages to nothing bigger than a 9x11 envelope, and include enough postage. If you must send a larger package, give me a heads up and we'll make arrangements so that I can successfully retrieve it.

Yes, it is my responsibility to pick up mail sent to the P.O. box, but the more you make it easier for me to fetch it, the more

# MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING UPDATE

## By Captain Don Willits • Membership Processing Coordinator, STARFLEET

successful I'll be in doing so!

#### **Error 401 or 405 from the online membership page**

We've had occasional reports of members applying online, and that the process fails. They'll get a error # such as 401 or 405, and a message along the lines of "no site exists" or "couldn't access the site."

This is possibly an error caused by a router either at your ISP, somewhere in the Internet and/or at SFI's ISP. It is not caused by the process but rather something in the transmission got in its way. It is not likely anything you or the SFI site did.

You may be the only one who sees this error. More than once, this has occurred when a member is hitting the confirmation screen, i.e. they don't see it. The transaction likely went through, but in the process of the summary page being displayed between sfi.org and you, something got screwy.

#### **What to do???**

If you provided a valid e-mail address in your form, and received the automatic e-mail acknowledgement of your application, then everything is probably fine. If you didn't provide a valid e-mail address in your form, that may be why the processing hit a snag. Please drop us a note at ([Membership@sfi.org](mailto:Membership@sfi.org)) to confirm that your application arrived intact.

#### **CC processing finally back on line**

I've detailed this more in the forthcoming CSR, but the gist is this. In Feb we thought we finally got Novus/NPC set up with 'Fleet's new accounts for the Rickard administration. We did--and we didn't. Finally, about last week (~March 13th), we got confirmation that the new accounts were finally configured. I did a \$1 charge -- and after a nail-biting wait--it finally came through! Whoopee!

The bad news? I had another 130 CC apps backlogged since mid February.

We've finally waded through that backlog in terms of getting the CC processed, and we're in the process of stuffing packets for them and for others who have sent in checks since Feb 21st. I'm hoping that everyone who can be processed by this Saturday will have been processed--and packets will be going out early next week.

No delays for CQ 104 are anticipated at this time. We may finally be catching up and catching our breath. (Almost afraid to say that, don't want to jinx it, eh?)

#### **Officers Training School**

Peg Pellerin's database showed 6400+ members of STARFLEET (current and expired since Jan '88) who had passed the OTS exam. The official membership database showed ~850. Working with Peg,

I'm merging the OTS passage dates from her data store into the membership database, and have put in place a mechanism so that I can more easily keep the "official" database in sync with the "accurate" database.

So far I've managed to merge in an additional 1600 OTS dates that the membership database did not reflect (out of 6600... well a lot of those are for members from the early 90's...) Still, I intend one more pass at Peg's database and see if I can nudge a few more hundred into the "official" database.

OCC is next!

#### **MP Responsiveness**

CompOps stated goal is 6-8 weeks turnaround for processing membership apps/renewals. Corollary--you should renew your membership 6-8 weeks before it expires to ensure that it is processed in time. If it isn't... well... that's okay. Your new renewal will be 1 year from the date of processing if you're inadvertently expired, not 1 year from the date of expiration. Of course if you're not yet expired, we just tack a year onto the expiration date.

Our policy is that members who expire due to delays in processing should not be penalized. I routinely send statements to SHOC, OPS, and even the IG (for RC elections) confirming that member X is a member in good standing through such and such a date. We've had a few backlogs this year, and that's not the membership's fault. We worked very hard, for instance, to insure that everyone who was a member in good standing got CQ103 even though it meant delaying delivery of the data for the CQ103 mailing labels by several weeks.

#### **I Renewed, but SFI.ORG Says I haven't!**

In an ideal world, we'll be updating the SFI.ORG membership database twice a month, specifically the "Member Lookup Web Page" and the "Online Roster web pages" at <http://www.sfi.org/>. When the data center comes on line, changes will be visible live (even if we haven't validated them yet, you'll be able to see pending changes).

We're at once a month updates to SFI.ORG. Compounded by a number of backlogs, this once-a-month hasn't always been as current as it could be. (Example: The Jan 31st merge did not include anyone who had applied by credit card from Dec 15th through Jan 31st--in part because I did not have access to that data!)

If you have a concern about your membership being expired, contact [membership@sfi.org](mailto:membership@sfi.org). The database posted on SFI.ORG is not the final authority on the validity of your membership.

The membership processing coordinator enjoys that privilege (me!), followed closely by the treasurer (Tammy "the MoneyGoddess" Wilcox) who will verify if

your payment was successful.

I will work hard to ensure that any such delays will not be a reason or excuse for a member being adversely affected. If your shuttle/ship is commissioning, you are to become a CO/XO, you need to vote in an election (for RC or CS), or receive your CQ. Ensuring these matters can be handled in a timely fashion is my first and primary goal.

Complaining about sfi.org not being current doesn't really impress me. One of the reasons I took this job was to correct that -- in time. But one of my first priorities in MP has been to keep the flow of packets going, and to learn to do the job at least as well as the Smiths before I go and try to improve things overly much.

#### **Donating to Scholarships**

When sending check or money order, don't forget to ADD the cost of the scholarship donation you wish to make to the amount you owe for membership renewal. So if your membership is \$15, and you want to donate \$5.00 to the Gene Roddenberry fund, send a check/money order for \$20.

For Credit Card--the web site indicates we will tack onto your renewal charge the amount you wish to donate.

#### **Family Members**

It is an unfortunate consequence of Membership Processing, especially when wading through large backlogs, that sometimes family members will be dropped when renewing/processing a new membership. Chris Wallace and I both perform intensive audit checks when we process memberships, but the larger the backlog, the more likely a slip-up will occur.

I have two responses to this situation.

1) I'm asking Mark H. Anbinder to modify the online Credit Card processing form so the report I get places family members in a much more prominent location.

2) Once the backlogs finally settle down... Chris and I will perform an audit of the memberships we've processed so far for this and other potentially "lost" information.

Your response, as a member, should be to notify Membership Processing and we will send out the missing certs/cards. We will also certify, with any CO/RC/Ops/Shoc/CompOps/whoever that the member is indeed a member in good standing.

#### **Finally...**

Fleet isn't really a fan club, you know. It is a small business that provides products (CQ) and services (facilitating contact and camaraderie with people of like interest and demeanor). But it is a small business that runs on the free labor of its members. This presents an interesting operational context, to say the least!





# EX ASTRA, SCIENTIA

ADMIRAL MARLENE MILLER

COMMANDANT, STARFLEET ACADEMY

Hello Everyone!

Questions from a few STARFLEET Members prompted me to use this article to address methods of paying for STARFLEET Academy courses.

Any of these methods are welcome at STARFLEET Academy, the Cadet Academy and the Online Academy: Checks and Money Orders; Online Vouchers; Red STARFLEET Vouchers; STARFLEET Academy Vouchers

Since some banks charge for each Check you write, and other institutions charge anywhere from 39-cents on up to write a Money Order, it might be worth your while to pay for more than one course packet with each Check or Money Order.

For example, let's say you want to take courses in the College of Federation Studies. Instead of writing separate \$1.00 Checks or Money Orders, you can write a Check in the amount of \$5.00 for 5 courses (or whatever amount you would like to take). Of course you'll still need to send the Large Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelopes and correct amount of loose stamps. Or, you can purchase Vouchers (outlined below) in volume amounts.

Online Vouchers may be used for all Academy courses. These are sold in \$1.00 denominations and may be purchased in any amount. To purchase Online Vouchers, you can use the newly installed PayPal option or send a check or money order to:

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

The One-Credit Voucher Codes are created and e-mailed to the purchaser. The student redeems the Voucher Code when he or she uses them to pay for Academy course packets. Once the Code is redeemed, it is then voided.

Red STARFLEET Vouchers & STARFLEET Academy Vouchers are the Vouchers most of us are familiar with. They can be purchased from STARFLEET Treasurer in packs of One Credit or Five Credit denominations:

**Tammy Willcox**  
4121 Stillwood Ct.  
Virginia Beach, VA 23456  
[treasurer@sfi.org](mailto:treasurer@sfi.org)

One Credit Vouchers may be ordered from Academy Headquarters:

**Marlene Miller**  
461 Harmony Lane  
Campbell, Ohio 44405  
[academy@sfi.org](mailto:academy@sfi.org)

So, as you see, we're making it as easy as we can for you to purchase Academy courses.

Now that you have some idea about how to pay for the courses, consider this. Did you absolutely hate taking tests when you were in school and had to endure them at the whim of your teacher? Well, at STARFLEET Academy and STARFLEET Cadet Academy you'll be required to study on your own, and take tests, but I assure you, once you take one of these tests you'll want to come back for more.

How does someone apply for an Academy course?

The first thing to do is access the most current STARFLEET Academy Application from: <http://www.sfi-academy.org/primary/applications.asp>.

If you don't have e-mail capability, you may request an Application from Vice Commandant Tom Restivo. Send an SASE and note to:

**Tom Restivo**  
144 Willowdale Drive # 34  
Frederick, MD 21702-1142

Tom also has Cadet Academy Applications available.

Look through the list and find a subject that catches your attention. Once it catches you, follow the directions. Academy courses can be purchased by checks, money orders, Vouchers or Online Vouchers as described above.

Many course packets are available via the Internet or e-mail -- no need to even leave the comfort of your own home, unless you need to hunt down some resources for your answers!

Once you complete your tests, send them back to the School Director who will score them, and send the results to you.

Allow several weeks (although most Directors have a quicker turn-around time) and before long, your Diploma and other certificates you qualify for, will be in your mailbox. You'll have bragging rights... and rightfully so! Not only will you have bragging rights, you'll also see your name published in an up-coming *Communique*!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me either by e-mail or USPS (See address above).

We've been adding new Schools and Colleges with more to come. Schools such as Temporal Physics, Alien History and Culture, and more will spark your imagination.

And as you probably already know, we haven't forgotten STARFLEET's younger members. The Cadet Academy is up and running with several Schools.... and...there's more to come!

Come and check us out. You'll be glad you did!

*Marlene J Miller*

## STARFLEET CADET ACADEMY IS BACK!

By Admiral Peg Pellerin

Please inform your younger STARFLEET members that they now also have some Cadet courses they can take. There are a few already open and hopefully more opening soon.

Now open are:

**Cadet Security School**  
Nancy O'Shields, School Director  
155 Sylvest Dr. #405  
Montgomery, AL 36117

E-mail: [CadetSecurity@sfi.org](mailto:CadetSecurity@sfi.org)

1st course \$3.00 no SASE just 5 stamps for postage, other courses will depend on size of manual. First course is Basic Security that range on topics of rank and insignias to safety at home and school.

**Cadet School on 20th Century Space Flight School**  
Ben Redding, School Director  
2917 Heritage Way  
Seveirville, TN 37876

E-mail: [CadetSpace@sfi.org](mailto:CadetSpace@sfi.org)

Learn about space flight in the 20th Century. You'll learn about the highlights and defeats we've experienced in the space program. The cost is \$3.00 plus 2 first-class U.S. postage stamps. You will have 10 weeks to complete and return the test.

**Cadet Federation Studies**  
Donna Stewart, School Director  
990 One Mile Rd  
Fayetteville, AR 72704

E-mail: [CadetFedStud@sfi.org](mailto:CadetFedStud@sfi.org)

\$1.00 tuition. No SASE but send in two first class stamps. The cadet's knowledge will increase about the Star Trek universe - for entertainment.

**Cadet Vulcan Academy of Science**  
Rebecca Self, School Director  
4415 Willow Bend Rd.  
Decatur, AL 35603-5313

E-mail: [CadetVAS@sfi.org](mailto:CadetVAS@sfi.org)

Early Space History and the Mercury Program is presently open. There is a Logic test for 12 - 18 year olds and Trek Trivia also goes along with this course. There will be further courses in the Cadet Vulcan Academy of Science. We'll let you know when they are open. The course is \$1.00. Be sure to send a SASE.

Please feel free to contact any of the directors regarding their courses if you have any questions.

## A THANK YOU

By Vice Admiral Helen Pawlowski

In 1999 I joined STARFLEET so that I could "Talk Trek" to other people without watching their eyes glaze over. It was the happiest things I ever did. With one application I enlarged my family to global proportions.

The death of my brother, Harvey Callahan, in January proved that my "family" followed all of the

steps that families do: they put their arms about me, they offered prayers and condolences and through phone calls, letters and cards and e-mail let me know that I was not left to grieve alone.

Harvey had just passed his 92nd birthday and when he left me I lost a friend of 78 years. He was my last link with the past and I miss him very much.

I want all of my friends, some I've never had the privilege of meeting, to know how grateful I am for their kindness and support. God bless you all.



# STARFLEET ACADEMY GRADUATE LIST



*By Admiral Marlene Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy*

As always, it gives me great pleasure to present the Graduating Class of STARFLEET Academy based on Directors' Reports received from January 16 through March 24, 2001. An Asterix (\*) indicates scores of 100% or Higher. Some schools issue "pass" or "fail" rather than numerical scores. A number next to the name indicates that the student has taken that many courses within the College or School, during the report period above.

## INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP

*Peg Pellerin, Dean*

### Officer's Training School (OTS)

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

Joe Latrell	Andy Bilodeau	Wade Wantoch
David R. Reustle	Boyd Harmon	Sherry Hinson
Valerie G. Rosenberg	Bertha G. Blair	Denise C. Wolff
Kenneth Cunningham	Edward Lillie	Paul A. Duncan
Gloria Pickens	Ross Donaldson	
Geraldine Sylvester	Jonathan Slavin	
Ami F. Gunnarsson	Gregg Crockett	
Lori Mormon	Ariel Vitali	
Robert Osburn	Dino Gravato	
Barba Osburn	Allan Fleeker	
Carmen J. Schultz	Jimmy R. Hagy	
Robert M. Saucier	Jonanthan Hunter	
Lija Kristjansdottir	Edward C. McDonald	

### Officer's Command College (OCC)

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

Randi Spears  
Dennis Relyea  
David Horst  
Justin Cole  
Dafydd Dyar  
Jeanette Self  
Earl Beighley  
Denby Potts  
Brandy Hallman  
Edward Lillie

### Flag Officer School (FOS)

*Helen Pawlowski, Alan Yates - Directors*

Greg Franklin (2) \*\*  
Kathie Silbernagel \*  
Kitara Pramela  
John Roberts (3) \*\*\*  
Jolynn Brown \*  
Christopher Hamman

## INSTITUTE OF ARTS

*Sherry Anne Newell, Dean*

### School of Literature (SOL)

*Jill Rayburn, Director*

Dean Rogers \*  
Cathy Edgington \*

### School of Romance (SOR)

*Sherry Anne Newell, Director*

Patricia Lewis

### School of Treknology (SOT)

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

Linda K Johnson  
D. Garry Cameron  
Kurt Roithinger

### School of Music (SOM)

*Sherry Anne Newell, Director*

Patricia Lewis \*

### School of Cultural Anthropology

*Sherry Anne Newell, Director*

Patricia Lewis  
Eddie Milbrandt \*

### School of Language Studies (SOLS)

*Sherry Anne Newell, Director*

Eddie Milbrandt (2) \*\*

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

*David Peifer, Director*

Linda K. Johnson (8) \*\*\*\*\*  
George Parker (10) \*\*\*\*\*  
Diana Degan (9) \*\*\*\*\*  
Dean Rogers (10) \*\*\*\*\*  
Patricia Lewis (4) \*\*\*\*  
Steve Turner \*

### College of Federation Studies

*LCDR Anne Bellenger, Director*

Kurt Roithinger (12) \*\*\*\*\*  
John Roberts (8) \*\*\*\*  
Dave Blaser (6) \*\*\*\*\*

## INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES

*Greg Staylor, Dean*

### Security School (SFASS)

*Greg Staylor, Director*

Franz Bruyere, Jr. *	Sherri Huff (2) **
Fred Parsons *	Greg Franklin *
John Roberts *	Kitara Pramela *
Larry Williams (2) **	Kevin King *

### School of Strategy & Tactics (SOST)

*Sanford Berenberg, Director*

Barney Cole  
John Roberts (4) \*\*\*\*  
Kitara Pramela  
Kurt Roithinger \*

### Klingon Warrior Academy (KWA)

*Debra Kern, Director*

John Roberts (3) \*\*\*  
Kitara Pramela \*  
Cathy Edgington \*  
Joseph P. Hoolihan \*

### College of Starship Operations

*James W. Lee, Director*

Sherri Huff (2)	John Roberts
Linda Cole	George Parker
Pat Stewart	

### Vessel Readiness Certification Program

*Carol Thompson, Director*

These ships have certified departments since 9/13/00.

USS Normandy (1)	Shuttle Soyuz (6)
USS Aurora Vulcanus (ALL)	USS Rhyanna (5)
Shuttle Dark Wolf (2)	USS Ohio (2)
USS Prevailing Wind (2)	

### Marine Unit Readiness Program (MURP)

*Carol Thompson, Director*

Shuttle Soyuz 898th MSG: (5)  
USS Carolina 161 st MSG: (1)  
USS Normandy 169th MSG: (4)

## INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

*Sharon Ann Clark, Dean*

### College of Medicine (SACOM)

*Wayne Killough, Director*

Allyson Dyar (4)	Paula Kesler
Raymond Johnson	Ariel Vitali
Kimberly Brooks	John Roberts
Mike Dethlefs	Charise Hughes
Lorie Straley (2)	Rosa Jackson

### College of Computer History (COCH)

*Sharon Ann Clark, Director*

Lena M. Johnson \*  
John Roberts \*

### Vulcan Academy of Science (VAS)

*Marlene Miller, Director*

Tom Ferguson \*  
Paula Kesler \*  
Jeff Roy (4) \*  
John Roberts (7) \*\*\*\*\*  
Cathy Edgington \*  
Alice Strange \*

### School of Engineering (SOE)

*Capt. Brian W. Dougherty, Director*

John Roberts  
Kurt Roithinger

### Ship Counselor College (SCC)

*Helen Pawlowski;*

*Donna Jean Noddin, Directors*

Sheri Huff (4) \*\*  
Anne Bellenger \*  
Allyson Dyar (3) \*  
Kitara Pramela

### College of Survival Studies (COSS)

*Carol Thompson, Director*

Craig Schuster \*



# STARFLEET ACADEMY ONLINE VOUCHER CODES

By Commodore Carol Thompson • Online Voucher Contact

## What Are Voucher Codes?

Voucher codes are an Internet friendly substitute for the Red paper vouchers used as currency in SFI. They are redeemable ONLY at STARFLEET Academy.

## What Is The Advantage Of Using Voucher Codes?

Voucher codes eliminate the need for students to send checks, money orders, or paper vouchers through the mail to take an Academy class.

## How Do I Purchase Voucher Codes?

Currently, you still must mail a check or money order to the Online Voucher Contact. A PayPal account is in the works to eliminate using snail-mail.

Voucher Codes are one US dollar for each Code. To purchase voucher codes, send check or money order made out to STARFLEET Academy Fund to

Carol Thompson, OLVC  
PO Box 135  
Ester, AK 99725

## What Information Do I Send When Purchasing Voucher Codes?

Your money must be accompanied by the purchaser's:

Real Name  
SCC number (That's STARFLEET number, not your Social Security number!), full mailing address and e-mail addy.

If the vouchers are being purchased for use by a STARFLEET Vessel's crew, that must be noted, as well. Add to the information:

Name of Vessel, NCC#, Region

## How Will I Receive The Voucher Codes I Purchased?

They will be e-mailed to you.

## What Are The Restrictions For Using Voucher Codes?

Online Voucher Codes may ONLY be used at STARFLEET Academy.

Each voucher code may only be used ONCE. Once the code is redeemed, it is

invalid. If a group of Codes are to be purchased for a ship, that info must be on the application. If an individual purchases codes for himself and then shares them with someone else, that info must be forwarded to the OLVC.

## How Do I Use Voucher Codes?

Submit one voucher code for each dollar of tuition required for the class. If you are applying for a class via e-mail, just type the codes into your message along with all required info (name, SCC, etc).

If you are applying to the OnLine Academy, type the voucher code(s) in the space(s) provided.

## Do Voucher Codes Expire?

Voucher Codes do not expire until they are redeemed. Should you lose your codes, e-mail the OLVC and your unredeemed codes will be resent.

## Other Questions?

E-mail Carol Thompson at [betazoid@mosquitonet.com](mailto:betazoid@mosquitonet.com).

# ACADEMY AWAY TEAM

## PROGRAM

By Brigadier Jill Rayburn

Late winter and early spring usually brings warmer weather to most of us, but it also heralds the start of the Summit season. The Academy is proud that we are starting our second year of offering the Academy Away Team Program.

First, let me introduce the newest member of my team, my new assistant, Deb Kern. Deb brings with her enthusiasm and new ideas. Her experience as the Klingon Warrior Academy director and as a previous Away Team Leader will be a great asset.

We have already had our first event of 2001, the Region Two Summit. Team Leader Alice Strange and team members Jean Smith and Neil Fuller did a great job, selling 49 courses to 14 students. I was also able to attend the Region 2 Summit, and I want to thank not only Alice and her team, but also the Summit staff, especially Denby Potts (hi, Mom!), for all their assistance.

Plans are underway to have Teams at the Summits for Regions 1, 2, 3, 6, 12, and 13, as well as the International Conference/International Muster in July. If you are the event coordinator of an event not on this list and you would like for an Academy Away Team to be a part of the activities, contact myself or Deb and we will make every effort to have a team there.

Here are some points to remember if you plan to purchase any courses from an Academy Away Team:

- 1) Please have your SCC# for the application. That helps the instructor when they verify your membership in the database. If your membership is expired or invalid, the instructor will not grade your test, and all SCC#s are verified.
- 2) If you are purchasing a course for someone who is not in attendance, make sure you have all their information for the application: name, address, SCC#. We do discourage large number of purchases for others, such as purchases of 20 copies for a whole chapter. If you are interested in something like that, contact the instructor directly and they can help you.
- 3) Tests are not graded onsite. Please do not ask for this service. The program is designed such that students purchase the test and take it home to complete and send it to the instructor.
- 4) Above all, have fun. That is why we do this.

I think that covers everything. We look forward to seeing everyone at this year's events!

# B.U.R.P.S. UPDATE!

By Commander William Skinner • Director, B.U.R.P.S.

Greetings one and all. I hope that everyone reading this article is having a great day. There are a few things I need to cover and so let's get down to business.

First, I want to apologize to the membership. The initial B.U.R.P.S. article in CQ #102 left out some vital information. That article was written based on my original submission of material for B.U.R.P.S. When it was deemed too "bulky" to be useable, B.U.R.P.S. was overhauled, and a new CQ article as written. Somehow it got lost in the shuffle. I'm sorry for any confusion or problems this has caused anyone.

B.U.R.P.S. as it exists now, is based on a college textbook that I used during my LCCC Culinary Arts program. "On Cooking: A Textbook of Culinary Fundamentals", (2nd Edition) by Sarah R. Labensky and Alan M. Hause. All answers for B.U.R.P.S. can be found in that book.

B.U.R.P.S. takes some material from each of the thirty-six chapters. Hopefully, none of you will have any trouble finding this textbook. Perhaps using an Inter-Library Loan system will help you get a copy.

And, speaking of the LCCC Culinary Arts Program, that finished up on December 27. I received an A in all five classes. All my G.P.A.s were 97 or better. I also

took another National Certification Exam, this one in Nutrition, and scored a 95. Upon initial review by my instructor I only missed four questions out of eighty. This particular test was tougher than the one I took for Applied Food Service Sanitation and Safety. I am now waiting to receive my LCCC transcripts, to see if I made the Dean's List again, and for my diploma to see if it will be issued with honors.

Meanwhile, using material from my initial submission of B.U.R.P.S. there is now a section of Star Trek Trivia. There are fifty-five questions in this section. The first fifty-one questions can be answered using the Star Trek Encyclopedia. Questions fifty-two, fifty-three and fifty-four are essay questions in which your creativity is challenged. Question fifty-five asks for a unique and original recipe (real or Trek related). Material from this question will be used to compile a STARFLEET Cookbook, which will be sold, when ready, and updated as material becomes available. An example of this would be:

FERENGI TUBE GRUBS AU GRATIN (macaroni and cheese) and how to prepare it.

Or Heart of Targ.

Again a challenge to be unique and creative.

Some of you are no doubt wondering

where the proceeds from the sale of this cookbook will go. I've given it a lot of thought and have some up with the following idea. 50% of all money raised from the STARFLEET cookbook will go to charity, 25% to the USS Renegade chapter fund, and 25% to the USS Cherokee chapter fund (to cover the cost of publishing and postage). And I hereby pledge the first 50% of sales to the Julien Fleming Fund (CQ #102 Pg. 16)

I would also like to take this opportunity to let you know that my friend's computer is down. Until she gets it fixed there is no way for her to review my email. So that leaves regular old snail-mail. And, because of my incarceration, please do not use rank on the envelope. Otherwise it is likely to be returned to you.

Also, please keep me in your thoughts and prayers. I managed to break my left foot on January 9th and there is a chance, depending on how it heals over the next four to six weeks, that I will still need to go back and have surgery to put in a screw.

Last, but not least, my thanks to FCapt David Pipgras for the artwork. I really like it and will use it to create some B.U.R.P.S. stationery.

And that's all I have. Take care, everyone, and God bless.



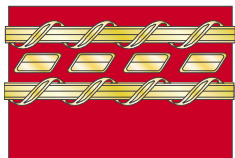
# STARFLEET PROMOTIONS

COMPILED BY MARINE CAPTAIN DEBORAH MALOTTE

Hello from the Office of Promotions! Here are those who have been promoted since the first of January 2001:

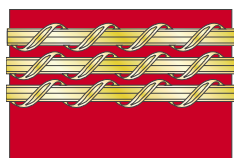
## To Captain/ Colonel:

Neil Yawn	Lisa Brinkley
James Lewis	Dal "Tiny" Glenn
John C. Adcock	Dean Rogers
Kai'leen Gibbs	Judi Oliveri
James Gibbs	Marilee Worrell
Philip Decker	Cynthia Temple
Richard Ward	A. Jean Smith



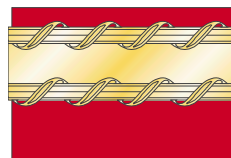
## To Fleet Captain/ Brigadier:

David Klingman  
Laurie "Ro" Reddick  
Suzy Mooney  
Tom Brinkley  
Audi Jack  
Truman Temple



## To Commodore/ Brigadier General:

Bethany Theilman	Paul Dyl
Eric Wade Larkin	Robert Mooney
Freddy Heller	Walter Otten
Gary Donner	Wendy Gilliatt
Jeff Kirkland	
Jerry Conner	
Joe Dobson	



## To Rear Admiral/ Major General:

Trina Anderson  
Wade Olson



## STARFLEET SAYS HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Captain James "Jimmy" Whatley • USS Draco, Region 2

Hi! My name is Jimmy Whatley and I am your friendly STARFLEET Birthday officer. I would like to present the *Communiqué* readers with the May and June birthday list as I have it right now (any updates will be posted on the STARFLEET Listserver).

Please note that if anyone would like to participate in the birthday list to e-mail to the address below with a Subject of "Birthday List" or snail mail to STARFLEET Birthday List, in care of:

**Captain James Whatley**  
176 County Road 606  
Hanceville AL 35077

I would be happy to put in Birthdays, Commissioning Dates of your Ship, Special Anniversaries, etc. Just send me the information and I will get it on the list.

In the mean time, Happy Birthday to everyone listed!

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 2, Tom Campbell  
May 2, Barb Gambill  
May 2, Ed Nowlin  
May 3, Larry S Neigut  
May 4, Jeff Higdon  
May 4, Lauren Nolen  
May 5, William S. Woods  
May 5, Mary Moore  
May 5, Brad Wilders  
May 7, Linda Oakley  
May 8, Elizabeth Cash  
May 8, Chris Jackson  
May 9, Curtis Stenovich  
May 18, Lesley Pike  
May 19, Ellen Schwab  
May 20, Dorothy H. Getz  
May 22, John Winsley  
May 24, Wendy Fillmore  
May 24, Karen Long  
May 25, Joseph Bloch  
May 25, Peter V Briggs  
May 25, Rick Gibbs  
May 26, Andrew Holland  
May 26, Brittany Sloan  
May 27, Michelle R Coleman  
May 28, Donald L. Revere  
May 30, William Duane  
May 31, Jack Eaton

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 1, Richard A., Crum  
June 1, Carl Johnson  
June 1, Jason Schreck  
June 2, Johnathan K. Fuller  
June 2, Kris McDaniel  
June 2, James (Jimmy) Whatley  
June 2, Ben Schwab  
June 5, Lea Eddy  
June 5, Eril Vanarsdale  
June 6, Mark H. Anbinder  
June 7, Christen McMintock  
June 7, Jill Rayburn  
June 9, Gordon Goldberg  
June 9, Norman Huff  
June 11, James Dunham  
June 11, Elise Dunham  
June 11, Thelma Dozier  
June 13, Brenda Bell  
June 13, Tommy L. Holman  
June 13, Chris Underwood  
June 14, Arthur B. Getz  
June 14, Kai'leen Gibbs  
June 15, Doug Glenn  
June 16, Victor Coll  
June 17, Edger Torris  
June 18, Kurt Roithinger  
June 19, William B Purivne  
June 19, Cheryl D. Walker

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS - CONTINUED

June 20, Alex Rosenzweig  
June 22, Amy Alexander  
June 23, Ruth Green  
June 23, Philip J. "Jack", Kern  
June 23, Matthew Baillie  
June 26, Renee White  
June 27, Eloise Hassell  
June 27, Karina Torris, USS Osiris  
June 27, David R. Vaughan  
June 28, Deirdre Gibbs  
June 29, Scott Inman  
June 30, Clay S. Oliver







# FROM THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

**Major General Robb Jackson • Inspector General, STARFLEET**

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

Greetings and felicitations from the Lord High Inquisitor's... er, the Inspector General's Office.

