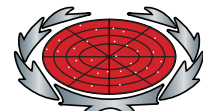




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STARFLEET SAYS FAREWELL TO "STAR TREK: VOYAGER"

By Vice Admiral Bob Vosseller • USS Challenger, STARFLEET Region 7

On the finale frontier front, many ships across the Fleet held or took part in a farewell party for the good ship Voyager on May 23. For the USS Challenger, a member of the 7th Fleet, we got to do it three times.

Our ship's First and Second Officer Captains Mary Francen and David Singleton, attended the "Voyager Night At Veterans Stadium" in Philadelphia on May 19. The special promotion arranged by UPN featured a contest for tickets which Challenger's CO won.

Alas, seeing how the CO and Counselor were headed south for a scuba diving trip, Dave and Mary represented the ship and region at the game. The promotion included meeting Voyager's Robert Picardo who greeted the winners.

Mary and Dave also created a special poster stating "welcome to the Holodeck" upon request of UPN Channel 57 Promotion Director Leanne Hinkle who even encouraged them to bring a club banner along.

Both were attired in ST uniforms and USS Challenger ball caps. They were given ST: Voyager keychains and ST: Voyager/Phillies ball caps.

"Dave and I got to dance on top of a dugout!! They asked us to come in costume and we saw ourselves later in the week a few times during the UPN 57 broadcast of "Endgame", Capt. Francen said.

"Those at the ball park also had a lot of fun with us. They took some of the other costumed people and we

danced with the Philly Fanatic (the team mascot) on top of the dugout to the YMCA. It was a blast," Francen added.

"Along the way we saw ship's Ops Chief Capt. Ken Diehl who was also sporting his uniform but instead of a Challenger ball cap he had a Phillies cap as he is a season ticket holder and a big Phillies fan. He was cheering on the Phillies over the Cardinals in the regular fan seats," Capt. Singleton remarked.

The ship's second farewell to Voyager was during its farewell party on May 23 which featured 12 ship members, loads of food and an ice cream cake proclaiming "Farewell Voyager." The episode was warmly recieved and new Science Chief Jennifer Heitmuller even thought she'd need a tissue or two.

A post Voyager farewell came in the form of meeting Kate Mulgrew, Jennifer Lien and Roxanne Biggs Dawson among others at the Make It So Productions: Women of Star Trek Voyager Con in Region 1 (Cleveland Ohio).

There we met fellow members of the 7th Fleet, our daughtership the USS Thagard and friends from the First Fleet. Ship's CO Bob Vosseller, XO, Security Chief Patrick Comune and ship's Counselor Emily Vosseller made the road trip, meeting Hartriono Sastrowardoyo, Asst. Security Chief Ken Dohn and civilian Dorothy Rose.

All in all, the Voyager events we took part in were as memorable as the two-hour finale itself.



USS Challenger Second Officer David Singleton (at left) joins First Officer Mary Francen in displaying a poster (below) created by her and ship's CMO David Singleton for the special "Voyager Night At Veterans Stadium" promotion in Philadelphia, PA. Photo courtesy of Bob Vosseller.



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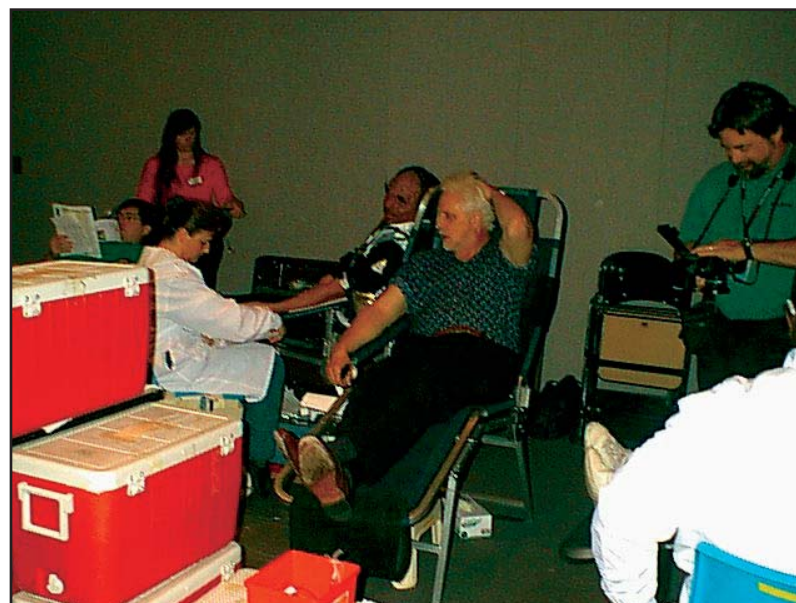
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Region12 held it's annual Summit in Emporia, Kansas recently – and some people got quite into the spirit of things! Wait until you see the pictures!

Logo adapted by David Pipgras

Region 12 goes Cavalier on page 22



Why is J.G. Hertzler ("Chancellor Martok") giving Blood? And is it Purple or Red? Hmmm...

Picture courtesy of John Winsley

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DON'T CALL ME EDWIN!

FLEET ADMIRAL LES RICKARD

COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Hello again from STARFLEET Headquarters. As always, I will attempt to be brief and then be gone! However, allow me to depart from my usual comments here for a moment.

LEST WE FORGET...

Many of you know that I am Commanding Officer of the USS Normandy in Region One. The Normandy was chartered because I wanted to honor those that had served in that battle. A battle that was the turning point in World War II and sounded the beginning of the end of World War II in Europe.

On June 6th 2001, the NORMANDY will be celebrating our second anniversary in STARFLEET. This anniversary will have more than one meaning for me. As always, the Normandy anniversary commemorates the June 6th 1944 Normandy Invasion and those that lost their lives there. However, this year the anniversary will also remember someone who served there and returned to tell the story.

As I write this it is obvious that I am thinking about the holiday that is upon us, Memorial Day. It holds a special meaning to me because of Specialist Robert Nance US Army Air Corp., my grandfather, who passed away in early December of last year. This passing left a void in my life that will not soon be filled and that is why this time of year is special to me. I wanted to share some things about this man.

My grandfather did not speak often of his time or service during World War II. He was not a braggart or man of ego. He preferred to view his service as a necessity, a service to a country that had done so much for him and his family. However, he did tell stories to a young grandson sitting on his

knee. When he did tell these stories he always ended them with the same thing. He would tell me "Leslie, war ain't no game to play. If you want to play a game that matters play one where there ain't no fightin', only talkin'."

He was present on the beaches of Normandy soon after they had been taken the morning of June 6th 1944. As he told it, "somehow, by the grace of God" he came out of it without a scratch. After some time in the European theater in late 1944 he was sent stateside to an Army Air Station in Florida, where he met my grandmother.

He thought his service overseas was

of remembering those that had paid that ultimate price during war - lest we forget.

IC 2001

Just a reminder that this years IC is almost upon us. The 2001 STARFLEET International Conference is being hosted in Kansas City Missouri July 27th-29th 2001. I am looking forward to visiting Region 12, seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

For more information you can visit the IC2001 web site at: <http://ic2001.sfi.org>

A PIE IN THE FACE...

As you can read elsewhere, there is a special fundraiser that will end at this years IC with an award.

The Dominion has issued a challenge to STARFLEET! They are challenging the members of STARFLEET to raise \$1,000 for the STAR-Fleet scholar-ship fund before July 27. If that goal is attained I have agreed to take a pie in the face!

Presidential Pie in the Face Challenge!

By the Dominion News Service

The Dominion is pleased to announce the Presidential Pie in the Face Challenge! If the members of STARFLEET can raise \$1,000 for the STARFLEET scholarship fund before July 27, Fleet Admiral Les Rickard has agreed to let us smash a pie in his face during the International Conference.

As with previous Dominion fundraisers, a running total of donations from each region will be maintained online at <http://www.networkboy.com/dominion/>. The region contributing the most money will be announced at the IC and that region's RC or designated proxy will have the privilege of throwing the pie.

Checks or Money Orders made payable to "STARFLEET Scholarship Fund" may be sent to The Dominion, P.O. Box 101, Germantown, MD 20875-0101. Please be certain to include a note specifying which region your donation is to be counted toward.

done. However, in early 1945 he was sent to duty in the Pacific. On his birthday, August 6th, 1945 the US dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima. After the second bombing of Nagasaki and the Japanese surrender, he was part of the occupying force in Japan. He did not talk much about the time he spent in Japan and late 1945 he returned to the US with an honorable discharge.

Shortly after returning home he married my grandmother and went to work for the US Post Office. In 1980 he retired from the US Postal Service and spent the last 20 years of his life teaching. No, he did not go into another job. He was busy teaching his kids and grandkids the importance

So please donate to STARFLEET's Scholarship and come out to IC for the fun!

THAT'S A WRAP!

That about sums it up...a wrap. I hope that you find this issue of the STARFLEET Communiqué informative and enjoyable - and I also hope to see a great many of you this year at IC 2001 in Kansas City!

Take care and I am outta here!

SEND IN THE MARINES!

By Brigadier David James,
SFMC Forces Command

For those of you who do not know me, I'm Brigadier Dave James. I have recently assumed the duties of Commanding Officer, Forces Command of the STARFLEET Marine Corps. I've served with the Corps for a number of years now and I'm glad to have the opportunity to serve as FORCECOM, and look forward to working with the Corps and Fleet.

First off I'd like to welcome the new Deputy Commanding Officer, Forces Command. I had a number of outstanding candidates apply and it was really a tough decision. However, I'd like to welcome Brigadier Kimberly Brooks as our new DCO FORCECOM. As DCO she'll be helping me keep track of the SFMC Awards program as well as the ForceCom staff.

While the FORCECOM Staff is staying in place, we do have a few openings to fill. At this time we're going to start taking applications for a Webmaster, as well as two new positions that are being created this year. Announcements and requirements for these positions will be coming shortly.

Overall we're having a great year so far and I'd like to see us continue to grow and prosper. Currently, an awards proposal has been presented to the Steering Committee by the Deputy 'Dant and is being considered at this time. As soon as it is approved, the new information will be made available.

There are also several points I would like to concentrate on this year, the first being communications. While for the most part we have good communications within the 'Corps I think that there is always room for improvement. I have always strived to make sure that all queries and messages are answered in a timely fashion. I've also made it known to all Brigade OIC's that I have an open door policy. The best way to accomplish our goals and to grow in my opinion is to work as a team with our colleagues in the Fleet.

The second item is recruiting. I've seen an increase overall in the number of new Marines and units over the last 6 months, and I'd like to see this trend continue, but I would like to see a more proactive approach to recruiting. To this end one of the things that we're going to be working on this year is providing additional recruiting materials and resources that will be made available to all units and Marines to give them a valuable source of information.

Well that's all I have for now, see you in the field. Semper Fi!

STARFLEET TREASURER REPORT

By Fleet Captain Tammy Willcox • STARFLEET Treasurer

Hi everyone! It's been an action-packed couple of months for the treasury! I even managed to squeeze in a trip to the R1 Summit where, for the first time, Les, the checkbook, and I were all in the same place at the same time! It's okay, we only wrote out the checks for the R1 Summit credit cards charges. It was amusing to point out to people that I really do exist, and people can say that they've met me in person!

Please note that voucher purchases now take place through the Treasurer's office. Vouchers are available in one-credit and five-credits 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).

We recently learned that international

checks will cost us \$5.00 each to deposit as they cannot go through the federal reserve bank to be cashed and must go through a collection agency to be cashed. If you are an international member, please try to renew either via credit card through the secure online site, or with an international money order as these will not generate any fees.

I am always available for questions, so please feel free to contact me at any time. You can reach me via e-mail at treasurer@sfi.org. My mailing address is:

Tammy Willcox
4121 Stillwood Court
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

As a reminder, the general treasury information will be presented by reporting dates, while the academy information will follow 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 Scholarship Account:

Beginning Date: 3/26/2001
 Ending Date: 5/31/2001
 Deposits/Credits: \$1,234.19

Beginning Balance: \$1,254.34
 Ending Balance: \$1,500.34
 Checks/Debits: None

Deposits:

4/21/2001 - Deposit from Fleet General Account: \$110.00
 5/09/2001 - Deposit from Fleet General Account: \$136.00

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

STARFLEET Academy Account - Savings:

Beginning Date: 3/31/2001
 Ending Date: 4/31/2001

Beginning Balance: \$1,305.55
 Ending Balance: \$1,307.48

The Academy Savings account recieved interest in the amount of \$1.93 and has yielded \$7.57 in the year to date.

STARFLEET Academy Account - Checking:

Beginning Date: 3/31/2001
 Ending Date: 4/30/2001

Beginning Balance: \$2,200.80
 Ending Balance: \$2,265.80

Deposits/Credits: \$265.00

Checks/Debits: \$200.04

\$11.00 of the Academy Expenses were for reimbursements to Directors and \$180.00 were for Voucher purchases. \$2.00 was paid for the return of a Deposited Item and \$7.00 was paid as a "Deposited Item Fee".

All of the \$265.00 deposited were from Academy Tuition recieved.

STARFLEET General Account:

Opening Date: 3/26/2001

Opening Balance: \$1970.30

Please note that the ending balance in CQ104 was \$1,940.30 - I have changed it here though, because I missed catching a credit card deposit that was made on 3/23/2001 for \$30.00. I call the bank auto-infoline every couple of days to check deposits made electronically, but somehow managed to miss that one. Randy and I caught it when the March bank statement was finally recieved. The original March general account statement went AWOL at the Post Awful and we had to request another one

Debits:

3/28/2001 - Novus/NPC discount fee:	\$25.00
3/28/2001 - Stamps.com	\$475.00
3/30/2001 - Novus/NPC discount fee:	\$31.45
4/02/2001 - Novus/NPC discount fee:	\$77.15
4/02/2001 - Novus/NPC discount fee:	\$49.21
4/03/2001 - Novus/NPC discount fee:	\$15.68
4/03/2001 - Novus/NPC discount fee:	\$15.31
4/10/2001 - Stamps.com fee:	\$18.99
4/25/2001 - Novus for CC Machine:	\$156.75
4/30/2001 - Novus/NPC discount fee:	\$28.46
5/01/2001 - Returned check:	\$15.00
5/01/2001 - Returned check fee:	\$5.00
5/02/2001 - Returned check:	\$15.00
5/02/2001 - Returned check fee:	\$5.00
5/02/2001 - Novus/NPC discount fee:	\$4.45
5/02/2001 - Novus/NPC discount fee:	\$5.27
5/02/2001 - Novus/NPC discount fee:	\$17.36
5/02/2001 - Novus/NPC discount fee:	\$22.94
5/08/2001 - Stamps.com fee:	\$18.99
5/24/2001 - International check fees:	\$15.00

Checks:

#1019 - Printing of Membership Cards/Certificates:	\$277.72
#1020 - The Countywide News (CQ processing):	\$187.80
#1021 - Xerox (toner for copying MP handbooks):	\$174.08
#1022 - STARFLEET Scholarship Fund:	\$136.00
#1023 - 2001 R1 Summit (CC charges):	\$602.87
#1024 - 2001 R1 Summit (CC charges):	\$168.87
#1025 - The Countywide News (CQ postage):	\$54.34
#1026 - Edmond Sun (CQ printing):	\$1,293.93
#1027 - Printing of Membership Cards/Certificates:	\$53.55

Deposits:

3/27/2001 - Credit Card Processing**:	\$60.00
3/27/2001 - Credit Card Processing**:	\$282.00
3/27/2001 - Credit Card Processing**:	\$51.00
4/03/2001 - Credit Card Processing**:	\$76.00
4/05/2001 - Credit Card Processing**:	\$30.00
4/09/2001 - Credit Card Processing**:	\$294.00
4/10/2001 - Credit Card Processing**:	\$46.00
4/10/2001 - Credit Card Processing**:	\$418.00
4/10/2001 - Credit Card Processing**:	\$28.00
4/18/2001 - Credit Card Processing**:	\$30.00
4/18/2001 - Credit Card Processing**:	\$331.00
4/19/2001 - Credit Card Processing**:	\$55.00
4/20/2001 - Credit Card Processing**:	\$30.00
4/23/2001 - Membership Processing Deposit*:	\$738.00
4/23/2001 - Deposit Correction***:	\$15.00
4/23/2001 - Membership Processing Deposit*:	\$797.00
4/26/2001 - Credit Card Processing**:	\$40.00
4/30/2001 - Credit Card Processing**:	\$13.82
5/07/2001 - Membership Processing Deposit*:	\$614.00
5/07/2001 - Membership Processing Deposit:	\$31.00
5/08/2001 - Credit Card Processing**:	\$37.00
5/09/2001 - Credit Card Machine charge:	\$156.00
5/10/2001 - Credit Card Processing**:	\$51.00
5/10/2001 - Credit Card Processing**:	\$767.00
5/14/2001 - Credit Card Processing**:	\$318.00
5/23/2001 - Launch Fee/CSR Sub:	\$16.00
5/24/2001 - Paypal Activation Credit:	\$0.19
5/24/2001 - Paypal Activation Credit:	\$0.37

Ending Date: 5/31/2001
 Ending Balance: \$3,307.51

* Designates that part of the deposit included Chapter/Shuttle Application Fees, voucher sales, 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.

*** Designates that the deposit correction was done by the bank. They determined that I had recorded the deposit short by \$15.00. Now whether or not I actually did, or they did, I didn't query as they were giving us more money. However, I'm going to explain briefly how I go through the checks so that everyone will know that I try to be very thorough. When I receive the checks and money orders from membership processing, I go through every check and make sure that it is made payable to STARFLEET. I then go through and stamp every check "For Deposit Only". Then I go through each check and match the amount of the check to the appropriate line items on the membership processing worksheet. Once that's done I total everything to make sure it matches the totals on the membership processing worksheet. Finally, I add the checks individually to the deposit slips. We have business deposit slips and each of the slips can list up to 32 items. If I have more than 32 items, I use more deposit slips. I then add up each of the deposit slips and total them out - three times - using an adding machine. Now, I'm not saying that I never make mistakes. I do make mistakes, but I also do my best to be as thorough as possible.



SECOND THOUGHTS

ADMIRAL GORDON GOLDBERG
VICE-COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Quo vadis, STARFLEET? Where are we going?

It's a question I've been asking myself for a while now, and one I want to share with the rest of you.

Blame it on the New York Times. A few months ago, I was reading a Times Op-Ed piece in which the author warned that colleges and universities risk "outsourcing" their basic values when they get caught up in the business-like mindset of corporate America, referring to students as "customers" and treating education as a "product". As the piece went on, I began to detect discomfiting parallels between the "corporatization" of our schools and the "corporatization" of STARFLEET - for which I am at least partly to blame.

Maybe it's a real epiphany, or perhaps it's just all the stuff I'm dealing with right now at work and at home, but this feeling has been building in me for quite some time now - I am so tired of the emphasis on corporate and customer service issues that have apparently become STARFLEET's obsession.

Incorporating STARFLEET may well have been the biggest mistake ever made - not in terms of the legal protections it gives us, but in terms of the mindset being a "corporation" invokes.

I know I've spent the past five years arguing for a measure of professionalism and accountability, and fighting against the "we're just a fan club" mentality. Maybe I was wrong. Maybe we've gone too far.

Fiduciary responsibility and financial accountability are essential to any organization, and incumbent upon its leadership. And I'm happy to say that I firmly believe that we've made great inroads in that regard.

Not only has this administration published regular financial reports, but that all accounting information has been meticulously transmitted by the Treasurer, as the income comes in, as the checks are being cut, and as the statements arrive, to a review committee which includes not only members of the administration, but a representative of the AB as well.

In addition, all checks require a double

signature, and the person two whom they are cut cannot be one of the signatories - as a result, the CS can't cut himself a check, or access Fleet funds at all without anyone knowing about it.

Finally, the treasurer's books are reviewed by the AB-appointed Internal Auditor - a position which was vacant for most of the previous two years.

We've come a long way in customer service as well.

The HelpDesk provides a central resource, with web, e-mail, fax, and voice-mail access, for members to get their questions answered or issues resolved - and has handled over 300 problem reports, address changes, and requests for information since its creation earlier this year.

The Communiqué staff has been getting the CQ out every two months, and the Chief of Communications has taken direct responsibility for getting out replacement copies to members who haven't received theirs, for whatever reason.

Cooperation and communication between the Admiralty Board and the Executive Committee - and communication between those bodies and the general membership - is at an all-time high.

All of this is a good thing. So what's my problem? What are we missing? What's wrong?

In my opinion, the problem is the level of our expectations. It's the way we treat the volunteers who choose to serve the organization. It's the demands we place that their "service" come first, that their behavior should be the same as those who are paid to serve us. It's "expecting" or "demanding" instead of "appreciating".

STARFLEET is a fan association. We are a social organization. We are, as individuals, are members, not customers. Some members, unfortunately, are social misfits whose ability to deal with other members of the human race are negligible, and those are the ones who are most likely to demand that they be treated as customers (as in, they are always "right" no matter how wrong they are, and that others are there to

"serve" them).

They are the ones who take the volunteers who actually get the "work" of the organization done for granted, who never say "please" or "thank you" or acknowledge that maybe the problem that needed to be fixed was their own fault in part - or in whole. They are the ones who are unconscionably rude to the staff volunteers who they expect to fix their problems immediately - and they are the first to take offense if the response they receive isn't the most polite and subservient in nature.

We're all members of this organization. We pay membership dues in order to defray the costs of keeping STARFLEET running. We are not customers. We do not pay for a "subscription" to the Communiqué - it is our fan club's bi-monthly newsletter, which we receive as members of the fan club.

Those who want to be members of, and take part in the STARFLEET community are in the right place. Those who want to be customers of a professional subscription service, on the other hand, should perhaps join the "Official Fan Club".

On behalf of the STARFLEET community, I'd like to extend a very large and very sincere "thank you" to my fellow EC members, their staffs (and my own), the Regional Coordinators and their regional staffs, the chapter leadership - everyone who volunteers their time, their resources, their energy, and their emotional strength to helping to make STARFLEET a better place for us all. I'm glad you're all part of my extended family and friends, and not "simply" my fellow "employees".

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

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330 Haven Avenue, Apt 3C
New York, NY 10033-5333

As always, I remain in Service to the Fleet,

THE NEW SFI WEBSITE IS READY FOR VIEWING!

By Fleet Captain Mike Wilkerson,
SFI Webmaster

Featuring a completely revised, look, feel and architecture, the new SFI Website features loads of information that points you in the many directions as we have members! Whether it's information on joining the world's Largest Fan-run Trek organization, or the duties that fall under who's supervision, the new STARFLEET Website has that information for you!

We're also happy to announce that the content will continue to expand, and we need your assistance! STARFLEET's website will soon feature a custom "Search Operator", taking Fleet's website to an all new area of finding information relevant to the search criteria that you will specify in complete sentence form. What do we need from you?

A NAME!

That's right! STARFLEET's Website Search Operator needs a name for what will be only one of the many parts that will vault our organization into another era of fandom electronically! Send your name submissions to us electronically at:

searchname@ussatlas.org

or send them to us via Snail Mail at

Search Operator Name Contest
ATTN: Mike Wilkerson
12533 Missouri Bottom Road
Hazelwood, MO 63042

Only ONE winner will be selected, and will receive a STARFLEET T-Shirt, a STARFLEET Keychain, and their name in lights (and a "feature article on SFI.org) forever as one of the "guiding forces" behind one of STARFLEET's many great online services!

So what are you waiting for? Check out the SFI Website NOW at:

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

and send your feedback to our Webmaster (webmaster@sfi.org). We'd love to hear your comments, criticisms, and thoughts about how the website can become an even better tool to its membership!



STARFLEET OPERATIONS

REAR ADMIRAL MARK VINSON
CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET



Greetings Fellow Trekkers!

Recently a couple of chapters have sent certified US Mail to me. I should have said this before but when sending any mail to STARFLEET Operations Do Not Certify it or in any way Require A Signature. The post office in my town is open the same hours that I work and, as such, I cannot get down there without taking time off and that is not usually possible. So, please do not send anything to SFI Ops that requires a signature.

A simple e-mail to (ops@sfi.org) telling me something is on its way will give me plenty of notice to watch for it. Once your mail is recieved I will respond to it via e-mail address that am given.

You will remember from the last CQ in which I reported the issues we have been having with the Fleet's database. 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.

I have been working closely with the membership database since January and have made numerous changes only to see those changes disappear after a merge. I have e-mailed and re-e-mailed a number of CO's and XO's asking for your dates of OTS and OCC passage, promotions and promotion dates, newsletter titles, etc. because of this. If I continue to do this, please bear with me.

Things have gotten better but there are still some issues. I would greatly appreciate it if all CO's or Reporting Officers would start putting the above information in their MSR's. If you use the online form put the info in the Comments Section if it will not allow you to change or add any info.

Speaking of MSR's: in March only seven chapters Failed to Report and

in April only thirteen have Failed to Report. Eleven Regions had 100% reporting in March and nine Regions had 100% reporting in April with two more at 96% or better. Keep up the good work!

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If you e-mail directly please download the e-mail form from our website at

of days though, you don't get such an e-mail, please drop me a line to check. Please remember that there are no longer any DVC's so please remove any DVC e-mail address (DVCWest@sfi.org, DVCEast@sfi.org, DVCInter@sfi.org) or US Mailing addresses for Dennis Rayburn, Ken Kopacki or JD Knight from your distribution list. I will see that Dennis gets copies of those MSR's he is responsible for.

Chapters are also required to send MSR's to their respective Regional Coordinator and any other Regional Office they deem necessary. Chapters are also required to send a copy of their MSR to (correy@sfi.org) if they are a Correspondence Chapter, to (tmbrwolf@pciconnect.com) if they are an Armed Services Chapter and/or to (petelutz@gis.net) if they are taking advantage of our Chapter Assistance Program. If a chapter wants their MSR to go to the Chapter Summary Department of the STARFLEET Communiqué' it needs to be sent to (CQSummaries@sfi.org).

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 MSR's then catching up, the chapter will be treated as if three in a row have been missed.

In closing please remember that you can always get the latest version of the Vessel Registry at <http://www.sfi.org/ops/vr.pdf>. If you find something that needs to be changed in that please send an e-mail to me at (ops@sfi.org).

Til Next Time, LLAP

Mark A. Vinson

MSR REPORTING — OPERATIONS BY NUMBERS:

March 2001:

R1 = 52 Chapters - 100%	R6 = 4 Chapters - 100%	R12 = 40 Chapters - 90%
R2 = 25 Chapters - 100%	R7 = 34 Chapters - 97%	R13 = 4 Chapters - 100%
R3 = 19 Chapters - 100%	R9 = 2 Chapters - 100%	R15 = 11 Chapters - 100%
R4 = 18 Chapters - 100%	R10 = 5 Chapters - 100%	R17 = 6 Chapters - 83%
R5 = 12 Chapters - 100%	R11 = 1 Chapter - 100%	

April 2001:

R1 = 52 Chapters - 98%	R6 = 4 Chapters - 100%	R12 = 40 Chapters - 90%
R2 = 25 Chapters - 96%	R7 = 34 Chapters - 92%	R13 = 4 Chapters - 100%
R3 = 19 Chapters - 100%	R9 = 2 Chapters - 100%	R15 = 11 Chapters - 100%
R4 = 18 Chapters - 100%	R10 = 5 Chapters - 100%	R17 = 6 Chapters - 83%
R5 = 12 Chapters - 100%	R11 = 1 Chapter - 100%	

CHAPTER CHANGES IN COMMAND

STARFLEET Operations has processed five Changes of Command since April 01:

Region 1:

USS Carolina, NCC-74222

New CO: Capt. Deborah Butcher
New XO: LCdr. Matthew Powers

Region 12:

USS Star Empire, NCC-2116

New CO: FCpt. George Heichelheim
New XO: FCpt. Brett Morrow

Region 2:

USS Draco, NCC-78501

New CO: Capt. James Whatley

Region 12:

USS Discovery, NCC-1308

New XO: Capt. Lester Schopp

Region 13:

USS Valkryie, NCC-74658

New XO: Cmdr. Richard Sussman

CHAPTER COMMISSIONINGS

STARFLEET Operations has Commissioned one chapter since April 01:

Region 12:

USS Witchfire, NCC-75006

Commanding Officer: FCpt. Wayne L. Killough
Executive Officer: Cmdr. Weslev Lovell

Getting your MSR to STARFLEET Operations is easier than ever with three methods to choose from. The preferred method is to use the Online MSR Reporting form at (<http://msr.sfi.org/>) but you can e-mail your MSR directly to (MSRReports@sfi.org) or send it via U.S. Mail to:

<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 e-mail message and fill it out. If you send your report electronically I will send you an e-mail back stating that I have recieved it. If after a couple



COMM AS YOU ARE...

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MICHAEL MALOTTE
CHIEF OF COMMUNICATION, STARFLEET

Welcome to CQ #105! In this issue, I'm going to focus on an ongoing project for the Communications Department - the CQ Re-mailing Process.

Since I have taken over the STARFLEET Communications Department, I've instituted a few new policies regarding the CQ. The first was that I took personal responsibility of the CQ Re-mailing process. This assured that the issue of not getting your CQ went right to the top of the chain. Since the CQ is one of the things your membership dollars pay for, consistency in receiving this became (and still is) one of my top priorities.

To help further speed up the process, we have created an e-mail address to report this to. Sending an e-mail to (lostcq@sfi.org) immediately puts it in the proper queue in the Helpdesk. This allows for both high visibility and tracking. Since you get a reply e-mail from the tracking software, you'll always know that your e-mail was received.

The second was on the CQ Re-mailing process, itself. Since I've taken over the re-mailing of non-delivered CQs, I've noticed that there are a number of folks who need them month after month. We've gotten addresses and crosschecked them with the database for accuracy but the CQs just don't seem to make it to said addresses.

In an effort to significantly reduce this occurrence, I've implemented a new policy on the re-mailing of CQs. If you need a replacement CQ mailed to you for 2 consecutive months, I will be asking that you get me a copy of an actual mailing label on a publication that actually does reach your mailbox. You can do this in one of two ways. You can either mail it to me, via the USPS or, you can scan it and e-mail me the scan.

If you mail the hard copy, please send it to:

Michael W. Malotte
c/o CQ Label
4331 Laurel
Kansas City, MO 64133

If you are going to e-mail it, please

send it to (comm@sfi.org).

The information I get will be shared with both CompOps and Membership Processing so that we can make sure the address is 100% US Postal Service correct by the next CQ mailing.

You see, I've learned that the US Postal Service is a picky beast.

Let's say your address is:

Joe Member
1234 CO RD 567
Anytown, State 12345-6789

Seems like a simple enough address. Unfortunately, the CQ and other similar-class mailings will not make it to that address. Change it to:

Joe Member
1234 County Road 567
Anytown, State 12345-6789

and it gets there every time. You can't abbreviate County as CO. The machines see this as Colorado. This is just one of the quirks of the USPS.

Fortunately, you can check your own address for the correct format and the +4 digits at :

http://www.framed.usps.com/ncsc/lookup/lookup_zip+4.html

Going with this policy should accomplish two things. First, and foremost, it will alleviate the frustration of the members who are not receiving their CQs when everyone else does. This is the primary focus for this. The EC, and especially those of us in the Communications Department, want to make sure you get what's coming to you with each and every mailing. The second thing this will accomplish is saving Fleet money. Every CQ that makes it to your mailbox with everyone else's is one less that has to go out First Class.

If you know you are one of those who repeatedly have to get the CQ re-mailed to you, you can speed up this process by getting the label (scanned or hard copy) to me at your first convenience. If your CQ gets to you but you know someone's who doesn't,

pass this on to him or her.

To date, I've been able to send 2 address corrections to CompOps by utilizing this process. By working together, we can significantly increase Fleet's "customer satisfaction" rating while reducing the amount of extra money needed to accomplish this -- a win/win scenario in anyone's book!

The third change involved Address Correction Requests received from the US Postal Service. With our current mailing rate, we get notified of address changes submitted to the Post Office. Unlike First Class, they won't forward it on but they do notify the sender or its authorized agent. This information used to be sent to Membership Processing. While it worked well for updating database information, sometimes visibility was lost to the CQ Re-mailer. This information is now sent directly to me. The information contained on the label is also compared with what the Fleet database has, changed appropriately, and the issue is then re-mailed.

Each time I get a label or an Address Correction Request, I create two tickets in the Helpdesk. The first ticket is picked up by the CompOps team, who then make the address corrections needed. The second ticket is a "lost CQ" ticket, which I use to create the list of folks who need to get a replacement CQ.

Once the address has been changed and the CQ has been sent, the respective tickets are closed. As of the 26th of May, I've submitted 12 address changes to the CompOps Department and re-mailed many of the CQs before the member has even informed us that they did not get one!

On the down side of this process, the USPS will not deliver these notices to me until I pay the Postage Due fees. If I don't pay the fee by the date on the envelope, the notice is returned. To help alleviate problems here, I have set up an account at the Post Office to cover these charges as they come in.

You see, each one of these notices cost Fleet \$.60. Now, that may not seem like much but consider this - for this one

issue, I've received 12 of these. That's 1/2 a membership. At this rate, it will cost Fleet 3 memberships a year in Postage Due charges for these notifications.

So, how can you help? Easy! If you are going to move, let us know! A simple e-mail to (helpdesk@sfi.org) with your new address will get that information to every department that needs it. It won't take long and you'll accomplish 2 things. First, you'll assure timely delivery of your CQ and anything else that Fleet is sending you. Second, you'll help save Fleet some unneeded expense.

There have been two key parts of making these processes successful. The first is the close, cooperative working relationship between CompOps and the Communications Department. This could not be accomplished without the dedication of Mark Anbinder and his team.

The second is the interface through which all of this is accomplished - the STARFLEET Helpdesk. Under the watchful eye of Greg Trotter and his deputy director, Joan Pierce, this interface allows us 24/7 access to these issues and helps expedite the changes needed to assure that the affected members do get their CQ the next time it's published.

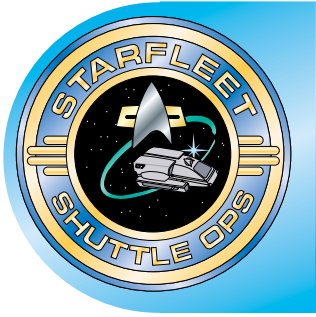
This has resulted in significantly reducing the number of "repeat customers" I get at the CQ Re-mailing Office. It has not only saved Fleet money but more importantly, has resulted in a higher level of customer satisfaction - the one true measure of performance in any volunteer organization.

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) with the following info:

Name
Complete postal address
Renewal date
Issue(s) needed
Phone number (should 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 can get you fixed up in a flash!

See ya in 60!



THE SHUTTLEBAY

ADMIRAL ALEX ROSENZWEIG

CHIEF OF SHUTTLE OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Greetings, everyone! As I write this column, we're midway through the spring, but thoughts are already speeding ahead toward the summer and its activities, including the International Conference in Kansas City. ShOC is likely to be well represented, and we look forward to meeting and chatting with many 'Fleet members that weekend.

Even as we look toward the summer, the spring has been an interesting one. The last couple of months have actually been rather quiet on the chapter development front, with only one new shuttlecraft since I last wrote for these pages. However, I continue to be in touch with a number of groups getting ready to apply for shuttle status. As always, one thing I recommend is that groups feel free to get in touch with Shuttle Operations as soon as they decide they want to work toward becoming a STARFLEET chapter. What we do doesn't begin with your VRR (Vessel Registration Request). ShOC exists to help groups from the very beginning.

The ShOC staff has been busy, though, working on a number of projects: a special package to help new chapters get started, materials on CD-ROM, and new brochures for the regional shuttle ops officers are all among the projects that ShOC is working on. As they come to final fruition, I'll be announcing them in future CQ issues. I have been very pleased and proud of the active participation of not only the Shuttle Operations Command staff on the international level, but also the contributions and interest of the RDC ShOC personnel at the regional level. To all of you, my thanks.

As I said before, it's been pretty quiet lately in terms of groups entering or exiting the Shuttle program, although I look forward to seeing some more action on this front soon. Here's the latest:

We deployed one shuttle since last time. Please join me in welcoming this shuttle to the ranks:

Shuttlecraft Sol's Fury - Region 17
Colorado Springs, Colorado
Charles Menter, Commanding

Welcome to the Shuttlecraft Program, folks!

Now, for our mini-discussion of the issue. I call this one "What's in a Name?" The name of a group is one of the most important choices its members will make. After all, the group's name is a central

part of its identity. When one thinks of a group, it's the name that will spring first to mind. Obviously, it's a choice that should be made with some care.

STARFLEET doesn't have many rules about names for its chapters. The few we do have boil down to this: the name should be in good taste, not vulgar or inappropriate. Names cannot be those of the cast or crew of any Star Trek series or film. Names of active STARFLEET members are not accepted at this point. And the "centerpiece ships" of Star Trek (Enterprise, Defiant, Voyager, and Rio Grande) aren't available chapter name options. Beyond that, it's pretty wide open.

The Department of Technical Services does maintain a list of well over 4,000 hulls, already-established fictional ships just waiting to be used. It's not required that one use one of those ships, although it is recommended.

Assuming that one is going on one's own to choose your group's name, here are a few hints:

1. Have a couple of choices. In case one name's taken, a backup is always good to have ready.

2. Discuss the name with the crew. This is the group's identity, not a CO's pet project. The crew, or at least a healthy majority of them, should be happy with the name.

3. Don't be afraid to do research. Names mean things, and exploring the background of a potential name can introduce a level of meaning to that name you might not have been aware of.

4. Don't take six months to come up with the name "Joe". (Juuuuust kidding!)

As for the kind of names to choose, feel free to explore the possibilities. Some chapters like to name themselves after ships we've seen on Star Trek, or borrow names from the lists from the various manuals or blueprint sets out there. Others name themselves after people or places, either modern or historic, that reflect something of what the group wishes to represent. Still others name themselves for real-life military or exploration vessels. And that's not the limit, not at all. There's such a huge diversity of possibilities that sometimes it can seem a little overwhelming. Don't be daunted by that, though. Make the

process of choosing names fun. Make it a game, even, with members of the group sharing ideas and playing with possibilities.

And if there are questions about a potential group's name options, don't hesitate to contact Shuttle Operations or the Department of Technical Services. I'll be happy to help answer any questions you might have.

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.

Switching gears for a moment, over in the staffing area, we have three items this issue. First, we have a new staff appointment. It is my pleasure to welcome Lauren Milan of the USS Avenger to the ShOC staff, serving in the position of Graphic Designer. Lauren will be reporting to Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons (in his role as ShOC Publications Director). Lauren has already contributed the ShOC logo for this administration, and is increasingly known in 'Fleet circles for her fine website work. We're quite pleased to have her as part of Team ShOC.

Second, last issue I announced a new position opening in DTS. Response has thus far been negligible, so I'm going to extend the search. 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 by within a 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. 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 resumes to:

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

E-mail: DTS@sfi.org

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

Third, as part of our ongoing projects to reach out to the international community, we are looking for the assistance of members skilled in translating. One key to reaching the international potential of this organization is making the materials more conveniently readable to those fans outside the U.S. and Canada. To do this, we are seeking to create other-language versions of the basic ShOC materials (notably including the START and MOM manuals). To start, we'd like to work on Spanish, French, German, and Italian translations, so if you are knowledgeable in one or more of those languages and interested in helping, contact me at the above address ('cept as Chief, Shuttlecraft Operations <smile>).

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

Summertime has reached the northern hemisphere (in reality if not yet according to the solstice, as I write this) and that means STARFLEET travel season is upon us again! There's also some news to report in CompOps, especially with Membership Processing. More on that in a few paragraphs, and more still in Don Willits's separate article.

The MHA Road Show

Just as I did last year, I kicked off the summer travel season a little early with a jaunt down to First Fleet territory for the 2001 Region 1 Summit at the end of April. The trip to Greensboro, North Carolina was delightful, the hotel was comfortable, the BBQ with FADM Rickard on the way back from the airport was great (thanks, Les!), and as usual, I enjoyed my visit south. (Would you believe I've been to R1 seven times in the space of two years?)

Shore Leave 23 is the next major Fleet travel I've got planned. This annual pilgrimage to Hunt Valley, Maryland in early to mid July is rarely about the convention guests themselves, and for me the weekend almost always centers on hanging out with many friends, some Fleet and some not, many of whom I get to see exactly once a year. This time around, Shore Leave also has an impressive lineup of guests, including Erin Gray, Nichelle Nichols, William Campbell, Bruce Boxleitner, and Jerry Doyle. I'm sure it'll be a busy weekend! We'll also get to see Region 7's new RC, J.C. Cohen, in the limelight at a major Fleet function for the first time. He did well at the 5th Battalion Muster in Rye in March, so I'm confident he'll shine here, as well.

Right after Shore Leave is the Macworld Expo at the Jacob K. Javits Center in New York City. That doesn't sound like a Fleet event, but the last few Macworlds I've attended have proven great opportunities to see Fleet friends! I've had lunches and dinners with Fleeters in New York and California alongside Macworld trips, and even unexpectedly ran into some Fleet folks on the exhibits floor in NYC last year!

July ends, this year, in Region 12, with the 2001 International Conference. You can say Kansas City is equally

inconvenient to STARFLEET residents on both American coasts, but you could also say it's ideally situated for our many Midwestern US members, and not too tough to get to for those on the coasts, Canada, or beyond. I've been looking forward to this one for two years! If you've never been to an IC,

Region 7 destinations, so it should be easy to get to!

Of more importance in September, though, is USS Accord's twelfth annual Watkins Glen Weekend, the last weekend of the month here in Central New York. It's our annual relaxing hike



Hold Me: After the "Let Mark Hand Deliver your Membership Packet" Fiasco (See CQ 104), Computer Operations Chief Mark H. Anbinder seeks refuge and solace with his "bestest friend".

Photo courtesy of Joan E. Pierce

please give it a try, this year or next. This will be my fifth in a row, and I'm always delighted to meet new people, see new cities, eat new regional food, and relax with fellow STARFLEET members.

I'm considering hopping over to Cleveland, Ohio for the Region 1 Fall Conference in mid-September. Cleveland is closer to Ithaca than many

along the gorge trails of Watkins Glen State Park, surrounded by a weekend of enjoying time with friends and eating lots and lots of good food!

We're joined each year by dozens of friends from all around the Fleet, and we'd be happy to include you in the tally this year! Check out the Accord web site at www.ussaccord.org for more details.

New faces in CompOps

We'd like to welcome the Membership Processing Corps, led by Sandy Berenberg, to our family. Don's article goes into more details on the who and what, but I'd like to take this opportunity to thank these four folks for coming on board to assist in the never-ending (and often thankless) task of processing STARFLEET membership applications.

What else?

Don also talks a bit about our plans for a new credit card mechanism that will allow online transaction processing. The result will be that members joining STARFLEET online, or renewing memberships online, will know, before they leave the web site, whether their credit card transactions have been successful or not. One of our biggest difficulties with the online memberships has been the all-too-frequent declined card transaction. Whether this is due to an unexpected balance shift at the member's end, or a typo in the card number or expiration date on the part of the member or the CompOps staffer, a declined card means a membership that can't be processed. We want to make sure that, if your card's not going to work, you'll know about it, and you'll know the ball is in your court. The Membership Processing crew won't even get the application until the credit card transaction has been approved. You won't have to wonder when your card will be charged, and we won't have to wonder whether we'll get your money!

Also, we've been working closely with the STARFLEET Communications department, in particular Senior Vice Chief Greg Trotter and Chief Mike Malotte, both of whom have put an enormous amount of work into the STARFLEET Helpdesk this spring. They're making it easier for members to communicate with any part of STARFLEET's staff, without necessarily needing to know precisely whom to talk to. This is a great expansion of the CompOpsHELP system instituted under former CompOps Chief Jesse Smith to the Fleet as a whole, not just CompOps.

See you 'round the Fleet!

Now, if you haven't already, go read Don Willits's article, and I'll look forward to seeing you over the next few months at Shore Leave, the Macworld Expo, IC 2001, the R1 Fall Conference, Watkins Glen Weekend, or elsewhere!

The rush and backlogs from the administration transition is for the most part over, with only faint echoes of the rumbling that so dictated the first few months of this year. With the increasing calm, we can begin to think about what directions to take Membership Processing, i.e. the reasons I volunteered for this job in the first place!

A Different Paradigm for Credit Card Processing

With the recent R1 summit, Les Rickard, Mark H. Anbinder, Chris Wallace and I sat down and had a very useful discussion about Membership Processing procedures and where we want to take matters. The first target for improving Membership Processing is processing of credit card applications received on-line.

We'd like to move the responsibility for ensuring a successful transaction off Membership Processing and onto a secure site that can interact with an Internet merchant and process the transaction live. Membership Processing would only be involved after a successful credit card transaction has occurred. This would greatly reduce my workload and improve response time at the same time. Currently I have to go through a labor-intensive process to validate the CC/perform the transaction/perform bookkeeping so Tammy & Howard can track my work before even thinking about shipping a packet.

The details of how we're going to do this is still being investigated, and there are issues that MHA and I will have to investigate/resolve before presenting this to the EC Finance Committee and the Admiralty Board. We've been looking at several credible/trusted online vendors (PayPal, Verisign, etc.) and are in the process of selecting the right mix of functionality vs. cost. Before anyone panics and jumps to the conclusion we're going to raise rates to do this--just remember--the cost of credit card processing is already in the membership dues. That is, we currently pay approximately already 3 1/2% of every dollar we currently bring in via online membership. There is the very real possibility we can cut the rate down a little bit in the process of eliminating MP overhead. A win-win scenario for everyone, eh?

I'm hoping in my next CQ article I'll be able to report the results of those discussions, and more importantly, the successful implementation of this change in direction(!)

Welcome Sandy Berenberg and the MPCorps!

I'm pleased to announce the addition of Sandy Berenberg to the Membership Processing team. Sandy and his

MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING UPDATE

By Captain Don Willits • Membership Processing Coordinator, STARFLEET

"Membership Processing Corps" of three able-bodied members of the Highlander will assist me with CC renewals starting in June. Sandy is a fellow data wonk, and I'm really excited by both the technical expertise and the passion he is bringing to the job. We speak the same technical language and our skills seem to complement each other nicely. I see Sandy as a key piece in enabling Computer Operations to implement the Data Center.

Les indirectly put me on the road to the data center back in January of 2000 when I took over online MSR pages. Sandy took the same road during his consideration of how to run membership processing during the election season last year. While we both developed our vision/passion for where to take MP independently, we both share much of the same vision for where we want to take Fleet's membership processing and database operations.

As an aside: I do have to admit that vision evolved considerably after I took over the actual job of membership processing!

I mentioned Sandy and his team helping with CC applications--I see that as a short-term gig. With luck, we can eliminate the bulk of the overhead currently required for CC applications so that when you renew online, all MP has to do is print your certificate/card, stuff your packet, and slap a mailing label on it. Then Sandy and I can both move onto bigger and better things in terms of serving the membership.

Sandy is also going to be taking over MP's response to HelpDesk tickets. So far, my passion for the HelpDesk hasn't been able to match the reality of the job, in that I really only get to attack the tickets during the bi-monthly rush to get mailing label data generated for the CQ. Sandy will be able to monitor the HelpDesk on a more regular basis and improve our responsiveness there as well.

Along with Sandy, I'd also like to welcome members of his MP Corps who will be helping with data entry on the database for CC applications: Gerri Wampler, Rick Driver, and Gerry Sylvester.

Welcome aboard to MP! I'm really excited by where together I think we'll be able to take 'Fleet'!

Tis the Budget's the thing!

In May we (the Rickard administration) also started serious work on generating a budget for Fleet operations. This is different from the expense reports you've seen in Tammy Willcox's Treasurer Reports. It is difficult for us to plan for

the future if we don't have a solid idea of financially where we can expect to be. Membership Processing, being the major source of revenue, and one of two major sources of expense, will play a key role in this. Deidre Rickard is driving this issue, and with luck we should start to have some numbers gel into place this summer.

Chapter Affiliation Cards and Expiration Notification

The chapter affiliation card has come and gone over the years. With some of the backlogs settling down, and more importantly, as we work to eliminate some of the overhead of Membership Processing inflicted by Credit Card processing, we're planning on bringing these back. You can look forward to some more excellent artwork by Chris Wallace.

Right now, though, we're not printing the cards right now. To be honest, it was just plain forgotten during the transition last winter by all parties concerned. We wanted to start printing them in May, but now the plan is to hopefully start printing them in June.

Along with affiliation cards, we (Sandy!) are going to be tweaking the membership database application to be restoring functionality to send e-mail notification when a member is approaching renewal time. We're also hoping to add post card notification to members who have expired, sending the cards after the expiration date. From past experience, this has been shown to be worth the cost of the postcards in fetching expired members back into 'Fleet'.