My name is Robert Jackson, but I usually go by Robb, and I am the newly appointed Inspector General, STARFLEET. For those of you that don't know me I thought I would start with a little background.

I first enlisted in the Fleet in 1986, joining as a Marine, which was a rare breed indeed in those days. Over the next near-decade, I assumed many roles in STARFLEET and the Corps, from being the first Commandant to commanding a starship (USS Columbus). I retired in 1995, due to real life personal reasons.

I re-enlisted in 1999 after being offered the position as Corps Historian. Since then, I have also assumed the position as Chief Herald for the Corps and combined the two offices under the aegis of the Support Command (SUPCOM), SFMC.

I commanded the USS Boston for a short period before retiring her and launching a new class vessel – the USS Omar Khayyam. So, as you can see, I have a wide and varied experience in Fleet.

In real life, I am a retired police officer (18 years) and look to that experience to help in my duties as the Inspector General.

Now, on to business. The paint in the Office hadn't dried yet before things got busy.

## ELECTIONS/VoCs: REGION 7

The Region 7 Election Process began officially on February 5, 2001 with the nomination phase after an e-mail notice to all available COs of the Region followed by a hardcopy mailing to all COs with nomination forms included. Deadline for receiving nomination forms was March 5 (postmarked by March 1).

As of March 5, 2001, this Office received 26 nomination forms from COs of Region 7. One of these was withdrawn, as the nominee did not want to participate. The other three nominees received the percentage of nominations as follows:

JC Cohen (58%)  
Sandy Berenberg (26%)  
Gary Ensey (16%)

Achieving the 50%+1 ratio, Fleet Captain John A. "JC" Cohen was named as Regional Coordinator, Region 7.

## ELECTIONS/VoCs: REGION 12

We started the Nomination Phase of the Election Process for Region 12 on March 12. The current deadline for submitting the Nomination Form is April 17th (postmarked April 12th). Stay tuned.

Constitution and other internal policies. A current copy of the IG Operations Manual (in several downloadable forms) can be found online through the STARFLEET Documents link on the top-level page on <http://www.sfi.org/> or directly at <http://www.sfi.org/html/docs.html>.



**Would you trust this man?** Inspector General, STARFLEET Robb Jackson enjoys a brief moment of levity right before 4 investigations, 3 VoCs, 2 RC Elections and a partridge in a pear tree come crashing down upon him!

*Photo courtesy of Robb Jackson*

## OTHER ISSUES

There are currently no investigations in progress.

My staff and I will be submitting a proposal for an addition to the Membership Handbook to address the issue of Regional Coordinators resigning their position and the process of selecting a replacement. Currently, only removal of a Regional Coordinator is addressed in the MHB and Constitution.

We are also revising the IG's Operations Manual to reflect the changes in the

## IG PERSONNEL

To help me with the duties of this Office, I've appointed several new staff members, with a few more yet to come. I've been busy canvassing for suitable officers to round out my staff. I am proud to announce the current staff personnel:

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**Fleet Captain Ray Brown**  
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**Brigadier "Doc" Kinne**  
Assistant Inspector General, SFMC  
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This Office is also looking to fill positions for Assistant Inspector General in Regions 6, 10, 13, 15 and 17.

Qualifications for an AIG position are simple: 21 and over, member in good standing with Fleet, an interest to serve not only the Region when necessary, but Fleet. This person must be fair, thoughtful, persevering and trustworthy.

I would rather this person not be a chapter CO, since I believe that is busy enough, but I won't overlook anyone for the position that is interested.

If anyone is interested, or you believe someone in your chapter that would be interested, please have them contact me with a short bio/Fleet resume at [ig@sfi.org](mailto:ig@sfi.org).

That's it from me. My staff or I can be reached at our e-mail addresses listed above.

And, a special thanks to Fleet Captain David Pipgras, Region 5 Office of Graphic Design for the IG Logo!



# FROM USS AVENGER...

BY STARFLEET HISTORIAN LGEN. SCOTT A. AKERS

# ...TO USS BANTING



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, preserve, 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 *Communiqué* 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.

Our next chapter in the distinguished history of STARFLEET, will be the USS Avenger from Region 7. Her newest great grand daughter is the USS Banting from Region 13, and soon to be mothership to the Shuttle April.

The early history of the Club is still shadowy, and the lines of descent from the alpha chapter, the USS Enterprise in Lufkin, Texas are not all definitive. We do know that sometime around 1976 the Outpost Kaferius was founded in the New York / New Jersey Area, and was the nexus of most of the chapters to come after in that area and in fact most of what we now call Region 7. Out of this group came the USS Lucifer, very little is know about them, but more will be written about these original chapters in a later article.

However, we can't honestly say that the Lucifer emerged directly from the USS Constitution III, the third such chapter in STARFLEET to hold that distinguished name. It's only Commanding Officer Jason E. Genser, had read about STARFLEET in Starlog magazine, wrote in and joined and requested to command his own chapter, and the then latest incarnation of the Constitution was born. Soon the Consitution became the largest chapter in Fleet, with their goal to gain 430 members, it was Genser's goal to make the Constitution a "national" chapter with long distance members from every state.

However the SFI Headquarters actively discouraged this, as many complaints were filed that Genser was attempting to poach membership from local chapters as far away as California or Florida. Sadly, when instructed to stop such behavior, Genser took the Constitution out of 'Fleet, and within the year, it was foundering.

Happily, from this chapter many chapters arose, including our very own USS Avenger.

Then-Commodore Alex Rosenzweig, who had commanded the USS Revere before she merged with the Constitution, and who was serving as Executive Officer, became the Commanding Officer of the group what would become the Avenger. The command staff and others decided to stay with STARFLEET, rather than going independent, and Alex was elected on 22 June 1985, with Commander Matthew Cohen as Executive Officer.

The first months were a whirlwind of activity, as the new crew excitedly worked to create all the basics for a new chapter, creating logos, establishing the name, setting membership rates, and creating all the materials that would come with being a member of the ship. By the end of the summer, the basics were in place, and the group settled down to the day-to-day fun of being its own STARFLEET chapter. Recruitment began, and the first "fun" activities commenced.

Over the next few years, the Avenger would grow by leaps and bounds. By 1990, the ship had over 200 members, and had served as the mothership for seven shuttlecraft. The peak membership was 239, which included many members who were serving on the shuttles Sovereign, Albany, and Ascension. Up to the present day, Avenger parented 12 shuttlecraft, of which 5 remain as active STARFLEET chapters. 16 current chapters or shuttles can trace their lineage, either directly or indirectly, back to the Avenger. Internally, a series of subgroups first called "internal shuttles" and later renamed "duty shifts" provided a more personal experience for members of a group that was spread through New Jersey and into New York and Pennsylvania. (It was these subgroups that met monthly, while the chapter as a whole met semi-annually.) The Avenger also served as Region 7 flagship from 1988 through 1994, and has been one of STARFLEET's most prominent chapters.

As it spun off shuttlecraft into chapters, Avenger gradually began to shrink, both in membership numbers and in "territory" covered. It eventually stabilized to approximately 40 members, the majority of whom live in the Central New Jersey area. Gradually, the "duty shifts" were dissolved, and Avenger adopted the more common practice of holding a single monthly chapter meeting, which continues today.

One constant through all this has been the group's commitment to providing an enjoyable, quality experience in Star Trek fandom. Trips, parties, and meetings

all became part of this mix. Anniversary parties of various sizes have been held every year, with the "major" ones held at the 5th, 10th, and 15th Anniversaries, marking the end of each 5-year mission. Avenger members have been part of events such as the 1994 NY Toy Fair, assisting at Creation Conventions in the late 1980s, and trips to area attractions such as the Liberty Science Center, Franklin Institute and Rose Center/Hayden Planetarium.

Two of the chapters that have shuttled off the Avenger were the USS Sovereign and the USS Challenger, both of which are important to our story. The USS Challenger was the flagship for Admiral Rosenzweig's successor, then-Commodore Bob Vosseller (later Vice Admiral), who served as Regional Coordinator for over three years. Shuttling off the Challenger was the Philadelphia area chapter, the USS Thagard named after astronaut Dr. Norman E. Thagard, under the command of Judith Brandy, who later became Chief of Communications for STARFLEET.

USS Malverne began as an informal group of gamers and military enthusiasts aboard the then-shuttle Kyrie Eleison who met on Sunday nights to play Star Fleet Battles and hang out. The original group was largely made up of various volunteer and career fire and EMS personnel as well as current and former military personnel, who quickly came up with a motto, "In Harm's Way", long before the name of their group was ever decided upon. A series of significant philosophical differences led the gaming group to seek their own destiny as the shuttle Malverne, launched as Fleet Bay Shuttle 20.

The Malverne thrived as a shuttle and formed an active Ranger detachment and an active Marine Strike Group very quickly. Indeed, it was the strong ground-force presence that brought some conflicts between Malverne members and the Maddox administration, conflicts that led the Malverne crew to break ties with STARFLEET for a time. Immediately upon the start of the Lerman administration, the Malverne crew rejoined STARFLEET and took steps to once again become a chapter. The road back to chapter status was a long and arduous one; opposition at several levels forced Malverne to start from scratch as a shuttle. During this period the shuttle Malverne, now launched off USS Sovereign, hosted the 1995 Region 7 Conference in Philadelphia - proof that a small, highly-motivated group could tackle anything.

At long last the shuttle Malverne received her commission as USS Malverne, the

Seventh Fleet's first shuttlecarrier. True to form, the crew of USS Malverne made their collective mark across STARFLEET. Malverne's CO, Tony Rowley and several other members helped make the 1997 IC at Cherry Hill, NJ a rousing success. Malverne members also earned their share of awards, decorations and commendations from Region, Fleet and from the STARFLEET Marines. The Malverne's Ranger detachment all but faded away with the demise of the STARFLEET Rangers, but the 41st Marine Strike Group remained active. The presence of USS Malverne extended across regions and across international boundaries as well. Malverne's first shuttle, which would be commissioned as the USS Banting in Guelph, Ontario, revived STARFLEET's presence in eastern Canada.

The USS Banting, founded by then Commander Bernard Guignard, was launched as a shuttle from the USS Malverne in August of 1998. The Banting flew through the Shuttle Program in a mere 6 months, and was officially commissioned in February of 1999. January of 2000 brought the Banting's first Change of Command, with Captain Guignard turning the chapter over to the newly commissioned Captain Dave Blaser.

Throughout the 3-year history of the Banting, the crew has maintained a high level of community service and participation in regional events while attempting to push the boundaries of STARFLEET into Canada. Captain Blaser and the now Fleet Captain Guignard are working with several groups to build the foundation of new chapters in Canada and Region 13. Preparing to shuttle off of the Banting is the new group, the Shuttle April, named after Captain Robert April (first Commanding Officer of the fictional USS Enterprise) who made a guest appearance on the animated episode "The Counterclock Incident".

From Avenger to Banting and beyond - 16 years and counting - it has been an exciting time. For Region 7 these 16 years have been the sum total of the regions history, with Alex Rosenzweig, a giant in STARFLEET and the man that keeps the spirit and traditions of those long ago eras alive even today, an integral part thereof.

Future History in its highest form.

Until next issue, I remain historically yours,

*Scott A. Akers*



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

## Fleet Captain Mike Wilkerson • USS Atlas: Star Trek Games: A new and Expanding Frontier...

Back in the days of "let's create another lame STAR TREK Game!" the best we could probably hope for was to see yet another over done, poorly thought out, tough to control "pseudo-adventure game" that was cool, because it was STAR TREK, right there on your screen! But soon, those games became tedious, sometimes impossible to "solve," and even other times, we finally realized just how lame the game was to begin with.

It's my proud pleasure to say "it's time to turn the page on that book" my fellow Fleeters. STAR TREK gaming for your computer has a bold new face, a new attitude, and is incorporating things that make other games successful. Strange as it may seem, game companies are finally understanding that even though the game is "STAR TREK," that it makes sense to incorporate the components of already successful games, and add in the TREK twist. I know: You're thinking "well, duh!?" but don't you say that sometimes when you're watching the most recent STAR TREK episode too?

In any case, this article is a smorgasbord glance at the most recent games that have been released, and some that have been distributed over the years, by a number of gaming companies. All of them are available now, and are in just about every computer software venue you can imagine.

### STAR TREK: BORG ASSIMILATOR

Easily one of the most original and fan-anticipated games to date, this one will feature numerous campaigns where the player is "The Borg" and the mission, as my Executive Officer Robert is fond of saying during numerous TREK Episodes: "Throw away the Fleet uniforms and Prime Directive books, baby!" In this electronic romp, you are the Borg: Your Mission: To make Resistance as Futile as possible "baby!"

Your mission is the continual assimilation of varying races throughout your adventure. Through conquest and assimilation, players will gain access to more advanced buildings: regeneration alcoves, research centers, and even the Borg Queen hive. A mode that will be included will allow players to "assimilate in Freestyle mode" meaning that the possibilities and number of proverbial scenarios is truly endless. Can you say "time to go wait in line, like the Metallica concert in the late 80's?" This one will be something very special, and is due later this year. For more information check out/stake out the Activision Website online: <http://www.activision.com/>

### STAR TREK: BRIDGE COMMANDER

After polishing your pips, sitting down at your station for some Earl Grey (or a Diet Coke, in my case) you suddenly get word that a sun has gone supernova, damaged the ship and KILLED THE CAPTAIN! No: It's not my Executive Officer dreaming sweet dreams again, it's the new game from "Totally Games" (distributed by Activision) called STAR TREK: Bridge Commander. Your adventure in the lead of a grand Starship will take you through more than 30 different missions that will have you interacting with many of the alien races you see in just about every incarnation of STAR TREK. The real thrill here is that you missions include and expound on STAR TREK's most fundamental elements - defense, combat, diplomacy, exploration, rescue, and scientific discovery. Bridge Commander will, for the first time, allow you true command of Galaxy and Sovereign class ships much like the U.S.S. Enterprise-D and U.S.S. Enterprise-E. Expected in summer 2002, (hopefully along with a TREK movie and the second season of a new series), Bridge Commander looks to be yet another pizza cutter to the good ole' bank account. For more information check out/stake out the STAR TREK: Bridge Commander Website online: <http://www.bridgecommander.com/>

### STAR TREK: HIDDEN EVIL

Riding the coat tails of the most recent STAR TREK film, "Insurrection," this title becomes a "sequel" to that film, providing you a mission in which you need to "solve the puzzle to advance in the game." I really liked this game, mostly because not only does it appeal to those of us that "would really like to just duct tape the phaser trigger down", but also involves sensible, logical thinking, that adds up. So many games that try to involve "puzzles" are so incredibly nonsensical, that I can't imagine where the budget actually came from to produce them. This one is an excellent "first game" for those of you wondering what TREK gaming is all about. For more information check out/stake out the STAR TREK: HIDDEN EVIL Website online: <http://www.activision.com/games/hiddenevil/>

### STAR TREK: VOYAGER; ELITE FORCE

Everyone has been waiting for the game that gives you a phaser rifle, a nice wide-open Federation-holodeck-created world, and plenty of screaming, snarling weapon-toting enemies. The wait ended late last year when Ravensoft and Activision released "Star Trek: Voyager; Elite Force." Providing not only one of the best conceived single player modes, this game, utilizing the Quake 3 Game Engine, is easily some of the best dollars I've ever parted with. Beyond the single player (which pits you against

various aliens, and eventually the Borg), the multi-player gaming (featuring "Deathmatches" and "Capture the Flag" matches) is truly satisfying, and what TREK-gamers have been waiting for TREK-gaming to provide. I have no doubt, whatever your desire (either shoot it fast, and shoot it again gamer, or scenario following-flip-switching-mystery solver) this is the game that you need to add to your already towering collection. Truly an exquisite gaming experience. For more details, check out Ravensoft's Website (and excellent home Website too) at: <http://www.ravensoft.com/eliteforce/>

### DEMOS, ETC

So where do you go from this massive list in preparation for your TREK-based computer gaming? Let's take a look at the pluses and negatives for a second to weigh out what you're about to "get yourself into."

**Pluses:** Almost all computer games now provide a Demo, or "crippled version," that will allow you to kick just enough ass to get the taste of the game, and implant the desire to part with your hard earned dollars. In the current days of many people getting broadband connections, or knowing someone with one, this is a great advantage that is only now really starting to change the way computer gaming markets its materials. Other benefits: allows one to interact with TREK-based materials at a rate that you could never had done just 5 years ago. STAR TREK is a business after all, and we know how much we like to buy TREK. The fact is that so many games coming out and catering to many different interests is also a great advantage. You want to do a shoot-'em up? Fine. Want to busta' move managing resources and inventories, eventually kicking the sadly new opponents ass sideways? Go for it. It's all here for you, right now, in several different incarnations, catering to almost every fandom interest.

**Minuses:** Games cost money, and although the Demo portion of this scenario allows you to pick and choose, it's still money. Most games will range in the \$50 range, with an ever-increasing number having not only the "regular" version of the game, but also a "Collector's Edition" that has several "Oh My Gawd! You're Kidding Me!" features that cater to the ever-so-priority-reordering community that is TREK Fandom. A "limited edition" CD here, a never to be released comic book there, it's all great TREK collectibles, and so it sells like hotcakes. Our second large negative here on TREK gaming is the time that it can eat out of your regular day. Though it hasn't happened to me recently (even my Birthday software is in it's wrapping so I can write this article) gaming will take anyone's scheduled day,

turn it on it's side, and do an Odo transformation trick with it. I mean hours can go by in just a blink of an eye. Much like just about any computer time, this can have severe consequences in people's lives that few are prepared for. Getting a "pizza timer" (mine is a small German-made egg-timer, that goes BUKgaaK!! when it dings) and a reasonable "allowance" of time will help ease that. The last and probably most noticeable negative that is slowly changing with the price of computers and the technology surrounding them is the need for what amounts to a very high-end computer gaming machine. If you've somehow still got that 486dx4100, with the 256 color monitor, and a whopping 940mb hard drive, it's time to upgrade and put the "oldie but goodie" on the shelf next to the washing machine so that you have something to put the detergent on.

Though many of the "package deal systems" available in superstores around the nation will "push" these games, you can really see the difference in using one of those systems and a system that was built for gaming. Hard drive access speeds, quality mouse and interface controls really provide a different and rounded gaming experience, but again, it all comes down to cost. On the upside of that negative, is the fact that 3D gaming card technologies are really starting to become cost effective, and upgrades are fairly priced for what you can now get in the realm of computer gaming technological advances.

**Bottom line on Gaming's Pluses and Minuses:** The cost for whatever is going to make the experience more "immersive" is what wins out for me. The only thing that's missing in my opinion, is a device that lets us stop time so we can actually play all the games that are available.

**Favorite Recommendations:** Of the games we've discussed (and even the ones we haven't), I have to totally recommend and ask why you haven't purchased "STAR TREK: VOYAGER; ELITE FORCE." Of the games I can think of that knocked my socks off, this one leads the way, and is the gaming experience that any gamer, experienced shooter-upper or puzzle solver should make the cornerstone of your gaming collection.

**Where to Find Game Reviews:** Though I have many sources that get added to regularly (E-mail me if you'd like to have the list I have going currently), GameSpot (<http://www.gamespot.com/>) is one of the best places online to get game reviews. Or check out the following URL: <http://gaming.startrek.com/>

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## YOUR INTREPID REPORTER: SUSAN FOX-DAVIS

### CAPTAIN LEAPS or OH BOY...

So what about this new rumor about Scott Bakula as the C.O. in the next Trek series? CNN just picked up the story from Trek Today. Honestly, I don't know what to think. The rumor mill has toyed with the fans all year with conflicting stories about the new scenario so we have no notion what, if any, are true, and this may just be another Paramount decoy. Or not. We'll have to wait and see. It does follow the modus operandi since DS9 of choosing an actor who has some name recognition to the general TV audience as the main Commanding Officer in each new Trek show. Avery Brooks as "Hawk," Kate Mulgrew in "Ryan's Hope" and "Mrs. Columbo," Genevieve Bujold [remember her? 1st choice for Janeway, filmed for a day and quit] a well-known movie actress from "Anne of a Thousand Days" and "Coma" and now Bakula from "Quantum Leap."

### SULU SPEAKS...

George Takei had a press conference at Creation's Grand Slam over Easter Weekend, before his scheduled appearance on Friday. He commented on the changes in the Trek universe during the Berman

administration and threw his support behind IFT's "Guardians of the Dream Campaign," and also let the fans know that the battle for Excelsior is far from over. Does anybody else still believe this?

### PICARD AFRAID?

You can take the boy away from the stage... "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolfe?" played in Minneapolis with Patrick Stewart playing George. Our Minneapolis fan friend had never seen the play before, and found it "not as much of a downer as it was supposed to be." Is this good writing, or just a Patrick fan speaking? You decide.

### KIRK IN TROUBLE AGAIN...

The Screen Actors Guild has filed a complaint in March against the producers of "Groom Lake," written and directed by William Shatner, claiming that more than 20 of the actors and stuntmen who worked on the science-fiction film have not been paid. A little late, as the film had already wrapped production in December, hurrying against the strike deadlines... won't somebody help the Captain?

### SISKO HOSTS...

Opposite the Oscars this year, Broadway

celebrated Woodie King's New Federal Theatre 30th Anniversary Gala, honoring 30 years of excellence in-producing works by African American men and women, honoring eight luminaries from the theatrical and philanthropic worlds. Co-host Avery Brooks and Phylicia Rashad plus Lynn Whitfield [hey, another starship captain!], Maya Angelou, Angela Bassett, Ossie Davis, Ruby Dee, Sylvia Miles, Melba Moore, Sir Sidney Poitier, Vivian Reed, Ntozake Shange, Shirley Verrett and many others toasted the best at the aptly-named Majestic Theatre in Manhattan.

### COCHRANE'S HOMECOMING...

James Cromwell has signed on to the lead in The Second Act, an upcoming CBS series. Cromwell will play a defeated U.S. senator returning home to his family in the Pacific Northwest. [What, not Montana?]

### WESLEY GOT GAME...

Wil Wheaton participated in the Hollywood Hoopsters Celebrity Basketball Team's 6th annual game on March 22 at Ramona High School, Riverside, California.

### NO DRUGS FOR DAX...

Terry Farrell (Jadzia Dax) was a presenter

along with her "Becker" castmates at the 5th annual Prism Awards, anti-drug honors from the Entertainment Industries Council on April 4.

### CHARGE!

Laurence Luckinbill [Sybok] stars as Theodore Roosevelt in a new one-man show "Teddy Tonight!" Spock's twisted sib is no newcomer to the presidential scene, as his last one-man tourer was "Lyndon" Johnson.

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

### Biographical information.

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## THE HERSHEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Lieutenant Parker Gabriel • USS Sovereign

Logo created by Alex Rosenzweig • Logo adapted by Kurt Roithinger

On Sunday, February 25, 2001, the Sovereign's Command Staff Advisor, Captain Pamela Fernsler, and I traveled to Hershey by Space Lane Four Hundred Twenty-Two, to attend a concert the local Symphony Orchestra would perform that afternoon. Capt. Fernsler noted that the rain-soaked climate for that day reminded her of Ferenginar's climate. We departed from Philadelphia's northeastern Region at 10:00 hours, and I was disappointed to find myself the only passenger on Capt. Fernsler's shuttle. (She had hired it out from Enterprise Spacecraft For Hire.) Ensign Joseph Horton had considered himself too sick to join us due to a common cold - he feared the medication would have too strong a sedative side effect on him.

Going was slow due to the climate. En route, we obtained food rations in a Turkey Hill Shop around 11:30 hours. My rations

consisted of a small bottle of whole milk, a breakfast sandwich, a half-dozen packages of miniature chocolate-frosted donuts, a coffee cake, and a large cup of coffee. Though we had not been expected till 14:00 hours, we arrived early, at approximately 13:00 hours, to find that a tailgate party was in progress in one of the docking ports.

Docking itself was gratis, and so were both of our admissions to the concert since we were in uniform. I had brought my middle 2370's Star Fleet Security & Tactical uniform with me, complete with my phaser pistol, and I geared up in the lobby. Capt. Fernsler wore a tunic adorned with autographs from Norway Corporation Repertory actors. People entering through the lobby found this interesting; Capt. Fernsler said that they "ate up" my memorized lines from scenes; she called me the big hit with them for that reason.

Since my uniform's outer tunic was of sweat fleece, it was uncomfortably warm to wear. Thus I went outside, where it was colder, to participate in the tailgate party. I ate a plate of pasta and drank a cup of hot cocoa whilst I was there.

When the lobby manager greeted us, she sprang a major surprise on both of us. She wanted us to descend into the orchestra pit, along with herself and a man armored to resemble Darth Vader. When the pit rose, she explained, the overhead lights would make it seem as though the sun was dawning on us all.

Dr. Sandra Dackow, the Music Director, interacted with a man who, from off-stage, gave potential voice-over competition to Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Radio actor Douglas Rain. (Mr. Rain had provided the H.A.L. 9000 computer's voice in 2001:

A Space Odyssey.) Dr. Dackow could work from full orchestral scores for the music she conducted, and I resolved to obtain copies of them for both myself and the benefit of a music school where I was then a student, for "Who Dares, Wins." On the way, I had found the street lamps, in the shapes of Hershey's Chocolate Kisses, wrapped and unwrapped alike. I expressed an interest in future exploration of Hershey.

Climate-wise, our return was difficult. It was dark, without marker beacons on the lanes. Worse, most of Space Lane Four Hundred And Twenty-Two was fogbound. A diner served us our final meal of the day; I had to take my main course from the diner, a cheeseburger with bacon and extra cheese, with me. (I had had both of the soups of the day and chicken fingers as appetizers.) But thankfully, we made it safely back with shuttle intact.





## SPACE EXPLORATION DAY

By Harold J. Heald

USS Sun Tzu, NCC-5373

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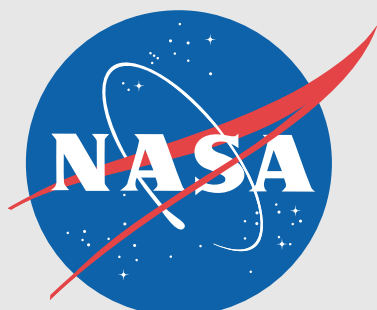
On July 20th, 1969 Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin Jr. landed on the moon and in the process captured the hearts, minds, and dreams of everyone on Earth and all the future generations of humanity. They let us know that someday man will walk and live amongst the stars. Another barrier had been broken by the human spirit and ingenuity.

In 1966, a writer named Gene Roddenberry gave us a glimpse into his vision of the future. This vision exploded into the cultural phenomenon known as Star Trek. As fast as NASA and the space program grew, so did Star Trek's following. Today just the mentioning of certain key phrases invokes this vision, and the dreams of Neil Armstrong and Gene Roddenberry.

For more than four generations, children have grown up looking up into the night sky and have dreamed about living among the heavens. Many of them know that because of the work at NASA and other space agencies this is a real possibility, and that it will be accomplished within the next 100 years. The problem is that NASA and these other space agencies cannot do it alone. It is time for those of us who have looked into the night sky, and had the same dream, to unite under one banner and push humanity into the next stage of space exploration.

That banner is Space Exploration Day to be held annually on July 20 in honor of Armstrong and Aldrin's landing on the Moon.

Please join me and the crew of the USS Sun Tzu, a chapter of STARFLEET, The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc. in celebrating this glorious occasion. Take the time to teach others about the happenings in space exploration and help others to see the dream that has captured our minds and our hearts since 1966.



Hello my fellow STARFLEET & Region 7 Cadets, it is the dawn of the new age of the Cadet kind as we look back on our first half of the "Prep Period". The first half was not only a smooth ride but also one with triumph and filled with destiny. It has also brought some changes to the corps for which I am happy to report in these cadet chronicles.

Now, in answer to the question that some of our readers may have had when I mentioned "being caught in the Tholian Web"; well, it started at the stroke of midnight at Blair Learn's house. If there is one favor I ask you out all there is to never become a new member of your starship. The reason why I point this out is because when midnight occurred on January 1st, 2001 most of my new crew aimed their can of silly string towards me. I can really tell you that it felt so oozy and good! Well, now that I got that great event out of the way, it's now time find out what has been happening from January through March 2001.

### CHANGE IN COMMAND:

The second quarter of the R7CC has seen some of its members moved up within the staff or have moved on with their lives in Region 7. Thirteen months after taking office, Admiral Jesse Smith has decided to step down from the Regional Coordinator's chair. From all the years that I have known him, he is, to me, one of the finest officers that this organization has ever known. On behalf of the R7CC, we would like to wish him the very best in all his future endeavors. Just to let you all know, he will always have a place not only in SFI but also in Region 7. With that in mind, our former Sector 3 Liaison Officer, Fleet Captain J.C. Cohen, has been promoted to the position of Regional Coordinator. He knows that he will continue the journey that the officers of Smith, Vosseller, and Rosenzweig have begun and lead our region to victory.