Rank-lookups in the Database

I recently updated the membership database, adding ranks that were listed in the Membership Handbook but not included in the database. This did not involve my setting ranks in membership records so much as ensuring that the lookup table that lists all possible ranks was correct/complete (that is, so that all ranks listed in the Membership Handbook are actually available in the database). I was able to accomplish this thanks in part to some work/research Chris Wallace performed for me back in early January, but hadn't had time to get to for the last three months.

However, many chapters in Fleet have defined their own rank structures that go beyond what is defined in the Membership Handbook. At this time, we cannot manage or track these extra ranks, but this ability is something that may be possible with the Data Center. It is, though, compared to other more pressing issues, very low in priority.

Data Integrity Redux

Deborah Malotte recently provided me with a complete database for promotions for 2001, 2000, 1999 and 1998. I'll shortly be merging that data into the official database. Marlene Miller is in the process of collecting all of our OCC data for me, which will also be merged in soon.

MP Report Card

With the backlogs going away, MP is settling down - still not close to the 2-week turnaround time for every membership received every week...but we're nudging steadily closer. 6-8 weeks is the stated goal, but 2-weeks came up last year, and we're trying our best to see if we can meet it more often than not. From a purely selfish perspective, if I can keep up with every application that comes in on a weekly basis - it takes less time per application to process. If the membership backlog grows past more than a week, it seems like the time it takes to catch up goes up geometrically for each additional packet--something I want to avoid!!!

Here's MP's report card since my last report. April was a difficult month for personal reasons with the death of my grandmother.

92 Credit Card Applications received between April 30th and May 25th: 2-5 week est. turnaround.

43 Check Applications received between April 27th and May 19th: 2-5 week est. turnaround.

80 Credit Card Applications received between April 4th and April 30th: 2-7 week est. turnaround.

33 Check Applications received between April 4th and April 27th: 2-7 week est. turnaround.

42 Credit Applications received between March 18th and April 4th: 3-4 week est. turnaround.

59 Check applications received between March 18th and April 4th: 2-4 week est. turnaround.

As always, you should renew 6-8 weeks before your expiration date.

Contacting Membership Processing

If you have any questions about membership processing, you can contact us at:

E-Mail: membership@sfi.org

Web: <http://www.sfi.org/com pops/database/join.asp>

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



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ADMIRAL MARLENE MILLER

COMMANDANT, STARFLEET ACADEMY

Hello Everyone! I hope the Summer is treating you kindly. Speaking for all the Academy Director's, I'm inviting all of you to come spend your Summer at the STARFLEET Academy. All Academy Schools and Colleges can be accessed from the comfort of your own home. If you have a computer, log on to <http://www.sfi-academy.org/> and browse the curriculums being offered.

If you don't have a computer and need a copy of the most current (2001) Academy Application, send me a Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope (SASE with a 34-cent stamp) and I'll get one to you right away. If you're outside the United States and don't have access to U.S. postage stamps, just send me a Self-Addressed Envelope and I'll supply the stamps.

I can be reached at the following address:

Marlene Miller
461 Harmony Lane
Campbell, OH 44405-1212

I've been approached by several people who are eager to develop and present

new Academy Schools and Colleges. One such person is Mike Dethlefs who has developed the College of Temporal Physics. You can read all about it elsewhere within this CQ!

Another course that is in the works is from John Roberts. John's working on (and may even be available by the time you get this Issue) a course involving Leadership.

And yet another course has been developed by Jeffrey Webb. This one involves Customs and Courtesies.

More are still in the works.

In other news:

Kevin King has joined the Academy Staff as Assistant to Director William Skinner at the Culinary School: B.U.R.P.S. Kevin is now the initial contact, so B.U.R.P.S. inquires and applications should be sent to Kevin at:

Kevin King
309 N. Spring St
Harrison, AR 72601
E-mail: killough@alltel.net

Those of you who live in Canada, Australia and Europe also have the option to attend Academy campuses in those countries. Of course you're also always welcome at the U.S. campus, too.

Attendance at these Campuses has been very light, so now's your chance to be a pioneer! Come join us!

Cadets (STARFLEET members under the age of 18) also have the option to attend the new Cadet Academy. Courses in Security, History, Sciences, Space Flight, etc, are ready to go, with others coming in the future.

Cadet Academy Dean, Peg Pellerin, can be reached at:

Peg Pellerin
RFD # 3 Box 5460
Winslow, ME 04901
E-mail: pilgrim@ctel.net

As always, the Academy is growing. You're welcome to join us!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of the

Academy Staff. We're here to make all your Academy experiences, pleasant ones!

Late Breaking News:

I just got a note from RAdm Carol Thompson who reports that as of today (May 26th) the Academy has sold our 300th Voucher Code via Pay-Pal! This is a real PLUS because we've only had Pay-Pal service for two months!

Not only are 'Fleet's U.S. members purchasing and using Voucher codes, but also members in Regions 9, 10, 11, 14 and 20!

These first 300 Voucher Codes were purchased by 20 active STARFLEET members with Artemis O'Conan purchasing the first batch of 15 on March 26, 2001! Thanks for starting us off on the right step, Artemis!!

The Voucher Codes you purchase via Pay-Pal can be used both for STARFLEET's Online Academy as well as those offered Offline. All Campuses accept them, as does the Cadet Academy.

So, make life easier for yourself and purchase STARFLEET Academy Voucher Codes from the site located at:

<http://www.sfi-academy.org/>.

Thats all for now!

Marlene J Miller

Fleet Captain Wayne Killough and Deb Kern have created additional perks or incentives to our STARFLEET Academy courses.

Wayne and Deb became acquainted with talent graphic expert, Commander Gary Spector of Region 17's Awards Department.

Commander Spector assisted her in creating the Region 17 award ribbons, citations, and certificates. The ribbons are nicely done and the citations and certificates he creates are wonderful.

Wayne got to know Gary through getting some Region 17's awards for their work concerning the SFA. So Gary made up SACOM certificates and citations. Wayne loved the examples Gary sent him and incorporated the certificates and citations into his SACOM School.

These new certificates and citations

KWA/SACOM PERKS!

By Deb Kern • Director, Klingon Warrior Academy



also sport the new SACOM logo, which Kurt Roithinger redesigned from the original logo created by David Pipgras.

So now, all students who pass the entire SACOM curriculum will receive one of these awards...having them vary according to Grade Point Average.

Furthermore, Deb has been kicking around in my head on having a Klingon Warrior Academy award ribbon She contacted Gary and he said he would create one.

Now the satisfactory, distinguish, and Honor students of the KWA will get ribbons after they finish all three courses.

Now all you Doctor McCoys, Nurse Chapels, and Klingon Warriors will get some nice special incentives when you take the SACOM and the KWA courses.

School of Cultural Anthropology
By Sherry Anne Newell

For those of you who have taken and passed the first three levels of SOCA (School of Cultural Anthropology), there is now a fourth level (Post-Doctoral) ready for you to enjoy.

This new course, like its predecessors in SOCA, is all Trek, with questions drawn from all four of our beloved series. One page in length, the exam offers enough of a challenge to keep you interested but is not so difficult as to be discouraging.

Try it - you'll like it!

One student, who has taken all my other 19 courses, enrolled before the course was even ready!

All you need is an SFA app, \$1 tuition (check/m.o. made out to STARFLEET Academy Fund), 2 loose first class stamps, a business-size SASE, to:

Sherry Anne Newell
5 NW 40th
Lawton, OK 73505

and the adventurous spirit that characterizes so many of our fine Academy students.

See you in school!

BURPS Gets New Leadership
By Kevin Allen King

Bill's Unique Recipe Preparatory School is currently accepting applications. If you

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have an interest in cuisine and/or culinary skills, then this is the school for you.

I would like to personally thank Admiral Anita Davis for her hard work as the Co-Director of BURPS. She has done a tremendous job as the Co-Director and I wish her well. I just hope that I can be as much of an asset to the college as she was.

Please send your applications/exams to me at the following address:

Kevin Allen King
Co-Director, BURPS
309 N. Spring St.
Harrison, AR 72601

I am looking forward to seeing you as students. If you have any questions or comments, please let me know. I can be reached at the address above, or at burps@sfi.org.

Vampires Have Hit COMS
By Wayne Lee Killough, Jr.

Hopefully that title got your attention. That is right...Vampires have hit the College of Mythological Studies. Actually, I brought them here. I have just unveiled my latest exam for COM - Slavic Mythology. In this exam, students will learn about vampires, werewolves, and other beliefs/stories that

the Slavic people have as part of their heritage.

To learn more, please contact me at coms@sfi.org or at the following physical address:

Wayne Lee Killough, Jr.
Director, COMS
309 N. Spring St.
Harrison, AR 72601

Don't forget, I still have exams on Bajoran Mythology, Celtic Mythology, Classical Mythology (Greek and Roman), Egyptian Mythology, and Norse Mythology. I am currently working on two more exams: Native American Mythology and Oceanic Mythology. I hope to have these exams ready soon.

Update on the Cadet Academy.
By Peg Pellerin

The Cadet Vulcan Academy presently has a very interesting course for both 6 - 12 year olds and 13 - 18 year olds. It is on Paleontology. The course is \$1.00 and two first class stamps. If you are interested send in your application to:

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

E-mail: CadetVAS@sfi.org

Please note that there has been a change in address for another Cadet Academy course.

Cadet Security School
Nancy O'Shields, School Director
155 Sylvest Dr. #405
Montgomery, AL 36117
E-mail: CadetSecurity@sfi.org

Access Consultant's Report
By Captain Michalene Biber

As Access Consultant to SFA, I review the course reference materials and tests from the schools in, for use by those who are physically, visually, hearing, or educationally challenged. Most of the schools, which responded to my request for course packets, needed little or no adaptations.

I evaluated the tests for grade level, format, clarity of questions, degree of difficulty to finding answers and appropriateness for individuals with various challenges. I also evaluated the reference materials if they were available in formats for the hearing or visually challenged.

You can contact me at the following address:

Michalene Biber
159 Miller Avenue
Apt 1-A
Buffalo, NY 14211-3309

Telephone: (716) 896-6717

STARFLEET'S SCHOLARSHIPS, AND WHAT THEY'RE ALL ABOUT

Admiral Sue Hampton, Scholarships Coordinator

DeForest Kelley/Dr. Leonard McCoy
Medical Scholarship

This is for medical studies and is varied from nursing school to physical therapy, pre-med to EMT-Paramedic, surgical technician to biomedical technician. It is a very popular one. Of course with Mr. Kelley's death this would become a memorial scholarship and will probably become even more popular.

James Doohan/Montgomery Scott
Engineering Scholarship

This is the second most popular scholarship and covers any field related to engineering or figuring out how to make something or how to make it go. Jimmy Doohan was the only actor that really actively supported his scholarship. He was always willing to donate items for raffles and fundraisers.

Patrick Stewart Scholarship for the
Performing Arts

This is for all those studying acting, dance, music or skills and training relating to the media.

George Takei International Studies
Scholarship

Mr. Takei requested international studies to foster his belief that better understanding of our diversity brings people closer together. This is for study of foreign languages or studies abroad.

Armin Shimmerman Scholarship for
Profitable Business

Rather tongue-in-cheek relating to his character, Quark. This scholarship is for business and management studies.

Marina Sirtis Veterinary Science
Scholarship

Ms. Sirtis is an animal rights advocate and wanted to encourage people to study veterinary medicine and related fields.

LeVar Burton Educational Scholarship
This one is for those studying to be teachers or educators in some field. It relates to LeVar's interest in literacy and his program Reading Rainbow.

Gene Roddenberry Memorial
Scholarship for Aspiring Writers.

Majel Barret suggested this subject in Gene's honor for his love of writing: either book writing or writing for TV/movie.

Space Explorers' Memorial Scholarship
This honors the Mercury and Challenger astronauts and Russian cosmonauts that have died to further our efforts in space exploration. It is a "general duty" scholarship. When a scholarship winner's field of study didn't quite match up with one of the others they are awarded this one. Originally there was to be one scholarship for any 2 year program and one for any 4 year program.

The Law & Order Scholarship
This was started by a chapter (can't remember at this time) for those studying Law Enforcement, no particular ST actor or actress involved.

Any active STARFLEET member is eligible

for a STARFLEET Scholarship. The Scholarships are awarded in amounts of \$500. Members can be attending community colleges, four-year colleges, most technical schools, junior colleges and universities or graduate school. Members must fill out an application, write two short essays, three letters of recommendation, school transcripts and acceptance letter to college. No financial information is requested.

The application period is generally from January 1 until May 1. Those scholarships will be awarded in July for classes starting in the fall.

Request an application in writing to:

Sue Hampton
116 Creston St
Greensboro, NC 27406
E-mail: shampton@gnl.com

Be sure to include your USPS address, since the application will be sent by mail.



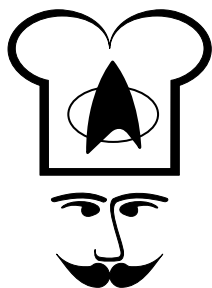
STARFLEET ACADEMY GRADUATE LIST



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 recieved from March 25 through May 23, 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 <i>Peg Pellerin, Dean</i>	Officer's Training School (OTS) <i>Peg Pellerin, Elizabeth Worth, Manon Lessard-Belanger , Jeroen Vantroyen - Directors</i> <div>Kristine Kynett Ken Volk, Jr Barbara Wright Alison P.Davies Jerry L. Feador Anna M. Feador Jason Graves Thomas R. Stevens Mary Hanford Edward Hanford Anselmo Melo Steven P. Bowers Douglas Poynor</div> <div>Sigurdur Gretar Jokulsson William C. Fox Jason VanaCamp Seth Andrews-Isquith Tracy Andrews-Isquith Lauren Milan James Nelson Rich Eseke Peter Picanso Gary Augenstein Mike Barnhill</div>	Officer's Command College (OCC) <i>James Cushing, Alan Yates, David Blaser - Directors</i> <div>Kandyleigh Provencher Deidre Rickard Marcus Hulshof Amy de Jongh Barbara Gatewood Craig Schuster Scott Stamm J. Yochanan Urias Matthew Power Kristy Benoit Boyd Harmon Christine Kynett Rik Rosken</div>	Flag Officer School (FOS) <i>Helen Pawlowski, Alan Yates - Directors</i> <div>Mike Dethlefs (2) Dusty Chesnavage Margaret Dyl * Gene Chapman Mike Gossett Patricia Lewis *</div>
	College of Federation Studies <i>Anne Bellenger, Director</i> <div>Billie Clifton (22) ***** Sherri Huff George Parker (6) ** Patricia Lewis (2) * Gregory A. Franklin (7) ***** Patricia Lewis (9) *****</div> School of Trek Humor (SOTH) <i>Sherry Anne Newell, Director</i> <div>Troy Pharis</div>	School of Treknology (SOT) <i>Alice C. Strange; A. Jean Smith, Directors</i> <div>Kurt Roithinger * Sheila M. Benton (4) *** Kitara Pramela Patricia Lewis Billie Clifton (3) *</div> School of Cultural Anthropology <i>Sherry Anne Newell, Director</i> <div>Eddie Milbrandt (2) *</div>	College of Alien History & Culture (CAHC) <i>David Peifer, Director</i> <div>John Roberts (10) ***** Darlene Harpe (3) *** Kurt Roithinger (4) ***** Steve Turner (4) ***** Maud Freifelder (4) ***** Patricia Lewis (6) *****</div> College of History (COH) <i>Debbie Butcher, Director</i> <div>Wayne Killough, Jr. *</div>
INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES <i>Greg Staylor, Dean</i>	Klingon Warrior Academy (KWA) <i>Debra Kern, Director</i> <div>Kurt F. Roithinger * Joseph P. Hoolihan * Scott A. Akers * Walter V. Ewing * Mike Dethlefs (3) *** Sean Meyer * Greg Franklin (2) ** A. Jean Smith * Alice Strange * Cathy Edgington *</div> <div>George Parker Kitara Pramela</div>	School of Strategy & Tactics (SOST) <i>Sanford Berenberg, Director</i> <div>Joest Jueffink (2) Trisha Rohal *</div> College of Starship Operations <i>James W. Lee, Director</i> <div>Billie Clifton Dusty Chesnavage Barney Cole John Roberts (2)</div> <div>Ewan Chalmers Greg Franklin Troy Pharis</div>	Vessel Readiness Certification Program <i>Carol Thompson, Director</i> <div>These ships have certified departments and/or earned their Vessel Readiness Certificate: SS Nexus (1) + VRC Rhyanna (5) USS Matt (8) + VRC</div>
	College of Medicine (SACOM) <i>Wayne Killough, Director</i> <div>Mike Dethlefs * Lorie Straley (2) * Allan Fleeker (3) * Kris Williams (3) * Margaret Dyl</div> <div>Darlene Harper (2) George Parker (4) * John Roberts (2) *</div>	School of Engineering (SOE) <i>Capt. Brian W. Dougherty, Director</i> <div>Michael Rupprecht James Parziale Allan Fleeker</div>	College of Trade & Commerce (COTAC) <i>Edith Padgett, Director</i> <div>Patricia R. Lewis * George Parker</div>
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY <i>Sharon Ann Clark, Dean</i>			



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

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

Artwork Created by Fleet Captain David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five

Welcome back, one and all, to my kitchen. It is a pleasure to talk with you once again. These first few months that B.U.R.P.S. has been operating is nothing short of an eye opener. Finding and correcting all the little glitches before they become a problem. Seeing things you didn't think of early on. Thankfully my (former) Co-Director, Adm. Anita Davis, is there to help me out; and to properly side on the sake of caution. Having said this, let's move on, as I have a lot of material to cover which all of you need to be aware of.

To start with, when B.U.R.P.S. was first submitted, it was too vague. So changes were made. Once approved, the school was opened, but the old CQ article announcing this course was used. By the time I got CQ 103 it was too late to make CQ 104. And so here we are in CQ 105. "On Cooking: A Textbook Of Culinary Fundamentals" 2nd Ed. by Sarah R. Labensky and Alan M. Hause (Prentice Hall) and the Star Trek Encyclopedia are all you will need to complete any B.U.R.P.S. course that you choose to take.

B.U.R.P.S. has also been re structured

to keep costs reasonable (@\$15) if you wish to complete the whole school. And so the following categories now exist: GALLEY (ch. 1, 7 & Trek Trivia), APPRENTICE I (ch. 8, 11, 19, 21 & Trek Trivia), APPRENTICE II (ch. 12, 18 & Trek Trivia), APPRENTICE III (ch. 22, 28 & Trek Trivia), CHEF (ch. 29, 33 & Trek Trivia), and MASTER CHEF (ch. 34, 36 & Trek Trivia). Courses may be taken in any order. However, prior to taking the Master Chef course, a student must have successfully completed the Chef exam and any two other components of B.U.R.P.S.

Mail is another issue. Listed below, are the correct contact addresses, and the procedure for B.U.R.P.S. processing:

Bill Skinner, AM 8585
Post Office Box 256
Waymart, PA 18472 0256

Kevin Allen King
Co-Director, BURPS
309 N. Spring St.
Harrison, AR 72601

Processing Procedure:

1. Write to Kevin to enroll in

B.U.R.P.S.

2. Kevin will mail you a Student Personnel Sheet
3. Return this form, with payment, to Kevin
4. Kevin will mail you your course material
5. Complete your test
6. Return your answers to the appropriate person
7. Upon grading, and passing, you will be issued a certificate

Item 6 says to return your answers to the appropriate person. Thanks to Anita Davis, who caught this glitch, we have made the following decision:

If You Are Under 18, Or If You Are In Prison, Mail Your Test To Kevin For Grading. All Others Mail Your Test To Me For Grading.

To date (March 30, 2001) B.U.R.P.S. has five students. Patty Lewis is the first to complete a B.U.R.P.S. exam. I'm waiting to hear how she did as her test went to Anita. I hope that in time more of you will enroll. It is a good school, in to which a lot of hard work was put, and it is one that you'll also enjoy.

My goal is to also make this school more accessible. And so I am looking for someone who can put the B.U.R.P.S. material on disk. It would make things a lot easier for everyone. It could also be used to put B.U.R.P.S. online. Perhaps the same person who'd help us put B.U.R.P.S. onto a disk would be willing to help us take B.U.R.P.S. on line.

Also, there is a chance I will be moving this summer, to a halfway house. If that should happen, the School will have a need for a strong Co-Director, as I have a lot to learn after being incarcerated for nineteen years. This transition, as I return to society, will be a challenge. One made more difficult for me by the loss of my father (Dad died on 3/24/01) who, with Mom, was the biggest part of my support system. And so the last thing I want to do, aside from hindering myself, is to hurt this school. I will do what I can, when I can, to be involved with B.U.R.P.S. until I'm on my own and can handle B.U.R.P.S. without the need for a Co Director.

In closing, friends, I wish you good eating and peace in your life.

FORWARD TO THE PAST: COLLEGE OF TEMPORAL PHYSICS COMES TO STARFLEET ACADEMY

By Major Mike Dethlefs • Director, College of Temporal Physics

Hello all. I'd like to take a little of your time if I may to tell you about a new addition to STARFLEET Academy: The College of Temporal Physics!! The idea came from the fact that time travel is a subject that has always fascinated me, and when I saw the article for B.U.R.P.S. in the CQ, I was inspired to create the COTP.

The initial course will consist of four exams. The first exam, "Basics of Temporal Physics", will familiarize you with basic temporal terms and an overview of Trek time travel. The second exam, "Agent's Survival Exam", goes into Trek history as it relates to time travel. The third exam "Time Theory," gets into the meat and potatoes of time travel,

the various theories and mechanics of time travel as it relates to Trek and the real world.

Completing the first three exams with honors will allow you to take the Doctorate's exam, which consists of an essay on time travel as it relates to Trek. The topic is chosen by the student and approved by me.

Successful completion of the first three exams will earn a Bachelors' in Temporal Physics, and successful completion of the fourth exam will earn a PhD in Temporal Physics.

A little about me, I'm 32 years old and I've been a member of STARFLEET since 1998. I've completed OTS, OCC, Basic Doctorate-SACOM, and the

Klingon Warrior Academy courses. I'm currently the Chief Medical Officer on board the Shuttle Soyuz, and the Officer in Charge of the 898th Marine Strike Group-"The Flying Medicine Men".

In real life, I'm getting ready to graduate from the University of New Mexico with a Bachelors in Theatre (Directing).

If you're interested in attending the College of Temporal Physics, mail your application, \$2 check or M.O. (made out to STARFLEET Academy), and two loose 1st class stamps to the following address:

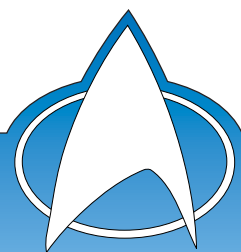
Mike Dethlefs
1906 Gold Ave. SE

Albuquerque, NM 87106
E-mail: xibalba@unm.edu

I'll mail you the requested exam (the first three can be taken in any order). Once you send it back, I'll grade it and send you a certificate if you passed.

So come and study at the College of Temporal Physics. Who knows, the fact that you know the difference between a Temporal Flux and a Temporal Divergence may save you or your ship and might just get that promotion from your grateful captain.

Well that should wrap it up for now. Take care, and I'll see y'all in the future (or maybe the past?).



STARFLEET PROMOTIONS

COMPILED BY MARINE CAPTAIN DEBORAH MALOTTE

Hello from the Office of Promotions! Here are those who have been promoted since the last CQ. Congrats to all the recipients!

To Fleet Captain/ Brigadier:

John R. Winsley
Don Willits
John R. Sprouse
Kevin Shane

Melissa Lillie
Shawn D. Fields
Jeroen Vantroyen

To Commodore/ Brigadier General:

David Pipgras
Ben C. Redding

STARFLEET SAYS HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

I would like to thank everyone for participating in the Birthday list I am running. I have been doing this for almost a year now and have had some really good comments and am happy to provide a service even if it is nothing more than making sure that you are recognized on the most important day of your life. I do not care if you are 1 month or 2000 years old it is an important date to at least one person and I bet there are others out there that would like to help you celebrate. Please contact me

by e-mail, US postal or instant messenger, and I will add you to the list. What I need for the list is your region, ship you are assigned to, Name and Rank, Month and Day of birth, and e-mail if you have one. Here is how you can contact me:

E-mail:
lwiz3@yahoo.com or jwhatle2@bellsouth.net

US Postal:
Captain James Whatley
176 County Road 606
Hanceville AL 35077

Instant Messaging:
ICQ#: **61957101**
Yahoo: **LWiz3**
AOL: **LWiz AL**

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 1 Robert E. Vosseller Jr.	July 19 Paul S. Reed
July 1 Ron Fell	July 19 Richard Smith
July 3 Chris Ings	July 19 Becky Meeker
July 4 Randy Lynch	July 20 Eddie Allen III
July 4 Josh Collier	July 20 Rodney Magann
July 6 Corey Whatley	July 22 Karen Higdon
July 6 Michael D. Smith	July 23 Billy Price
July 7 Stephen C. Thomas	July 23 Heidi King
July 7 Reagan Moore	July 23 Maria Sklar
July 7 Susan Moffatt-Guignard	July 23 E. Jerry Beaulieu
July 7 Bill A. (Mac) Schwab	July 23 Erik Burnett
July 8 Paul M Greene	July 24 Michelle Johnson
July 10 Nancy Lee Gillis	July 25 Dan Friesen
July 11 Carrie Henderson	July 26 Jason Sadeghi
July 12 Elizabeth Weber	July 26 Mike "Doc" Brookshire
July 12 Rebecca Ostman	July 27 Roger Scritchfield
July 12 Michelle Warford	July 27 Johnathan Simmons
July 13 David Ranner	July 28 Jules Mirza
July 13 Bob Justman	July 29 Curt D. Vinson
July 13 Stephen Magann	July 29 David Warner
July 14 David Boston	July 29 David Mengel
July 15 Jay Mooney	July 29 Jennifer Hess
July 16 John Musselman	July 30 Gary Hollifield
July 17 Kris Harah	July 30 William Joe Griffin
July 18 Martha Kirkland	July 30 Marian Murphy-Tompkins
July 18 Mary R. Limardo	July 31 Jay Long
July 18 Greg Kan	July 31 Jack Lafreniere
July 18 James Winsley	July 31 Lynn Evans
July 19 Robert Puersten	

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 2 Treavor Pence	August 18 Paul T. Payne
August 2 Michelle Holland	August 19 Neil Arnold
August 3 Danny Chamberlin	August 19 Patricia Davis
August 4 Jeremy Jackson	August 19 Dick White
August 4 Edy Sherrick	August 19 Gene Roddenberry
August 7 Evan Richards	August 19 Diana Mulder
August 7 Laura Dugas	August 19 Richard White
August 8 Johnny Magann	August 20 Jennifer High
August 9 Sashi Alexandra Garman	August 20 Bill Rose
August 10 Rich Gasperi	August 21 Stephanie Goldbach
August 11 Paul Stevens	August 21 Fleona Dysastar
August 12 Matt Jeffries	August 21 Scott Goldbach
August 12 Angie Gray	August 22 Barbara Durette
August 13 Mary Kane	August 22 Mike Finley
August 13 John "Eagle" Nelson	August 22 Rose Dunham
August 14 Bill Herrmann	August 22 Bethany Sherrick
August 14 Ken Norton	August 24 Jennifer Lien
August 14 Samantha Goldbach	August 25 Janessa Hall
August 15 Sandra Williams	August 25 Tony Hensley
August 15 Adrian Nunenkamp	August 26 Hazel Gilbert
August 16 Colin Magann	August 26 Dustin Williams
August 16 Amy Sherrick	August 27 Terry Dunham
August 16 Henry Peden	August 27 Mike Urvand
August 16 Kenneth L Fitchhorn	August 29 James Gibbs
August 16 MySha Allen	August 30 Kat Sweeney Richards
August 17 Debra Kern	August 31 Wendy Urvand
August 17 Michelle Magann	August 31 Christopher J. Rossman
August 17 Steve Gordon	August 31 David A Miller
August 18 Lee Shamblin	August 31 R. Bruce Tandy



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.

Last time I talked about the Region 7 RC Election (congrats again to JC Cohen). Well, business continued to be brisk as the Region 12 Regional Coordinator election moved into full swing.

REGION 12

The Region 12 Election Process began officially on March 12, 2001 with the Nomination Phase with 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 April 12 (postmarked by April 7). However, after some confusion with the nomination forms and dates, the deadline was extended for postmarked ballots to April 12 to be received by April 17.

There were 44 chapters/shuttles listed with Region 12, but 3 were deemed ineligible as they were slated for

decommissioning. 41 chapters/shuttles were determined to be eligible.

As of April 17, 2001, this Office received 24 nomination forms from COs of Region 12. The three nominees received the number of nominations as follows:

Robert Westfall - 16 (67%)
Michael McGowan - 7 (29%)
James Herring - 1 (4%)

Achieving the 50%+1 ratio, Vice Admiral Robert Westfall was named as Regional Coordinator, Region 12.

OTHER ISSUES

There are currently no investigations in progress.

We have submitted a proposal to the AB to officially allow electronic balloting (i.e., e-mail) for Regional Coordinator Elections/VoCs.

We will be submitting a proposal for an addition to the Member Handbook to address the issue of Regional

Coordinators resigning their position and the process of selecting a replacement. Currently, only removal of an RC is addressed in the MHB and Constitution.

The IG's Operations Manual is still under revision to reflect the changes in the Constitution and other internal policies.

IG PERSONNEL

There have been no new staffing changes since the last report.

There are positions open for Regions 6, 10, 11, 13, 15, and 17. Interested parties should send a Fleet/Real Life resume to my attention.

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And remember, the Office of Inspector General's Staff Apparel and Accessories Gift Shoppe is open for business at:

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proudly wear the same stunningly rendered and colorful logo of the IG's Office (as seen above) that Staff members wear. Also drink from the same mugs and mouse from the same pads used in the IG's Office!

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And the best part? All proceeds, that's right, I said all proceeds from the sale of these items go directly to STARFLEET to help cover the expenses of the IG's Office. So how can you go wrong? Excellent quality apparel and marvelous accessories are waiting for you! Feel free to buy one of each.

That's it for me.

YMH&OS,

Greetings from the DOG Pound!

This has been a busy time for the Department of Online Gaming. We've been busy keeping the webpages updated (especially when I'm getting daily dosages of GameSpy Newsletters), as well as the regular gaming issues.

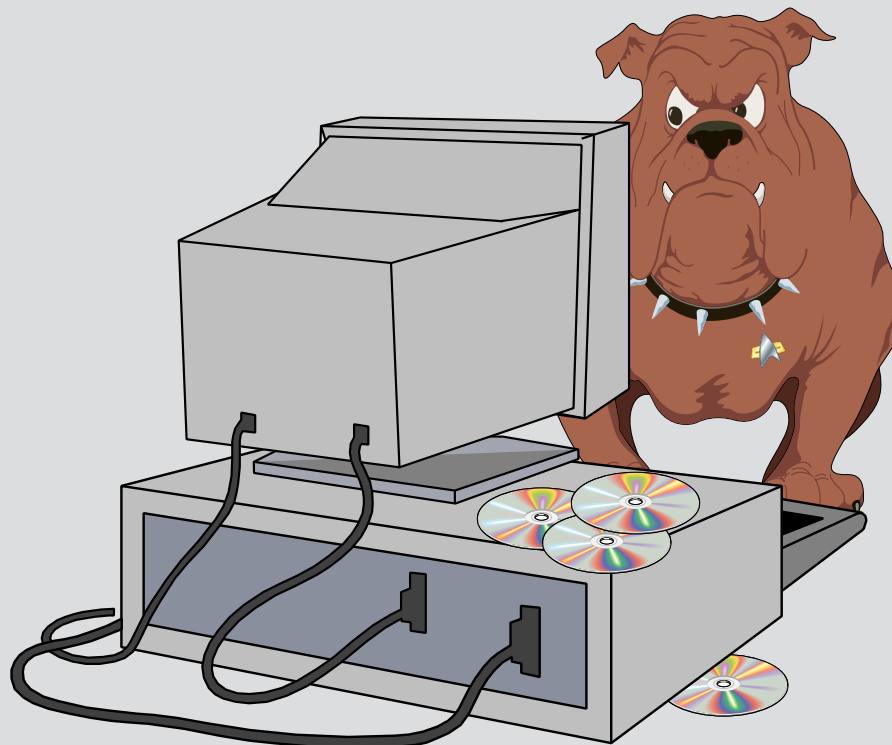
Starting in July, we'll begin our first annual STARFLEET Command Tournament. How long it'll last, who knows? The winner will most likely be crowned at either International Conference 2001 in Kansas City, or at DinkyCon II (also known as the Western Conference), depending on when the tournament concludes.

We're gonna be adding games like crazy over the next few months. Already, we've had requests for Diablo II, Quake III Arena (even Quake III Team Arena), Unreal Tournament, and a few others I can't remember off the top of my head. We need to have more than three to five people wanting the same game listed on our site and our ladders page. To

NEWS FROM THE DOG POUND!

By Major Joe Brouhard • Director, STARFLEET Department of Online Gaming

Artwork Created by Fleet Captain David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region 5



send a request, you can e-mail me privately at joe@armadaproject.net or join our Listserv. The directions are the same as any majordomo list (just send an e-mail to majordomo@sfi.org with the body saying "subscribe gamers-l" without the quotation marks).

We've added some new features to our website at <http://dog.sfi.org>. The two major features we've added are the newsletter sections GameSpy and GameSpot. Game Spot is from Zdnet (thanks to Mike Wilkerson, CO USS Atlas, for introducing me to that newsletter) and can be found here: <http://dog.sfi.org/gamespy/> and you can access Game Spot (which seems to be sent once a week) at <http://dog.sfi.org/gamespot/>. If anyone has problems accessing these sites, e-mail me privately.

More information will go out in the next issue of CQ (as well as tournament winners and results), as well as some news about a few new features we are making available to STARFLEET Gamers.

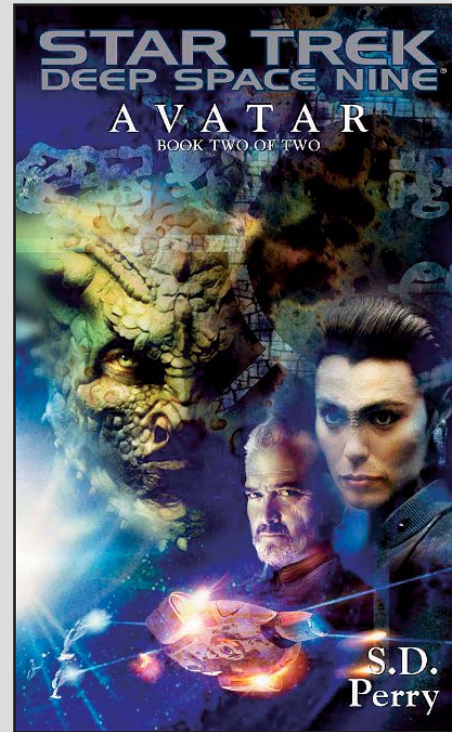
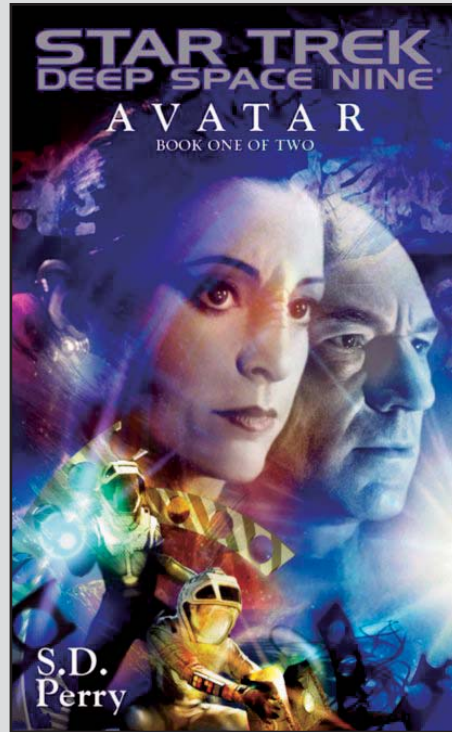
PICKS'N'PANS — WHERE MEMBERS REVIEW THOSE SPECIAL THINGS WE CANNOT DO WITHOUT!

Captain Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo • USS Accord

"Deep Space Nine" Begins 8th Season In Novel Form

In May 2001, Pocket Books published Avatar, a Star Trek: Deep Space Nine novel, in two volumes. It's written by S.D. Perry, who has previously contributed two stories to The Lives of Dax and has written the novelizations of Timecop and Virus. Under the name Stella Howard, Ms. Perry has written an original novel based on the series Xena: Warrior Princess.

Avatar begins three months after DS9's finale, "What You Leave Behind," and focuses on Colonel Kira's command of the station. A surprise attack by what's left of the Dominion kills hundreds of StarFleet and Bajoran militia officers as well as civilians. As well, an ancient Bajoran text is discovered that incites religious controversy among the populace - one of its prophecies is that the birth of the son of the Emissary (Kasidy Yates' unborn child) will require the death of 10,000. What that actually means will be revealed at the end of the second volume, but several of



A Promising Beginning: The Covers for the "Deep Space Nine" duology "Avatar" depict several of the "new" crew aboard the venerable Space Station, such as Elias Vaughn (the guy with the Beard on the right) as well as the new Chief of Security, the original Bajoran Tough Person.

Photo courtesy of Simon & Schuster

the more conservative elements of Bajoran religious hierarchy have their own interpretation of it.

We meet again a former Enterprise officer who becomes the station's new chief of security, and are introduced to three new characters - Commander Tiris Jast, a Bolian senior officer who commands the Defiant; Shar, the reticent Andorian science officer; and Elias Vaughn, a longtime Starfleet officer at a crossroads in his life.

I found both volumes of the novel hard to put down. In the post-TOS era, Deep Space Nine has always been my favorite and I'm glad to see the "8th season" begin with a well-considered blend of action, characterization and thought-provoking issues of religion, culture and society. Pocket Books is taking up the threads of themes begun in Star Trek: The Next Generation and Star Trek: Deep Space Nine quite effectively and I look forward to further adventures in this series.



REGION ONE RDC ALIEN AMBASSADOR CORPS

Captain Ruth Green • USS

Logo courtesy of the Region 1 Alien Ambassador Corps

Ambassadors from the Non-Aligned Worlds meet in council. It is the last best hope of peace. Oops, wrong show. Similar to the council of Non-Aligned Worlds, the Alien Ambassador Corps meets in council on a space station in Region One. The Alien Ambassador Corps has ambassadors for Andorians, Bajoran, Betazeds, Borg, Breen, Deltan, Dominion, Genetically Enhanced Human, Gorn, Klingon, Maquis, Romulans, Trill, Vulcan, and Xenexian. More ambassadors for different races will be added as needed.

The Alien Ambassador Corps is unique to STARFLEET. The AAC deals with the fictional side of the alien races. Each ambassador has an alter ego and persona. Most ambassadors have

written a background detailing their past as the race they represent. The AAC deals with the role-playing side of STARFLEET. In STARFLEET, you see many Human officers and members. Occasionally, you find a STARFLEET member wanting to be an alien race, which you see most of the time as Klingon. The Star Trek world has had many various aliens only a few that you see people claiming to be. You will see Klingons everywhere, but when was the last time you saw someone in full blue makeup as an Andorian or Bolian? As RDC of the AAC, I have seen more people saying that they are Romulan, Vorta, Orion or Horta then I have seen before.

The AAC has grown by leaps and

bounds in the recent months. We have added Bajoran, Borg, Deltan, Dominion, Romulans, and Trill ambassadors in just the last 3 months. On our AAC list serve, the ambassadors can role-play or discuss real concerns. With the addition of our Dominion ambassador, the AAC list serve has become very active. The list went from a month 12 total posts in March to a total of posts of 134 in April. This was mostly due to the arrival of the Dominion ambassador, the Vorta. The Vorta was very helpful in wanting to take applications for the ambassadors' entrance into the Dominion.

The Alien Ambassador Corps is in the process of making quarters, holo-suites (for the Ferengi Ambassador), and

general departments for our council space station. These will be in the future added to the AAC web site (<http://www.regionone.net/AAC>).

On the Alien Ambassador Corps' web site, we have a list of ambassadors, who the ambassadors are, and soon biographies of the ambassadors, as well as the council's space station and various rooms on it plus more things as we grow.

The AAC is a fun place to act out your persona. You can interact with other people who, like yourself, want to have fun with the fictional side of STARFLEET. More importantly, you can be a STARFLEET alien anyone can be proud of.



A STARFLEET BOOK OF RECORDS

Colonel Julie James • USS Normandy, STARFLEET Region One

Artwork adapted by Lauren Milan • STARFLEET Region Seven

Last year while attending the Region 1 Summit in Gatlinburg, a group of us went on a walking tour of the strip. One of the places we visited was the Guinness Book of World Records... very interesting place indeed. This got me to thinking about what people have done in STARFLEET and I came up with the idea for a STARFLEET Book of Records along the same line. After discussing my idea with Scott Akers, he gave me permission to go about my task using the Office of Fleet Historian as a base.

I am asking that any and all members of STARFLEET who have any little known or unknown facts about themselves, chapters, regions, friends, commanding officers, regional coordinators, etc. to please get in touch with me. I've had quite a few submissions so far but most are from the SFMC. Carolyn Donner has marked a place for the USS Jurassic by submitting that they were the first Star Trek fan club ever to have an amateur radio license in both the US and Canada.

Here are some of the things I'm looking for:

- Longest/shortest commissioned chapters (currently and ever)
- Chapter with the most/least active members (currently and ever).

Please note that in this case active means those members who participate on a regular basis, not associate members.

- Individual with the most awards
- Most decorated chapter (how many over how long)
- Chapter with the most name changes
- Chapter with most decommissionings and/or recommissionings
- Region with the most commissionings in one year
- Member with the longest active membership in each Region
- Longest/shortest shuttle run (EFCP included)
- Longest/shortest serving RC (consecutively and not)
- Oldest member promoted
- Largest membership numbers ever in each Region.
- Largest number of chapters in each Region (currently and ever)
- Region with the largest number of

chapters (i.e. Region One?)

- Longest/shortest serving Section Rep./Senior Captain

- Largest jump/decline in ranks

- Longest time in STARFLEET without a promotion. The current record is 13 years, being held by Truman Temple.

- Most senior member never to have attended any events outside their chapter

- Tallest/shortest member (Richard "Doc" Kinne, AKA Mini-Me, holds this one for the shortest so far.)

- Most positions ever held by one person at one time

- Most number of times promoted to the same rank

- Longest/shortest serving CO (chapters and shuttles)

- Individual with the most mishaps

- First chapter in each Region

- Member passing the most Academy courses in the least amount of time

- Youngest member to have passed the most number of courses

- Member serving on the most

chapters/Regions

- Longest serving department head in each Region

- Longest term serving as department head (any and all)

Keep in mind this is not a complete list. There are many more things that I have failed to consider and will gladly accept any submissions. There are a few guidelines however, such as nothing opinionated, dates and details (including name, rank, chapter, region) must be included in order to verify information. If possible, there will be a record holder for each region, with the topmost amongst all the Region record holders being recorded as the STARFLEET record holder.

Please don't be shy. You never know how many records you may hold otherwise. If you're not sure, ask or send it anyway. I'll try to reply personally to each submission within 24 hours.

Reply to me personally at dasjules@aol.com or by snail mail at:

Julie James
416 W. Mullins St.
Marion SC 29571

Oh, and one final note, no prizes will be awarded!

YOUR FLEET DJ — AT YOUR SERVICE!

By Lieutenant Colonel Steve Gordon • Executive Officer, USS Shadowhawk, STARFLEET Region Two

You know who I am. At least I think you do. In case you don't, I am Steve Gordon, your humble DJ from Region 2 (Valley, Alabama).

I have had the most wonderful opportunity to meet and greet some of you from different regions in Fleet. I proudly serve the home folks here in R2. I have also traveled to R1--to the fine folks in the Carolinas, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Ohio. Also, you are some fine Fleeters down there deep in the heart of Texas and Louisiana too! Now I would like to come visit the rest of Fleet!

Regions 4, 5, 12, 15, and 17!

What I'm getting at there is that I have been answering the call for probably one of Fleet's much-needed services: a DJ. Have you priced a professional DJ lately? Too expensive for your region's budget, eh? Well, have I a deal for you! You have probably been to your Region summit and on Friday or Saturday night, danced and partied the night away to your favorite music. Well, that's what I am here for. I am willing to travel on behalf of Fleet (to some extent, an ambassador of R2). Here's what I offer: full setup, performance,

and takedown; playing your favorite music to party and dance to; and general mingling with fine fellow Fleeters like you! Here's what I charge: nothing! Just work out the details with your RC, and I'll make the event.

You may ask: "Well, Riceboy, how do you attend these events?" "How do you get there?" Easy: I drive. Load up the car with my stereo equipment, lay in a course (ahead warp factor seven Mr. Sulu...) and go! Yes, I drive. Looooong distances sometimes. No, I do not fly. Too risky, with the equipment and such. I know, it may

be cheaper (and faster) to come in by plane, but I really am not a fan of commercial air travel.

Anyway, I may be contacted at (riceboy1701@hotmail.com). My postal mail address is:

Steve Gordon
6402 Cleveland Rd. Apt B-7;
Valley, AL 36854.

My phone number is easy too: (334) 756-1701. Contact me and we can arrange a DJing you can be proud of!



UPN ANNOUNCES 2001-2002 SCHEDULE

Captain Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo • USS Accord, STARFLEET Region Seven

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On Thursday, May 17, 2001, UPN had its annual "Upfront" -- a presentation of its fall TV schedule for advertisers, media buyers and the press - at Madison Square Garden in New York City. The presentation was also beamed via satellite to sites in Chicago and Los Angeles.

The network had scored a coup some weeks before when Mutant Enemy, Inc., Kuzui Enterprises/Sandollar Television and 20th Century Fox Television, the producers of Buffy the Vampire Slayer, had sold the broadcast rights for new episodes to UPN beginning with the 2001-02 season. This became a plot point in the short film that began the presentation. Two UPN executives - chief executive officer Dean Valentine and executive vice president of network sales Michael Mandelker - starred with William Shatner ("This is how I navigated on the Enterprise," Shatner says as he and Valentine play Asteroids) in a spoof of Mission: Impossible showing how UPN "stole" Buffy from the WB network.

The actual presentation was MC'd by Tom Nunan, president of UPN's entertainment division. Probably mindful of the fact that many of those present were eager for news about the fifth (sixth, if you count the animated series of 1973-74) Star Trek series, Enterprise, the schedule was presented in backwards order starting with Tuesday.

Buffy the Vampire Slayer will remain at its familiar time slot of Tuesdays at 8 p.m. Appearing on stage to accompany a clip reel of scenes from this past season (at press time, UPN had not completed negotiations to show any of the episodes that had been broadcast by the WB) were creator/executive producer Joss Whedon and executive producer Marti Noxon as well as stars Anthony Stewart Head (Giles), Emma Caulfield (Anya), James Marsters (Spike) and Michelle Trachtenberg

(Dawn).

The news of the morning (negotiations had apparently concluded only the night before) was that UPN had picked up Roswell, which was due for cancellation by the WB. Unfortunately, none of the young stars of the series, about young aliens stranded on Earth, appeared.

Monday night's lineup will consist of four comedies - The Hughleys, One on One (a new sitcom starring Flex Alexander and Kyla Pratt; it replaces

to science-fiction audiences is the special Iron Chef Showdown in Las Vegas, hosted by William Shatner (whose line from the presentation "Why does everything have to be about [insert dramatic pause] Smackdown?!" should be a standard line for Shatner imitators from now on). On Iron Chef, previously a hallmark of the Food Network, four master chefs - representing American, Italian, French and Asian cuisine - will face off against each other in a culinary showdown. Other specials scheduled include The Source Hip-Hop Music Awards 2001

Space 9) co-stars as Smith's former girlfriend.

Thursday nights, of course, will consist of the highly rated WWF Smackdown (cue William Shatner line here). Vince and Linda McMahon did a smile-and-wave on stage to accompany the clip reel.

Then came the news I suspect most if not all of the audience was waiting for: Enterprise would lead off Wednesday nights at 8 p.m. (a slot formerly held by 7 Days, which is being cancelled). However, as the series was only then going into production, there were no stills nor film of the sets or ships, and not even Scott Bakula (best known as Sam Beckett on Quantum Leap), who will be playing Captain Jonathan Archer, was available for appearances. A short film of the production staff - executive producers Rick Berman and Brannon Braga, production designer Herman Zimmerman - talking about the Trek phenomenon and legacy was shown.