We have new blood in our staff for the Second Quarter. With a recommendation from one of our Sector Cadet Coordinators and a majority vote from our staff, we have decided to merge our three Sector Liaisons into 1 position that is now known as the Sector Liaison Officer of the R7CC. Let it be known to all of STARFLEET that as of March 15, 2001 at 1750 Hours, Captain Carlos Ruiz of the USS Northstar is the new Sector Liaison Officer. We hope that his talents and inspiration will continue to support the Cadet Corps to become one of the finest programs in the Region and STARFLEET.

### CADET CORPS CENTRAL DATABASE HAS BEGUN

I am so thrilled to report that the Region 7 Cadet Corps website has been up and running. Starting in the second week of March, the R7CC website will be the central database to learn more about the program.

# REGION 7 CADET CHRONICLES

Captain Dean Rogers • USS Highlander

Artwork adapted by Lauren Milan • STARFLEET Region Seven

It will contain links to our staff listings, the handbook that will be coming soon, chapter links, staff bios, pictures and much more. We would like to give credit to our web designer, Lieutenant Commander Lauren Milan, for her outstanding efforts to make this website a reality and to Admiral Alex Rosenzweig for all the copy-editing and proofreading of the materials on the website. I salute these two fine officers for their creativity to make this website, a great one for the Regional Cadet and senior officers to enjoy. If you would like to see the latest sensation of Lauren Milan's creation: go to: <http://ddmi.he.net/~laurak/R7CC/index.htm>

### THE AWARDS PROGRAM

The R7CC awards program, created by our Executive Officer - Lieutenant Mandy Hallemann, has been officially completed. As I have detailed in the last Cadet Chronicles, the R7CC will award the next generation of STARFLEET Officers in the areas of real life academics, Participation of Fleet & Regional

activities, and superior performance in their duties. There are currently fourteen awards awaiting the approval by the R7CC Liaison Officer, Regional Awards Director, and Regional Coordinator. Be sure to keep your eyes and ears open because we are looking for our outstanding young officers to be recognized this year. Check out the R7CC website and the Regional listserves for more information about the awards.

### R7CC PROMOTIONS


J.C. Cohen has been promoted to the rank of Fleet Captain and the position of Regional Coordinator in February. Dean Rogers (yours truly) has been promoted to the rank of Captain for outstanding service to the Cadet Corps on February 12th.

Well, all good things must come to an end and so does this log. Keep up the outstanding work STARFLEET! I am looking forward to giving you another report for the 3rd quarter. Region 7 Cadet Corps Headquarters signing off!

## COMING SOON!

The USS Thagard proudly presents the 11th annual edition of our member-produced fanzine:

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# WANT TO BOOST RECRUITING? LET NASA HELP!

**Captain Ralph Planthold • USS Jubilee, STARFLEET Region Two**  
**Artwork courtesy of NASA**

Looking for a natural “hook” to hang your next recruiting event on? I proposed this idea to CS Les Rickard at the recent Region 2 Summit, and he bought it: Consider setting up a display at one of NASA’s many exhibits as they travel the country. NASA is always looking for ways to boost its public support [and, by extension, its congressional funding]. While it will want to avoid creating any public impression that its work is akin to science fiction, NASA will generally appreciate any visible show of support, particularly if rendered tastefully and respectfully.

It should be no surprise to anyone that NASA’s and STARFLEET International’s constituencies overlap considerably: Trek fans are often interested in the real world science necessary to bring about the kind of universe in which a United Federation of Planets and a STARFLEET are more than just science fiction; and plenty of real science types caught the science bug from devouring science fiction in their youth.

Right now, I’m working with RAdm. Ron Fell, SFI Director of Recruiting, on coming up with a standardized “Science Fiction v. Science Fact” flyer to be downloaded, customized with the addition of the local chapter’s information, and distributed to exhibit visitors. Watch for its announcement on the STARFLEET Announcements ListServ soon.

And thanks to my good friend and former CO, Captain Tony Goretski [himself a NASA employee], who volunteered to keep interested chapters abreast of schedules for NASA exhibits coming to areas near them, and to serve as SFI’s point of contact with the sponsoring NASA centers, ironing out wrinkles in advance for the local chapters. Tony will do his best to give you names and phone numbers of the appropriate points of contact, both from NASA and from the exhibit hosting organizations.

So if you’re interested in doing some recruiting at a NASA traveling exhibit, please contact Tony as soon as possible so he can give you plenty of advance warning of any exhibits scheduled near you:

**Capt. Tony Goretski**  
**8000 Fishhook Lane**  
**Picayune, MS 39466**  
**NASARocks@aol.com**

Once he’s laid the groundwork for your recruiting opportunity, there are some DOs and some DON’Ts you’ll have to abide by at the exhibit.

## DOs

Check in with the authorities that are hosting the exhibit. Show them your flyers, etc. Remind them that your purpose there is twofold: Visible support for NASA and recruiting for STARFLEET International,

not selling anything. Find out what local rules you’ll have to obey.

Check in with the NASA Media Relations representatives traveling with the exhibit, preferably before they begin setting it up. Introduce yourself [ideally, with a business card] as an enthusiastic supporter. Volunteer to have your team help out in whatever capacity they might need you; chances are they’ll decline the offer, but at least you’ll have extended it. Find out where and how close they’re comfortable with your display to be set up; personally, I suggest setting up in the visitors’ direct line of sight of as they exit the exhibit.

Your ship’s banner is one of the most eye-catching weapons in your recruiting arsenal; display it prominently and proudly. Bring your own table. Exhibit your ship’s commissioning plaque, together with photos and media coverage of past social and community service events involving your crew. And by all means have a supply of flyers to pass out to interested visitors on their way from the NASA exhibit.

Then staff your display with a uniformed real “First Contact” team, two or three handpicked from your best and brightest. Be careful, though: Your chapter’s most enthusiastic Trekker may be someone whose zeal “spooks” a prospect away rather than enticing that person to join.

## DON’Ts

While it’s all right to smile and nod to them and even to talk to them if they come over to you, be careful to avoid accosting or even greeting visitors on their way to the NASA exhibit. I’m now speaking from sad personal experience: When I made the mistake of stepping forward to welcome visitors to one exhibit, a NASA representative politely but firmly asked me never to do that again, lest the visitors assume I worked for NASA.

Avoid giving even the appearance that you are selling any goods or services. If your flyers include chapter and/or STARFLEET International membership application forms, have your prospects mail you their dues checks instead of writing them out and handing them to you on the spot. I know that may be hard to swallow, but again I’m speaking from sad personal experience.

That same NASA representative assumed I must have been selling something, and turned in just such a complaint to the host venue’s security staff. I could show that I was merely talking with and distributing flyers to people who were coming up to me, so the complaint was groundless, but annoying nonetheless. I suggest that you don’t want a visit from police or uniformed security personnel; that can scare prospects away faster than anything else.

Many chapters around the Fleet participate in a wide variety of community service activities. Our chapter has found a way for our chapter to make a rather large impact with minimal effort on the part of our crew. We have chosen, as part of our ongoing community service efforts, to support a local food bank and the USMC’s Toys for Tots program.

The manner that we support these worthy charities is to encourage (not require) our crew to purchase an extra \$10 (more or less depending on the crewmember’s financial situation) worth of canned goods or other food for donation and to spend a like amount on toys every month. The food is donated to our local food bank on a regular basis and the toys are stockpiled until the Marine Corps announce their donation sites for the year (usually around Thanksgiving or the beginning of December).

The toys are then gathered up and

driven to the central donation point. We will have sent out a press release to the local television stations, radio stations and newspapers of our sizeable donation and hopefully we get positive press coverage for our efforts as well (a boost to recruiting and other efforts in the community). With any luck, the toy donation is so sizeable that we have to ask the Marines at the donation point for assistance in unloading the toys. Just imagine the television

images: uniformed STARFLEET members asking for the assistance of US Marines to get the donations unloaded,

what a sight that would be. The chapter could then volunteer to help the Marines wrap and tag the toys prior to distribution to the children.

Now, consider the impact. The average STARFLEET chapter boasts

14 members. 14 times \$10 = \$140.00 per month or \$1,680.00 per year in food AND toy donations for a total donation

of \$3,360.00 per year with little or no effort on the chapter membership other than a few dollars per month. I know it seems to belittle the purpose of community service by throwing money at it, but think of the good the food will do throughout the year for the needy in your community.

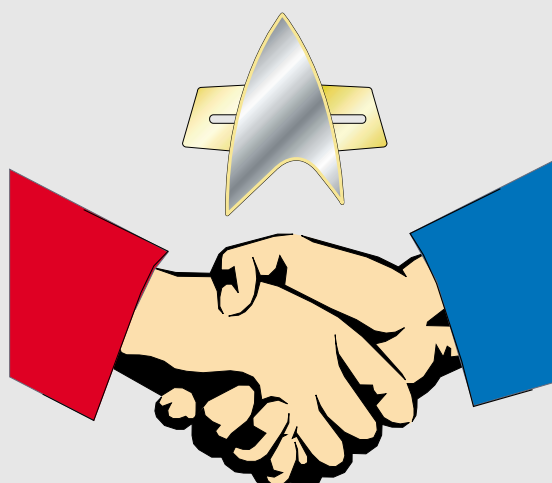
Even better, think of the smiles at Christmas time when the children (who otherwise would have received little or nothing) unwrap the gifts your chapter helped to provide them with.

This is a simple program that carries the possibility for your chapter to make a large impact on the needs of your community with little effort. Almost everyone can afford \$20.00 per month, but how many of us can afford to donate \$250.00 at one time?

This is a method of service that truly utilizes the teamwork concept to make a difference: together we can all make a difference.

# COMMUNITY SERVICE MADE EASY!

**By Lieutenant Commander John Roberts • Executive Officer, Shuttle Soyuz**





# THE STARFLEET INTERVIEWS

with Vice Admiral Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons

*She is one of the "Unsung heroes" of SFI. Chained to a desk in a basement somewhere in a non disclosed location... Ankle deep in Spent Dot-Matrix printer ribbons and smudged mailing labels... Teri Smith spent countless hours processing thousands of Fleet Memberships! Now in retirement, I was able to catch the secluded Teri enjoying some free time for a change and decided to shoot for an interview. Best Case Scenario: I get an interview... Worst Case Scenario: Someone else writes next month's interviews! :)*

**Name:** Smith, Teri

**Rank:** Rear Admiral

**Current Assignment:** USS Tanagra (but playing around on the USS Normandy)

**Gumby:** Teri, welcome to Fleet Beat... and let me say that I appreciate all your efforts processing the memberships... I know it is a bear of a job and wanted to say thanks on behalf of my chapter and myself!

**Teri:** I'm glad I could help in some small way. :)

**Gumby:** Membership Processing! What a task! What inclined you to volunteer for such a job?

**Teri:** I'd been helping out in other capacities in CompOps for a few months prior to my sanity break. It became clearer as time went on that there was going to be a need for a processor in the near future, so I volunteered my services.

**Gumby:** What was your biggest issue with membership processing?

**Teri:** My biggest issue...thinking...thinking... I'm not quite sure what you mean by issue... :-(

**Gumby:** The thing that irritated you the most.

**Teri:** Ah. :-) There can be only one, huh? <G> I guess my biggest irritation was all the e-mail that I got. It would roll in, 50, 100, 150 pieces or so a day. And each piece not only had to be answered, but there were other tasks associated with it. Address change, ship change, gotta look through my files to see where that app went...you get the idea.

**Gumby:** ACK! So much for free time, eh?

**Teri:** Free time? What's that? I still don't have any!

**Gumby:** I'm right there with ya!

**Teri:** Mark Anbinder will tell you that for a while there, he was answering most of my COps-related e-mail because I couldn't keep up with processing and the e-mail.

**Gumby:** I remember an announcement about that, yes.

**Teri:** I used to joke with him that he was my secretary, even though he was my boss.

**Gumby:** Mark is a great guy! I loved the interview he gave us :)

**Gumby:** What can "Jane Crewmember"

do to help insure the process goes smoothly?

**Teri:** It's going to sound corny, but clear printing will go a long way in making sure an app is processed quickly and smoothly.

**Gumby:** Clear printing?

**Teri:** Handwriting :) So that the processor

card declined occasionally for no other reason than "Hey, what's she doing using her card in Maryland for gas, and then buying stuff on Amazon.com?"

**Gumby:** Oh, buyer protection.

**Teri:** Sometimes the number was input incorrectly, so those had to go aside, send

golf, cards, play with the grandchildren... wait a minute, I hate golf, Jesse hates cards, and we're not old enough to have grandchildren... :)

**Gumby:** holds up the PADDcam and says... note to self... try to get Jesse to interview...

**Teri:** Actually, he's been keeping busy. One of the reasons why he stepped down was because he went back to school and we're both so busy with our church lives, it feels like we're back in the thick of membership processing!

**Gumby:** What chapter do you serve aboard?

**Teri:** Trick question? <G> Currently, I have a dual affiliation. For the past 4 years, I've been aboard the Tanagra. But recently, I've been playing unofficially with the folks on the Normandy.

**Gumby:** How did the daunting task of membership processing affect your chapter participation?

**Teri:** The Tanagra was never a very active ship. Our meetings consist mainly of donuts and coffee until everyone was conscious enough to speak, and then we'd shoot the breeze for a while, maybe get some business done, then find some lunch. We're very big into food.

**Gumby:** Hey, I gotta respect that...

**Teri:** Our meeting place (before we lost it) was only open until 1 on Saturdays. So our meetings usually started at 11 a.m.

**Gumby:** That is way too early for me!

**Gumby:** What is the thing you like best about SFI?

**Teri:** I like the friendships that I've made as a result of my involvement in the club. I met my two best friends through the Tanagra.

**Gumby:** OK. What is the thing you like least about SFI?

**Teri:** There are a lot of personality conflicts.

**Gumby:** I sincerely hope that we will get past those someday.

**Teri:** I hope so too. In such a large group, there's bound to be friction, but a lot of that friction is not resolved in a healthy way.

**Gumby:** What are your main interests other than SFI?

**Teri:** Wow, I guess I'm allowed to have other interests now, huh?

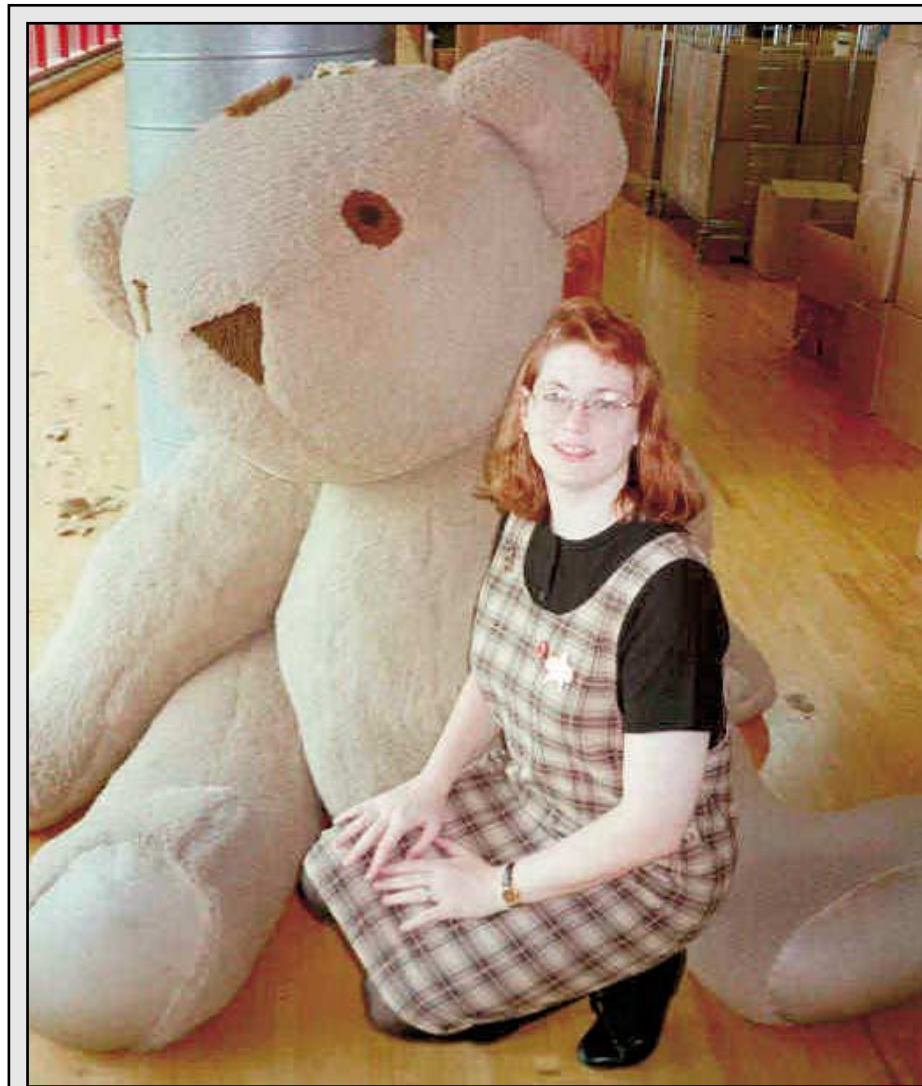
**Gumby:** Yes, you are

**Teri:** I like to read. Real, old-fashioned books, with pages and everything! :) I also cross-stitch a lot.

**Gumby:** Is there anything you want to say to the Fleet?

**Teri:** "Be excellent to each other."

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Unlike JC, Teri already has a big friend: Word is Teri turned down JC Cohen's trade offer for Mr. Bear because he wasn't willing to give it "A-Rod money".

Photo courtesy of Joan E. Pierce

doesn't have to spend time deciding, "is that a T? Or is it a 4?"

**Gumby:** Ah, OK... I understand now.

**Teri:** And making sure the app is filled out correctly. I once had an application come with a \$32 check, and it took me the longest time to figure out what was going on with it.

**Gumby:** What was the most common holdup regarding the applications?

**Teri:** The most common holdup that I had was declined credit cards.

\* Gumby looks around for that Visa Statement

**Teri:** It's not always declined for "Hey, you're over your limit" reasons. I get my

another one of those infamous e-mails, and wait for a reply. As an interesting side note, when Jesse and I went on vacation in 1998, we called our card company and told them that we'd be in a strange place, and please don't think our card was stolen! :)

**Gumby:** Man, what a hair puller!

**Gumby:** Any words of wisdom for the new membership processor?

**Teri:** Words of wisdom - Run. Run far away. :)

**Gumby:** Speaking of Jesse, how is the Admiral nowadays after retiring as R7RC?

**Teri:** Enjoying retirement also. We play



**Gumby: Teri, thanks for taking a few microns to chat with me here... See you in KC?**

**Teri:** I hope so! Thanks for everything, Gumby!

*Next... The results are in! Fleet Captain JC Cohen is now the Regional Coordinator for the Seventh Fleet! JC has built a reputation in R7 for getting it done! Join me as I catch the latest from the AB's "New kid on the block"...*

**Name:** Cohen, JC

**Rank:** Fleet Captain

**Current Assignment:** Region 7 Coordinator

**Gumby: Welcome to Fleet Beat, JC!**

**JC:** Thanks. Glad to do the interview.

**Gumby:** We are glad you could spare some time... I'll bet you are very busy now that you are the newly minted R7RC.

**JC:** We're gearing up. It is just going to get busier from here.

**Gumby: When you were first notified of the election results, what was your first official act as R7RC?**

**JC:** My first act as permanent RC? Thanking the chapters of R7, if that counts. But I guess my first "official act" was assigning the 2001 R7 Conference to a multi-chapter bid from Philly. November 2-4, btw.

**Gumby: Excellent!**

**JC:** My first act as Interim RC, back when Jesse resigned, was to promote Dean Rogers to Captain. That was a blast!

**Gumby: What plans do you have for R7?**

**JC:** Oh, there are plenty of plans. Lots to do. Got to get the chapters communicating well, which will be a challenge that takes up much of my tenure. Got to improve Fleet 7. Got to get a customer service mentality going throughout the Regional Staff. Got to get Region finances in their own bank account. That's just off the top of my head. The list goes on and on.

**Gumby: I understand. Sounds as if you have a full plate :)**

**JC:** You know how it goes. The work of an RC is never going to be done.

**Gumby: You hear that Ed! You're next!**

**Gumby: You take over R7 from Jesse Smith... anything to say to him?**

**JC:** To Jesse? Just a reminder that he's one of my best friends, he did the Region right, and I'm always here for him. *About Jesse?* I can't say enough good things. He's a great guy and a great friend.

**\* Gumby-Interview raises the PADDcam and whispers... "Get Jesse for an interview."**

**Gumby: What do you bring to the AB Table?**

**JC:** Interesting question. Let me think for a moment.

**Gumby: Take your time.**

**JC:** First of all, I bring a perspective that only a few others share. I've been a high level member of the EC staff (Vice Chief) and a high level AB member (VRC). I hope this will help me with the bridge building the EC and AB need to do and keep doing. Secondly, I'm the youngest member of the AB. This may seem like nothing, but it's interesting. I come from the generation that grew up on TNG. I hope to offer some perspective as Fandom moves on. And

we need that. Some members grew up with TOS. And that can sometimes cause a difference of opinion in what a fan club is with the younger fans. Again, I hope to serve as a bridge. And that bridge will only get bigger, as people begin to see TNG as just as ancient as TOS. People who grew up with only Voyager, for example.

**Gumby: The AB is lucky to have you!**

**Gumby: What chapter do you serve aboard?**

**JC:** USS Accord, a chapter in upstate NY. Ithaca, to be exact. Been a member since... lets see, the summer after Star Trek VI, so that would be what, 1992?

**Gumby: Yep, right about when I joined Fleet too.**

There's a wealth of talent and ideas out there.

**Gumby: What do you feel is R7's greatest strength?**

**JC:** Region 7's greatest strength is in the wealth of chapters active at the local level, and the abundant recruitment possibilities in the Northeast. The members who are already in make us great, and the members to be will only continue to improve us.

**Gumby: Awesome! I look forward to lots of launch VRR's coming soon :)**

**Gumby: What is the thing you like best about SFI?**

**JC:** The best thing is that, if you take it upon yourself to get involved, you can

have an idea, tell someone about it. Nothing gets done if you don't say anything because you assume nothing will get done. Talk talk talk! It will make things so much better.

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

**JC:** Oh my. That's a tough one.

**Gumby: I ask a few of those questions sometimes :) And you thought this was gonna be a breeze :)**

**JC:** Best of Both Worlds, as a whole. I can't pick episode one or two. But that was back when the Borg were truly scary, and Stewart got to really show off his acting skills. It also led to some great stuff later on. It was truly a turn around.

**Gumby: Great choice!**

**Gumby: What is your biggest "Pet-Peeve"?**

**JC:** Well, as you might guess from my answer about "what I like least"... people who don't communicate with *me*. If I am doing something that is annoying you, tell me. I want to fix it. If you love something I'm doing, tell me. I want to continue doing it. But the point is, keep me in the loop. It makes things go well and it is only fair.

**Gumby: Words of wisdom, my friend :)**

**Gumby: If you could change any one aspect of SFI... what would it be?**

**JC:** The feeling that we need community service to justify our existence. Don't get me wrong I love community service. But you are a fan because its fun. Therefore, the primary focus of being in a fan club should be to have fun. We are fans. We are also normal men and women. We have no reason to justify our existence, and if anyone makes us feel that way, we should just ignore him or her, and continue to enjoy ourselves. Once again, community service is great, but I want the fun to continue to be present.

**Gumby: Where do you see Region Seven 5 years from now?**

**JC:** In the northeast! <G> Just kidding. I see a number of strong chapters, with strong communication between them, and a number of multi-chapter events. I prefer strong chapters to "many" chapters. Once we kick out some comfortable apathy, nothing can stop us.

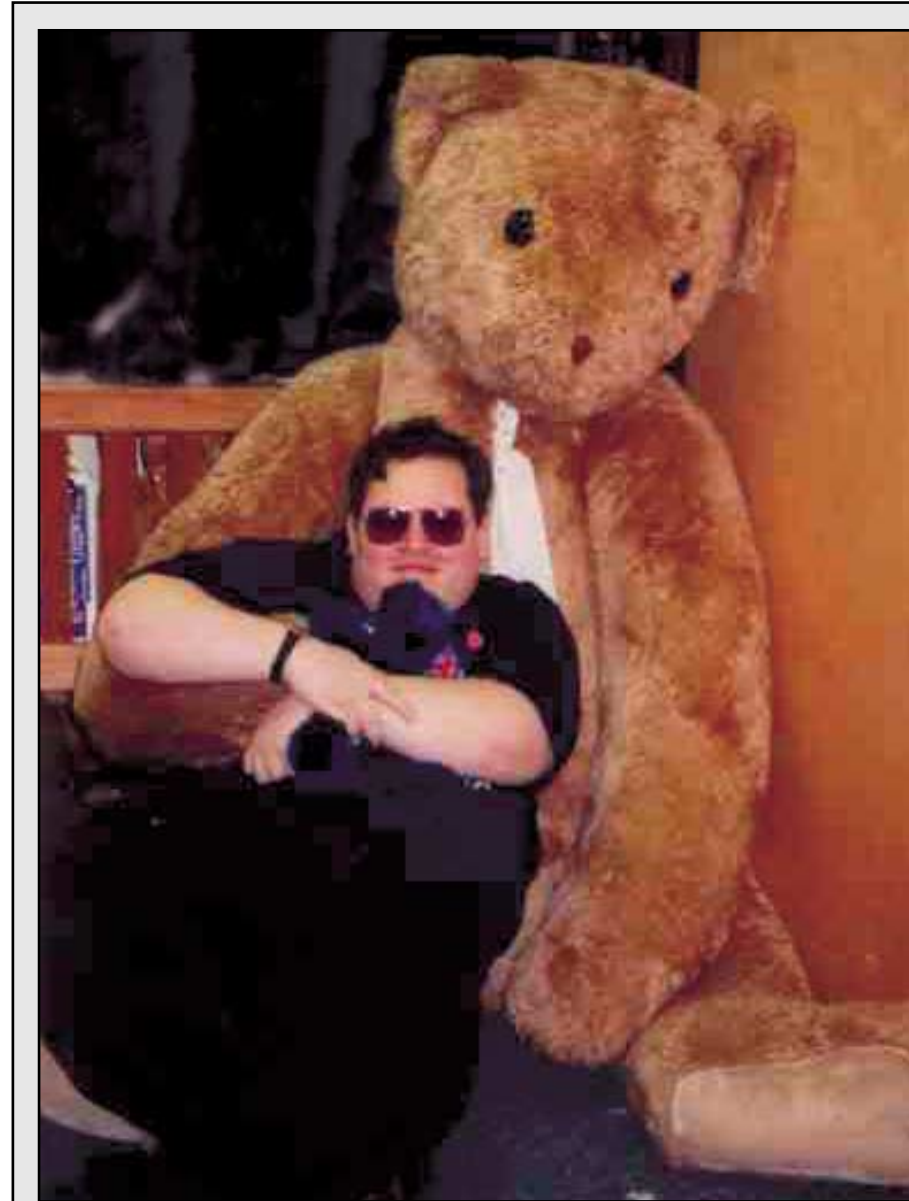
**Gumby: Finally, do you have anything to say to the Fleet?**

**JC:** I'm approachable. Yes, my major responsibility is to the Seventh Fleet, but as a leader of the entire Fleet, I will also be available to any member of Fleet. So feel free to talk to me about anything you please. Fleet can be a great union of fans, if only we work together... so, to coin a phrase, let's do this thing!

**Gumby: JC, thanks again for taking the time to sit and share your thoughts! I look forward to meeting you and working with you in future Fleet endeavors!**

**JC:** Thanks Gumby, that was fun!

*Is there someone you'd like to see interviewed on Fleet Beat? Send your nominations to [gumby@sfi.org](mailto:gumby@sfi.org)*



**A Regional Coordinator needs a friend - A big friend:** After trading for a Bear to be named later, JC Cohen is given the news of his ascent to Regional Coordinator of STARFLEET Region 7 and simply mutters "Hold me".

*Photo courtesy of Joan E. Pierce*

**Gumby: How can SFI help you better represent the members of your Region?**

**JC:** Well, first of all, I love the fact that the EC members have decided to take it upon themselves to help me build relationships with them. I can best serve the members by being able to go directly to the sources I need. Each member of the EC, whether I knew them previously or not, has been great to me so far. And our working relationship is growing well. Beyond that, I like that other AB members are willing to advise me based on their experiences.

accomplish anything. I mean, I didn't even get involved in Fleet until 1997. And by working, I've moved up, and up, and up, and now I'm on the Board of Directors. It has been incredibly rewarding.

**Gumby: On the flip side then; what is the thing you like least about SFI?**

**JC:** Least. Heh. Lack of communication. STARFLEET is the great potential communication tool, and people don't bother to talk to each other. If you have a problem, talk to someone about it. If you



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breathing, are choking, have had a heart attack, injuries to muscles, bones or joints, is bleeding severely, to burns and what to do if someone becomes suddenly ill. Two panels for Cadets were held, recognizing the increasing number of cadet-aged members who are STARFLEET members and attending the Summit each year. Visitors from out of the region ran panels, such as "Logos, Graphics and Signs," "Recruiting," and Fleet Admiral Les Rickard's "Ask the Brass" panel.