Following Enterprise will be the second season of Special Unit 2, which had its premiere this past spring. Special Unit 2 - whose stars Michael Landes and Danny Woodburn appeared on stage - is a one-hour drama about an undercover Chicago police unit tasked to deal with "links" - creatures that slipped through the evolutionary cracks to terrorize mankind.

After the presentation, the various stars and producers circulated with the press and advertisers at a reception buffet. I shook Joss Whedon's hand and told him how much I enjoyed his work and looked forward to the new season. Whedon is a friendly, affable man who gladly posed with people.

It looks like this fall on TV will be a good one for Trek fans. The summer will seem quite long as we wait.



No word on whether he will croon the shows Themesong for good measure: William Shatner (who also performed in a hilarious filmed skit with UPN chairman and CEO Dean Valentine) will be the host of "Iron Chef" competitions this fall.

Photo courtesy of Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo

Moesha), The Parkers and Girlfriends. Stars from all of the series did a brief smile-and-wave appearance on stage. Friday nights (UPN has no regular new programming on either Saturday or Sunday nights at this time) will be a continuation of The UPN Movie Night; clips were shown of theatrical films such as The Specialist, Dark City, How Stella Got Her Groove Back and The Fifth Element.

The network has quite a few specials scheduled for the 2001-02 season. Of paramount (no pun intended) interest

and Mo'nique's Holiday House Party, starring the comedienne from The Parkers.

A series based on Stephen King's The Dead Zone (a film adaptation starring Christopher Walken was made in the 1980's) is scheduled as a mid-season entry. It stars Anthony Michael Hall as Johnny Smith, a man newly emerged from a six-year coma, who finds that he has the power to perceive people's past or future just by touching them. Nicole de Boer (best known as Ezri Dax on the last season of Star Trek: Deep

THE STARFLEET INTERVIEWS

with Vice Admiral Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons

On this edition, we walk the halls with Captain Dean Rogers and Admiral Jennifer Yates. Dean is Region 7's Cadet Corps Commandant and Jennifer is the Region 11 Coordinator from down under in the land called Australia! Join us as we chat about life, the universe and STARFLEET...

Name: Rogers, Dean

Rank: Captain

Current Assignment: Region 7 Cadet Corps Commandant

When we think of "The Next Generation", we immediately think of the Star Trek series. But when I think of the next generation, I think of the cadets that will be tomorrow's CO's, RC's and CS's. I think of the shuttles they will launch and the traditions they will honor. Captain Dean Rogers is one of these leaders of tomorrow's STARFLEET and I am honored to have him here to chat about whatever's on his mind. Oh, <insert deity here> help us...

Gumby: Welcome to the Beat, Dean!

Dean: Thanks Gumby! I have to say that I feel honored to be part of STARFLEET's next generation!

Gumby: You represent the SFI of tomorrow... how do you feel about that?

Dean: I feel honored to represent the STARFLEET officers of tomorrow because to me, the cadets hold the key to the future of this great organization. Ever since I was a cadet officer in the Navy Junior ROTC back in high school and STARFLEET, I knew that one of my goals was to help build up the organizations for the next generation to enjoy

Gumby: Dean, how about giving the readers a synopsis of the Cadet Program?

Dean: The Region 7 Cadet Corps program is designed for various purposes. First, we are going help the cadets get a better understanding of STARFLEET by creating guidelines in the handbook to let the chapters know how to help their cadets to be their best in SFI. Second, we will be recognizing the cadets' efforts through a series of awards based of the work on their chapters and real life. Third and final, we want to help the cadets set their sights on what they would like to become. Who knows, we may have the

future CO's, RC's or the Commander, STARFLEET in our new officers.

Gumby: Dean, do you have a website for R7CC that our readers can look at

ceases to amaze me!

Gumby: What do you feel is the R7CC's greatest strength?

Dean: Honestly, the program's

to be the best to their ability.

Gumby: What about the program's weaknesses?

Dean: So far, the weakness has been communication within all the chapters. The first part of the program was to send a short survey to all the chapters. It was a survey to get feedback from the Chapter COs on their cadet programs. We have only heard from 60% of the chapters but we will continue to try to gather information from the ones we haven't heard from yet.

Gumby: Sixty percent is a pretty good average, but it could be better, I agree

Gumby: Any thoughts on applying for SFI Cadet Corps Commandant?

Dean: There are times that I want to go to the Fleet level but so far, I don't intend to leave the Region 7 Cadet Corps anytime soon. There so much more I want to learn and progress in the first few years as a regional staff member. I have very good support in my staff, region, and Fleet that I want to put my time as Commandant, R7CC as much as possible. One of these days, I will ready to take on the Fleet Cadet Corps job but not at this time.

Gumby: What is your favorite Trek incarnation?

Dean: The Next Generation, of course! Ever since I first saw the Galaxy Class ENTERPRISE warp across the screen, I was hooked on STAR TREK and never looked back! I started being a Star Trek fan in September 1987 and the journey so far has been magnificent!

Gumby: Favorite NextGen character?

Dean: I have two favorite characters. Captain Jean-Luc Picard is, to me, the ideal Captain of STARFLEET. He is a very good leader that stands behind his crew 100%. Also, he is straight forward, to the letter, no holds barred, by-the-book STARFLEET Officer. I admire the character for his dedication to protecting the Federation and the actor for giving an all out performance!

Gumby: Yes...Patrick promoted me to Captain back in 92 and he is a great person!

Dean: My all-time favorite character is Geordi LaForge. He is very special to me because not only have I impersonated him at countless



How to get your picture into the Communiqué, Take 1: First, find a good subject (Dean Rogers, Check), Next, find a nice Backdrop (the great outdoors, Check) and lastly, make him say "Fahrvergnügen". Ta-da!

Photo courtesy of Sandy Berenberg

for online info?

Dean: Oh yes indeed and I invite all of the Fleet to check it out! The address is <http://www.geocities.com/r7cc>

Gumby: Excellent!

Dean: The site was created by a marvelous and excellent web designer by the name of Lauren Milan. She deserves all the credit for the outstanding work she put towards the new site!

Gumby: Oh yes, Lauren's work is outstanding...she did the USS Osiris and USS Stormbringer sites in addition to lots of other Fleet work! She never

strength is the cadets themselves. I know when I was a cadet from 1995 to 1999, I always looked to the senior officers in SFI to be my role models. I have seen officers that have achieved high positions and ranks and yet, they are under 18. There are cadets that are doing the job of senior officer maybe twice their age and experience. When they put their mind to it, cadets can accomplish anything. The cadets are so wonderful and talented in not only Region 7 but also all over the Fleet. The program's strength is to let them know that young officers want their chance

conventions but he is a another role model to me. The character symbolizes that you can be anything you want to be despite his disability. As the Chief Engineer, he totally knows how to make the ship work! LeVar Burton is a great actor and I wish one of these days I can meet him in person for giving life to a character that I can relate to.

Gumby: LeVar is a very talented actor indeed... and he devotes a lot of time to kids and helping them learn more! I deeply respect him for his dedication.

Dean: I definitely agree!

Gumby: Do you have any hobbies other than SFI and the Cadet Corps?

Dean: My hobbies include reading, writing stories, listening to oldies music, dancing, game show fan, watching movies, and computers to name a few.

Gumby: Y'all should make an R7CC lunchbox...I'd buy two or three :)

Dean: I will keep that in mind :-)

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

Dean: Personality conflicts is the thing I'd like to see changed because SFI is not about taking advantage of people. STARFLEET to me is about living and supporting the ideas of Gene Roddenberry.

Gumby: Remove the egos and the higherthanthou attitudes and you are over halfway there! We have made a lot of progress in that direction and it shows in Fleet morale.

Dean: Exactly, Gumby, you read my mind! There are some people who need to remember that in SFI, we are ALL equals.

Gumby: Dean...you shall go far and accomplish much, my friend!

Gumby: What do you do for a living?

Dean: I am 20-year-old Communications sophomore at Bowie State University. I am also a clerk/typist for a US government agency in Washington, DC.

Gumby: You work for the Government?

Dean: Yes... I have for 6 months now!

Gumby: I take it all back then!

Gumby: Where do you see the R7CC 2 years from now?

Dean: I see the R7CC will become the blueprint for all many cadet programs in the Region! There are some ships that do not have cadet programs at all right now. We will have a handbook by the summer of this year and that will help the chapters set up departments, programs, and guidelines for the ir own cadets. I also see our cadets growing up right before everybody's eyes and eventually reaching for their stars in

the Fleet.

Gumby: Finally...is there anything you would like to say to the Fleet?

Dean: There is an old saying that I like to part with. "I believe the children are our future. Teach them well and let them lead the way." Always look out for cadet officers. They maybe young but the best and brightest will come shining through to make STARFLEET the best Trek organization. No matter what region you are in, a cadet officer or senior officer, we invite you all to lend your support to the Region 7 CADET CORPS! We believe that "TODAY's Cadets are Tomorrow's Leaders!"

Gumby: I do have one final... very important question for you Dean...

Dean: Fire away, sir

Gumby: Since you work for the government... can you check on my tax refund status? :)

Dean: Um... That's not my department. J

Name: Yates, Jennifer Aileen

Rank: Admiral

Current Assignment: Region Eleven Coordinator, Flagship: USS Southern Cross

We think of ourselves as an international organization. We see the overseas chapters listed in the vessel registry and sometimes get to read about them here in the CQ... so I thought that I'd try to get a Regional Coordinator from an international region. During my search, I found out that Admiral Jennifer Yates celebrated her 19 year anniversary in SFI this month! Jennifer is the RC for Region Eleven too.

Hmmm...

Cool... now all I had to do was hack into the SFI Satellite Network and cross a few subroutines together and I could get a private link for less than the going rate... Lucky for me I know Mark Anbinder and Greg Trotter! I sat down at my desk and tapped my companel...

Gumby: Gumby to CompOps... Hey guys... can you set me up a secure satlink to R11HQ?

Really cool comlink transfer and switching link sounds

SFICompOps: "OK Gumby, you're all set"

Gumby: Thanks guys!

Gumby looks at his PADD and says... "It helps to know genius type smart peoples."

I typed in my SSC-47 ID and looked at the display... Grumbling... I inserted the amount of coins that the call required and cursed the international rate hikes. Finally... I was connected to Admiral Yates of the Eleventh Fleet...

Gumby: Welcome, Jennifer!

Jennifer: Thank you, Johnathan.

Gumby: You just celebrated your 19th year anniversary in SFI. Congratulations and thank you for almost two decades of service to Fleet! What have you done all this time?

Jennifer: I have been the Executive Officer for The USS Southern Cross for three years and then Commanding Officer 15 years. I have also been Regional Coordinator for 14 years.

Gumby: Wow! That's a long time!

Jennifer: Yep.

Gumby: What do you feel is R11's greatest strength?

Jennifer: The keenness and dedication of its members.

Gumby: Do you have much contact with the US chapters?

Jennifer: Over the years I have enjoyed the friendships of many US officers and Chapters (Region 12 is our sister Region). I've established and maintained contact with most of the Fleet Admirals through the years of their tenure. Lasting friendships with members and I hope I don't miss any are: Marlene Miller, Robert Monoghan, Alex Rosenzweig, Carolyn Donner, Peg Pellerin, Helen Pawloski, Dennis Gray and many more.

Gumby: What chapters do you have in R11?

Jennifer: We used to have three but we now only have one and that is the USS Southern Cross.

Gumby: Do Star Trek conventions come down to Australia?

Jennifer: No unfortunately. We occasionally have Star Trek Star visit though.

Gumby: Does your chapter there have a website?

Jennifer: No but one is being formed.

Gumby: Have you ever been to the US or Europe? Meet any Fleeters there?

Jennifer: Europe – Yes. US – No.

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

Jennifer: *The Trouble with Tribbles.* Shows both the serious side and the lighter side of Space travelers.

Gumby: Do you have any regional traditions? If so what are they?

We celebrate the anniversaries of Star Trek, STARFLEET and the USS Southern Cross. We have a tradition of support of two charities; The Children's Medical Research and The Flying Doctors Service and we have collected over \$18000.00 for them since our Chapter was formed.

Gumby: Wow! That's a lotta dough!

Jennifer: Yep.

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

Jennifer: There was a time when Region XI had very little support and attention but with the advent of several good Fleet Admirals and their Staffs we now enjoy being in and involved with many STARFLEET matters like the Australian Campus of SFA. Quick responses to our communications help a lot!

Gumby: What kind of activities do your chapters participate in?

Jennifer: Technical Lectures. Sporting activities, Away meetings. Putting on money raising activities for our Charities. Lots of fun stuff!

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

Jennifer: Not really. STARFLEET is evolving into a friendly atmosphere with nearly all members striving to make it an even more enjoyable experience.

Gumby: What plans do you have for R11?

Jennifer: Being a small Region, numbers wise, we are constantly trying to increase our numbers but it is difficult. There are so many other activities and attractions for people. So we are working on building up members.

Gumby: Where do you see R11 in 5 years?

Jennifer: Hopefully back to our 3 Chapters and 100 members.

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

Jennifer: The Star Trek experience has influenced the world. STARFLEET as part of that experience has a duty to carry on the high ideals of Gene Roddenberry.

Gumby: Jennifer, thank you for taking the time out for the interview!

Jennifer: My pleasure... thanks for having me on, Johnathan.

And there you have it, folks. Is there someone you'd like to see interviewed on Fleet Beat? Send your nominations to gumby@sfi.org.



REGION 12 SUMMITT IN EMPORIA, KANSAS

P.O.3 Matt Henke • USS Atlas, STARFLEET Region 12

Artwork courtesy of STARFLEET Region 12

Salutations, avid Communiqué readers! I have been a member of the crew of the USS Atlas in Region 12 for a little over 2 years, and until now I have been relatively content to show up for most events, be seen, and not heard (or read, actually) but no longer, for I must spread the Good News that was Region 12 Summit, 2001! Fun was had by all!

The Ramada Inn in Emporia, Kansas, was a very nice hotel, much nicer than I expected. After bumping into a few friends from other ships across the region, we saddled up for dinner at the Cracker Barrel (yeeee-haw!) with our friend Chris Dunivan, the CO of the USS Celt from Arkansas.

Saturday morning started off well, although a bit too early for my tastes. We got up at the crack of dawn. We made quite an impressive and unified front at opening ceremonies, which began at 8 a.m. sharp. Opening ceremonies, for those who have not yet attended Summit, consist of much pomp and circumstance, which is something I've never been very fond of. However, at STARFLEET gatherings, I am always impressed and very proud to take part in and enjoy these events. Introduction of Region 12 staff members, presentation of the colors (by the well organized STARFLEET Legionnaires), attendance of present chapters, and a state of the region address by the RC (Regional Coordinator), the always entertaining Robert Westfall, are just a few of the memorable events that take place.

Oh, and if I were to forget the awards ceremony each year as an extremely noteworthy event, I think our captain would have me flogged for such a grand omission. After opening ceremonies, the panels began. Everywhere. Wherever there was a meeting room, an oversized banquet hall, or a broom closet, there were people gathered to discuss all things fandom and Trek. I think, at one point, I went to the restroom to use the facilities, and I stumbled onto a panel in progress about the formation of the next Trek series. Maybe it was a Paramount focus group doing research "on location". Anyway, actual panel topics ranged from e-mail etiquette to chapter activity ideas and from community service to model making.

I attended one panel at one o'clock -- my one and only panel. It was the STARFLEET Legionnaires presentation, since I knew its organizers from years past. I enjoyed the Legionnaires' discussion and explanation of their mission and purpose. Legionnaires Jim Herring, Robert Westfall, and Walter Otten put together an excellent briefing.

The charity auction was hosted by the

CO of the USS Nomad, Commodore Carl Johnson, a very cool guy and one of the more interesting characters you will see in the region. Most if not all profit from the auction goes to a variety of worthwhile charities across the five states that make up Region 12. After the auction, there

as "Zoiks!" were pulled in from the local college to entertain us all with a "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" improv motif.

After dinner, there was the costume contest to judge. There were as many people in the contest in themed apparel (3 Musketeers

Seven of Nine look-a-like took home first prize. She filled out her costume nicely.

Then, there was much drinking, music, and merriment as the party raged on into the night. I believe there was even some dancing to the mp3 driven tunes of the evening, courtesy of former RC Wade Hoover. I think the hotel management decided we needed to wrap things up by midnight, so sometime between 11:30 and that appointed deadline, the party moved to "Regional Party Coordinator" Robert Westfall's room, where it went on for at least another couple of hours.

On Sunday morning, I ran downstairs to the banquet hall, having missed the actual closing of ceremonies, but arrived to find that most folks were still there saying their good-byes and "until next year!" Many were signing programs for others as though they were high school yearbooks. And our captain, keeping with his grand artistic tradition, was evening doing "Cpt. Mike" caricatures for some in their program books. And how could I forget Jim Herring, sneaking up on people (myself included) and giving them backbreaking bear hugs!

Well, we eventually packed up, checked out, and headed for home, piling into the Suburban with our luggage plus another metric ton of items bought at the auction, give or take a few pounds.

As I've said once here already, I can't remember the last time I've had that much fun. In all honesty, it was probably a year ago at the last Summit. I guess that's why I go and will continue to go: to have fun. Fandom is all about making new friends, which, for most, is a never-ending process in life. It's like eating and sleeping - it's done from the day you're born to the day you die. And being a member of the Atlas and STARFLEET is, for me, an excellent way of making new friends.

Region 12 Summits and other regional events also fill that need. Sure, I don't get to see all the friends I make at Summit more than once or twice a year at most, but that's not important. The important thing is that I've made them. I reached out and made contact.

Before becoming a part of organized fandom, I primarily met most of my friends in the military. And before that, it was through classes and by joining a fraternity in college. What I propose to you is that Trek is a fraternity. And it has no membership requirements, dues, or initiation ceremonies other than a love of the worlds created by Gene Roddenberry and the need or want to reach out and make friends with others who feel the same.



The Doctor is in: Dr. David Miller and Gloria Wilkerson, enjoying each others company at the Region 12 Summit.

Photo courtesy of Mike Wilkerson



My name is 1 of 4...: Wayne Killough accepts one of his 4 awards from Regional Coordinator, Region 12 Robert Westfall.

Photo courtesy of Mike Wilkerson

was some time for folks to change into their fancy duds or crazy costumes, before dinner began.

Everything from the main course and side dishes to the dessert was quite tasty at the banquet. During the meal, or maybe shortly after it, a comedy troupe known

or Xena: Warrior Princess - I'm not sure) as there were typical Trek themed costumes. Even our whimsical RC was there in true fashion, decked out with all the accoutrements of a swashbuckler, possibly D'Artagnan? Unfortunately, he didn't win (Robert, do I get brownie points for the "unfortunately"? but a very impressive

VARIOUS VIEWS OF THE REGION 17 SUMMITT

By Fleet Captain Biff Bassett various other Members of STARFLEET Region 17

Region 17's second only summit was a success - just like the previous one - and more importantly, we all had fun! Kudos go to Audi Jack and Staff for their hard work! For the panels Deb Kern gave an excellent panel on the STARFLEET Academy and what they had to offer, especially the Klingon Warrior Academy! Then David Chadwick gave an equally good panel on weapons "From Flintlock to Phaser." Then for the artists in all of us, Keira Russell-Strong gave an excellent panel on "Cartooning".

There were many things that happen at a Summit that are fun! One of those happenings always makes a Regional ShOC Director happy and loves to see and that is the launch of a new shuttle in his region. It was a distinct pleasure to see the launch of the Shuttle Sol's Fury out of Colorado Springs, Colorado at this Summit! I wish Charles Menter (the CO) and

his crew a safe and pleasant journey in their quest to becoming a Starship in STARFLEET.

The awards and promotions portion of the Summit is also a pleasure to watch, where people are promoted and awarded for all the hard work that they do, whether it be within the chapter, in the region or on a national level. This summit's awards and promotions were wonderful! The high point of the promotions was Deb Kern's promotion to Captain! I conspired with Nancy Lynch and Keira Russell-Strong where they made it look like she didn't deserve to be Commander. Nancy played the part of the villain to the hilt and really had Deb worried and the double take that Deb did when Keira said to her "You don't deserve to be Commander Deb, you deserve to be Captain Deb!" That double take was "Priceless"!

From Earl Beighley & John Roberts,

*Commanding and Executive Officers,
Shuttle Soyuz:*

The Region 17 Summit was a blast!!! For those of you who could not attend, you missed a great chance to meet other members of SFI, socialize with other fans and generally make new friends. There were several informative Regional Sessions as well as fun panels and discussions at the StarFest side of things. Randy Lynch, as the 17th Brigade OIC, presented Greg with the 17th BDE's Sword of Valor and Mike Dethlefs and David Reustle were promoted to Major and Lieutenant respectively. The crew of the Shuttle Soyuz had made up some t-shirts with a picture of Deb Kern (the KWA Director) in Klingon costume in place of Little Debbie on the Little Debbie logo. We had also made up some Klingon Survival Rations (actually Little Debbie Star Crunch snacks). The Survival Rations were left at the House Veska table (a local KAG group) and they and

our t-shirts were a huge hit with the attendees, both Region 17 and non-Fleet. We were even asked where they could buy the t-shirts. Needless to say, the Director of the KWA was not very happy with us, but she did not have a Batleth handy, so were able to survive with little trouble.

From Keira Russell-Strong:

As a wrap up to the reports from Biff Bassett and the Shuttle Soyuz, our summit was more than I had hoped for. I missed the Region 17 summit 2000 so this was a great opportunity for me to meet the people of the region. I got to meet members of my staff that until then had only been names on the Internet. I now feel more connected with these great people.

I would like to invite any and all to the summit 2002 which will be hosted by the USS Mir in New Mexico.

Distinguished Service Medal

Bob Bulkeley, USS Arc Royal
Nancy D. Lynch, USS Mir
Keira Russell-Strong, USS Alioth

Region 17 Commendations

Deb Kern, USS Mir
Greg Fitzsimmons, USS Arc Royal
Joe Hinson, USS Arc Royal
Pat Stewart, USS Arc Royal
Biff Bassett, USS Omega Glory
Lionel Smith, USS Arc Royal
Leilani Purvine, USS Alioth
Charles Menter, USS Sol Fury
Clawson, USS Alioth
Janet Shepherd, USS Alioth
D. Justin Taylor, USS Alioth
Erik Johnson, USS Wind Spirit
Audi Jack, USS Omega Glory

Silver Star

Gary Spector, USS Wind Spirit
Efrain Vidal-Plaza, USS Mir
Janet Shepherd, USS Alioth
D. Justin Taylor, USS Alioth

Bronze Star

Deb Kern, USS Mir
John Roberts, Shuttle Soyuz
Mike Dethlefs, Shuttle Soyuz

Wounded in Action Medal

Michelle Warford, USS Mir

Region 17-Achievement Award

Gary Spector, USS Wind Spirit

THE 2001 REGION 17 AWARDS

Presented at the 2001 Region 17 Summitt

Member of the Year

John Roberts, Shuttle Soyuz

Officer of the Year

Biff Bassett, USS Omega Glory

Enlisted Member of the Year

Ross Donaldson, Shuttle Soyuz

Cadet of the Year

Lena Johnson, USS Wind Spirit

Marine Officer of the Year

Randy Lynch, USS Mir

Marine NCO of the Year

Jack Kern, USS Mir

Ship Web Page of the Year

USS Mir

Web Master: Jack Kern

Newsletter of the Year

USS Mir, The Mir Universe

Editor: Nancy D. Lynch

Shuttle of the Year

Shuttle Soyuz

Ship of the Year

USS Alioth

Helping Hands

Randy Lynch, USS Mir
Michelle Warford, USS Mir
Deb Kern, USS Mir
Jack Kern, USS Mir
Ethel Lynch, USS Mir
Elsa Baker, USS Mir
Walter Baker, USS Mir
William Baker, USS Mir
Efrain Vidal-Plaza, USS Mir
Everett Brooks, USS Mir
Nancy Lynch, USS Mir
Janet Shepherd, USS Alioth
D. Justin Taylor, USS Alioth
Lynnette Knox, USS Alioth

Clara Barton Medical Award

Everett Brooks, USS Mir
Linda Johnson, USS Wind Spirit
Lena Johnson, USS Wind Spirit

Scholastic Achievement

William Baker, USS Mir
Lena Johnson, USS Wind Spirit

Alien Relations Award

Mike Dethlefs, Shuttle Soyuz

Service Medal

Walter Baker, USS Mir
William Baker, USS Mir
Elsa Baker, USS Mir
Randy Lynch, USS Mir
John Johnston, USS Mir
Sharon Faye Wilbur, USS Mir



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"Two Thumbs Up"
Bob Vosseller shares with
Episode of Star
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SCENES FROM THE REGION 1 SUMMIT (Clockwise from the top)

"I know, I know, I'm a bad, bad man": Sarah Bolick catches John Adcock in the act of Bear-napping.
Photo courtesy of Joan E. Pierce

Dancing Cheek to...er...: Kenny Proehl and Willy Smith sizzled on the dancefloor together.
Photo courtesy of Mark H. Anbinder

"Everybody say 'Fahrvergnügen'": A groupshot of the some of the attendees at the 2001 Region 1 Summit.
Photo courtesy of Brandy Hallmann

"Only Tiger Woods gets bigger checks than this!": Jack Hopkins presents Marion Pittman-Couch, principal of the Paisley Math/Science Academy in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System check for \$1000.00
Photo courtesy of Susan Mahaffey

SCENES FROM THE REGION 17 SUMMIT ▶ (From top to bottom)

The Proposal to make Colorado the State of Galactic Peace and Cooperation, Take II failed (barely): Nancy Lynch, Arilyn Starling, Lionel Smith, and Deb Kern at the Region 17 Summit.
Photo courtesy of Deb Kern

The Ladies Man: Wherever he goes, Biff Bassett draws his fair share of attention from the opposite sex - in this case, actress Chase Masterson.
Photo courtesy of Keira Russel-Strong



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thumbs up!"
us his opinion of the final
Trek: Voyager.
sy of Bob Voseller.