A scavenger hunt ran all day, with hunters looking for pieces to a 3D puzzle created by Bruce Dolan, and Moogie's Store, hosted by Sue Ellen Mohny, continued busily all morning and afternoon. Registration for the weekend and for the 2002 Summit continued all day, headed by R2 Treasurer/Intendant Denby Potts. The store closed at 4 pm for the formal auction, as several dozen eager bidders filled the room to overflowing. Freddy Heller, CO of the USS DaVinci, came through once again for the region as he has for so many years, donating several autographed photos, including one from the entire Voyager cast that brought a winning bid of \$400! By the time the auction ended, the tables were nearly devoid of merchandise and almost \$1200 had been made.

The attendees of the summit adjourned to their rooms to dress for the banquet. Everyone gathered in the main hall, wearing their best uniforms, suits, Klingon leathers, blue antennae, Ferengi garb, dresses or Renaissance formals. Sandy Dolan stood out in her Guinan-like outfit, and the Region Two Official Baby, Katrina Leigh Mohny, dazzled the paparazzi in her TNG uniform complete with honorary Captain's pips. During the dinner, a few announcements were made, among them the surprise that Dallas Vinson was stepping down from his position in order to devote more time to his other responsibilities as Region 2 Chief of Communications and to his Marine duties.

The dinner was followed by the annual awards and promotions ceremony, where the region awards its best and brightest with plaques and certificates, and gives out bragging rights for another year. Visiting and local dignitaries were introduced, including Vice Chief of Operations Dennis Rayburn, and Existing Fan Club Director Jill Rayburn, not to mention the many Region 2 members who are STARFLEET Headquarters staff members such as Danny Potts, Denby Potts, Barbara Paul and Ed DeGruy. The awards and winners were as follows:

**Helping Hands Award**  
Winner - Morgan Hahn  
USS Continuum

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**Interactive Achievement Award**  
Winner - Chapter - USS Okatoma  
Member - Ralph Planthold, USS Jubilee

**Scholastic Achievement Award**  
Winner - Amile Wilson, USS Haise

**SF Academy Achievement Award**  
Winner - Alice C. Strange, USS Drakenfire

**Recruiters Award**  
Winner - Joe Dobson, USS Triumph

**Newsletter Competition Award**  
Winner - USS Hephaestus

**Commanding Officer Of The Year**  
Winner - Shaughn O'Connor, USS Rogue Phoenix

**Officer Of The Year**  
Winner - Neil Yawn, USS Hephaestus

**Enlisted Member Of The Year**  
Winner - Bill Mock, USS Rogue Phoenix

**Junior Member Of The Year**  
Winner - Veronica Duane, USS Rogue Phoenix

**Overseas Coupon Program Award**  
Winner - USS Davinci - \$299,037.01

**Member Of The Year**  
Winner - Don Meyer, USS Rogue Phoenix

**Richard Daystrom Cyberspace Awards**  
**Superior Achievement And Performance:**  
USS Khai Tam

**Most Informative:**  
USS Rogue Phoenix

**Best Personal Site:**  
Jeanne Marsh, USS Rogue Phoenix

**Best Chapter Site:**  
USS Guardian

**Barbara Paul**  
**Superior Performance Award :**  
Pete Mohny, USS Hephaestus  
Joe Dobson, USS Triumph  
Bethany Theilman, USS Haise  
Denby Potts, USS Hephaestus  
Jean Smith, USS Drakenfire  
Rich Trulson, USS Wernher Von Braun

**Regional Commendation**  
Barbara Paul, USS Rogue Phoenix  
Denby Potts, USS Hephaestus  
Mary Curry, USS Odyssey  
Rosa Jackson, USS Trident

**Shuttle Of The Year**  
Winner - Shuttle Liberty

**Brenda Bullock Mothership Award**  
USS Davinci

**Ship Of The Year**  
USS Rogue Phoenix

## Certificates of Appreciation

Pete Mohny  
Jennifer Rosbury  
Rich Trulson  
Alice Strange  
Wade Olson

After the awards ceremony was over, the annual Region Two Dance began. Steve Gordon and Dallas Vinson were the DJs for the evening, with Region 15's Cindi DeMidio hosting the Karaoke. Quite a few stepped up to the microphone to show off their skill (or courage), and the singing and dancing went on into the wee hours of the morning.

During the day Saturday, the infamous Bear Feet of Jack Eaton elected to take a hike from his room. The shoes left behind a sad farewell note, explaining how they wished to travel around the Region and see the sights. By the end of the evening, someone had apparently convinced the shoes that they were better off with their old friend Jack, and they returned to his room, none the worse for wear. Reflecting the fickleness of shoes everywhere, by Sunday morning they had run off once more. Look for the adventures of Lefty and Righty on the R2 maillist, or write them at [leftie\\_rightie@hotmail.com](mailto:leftie_rightie@hotmail.com).

Sunday morning started early with three rounds of panels from 9 a.m. until noon, surprisingly well attended given the events of the night before (attendees have been sworn to secrecy). Closing ceremonies at noon had a few more fun awards, a round of thanks from and for the staff. They were ended by the striking of the colors by the Marines, led by R2 Brigade OIC Larry Morris. A couple of dozen stragglers who just couldn't bear for the weekend to end went to a pizza buffet for a final repast or went for a visit on the battleship USS Alabama, then all adjourned for home.

The Region Two Summit 2002 will be held in Columbus, Georgia, on March 8-10. The 2002 Summit will be hosted by the USS DaVinci and Chattahoochee Station. Information and flyers will be available shortly from the Region Two web site at <http://www.region2.sfi.org>, or can be mailed or emailed by contacting Region Two Chief of Summit Danny Potts at [treknoid@aol.com](mailto:treknoid@aol.com).

Region Two will be using Paypal (<http://www.paypal.com/>) for credit card registrations again for the 2002 Summit, as it was easy and trouble-free for the registrations we took in this year.

Thanks to members of Region Two for their contributions to this article, especially the many photographs they sent and the reports on events that the author was unable to attend!

**Check out the Picutres from the Region 2 Summit on pages 24 and 25!**

## REGION TWO SUMMIT INVADED BY 1ST BRIGADE

By Jill Rayburn, 1st Brigade OIC

I've always wanted to visit Risa, and I recently got the opportunity. Dennis (Rayburn) and I managed to pull some much needed off time and get down to Mobile, AL for the Region 2 Summit and 2nd BDE Muster. Their theme this year was "Holiday in Risa", and they did a wonderful job. Everyone made us feel welcome, and we had a great time. We had a special treat on the way down, as we discovered a rest stop near Huntsville with an actual Saturn V Launch Vehicle. Being able to touch the craft was a wonderful experience.

We arrived Friday afternoon, just in time to get settled into our room (much thanks to Wade for the assistance with the hotel, and to DJ for sharing her room), and ride with Wade Olsen to "Dinner with the Fleet Admiral". It was a great restaurant, and we enjoyed meeting new friends.

Saturday brought both work and fun for me, with the Academy Away Team (see related article in the Academy section) and the Marine Muster. One of the best parts of Saturday was a visit from the "Wenches of Risa", Sandy Dolan, Jennifer Rosbury, and Kristi Fell (from Region One). The "Wenches" attacked the male population of Risa unmercifully, planting big, wet, rosey kisses on their victims. As 1st BDE OIC, I hereby revoke all future shore leave for COL Fell, as a way to defend others from similar attacks <G>.

The banquet was great, both the food and the festivities. I'm sure all of the awards and promotions were well deserved. I do want to especially thank Wade for including Dennis in the awards, by publicly awarding him the Silver Nebula. As we will not be able to attend the R1 Summit, this meant a great deal to us.

As usual, the dance was a highlight of the weekend. I am glad that Cindi DeMidio and the others from Region 15 brought the karaoke machine. While I didn't take part myself, watching the others was interesting. Of course, Steve Gordon kept us all dancing as well, doing his usual wonderful job as DJ. I think perhaps Region 15 started a great tradition at IC that is continuing; "American Pie" - enough said!

Many people adjourned upstairs after the dance ended, and the parties and fun continued into the wee hours. Sunday was disappointing, as it was time to leave all our friends. Thanks to Wade, DJ, Les, and Ed for taking us into your group. Thanks to Denby for all her help. Thanks to everyone for making us feel so welcome and at home. For all those out there who are planning to attend upcoming Summits and/or IC, I know you will have a wonderful weekend. For those who are considering attending but are not sure, you really should go. It is one of the best experiences you'll have in STARFLEET. You will truly return with lasting memories of fun and family.





# IT'S SPRING, AND NATURALLY, A YOUNG

Risa Artwork by Bruce Dolan and Danny Hall

"Oh my god. Is that a \$100 bill? Oh, wait...just an old egg salad sandwich..."  
Members of the USS Triumph on Road Clean Up detail.



## USS TRIUMPH IS "ON THE ROAD AGAIN"

By Joe Dobson Florida Zone Coordinator, STARFLEET Region Two

The USS Triumph adopted a street in Fort Lauderdale called Florida Avenue. It is 1/2 mile in length. The chapter cleans it four times a year and it is in its third year. In 1999, the USS triumph was honored to be able to attend a county commissioners meeting where it was given an award for its outstanding service to the Adopt-A-Street program. The crew attended in class "A" uniform, and the audience was in awe. Photographs were taken and the meeting was broadcast "live" over the local cable TV networks and was replayed several times. I can't think of a better way to be seen, huh STARFLEET? The USS Triumph is very lucky to have such a great crew. I encourage every chapter to adopt a street in their local community.



**Making their mark:** USS Trimuph members assemble for a group shot after a hard days work along their adopted stretch of roadway, Florida Avenue in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Photos courtesy of Joe Dobson



**Koochie-koochie-koo:** Region Two's "First Couple", Pete and Sue Ellen Mohnhey, show off their latest cadet, Katrina L. Mohnhey.

Photo courtesy of Pete Mohnhey



**Almost two years as IG and all I got was...:** As STARFLEET somehow misplaced any sort of Medals, honors and awards, Fleet Admiral Rickard presented former Inspector General Danny Potts with the Official STARFLEET Pizza with Diet Coke Cluster.

Photo courtesy of Pete Mohnhey



**"We are the World...":** Members of Region 2 get in line, lock arms and sing Kumbaya. Or maybe they are doing the Macarena. A note: Pictures like these do really benefit from including names of those in it. (Hint, hint, hint).

Photo courtesy of Joe Dobson



No, we do not know whether Jamaheron while at the Re have our suspicions: The R - yes, it's a giant Horga'hn.



All that is missing is the S on his gut: From Region3 this little gem, an Action Chief of Operations AND Vinson. No word on any p the MSR Archive Playset

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# STARFLEET OFFICERS FANCY TURNS TO...

• Region 17 Logo created by Bob Bulkeley



Whether or not people partook in Region 2 Summit, but we do have the Region Two Summit Mascott

Photo courtesy of Joe Dobson



The STARFLEET Logo tattooed on the USS Panther City comes in the form of a Figure of STARFLEET (USS Panther City CO) Mark (potential other figures, but this is "under consideration". Photo courtesy of Joan E. Pierce



Put 'er there, pardner: Pete Mohny congratulates Neil Yawn on receiving the award as Region Two's Officer of the Year.

Photo courtesy of Pete Mohny



We're not auditioning for "Walks like an Egyptian 2001": From Left to right: Sandy Dolan (Summit Chairperson), Les Rickard (Who is he again?), R2 VRC Jennifer Rosbury, Wade Olson (leader of the band), RC R2 Pete Mohny and Danny Potts (Pizza Person).

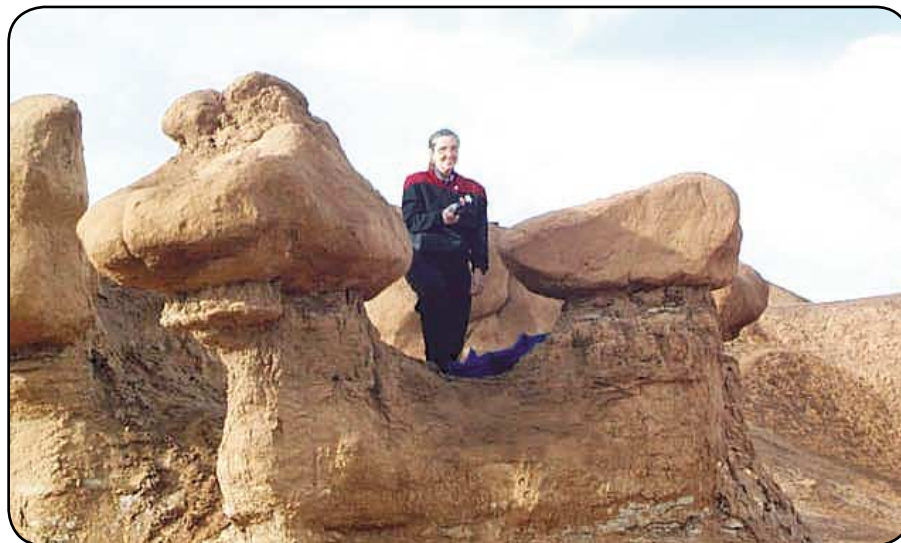
Photo courtesy of Joe Dobson



Marines STILL have more fun: Marine Comandant Wade Olson, flanked by R2's Margie Dyl and R1's Kristi Fell, proves once more that Uniforms hold a certain sway over the opposite sex.

Photo courtesy of Joe Dobson

"The first giant rock monster I see, gets it..."  
Captain D. Justin Taylor of the USS Alioth is ready for action.



## USS ALIOTH GOES ON A QUEST...

By Keira Russel Strong Regional Coordinator, STARFLEET Region Seventeen

The command staff of the USS Alioth/NCC-72383, from Orem/Provo, UT, visited Goblin Valley. The movie Galaxy Quest was partially filmed in UT. As Tim Allen stated, Goblin Valley is other worldly.

The crew of the USS Alioth didn't come across any miners or rock creatures, not even a pig-lizard, but they did have fun doing a photo shoot. When asked if we were obeying the prime directive we told them that we were and that was the reason we couldn't tell them what we were doing. Alas, the XO D. Justin Taylor left behind a phaser. Members at the photo shoot were Capt. D. Justin Taylor, Fleet Capt. Janet Shepherd, RADM Keira Russell-Strong, Midshipman Julia Clawson, and itty bitty Alyssa Clawson who has insisted that we watch Galaxy Quest repeatedly during the last five days to see where we were.

If any members of STARFLEET are driving through UT, Goblin Valley is well worth the stop. And if you find Justin's phasor we will pay for the shipping to return it.



"Rocks, rocks, rocks. What is this? Star Trek V?" - "Shut up, Wesley."

Photos courtesy of Keira Russel-Strong





# REGION 2 INVADES LAS VEGAS!

**Captain Ralph F. Planthold • USS Jubilee, STARFLEET Region Two**

**Artwork courtesy of the USS Jubilee • STARFLEET Region Two**

Captains and crew from three Region 2 starships made the jump in March from New Orleans to Las Vegas, spending five days and four nights in The City That Never Sleeps. Fleet Captain Jo Banister, her son Zane, and Fleet Captain Jim Brunton represented USS Okatoma; Captain Mary Ann Curry from USS Odyssey and Captain Ralph Planthold from USS Jubilee rounded out the shore leave party. We were joined there by my brother Robert and by Jim's good friend Cliff Fornwalt, both from California.

On the flight there, I pointed to an item from their TO&E [table of organization and equipment] and quizzed the Marines on the proper nomenclature of the standard airline tray table: "1 each table, folding, olive drab in color, model M1A1E1 [with modification for deep water fording], Star Trek Uno variety." Then, over the backs of the seats, we passed most of the flight playing that game on such a table.

Our first afternoon in town, we toured the Imperial Palace Auto Collection [lots of Duesenbergs, plus many newer cars, including some belonging to or used by Elvis Presley, Liberace and the Pope]. Jim especially enjoyed seeing cars from the 50s and later, since they brought back many fond memories.

During the five days we were in Vegas, we only made it to Star Trek: The Experience at the Las Vegas Hilton a mere three times. Can you believe it?! The actual "ride" at The Experience was worth every penny we paid for it, just for the opportunity to be on a replica of the USS Enterprise bridge set several times in person. Upon entering the ride wearing our uniforms, we were each issued a UFP Ambassador sticker to distinguish us from the ride's own uniformed personnel.

Quark's Bar looks pretty much like what we'd seen on television [minus the Dabo table and the girls who ran it]. "Quark" himself was on hand the first night we were there. We sampled Raktajino [Klingon coffee, a frozen blend of mocha and cappuccino] quite a few times during our three visits; on our first evening, the more adventurous of us [go ahead, guess who] tackled Deanna Troi's Chocolate Obsession [Kahlua, raspberry liqueur, Bailey's,

and chocolate syrup].

We purchased all manner of souvenirs from Moogie's Store and Garak's Clothiers, where we did quite a bit of photographing of various uniforms

range]! While talking to the clerk there, however, we learned of the upcoming STAR TREK 35th Anniversary Convention at the Alexis Park Hotel in Las Vegas; and we'll be returning for it this September 6-9. Check out

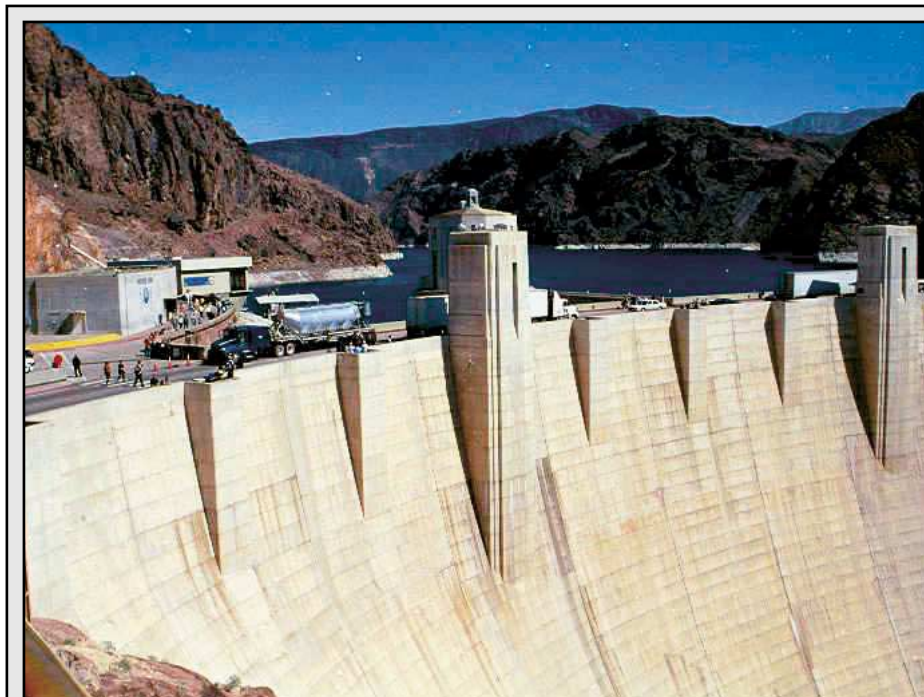
female warrior, and a general, were roving "good will" ambassadors, often chiding the humans to pursue their commercial efforts more zealously (i.e., to buy more stuff); to those of us in STARFLEET uniforms, however, they were surprisingly civil and even somewhat talkative. The staff working the shops on the Deep Space 9 Promenade were, to no one's surprise, all Bajorans.

On day 2 "the boys" went to nearby Hoover Dam and took the hardhat tour of its interior all the way to the bottom, guided by a Native American named Adrian. On day 3 we all drove to Valley of Fire State Park, 55 miles northeast of Vegas. This was where the outdoor location shooting of the planet Veridian III was done for the movie Star Trek: Generations. While there, we're convinced we found the location of Captain Kirk's final resting-place.

On night 3 Jo and Jim [in white TNG mess jackets], Mary Ann [in a DS9 duty uniform], and Zane [in civvies] attended Michael Flatley's "Lord of the Dance" at the New York, New York casino. They enjoyed the performance immensely.

On day 4, after a second visit to The Experience, taking my brother to the airport, and supper at one of the numerous casino buffets, we had to make an emergency stop at the Excalibur casino to allow Jo to buy some chocolate fudge. When we finally returned to our hotel, Jo, Zane, and Mary Ann had been evicted from their room due to the hotel's clerical error; and since the hotel had no other room available, we had to scramble to find room for them at another nearby hotel for one night.

On the flight back, this time occupying facing seats, four of us again played Star Trek Uno (this time by Klingon rules, available upon e-mail request to me at [AdmiralR@aol.com](mailto:AdmiralR@aol.com) while Jo Banister slept. When I say this lady slept, I don't mean dozed. When Jim had to ask her to move so he could go to the rest room, she did so willingly; but, rather than resume her seat while he was away, she took her pillow with her, stood in the aisle, and slept resting her head on a cabin section partition until he returned!



**One of the great marvels of modern engineering:** While visiting Las Vegas, members of Region 2 visited Hoover Dam.

*Photo courtesy of Ralph Planthold*



**Umax, por favor?** Fleet Captain Jo Banister, Commanding Officer of the USS Okatoma helps Hooman...er...Human-Ferengi interspecies relations along with her own unique personal touch.

*Photo courtesy of Ralph Planthold*

for details of their construction. We looked but hardly touched anything from the Admiral Collection [high-end collectibles, way out of our price

the website information soon, because tickets are going fast!

Several Klingons, a male warrior, a





# REGION 15 GOES SLEDDING!

**Fleet Captain Cindi DiMidio • Public Relations Director, STARFLEET Region 15**

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

It was a cold and windy day on Planet Amesbury in the chilly sector of Region 15 when Regional ships converged for the showdown. The gauntlet was thrown down: Beat the Hills at their own game and Survive! Region 15's best turned out for the competition. Teams from Guardian Angel Class USS Hood and Sullivans Class USS Tsunami readied the battle-hardened troops for Amesbury's slopes and began combat at around 11 AM APT (Amesbury Planetary Time). Leading the assault were campaign commanders XO's Captain Trina (Scully) McLaughlin, USS Tsunami and Commander Garrett (Wildman) McCarthy, USS Hood.

The hills were slick; speed and finesse essential as STARFLEET Region 15 placed their mark once again. Garrett and Trina's original test team included: Mark Abbott, USS Tsunami, John Cook and CO Ron Bishop of USS Hood. The teams were assembled, and added to the original test team were Mel Nadeau, USS Hood, Jim Wentzel, and Rich DeMidio, USS Tsunami. Several brave STARFLEET and Civilian Cadets joined the foray: Ronnie and Toffer Bishop, USS Hood, Paul & Ross DeMidio, Brandon & Jenn Zadel and Dustin Howard, USS Tsunami. All of the cadets showed bravery and camaraderie toward each other and their team commanders in, for some of them, their very first Away Mission. As time and the elements beat down on the weary participants, Tsunami CMO Russ Hannagan offered to join the battle. As he was leaving for the hills he looked back to see the assembled landing party offering him a blessing and a wave. He continued towards the battleground asking in horror, "What did I get myself into?"

Battle continued throughout the day. Teams were cheered on by Tsunami crew not in competition: Paul Belanger, Mom Zadel, Shirley Shaw & Fleet Captain Spooky, USS Tsunami, CO. The cheering was loudest by Icie Barker, USS Hood, who showed up to cheer for her ship and Region, on a pair of crutches. The mighty Galaxy Class flagship USS Atlantis broke into orbit, depositing RC Rich Nacaula

and Betsy Nacaula at the height of the battle. Space Station Ian Fleming came in support of the campaign as CO Gary Halverson and Ian Halverson flew the command runabout overhead, firing a salute to the battle weary. As the day wore on, more STARFLEET personnel were needed for battle. The Hubble Class USS Omar Khayyam swooped into orbit. CO Robb Jackson and Peg Kelley joined the troops in one last ditch effort to make the hills succumb.

and CURRENT Nationally Registered EMT Intermediate's Trina McLaughlin and Mark Abbott cared for the fallen cadets. Both young men were brave, calm, listened and followed the instructions of medical personnel and made mature decisions regarding their injuries. (Personal Kudos and Thank You's to Mark and Trina for their skillful and compassionate handling of the incidents and young men. I'd put both my sons' welfare in their capable

Storch, Jeremy Burl Gilbert, Paul The Klingon Belanger and Fleet Captain Spooky regaled the locals with Region 15's vocal talent. The event marked the Regional debut of "Country Klingon" as Tsunami's Klingon Chief Engineer Paul (C'Orrell Chengoff) Belanger pounded out George Strait melodies. Gary Halverson of Ian Fleming Station and Eric Storch of USS Tsunami had a good natured Elvis impersonation battle between "I Can't Help Falling In Love With You" and "In The Ghetto".

Laurie MacFarlane Halverson of Ian Fleming Station swooned the crowd with Billie Holiday's "God Bless The Child" and her Patsy Cline rendition of "Crazy". Jeremy Burl Gilbert of USS Tsunami brought out the Bowie and Beatlemania in all with "Space Oddity" and "A Day In The Life".

Both Fleet Captain Spooky and Eric Storch belted out show tunes "Don't Cry For Me Argentina" and "If Ever I Should Leave You". Spooky also sang the Japanese song "Sukiyaki" with a little help from the planetary Universal Translator. Omar Khayyam's Peg Kelley joined in on the sidelines as a local sang "Nights In White Satin", taking the high lead on the song to the Tsunami crew's harmony. (C'mon Peg, on stage next time.) USS Atlantis' Betsy Nacaula sang sideline harmony with the Klingon on many of the local talent's country songs (Next time, you too Betsy.) Rich Nacaula (Atlantis), Robb Jackson (Omar) & John Cook (Hood) were content to sing along from the Regional campsite near the stage. USS Hood Karaoke talent Icie Barker was sidelined due to lack of space at the microphone for her crutches.

Fleet Captain Gary Halverson finished the evening's entertainment with "Cat's In The Cradle". The RC made a decree that from this moment on the two chapters be good-naturedly known as the "Tsinging Tsunamis" and the "Fabulous Flemings." Needless to say, we closed the house!

Many thanks to all who participated in making this a success. Go Region!! Region 15 Rocks!!



**"Rosebud" was a sled, too:** Members of Region 15, led by "Wildman" Garrett McCarthy demonstrate the technique of "Train"-ing down the slopes. "Watch out for that TREE... er...FENCE!!!"

*Photo courtesy of the USS Tsunami and USS Hood*

Courage was the order of the day as Region 15 teams conquered the mighty hills of Planet Amesbury. The Amesbury hills were not ready for the onslaught of the team's distinctive technique called "Train"-ing. Of course, neither was the retaining fence. ;o) Despite the strong wind and chill, the day was won, but not without sacrifice. Two brave cadets; Ronnie Bishop and Paul DeMidio, through no fault of theirs or anyone else's, fell to injury defending Region 15 valor.

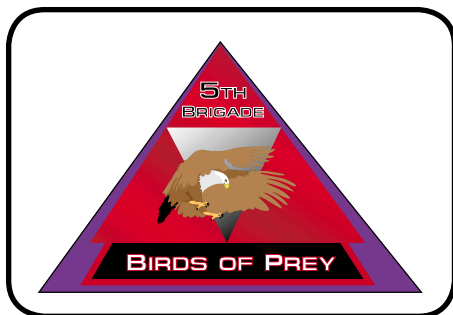
Fortunately, on hand were many versed in First Aid in both STARFLEET and Civilian quarters. CMO's from the Hood and Tsunami as well as former NYS EMT's Rich and Cindi DeMidio

hands anytime. I'm glad they were there. Spooky.)

The victory was celebrated by a contingent of 17 as Hood, Tsunami, Atlantis, Omar Khayyam and Ian Fleming gathered in orbit around Outpost Haverhill, MA for an outstanding meal of Italian cuisine at The Roma Restaurant. The battle weary were served as if they were royalty. The victory celebration continued through the night by crew from all 5 ships into Karaoke with Lamphear Karaoke Company (the folkes who did the Karaoke at the 2000 IC).

Region 15 members Gary Halverson, Laurie MacFarlane Halverson, Eric





# 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

You've been hearing about STARFLEET Marines, and perhaps wondered who we are and what we do. As members of STARFLEET International, Inc., we have chosen to represent the fictional Ground Forces in the Star Trek Universe. While that is a lot of fun, we also have a role in the real world activities of our Chapters. The 521st Marine Strike Group (MSG), which is attached to the USS Destiny in Salem, Oregon, is part of the 5th Brigade (Region 5), SFMC.

To begin, not everything we do is a high visibility, attention-getting activity. One of our activities has been to give encouragement to some

STARFLEET members working to start a new Shuttle in Portland, Oregon (Pre-Shuttle Achilles). While they know many of us are Marines, we focus attention on them and their current needs rather than distracting them with secondary issues. News flash - we're a "Mommy!" The USS Destiny is the proud Mothership of the Shuttle Achilles, launched March 17, 2001 with CMDR Tim Taber as SCO, and LCDR James Smith as SXO.

Within the Chapter, our Marines take responsibility to get things done. At our Chapter's February meeting, guests were informed about our Marine activities by several of our members.

Later, we enjoyed viewing a video production given to us by Region Five's USS Jaguar.

We began the month of March with an Away Team mission to visit the Portland Art Museum, and were joined by some members of the Achilles. The following day we held a Command Staff meeting, where decisions were made that will impact the future of the ship and MSG.

Recently, we were contacted with a request to support the HOST Program of Northwest Human Services. Three of our Marines attended a dinner raising funds for the HOST Program, which is

trying to build a new Homeless Teen Shelter in Salem. We are still examining just what we can do for the program, but our Marines will be there pitching in with help.

Coming up soon, we'll be sending an Away Team to the Oregon Coast to help with SOLV's Oregon Beach Cleanup on March 31st. We'll get back just in time to send a Team to Gresham, Oregon on April 1st for taping of a Portland cable television production entitled "Spotlight on Star Trek." This 1-hour show will include a 20-minute segment on our Chapter and its members, and is being produced by Anthony Wynn.

The Fifth Battalion of the Seventh Brigade of the STARFLEET Marine Corps, made up of the various Marine contingents within the State of New York, held its very first Battalion Muster in conjunction with Lunacon 2001 in late March at the Rye Town Hilton in northern Westchester County. Leading the weekend's events was the 5BTN Commander, Brigadier Richard C.S. "Doc" Kinne.

The first 5BTN Muster also had the distinction of being the first STARFLEET event at which Fleet Captain J.C. Cohen made an appearance as Region 7 Regional Coordinator, following his selection to that post by the chapters of the Seventh Fleet in early March. J.C. had the privilege of promoting USS Sun Tzu's Marilee Worrell to the rank of Captain, or its Marine equivalent, Colonel.

BGR Kinne was assisted in setting up the weekend by Colonel Hank Heald, Battalion Adjutant, OIC of the 755th Marine Strike Group, and CO of USS Sun Tzu. Hank, who has helped with several past Lunacons, secured meeting space and helped to promote the event among the area's Marines.

At the meeting, the 5th Battalion succeeded in conducting several items of business, including selecting a nickname ("The Fifth Menace") and a motto ("We make our own luck"). In addition, the group managed the impossible, designing a logo by committee!

Following the 9 am meeting, the 5th Battalion members pursued a variety of activities, from manning the con's Book

## FIFTH BATTALION MUSTER

By Major General Mark H. Anbinder • USS Accord



**Minting new Colonels along the way:** Newly promoted Col. Marilee Worrell, Col. Hank Heald, and Fleet Captain J.C. Cohen at the 5th BTN Muster Meeting.



**Flowers are a mighty tasty appetizer:** Rob Shugrue, Col. Hank Heald, and convention guest author (and USS Avenger member) Dale Kagan at the 5th BTN Muster Dinner at the Rye Town Hilton's. Photos Courtesy of "Doc" Kinne.

Exhibit room to gaming competitions to volunteering at the con's registration table. The contingent from the 771st MSG in Ithaca paused for lunch with MGEN Anbinder's parents, who live a few towns south of Rye, in Dobbs Ferry, and who drove up to the hotel for the meal with their son.

Then, 6 pm saw the group reassemble for an extensive buffet dinner at the Tulip Tree restaurant. The Marines of the Battalion were joined for the meal by Dale Kagan, a USS Avenger member whose science fiction murder mystery book, *Lanterns Over Demner*, has just been published by Xlibris, a publishing company affiliated with Random House, Inc. Dale was selling and signing copies of the book at the con, and ran out early in the day Saturday!

5th Battalion members present for the weekend's festivities were Mark Anbinder, J.C. Cohen, Richard Fine, Stephanie Fine, Hank Heald, Doc Kinne, Rob Shugrue, and Marilee Worrell. The group is already thinking ahead to plans for this summer's 7th Brigade Muster, planned for early July at the Shore Leave convention in Hunt Valley, Maryland.

The Ithaca group stayed at a separate nearby hotel, as there were no rooms available when BGR Kinne tried to make a reservation weeks in advance. They set out northwest early enough on Sunday for J.C. to get to his evening shift at work on time, but to no avail! Car trouble stranded the trio in Fish's Eddy. Thanks to AAA, a pair of tow-truck drivers, and a roving Buddha Buck, the story has a happy ending, and J.C. even eventually got to work.



# FIRST CONTACT WAS MADE BY KLINGONS!

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Klingons, not Vulcans, made first contact with Earth. In fact, they made first contact more than 1000 years before the Vulcans. The basis for this statement: Genghis Khan. The similarities between Khan's life and methods and those of Kahless the Unforgettable and Klingon culture are too striking for any other, rational, explanation to be reached, save one to be mentioned at the end of this essay.

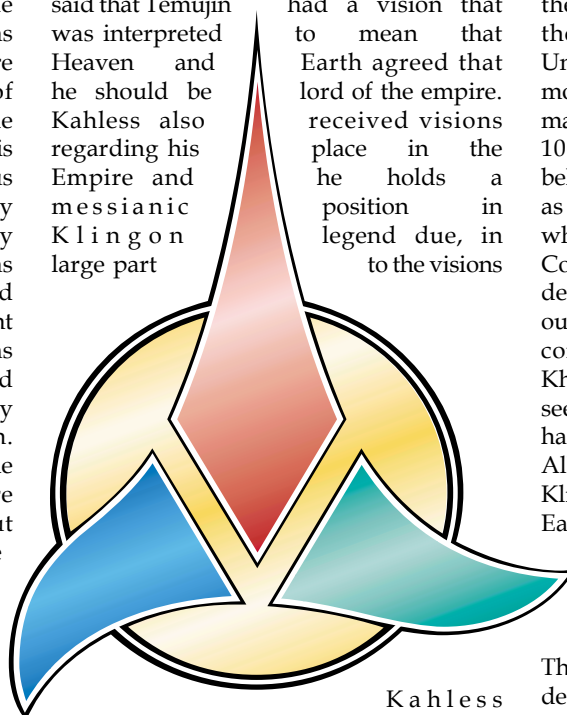
How, you may be asking yourself, did the Klingons get to Earth more than 1000 years before the Vulcans? Simple, the Klingons eventually gave the Romulans warp technology. Since the Romulans are nothing more than a splinter group of disgruntled Vulcans who left the home world when Surak came to power with his logic over emotion philosophy, it is obvious that the Klingons had warp technology much earlier than the Vulcans. With early warp powered spaceships, the Klingons started exploring the Galaxy and found Earth. Instead of conquering Earth outright (a mistake they would later regret as a people), the early Klingons decided to leave behind an outpost and study the development of Earth civilization. Unfortunately for the outpost, one of the many civil wars of the Klingon Empire erupted and they were forgotten about after the records of their mission were destroyed or misplaced. Assuming (rightly) that they had been forgotten, the Klingons on Earth decided to "go native" and promptly began intermingling and interfering in human affairs. It just so happened that they were dropped off on the Asian continent near the homelands of the Mongol people. Please allow me to explain my reasoning for the statement that Klingons made First Contact with Earth and not the Vulcans.

The similarities between Kahless, founder of the Klingon Empire and Temüjin, later known as Genghis Khan, founder of the Mongol Empire, are eerie. Both leaders united their peoples, previously nomadic (to a large extent), into strong military states. They began campaigns of conquest, which made them and their people feared by all of their neighbors. Neither of the leaders were the first, or the last, to unite and lead their peoples in conquest; they were merely more successful than any of the others.

Both leaders were forced to overcome those closest to them before becoming truly successful in uniting their people. Kahless was forced to kill his brother in order to regain his family's honor. Temüjin was forced to overcome attempts by his closest friend and advisor, Jamuka, to provoke a crisis in his leadership. Temüjin, though, did not have to kill Jamuka to triumph and

unite the Mongol clans, he dishonored and banished Jamuka from the clans and into the desert, along with any followers who would not follow Temüjin.

The similarity between Kahless' brother, Morath, and Jamuka are also startling: both had no honor. Morath lied to try and undo Kahless while Jamuka was a man who loved intrigue and would desert his friends for a quick buck without hesitation. However, the similarities between Kahless and Temüjin do not end there. It is said that Temüjin had a vision that was interpreted to mean that Heaven and Earth agreed that he should be lord of the empire. Kahless also received visions regarding his place in the Empire and he holds a messianic position in legend due, in part, to the visions.



Kahless received and passed on to the people of the Empire he founded. Additionally, the weapons used by these men were similar in overall appearance: the Bat'leth used by Kahless and the scimitar favored by Genghis Khan are curved blades with very sharp points and make effective tools of death and destruction.

Aside from the leaders, Klingon and Mongol civilizations are also similar. Kahless and Khan created unified nations that were organized for war and survived many trials (feuds, civil war, etc...).

Both cultures are very militaristic and organized for conquest. They were also both greatly feared by their neighbors, who took steps, they thought, to protect themselves from conquest. In the case of the Mongols, the Chinese so feared them that they built a huge wall to keep the "Mongol horde" out of China. The Federation, trying to protect itself from invasion by, or war with, the Klingons, negotiated the space-based equivalent of the Great Wall, the Neutral Zone. Both cultures also have strange tastes in food and drink, at least

according to their neighbors. The Klingons love gagh and Blood Wine among other "delicacies." The Mongols enjoyed horse and yak meat and drank fermented mare's milk, dishes despised by most of their neighbors as being revolting and uncivilized.

The Mongol and Klingon empires have founders and cultures which are eerily similar. The similarities leave only two possible explanations: (1) Genghis Khan somehow left Earth (with help from the ancient Egyptians?) and founded the Klingon Empire as Kahless the Unforgettable (highly unlikely); or (much more likely and reasonable) (2) the Klingons made First Contact with Earth more than 1000 years before the Vulcans. It is my belief that the person Earth history knows as Genghis Khan was, in reality, a Klingon who was somehow left behind after First Contact was made and the Klingon ship departed Earth. My basis for this belief, as outlined above, is bolstered by one other compelling piece of evidence: Genghis Khan looks amazingly like the Klingons seen in the original "Star Trek" series: long hair, dark skin and Fu Manchu moustache. All of this evidence backs up the fact that Klingons must have made first contact with Earth. There can be no other reasonable explanation for the eerie similarities between the leaders and cultures of the Mongol and Klingon Empires.

The line of Klingons on Earth, after the final destruction/collapse of the Mongol Empire, survived for many years and eventually migrated across the Asian and European continents to reside in the family of an Englishman. As documented by the famed author Douglas Adams in his book "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy," the construction supervisor, L. Prosser was a direct, male line descendant of Genghis Khan. Unfortunately, by the time of Second Contact with Earth by the Vulcans, the bloodline of Genghis Khan and the Klingons left behind on Earth more than 1000 years earlier had been diluted to the point that the only thing left of them in their descendants was a predilection for blood (usually cooked into pies and other meat dishes) and a need to shave on a very regular basis to remove the moustache and beard if one did not want to sport that type of facial hair. The important thing to remember about the later descendants of the Klingons on Earth is that they never gave up. Whatever job they were given was done with the highest degree of honor and pride, once again evidenced by Mr. Adams' book. L. Prosser never gave up on trying to demolish Arthur Dent's house and was prepared to wait forever if necessary for Arthur to give up and leave so he could move his bulldozers into position.

## WHAT DO WE REALLY KNOW?

By Fleet Captain David Pfeifer  
USS Prevailing Wind

Recently the following statement has come across my desk and has made me think: "The True Path To Enlightenment Is First To Admit That You Know Nothing." Before you dismiss the statement, think about it. If Columbus had not challenged the idea of the world being flat, we would not now hold the knowledge that it is spherical, at least that is what we now believe. Along the same line of thinking, if Galileo had not challenged the thought of the Earth as being the center of our Solar System, then would we now know that the Sun is really at its center? (At least, that is our current belief).

We are taught early on that  $1 + 1 = 2$  and that a certain color is red. Where did these concepts come from? Who labeled them? Is it by convention? Why is it so? While we need these concepts to function in our limited capacity as human beings and to grow as a race, culture, or world, who is really to say that we know such things to be true?

Many probably believe that the people they associate with every day are Terran. What if, by some means, the individuals you work with, socialize with, or even live with are actually from another world, innocently blending in, waiting to see when Terrans are ready to accept news of their existence. How would this change our world? (Understand I am neither supporting or denouncing such a concept; merely stating a thought, a possibility if you will).

The purpose of this article is not to knock or support any religious beliefs or ideals or any scientific beliefs or ideals. It also is not intended to ask anyone to change the way they do things or call for change as we must have certain concepts and beliefs in order to grow, as stated earlier. The only reason for the article is to ask "What Do You Really Know?"





# THE HITCHHIKERS GUIDE TO MIDDLE EARTH

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## PART ONE OF THREE

Given the upcoming release date for the first of three films based on JRR Tolkien's Lord of the Rings trilogy (December 19, 2001) and a personal interest I have taken in the entire saga, I thought I would share with you some of the history of Middle Earth and perhaps open some very interesting thoughts and questions about Tolkien, The Hobbit, and The Lord of the Rings which I will call "The Hitchhiker's Guide to Middle Earth."

### On Tolkien's Writing

Much of Tolkien's writing is of a mythological nature, particularly in the writing of The Silmarillion, which is in itself a mythology and history of Middle Earth from its beginnings to its culmination in the War for the One Ring made and coveted by Sauron, the major force of discord and evil.

Let's begin the journey through Middle Earth first with a study of its creation and development from the dark void filled by a divine being (and by no means is this meant to be a theological discussion, however some aspects of divinity and creation are part of the saga, so please don't take offense if you have your own set of beliefs).

### On Middle Earth and its Location in the Cosmos

Tolkien's description of the world begins at a beginning of time with a divine being called Iluvatar (or Eru) who, with a group of deities and demiurgic beings known as the Ainur (or Valar) and their vassals, the Maiar, create the world from a formless and dark void. Much like the Greek mythos, these demiurgic beings each take on a form and function. The key players (and there are others to be sure) of the Valar in the creation of the world are: - Manwe and Varda, the King and Queen of the Valar - Ulmo, the Lord of the Waters and his vassal Osse - Orome, the Hunter - Aule and Yavanna, the makers of substance (lands, trees, stones, and earth) - Namo, who maintains Mandos, the halls of the dead where spirits of the world go after death - Nienna, who laments for the sorrows of the world, and her vassals (in theory), the Istari or Wizards, of whom Gandalf and Saruman become key players in the challenging of Sauron in the War of the Ring.

Tolkien, like many writers of mythology, also creates a force of discord and evil



In the upcoming "Lord of the Rings" movie, veteran Actor Christopher Lee plays Saruman.

designer of all things. Melkor himself has a series of vassals, the major one of whom is Sauron, but also including the Balrogs featured in Lord of the Rings and Orcs, the twisted creation of Melkor from the first elves he captures and torments.

The creation of the world, or Arda as it is called in the mythology, is a creation of both a divine world and a secular world. The divine lands, known as Aman, are the first to appear in the creation, and Arda's center is Valinor, the home of the Valar on earth. Aman is located to the far west of the world, and on its eastern shores is created the great sea Belegaer, which separates Aman from the lands of Middle Earth that are soon to be populated by the creatures of the world (elves, men, dwarves, and the like). Middle Earth at the beginning encompasses a realm known as Beleriand (which is later destroyed in a catastrophic flood by Iluvatar and the Valar in a cleansing of evils) and lands further east beyond the Blue Mountains (Ered Luin) which will become Middle Earth as presented in The Hobbit and Lord of the Rings. It is from this early world that spring forth the creatures, the first of whom are the elves...

### On Elves and Their Divisions

The Elves are in the mythology the children of Iluvatar, immortal in lifespan yet mortal in the sense that they can be killed, they represent the connection between Middle Earth and the undying lands populated by the Valar. Their beginnings are in Middle Earth in darkness in a land bordering a great lake known as Cuivienen, and their beginning is somewhat primitive - although they possess language and culture and a wonder for the stars and things around them, they are nonetheless in fear and

to balance a n d counteract the good of the Valar, and this force is Melkor, first among the Ainur and the first to question a n d challenge the might of Iluvatar as principle

awe of the Valar, particularly of Orome (who later becomes their salvation against the hands of Melkor).

Seeing the potential for their destruction, the benevolent Valar sends Orome to bring the elves, known as the Quendi, to the lands of Aman to live an immortal existence without suffering. However, the seeds of discord planted by Melkor are already planted, both in his perversion of some of the elves (who he has captured) into the orcs of Middle Earth as well as by the free wills of the elves themselves. Such is created a division among elves - those who choose to follow Orome to Aman to see the light of the divine trees (these become the Eldar) and those who choose to remain in the darkness of Middle Earth not yet lit by a sun and moon (these become the Avari).

Tolkien traces a history for both the Eldar and the Avari as they further divide themselves of their own choice and the hands of discord planted by Melkor. Of the Eldar, three groups evolve - the Vanyar (who remain committed to the deities and remain in Aman in Valinor), the Noldor (who are drawn for various reasons back to Middle Earth), and the Teleri (those elves who had journeyed from their home in Cuivienen either to return to Aman as part of the Calaquendi (Elves of Light who beheld the divinely lit trees of Valinor). Some of the Teleri who, despite making the initial voyage toward Aman, remained in Middle Earth, either crossing the Misty Mountains to enter the western shores of Beleriand (these came to be known as the Sindar or Grey Elves), or those who remained far to the east, eventually came to Beleriand (and become known as the Nandor and Laiquendi). Collectively, the Avari, Sindar, Nandor and Laiquendi became known as Moriquendi (Elves of Darkness who never beheld the light in Valinor). Such is created diversity of culture and language and ultimately a driving force for the reunion of all elves and men in the character of Aragorn, who in the mythology shares both an elven and human heritage through thousands of years of ancestry.

### On the Dwarves

The dwarf race is a creation of Aule and Yavanna - as givers of earth and land, the dwarves are therefore connected to the grounds and to the mountains and gems and metals of the world, which is evident in their forges and mastery of metals and rocks. The dwarves also represent a

force of discord of themselves - not being creations of Iluvatar himself, they are forced to sleep beneath the earth until such time as Iluvatar's elves come to populate and explore the world unhindered. It is only after their division at their own hands and the influence of Melkor that the dwarves appear in Middle Earth.

### On Men

Mankind in the mythology of Tolkien represent the mortal aspect of Iluvatar's vision of the world - they come into the world at his hand with what is considered a gift of mortality that makes them better connect with each other and with the other living creatures around them and allows them the luxury of (perhaps) joining each other after death in the halls of Mandos, a gift that the immortal elves do not share. However, given their mortality and their ease in influence, they ultimately become both the pawns of Sauron (and such are borne Sauron's armies of the south and east that battle for Gondor and Minas Tirith in Return of the King and his Ringwraiths or Nazgul that are possessed by the Rings of Power given to them by Sauron). However, mankind under the direction of Gandalf and Aragorn, who ultimately becomes the unifying king of men, later proves to be the salvation of Middle Earth and the downfall of Sauron.

Aragorn in particular is perhaps the central player, equally as important as Frodo the Hobbit is in destroying the One Ring that can spell doom for the world. We shall explore Aragorn in further detail...

### Aragorn



Aragorn, as portrayed by Viggo Mortenson.

the unifying force of the world, we need to trace his ancestry a bit...

Aragorn is by birth of the race of men, the son of Elros, brother of the immortal elf Elrond. To better understand Aragorn's lineage and his role as

Of the Noldor, those elves that departed



from Aman, Feanor is the principle catalyst (other than Melkor) for the evils of the world. Feanor, long before the age of men, captures the light of the trees of Valinor in the three great jewels known as the Silmarils. It is not surprising then that both Feanor, in awe of his own creation, and Melkor, jealous of all that has been created, each covet the three jewels. Feanor, not to be deprived of his work, draws the Noldor away from Aman and is exiled to Middle Earth. Melkor is given the opportunity and is successful in stealing the Silmarils and destroying the divine trees in Valinor, signifying a passing of divine creation of the world to a more secular history and passage of time at the hands of elves, men, and creatures of discord who use the Silmarils and their powers through the ages which ultimately leads to the War for the One Ring.

Aragorn, however, could not have come to exist were it not for this division of elves and their exile to Middle Earth - Feanor's stepmother Indis sires children who, although loyal to Feanor and are themselves exiled to Middle Earth, begin a lineage that will end with Aragorn. Indis has a son Fingolfin who is abandoned on the long journey from Aman to Middle Earth by Feanor, and Fingolfin's sons become a positive force in the development of Middle Earth. Fingolfin sires his own children including Turgon who then sires Idril who eventually marries the mortal man Tuor and their daughter Earendil (a half-elf) then sires both Elrond and Elros - Elrond chooses to be immortal and therefore enables himself to be the teacher and foster parent of Aragorn and counsel him to be able to lead the race of men, while Elros chooses to be a mortal man thus ensuring Aragorn's lineage through the kings of men down to the Third Age where the War for the One Ring occurs.

Equally important to those elves who were exiled from Aman are the elves who never saw the light of Valinor, for they create the background for the development of Middle Earth through the ages and sew the seeds for the resistance of Sauron. Chief among these is Elwe, father of the Sindar elves, who marries Melian (one of the Maiar, vassals of the Valar, who herself chooses an existence in Middle Earth) and together they sire Luthien who marries the mortal Beren. They have a child, Dior, who marries and sires Elwing, who will be Earendil's husband and father to Elrond and Elros, thus reunifying the elves of Aman and Middle Earth (recall that Earendil is a child of the exiled Noldor).

The final unifying factor is the marriage of Elrond to Celebrian, the daughter of Galadriel, who herself becomes a major force in the downfall of Sauron. Galadriel is herself the daughter of Finarfin, the brother of Feanor who chooses not to be exiled to Middle Earth with the Noldor but remain as lord of the faithful Noldor who remain in Aman. Galadriel, through

her ties to her faithful father, is able to preserve much of the divinity of Aman in Middle Earth through the ages and provide a haven for the Fellowship of the Ring on their quest to destroy it and ultimately she is redeemed and returns to Aman with Elrond at the end of the War. Her contribution is finalized by her daughter Celebrian's marriage to Elrond, for their daughter Arwen chooses mortality at the end of the War for the One Ring and Arwen marries Aragorn, ushering in the age of men and leading the elves to return in time to Aman for reunification.

This is of course a complex history and lineage, but the point perhaps is to see that Tolkien paints for us a picture that ultimately leads to a more unified world but yet one which has a great deal of diversity of life and culture rather than one which is either sterile or wholly divine. It just happens that a war happens in between...

### Of the War for the One Ring



**The role of Frodo will be portrayed by Elijah Wood ("Deep Impact")**

The element that is missing from this of course is the element of discord planted initially by Melkor but carried through the ages by Sauron and his forging of the One Ring.

Through discord he creates the Silmarils which Aragorn ultimately uses to challenge him and set forth the wheels that allow him (Aragorn) to defeat Sauron and allow Frodo to bring the ring to its destruction.

Through discord he also fools the elves into forging the Rings of Power, three of which they wisely hide from him, seven of which he tries to sway the dwarves with (unsuccessfully due to their unique lineage at the hands of Aule and Yavanna), and nine he steals and uses to twist the mortal men into the Nazgul or Ringwraiths that serve as his Captains in the War for the One Ring. This all comes to a head when he creates the One Ring to control them all -Tolkien writes the well known verse:

One Ring to rule them all, One Ring to find them,  
One Ring to bring them all and in the darkness bind them...

It is his folly and blind ambition that leads him to pour much of his power into the One Ring (which becomes his undoing when the ring is destroyed in the fires of Mount Doom where it was created)



**Academy Award-nominated Sir Ian McKellan ("Gods and Monsters") as Gandalf.**

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### Hobbits - The Mystery of Middle Earth

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Still, without the Hobbits and without Gollum (supposed to be a Hobbit of some sorts twisted by the evil of the One Ring over the centuries), the One Ring would never have come to its destruction and good would never have triumphed over evil. All we know is that neither the elves nor the men, the children of Iluvatar's own vision, could resist the ring, yet the mysterious Hobbits who seem to appear out of nowhere as clumsy and comical little people, provide the strength of resolve to resist long enough to aid in the Rings' destruction, although they themselves are marred by it in the end (Bilbo reaches extreme old age but fades into a partial twilight at the hands of the Ring, Frodo and Sam face torture, injury, and near death and are ultimately separated in their lives when Frodo and Bilbo leave Middle Earth, and the Shire itself is briefly twisted and loses its innocence at the hands of the Nazgul and Saruman the Wizard).

Still, despite the mystery and almost complete separateness of the Hobbits from

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### Hobbits - The Mystery of Middle Earth

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Still, without the Hobbits and without Gollum (supposed to be a Hobbit of some sorts twisted by the evil of the One Ring over the centuries), the One Ring would never have come to its destruction and good would never have triumphed over evil. All we know is that neither the elves nor the men, the children of Iluvatar's own vision, could resist the ring, yet the mysterious Hobbits who seem to appear out of nowhere as clumsy and comical little people, provide the strength of resolve to resist long enough to aid in the Rings' destruction, although they themselves are marred by it in the end (Bilbo reaches extreme old age but fades into a partial twilight at the hands of the Ring, Frodo and Sam face torture, injury, and near death and are ultimately separated in their lives when Frodo and Bilbo leave Middle Earth, and the Shire itself is briefly twisted and loses its innocence at the hands of the Nazgul and Saruman the Wizard).

Still, despite the mystery and almost complete separateness of the Hobbits from

the rest of the world, they themselves come to be a better part of things in the end. Arwen sacrifices her place in Aman and becomes mortal, marrying Aragorn and thus allowing Frodo to go across the sea. Merry and Pippin become more like men in the end than Hobbits, growing both in stature and grandeur with the help of the Ents (tree-men, perhaps a gift of Aule and Yavanna themselves), and forging close ties and relationships with the men of Gondor and Rohan during the war and after.

### It All Comes Together

Perhaps the lesson Tolkien teaches us without anyone realizing it is that the world is not a vessel filled with individual components, but rather is comprised of inseparable systems much like that of its living inhabitants. In the end, The Lord of the Rings ties everything and everyone together - the elves are removed from the world to rejoin each other in Aman, men and hobbits grow closer together, dwarves and elves resolve eons of separatism despite separate origins, and everyone ends up with a little piece of physicality and emotional connection to everyone else - Aragorn is the keystone to all this of course, for his fate is tied up both in lineage and self and political motivation with everyone, even the face of evil which he challenges in Sauron.

### Resources

I myself am fascinated with Tolkien's world, probably for the same reasons I enjoy Star Trek so much - there is an origin and a history to the world created, which makes the fantasy seem a lot more real and maybe that's why these things have so much appeal since we can relate.

The official Lord of the Rings web site at <http://www.lordoftherings.net/> lists the release dates for the three films as: The Fellowship of the Ring - December 19, 2001; The Two Towers - Holiday 2002; The Return of the King - Holiday 2003.

I myself am looking forward to these films both as a visual presentation of books which are written with a great deal of visual description of the environment in which they take place as well as a visual record and resource for a vast volume of information already in existence.

If you like the history presented here, let me suggest the following (much of this is the source material for this article):

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<http://www.lordoftherings.net/>



# THE STORY BEHIND THE STORY

By Lieutenant Commander Dale A. Kagan • Chief of Communications, USS Avenger  
Artwork By Fleet Captain David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region 5

As you may have heard, I have contracted with Xlibris (<http://www.xlibris.com/>), a division of Random House, for a science fiction murder mystery. It's called "Lanterns Over Demner". Demner is a place name on another planet. It will be available in May in paperback from Amazon.com, bn.com (Barnes & Noble), Borders.com; and your bookstore can order it or you can buy direct from Xlibris at 1-888-7Xlibris.

Our ship, the USS Avenger, has a wide variety of Avenger fiction, some of which is posted on our web site. I believe I am the first member to write their own universe and actually get it into print.

The plot summary of the book to be published is as follows: The Special Forces Council, Earth, taught Governor Eccles to develop a telepathic block.

Now their telepaths cannot find out what he is trying to hide. Four members of the elite Council, an arm of the military, are summoned to

Governor Eccles' estate on the Planet Dauropa. Eleven people are in the castle – and one of them is a murderer.

The Avenger News, the publication of the USS Avenger, ran an article in February on the story behind one of my aliens, the Shades, a form of ball lightning that absorbs electricity from their surroundings, including machinery.

The Shades are loosely based on a Popular Science article which features an excerpt from the book Incident At Exeter. In 1965, there was a huge blackout on Thanksgiving Day. All of New York State went out into the streets to socialize and for years people quipped, "Where were you when the lights went out?"

Exeter was the site of UFO sightings for about 2 years (1963-1965), usually over power lines or over car engines that would then stall out. It was eventually decided that the UFO's were in fact a type of ball lightning. Ball lightning is unstable and when made in the lab has

a tendency to blow up.

Anyway, Exeter was one of 2 cities that did not black out during the 1965 power outage and no one knows why. With a stroke of my pen I made my ball lightning aliens both alive and invisible, and native to the Planet Dauropa where an Earth colony finds them and has to deal with them before the opening of my story.

Our chapter, the USS Avenger, has its meeting in Barnes & Noble and hopes to do an author signing in May 2001. USS Avenger has started a campaign of obtaining Star Trek book authors to visit and sign books before meetings.

We thought doing a book signing for "Lanterns Over Demner", and featuring other creative works from Avenger members, would help boost membership and be good general PR for STARFLEET as a whole.

"Lanterns Over Demner" is laid out like an Agatha Christie-type mystery story with a list of characters up front

with a short description. The heroes are members of the Special Forces Council, a branch of the military that uses special abilities such as ESP. However they have other abilities that will be covered in other books. The Special Forces have no starships of their own and rely on other branches of the service to assist.