SCENES FROM THE REGION 12 SUMMIT
(Clockwise from the top)

"All for Lunch? One for Dinner?": Regional Coordinator, Region 12 Robert Westfall gets into the theme of the 2001 Region 12 Summit ("All for Region 12!") with great gusto and dresses accordingly.

"The Prizes will be mine! All mine! Heh! Heh! Heeeh!": Mike Wilkerson of the USS Atlas outlines his diabolical scheme to buy more tickets for the Raffle.

"I won't say a thing about the hat if you don't call me 'Garçon'": Robert Mooney sports his medieval best, whereas Larry Ferguson opts for the more futuristic Waiters Whites...er...STARFLEET Dress Uniform.

"I olunteered at the Region 12 summit and all I got was this lousy...": Phil Decker and Kevin Shane take a moment to smile for the camera.

All Region 12 Photos courtesy of the USS Atlas.





REGION 1 SUMMIT 2001

Fleet Captain Joan E. Pierce • USS Questar, STARFLEET Region 1

Artwork courtesy of STARFLEET Region 1

"Having fun and getting it done" was the motto of the 2001 Region One Summit in Greensboro NC. Held April 27-29, the Summit was co-hosted by RAdms. Ron Fell and Jack Hopkins and featured the usual mix of breakout sessions, food, fun and partying. The Summit kicked off Saturday morning with the posting of the colors. The Region was lucky to have several EC and AB members attending: FAdm. Les Rickard, CompOps Head RAdm. Mark H. Anbinder, FCapt. Fleet Treasurer Tammy Willcox (also R1 Co-Treasurer), SFMC Commandant Wade Olson, R5RC Scott Akers, R2VRC Jennifer Rosbury, and Don Willits and Chris "Tigger" Wallace of Membership Processing. Regionally, we had R1-Senior VRC Willy Smith, R1VRC Jack Hopkins, and R1RC Carolyn Donner. Each dignitary was introduced and spoke a few words. The charities for this year's Summit were the Brenner's Children's Hospital and the North Carolina Rottweiler Rescue.

Marion Pittman-Couch, principal of the Paisley Math/Science Academy in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System, recieved a check for \$1,000 for their Space Camp Program from the region. Jack presented a very large (literally!) check to Ms. Pittman-Couch, who gave a very nice speech thanking the Region for the funds that helped four kids attend Space Camp.

Willy Smith introduced the RDCs and talked briefly about the RDC program. Jack got back up and introduced the newest section rep, Carl Lewis for North/South Carolina. Following that, he presented the Bronze, Silver and Gold MSR reporting certificates. Bronze certificates to chapters that only missed two reports in 2000; silver to those only missing one; and gold to those with a perfect reporting record.

Les Rickard introduced his staff in attendance, and announced SS Benu Station CO Ben Redding as the new Fleet Chief of Personnel. RC Carolyn Donner introduced her staff and listed some accomplishments of the previous year, among them that the R1 Relief Fund helped at least two people in 2000, that a Regional Handbook had been approved, and that 20 members of R1 were promoted to Captain.

Warren Price announced a new Sci-Fi convention would be held Oct 20-21, 2001 in the Jackson TN area. Ruth Green discussed the R1 2001 Fall Conference in Cleveland. Robin Curtis and Peter Woodward are the confirmed guests. Ben Redding discussed the amenities for the 2002 Spring Summit

Willits and Chris "Tigger" Wallace of Membership Processing, and urged folks to come up to R7 and Ithaca NY to attend Watkins Glen Weekend in September. We then broke for the Captain's call and/or lunch.

After lunch the breakout sessions took

"Trekasaurus" from USS Jurassic. The Best Bimonthly Newsletter was "The Claymore" from USS Reprisal; Best Quarterly Newsletter was "Short Circuit" from USS Maat; Best Electronic newsletter was "Carolina Communicator" from USS Alaric. Best Fanzine was "The Magnolia Files" from USS Maat and Best Chapter Publication was USS Reprisal Crew Manual. Best Regional Website was USS Reprisal.

One of the highest bid items at the auction was a dance with VA/VW Section Rep Kenny Proehl. Willy Smith apparently bid on the dance and suddenly people were bidding to see Willy dance with Kenny! Cindy Krell was running around the room like a mad woman as people were waving bills at her. That dance combo rivaled the monies Scott Akers paid to dance with Kristi Fell. Those two dances, and a dance offered by Brandy Hallman, were part of the auction raising money for the charities.

The dance itself was lots of fun! Steve Gordon of R2 drove from Alabama to be our DJ and played a very good mix of music. People really enjoyed the dancing or watching the dancing. The bid dances were a hoot! Kenny and Willy were the highlight of the dance floor, although Willy steadfastly ignored the crowd's chant for him to "dip" Kenny. Cameras and camcorders were flashing like paparazzi.

The dance broke up sometime after midnight, and some folks went to room parties. Tammy and I finally returned to our room at 3 AM or so. Luckily there wasn't anything planned until Closing Ceremonies at 11 AM.

Closing Ceremonies were good. It was announced that the Summit had raised \$630 to go to the Region One Relief Fund; \$630 to Benner Children's Hospital; \$243 to the NC Rottwieler Rescue; and \$30 to STARFLEET Academy.

There was much hugging and sadness at having to all go our separate ways again. That's always the worst part of these gatherings. It was again a long 8-hour drive home but I'm getting used to it! Anyway, another good Summit! I can't wait for another one!



Gotta love that Motto: The Banner of the 2001 Region 1 Summitt.

Photo courtesy of Mark H! Anbinder



It's the Whip. Chicks dig the Whip: Our intrepid author, Joan E. Pierce gets chummy with Region 5's Chris "Tigger" Wallace and STARFLEET Treasurer Tammy Willcox and (of course) THE whip.

Photo courtesy of Joan E. Pierce

in Pigeon Forge and invited folks to pre-register. All events are listed on the R1 homepage.

Scott Akers brought a copy of "Fleet History" for the auction and a Fleet History CD for the winner of the Trivia Contest. He thanked Karen Emerson for giving lots of CQs to the Historian's office. Mark Anbinder introduced Don

place. Various departments, Regional and Fleet level, held open meetings. The Marines also had a track of breakout sessions running concurrently. Tammy Willcox and I decided not to do the banquet and had dinner in the hotel restaurant with Don Willits. We returned to the dining area in time for the awards and the auction. Newsletter of the Year honors went to

H-MERCS LEAD REGION 7 TO A HEALTHIER LIFE!

By Colonel Hank Heald • Commanding Officer, USS Sun Tzu, STARFLEET Region Seven

Crew members from the USS Sun Tzu and the Shuttle Glennfinnen rallied together today for the American Heart Association Heart Walk. The walk, sponsored by Orange County Community College, was three miles of grueling hills and pavement. Leading the way were the now infamous H-Merces.

Robert "Tank" Shugrue and Hank "Static" Heald lead the two chapters while carrying the Region 7 Banner. Kyle Wolf, our inside man on the job, coordinated the event for the two chapters and lead our team to raise \$210.00 for the American Heart Association.

Amid stares from civilians, police, Air National Guard, and especially the ambulance drivers, the H-Merces were questioned repeatedly, "Why are you dressed like that and why are you walking in it?" The answer was simply, "Because we can." These questions were followed three miles later by cries of, "I can't believe you walked the entire three miles in that!" Judging by how I feel today, I can't believe it either. However straining it was the end at more than worth it. The look on everyone's faces and the free press for the clubs was

tremendous. The woman running the event (sorry I lost her name) personally thanked us all for coming and taking on the even bigger challenge of walking in costume.

conditioning!

Planning has already begun for next year where we hop to have more attendees from around the Region.



Showing the Flag: Crew of the USS Sun Tzu walking tall with Ken Hontz standing guard.

Photo courtesy of Hank Heald

Crewmembers from the USS Osiris and USS Northstar were scheduled to attend this year, but wwere unable to do so. They did pass on the best wishes and their donations though. So we thank them and everyone else that contributed!

It was a successful recruiting event too.

We gathered information from two or three prospective members including a Middletown police officer, Officer Scott Smith. Officer Smith was so taken back by

our uniforms and camaraderie that he admitted to being a convention attendee, including Balticon and Shore Leave. We look forward to recruiting him and showing him exactly what organized fandom is all about.

If you would like to see more pictures of the event please visit:

<http://www.members.aol.com/wolfrek7/heartwalk.htm>

RICHES

Submitted by David Peifer

The following is a poem written by my Grandmother, Mae Peifer, some time ago that I would like to share with the people who read this:

Riches

To my five year old grandson
Robert Matthew Peifer,
whose delight in a gift of six
new pennies helped me
attain my life goal of
writing five hundred poems

Six little pennies; bright,
shiny and new
Don't mean much to Grand-
ma, so she gave them to
you;

Six little pennies; there once
was a time
You could buy for a penny,
what now costs a dime-
You clutched them so tight in
your hot, chubby hand;
Little boy, do you own
something precious and
grand?

You looked up with a gaze
clearly meant to bewitch
and whispered in awe
"Grandma, you must be
RICH!"

Rich!? Me? I thought back
Through the years
Recalling struggles and
heartaches, trials and tears
Depressions, Wars, Accidents,
Ills.

Unemployment, rationing,
taxes and bills -
Raising a family. Work,
almost without rest
and the reward? Old, lonely,
alone, in the cold, empty
nest-

I looked again into your bright
eager eyes;

With a grandchild like you,
and three others besides

In overflowing gratitude, it
came to me then

Despite Millionaires and
Monach, I AM the richest
of men!

Mrs. Roy L. Peifer

*(Based on an actual incident that occurred
Sunday, March 11, 1979)*

A CALL TO ALL CANADIAN MEMBERS: UNITE!

By Lieutenant Manon Lessard Belanger

Region 14 is waiting for a Starbase, a Vessel, a Shuttle, ... all of that is to be built !

Do you currently reside in Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince-Edward-Island or Newfoundland ? Then this call addresses you.

Send an e-mail, indicating that you are interested (specify what activity you are interested in) including your civic address to (in English):

Lt Manon Lessard-Belanger
OTS Director-Canada



(in French):

Manon Lessard-Bélanger, Lt
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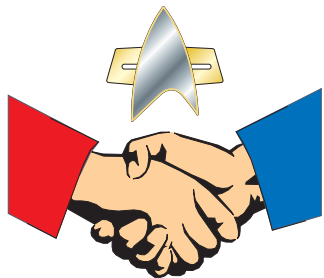
e-mail : LessardBelanger.Manon@hydro.qc.ca

Region 14 is one of the few who has no Starbase, no Regional Coordinator, no Chapter. But there are members living in those Canadian provinces. So I say:

"Step out from the shadows and come forth. Let's unite !"

There will be plenty of activities and interesting exchanges among us.

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WHAT THE STARFLEET EXTENDED FAMILY REALLY MEANS

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Over the past years that I have been in STARFLEET, I have heard many people talk about STARFLEET and how political it has become. Some even use that as an excuse as to why they are leaving STARFLEET or why they are having problems recruiting for STARFLEET. At one time even I had the same thoughts... But now only my experience recently has reminded me why I joined STARFLEET.

On April 13, 2001 during our trip home from Ron and Kristi Fells' home in Columbia, SC; I was driving on Interstate 85 South and had already passed Atlanta and was working my way toward Interstate 185. At approximately 1:00 p.m. after it had just stopped raining the traffic in front came to a screaming halt. I slammed on my brakes and was able to stop but as I looked in the review mirror I saw a black Chevy Dooley Truck coming right at us at what seemed to be 45 to 50 mph.

At that time, my wife Margie had been sleeping in the back seat of the mini van. She heard the brakes of our vehicle that caused her to wake up and sit up. Just as she did, she too saw the truck from behind. Just as it impacted the rear of our van, Margie turned her head away from the rear. The truck from behind was high enough to go over the bumper and plow into the rear cargo door. This impact caused the door to cave in to the interior of the van hitting the rear seat that Margie was sitting in. Glass from the rear door shattered and sent it forward to the windshield

The impact also caused our vehicle to jump forward into the truck in front of us. The

truck gave good credit to Fords. No damage was done to that vehicle but it caused the front of our van to cave in. We now looked like an accordion.

vehicle ran over to us with a first aid kit and helped bandage up her wounds. We found out that approx. 43 vehicles were involved, which closed I85 for over 4 hours.



STARFLEET's Finest: Margie Dyl, Josh Ainsworth and Paul Dyl during the Region 2 Summit. Photo courtesy of Paul Dyl

As our vehicle stopped, I got out of the van after checking the two kids out who had been sitting in the seats behind me. I went around to the rear to see the damage and realized that Margie had been injured. I went around to the side door and went to check on Margie's injuries. When I looked at her, she was in mild shock and bleeding from the right side of her face, down her neck and her right arm. I began to treat her injuries when a woman from a near by

It took an hour after the accident for an ambulance to arrive to our location to take Margie and the kids to a near by hospital. After a few more hours had passed, I too was able to get to the hospital to check on them.

After Margie was released later that night, we realized that we were stranded with almost no money and no vehicle. After trying to think what to do, I realized that just

a few weeks before at the Region 2 Summit I had met the CO of the USS Shadow Hawk; Josh Ainsworth who was located in Phenix City, AL. I called Josh on his cell phone and explained the situation. Without questions Josh said he was on the way to get us. When he did, Josh opened his home to me and my family for a much needed rest. The next day Josh had talked to another member of his crew and explained what had happened. This person was no other than Steve Gordon. Steve, a veteran of the SFMC, volunteered to take us all the way back to Florida, a 3-hour one way trip. As we prepared to leave from Josh's home, I tried to compensate him for his time, gas and food he provided. Josh looked at me and replied, "No, we are a STARFLEET family and I know you would have done the same". I thanked him and his wife and we headed home.

The trip home was fun and we got to know Steve even better. After the 3 hour drive I offered Steve compensation, once again Steve wanted nothing. He too just said, "we are all a STARFLEET Family and that any Marine would have done the same." I requested to at least give him some gas for his long journey home.

After being home, I began to ponder the idea that if it was not for these two STARFLEET members going completely out of their way, what would have I done with my family if we stayed stranded in the Atlanta area? But I am thankful I did not have to find out and I am most thankful to Josh and Steve, not only for their help in the accident, but for showing me why STARFLEET is so important and what STARFLEET really means.

STARFLEET continually boasts that "it's all about the friendships" we make that is the real "Fleet experience". It was proved to me this past April 19.

Neither of us is sure exactly when we first started chatting on the Fleet IRC, but in the summer of 1997 I was taking advantage of free internet access at the radio station where I worked in Florida and John "Kiwi" Kane was on the other side of the planet in New Zealand. We started chatting about all kinds of things and over time a friendship blossomed.

Fast forward a few years and Kiwi has moved to North Carolina and is once again in touch with me. We do the math and decide we are now way too close not to get together and finally meet face to face. Easy...or so you'd think. Shore Leave? No. Region 2 Summit? Can't make it. Region 1 Summit? Can't get off work.

Then, one night during a chat, I mentioned watching a shuttle launch from my back

yard and Kiwi asked how far it was from my house to Kennedy Space Center. He checked with his wife, Mary, and we decided this was going to be it. The launch of the shuttle Endeavour would be it!

The day came and Rosa Jackson, my Chief Medical Officer, and I made our way to Cocoa Beach. A recon trip weeks before had discovered a perfect spot to view the launch directly across the lagoon from the launch pad complete with a picnic area. Kiwi and Mary were staying at a friend's outside Orlando and arrived an hour before launch. Hours of chatting and megabites of information back and forth were finally to turn to real flesh and blood.

We had sent pictures back and forth, so immediate identification was easy. He looked a little shorter than I figured! We

made our hellos and then had a picnic lunch, as the countdown grew closer.

I had seen almost every shuttle launch from 90 miles away but I still was in no way ready for the emotional response to seeing the ship rise on a plume of fire and smoke as close as we were. We were not close enough to feel the thrust from the engines but as the ship began it's roll we could hear their rumble roll over us. Fantastic.

We headed to the Kennedy Space Center visitors Complex. One hint: if you ever want to go to the Visitor's Complex...don't go on the day of a launch. The ticket lines looked like Disney! We opted to just visit the gift shop.

While not in the tourists' guides I spotted something we just had to stop to check

out on the road headed away from KSC. In front of a local business was a giant boulder painted as a globe. A perfect photo opportunity! Kiwi was aghast to find that New Zealand was not represented. He vowed to return someday and paint it in himself!

The day was capped off with dinner at a nearby Chili's. The meal was laced with talk of "when we do this again...". So, it could easily be said a good time was had by all. Over the years Kiwi and I have compared cultures, talked Star Trek and strongly debated some weighty Fleet issues. All through this has been a friendship. It doesn't matter that it started with keystrokes; it has grown as strong as any I have had with people I have had physically by my side for years. Our backgrounds may be continents apart, our tastes different and our politics clash, but we've had the one thing in common, which brought us together in the first place; STARFLEET. We're doing something right somewhere!

WHEN WORLDS COLLIDE

By Fleet Captain Jack "Towaway" Eaton, USS

The USS Matrix, NCC-72296, a Gabriel class shuttlecarrier based in Region 7, has long been known for its diversity in people as well as pets.

The Captain's male Targ, Koloth, and LTCOL Bishop's female Targ, Worfie, became parents recently, much to the delight of the crew. In honor of this fact, and because we now must find homes for eight targlets, here is a Targ Owners Guide to assist anyone interested in adopting a Targ:

TARG OWNERS GUIDE

Owning a Klingon Targ as a pet presents unique challenges. First of all, targs are NOT domesticated; they are wild animals. They are, however, very intelligent, and are capable of forming strong bonds with other sentient species. Klingons in particular seem to have an affinity for the beasts. Perhaps the fact that both Klingons and Targs are hunters strengthens the bond.

Targs can weigh from a birth weight of six KG to a full 200 KG at maturity. They are usually only 10 CM tall at birth, but can grow to 1.5 M in height at maturity. Caring for them will require extra effort and awareness.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

A targ should not be treated gently. This does not mean that the animal should be abused, simply that in dealing with a targ, like dealing with Klingons, aggressiveness and strength are the most useful methods.

Targs will eat just about anything, but a balance of roots, tubers, grubs, and the

occasional Klingon Mouse, (served live, of course), will be more than sufficient. Chocolate (or, in Klingon, yuch), is never to be given to a targ, as it will cause motor impairment, stomach upset, and flatulence. Fresh water is considered a delicacy for a targ. Do not put out too large a receptacle, or else the targ may try to lie down in it. Targs have been known to develop a taste for human food, and the spicier and odorous the food is, the greater appeal it has. The Terran vegetable Jalapeno Pepper is particularly prized by targs, although it will cause the animal to give off a smell similar to the pepper, like a walking burrito.

Sanitary facilities should be a large area of sand or gravel, approximately two meters on a side, and should be cleaned daily. Modern shipboard systems can be programmed to beam out waste material as it is generated. Do not use any sort of deodorizer or air freshener, as this will cause the targ to reject the area and use an alternate spot, say the back of a closet.

Bedding poses no particular difficulty, as targs often flop down anywhere to rest. Traditionally, a Klingon Blanket, woven of S'tarahk (a Klingon horse-like animal) hair, is placed in a selected spot, and the targ is placed on the blanket. The natural feel of the cloth seems to sooth the beast, and it will rapidly form an attachment to that spot. This presupposes that there are no other Klingon S'tarahk blankets in use in the quarters, as the targ will feel free to

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rotate between all available blankets.

TRAINING

A targ is a very intelligent beast, and will respond well with training. As with other pets, targs can be trained with what is commonly called the "Carrot and Stick" method. However, remember always to speak boldly to the targ. Do not use soft gentle tones or any sort of "baby talk". The beast will ignore this tone completely.

Klingons use a variety of speech called "clipped Klingon" in addressing pets. For a more detailed explanation, refer to the most excellent linguistic learning tape "Power Klingon" by Marc Okrand. Here are a few useful phrases. Note that when speaking to a pet, the commands are prefaced with the word 'Shhh'.

SIT - ba!
(or, shhhh ba'!)

STAND - Qam!
(pronounced kkaahhmm!)

COME - naDev ghoS!
(pronounced nah dev gohhssshh!)

ATTACK - Hiv
(pronounced kkkkhhhv!)

DO NOT DO THAT - mev!
(pronounced mehv!)

STAY - yIratlh!
(pronounced yeeerahtllhhh!)

NO - ghobe'!
(pronounced go bay!)

Reward the targ with small treats, such as grubs or beetles, after successful completion of a command.

Finally, a targ can be an excellent companion. Targs will actually play with their owners. They are fond of running in open fields, hunting together, or playing "tug of war" with a rope or belt. Targs enjoy being scratched all over, particularly the ears and belly. Do not be gentle in this, but forceful, especially on the belly. The targ will often lie on its back and grunt enthusiastically, wiggling its legs while the belly is being rubbed.

As the bond with a targ grows, the animal will become fiercely protective, and will display aggression towards unknown persons who approach them. The targ will need to be introduced to new beings, as well as any other animal that is to be preserved alive and not eaten. A simple nose to nose position, with some direct "STAY" and "NO" commands, coupled with a downward push on the targ's neck or snout will convey the meaning to the targ that the animal in front of it is not to be harmed.

Targ ownership is not for all sentients, but those who choose a targ and train it properly will find it to be an excellent companion and guard, as well as a dedicated, life long friend. It is an Honorable Endeavor!

Qapla!

A HIGHLANDER JOINS THE "POLAR BEAR" PLUNGE FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

By Fleet Captain Sanford Berenberg, USS Highlander

On January 27, 2001, Geraldine Sylvester participated in the Fifth Annual Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge. This event took place at Sandy Point State Park, in Annapolis, MD along the Chesapeake. The air temperature was 40 degrees and the water was a "bone-chilling" 35 degrees. Over a dozen of her fellow Highlanders cheered her on that blustery day.

This year's event raised \$315,000. The lone Highlander raised nearly \$400.00. Next year is looking to be even bigger. Geraldine decided not to Plunge alone next year and has, thus far, confirmed 12 plungers from 5 different chapters for 2002.

She has also planned several other

fundraisers to make next year's plunge much larger.

Geraldine Sylvester (a.k.a. Robyn on IRC) also participates in and organizes in many other charity events including the SPCA, Bowl for Kids Sake, the Julien Fund, Coupon Programs, Recycling programs, and many more activities.

Anyone interested in either Plunging in 2002, or assisting, please contact Geraldine at bluebaycrab@iname.com or send your mail to

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USS Highlander Crewmember Geraldine Sylvester getting ready to take the plunge



ON THE COMING OF ARAGORN

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The Hitchhikers Guide to Middle Earth, Part Two

Aragorn is for those of us familiar with *Lord of the Rings* one of the central characters in the saga, and having taken a particular interest in his development as a character, I thought I would share with you what I have discovered about him and his lineage and his role in the history of Middle Earth, but in order to do that I have to take you back on a journey through time into the history of Middle Earth as it is described in detail in *The Silmarillion* (if you have not read this book, it is in itself a historical account of the First Age and part of the Second Age of Middle Earth).