In the case of Lanterns, a Space Force security officer who was once a first-in scout (First Explorer for a new world) has been assigned as Security Chief to the members of the Special Forces.

The cultures of the two branches of the military are very different, and the Security Chief spends the story trying to understand his proteges. Due to the specialized nature of the ESP work the Special Forces also consider themselves different from civilians in the Solar Federation, which poses a challenge for one of the characters who is trying to deal with people on the Earth colony Dauropa.

I hope you like it.

## USS ACCORD'S SHINY NEW MEETING PLACE

By Rear Admiral Mark H. Anbinder • Photos by Brigadier Doc Kinne

The many dozens of STARFLEET members who've visited USS Accord territory over the years for Watkins Glen Weekend or other events may remember the Cayuga Heights Fire Station, where we've held monthly meetings for about a decade (See photo below, mid-demolition).

These photos show the brand new fire station building (technically a "renovated" building; they left several square feet of wall so they could get better renovation rates for a construction loan), which USS Accord was able to resume using as of the February 2001 meeting.

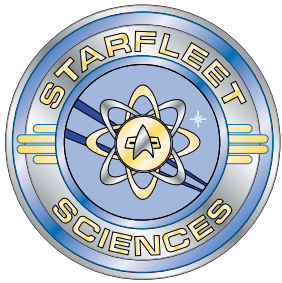


Out with the Old: The USS Accord's old Meeting place.



In with the New: The USS Accord's new Meeting place.





# ON THE HUMANOID CONDITION

By Captain David Klingman • Xenobiologist, USS Hawkeye  
Artwork by Fleet Captain David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five

We continue our series on the humanoid condition with a little bit of anthropology and theory. This is by no means meant to supplant anyone's belief systems, it's theory and nothing more.

The concept of an *anthropoid*, which (recalling from our last column) includes human beings, apes, and new and old world monkeys. I'd like to share with you some theory that I find interesting in the origins of primates and particularly in anthropoids. Much of this information is taken from fossil record and a portion of it from my area of interest, teeth. Let's review some basic anthropoid characteristics:

- relatively large and complex brains (average brain cavity 1350cc)
- the majority have opposable thumbs that allow for complex manual tasks
- stereoscopic vision
- social organization

Common origin for *hominid* species (which on Earth come to include the humanoid species) can be traced back approximately 4.4 million years to *Ardipithecus ramidus*, a possibly bipedal species that may have been an intermediate forest-savannah dweller. Dental evidence suggests an intermediary between earlier apes and *A. afarensis*. Fossil records show continued development into *Australopithecus anamensis* (4.2-3.9M years ago), *Australopithecus afarensis* (3.9-3.0M years ago), *Australopithecus africanus* (3.0-2.0M years ago), *Australopithecus garhi*, *Australopithecus aethiopicus* (2.6-2.3M years ago), *Australopithecus robustus* (2.0-1.5M years ago), and *Australopithecus boisei* (2.1-1.1M years ago) - the tibias of all these species present strong evidence of bipedalism. Generally, the brain cavities of these species range from 420 to 530cc.

*Homo habilis* appears in the fossil record between 2.4 and 1.5 million years ago and bears similarities with *A. africanus*. Characteristically the teeth become larger, particularly in the molar region and the brain cavity increases in size to 500-800cc. *Homo erectus* follows between 1.8M and 300,000 years ago and is characterized by large molars, lack of chin, thick brow ridges, and a low long skull and brain cavity averaging 720-1125cc.

*Homo erectus* is also the first hominid species to be found in Africa, Asia, and Europe simultaneously. *Homo sapiens* appears about 500,000 years ago (and the Neanderthals, *Homo sapiens neanderthalensis* appeared about 230,000 years ago). Early *sapiens* species began with a brain cavity about 1200cc - the *neanderthalensis* grouping already had showed a brain cavity over 1400cc. Geographical stresses seem to be the driving force behind the development of *neanderthalensis* in prehistoric Europe

and their extinction is believed to be due to either competitive stress by modern *Homo sapiens* or through breeding between the two groups. Neanderthals in any case disappear from the fossil record about 30,000 years ago and modern *Homo sapiens* (*sapiens*) appears 120,000 years ago and dominates by 40,000 years ago with the appearance of Cro-Magnon man and a reverse trend toward smaller faces, smaller teeth and jaws, and of course the appearance of complex culture and ultimately technological advances.

## A LITTLE ON TEETH AND JAWS

Generally, development of modern humanoids, particularly *Homo sapiens* found on Earth and its colonies in space, is characterized by a decrease in tooth and jaw size. To better understand this, we need to review the human dentition and make some comparisons. Humanoids and most primates are *heterodonts* (having multiple types of teeth, as opposed to *homodonts* that have a uniform type of tooth). I will digress a little here to give you some interesting facts about teeth and some definitions:

*Acrodont* - rootless teeth; attached to the rim of the jawbone (lizards, tuatara)

*Pleurodont* - rootless teeth; attached to lingual (tongue) side of jaw (lizards, snakes)

*Thecodont* - having teeth rooted in sockets (mammals, crocodilians, toothed birds)

*Polyphyodont* - replacement continues throughout life (most vertebrates)

*Diphyodont* - two sets of teeth (most mammals)

Teeth have developed through various stages in the fossil record starting as *cyclostomes* (conical horns), then developing into bony plates covered by dentin in some extinct fishes. Development in fishes continues into numerous conical homodont teeth with rootless acrodont character into *labyrinthodont* teeth (folded enamel and dentin) in amphibians and some reptiles. Modern amphibians have few or no teeth which are pedicle-like. Modern reptiles and extinct birds are mostly homodonts - toothed birds and many archosaurs were thecodont - most are polyphyodont, with snakes and some lizards being pleurodont, some lizards are acrodont, and a few living reptiles and synapsids have heterodont dentition. Most modern mammals are *heterodonts* (having multiple types of teeth), *thecodonts* (teeth rooted in sockets), and are *diphyodonts* (having two sets of teeth). It is believed that all 'modern' teeth are

developed from the labyrinthodont teeth due to the presence of infolding and pits and grooves in teeth such as that found in humans.

Human teeth are of course characterized as *polyphyodont* - the adult human dentition has incisors, cuspids (canines), bicuspid (premolars), and molars (32 teeth are in the modern adult human dentition, although the development toward smaller jaws and absence or crowding of wisdom teeth seems to be occurring with increasing frequency).

A major difference that distinguishes modern human teeth from other anthropoids, *Ardepithecus*, and *Australopithecus* species is the marked absence of a "canine space" and dominant canine or cuspid teeth that is present in modern ape and chimpanzee jaws (for a better understanding of this, look at the comparative sketches at <http://www.talkorigins.org/faqs/homs/jaws.html> and you'll see what I mean).

Of course, we can also compare teeth among modern humanoids and make some conclusions, for example:

- Klingon teeth are heterodont and orthodontically are frequently malposed, and the incisor teeth appear more conical like canines (presumably due to their diet which is largely carnivorous and includes raw flesh that canines would be better suited for tearing).

- Ferengi teeth appear to be characteristically homodont small canine-like teeth

And so forth...

We'll finish the series in the next issue with a little bit on prosimians and their major differences with modern primates and hominids and perhaps some theory on whether or not there is a common ancestor of both anthropoids and prosimians. After that we'll begin looking at humanoid anatomy and physiology.

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## PHYSICAL SCIENCES

Fleet Captain Richard Heim  
Region 1 RDC, Sciences

Hi! I'm Richard Heim, RDC Science for Region One and also the Chief Science Officer aboard the USS Alaric. Science is a fascinating subject! I've been especially interested in astronomy and meteorology, but I find almost every field of science intriguing. Over the past few years I've written a series of short articles on the history of science for chapter and region publications. In the near future I'd like to share these with the readers of the STARFLEET *Communiqué*. In the meantime, one of my goals in educating SF/ST fans about science is to publicize science-related facilities and sites in your local area.

I've started this on the SFI-FDC-Science and Science-Lab listservers (to subscribe to these two lists, go to the <http://groups.yahoo.com/> web page and, under the "Join a Group" section, type in the name of the group to join and click on "Search").

For my first review here, I'd like to discuss the *National Caves Association*, which is a non-profit organization of publicly and privately owned show caves and caverns -- caves developed for public visitation. At their web page <http://www.cavern.com> you can learn about the Association's 91 caves and caverns that span the United States. (If you're not connected to the web, you can write to them at:

**National Caves Association**  
4138 Dark Hollow Road  
McMinnville, TN 37110

The Member Caves Directory lists the address and phone number of each cave, and many of them have web pages and e-mail points of contact as well. The web site has an interactive message board on which you can post information about the caves, the tours, and other activities at the particular show cave, and in the area. They also have a link to the *National Speleological Society's* website (their link doesn't work, but the Society's website is <http://www.caves.org>, where you can learn more about the science and study of cave formation or about the exploration of undeveloped caves). If you like spelunking, then this is a good place to start!

If you want to drop me a line, I can be contacted by e-mail at [AlaricRH@sprynet.com](mailto:AlaricRH@sprynet.com) or by mail at:

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Remember to check out the R1 Science web page at <http://alaricrh.home.sprynet.com/science/R1Science.htm>

# UPCOMING STARFLEET CONVENTIONS AND REGIONAL EVENTS

In a move that shocked some people while sending others scrambling to prepare for a scary experience, Region 7 officials have awarded this year's regional conference to a three-chapter team consisting of the USS Malverne, the USS Sovereign and the USS Thagard.

The theme of the conference - to be held at the Holiday Inn of King of Prussia (PA) November 2-4, 2001 - is "The Scariest Region 7 Conference You'll Ever Attend." Plans include a fashion show, costume party, murder mystery event and scavenger hunt.

Of course, there will be the usual activities such as meetings, panels and awards dinner. Regional Coordinator JC Cohen will give his "State of the Region" speech - a frightening thought - as he reviews the year gone by and outlines plans for the coming year. Other staff members expected to speak are Chief of Staff Michael Klufas (an event that will send everyone screaming into the streets), Operations Chief Ray

## REGION 7 CONFERENCE TO FRIGHTEN ATTENDEES!

By Fleet Captain Michael Klufas • Region 7 Chief of Staff

Shepherd, VRC Sector 1 Ed Tunis and VRC Sector 2 Gary Ensey.

For just \$40, you can enjoy this wonderful weekend in its entirety. This price of admission includes a name badge and program booklet, as well as admittance to all conference sessions, Friday's fashion show, Saturday's dinner and awards ceremony, Saturday's costume party and dance, and Sunday's continental breakfast. If you'd prefer something less than the Weekend Package, there is the \$20 Conference Only package, which includes your name badge and program booklet, admittance to all Saturday and Sunday conference sessions and the Saturday night awards ceremony and costume party/dance. And if you can only join us on Saturday evening, \$30 will admit you to the dinner, awards ceremony and costume party/dance.

The Holiday Inn of King of Prussia

(PA) is convenient to many major highways, including I-76/Schuylkill Expressway, PA Route 202 and the Pennsylvania Turnpike (main line and Northeast Extension). The 225-room hotel features Internet-ready rooms, daily breakfast and lunch buffet, and a restaurant (Plaza Food and Spirits) in the hotel. The hotel is adjacent to Bally's Fitness Center, which is available to all hotel guests.

The Holiday Inn is also located across from the King of Prussia Mall, one of the largest malls in the United States, with two distinct centers - the Plaza and the Court - and 365 shops and boutiques. The mall also features a food court in the Plaza and numerous eateries, including Dick Clark's American Bandstand Restaurant. Other restaurants and shopping opportunities are nearby. Also nearby is historic Valley Forge National Park, where George Washington and American troops camped out during

the winter of 1777-1778, during a period that turned the American Revolution in favor of the colonies.

You can call the hotel at 610-265-7500 to reserve a room. Room rates are \$82 per night (plus eight percent tax). To obtain this special rate, you must mention "Region 7 conference" when reserving your room.

Your conference hosts - chairpersons Kris T. Klufas of the Thagard, Tony Rowley of the Malverne and Beryl Washington of the Sovereign, co-chairs Susanna Reilly of the Thagard and Sonny Wright of the Sovereign, along with their crews - look forward to scaring... er... seeing you!

Preliminary information and resources for the 2001 Region 7 Conference is now available on the Region 7 web site at: <http://www.region7.com/R7conf.html>

For additional information, please contact Thagard CO Kris T. Klufas at [uss.thagard@sfi.org](mailto:uss.thagard@sfi.org).

If you walk into almost any major Science Fiction convention, it probably won't take more than a few steps before you run into a group of people wearing uniforms from Star Trek. After a quick look at his or her rank insignia, you'll quickly decide that in the 23rd and 24th centuries, everybody's a Captain. This first impression is, of course, completely wrong. If you take a closer look, you'll discover that at least half of them are actually Admirals.

It isn't until you search among the members of organized fandom (e.g. STARFLEET, UFPI, etc.) that you'll begin to find Lieutenants, Petty Officers, and other less glamorous positions.

You'll find Captains, Admirals and even the odd Fleet Admiral in the ranks of organized fandom, but those people didn't just pay a few dollars in the dealer's room to get those ranks, they earned them according to the rules of the respective organizations.

And then there's me.

For the past year, the convention

## RANK — SHMANK. IT'S ALL FOR FUN!

By El Supremo Blair Learn • USS Highlander

list published in The *Communique* has had a byline reading, "Compiled by Corporal Captain Blair Learn." Most people correctly identify Corporal Captain as the "experimental rank" Hawkeye used to sneak Radar into the Officer's club in M\*A\*S\*H in the same episode where we were first introduced to BJ Hunnicut. But judging by the e-mail I receive, many people aren't certain how that could possibly be a STARFLEET rank. The answer is that, as was the case with Radar, somebody made it up.

The first edition of the convention list was published in The *Communique* during the summer of 1999. Wendy Fillmore had taken a temporary leave of absence, and Mark Anbinder was doing the first of his two issues as interim *Communique* editor.

Mark knew me from the work he'd been doing in CompOps and when he composed the list's byline, he cut and pasted the byline from another article, the author of which was a Captain.

When he looked at the new byline and read, "Captain Blair Learn," he believed that to be my correct rank.

In fact, at that time, I was the only person on the CompOps staff who didn't hold a flag rank. My correct rank at the time was Lieutenant(jg). Naturally I teased Mark about the goof.

When the next issue of The *Communique* came out two months later, Mark made darn certain that I was listed as Lieutenant(jg). What he didn't know was that while he was putting together that edition's byline, my CO and XO had realized I was due for promotion to full Lieutenant. More teasing ensued.

Mark's reaction was that he was going to start calling me "Admiral" on the grounds that I wasn't likely to get promoted past that level for some time to come.

Two months later, another edition of The *Communique* came out with Wendy

Fillmore back at the helm. To Mark's surprise, this time out, the byline identified me as a Fleet Admiral.

In October, I attended the 1999 Watkins Glen Weekend; an annual event organized by Mark's Chapter, the USS Accord. As has become the Accord's standard practice, nametags were issued to each attendee, listing their name, rank, and chapter.

Mark was prepared for me. My nametag identified me as "Corporal Captain Blair Learn." Every edition of the convention list since then has shown that rank in the byline.

In July of this year, my CO arranged for the RC to hand me my promotion certificate for the rank of Lieutenant Commander. But you shouldn't expect to see that rank on the convention list any time soon.

And if I ever decide to wear a uniform to a convention, I'll probably go as a French Army Marshal.

After all, as Riker pointed out in Hide and "Q", "...a Marshal outranks even an Admiral..





# FLEET ACTIVITY REPORT

BY FLEET CAPTAIN JEFF HIGDON, CQ SUMMARIES COORDINATOR

I have been asked by our Super-Chief (Lt. General Mike Malotte) to re-examine the criterion that allows chapters to be included. Some chapters had asked why their information was not included in the last edition. There are even a few of you who I included in the last edition that may not be in this edition because of these new criterions:

Only data in the Comments or Activities sections are used (I had said that it was from the Activities section), at the discretion of the CQ Summaries Coordinator.

No general, staff, command or membership meetings will be mentioned in the CQ Summaries unless really important information is included or an important person from outside your chapter attends.

Fractured statements may be eliminated, such as '1/2/2001 Bowling' or 'RobCon 1-2-01 Albertville', will not be included unless much more information is given as you can. If enough information is given then the CQ Summaries Coordinator will rewrite and edit the information as he interprets it. So please give as much information on events as you wish to share.

As much as it pains me, promotions and awards will not be included, except in special cases, determined by the CQ Summaries Coordinator.

For the sake of space future chapter plans will not be included. This includes the use of calendars in the MSR.

If it is determined that there is no summary for your chapter, to save space, your title entry will be eliminated.

These guidelines are either to enhance or add to the guidelines given in the last edition. We know the importance of these reports to you and will attempt to be as thorough as we can in summarizing them.

## REGION ONE

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

Moving right along with the Coupon Project and with the Can Tab Project. We have chosen our charity for this year and it

is St. Peter Villa Long-Term Care Facility. We held a Valentine's Party complete with "kiddie" valentines, refreshments and prizes. The night before, the ship celebrated the 50th birthday of her CO (yours truly) with a Mardi Gras theme party and a great time was had by all!

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

Recycling aluminum; supporting local Eliada Children's Home; conducting fundraiser through eBay.

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

Challenged the Columbus to meet or beat our donation to the Civil War Preservation Trust for the purchase of the Second Manasses Battlefield that is in danger of being purchased and having apartments built on the battle ground. The Columbus and Asgard then challenged all of Region One to meet or beat our donations. The Asgard has raised \$26 so far.

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

Had the Bennu Awards Banquet with a tour of the Aquarium.

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

The USS Carolina has been supporting the annual Shamrocks against Dystrophy Campaign. So far we are helping to provide logistical support to prepare to send out packages of flyers, shamrocks etc to local business. The Crew of the Carolina will also be participating as secret shoppers again this year helping to raise awareness of the campaign in our local areas.

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

At the meeting the USS Columbus was challenged by her sister ship USS Asgard to help save a portion of the Civil War Battlefield Site of 2nd Manassas in Virginia that is threatened to be torn up by Developers for housing "Urban Sprawl". The challenging amount was \$26.00. The Columbus passed the hat and \$57.00 was collected thereby beating the \$26.00 challenge of the Asgard. Later that night both Captains of the USS Asgard and USS Columbus issued a challenge to every ship

in Region 1 to match or beat our amount and called on them to help save a valued piece of our heritage. The money that was raised will be sent to the Civil War Preservation Trust. Together the money raised will save 730 square feet of the Battlefield. The endangered site is 136 acres. On February 12th, members Doug Foulk and Lee Shamblyn represented the Columbus at the funeral of a beloved and respected friend of the Columbus and several central Ohio Star Trek clubs. Rob Lyon was one of the founders of the USS Maximillian, an Independent club that the USS Columbus has worked with for many years. Never enough can be said about Rob.

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

We collected more coupons for the OCP, and cans for recycling. The ADA has received the first \$12.45 from our last recycling run. A challenge has been made to other chapters in Region One to donate blood, or platelets. The winner will be announced at the Region One Summit. We are currently planning an outing to donate as a group.

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

On January 22 we held the Hornet Night Out - Seven folk made it to Fuddrucker's for some humongous burgers and fresh cut fries. On February 20th we staged the Hornet Night Out at Pancho and Lefty's Border Cafe and had a very good sized crowd of 12 people, including the Yorktown's CO and XO and one of their members, and a potential Hornet member as well. We all had a good time, and Bill Grahling was finally presented with his certificate for being the Most Intrepid Crewmember.

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

On January 10, 2001 Captain John Winsley and Commander Mary Ann Winsley were interviewed by the Virginia Peninsula "Daily Press" about the Star Trek Fan Clubs and the Upcoming "Star Trek Federation Science Exhibit". The article appeared in the January 21, 2001 issue of the Daily Press. On January 13, 2001 Captain Winsley and Acting Ensign James Winsley attended

Mars Con in Williamsburg VA. On January 20, 2001 Commander Marilyn Romero lead an away team for a recruiting display at the Williamsburg-James City County Math-Science ShowCase. On January 26, 2001 Commander Marilyn Romero lead an away team at the Virginia Air and Space Centers Gala for the Grand Opening of the Star Trek Federation Science Exhibit. On January 27, 2001 Commander Marilyn Romero lead an away team in support of the Grand Opening of the Star Trek Federation Science Exhibit. The Ship ran its recruiting display, memorabilia display and TV/VCR running the some of the Original Star Trek Episodes.

### USS MAAT, NCC-1794-A Virginia Beach, VA

On February 10th the crew went to Pizza Hut for dinner. On February 24th we held a Recruitment Display at the Federation Science Exhibit at the Virginia Air and Space Museum in Hampton, VA.

### STATION NIKOLA TESLA NCC-SS005, Puryear, TN

Completed fund raising for family who lost house at Christmas; Working on reviving newsletter; Webpage being totally redesigned.

### USS QUESTAR, NCC-75435 Louisville, KY

The ship attended a Captain's Poker Night. The crew also collected about \$80 worth of school supplies and the CO mailed them to Kosovo. That was in honor of our 10th Anniversary as a Fleet Ship-of-the-Line. We also held a promotion ceremony and handed out special awards to various crewmen. LTCOL Mike Browne won the Gumby Award- the Questar's highest honor and one that is *not* routinely given out. An anniversary party was also held and the crew had a splendid time!

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

This month's social event was a dinner out at a local restaurant. Much food was consumed and a good time was had by all. Plans are in the works to attend the Region 1 Spring Summit. More on this to follow. We are still collecting stamps for the STARFLEET Stampede, coupons for the STARFLEET Overseas Coupon Project.

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

Our club had our Birthday Party on the 20th of January, our 12th as the USSWVA. The crew that was at the meeting had Ice Cream, Cake, Pizza, Fudge, Veggie platter with dip, cookies and fellowship. We viewed a few of the new Voyager tapes sent to us by the Borg.

**REGION 2**

**USS DAVINCI, NCC-74671**  
**Columbus, GA**

Met a girl from Croatia at one of our ship meetings. Her fan club back home has 140+ members and they are interested in becoming a STARFLEET chapter! I will be working with her in the next month to make sure she knows what they have to do under the Existing Fan Club Program. We also spent several hours one Saturday picking up trash on our Adopt-a-Highway program. It had been a while since our last pick-up and that was proven by the amount of just cans and bottles and plastic I took home for the recycle bin!

**USS DRÄKENFIRE, NCC-71822**  
**Odenville, AL**

Though late, the newsletter was sent out around the second week in February. As February is our anniversary month, we really did not have a meeting this time. Instead, it was more of an informal get together over an indoor picnic. There were sandwiches, drinks, and chips. To top the occasion, since Mardi Gras is in February, too, we had a king cake to celebrate with. Routine work was been done on the ship's web site and the ship is continuing to participate in the Region 1's EROR/1A program. Coupons are still coming in for OCP and we have a bunch we need to send in.

**USS HAISE, NCC-74664**  
**Jackson, MS**

Working with the Parkway Place Theater and other Zone 4 ships to make a movie marathon come together. Theater wants to reschedule us. Jo and Jim from Okatoma came up partly to discuss it. OCP STATUS: Clipped \$1303.58 in January!

**USS HEPHAESTUS, NCC-2004**  
**Birmingham, AL**

Created, stuffed and mailed flyers and registration forms for the Region 02 2001 Summit to all Region 02 households.

**USS JUBILEE, NCC-57299**  
**Mobile, AL**

Thanks to a hot tip from NASA employee and former USS Jubilee CO Tony Goretski, USS Jubilee conducted a liaison operation with a team from Marshall Space Flight Center out of Huntsville, AL, when that team brought NASA's "Starship 2040: Building the Highway to Space" traveling exhibit to Mobile on 2/4/01. While John Dumoulin of NASA MSFC hasn't formally sanctioned STARFLEET International chapters' presence wherever the exhibit travels, he has given verbal approval and has written, "As for setting something up near our exhibit, typically when we travel it's really our host's call... To be fair to the host, we'd defer to them." The

schedule for this traveling exhibit may be found at: (<http://www.starship2040.com/tourdates.html>). Based on Mr. Dumoulin's verbal approval, USS Jubilee took advantage of this opportunity to do a little recruiting as well, outside the exhibit; while several people stopped to pick up fliers and business cards, so far we have no new recruits from this venture. We did manage to get some favorable coverage in The Mobile Register. The USS Jubilee displayed its banner proudly as it marched in a Pensacola, FL, Mardi Gras parade beside the USS Continuum and the IKV Shadowstorm on 2/24/01.

**USS KHAI TAM, NCC-81000**  
**Tallahassee, FL**

On January 6th we had our monthly Starlab Science Center Participation; On January 14th we staged our monthly St. Marks Bicycle Trail Cleanup.

**Shuttle LIBERTY, NCC-71821/01**  
**Panama City, FL**

Recruiting effort continues hope to increase shuttle size by 5 with in the next month.

**USS PAEGAN, NCC-1755**  
**Orlando, FL**

Members of the Paegan attended an away mission in support of a local martial arts club. A number of the members performed in a Chinese New Year Lion Dance celebration at a local Chinese restaurant. Photo attached.

**USS SPIRITWALKER, NCC-31097**  
**Decatur, AL**

Sent a bag of food to the CCC. Took two bags of pet food to the Decatur Animal Shelter for the animals to have food this month. The Spiritwalker had several meetings in January. On January 20, 2001, the CO of the Spiritwalker went to Hanceville, Alabama for a Mini-Muster of the First BN2BDE. Met Major Larry K. Morris who is the 2nd Brigade OIC. Very nice person. Learned a lot about what he has planned to help make STARFLEET Marine Corps better here in the Region and maybe even further. On January 27, 2001 the CO of the Spiritwalker went to a get together of the Wernher von Braun. Collecting more food for the CCC for people to have over the Easter Holiday later this next year. The Spiritwalker is still collecting food and goodies for the Decatur Animal Shelter for the next year.

**USS TRIDENT, NCC-74692**  
**Stuart, FL**

Continuation of 2001 New Year's Party: as we awoke on January 1st, 2001 and were served breakfast by our hosts. On Jan. 18th we dined out at the Taj Mahal 2 in Stuart that served an Indian Cuisine. On Feb. 12th a winner was drawn for two Hallmark Xmas tree ornaments as part of our Space Camp Scholarship Drive. On Feb 15th our Away Team dined out at the Cafe Creme restaurant in Port St Lucie. On Feb 15th we celebrated our 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a cookout.

**USS TRIUMPH, NCC-26228**  
**Fort Lauderdale, FL**

There was an away mission in February to the 16th century in the form of a trip to the Fla. Renaissance Festival.

**REGION 3**

**USS JOAN OF ARC, NCC-73289**  
**Corpus Christi, TX**

On Dec. 16th, the Christmas Party was held at our traditional location of Charco's Restaurant. Almost entire Crew, including a couple of out-of-town members was in attendance as well as several guests brought to the party by LCDR Tex Dobie who has expressed an interest in joining the chapter. Traditions of the annual Christmas poem and White Elephant Gift Exchange were held to the enjoyment of the attendees.

**USS PANTHER CITY, NCC-63543**  
**Ft. Worth, TX**

On the 21st of January members went to the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo. On the 27th of January we held our monthly Darts and Dominoes Night at the Benoit's home. Problem is we were having so much fun talking and laughing we forgot to play darts or dominoes. On the 28th we had our annual Super Bowl watching party at Brian Hughes' Home. On Saturday Night the 24th of February we held our monthly Darts and Dominoes Night at CO's home. Problem is we were having so much fun talking and laughing we forgot to play darts or dominoes. On Sunday the 25th of February we went and played Lazer Quest. We enjoyed two games. We may make this a regular event!

**USS RHYANNA, NCC-1892**  
**Austin, TX**

Gigi Battle is working with Literacy Austin teaching people to read. This month we delivered 67 tomato products to the Hill Country Pantry. We are still cutting coupons to send our Army Base in Germany for the STARFLEET Overseas Coupon Project.

**REGION 4**

**USS ANGELFIRE, NCC-75025**  
**Phoenix, AZ**

Most of the crew attended the Renaissance on President's weekend. There was great fun to be had by all. The crew enjoyed several coupon-cutting parties during the month. There are still many coupons to cut, sort, and count. A shipment of \$77,392.97 worth of coupons was sent to 4 bases at the cost of \$122.00. The senior staff met to discuss future plans for the ship, fund raisers, and to just kick back and enjoy each others company.

**USS ANGELES, NCC-71840**  
**Los Angeles, CA**

New Year's Eve party, trip to Japanese Garden in honor of Ray Walston (Boothby), La Brea Tar Pits & Museum. Began production of new video episodes "More Than Meets The Eye," the commercial for the "Red Shirt Life Insurance."

**CASCADE STATION, NCC-SS003**  
**Redding, CA**

Chapter is working on still getting out to do their Adopt a Highway Cleanup (Weather hassles making things difficult). Also are looking at sending in diplomas to get our VRCP Certificate. New Membership Flyers have been handed to members to distribute, and hopefully we can boost our

membership.

**K'EHLEYR STATION, NCC-SS009**  
**Las Vegas, NV**

20 and 21 Jan 01, members attended the Creation Convention down at the Plaza Hotel and Casino. Guest stars included cast members from Star Trek: Voyager and several guest stars from different series. Afterwards, crew met at Quarks Bar at the Las Vegas Hilton's Star Trek: The Experience.