The First Age

Mythologically speaking, the First Age of Middle Earth is not unlike much of Greek mythology, and begins with a “beginning of the world” at the hands of some deific beings (which I described previously). I want to carry you a bit further forward and begin with the Quenya, or Elves, and remind you of the several families of elves, some of whom journeyed and some who did not journey from their birthplace in Cuivienien in Middle Earth.

Recall that those elves that do remain in Cuivienien came to be known as the Dark Elves or Moriquendi (and these also include those elves, the Sindar and Nandor and Laiquendi that left Cuivienien but never came to the Undying Lands of Aman to see the light of the two trees), and the Calaquendi, those elves that DID cross over the sea to Aman and witnessed the light of the two trees in Valinor.

These Calaquendi or “Elves of Light” are of the most interest, being of three groups - the Vanyar (who were the first to arrive in Aman and dwelled near the two trees in Valinor), the Noldor (who later were for the most part exiled from Aman), and the Teleri (who came to Aman but lived by the sea, viewing the trees in Valinor from their homes on the shores of the sea).

The Vanyar are of little consequence to Aragorn’s lineage, as are the Teleri - it is the Noldor who returned to Middle Earth that play a major role in his

lineage...

Melkor, one of the Valar (deities) came to be a voice of dissention and evil and was ultimately chained for three long ages and eventually came to Middle Earth after destroying the two trees in Valinor and stealing the three *silmarils* fashioned by the Noldor elf, Feanor. So let’s take a look at the Noldor and how they came to Middle Earth.

Their high king Finwe who took two wives ruled the Noldor. His first wife was Miriel, and they had a son Feanor (who later had seven sons - Maedhros, Maglor, Celegorm, Caranthir, Curufin, Amros, and Amras). His second wife was Indis of the Vanyar, and they had two sons - Fingolfin and Finarfin. Fingolfin had two sons (Fingon and Turgon) and a daughter (Aredhel) and Finarfin had four sons (Finrod, Orodreth, Angrod, and Aegnor) and a daughter (Galadriel).

Now Feanor, perhaps knowing of the evil being brewed by Melkor and perhaps by his own vanity, fashioned from the light of the two trees in Valinor three stones, the *silmarils* which were ultimately stolen by Melkor during which time he destroyed the two trees and fled. In the process he killed Finwe, thus passing kingship of the Noldor to Finwe’s son Feanor.

Feanor, not to be deprived of his creation, swore a terrible oath against the Valar and sought to retrieve the *silmarils* from Melkor (now called Morgoth) in Middle Earth. For this oath, the sons of Finwe were banished from Valinor and began an exile to Middle Earth. On the way, Feanor ordered an attack on the Teleri elves at the shores of the sea and their ships were stolen and many Teleri were killed in what came to be known as “the kinslaying” - the Noldor under Finarfin chose to repent and Finarfin’s host remained in Aman, forgiven by the Valar. However, the bulk of the Noldor began their exile to Middle Earth:

- Feanor and his sons (Maedhros, Maglor, Celegorm, Caranthir, Curufin, Amrod, Amras)
- Fingolfin and his children (Aredhel, Fingon, Turgon)

- Finarfin’s children (Finrod, Orodreth, Angrod, Aegnor, Galadriel)

Feanor, in some measure of cruelty, abandoned Fingolfin and his children who thus came to Middle Earth from the far north across a land bridge called the Helcaraxe, while Feanor and his host and the sons of Finarfin crossed the sea.

And so the Noldor crossed to Middle Earth.

Middle Earth meanwhile was populated by the elves that did not cross to Aman. These elves were ruled by Elwe (who had in fact been to Aman but had returned to Middle Earth) who was the king of the Sindar known as “Thingol” and who was married to one of the Maiar (vassals of the Valar) known as Melian. In addition, a number of elves lived to the south and along the borders of the sea in Middle Earth - Lenwe and his son Denethor ruled those in the south, and more importantly those by the sea were ruled by Cirdan (who would later play in important part in the War for the One Ring).

So the Noldor, the Sindar, and the other elves were in Middle Earth. And then came the Atani, the mortal men, from the east across into the land known as Beleriand which was occupied by the elves. And it’s here that the story starts, particularly that of Aragorn’s lineage.

Men and Elves

Remember that elves are in the lore undying, immortal, and it is men that grow old and die. However, through the First Age, elves and men on rare occasions come to marry and it’s through these marriages that the line of Aragorn is born.

Let’s trace the children of Turgon (Noldor elf) and Galadriel (Noldor elf) and their marriages to mortal men and see how this gets us to Elrond and Elros and then we’ll talk about some of the history (probably in a Part 3).

Of the mortal men, three houses come into play - that of a man named Haldad, that of a man named Marach, and that of Beor...

- Haldad has two sons, Haleth and Haldar, and Haldar’s line of children comes to Halmir who has two sons (Hareth and Haldir)

- Marach has a lineage of sons and grandsons and so forth that comes to a man named Hador Lorindol who has three children (Glorhedel a daughter and two sons Gundor and Galdor)

- Beor has a long line that comes to a man named Bregor, who has two sons (Bregolas and Barahir).

Okay... here’s where it gets confusing, but try to follow me and I think it will make sense:

Hareth (from Haldad’s line) marries Galdor (from Marach’s line) and they have two sons (Hurin and Huor) Bregolas (from Beor’s line) has two sons (Baragund and Belegund). Baragund has a daughter (Morwen) who marries Hurin (Huor’s brother) More importantly, Huor marries Rian (Belegund’s daughter) and they have a son Tuor.

So The Lines Of Haldad And Marach And Beor All Come Together With Tuor

Tuor, believe it or not, marries Turgon’s daughter Idril (and so a man and elf are married) and their son is Earendil the Half-Elven who ends up being the father to Elrond and Elros.

Now for Elrond and Elros’ mother...

Elwe (Thingol) the elf king of the Sindar and his wife Melian the Maiar have one child Luthien. Luthien ends up marrying Barahir’s son Beren (go back to Beor’s line with Bregolas and Barahir mentioned above).

Beren (who’s a mortal man) and Luthien (who’s actually part Maiar and part elf) have a son, Dior (who’s got elf, man, and Maiar in him). Dior marries an elf, Nimloth and they have three children (Elwing a daughter and two sons Elured and Elurin). Elwing is the mother of Elrond and Elros.

So we basically have two big marriages of elf and man - Tuor and Idril, and Beren and Luthien that eventually give us Elrond and Elros.

Now we return to the Noldor and their

exile and their curse.

On the curse of the Noldor

The Noldor, upon being banished to Middle Earth, carried with them a curse surrounding the silmarils made by their high king Fëanor. The curse basically leads up to the death of about all the Noldor and the destruction of Beleriand in an apocalyptic flood.

Here's how it goes (as briefly as I can make it)...

Through the first age, there are a number of battles between Morgoth who dwells far in the north in a fortress known as Angband and the elves who dwell in Beleriand (if you want maps you gotta go read the books). There are actually 6 big battles in the first age known as the Wars of Beleriand...

- An unnamed battle where Morgoth is defeated by Thingol and Denethor (this is even before the Noldor really get involved). It is only after this that Fëanor and the Noldor land in Middle Earth.
- Dagor-nuin-Giliath, the Second Battle, where the Noldor defeat Morgoth but Fëanor is slain (and Fingolfin becomes the king of the Noldor in Middle Earth).
- Dagor Aglareb, where Morgoth attacks Beleriand but Fingolfin and Maedhros defeat Morgoth's armies of orcs.

From here it goes downhill for the elves...

- The Noldor seige Angband to get the silmarils (unsuccessfully) but they hold off Morgoth and his young dragons (Glaurung is the first dragon). There is a long peace that is followed by:

- Dagor Bragollach, the Fourth Battle
- lots of elves and men alike are killed including Fingolfin (he's slain attacking Angband) as well as Angrod and Aegnor and a lot of the elves have to retreat southward near the kingdom of Thingol.
- Nirnaeth Arnoediad - this is a biggie, where most of the Noldor and most of the leaders of the Edain (men) are killed. Sauron (Morgoth's vassal) takes control of a Noldor stronghold. A number of elves and men are killed including Fingon (Morgoth's balrogs get him), Amrod, and Amras

From here it goes even further downhill as the elves, both the Noldor and Thingol, become obsessed with obtaining the silmarils...

- Celegorm and Curufin are slain by Dior where they try to steal the one

silmaril held by Thingol (he gets it from Beren as a dowry to marry his daughter Luthien, and he loses a hand, dies, and comes back to life just to get that far).

- Aredhel is slain by another elf (her husband in fact) in Turgon's hidden kingdom of Gondolin (her husband tries to kill his son for choosing Turgon over him but Aredhel steps in the way of the poison arrow) and of course Aredhel's husband buys the big one for that.
- Maeglin, who is Aredhel's son, gets slain by Tuor (Earendil's father) when he tries to take power from Turgon (turns out Maeglin is in league with Morgoth but Tuor is loyal to Turgon who rules Gondolin)
- Finrod gets captured and slain by one of Morgoth's wolves
- Orodreth gets slain by the dragon Glaurung

By this time, the Noldor have gotten their asses kicked trying to get a hold of the silmarils. Only the following are left (and their deaths are juicy):

- Maedhros and Maglor end up stealing two silmarils but Maedhros is driven mad by his silmaril and throws himself into a fiery pit (strike Maedhros and one silmaril from the history books) and Maglor casts his into the sea and wanders as a madman (strike the second silmaril from the history books).
- Celegorm and Curufin as noted were scragged by Dior trying to steal Thingol's silmaril (he's wearing it on a necklace fashioned by the dwarves... just wait, it gets really juicy for Thingol)
- Turgon gets killed in his hidden fortress when Maeglor gives away its location to Morgoth's armies.
- Finally dwarves who steal the only remaining silmaril on Thingol's necklace kill Thingol but the necklace gets stolen back by Beren and Luthien.

By the time all this is finished, almost no one is left alive...

- Cirdan is hiding on an island far to the south along with a lot of the Noldor and Sindar elves who survived (and we know he makes it to the Third Age)
- Maglor actually fosters Elrond and Elros before he gets involved and Elrond and Elros wind up hiding with their parents Earendil and Elwing in Cirdan's havens (although we know Maglor goes nuts and wanders off)
- Celebrimbor, who is Curufin's son, actually survives but he ends up forging the three elven rings of power that Sauron kills him for in the Second Age (and Sauron goes on to make the One Ring)
- Gil-Galad, who is Fingon's son, lives in hiding with Cirdan after all

this business (and he buys the big one attacking Sauron's fortress in the Second Age)

- Idril, you remember her (Tuor's wife, Earendil's mother) - she tried to sail across the sea to Aman and is never heard from again

- Earendil and Elwing are lucky... thanks to Beren and Luthien who steal back the last silmaril and give it to their son Dior and pass it to Elwing... Earendil and Elwing are admitted to Aman because they have the silmaril, and Earendil becomes the only mortal man to go to Aman - Earendil is set in the sky with the silmaril and captains his boat across the skies as a beacon for men for the rest of time and Elwing gets to stay in Aman
- Galadriel is the only one of the Noldor who survives - she hides with Cirdan and we know she makes it to the third age (although she remains banished in Middle Earth until after Sauron is defeated)

- Beren and Luthien? Well, Beren dies once, comes back to life, Luthien accepts a mortal fate for his love and they grow old and die together

And after **all** this, there's a huge final battle (the Great Battle, the Sixth Battle) where Earendil and Elwing persuade the Valar, Vanyar, and the rest of the elves in Aman to come to Middle Earth.

Morgoth is defeated and banished to a nether region, and Beleriand is swallowed by the sea leaving only some elves and men alive in a number of havens (a small piece of Beleriand becomes the new coastline called Lindon as seen in the maps in *The Hobbit* and *Lord of the Rings*).

That leaves Elrond and Elros. They are, as half-elven, given the choice to choose the immortal life as an elf or the mortal life of a man. Elrond chooses elfdom, Elros chooses manhood but is given a 500-year life span.

How this comes to Aragorn

In the Second Age, a few things happen:

1. Elros forms the Kingdom of Numenor on an island near to the Undying Lands of Aman (as a reward for their valor) but the Numenorens are forbidden to go to Aman to seek immortality (and they of course get stupid and do it anyway and their island is wiped out and only a few people survive and these survivors become Aragorn's ancestors - that's for part 3 of my little summary though).

2. Elrond forms the haven of Imadris (Rivendell) where he helps whoever is left, including Aragorn, right up to

the end of the Third Age when the one ring is destroyed.

3. Celebrimbor gets tricked by Sauron into making the three elven rings of power (and then Sauron forges the One Ring, Celebrimbor gets killed, and we know what happens from there).

4. Cirdan remains near the sea, making ships to ferry elves back across the sea as the ages pass (eventually he goes across as well)

5. Gil-Galad fights with and is killed with Elendil (one of Elros' descendants and a forefather of Aragorn's line) when they attack Sauron's fortress in the Second Age (it's during this battle that the ring and Sauron's finger get cut off)

6. Galadriel establishes the haven in Lorien that features in *Lord of the Rings* (and she finally gets to return across the sea at the end)

Thanks to the Numenoreans trying to obtain immortality, Iluvatar (that supreme deity) wipes out their island during the second age and also makes the world round (where it was once flat) and therefore almost no one can even get to the Undying Lands of Aman (except for a few worthy people like Elrond, Gandalf, Galadriel and so forth who are granted this reward for helping to save the world).

Thoughts...

Basically the First Age is characterized by the Noldor and a lot of the elves having a really bad time for being overly prideful in trying to make and recover the silmarils - two of the silmarils are lost, one ends up travelling across the sky, most of the Noldor and elven kings of Middle Earth are killed, Morgoth almost takes over but gets banished outside the world, Beleriand is wiped out, and only a few elves and brave leaders of men carry forth into the Second Age, where things become a mess over the rings and the One Ring and Sauron, Morgoth's vassal, makes a mess of elves and men alike.

But that's another story and it all leads up to Aragorn...

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THE BUSIEST CHAPTER IN REGION 15!

By Fleet Captain Cindi DeMedio • Region 15 Public Relations Director

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USS Obannon NCC-5372, a The Sullivans Class Heavy Tactical Frigate stationed in Region 15, Quadrant Sanford, Maine is always busy promoting community, charity and good will in the Sanford area and has been since its shuttle period. Its Mission: To Promote the Ideals of Unity, Peace and Brotherhood and to Encourage our Children towards the day when Gene Roddenberry's Dream of Tolerance becomes Reality.

To that end, the USS Obannon is the most driven chapter in Region 15 when it comes to charity events. From Parades, to Blood Drives, to Recruitment Drives, to Food Kitchen work, to Yard Sales and Bake Sales to benefit charity, the Obannon's been doing it all with style for Maine and New England.

On May 5th, USS Obannon-Region 15 attended the Maine State Parade. The parade is about 2 hours long and has a minimum of 50 floats with numerous high school bands from across the state, the Shriners appeared, and it was televised on May 6th on Maine's channel 6. Anyone who might think "A Maine State Parade" how boring! Or it must be all "DownEast-Back Woods" would have been proven wrong.

The parade is a great time to meet with others and to enjoy a wonderful day - rain or shine, hot or cold. The Obannon Shuttle float rode on the back of Chief Engineer Brian Caton's truck, XO Mark Craft, CO Tony Bonti, Cadet Katie Craft, Science Department's Guy Champagne, and Operations Officer Kandyleigh Provencher walked the route handing out candy and talking with the kids, making sure to give time to stop at the handi-capped house that is along the parade route. Cadet Nicole Craft rode in the truck. It was a great time. Don'tcha wish you had been there?

On May 19th, the Obannon held a bake sale at the WalMart in Sanford. The proceeds will go to the New England Deaf Camp. USS Obannon was the inspiration for New England's IC2000 Charity.

With their help and inspiration



Beniztes, Klingons, Cardassians, Ferengi, Kazons - Oh My! Crewmembers of the USS Obannon at a recruitment drive.



In the time it took us to build this one Shuttle, Voyager lost 423 of them: The USS Obannon Shuttle float at the Maine State Parade

Photos courtesy of the USS Obannon

regarding charity work in the area and ideas on how to bring in money for a charity, Region 15 was able to bring in over \$2000 in the year 2000 for the Deaf Camp. Even so, USS Obannon is still going strong supporting the kids at the camp. In a previous year, Obannon brought in \$384.00. This year they're working to top their previous totals. \$121.50 worth of goodies was sold at this bake sale. Among the items were Mark Craft's Nebula Cupcakes, 7 of 9 Cinnamon Buns and Delta Shield Cookies.

Second Officer Kandyleigh Provencher provided 15 mini-breads from the Enterprise Galley Breadery, Deanna Troi Brownies and both First and Second Officers brought Dr. McCoy Blueberry Muffins. Guy Champagne baked what are called Quark's Galatically Delicious Cookies (Chocolate Chip/Peanut Butter). Communications Officer Kim Capelle brought sugar-free cookies and candies. The leftover baked goods were donated to the Sanford Free-Lunch Kitchen.

Coming up on June 2nd, the Obannon is having a yard sale to benefit all members in their Spring Cleaning, and proceeds will once again go to the New England Deaf Camp. They are also helping with the local blood shortage by have a large blood drive in Portland, Maine at the Red Cross Center.

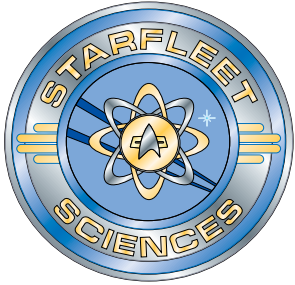
On August 11th, USS Obannon and members of Region 15 will be on hand at the New England Deaf Camp in Barnstead, Maine to talk to the kids during their camp experience. If anyone is interested in information about these or any of the Obannon's other activities you can e-mail Second Officer Kandyleigh Provencher at:

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or check out the Obannon's website at:

<http://seatonmarine.tripod.com/index2.htm>

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ON THE HUMANOID CONDITION

By Captain David Klingman • Xenobiologist, USS Hawkeye

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In this final article dealing with human development (and yes, a little evolutionary theory) we'll cover the last branch of the Primate tree and talk about some of the periods of geologic time leading up to the present.

First, let's review some basic taxonomy and recall that the terms kingdom, phylum, class, order (and suborder and infraorder), superfamily, family (and subfamily), genus, and species help define increasingly specific levels of classification (for example, modern man can be classified as Kingdom Animalia, Phylum Chordata, Class Mammalia, Order Primates (Suborder Anthropoidea, Infraorder Catarrhini), Superfamily Hominoidea, Family Hominidae, Genus/Species *Homo sapiens sapiens*).

Next, let's get our bearings in the geologic record. Currently we exist in the Holocene (or Recent) Epoch (about the last 10,000 years that follows the last major glaciation of the Pleistocene Epoch (2 million - 10,000 years ago). Prior to that, the geologic period is divided into the following Epochs:

- Pliocene (5M-2M years ago)
- Miocene (24M-5M years ago)
- Oligocene (38M-24M years ago)
- Eocene (54M-38M years ago)
- Palaeocene (65M-54M years ago) which followed the mass extinction of the Cretaceous

Generally speaking, the Order Primates (which includes modern man, apes, monkeys, and prosimians that we will talk about a bit today) split into its modern precursors during the late Eocene and Oligocene Epochs). Let's start with the prosimians, which include modern tarsiers, lorises, pottos, bush babies, aye-ayes, indrids, sifakas, and lemurs. The Suborder Prosimii (prosimians) can be divided into the Infraorders Adapiformes (fossils found during the Eocene), Lemuriformes (modern prosimians), and Tarsiiformes (modern tarsiers of the family Tarsiidae and Genus *Tarsius*). The Lemuriformes are made of the superfamilies Lemuroidea and Loroidea - Lemuroidea includes the families Lemuridae (lemurs of the Genus *Varecia*, *Pteropus*, *Haplemur*, *Lemur*, and *Eulemur*), *Daubentonia* (aye-ayes), *Indridae* (lemurs, indrids, and sifakas), *Magalapidae* (lemurs), and *Cheirogalidae* (lemurs), and Loroidea includes the families *Loridae* (lorises and pottos) and *Galagonidae* (bush babies). Collectively, these make up the primates we know as modern prosimians that are characterized by the following general characteristics:

- generally nocturnal behavior (although some are diurnal)
- generally they are insectivores and bark

and fruit-eaters

- digits that allow for grasping and holding of branches (generally, they are arboreal)
- generally quadrupedal motion (although some lemurs will walk intermittently on their hind legs)
- generally prosimians have 36 teeth in a V-shaped jaw and a 'tooth comb' used for grooming
- other primate characteristics (forward-facing eyes, binocular vision) are also present and their brain cavities are larger than non-primate insectivores such as tree shrews

Prosimians are found in parts of Africa, Asia, Sri Lanka, Madagascar, and the East Indies and primarily to shrinking habitats and the encroachment of human settlements, most are considered endangered species.

Comparatively, the Suborder Anthropoidea which also seems to have developed during the late Eocene and early Oligocene is the portion of the primate Order that includes modern man, apes, and monkeys and is divided into the Infraorders Platyrrhini (New World monkeys) and Catarrhini (Old World monkeys, great apes, and modern man).

Within Catarrhini are the superfamilies:

- Ceboidea (extinct forms)
- Cercopithecoidea (which has modern representatives in the family Cercopithecidae and subfamily Cercopithecinae that include Old World macaques of the genus *Macaca*, Old World monkeys of the genus *Cercopithecus*, mangabeys of the genus *Cercocebus*, and geladas of the genus *Theropithecus* and the family Cercopithecidae and subfamily Colobinae that includes langurs of the genus *Rhinopithecus*, and also includes a number of extinct forms from the family Victoriapithecidae)
- Hominoidea, which includes modern representatives of the family Hylobatidae (which includes gibbons of the genus *Hylobates*), the family Pongidae (which includes the orangutan, genus *Pongo*; chimpanzees, genus *Pan*; and gorillas, genus *Gorilla*), the family Hominidae (the *Australopithecus* and *Homo* genera that includes modern man), and extinct forms (*Oreopithecidae*, *Pliopithecidae*, *Proconsulidae*, and *incertae sedis* whose forms were found in the Oligocene and Miocene)

As a student and researcher into humanoid characteristics and physiology, I find the family Hominidae the most intriguing, and offer the following trace of *Australopithecine* and *Homo* genera through the Pliocene and Holocene epochs:

- *Australopithecus* (*Ardepithecus*) *ramidus*, 4.4M years ago
- *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 aethiopicus*/garhi, 2.6-2.3M years ago
- *Australopithecus boisei*, 2.8-1.4M years ago
- *Australopithecus robustus*, 2.0-1.5M years ago
- *Homo habilis*, 2.4-1.5M years ago
- *Homo erectus*, 1.8-0.3M years ago
- *Homo sapiens* species, appeared about 500K years ago
- *Homo sapiens soloensis*, 400K-100K years ago
- *Homo sapiens rhodesiensis*, 400K-100K years ago
- *Homo sapiens neanderthalensis*, 135K-29K years ago
- *Homo sapiens sapiens*, 100K years ago - now

The matter is of course further complicated by the fact that there are now multiple humanoid species of which we are aware, ranging from Humans of various planets to Vulcans and Romulans to Klingons to Cardassians and even including some genetically engineered species and some species that may still be classified as humanoid even though their biology may appear reptilian, amphibian, or based on other mammalian life forms.