**USS NORTHERN LIGHTS, NCC-27001**  
**San Jose, CA**

This month's social event was a night at the local Dave and Busters Arcade and restaurant we had a blast with a really nice turn out.

**USS ONIZUKA, NCC-71815**  
**Chico, CA**

Commanding Officer Commander. Boyd Harmon went to a local Star Trek Creation Convention 1/27 and 1/28 in Sacramento. Had lots of fun, ran into members from the Northern Lights, Oberon, Highroller, Shuttle Greywolf (Region 5), Peacekeeper, and our Region 4 Coordinator Ed Nowlin from the Cascade Station, and the Tikopai. Members held adinner at Lyons after the convention on Saturday 1/27, with 20+ STARFLEET members attending. Had a social/party at Comdr. Harmon's house from the Onizuka with 9 or 10 STARFLEET members attending. Listened to Spock vs. Q II.

**USS PEACEKEEPER, NCC-72300**  
**Visalia, CA**

The USS Peacekeeper now has it's own website at <http://www.usspeacekeeper.org/>. We have submitted a bid to host the Region 4 Conference. We have received Thank You letters from the Diabetic Youth Foundation for our donation of \$100.00 and from the Porterville Dialysis Center for our donation of 2 13" TVs.

**REGION 5**

**USS BRIGHT STAR, NCC- 71875**  
**Correspondence Chapter**

Attended RadCon in Eastern Washington as guests of USS Rubicon. Helped recruit new STARFLEET members and possibly return a former STARFLEET chapter to the Region.

**USS CRUSADER, NCC-74711**  
**Spokane, WA**

For their activity for February, we held a "Movie Party." They enjoyed "Trekkies" and "Muppets from Space."

**USS DESTINY, NCC-97301**  
**Salem, OR**

Away Team attended meeting of Pre-Shuttle Achilles in Portland, Oregon on February 17th. Attended the Chapter/ Marine Strike Group Dinner on February 19th, which was followed by a viewing of a video prepared by USS Jaguar.

**USS JAGUAR, NCC-74750**  
**Correspondence Chapter**

Helped to organize a regional dinner after the Jan 6th Creation Con. Participated in RadCon 3 with members of the Sky Dancer and Rubicon.



**USS PENDRAGON, NCC-2005  
Bellevue, WA**

Held Valentine's party on February 11.

**USS RUBICON, NCC-71816  
Richland, WA**

We had a very successful weekend at RadCon with an estimated profit of \$500. Quark's Bar was a hit with the convention goers, they especially liked sitting at our lighted DS9 designer tables, watching movie shorts, playing cards, or eating our chili/hot dogs. The Romulan Ale and Klingon Blood Wine, complete with gummy worms, were enjoyed by many. We had many request for the Klingon and Romulan puzzle mugs. We sold around 280 one dollar raffle tickets for the bat'leth!

**SPACE STATION NEXUS, NCC-DS021  
Online Correspondence Chapter**

All online Stellar Wind/Nexus fiction has been converted into pdfs and now requires Adobe Acrobat to read. Also, new Stellar Wind fiction was posted: "Nights of Future Past" and "Milk Run." Updates on the fiction page to reflect the new pdfs. I also included how many words each piece is as well as how large it is. IRC Update: there are three new servers: patriot, honor and freedom. Check <http://www.fleetchat.org/> for details.

**USS STARCHASER, NCC-71801  
Seattle, WA**

In Jan. we held our Officer Award & Recognition Banquet.

**REGION 6**

**USS FOX RIVER, NCC-81002  
Appleton, WI**

Had a Star Trek potluck dinner and everyone brought his or her favorite food! We had Klingon Bloodwine, Aldeberon Whiskey, Vulcan Veggies, and roast beast! Played games and really had fun.

**REGION 7**

**USS ACCORD, NCC-1842  
Ithaca, NY**

A movie night was held at Peter Green's home in Trumansburg. Accord Sciences is distributing bookmarks via local bookstores and comic shops as a recruiting measure. Ops has distributed hotel info for WG2001 and confirmed our return to the Cayuga Heights Fire Station for the February meeting onward. We were delighted with the new facility!

**USS ASIMOV, NCC-1647  
Yardley, PA**

We have also begun work on a Time Capsule that we will send off to the future sometime in our near future. The new Command Staff is working well, and they have settled in to their routine as much as possible.

**USS CHALLENGER, NCC-1676-D  
Dover Township, NJ**

Acting XO Capt. Mary Francen oversaw the revamping of the ship office area and is working on business card magnets for recruitment and membership purposes. New Frontiers #73 was released at our 7th Annual Intergalactic Food Festival.

Members of the USS Asimov, Alpha Centauri, Sun Tzu, and Sovereign attended along with other fans to this popular public event. A nice write up featured the CO in a Klingon mask (per our theme). Counselor Emily Vosseller completed the special recipe book that she started last month. It was distributed at our Feb. 4 event. A new flyer for the ship was made and debuted at the February 28 Barnes & Noble ST Book Discussion at the Brick Twp. Barnes and Noble which was used as a recruitment opportunity.

**USS LIGHTYEAR, NCC-74217  
St. Mary's County, MD**

Held 2nd Movie marathon, food and drinks and fun for all. Was expecting some prospective members or possibly a new shuttle but alas it was not to be. Still hoping for new members soon though.

**USS MATRIX, NCC-72296  
Online Correspondence Chapter**

The SETI@home support has logged over 25 years of CPU time on the project, for the USS Matrix. The Matrix web site had moved from matrix.simplenet.com to our own domain name at <http://www.ussmatrix.org/>. The problem is the hosting company, whhq.net, went into receivership, and turned off the server! Due to the efforts of Colonel Chris Esquibel, an affiliate member from the USS Angeles, and with the help of SFI Net Services, the Matrix now has space on the daystrom server. We are in the process of rebuilding our site, and should be back on line shortly. In the interim, we have placed the Director of Correspondence Chapter Operations web pages on the commodore's personal account, at <http://users.erols.com/joehooli/correy>. They are now fully updated and accessible. An Away Team is scheduled to attend the Creation Convention in Valley Forge, PA on March 3. Monthly Trivia contest ongoing; much discussion of possible ship logo merchandise, new ID cards, and generally a group brainstorm of what we want to do in 2001! We are actively ordering ballcaps from the Region 7 quartermaster.

**USS OSIRIS, NCC- 75011  
New York, NY**

On January 13th, we had an Osiris movie night. On January 19th, several Osiris members attended the USS Northstar's Borg Summer Camp. On the 20th, we had our Osiris Bowling Night where we met new member Clyde Slason (who has since joined our Security Department). All had another fun time. We presented this year's Member of the Year Award to Ship's Counselor Jeannette Otano. Our first event was our attendance of the USS Avenger's crafts/games night on the February 10th. We had a great time, as this was the first event that we had ever attended with our sister ship. Suffice to say, we all got along well together and it was nice to know that despite our diverse backgrounds and the distances between us, we're not all that different at all. We had great fun creating valentines for the patients at the local VA and after that was said and done, we had even more fun playing board games and watching the Highlander Liaison. Todd Brugman made caricatures of me in different suits of clothing (the Xena wear

was a TAD short skirted if you ask me, LOL). We can't wait for the next time when we get the chance to hang out with our Regional brethren. On the 16th, some of the crew attended the roasting of the Northstar's XO, Captain. Carlos Ruiz. We had a good time listening to the Northstar crew cut their XO to shreds.

**USS STARLORD, NCC-74225  
Ramsey, NJ**

The Starload crew held numerous on-line gaming nights; also we held three live gaming nights, as well as dinners and a BBQ at two.

**USS THOR, NCC-2549-A  
Parkton, MD**

The Thor just finished up with a helping with running a convention in Crystal City, Va. Katsucon 7. It was a blast! 90% of our crew helped out and everyone was great!

**REGION 9**

**USS SAGA, NCC-71202  
Reykjavik, Iceland**

Had a 10FWD general lounging event where we ate good food together, chatted and socialized. We also had a very successful LAN (Local-Area-Network) computer gaming event, where most of the crew showed up and played computer network games on a 10-computer network at a member's home. Some administrative changes have been implemented and our four departments (Ops, Communications, Medical, and Science) have now had their roles even better refined.

**REGION 12**

**USS BLACK HAWK, NCC-75004  
Rockford, IL**

Crew voted to change class and NCC number after one year of the name change. We are now a Sovereign Class Starship.

**USS CYDONIA, NCC-74687  
St. Louis, MO**

The USS Cydonia sold \$943.50 worth of Butter Braids (a local charity fund-raising company) to support the USS Cydonia Telescope Project. The proceeds will be used to build a 10" Dobsonian style telescope to be used at area Star Parties with the St. Louis Science Center and at the Annual USS Cydonia Star Party. We hope to encourage astronomy and star gazing in local youth. I am sad to report the passing of Charles Lacy Burns (SCC:52846) on 02/24 from a heart attack. Husband of Cydonia's CMO Cathy Palazzolo and father of Alex and Andrew Burns. Chuck and Cathy hosted very successful "Voyager Nights" during the time period the show was not broadcast in St. Louis. He was 37. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Cathy and her family on this sudden and completely unexpected loss.

**USS DISCOVERY, NCC-1308  
St. Louis, MO**

January activities included trips to Dave & Buster's, and our annual Super Bowl Party. In February, members of the Discovery attended LoveTrek 2001 hosted by Slanted Fedora in Champaign, IL. Also held a video day. We finished up the month with grand style at the Soulard Mardi Gras where

many beads and new drink recipes were obtained. An excellent time was had by all.

**USS HEXUM, NCC-2199  
Belleville, IL**

This month Captain Carole Smith helped us support the Special Olympics Program. Several Hexum members participated in the first Away Team mission of the year - to St Clair Cinema 10 in Fairview Heights to see Vertical Limits, an excellent movie. Cast of stars included Alexander 'Bashir' Siddig. We had an early dinner at TGIF with much conversation. Members also spent the second Away Team mission viewing Antitrust, deemed another excellent movie. We then had dinner at Emperor's Wok afterwards with more conversation! Our recycling, coupon and stamp collection activities continue. We sent a large envelope to STARFLEET Stamped! We clipped and sorted for the Overseas Coupon Project. Last phase is to count them and send them in. Peaceful talks were held with members of Federation Marines and Federation Legion non-affiliated groups.

**USS MORNING STAR, NCC-4126  
Lawton, OK**

Donated \$120 in goods to Kosovo children, \$25 worth of food to Humane Society, food to Salvation Army, \$1791.03 OCP, 6033 RMHC tabs, 703 Stampede stamps, 34 BC UPC's, 60 Campbell's labels. Preparing for Garage Sale--all proceeds will go to Humane Society. 41 hrs. Community Service. Reading Materials donated to Surgery Waiting Room at local hospital. In February we donated food/tea to Salvation Army, toiletries to Women's Shelter, Valentine candies to Children's Shelter. Cooked, served, cleaned St. John's Street Feeding Program. Mailed \$1,807.03 OCP. Collected nearly 1,000 stamps for Stampede. Recycled 500 lbs. cash recyclable for Food for the Poor. Collected 30 BC UPC's for St. John's, 54 Campbell's labels for School for the Blind. Delivered 10 gal tabs to OKC Ronald McDonald House Charity (over 31 lbs).

**USS PHOENIX, NCC-2155  
Columbia, MO**

January's Third Tuesday Social went well as usual. The newsletter will be revamped again before next online issue.

**REGION 15**

**USS ARES, NCC-26291  
Boston, MA**

The crew gathered for our monthly meeting at Borders Books in Boston on February 24<sup>th</sup>. We were joined by members of the newly commissioned USS Darwin. We went over chapter business, and then played some Dungeons & Dragons.

**USS OMAR KHAYYAM, NCC-79001  
Watertown, MA**

Members are writing the final episodes of the USS Boston before starting the new adventures of the Omar. Members attended the recent Region 15 Tube-a-thon at Amesbury Park in northern MA. Members also attended dinner and the following Karaoke evening at a local restaurant.



# STARFLEET ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FEBRUARY/MARCH 2001

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### MARCH 2001

**2001.03.30:** Fleet Captain Peter Lutz, Director: Chapter Assistance Program, (petelutz@gis.net), reminds all Chapter COs, in the event your chapter is enrolled in CAP, or your chapter is currently enrolled in CAP, please remember to include your chapter's name in all e-mail or surface mails to cut down on my having to dig through the VRR to match a name with a ship's name. Web Page: ([www.sfi.org/ops/chapter\\_assist\\_prog.html](http://www.sfi.org/ops/chapter_assist_prog.html)).

**2001.03.29:** Fleet Captain Jeffery Higdon, Deputy Director, Office of the STARFLEET Historian, (CaptShiloh@hotmail.com), announces the opening of the STARFLEET Office of the Fleet Historian's Store. If you ever wanted to walk like an Historian, talk like an Historian, you can at least look like the Fleet Historian. Check it out at (<http://www.cafepress.com/sfihistorian>). Come and check out our line of T-Shirts, Sweat Shirts, Mouse Pads and Coffee Mugs all designed for the use of the Fleet, Regional Chapter Historians, or just Joe Member. Proceeds from the sale of these items goes to a fund that will help the STARFLEET Office of the Fleet Historian in its research and publication of the History of our organization!

**2001.03.27:** Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace, (tigger1@nwlink.com), announces that with the passing of the grandmother of the Vice Chief of Operations, Captain Donald Willits, the Office of Membership Processing will be closed for about a week while Captain Willits attends to matters in Oregon. It took him all day (literally) to do it, but he successfully stuffed, labeled, and mailed the 167 packets that were outstanding as of Sunday. International will go out tomorrow or Thursday at the latest. The data he had required some wizardry, but he's pretty sure everyone got a cert and card. If not, please send a note to (helpdesk@sfi.org). He has a key to the MP PO Box and will be sweeping it Thursday or Friday so that we can resume operations on Monday. Credit card renewals will not be processed until then, either. They still have a good chunk of pre-printed packets in the chute, so the offline time should not impact operations to any great extent.

Any questions can be addressed to (membership@sfi.org), though they will not be answered until Captain Willits returns. Operational Immediates can be addressed to (compopshelp@sfi.org) or (helpdesk@sfi.org).

**2001.03.26:** Captain Don Willits, Director, Vice Chief of Computer Operations & Director - STARFLEET Membership Processing, (wdon1@uswest.net), announces that he will be out of pocket due to a death in the family. For all matters regarding Membership Processing, please contact Mark H. Anbinder at (compops@sfi.org). Don anticipates returning next Monday, 02 April. He has about 200+ packets going out, the last of the transition-related backlogs (he hopes) and then catch-up for various omissions and spelling errors the first time around for everything that went out the last two months.

**2001.03.26:** BGN Robert J. Jackson, Chief Herald and Corps Historian, (robbjackson@mediaone.net), announces that the STARFLEET Marine Corps' Office of Heraldry is proud to announce the Grand Opening of its Staff Apparel and Office Accessories Gift Shoppe located at: (<http://www.cafepress.com/heraldry>). Proceeds from the sale of leisure wear and office accessories will go to the SFMC General Fund for use by SUPCOM.

**2001.03.25:** Vice Admiral Dwain Gleason, Editor, Command Status Report (CSR), (dwaingleason@yahoo.com), announces that March/April edition of the Command Status Report (CSR) is available now at: ([ftp://ftp.sfi.org/Documents/CSR/csr17\\_2.pdf](ftp://ftp.sfi.org/Documents/CSR/csr17_2.pdf)).

**2001.03.24:** BGN Robert J. Jackson, SFMC, Inspector General, STARFLEET, (ig@sfi.org), is proud to announce the opening of the - Office of Inspector General's Staff Apparel and Accessories Gift Shoppe! (<http://www.cafepress.com/igoffice>). All proceeds from the sale of these items go directly to STARFLEET to help cover the expenses of the IG's Office.

**2001.03.24:** Fleet Captain Mike Wilkerson, (cptmike@cptmike.com), announces that the Region 12 summit t-shirts are available

for pre-order: (<http://allfor12.ussatlas.org/tshirts.html>). Take the time to reserve one now so that you won't miss out on the opportunity to have something to take home that will be your very own "Summit Artifact." Contact them with any questions you might have, and look for a formal order form shortly.

**2001.03.21:** LGen Scott A. Akers, SFI Historian, (chunone@nwlink.com), announces that the Office of Fleet Historian, is in need of information, or contact information for the USS Krieger, or "Admiral" Lee Schmidt.

**2001.03.17:** Captain Edith L. Padgett, Director College of Trade and Commerce, (edithpadgett@hotmail.com), announces that the On-line site is now up. You can copy the test from there and send it in with a LSASE and tuition. (<http://fullspeed.to/cotac>). New mailing address (just for the school): COTAC c/o Edith L. Padgett, PO Box 60674, North Charleston, SC 29418-0674. New tuition - \$1.00, LSASE, 2 Loose 34 cent stamps per course. STARFLEET Academy Web Site: (<http://www.sfi-academy.org>).

**2001.03.17:** Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace, Editor - Stellar Visions IV, (fanzine@sfi.org), announces that the Stellar Visions IV site is now online : (<http://www.ussbrightstar.org/sv4/index.htm>). Send all questions and submissions to (fanzine@sfi.org) or link to: (<http://www.ussbrightstar.org/sv4/submissions.htm>).

**2001.03.15:** LTC Sean Niemeyer, SFMC, AOD Editor, (warpcore@nac.net), is pleased to announce that the February/March 2001 issue of *Attention on Deck!* is now available for download. 1) Go to (<http://aod.griffyn.com>) and click on Download Issues or (<http://aod.griffyn.com/documents/aod010315.pdf>).

**2001.03.14:** Brigadier Dennis Rayburn, Fleet Division Chief - Chaplains/Counselors, (stoncold@wk.net), announces that Commander Suzie Buck is the new Vice Fleet Department Chief - Counselors.

**2001.03.13:** Rear Admiral Ed Nowlin,

Regional Coordinator, Region 4, (capt\_ed@shasta.com), announces that the 2001 Region 4 Conference/ Western Conference 2 will be hosted by the USS HighRoller at the Peppermill Hotel and Casino in Reno, NV on October 19, 20 and 21, 2001. Web Site: (<http://www.region4.org/wc2001/>).

**2001.03.12:** Lieutenant General Michael W. Malotte, STARFLEET Chief of Communications, (comm@sfi.org), announces that with the mailing of CQ #103, it's about time for another batch of remailings, as well. If anyone is missing a CQ, please send an e-mail to (lostcq@sfi.org) with the following info: Name, Complete postal address, Renewal date, Issue(s) needed, Phone number (should he need to contact you). As more address corrections are made, less and less back issues are going out. With this next batch, he hopes to get all needed issues from #102 and prior out.

**2001.03.07:** Fleet Admiral Les Rickard, (cs@sfi.org), Commander, STARFLEET, announces the appointment of Fleet Captain John A. "JC" Cohen, Region Seven's next Regional Coordinator.

**2001.03.02:** Captain Don Willits, Director, Vice Chief of Computer Operations & Director - STARFLEET Membership Processing, (wdon1@uswest.net), reminds everyone that if you want to donate to the scholarship fund when renewing your application, the donation is *in addition* to the amount of your membership, and *not* included as part of your membership fee.

**2001.03.01:** reminder -- Admiral Tom Monaghan, STARFLEET Chief of Staff and HQ Patch Guy, (VADMTom@aol.com) announces that the all new 2001 STARFLEET Headquarters Staff patches are on order and should be in by March. They're a whole new design. 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, drop him a line. Check it out if you haven't already at (<http://www.ussaccord.org/sfhq0101.gif>). As an extra bonus, he still has some 2000's left and you can get them for \$2 each.



## FEBRUARY 2001

**2001.02.28:** Rear Admiral Ed Nowlin, Director, Office of Web Consultants (OWC) & Memory Alpha, (capt\_ed@shasta.com), says that many have been asking when the OWC Website and Memory Alpha will be coming back online. Everything for MA is set to go up at a moment's notice, with the OWC site awaiting the update of the Resources Section by our Senior Consultant, Diana Hoff (Welcome Back, BTW Diana). He also has two CD's here that he needs to send out to folks and he lost the return address for them. One would be from a lady who sent him all the stuff to send it back via Fed Ex, and he lost your information. If both of you could mail him directly, he'll be more than happy to expedite your CD's with the most up-to-date images. Anyone who wants a copy of the MA web site, all he requires is a blank CD-R or RW disk and a SASE (USPS requested) to: Ed Nowlin, PO Box 494781, Redding, CA 96049-4781.

**2001.02.28:** *reminder* - Admiral David Kloempken, Region 6 Regional Coordinator, Sixth Fleet, (davidk50@skypoint.com), reminds everyone of the R/6 Summit, June 8th-10th, 2001, Hampton Inn, 3000 Eagandale Place, Eagan, MN 55121. For more information, link to their web page: ([http://www.geocities.com/czarak\\_ncc\\_1798a/r6summit.html](http://www.geocities.com/czarak_ncc_1798a/r6summit.html)).

**2001.02.25:** *reminder* - FCapt. Michael Dugas, (glithndr@whitestar.org), announces that pre-registration for the Region 13 Summit is now open. Until May 15th, 2001, registration costs, per person, are: \$25.00 (Canadian Funds) / \$20.00 (US Funds). If you wish to join us for the Saturday Banquet, the cost, per person, is: \$40.00 (Canadian Funds) / \$30.00 (US Funds). You must pre-register if you want the banquet. After May 15th, 2001, registration costs, per person, are: \$35.00 (Canadian Funds) / \$25.00 (US Funds). To pre-register, you can download the pre-registration forms at (<http://www.region13.org/summit/>) or can contact Dave Blaser (dblaser@region13.org) or Mike Dugas (glithndr@whitestar.org) for more information. Region 13 Summit is set for June 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The Summit will be held at the Best Western, Guildwood Inn in Sarnia, Ontario. Sarnia is located about 2 1/2 hours west of Toronto, Canada - or about a 2 hours north of Detroit, Michigan.

**2001.02.23:** FCapt. Peter Lutz, Director: Chapter Assistance Program, (petelutz@gis.net), reminds all chapters that participate in CAP that unless your chapter has been released from the CAP program, you still need to send a copy of your MSR to CAP as well. If you are a CO and you're not sure as to your status, please contact him. CompOps has just submitted a new list of below strength chapters and he will be sending out CAP letters to those chapters this Saturday, via e-mail.

**2001.02.21:** Captain Don Willits, Director, Vice Chief of Computer Operations & Director - STARFLEET Membership Processing, (wdon1@uswest.net), announces that he is looking for the current address

of the following folks as their last CQ "bounced" and the post office did not have a forwarding address: John Buckhanan of the Augusta Ada (R4), John M. McCarter of the Haise (R2), Len Severe (SCC# 53244) of the Bortas (R12), V. Denise Ricks (SCC# 47977) of the Jamestown (R1), Hope Rear-don (SCC 54610 and 50245--gack!) of the Stargazer (R12), Josh Fitzpatrick (SCC 53969) of the Phoenix (R12).

**2001.02.20:** LGen Scott A. Akers, SFI Historian, (chunone@nwlinc.com), announces that Communiqué #95 has been rebuilt electronically and is now ready for release to the membership at (<ftp://ftp.sfi.org/Documents/CQ/>). Thank you to Rear Admiral Mandy Livingston for creating the issue originally, to Admiral Chris Wallace and Vice Admiral Kurt Roithinger for their guidance in use of Pagemaker. Enjoy, next up is CQ 90.

**2001.02.19:** *reminder* -- 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.

**2001.02.18:** *reminder* - FCapt. Michael Dugas, (glithndr@whitestar.org), reminds everyone about the Region 13 Summit in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada -- 2 1/2 hours west of Toronto, Canada - or about 2 hours north of Detroit, Michigan. The 2001 Summit will be held on June 1st, 2nd and 3rd (Friday, Saturday and Sunday). Registration information (including registration costs and banquet costs) for the Region 13 Summit will soon be posted here, and at the Region 13 Summit Web Site: (<http://www.region13.org/summit/>).

**2001.02.16:** Fleet Admiral Les Rickard, (cs@sfi.org), Commander, STARFLEET, announces that Commodore Howard Cronson from Region 15 is back as the Internal Auditor, STARFLEET and that Brigadier General Robb Jackson from Region 15 is now the new Inspector General, STARFLEET. Two staff positions that applications have just closed. They are STARFLEET Promotions Director and Personnel Director. The new appointments will be announced shortly.

**2001.02.15:** Vice Admiral Dwain Gleason, Editor, STARFLEET Illustrated, (dwaingleason@yahoo.com), announces that the February 2001 edition of STARFLEET Illustrated - the official magazine of Region 12 - is now available for download from the R12 web site at: (<http://www.region12.org/si/>).

**2001.02.15:** Chief Ambassador Kyle J. Wolf, Director Department of Diplomatic Corps, (WolfTrek7@aol.com), announces that within this past week the Diplomatic Corps has passed two treaties with an organization. Ambassador Jessica Janett Flores

Rena, our Internet Ambassador, has passed a Handshake Treaty, as well as SFI, with the Star Trek Delta Fleet -- also known as SDF. SDF is an online gaming organization (sim), and Joe "Wolfpack" had made an earlier announcement regarding a possible connection with Department of Online Gaming and the new organization. For those who are interested in checking out SDF, please visit them at: (<http://www.moonwalker.org/~sdf>).

**2001.02.14:** Commodore Carl F. Johnson, Vice-Chair, IC 2001--Kansas City, (carl@ussnomad.org), is looking for the following State flags for IC2001: Wyoming, Virginia, Texas, Tennessee, South Dakota, Oregon, Oklahoma, Nevada, Missouri, Mississippi, Minnesota, Maryland, Louisiana, Kentucky, Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Hawaii, Delaware, California, Arizona and Massachusetts. As for International flags, they have Japan, Korea and an American flag that will be donated or loaned. If you have any others, contact Carl. IC 2001 site: (<http://ic2001.sfi.org/>).

**2001.02.13:** LGen Scott A. Akers, SFI Historian, (chunone@nwlinc.com), announces the latest W.I.P. (Work in Progress) of "The History of STARFLEET." This latest edition includes updated graphics (thanks to Admiral Chris Wallace and Fleet Captain David Pipgras), as well as some updates to the Steve Smith Administration (thanks to Fleet Admiral Smith, himself). As you can guess with the W.I.P. notation, this is not the "final" edition. Frankly, there will never be a "final" edition as long as STARFLEET itself exists. This document will evolve in step with STARFLEET itself. The current edition of this document may be found at: ([ftp://ftp.sfi.org/Documents/History/SF\\_History.pdf](ftp://ftp.sfi.org/Documents/History/SF_History.pdf))

**2001.02.11:** Major Joe "Wolfpack" Brouhard, Director STARFLEET Department of Online Gaming, (jbrouhard@home.com), has several Department of Online Gaming (DOG) announcements. Jessica Flores and Dustin Williams have been added to the staff. For more information on this and other DOG projects, link to: (<http://dog.sfi.org>).

**2001.02.09:** LGen Scott A. Akers, SFI Historian, (chunone@nwlinc.com), announces that he is looking for 150dpi or better pictures of the following persons: Captain Dan McGinnis while serving as Commander STARFLEET, Fleet Admiral Jeanette Maddox while serving as Commander STARFLEET, Fleet Admiral Steve Smith while serving as Commander STARFLEET, Fleet Admiral Fran Booth while serving as Commander STARFLEET, Fleet Admiral John Wetsch while serving as Commander STARFLEET, Fleet Admiral Adeline Longshaw while serving as Commander STARFLEET.

**2001.02.09:** Captain Don Willits, Director, Vice Chief of Computer Operations & Director - STARFLEET Membership Processing, (wdon1@uswest.net), announces that all memberships processed through Jan 28th, 2001 are current on sfi.org, however, this does not include the 150 some odd credit-card applications received since

Dec 17th, 2000.

**2001.02.07:** Lieutenant General Michael W. Malotte, STARFLEET Chief of Communications, (comm@sfi.org), announces that the Command Status Report (CSR) is available online for free ([http://www.royalsovereign.org/CSR\\_16.zip](http://www.royalsovereign.org/CSR_16.zip)) or for \$12 a year for a paper copy from Mike Malotte, 4331 Laurel, Kansas City, MO 64133.

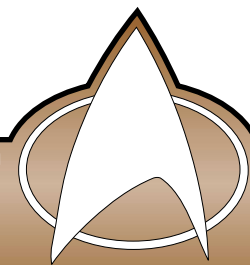
**2001.02.05:** Lieutenant General Michael W. Malotte, STARFLEET Chief of Communications, (comm@sfi.org), announces that missing back issues of the CQs were mailed today from Kansas City, MO, hitting the Post Office at approximately 12:15 PM. Please reference the entire message for the full list of folks receiving back issues and please either e-mail him at (comm@sfi.org) or reply to your Helpdesk ticket when you receive your CQ.

**2001.02.04:** Captain Don Willits, Director, Vice Chief of Computer Operations & Director - STARFLEET Membership Processing, (wdon1@uswest.net), announces that they finished the January database merge last week, and we are just waiting on it to be posted to sfi.org. It includes more than 2,000 updates to the database, including all of the memberships outstanding from the Smith administration, and all of the packets we have processed that have been received by mail up through January 28th. It does not include the credit-card submitted memberships received since Dec. 17th, 2000. He received the access to get to that data, and will be processing the memberships in time for CQ 103.

**2001.02.04:** Captain Don Willits, Director, Vice Chief of Computer Operations & Director - STARFLEET Membership Processing, (wdon1@uswest.net), announces that they have completed printing all of the membership certificates and cards for the four hundred and forty nine (449) members who joined or renewed the last five months of 2000. In addition, they have completed membership packets for all those whose applications received through February 2, 2001. So all total, 611 folks were processed in forty-eight hours.

**2001.02.04:** Commodore Carl F. Johnson, Vice-Chair, IC 2001--Kansas City, (carl@ussnomad.org), wanted to let everyone know that they are looking for auction items for this years IC. Anyone wanting to donate something or willing to help us track down items for donation, please contact Fleet Captain Troy Cash at (tcash@ipa.net). He will be the auction coordinator.

**2001.02.02:** Admiral Alex Rosenzweig, Chief of Shuttlecraft Operations (ShOC), (ShOC@sfi.org), states that it has come to his attention that there may be some confusion about the correct address to which e-mail MSRs for shuttlecraft should be sent. That address is: shocreports@sfi.org. The previous address, is no longer in operation and should not be used. As always, reports may also be sent via US Post, if desired. The correct address for that is: 980 Linwood Place, North Brunswick, NJ 08902-2267.



# 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

**Jun 1-3** Movicon IV, Mobile, Alabama; Info: P.O. Box 161632 Mobile, AL 36616 <http://www.mobicon.org/> president@mobicon.org

### Arizona

**May 18-20** LepreCon 27, Scottsdale, Arizona; Info: PO Box 26665, Tempe, AZ 85285 Ph: 480-945-6890 <http://www.leprecon.org/lep27/> lep27@leprecon.org Guests: Stephen Hickman, Michael A. Stackpole, Robert Ross

**Jul 27-29** Hexacon 11, Scottsdale, Arizona; Info: PO Box 62613, Phoenix AZ 85082 <http://www.casfs.org/hexacon/hex11/hex11.html> the\_lop@casfs.org

### Arkansas

**May 18-20** Roc\*Kon 2001, Little Rock, Arkansas; Info: 6115 West Markham, Suite 9H, Little Rock, AR 72205 <http://www.rockon.org/> admin@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

**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/tickets@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/reg@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/> orrock@ix.netcom.com Guests: Claudia Christian, Tracy Scoggins, Mark Scaggs

**Jun 22-25** The 5th Annual Gathering of the Gargoyles, Los Angeles, California; Info: 19500 Monterey Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44119-1507 <http://gathering.gargoyles-fans.org/gathering2001@art-chicks.com> Guests: Marina Sirtis, Thom Adcox-Hernandez, Crispin Freeman, Greg Weisman, Frank Paur, Dennis Woodyard, Bob Kline, Lisa Salamone, Michael Reaves, Brynne Chandler Reaves, Gary Sperling, Lydia Marano, Jamie Thomason, Karen Peterson, Dave Schwartz, Greg Guler, Victor Cook, Brad Rader, Doug Murphy, Carl Johnson, Julie Morgavi, Myhr

**Jun 23-24** Celebrity Autograph Collector's show, Hollywood, California; Info: Post Office Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/hcs@atlantic.net>

**Jul 27-29** Costume College 2001, Van Nuys, California; Info: Post Office Box 3052, Santa Fe Springs, California 90670-3052 <http://www.costumecollege.org/> Guests: Edward F. Maeder

**Aug 3-6** Mythcon 32, Berkeley, California; Info: 2231 10th Street, Berkeley, CA 94710 <http://www.mythsoc.org/mythcon32.html> bonnier@fpcberkeley.org Guests: David Llewellyn Dodds, Peter S.

### Beagle

**Aug 3-5** Vulkan, Burbank, California; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkon.com/joemotes@aol.com> Guests: Jeri Ryan, Bruce Campbell, Andreas Katsulas, Ted Raimi, Dirk Benedict, Laurette Spang

**Aug 10-12** ConChord 15, Van Nuys, California; Info: Zen Nine Productions, P.O. Box 61172, Pasadena, CA 91116 <http://www.conchord.org/conchord@sundry.hsc.usc.edu> Guests: Broceliande, Maureen O'Brien, Steve MacDonald

### 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> SFederal@aol.com

### Florida

**Apr 28-29** Klingon Kon 2001, Jacksonville, Florida; Info: 6270 Hollow Lane, Medina, OH 44256 Ph: 330-764-7967 <http://www.makeitsoproductions.com/emily@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://oasfis.org/oasis14.html> oasfis@sff.net Guests: Jack McDevitt, Jean Pierre Targete, Tom Smith, Ben Bova, Jack Haldeman II, Barbara Delaplace, Mike Resnick, Kathleen Ann Goonan, Matt DiPalma, Richard Lee Byers, Linda Evans, Owl Goingback, Diana Gallagher, Peter Telep, Adam-Troy Castro, Jeanette Spencer, Mary Hanson-Roberts, John Stevens, Stan Morrison, Steve Parady, Mike Conrad, Lew Hartman, Jeff Mitchell, Joe Green, Rick Wilber, Randy Miller

**Jul 13-15** Vulkan, Tampa, Florida; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkon.com/joemotes@aol.com>

[www.vulkon.com/joemotes@aol.com](http://www.vulkon.com/joemotes@aol.com) Guests: Jeri Ryan

**Aug 11** Trek Happening 9, Hollywood, Florida; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkon.com/joemotes@aol.com> Guests: Robin Curtis Benefits: Boward Community College Library

### Georgia

**May 25-27** Vulkan, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkon.com/joemotes@aol.com> Guests: George Takei, Alice Krige, Bruce Campbell

**Jun 29-Jul 1** LunaRevolution, Savannah, Georgia; Info: 1525 Sherman Avenue Box #93, Denver, Colorado 80203-9772 Ph: 303.675.8262 <http://www.lunarevolution.com/moonsetstudios@aol.com> Guests: Brinke Stevens, Tom Savini, Kelli Maroney, Candy Clark, Vidar Nilsen, Herb Jefferson, Jr., Anne Lockhart, Richard Kiel, Caroline Munro, Jon Provost, Richard LeParmentier, Denice Duff, Fred Olen Ray, Dick Warlock, Bob Masse, Dru Blair, Brian Rood, Dorian Cleavenger, Larry Elmore, Jeff Pittarelli, Elf, Jennifer Janesko, Matt Busch, Nene Thomas, John Baker, Ric Frane, Glenn Porzig, Bob Burden, Austin Janowsky, David Napoliello, James O'Barr, Gene Gonzales, Philip Xavier, Steve Lieber, Nina Coleman, Jana G. Buehl, Gary Roen, James A. Moore, Amy Mullin, Jason Henderson, Laurie Jacobson, James P. Hogan, Donald R. Schmitt, Thomas J. Carey, Rick Searfoss, Don Wilson, Michael Lowe

**Aug 31-Sep 3** Dragon\*Con 2001, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: P.O. Box 16459, Atlanta, GA 30321-9998 Ph: 770-909-0115 <http://www.dragoncon.org/dragoncon@dragoncon.org> Guests: James E. Allen, Aaron Allston, Kevin J. Anderson, Ben Armstrong, Peter Atkins, Stephen Austin, Jim Bassett, Dirk Benedict, James Bickert, Tom Biondolillo, Jerome Blake, Rik Briscoe, Julie Caitlin Brown, Phil Brucato, Jeremy Bulloch, Richard Lee Byers, R.J. Christensen, Storm Constantine, F. Brett Cox, Anthony Daniels, Carrie Dobro, Andy Duncan, Harlan Ellison, Buddy Finethy,



Todd Fischer, Eddie Floyd, Bill Fogarty, Michael Forest, Will Frishe, Drew Geraci, Stephanie Gladden, Glass Hammer, Erin Gray, Sanford Greene, Paula Guran, Garner Halloran, Andrew Harmon, Jennifer Hartshorn, Tom Heintjes, Tracy Hickman, Bob Hobbs, Joshua Hood, Barry R. Hunter, Sherard Jackson, Herb Jefferson, Jr., Doug Kaye, Charles Keegan, William Kenyon, Caitlin R. Kiernan, Nancy Knight, Mur Lafferty, Cheralyn Lambeth, Andy Lee, Patty Leidy, Richard LeParmentier, William Levy, Ken Lightner, Deanna Lund, David Mack, Dawn Marie, Kevin Marshall, Anya Martin, Richard Christian Matheson, Garry W. McKee II, Billy Messina, David Millians, Frederick O. Mills, Rebecca Moesta, Marjorie Monaghan, Charles Moore, Iona Morris, Ingrid Neilson, Philip Nutman, Kathleen O'Shea, Glenn Porzig, Thomas Reed, William Alan Ritch, Kathleen Ryan, Philip Paul Sacco, Julius Schwartz, John Shirley, Kevin Siembieda, Lake Sirmon, Rob Sommers, Craig Spector, Jeanette Spencer, Chris Staros, Ron Stephenson, Brinke Stevens, Anthony Taylor, Greg Theakston, Brett Thompson, Mike Torrance, Wayne Vansant, Andy Vetromile, Christopher Waldron, Jason Walker, Graham Watkins, Michael Weaver, Robert William Wednesday, John D. Weyler, Richard White, Widgett, Erick Wujcik

## 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/aceninfo@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/info@duckon.org> Benefits: The Golden Duck Awards for Excellence in Children's Science Fiction Literature

**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/hcs@atlantic.net>

**Jun 15-17** Slanted Fedora, Chicago, Illinois; Info: 11916 W. 109th Street, Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Ph: 913-327-8735 <http://www.sfedora.com/chicago.htm> SFedora1@aol.com Guests: Roxann Dawson, Robert Duncan McNeill, Robert Picardo, Ethan Phillips

## Iowa

**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> info@dmsfs.org Guests: Harry Harrison, Sergey Poyarkov, Rusty Hevelin, Glen Cook

## Kansas

**Apr 27-29** STARFLEET Region 12 Summit, Emporia, Kansas; Info: 517 Exchange St, Emporia, KS 66801-3819

<http://allfor12.ussatlas.org/summit@ussatlas.org>

**Jun 7-10** ThunderCon 2001, Overland Park, Kansas; Info: P.O. Box 7457, Kansas City, MO 64116-0157 Ph: 816.455.5020 [http://members.aol.com/\\_ht\\_a/RPGKC/shaun.html](http://members.aol.com/_ht_a/RPGKC/shaun.html) RPGKC@aol.com

## Louisiana

**Jun 30-Jul 1** Sci-Fi Expo & Toy Show, Shreveport, Louisiana; Info: PO Box 941111, Plano Tx 75094-1111 Ph: 972-578-0213 <http://members.aol.com/toyshow/scifiexpo@aol.com> Guests: Kenny Baker, Michonne Bourriague, Jeremy Bulloch, Warwick Davis, Peter Mayhew, Alan Ruscoe, Mike Quinn

## Maryland

**May 25-28** Balticon 35, Baltimore, Maryland; Info: PO Box 686, Baltimore MD 21203-0686 Ph: 410-563-2737 <http://www.balticon.org/bsfs@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/midmar@aol.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/>

**Jul 13-15** Shore Leave 23, Hunt Valley, Maryland; Info: P.O. Box 6809, Towson, MD 21285-6809 Ph: 410-496-4456 <http://www.shore-leave.com/information@shore-leave.com> Guests: Nichelle Nichols, Bruce Boxleitner, William Campbell, Erin Gray, France Nuyen, Paul Carr, Greg Cox, Ann C. Crispin, Peter David, Keith R.A. DeCandido, Tim DeHaas, Michael Jan Friedman, Robert Greenberger, Jeffrey Lang, Jacqueline Lichtenberg, Marco Palmieri, Roberta Rogow, Howard Weinstein, Joan Winston, Kirk Borne, Helen Hart, Loretta KcKibben, Al Schultz, Massimo Stiavelli, Ray Villard, Bill Hathaway, Mark Kochte Benefits: MPT Hospital

## Massachusetts

**May 18-20** The Black Road, Marlborough, Massachusetts; Info: 12 Dodge Street, Wyanntskill, NY 12198 <http://www.theblackroad.org/glyneth@theblackroad.org>

**Jul 13-15** Readercon 13, Burlington, Massachusetts; Info: PO Box 38-1246, Cambridge MA 02238-1246 <http://www.readercon.org/info@readercon.org>

**Jul 27-29** Slanted Fedora, Boston, Massachusetts; Info: 11916 W. 109th Street, Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Ph: 913-327-8735 <http://www.sfedora.com/chicago.htm> SFedora1@aol.com Guests: Leonard Nimoy, John de Lancie, Robin

Curtis

## 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/info@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> mdiawstcon@aol.com

## Minnesota

**May 11-13** Marscon 2001, Bloomington, Minnesota; Info: P.O. Box 600458, St. Paul, MN 55106 Ph: 612-724-0687 <http://marscon.org/2001info@marscon.org> Guests: Jane Yolen, Bill Blair, Carl Talliaferro, Christopher Jones, Michael Liebmann, Debbie David, Lisa Getto

**Jun 8-10** STARFLEET Region 6 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) jessica\_stratton@hotmail.com

**Jul 6-8** CONvergence 2001, Bloomington, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 13208, Dinkytown Station, Minneapolis, MN 55414 Ph: 612-996-9224 <http://www.convergence-con.org/info@convergence-con.org> Guests: Harry Knowles, Michael Sheard, Crist Ballas, Jay Knowles

## Missouri

**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> SFreader@unicom.net Guests: James Morrow, Bill Hodgson, Stephen Pagel Benefits: Science Fiction and Fantasy Hall of Fame

**Jun 15-17** Conjuraction 2001, Columbia, Missouri; Info: PO Box 874, Columbia, MO 65205-0874 <http://conjuraction.cjb.net/conjure@gte.net> Guests: Jody Lynn Nye, Keith Berdak

**Jul 6-8** Gateway, Saint Louis, Missouri; Info: P.O. Box 3064, Florissant, MO 63032 Ph: 314-524-3014 <http://stlf.org/gateway/gateway@stlf.org> Guests: Bruce Campbell, Ted Raimi, Frank Conniff, Timothy Zahn, Marjorie Monaghan, Jack Stauffer, James Doohan

**Jul 27-29** STARFLEET International Conference 2001, Kansas City, Missouri; Info: 528 Ottawa, Leavenworth, KS 66048

Ph: 913-758-0749 <http://ic2001.sfi.org/carl@ussnomad.org>

**Jun 1-3** Miscon 2001, Missoula, Montana; Info: P.O. Box 7721, Missoula MT. 59807 <http://www.miscon.org/enigma@bigsky.net>

## Nevada

**Sep 6-9** Slanted Fedora, Las Vegas, Nevada; Info: 11916 W. 109th Street, Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Ph: 913-327-8735 <http://www.sfedora.com/SFedora1@aol.com> Guests: Leonard Nimoy, Majel Barrett, Walter Koenig, George Takei, Nichelle Nichols, James Doohan, Marina Sirtis, Michael Dorn, Denise Crosby, Wil Wheaton, John de Lancie, Rene Auberjonois, Armin Shimmerman, Terry Farrell, Andrew Robinson, Jeri Ryan, Robert Picardo, Robert Duncan McNeill, Ethan Phillips, Jennifer Lien, Tim Russ, Garrett Wang, Roxann Dawson, Robert Beltran, James Darren, Max Grodenchik, Jeffrey Combs, Aron Eisenberg, Cecily Adams, Gary Lockwood, Mary Kay Adams, Robin Curtis, Barbara March, Gwynyth Walsh, Robert O'Reilly, J.G. Hertzler, Dirk Benedict, Claudia Christian, Robert Krimmer, Lolita Fatjo, Brannon Braga

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**Aug 24-26** Bubonicon 33, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Info: PO Box 37257, Albuquerque, NM 87176 Ph: 505-266-8905 <http://members.aol.com/bubonicon/cwcraig@nmia.com> Guests: Sarah Zettel, S.M. Stirling, Lee Seed

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**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> wombat@sff.net 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/subspace@supercon.org> Guests: Keir Dullea, Gary Lockwood, Nicole Bass

## North Carolina

**Apr 27-29** STARFLEET Region 1 Summit, Greensboro, North Carolina; Info: 1635 Bright Leaf Rd., Pfafftown, NC 27040 <http://www.R1Summit2001.iwarp.com/RAdmFell@aol.com>

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**May 25-27** Marcon 36, Columbus, Ohio; Info: P O Box 141414, Columbus, OH 43214 Ph: 614-470-5448 <http://www.marcon.org/info@marcon.org> Guests: Robert Jordan, Ellisa Mitchell, James P. Hogan, Joan Marie Verba

**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>

emily@makeitsoproductions.com 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/73473.2247@compuserve.com>

**Jun 29-Jul 1** Empire Union, Toledo, Ohio; Info: 707 Kirts Blvd., #103, Troy, MI 48084 <http://www.empireunion.org/> Guests: Mary Kay Adams, Karen Westerfield, Earl Ellis, Michael Westmore

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**Jul 27-29** Conestoga 2001, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Info: PO Box 54037, Tulsa OK 74155-4037 Ph: 918-836-5463 <http://www.sff.net/people/sfreader/conestoga.htm> Guests: Joe Haldeman, Tim Powers, Mike & Karla Weaver, Kelly Vandiver

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**Jul 5-8** Westercon 54, Portland, Oregon; Info: PO Box 5901, Portland, OR 97228-5901 Ph: 360-993-2001 <http://www.osfci.org/w2001/deaner@pacifier.com> Guests: Tim Powers, Mike Glyer, Terri Windling, Frank Lurz, Golden Bough

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**Apr 27-29** Pittsburgh Comicon, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Info: 1002 Graham Ave., Windber, PA 15963 Ph: 814-467-4116 <http://www.pittsburghcomicon.com/pcomicon@nb.net> 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

**Jul 20-22** Confluence 2001, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Info: P.O. Box 3681, Pittsburgh, PA 15230-3681 Ph: 412-344-0456 <http://trfn.clpgh.org/parsec/conflu/parsec-home@netcom.com> Guests: David G. Hartwell, Brenda Clough, Kathryn Cramer, John DeChancie, Tim Esaias Mary Soon Lee, Charles Oberndorf, Wen Spencer, William Tenn

**Aug 30-Sep 3** Millennium Philcon (59th World Science Fiction Convention), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Info: Box 310, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006 <http://www.netaxs.com/~phil2001/philcon2001@netaxs.com> Guests: Greg Bear, Stephen Youll, Gardner Dozois, George Scithers, Esther Friesner

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**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/booth@etal.uri.edu> Guests: Tim Powers, Christopher Golden, Nicholas Jainschigg, Roman Ranieri, Craig Shaw Gardner

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**May 4-6** Tenacity/DeepSouthCon 39, Birmingham, Tennessee; Info: 279 Chesire Rd, Harpersville, AL 35078 [paulette.baker@mindspring.com](mailto:paulette.baker@mindspring.com) 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/libcon@cdc.net> Guests: David Drake, Larry Elmore, Debbie Hughes, Eric Flint

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**May 18-20** Long Range Desert Convention, Austin, Texas; Info: PO Box 4366, Austin, TX 78765 <http://www.klio.net/LRDC/lrdc@klio.net> Guests: Gary Raymond, Donna Barr Benefits: The International Red Cross/Red Crescent

**Jun 9-10** Sci-Fi Expo & Toy Show, Nacogdoches, Texas; Info: PO Box 941111, Plano Tx 75094-1111 Ph: 972-578-0213 <http://members.aol.com/toyshow/scifiexpo@aol.com>

**Jun 16-17** Sci-Fi Expo & Toy Show, Grapevine, Texas; Info: PO Box 941111, Plano Tx 75094-1111 Ph: 972-578-0213 <http://members.aol.com/toyshow/scifiexpo@aol.com> Guests: Shannon Baksa, Jeremy Bulloch, Peter Mayhew

**Jun 22-24** STARFLEET Region 3 Summit, Waco, Texas; Info: PO Box 1756, Coppell, TX 75019 <http://www.region3.com/s2001.htm>

**Jun 29-Jul 1** ConSortium, Houston, Texas; Info: PMB 367, 3118 Fm 528 Rd, Webster, TX 77598 <http://www.con-sortium.org/info@con-sortium.org> Guests: David Weber, Tony Elam

**Jul 14-15** Sci-Fi Expo & Toy Show, Plano, Texas; Info: PO Box 941111, Plano Tx 75094-1111 Ph: 972-578-0213 <http://members.aol.com/toyshow/scifiexpo@aol.com> Guests: Dirk Benedict, Richard Hatch, J G Hertzler, Robert O'Rielly, Jerry Doyle

## 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

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**Jul 6-8** CastleCon, Dulles, Virginia; Info: 1607 Thomas Road, Friendly, Maryland 20744 Ph: 301-292-5231 <http://www.fantek.org/cherylz@fantek.org>

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**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/anglicon@rocketmail.com> Guests: Robert Trebor Benefits: KBTC-TV (Television station)

**May 25-28** World Horror Convention 2001, Seattle, Washington; Info: PO Box 5171, Bellingham, WA, 98227 <http://www.whc2001.org/whc2001@uswest.net> Guests: Richard Laymon, Simon Clark, Jessica Amanda Salmonson, Barbara and Christopher Roden, Charles Vess, Jack Ketchum

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**May 25-28** WisCon 25, Madison, Wisconsin; Info: PO Box 1624, Madison, WI 53701 Ph: 608-233-8850 [http://www.sf3.org/wiscon/wiscon\\_concom@egroups.com](http://www.sf3.org/wiscon/wiscon_concom@egroups.com) Guests: Nancy Kress, Élisabeth Vonarburg

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**May 25-28** CostumeCon 19, Calgary, Alberta, Canada; Info: Box 20001, Bow Valley Postal Outlet, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 4H3, Canada <http://www.msight.com/cc19/capsam@nucleus.com>

**May 4-6** V-Con, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada; Info: 1410 Regan Ave., Coquitlam, BC, V3J 3B5, Canada <http://www.v-con.org/chair@v-con.org> Guests: Lynne Abbey, James Ernest, Pat Turner

**May 18-20** Keycon 18, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; Info: P.O. Box 3178, Winnipeg, MB R3C 4E6, CANADA <http://members.tripod.com/~keycon2001/k.grummett@hotmail.com> Guests: Spider Robinson, Jeanne Robinson, Phil Foglio, Kaja Foglio

**Jul 20-22** Toronto Trek 15, Toronto, Ontario; Info: Suite 0116, Box 187, 65 Front Street West, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5J 1E6 Ph: (416) 410-TCON (8266) <http://tcon.icomm.ca/tcon@icomm.ca> Guests: Andreas Katsulas

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**May 4-7** Odyssey 2001, London, United Kingdom, England; Info: PO Box 3870, Troon, Scotland, KA10 7PZ <http://on.freemove.co.uk/page2.html> [odyssey@sector14.co.uk](mailto:odyssey@sector14.co.uk) Guests: Armin Shimmerman, Max Grodenchik, Chase Masterson, Aron Eisenberg, Cecily Adams, Harry Groener, Lolita Fatjo

**May 25-27** Second, Swindon, United Kingdom, England; Info: 19 Hill Court Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL52 3JJ United Kingdom <http://www.cix.co.uk/~sjbradshaw/second/second@sjbradshaw.cix.co.uk> Guests: Paul McAuley

**May 25-27** Eclectic 21, Leicester, United Kingdom, England; 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

**Jun 16-17** Nocturnal 3K, London, United Kingdom, England; Info: PO Box 3870, Troon, Scotland, KA10 7PZ <http://www.midgaard.demon.co.uk/nocturnal/frmst1.htm> [loki@sector14.co.uk](mailto:loki@sector14.co.uk) Guests: James Marsters, Charisma Carpenter, Andy Hallett, Amber Benson, George Hertzberg, Todd McIntosh, David DeLeon, Dayne Johnson

**Jun 28-Jul 1** 2001: a Celebration of British Science Fiction, Liverpool, United Kingdom, England; Info: c/o Dr. Farah Mendlesohn, Middlesex University, White Hart Lane, London N17 8HR, UK <http://www.liv.ac.uk/~asawyer/2001.html> [asawyer@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:asawyer@liverpool.ac.uk) Guests: Brian Aldiss, Stephen Baxter, John Clute, Nicola Griffith, Gwyneth Jones, Ken MacLeod

**Jul 6-8** Nexus 2001, Bristol, United Kingdom, England; Info: 280 Southmead Rd, Westbury on Trym, Bristol, England, BS10 5EN <http://www.enterthenexus.com/nexus2001@enterthenexus.com> Guests: Sylvester McCoy

**Oct 26-29** Cult TV: Breakaway, Liverpool, United Kingdom, England; Info: Barton Hall Centre Kingskerswell Road Torquay, Devon TQ2 8JY, England Ph: +44 01733-205009 <http://www.cult-tv.freemove.co.uk/culttvuk@yahoo.com>

**Sep 14-16** Cavalcade, Whitby, N. Yorks, United Kingdom, England; Info: c/o Chandlers House, Green Lane, Whitby, N. Yorks, YO224EU, United Kingdom Ph: +01-947-821-711 <http://www.yorkmpd.demon.co.uk/justina@ninemuses.demon.co.uk>

## Scotland

**Sep 22-23** Hypotheticon, Glasgow, United Kingdom, Scotland; Info: 25 Ravenscraig Ave., Paisley, PA2 9QL, United Kingdom <http://www.hypotheticon2001.co.uk/secretary@hypotheticon2001.co.uk>

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**Not a short attention span amongst them:** Members of the USS Northstar listen to the presentations and debates at New York City's Fourth Annual Writers & Editors Forum, with its topic being "The Woman of Star Trek".



**Kate Mulgrew sent her stunt double:** From left to right: Ariel Vitali, Actress BarBara Luna, Marc Handler and Richard Logue pose with the intrepid Voyager Captain, who seemed more animated than usual.



**I'd be smiling, too:** From left to right: Northstar CO Mike Figueroa poses with BarBara Luna, author Susan Wright, software producer Kim Kindya and author Susan Schwartz



**They got my attention:** From left to right: BarBara Luna again [She's hot and I'm male -Ed.], Susan Wright, Susan Schwartz and Kim Kindya during their panel discussion.

## USS NORTHSTAR WELCOMES TREK AUTHORS & ACTRESS

Words and Pictures Courtesy of Lieutenant Marc Handler • Chief of Communications • USS North Star

On Stardate 0103.16 (a.k.a. March 16, 2001) the USS Northstar, the New York City chapter of STARFLEET, held its Fourth Annual Writers & Editors Forum. The topic this year was "The Women of Star Trek." The meeting room at New York's Lesbian & Gay Community Services Center was filled with fans from every walk of life seeking to communicate with our panel on this timely topic. (It was purely coincidental that Star Trek Communicator had this very same topic as their cover story for the current issue. But great minds do think alike!)

It was our pleasure to welcome back noted Trek authors Susan Wright, whose works include "The Best and the Brightest" and "Dark Passions" books One & Two, among others and Susan Schwartz, co-author of "Vulcan's Heart" and "Vulcan's Forge" with Josepha Sherman, as well as numerous non-Trek titles. Our first-time visitors were Kim Kindya, Producer of "Starship Creator Warp Two" at Simon & Schuster Interactive, and our Special Guest, Original Series Guest Star BarBara Luna (Lt. Marlena Moreau from "Mirror, Mirror").

Author Greg Cox and Publicist Penny Landau also attended and added their insights to the evening. Due to illness, Simon

& Schuster Editors Carol Greenberg and John Ordovery were unable to attend.

The discussion was both energetic and engaging. Questions included the gradual progression of women's roles in Trek from a glorified secretary (Yeoman Rand) to Person-in-charge (Captain Janeway); the use of mini-skirts in TOS and TNG; people whom each panel member found inspirational; and where each one felt women are heading in the real-world twenty-first century. As always, our guests were very spirited, which made for lively interaction.

Also covered was the amazing breadth of Barbara Luna's experience. Most people are unaware that her acting career began on Stage in "South Pacific". She then moved on to "The King and I", "Teahouse of the August Moon", "West Side Story" and "A Chorus Line", to name a few.

She has appeared in numerous Feature and TV films, including "Elmer Gantry", "Five Weeks in a Balloon", "Che!", "Brenda Starr" and most recently, "Noriega: God's Favorite" for ShowTime. Her TV series appearances include: "Bonanza", "Mission: Impossible",

"The Outer Limits", "Hawaii Five-O", "Buck Rogers of the 25th Century", "Fantasy Island", "One Life to Live" and "Sunset Beach". Despite this varied career, it is her role as Lt. Marlena Moreau on the "Mirror, Mirror" episode of TOS that is best remembered.

But a tidbit from one of her roles on the classic TV show "Zorro" cracked up everyone that evening, including her. I obtained a sound file from her role as Teresa the Tamale vendor singing "Hot Tamales". When we played that one, the audience roared and then cheered. And Luna (as she herself prefers to be known) was as gracious as any one could be. I've had the fortune to meet several Star Trek actors, some are a little wary of their fans. But Luna is as warm and down-to-earth as anyone I've ever met.

Speaking both for myself and on behalf of the USS Northstar, I'd like to publicly thank all of our guests for a wonderful evening. We all walked away with a greater understanding of women's roles, both on Trek and in the real world, and we had a lot of fun as well. And that is what STARFLEET and the USS Northstar are all about!