We could propose a number of classification schemes, but in order to maintain some level of consistency, the following guidelines are suggested:

1. any sentient race should be recognized by the speciation identifier *sapiens*
2. any humanoid species should be characterized by the identifier *Homo* to identify them as humanoids (with some exceptions)
3. the species planet of origin or origin race should be included in the identification (such as *vulcanis* for Vulcans or *rihannsu* for Romulans)
4. for species like the Jem'Hadar that have 'geographic' subspeciation, the terms *alpha*, *beta*, *delta*, and *gamma* are suggested

Humanoids that are clearly of reptilian, amphibian, or non-primate or even non-animal origin require some additional identifiers. Previous classification has suggested some unusual identifiers, including:

- *Recombisaurien sapiens jemhadar alpha*/gamma (Jem'Hadar)
- *Hadrosaurien sapiens vothii* (Voth)

- *Cyber sapiens soong* (Soong Android)
- *Hologram sapiens medicalis* (EMH)

This can get rather complex given the number of alien species and forms we may encounter, so the following major genera are proposed:

- *Recombi-* (for genetically engineered species)
- *Cyber-* (for artificial life forms or cybernetic life forms)
- *Hologram-* (for holographic or photonic life forms)
- *Homo* (for exclusively core 'humanoid' species)
- *Homoallasomorphien* (for shapeshifters not including changelings which are not considered humanoid)
- *Homosaurien/Homoreptilien* (for reptilian humanoids) or the specific reptilian line (like *Hadrosaurien* or *Tyrannosaurien* can be used)
- *Homoamphibien* (for amphibian humanoids)
- *Homoagnathien* (for humanoids descended from jawless fish)
- *Homoichthien* (for humanoids descended from jawed fishes)
- *Homoavien* (for birdlike humanoids)
- *Homoprototherien* (for monotreme/egg laying mammalian humanoids)
- *Homometatherien* (for marsupial-like humanoids)
- *Homoetherien* (for placental humanoids based on various animal forms)

A subgenera classification system for humanoids is proposed for a number of forms (which we will not go into detail here due to the sheer complexity). Examples of some classification of the more common 'humanoid' species would include:

- *Cardassian, Homo sapiens cardassiensis*
- *Deltan, Homo sapiens deltiis*
- *El-Aurian, Homo sapiens al-auris*
- *Ferengi, Homo sapiens ferengis*
- *Hirogen, Homosaurien sapiens hirogis*
- *Human (Earth), Homo sapiens terra*
- *Human (Mars), Homo sapiens ares*
- *Klingon, Homo sapiens thllngan*
- *Lurian, Homo sapiens luriis*
- *Tellarite, Homo sapiens tellaris*
- *Vulcan, Homo sapiens vulcanis/t'khasi*

And that's about it for this issue of The Mad Scientist - our next few columns will deal with human(oid) physiology (we'll examine three systems: cardiovascular, musculoskeletal, and neuroendocrine).

Resources:

ChimpanZoo: Prosimii Suborder, <http://chimpanzoo.arizona.edu/study/prosimia.html>
 Evolution of Primates (Univ. of Texas), <http://www.dla.utexas.edu/depts/anthro/people/faculty/cbrambllett/ant301/thirteen.html#anchor261261>
 General Anthropology (K. E. Sassaman), <http://web.clas.ufl.edu/users/sassaman/pages/classes/ant2000/ANT2000-9.htm>
 Human Evolution, <http://www.weber.edu/bdattilo/fossils/notes/humans.htm>
 Klingman D. USS Cheiron Alien Species Database (2001.05.10 update)
 UCMP Web Lift to Taxa, <http://www.ucmp.berkeley.edu/help/taxaform.html>
 ZOO 317: Human Origins/Prehominid, <http://www.utexas.edu/courses/gene/L37.htm>

UPCOMING STARFLEET CONVENTIONS AND REGIONAL EVENTS

REGION ONE CONFERENCE TO ROCK CLEVELAND THIS FALL!

By Rear Admiral Robbie Lewis • Chief of Communications, USS Wasp

Cleveland rocks STARFLEET this fall!!! The 2001 STARFLEET Region One Conference is coming to the land of Drew Carey the weekend of September 21-23 at "Encounter on the North Coast".

The convention will be held at the Sheraton Hotel at Cleveland Hopkins Airport in Cleveland, Ohio. Special guests at the con will be Robin Curtis and Peter Woodward. Robin, as we all remember, played Lieutenant Saavik in the "Star Trek" movies - and Peter played Galen in the "Babylon 5" spinoff series "Crusade", but is perhaps best known to the public as General O'Hara in the Mel Gibson hot movie "The Patriot".

With the help and support of all ten STARFLEET Ohio chapters, the Region One Conference will be making its return to the state of Ohio in several years. Usually, most Region One events are held in a more

central location within the region, and most members from the northern area of the region have to travel to Tennessee or North Carolina or another state. This year, we're asking those people to come to Ohio!

The success of the Region One Summits is due in part to the many area attractions available to families in the Gatlinburg/Smoky Mountains area. We believe that Cleveland, Ohio - yes, Cleveland - offers many of the same features and is a very family-friendly location for a Region One event. The convention hotel at the Sheraton: Cleveland Hopkins Airport is just minutes away from downtown Cleveland, Jacobs Field (home of the Cleveland Indians), the Great Lakes Science Center, and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. For the party-people, visit The Flats. A short drive from Cleveland is Kent State University, the new Six Flags Worlds of Adventure parks, the Cedar Point roller coasters

park, and the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Many things available for you and your family are here in Cleveland.

Be sure to plan to stay for the entire weekend. Friday night has our Opening Ceremonies and an Oldies Dance and Get-together. Wake up Saturday morning for the meetings with your Regional Coordinator, regional department chiefs, and STARFLEET dignitaries. Convention chairs Commodore Roger Scritchfield and Captain Ruth Green are sponsoring our Captain's Call with an all-you-can-eat, full sized breakfast buffet that is free for RCs, Vice RCs, and chapter COs (your XO or a guest can sit in for an additional \$16.00). A costume contest, benefit auction, and a formal dress buffet dinner with a professional photographer close out the day. Sunday brings the Closing Ceremonies.

And, best of all, you will be helping a great organization by coming here.

We're proud to announce our official affiliation with the American Cancer Society. With their generous support and cooperation, all proceeds from this year's Region One Conference will be going to their fight of breast cancer.

All in all, many, many reasons why you should plan to be in Cleveland in September. Our registration brochure can be downloaded from: <http://members.aol.com/offfourrocker/r1conflyer.pdf>

and more information can be found at <http://www.regionone.net/2001>. If you don't have Internet access, you can write us at

Region One Conference
PO Box 35706
Canton, OH 44735

and we'll mail our information to you.

USS STARLEAGUE CELEBRATES ITS 10th ANIVERSARY (1991-2001)

By Captain Barbara Lariscy • USS Starleague, STARFLEET Region 1

10 years and the journey continues - and what a journey it has been!

What started out as a group of teenage Star Trek fans has evolved it to a small but active ship. Who would have thought as Star League was commissioned April 27, 1991 that we'd still be here 10 years later.

Star League has had its ups and downs thru the years. Our 1st CO was Admiral Cindy Krell. While she was head of SHOC we were her staff and learned a lot in the process. We have had 4 shuttles Firefox, Braxton - Bragg, Savannah and Falken.

Star League has been featured in articles in Augusta Today magazine, Augusta Chronicle, Augusta Focus and Metropolitan

Spirit. Information on Star League is in a time capsule buried for Y2K and being opened in 100 years. Our biggest feat was a good luck card for astronaut Susan Still (she's from Augusta) on her first flight into space. We collected signature from ordinary citizens all over the area.

We even got former President Clinton's signature during one of his visits. All totaled we collected 4156 signatures.

Our community service activities have been quite varied. We've worked for Child Advocacy and Shelter for Abused Children for 9 years, the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Walk a than for 5 years and we've also done Adopt a Highway, Adopt a Whale, Children's Miracle Network and many other activities.

The best part of being a member of this ship is the crew. The people on this crew are

truly family.

We've been there for each other thru good times and bad. We've even dealt with the loss of one of our own with the untimely death of one of our long time members.

At our anniversary party 5/12, we discussed what SFI means to us. The consensus was Family, Friends and Fun. We have found that to be true in our 10 years.

We have learned to work together and work thru our differences. This is after all the essence of what Star Trek means. We may not always agree but our ultimate goal is the same. We want to realize Gene's dream and make the world a little better.

Logo adapted by David Pipgras.





FLEET ACTIVITY REPORT

BY FLEET CAPTAIN JEFF HIGDON, CQ SUMMARIES COORDINATOR

A record reporting period for the CQ Summaries as your CQ Summaries Editor recieved 298 Monthly Status Reports (MSRs) for the months of March and April! Of that 110 were usable! A majority of the unusable ones did not have any comments or activities. At least a third of them could not be used due to fragmentation, lack of information or the information given was more explanations for things not done or a 'pat on the back' for awards and honor which is not governed under the CQ Summaries Guidelines (see CQ104). This is disappointing to say the least.

However the system is working. 298 MSR were recieved by e-mail or US Postal Mail. A very small percentage (I'd say less than 5% of all 298 MSRs) was sent by the later.

However I'd like to make a request of those who use the e-mail version of the MSR, which is not the one that you fill out over the web. Please send those directly to (msr_summary@hotmail.com). This is the mailbox that receives all e-mail or web sent MSRs. However the e-mail address (cqsummaries@sfi.org) does work and can continued to be used, but if you want to make sure it get to me, use the Hotmail address.

REGION ONE

USS AEON, NCC-75022 Memphis, TN

Held our Annual Picnic in April and a great time was had by all. Some of our crew will be supporting the upcoming MS Walk-a-thon in various capacities. Also, one of our former crewmembers had her first book signing at Barnes & Noble and several of the crew was there to lend support and help "hawk" the book for her.

USS ALARIC, NCC-503 Asheville, NC

We conducted a fundraiser through eBay. Held aluminum can crushing party. Fun activity at March meeting was watching the 2-hour pilot of Andromeda. Sent away team to MOC-16 convention. In April we recycled aluminum and supported the local Eliada Children's Home. We also continued conducting the fundraiser through eBay. The fun activity at April

meeting was watching the "Trekkies" movie and conducting a Star Trek trivia contest.

USS ASGARD, NCC-72402 Lancaster, OH

On March 17th an Away Team attended the monthly meeting of the USS Columbus and they're after meeting activity. On March 24th, after our regular meeting our crew did away mission to River Valley Mall. Then on April 28th we held regular monthly meeting at the library in Lancaster. On April 27th-29th the Away team attended gaming convention Capcon at Ohio State University in Columbus.

USS ATHENA, NCC-51896 Reston, VA

Held a craft day on April 29th. Have collected about \$4500 in coupons ready to head out to Japan. Brought up 3 Internet co-location facilities (well, at least one Athena member was involved).

BENNU STATION, SFR-119 Gatlinburg, TN

On Saturday February 10th we held our Annual Award Dinner at Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies. We enjoy dinner and a tour of the newly opened facility. Other projects participated in by the Benu Station Crew - Children's Hospital fundraiser - Cutest Little Baby Face Contest March 17/18 and 30/31. We also helped out with the Dixie Stampede Food Drive and the Kiwanis Pancake Day fundraiser.

USS BONAVENTURE, NCC-102-A Greensboro, NC

Ship's crew went bowling for our March meeting. Planning activities for the spring and summer.

USS CAROLINA, NCC-74222 Greenville, SC

At present we are involved in helping the MDA with what ever they need. Some of the crew went to Myrtle Beach and then to Marion to spend some time with former CO David James and Julie Cook. On the 24th -25th we baked and had a bake sale.

USS CHARLESTON, NCC-71813 Charleston, SC

On March 31st we participated in the MS Walk in James Island County Park.

USS COLUMBIA, NCC-75017 Wooster, OH

Membership contributed \$128 to the MS Society from funds gained from a Charity Raffle. On March 10th members attended the Sit Long and Prosper Star Trek Marathon at the Star Theater between the hours of 10 AM and Midnight. This benefited the Charity for Trent Mamula who is suffering from a congenital disease known as Joubert Syndrome. On March 31st the members visited Perkins Observatory in Delaware, Ohio.

USS DOMINATOR, NCC-18076 N. Charleston, SC

We walked in the MS Walk at the end of the April. We didn't raise much money, but as a result of being there, we were able to recruit a new member. We continued collections of cans for the ADA, stamps for STARFLEET Stampede and coupons for the OCP. Attended the R1 Summit in Greensboro, NC.

USS GREY GHOST, NCC-75001 Appomattox, VA

We had a great time coloring Easter eggs with the kid at the Community Market. When the eggs sold out some of the crew helped the market out with their Easter egg hunt. Most of the crew made the trip to the Fan Mountain Observatory for public night the following week Grey Ghost was the first group there and was able to see how they open the dome and focus the telescope this time. We've also arranged for the donation of much needed plumbing supplies and kitchen appliances to Gleaning for the World for use in their new orphanage in Guatemala.

USS HORNET, NCC-1714-D Charlotte, NC

On March 19th we held the Hornet Night Out at the Mayflower Seafood Restaurant in which eight Hornet members, three visitors and two Hawkeye members were in attendance. Much canned foodstuff was brought and donated to the Charlotte Has Heart. Will notify other chapters of auction. Coupon donations for April were \$2672.12. The April Hornet's Night Out was at the Spaghetti Warehouse Restaurant. 10 members and 1 non-member attended. Great food and conversation was had by all.

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

On various dates throughout March and April, members volunteered at the Virginia Air and Space Center in support of the Star Trek Federation Science Exhibit. Members sold March of Dimes Chocolate Bars for the March of Dimes. Gross Money collect so far is about \$300. On March 8th, March 15th, and March 29th members of the Jamestown met with Red Cross Personnel for Planning of "Blood Feud 2001" Red Cross Blood Drive. Members stained dumpster fences for a donation of \$350 to the ships treasury for our charities. On April 29th members walked in the "March of Dimes" Walk America and raised a total of \$545.00.

USS MAAT, NCC-1794-A Virginia Beach, VA

On March 3rd Joe Kancel, David Kennedy, Jason Beck, and our WHRO charity coordinator Linda Steelman manned telephones at WHRO for a pledge drive. The crew went bowling March 10 at the Indian River AMF Lanes. We got five new members, the Abess and Cottle families, who joined us. On April 14th the crew went bowling at the Indian River AMF Lanes. On April 28th we held a Pizza Hut outing. On April 27th- 29th an away team was sent to the Region One Summit. On April 30th Joe Kancel and Tammy Willcox attended an orientation meeting to raise money for the chapter and it's charities.

STATION NIKOLA TESLA, NCC-SS005 Puryear, TN

Webpage redesign continues. New logo adopted by the station to be unveiled very shortly.

USS NORMANDY, NCC-36000 Correspondence Chapter

Donated an estimated \$250 worth of ST collectibles for the Cancer Run Relay. Soda can tab collection at school. Volunteer at local fire department. Work with police athletic league. Collected bags for the Department of Children's Services. Operation Eagle. Helped prepare and serve food at the Salvation Army. Volunteer coaching at local high school. Collected canned goods for the food bank. Donated items and worked at Bosom Buddies, a local resale store that donates a percentage of its sales to breast cancer research.

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

In April we 'Adopted' a spot in Chesapeake, VA. We also held our movie night.

**USS QUESTAR, NCC-75435
Louisville, KY**

The CO attended a party held by the USS Reprisal. The crew held a St Patrick Stewart Day Party. In April the monthly activity was a Movie Night.

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

Five members participated in the Adopt a Highway clean up on March 18th. A short meeting, and then dinner and a movie at a crewmember house followed the clean up. Several of our members sold buttons in support of the Easter Seals Buck-a-cup to Brace-a-child. \$201 was raised during the promotion, and the ship voted to match those funds, donating a total of \$402 to Easter Seals of SC. Three crewmembers attended the Region 1 Summit.

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

On March 3rd we worked for our 9 straight year the Wild Game cooking for kids festival. The Child Advocacy Center and Shelter sponsor it for abused children. We brought our space pinball game and ran it all day as part of the children's games. 5 crew worked during the day. Monthly crew meeting was held March 10th.

**USS STARWARD FURY, NCC-2122
Fayetteville, NC**

On March 17th, an Activity Day and Movie night was held at CO's house.

**USS TEMPEST, NCC-21566
Correspondence Chapter**

The CO, CMO and one other crewmember attended R2 Summit in Mobile. CO had his "Bear Feet" kidnapped. We are setting up a Website on the whereabouts and possible return of the "Bear Feet". On March 17th an Away Team went to see "Brother, Where Art Thou" at the new Regal 16 Cinema.

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

In April we held our Annual Anniversary / Awards dinner. We are still collecting stamps for the Stampede and coupons for the Overseas Coupon Project.

**USS YEAGER, NCC-61893
Bluefield, WV**

We attended Technicon where we had dealer's table and recruited.

REGION 2

**USS BLACKSTAR, NCC-75003
Miami, FL**

On March 10th we held a video night. On March 17th we held our regular monthly recruitment drive. Held a raffle of a Star Trek Comic Book and a copy of the Sci-Fi Trivia Game CD-ROM. The chapter was set to participate in the Walk for the Cure to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation on March 24. On March 25th we participated in the Walk for the Cure Fundraiser held by the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. Three members of the Blackstar attended the Vulkan Orlando show. On April 21st our

recruitment drive was at Outland Station.

**USS CONTINUUM, NCC-71821
Pensacola, FL**

On April 6th the Command Staff meeting was held at Books a Million. We have three possible joins to do it. On April 21st, Engineering met at Bruce Dolan's house to work on Relay for Life tent decorations. And on April 28th several members met for a friendly game.

**DARK SILENCE STATION, NCC-SS007
Florence, AL**

Participated in a "Walk for Life" walk-a-thon to raise money for Cancer victims.

**USS DAVINCI, NCC-74671
Columbus, GA**

The DaVinci celebrated its 5th anniversary with a party at the Captain's house. Much of the time was spent watching the pilot episodes from all five Star Trek series.

**USS DRÄKENFIRE, NCC-71822
Odenville, AL**

Members were at the Galacticon, a KAG convention the weekend of March 23-25. Coupons are still coming in for OCP. Some of the ship's members are continuing to participate in the R1's EROR/1A program this month by planting a garden.

**USS GUARDIAN, NCC-26244
Cape Canaveral, FL**

Held Away mission to Sea World Orlando on March 10th. Held business meeting on March 24th, followed by dinner at Sonny's Bar-B-Que. Crew also attended Vulkan Orlando. Members attended Captain's Call and Volunteered at STARFLEET Recruiting Table. Held ship's BBQ on 28 APR 2001.

**USS HEPHAESTUS, NCC-2004
Birmingham, AL**

The Hephaestus sent 10 members to attend the 2001 Region 02 Summit in Mobile, Alabama. We also held a movie night.

**USS JUBILEE, NCC-57299
Mobile, AL**

USS Jubilee led an Away Team to Las Vegas in mid-March. In addition to accomplishing these objectives, we managed to squeeze in side trip tours of Hoover Dam and the Valley of Fire State Park. USS Jubilee journeyed to Collins, MS, on April 21 to link up with the crew of USS Okatoma and USS Odyssey for the jump to Jackson, MS, to attend the all night STAR TREK Movie Marathon arranged by USS Haise.

**USS OKATOMA, NCC-74692
Collins, MS**

'Best of Trek' movie marathon with USS Haise in Jackson, MS (Parkway Theater) May 5th was the Okatoma Festival in which we marched in the parade and have lunch.

**USS PAEGAN, NCC-1755
Orlando, FL**

The April 6 convention in Orlando will be attended by some of the crew as an away mission to support Region 2 and Fleet. The Commander and his senior cadet attended the captain's call at the Vulkan in mid April. About 10 officers attended it. Members of the USS Paegan supplied a display for the con and supported the STARFLEET table.

**USS SHADOW HAWK, NCC-74660
Smiths, AL**

We had meeting and commissioning party. Also had change of command.

**USS SPIRITWALKER, NCC-31097
Decatur, AL**

Sent a bag of food to the CCC. Took one bag of pet food to the Decatur Animal Shelter. The Spiritwalker sent in a donation to the Best Friends Animal Sanctuary. The Spiritwalker went on a field trip on the 22nd to Cook's Pest Control Museum. The ship has started building a colony shelter in the shared Engineering Project with Region 1. The Spiritwalker is still collecting food and goodies for the Decatur Animal Shelter for the next year. The ship is working hard to design their space habitats in their Engineering Project. In April we sent two bags of food to the CCC and took one bag of pet food to the Decatur Animal Shelter.

**USS TRIDENT, NCC-74692
Stuart, FL**

April 19th an Away Team went to watch launch of Shuttle Endeavor. We met with John "Kiwi" Kane and Mary Kane from Region 1. Visited the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex and dinner afterwards. On April 21st we raised \$100 for Space Camp Scholarship with car wash. Also on April 28th James Cozine participated in March of Dimes WalkAmerica.

**USS TRIUMPH, NCC-26228
Fort Lauderdale, FL**

Five members manned the STARFLEET / USS Triumph table at the Mondo - Pop Comics convention. OCP netted in March \$2418.08. New ship T-shirts are being sold to ship members. Projects that continue are Aluminum recycle, OCP COH, etc. The Triumph has ordered a STARFLEET flag.

**USS WERNHER VON BRAUN,
NCC-72069
Huntsville, AL**

Several crewmembers attended the annual Region 2 Summit in March.

REGION 3

**USS ARK ANGEL, NCC-74662
Round Rock, TX**

The crew has begun collecting money for the initial run of their embroidered crew caps.

**USS AURORA VULCANUS, NCC-1888
Correspondence Chapter**
AV members attended and survived WrestleMania.

**USS BEXAR, NCC-71718
San Antonio, TX**

On March 3rd we decided to go to see a movie. In April we had a few members bring some stuffed animals and toys for the 'Trauma Buddy' program to our regular meeting. The toys are given to the San Antonio Fire Department and they share with the San Antonio Police Officers to give to children.

**USS JOAN OF ARC, NCC-73289
Corpus Christi, TX**

Have tried on-line monthly chat for 3rd month now. Meeting with marginal success. Getting good response from other

ships and far off crewmembers, but almost none from local area personnel. Will keep trying as we are substituting this monthly chat in place of a newsletter. Held Deep Space Nine party at home of new members on March 31st. Held Poker Night on April 28th. \$80 was raised for the Ship. Crew had good participation and many items were donated for the after-gambling auction.

**USS PALO DURO, NCC-61914
Amarillo, TX**

Our new Club T-shirts are ready. They're light gray shirts showing on the back topside and starboard side views -- in a mesh drawing format -- of our triple-nacelle Excelsior class time-slip ship, the USS Palo Duro.

**USS PANTHER CITY, NCC-63543
Ft. Worth, TX**

On Friday night, March 9th we held our General Crew Meeting / Anniversary Party / Awards Ceremony at Angelo's Barbecue in Fort Worth. Afterwards at a party at the CO's home. On Saturday night the 17th we held our St. Patrick's Day Bowling Tournament. On Saturday the 24th we held out monthly Dominoes and Darts night. On Sunday, April the 15th members celebrated Easter at the Scarborough Renaissance Festival. On Sunday, April the 22nd members went roller-skating.

**USS RANGER, NCC-2206
Correspondence Chapter**

AG #1 hit the mail box end of March. We recieved some great input for the Webpage construction and we hope to tackle these later in 2001. March 17 was the eleventh anniversary of the USS Ranger's commissioning. The weekend began Friday with Xtreme Bowling, antiquating in McKinney and/or lying around Saturday afternoon, then an excellent Chinese dinner Saturday evening. Command staff met Easter weekend for Eggolf on the lawn.

**USS RHYANNA, NCC-1892
Austin, TX**

In March we completed requirements for Vessel Readiness Certificate Program for several Departments. We are the first ship in STARFLEET to complete certification in Chaplain's Department! Gigi Battle is working with Literacy Austin teaching people to read. Also in the month of March we delivered 96 tomato products to the Hill Country Pantry. We continued cutting coupons to send to an Army Base. In April we held a party to celebrate the Easter holidays. Children on Rhyanna enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt. The ship donated time to help stock bookshelves for annual Book Fair. Proceedings from Book Fair help support the Literacy Program in Austin. This month we delivered 76 tomato products to the Hill Country Pantry.

REGION 4

**USS ANGELFIRE, NCC-75025,
Phoenix, AZ**

We had several coupon parties where we all got together and cut, sorted, counted, and prepared coupons for shipping. The total shipped so far this year is \$146,831.81. We also discussed possibly fund-raising ideas to help raise the money to pay for shipping costs.

USS ANGELES, NCC-71840
Los Angeles, CA

We had many Angeles members attend our anniversary party at the Star Trek Experience in Las Vegas. We had a trip to the Lancaster Poppy Fields. Our members celebrated birthdays, housewarmings and a new baby.

CASCADE STATION, NCC-SS003
Redding, CA

After several weather delays, we were *finally* able to get out and perform our Adopt-A-Highway cleanup! Several guests were at our March meeting, including Onizuka CO Boyd Harmon. The upcoming IC and WC were discussed and promotions were handed out.

USS CENTURION, NCC-74801
Moreno Valley, CA

Worked Grand Slam last weekend of March/first of April 1st. Met with neighboring ship the Nathan Hale (IFT).

USS NORTHERN LIGHTS, NCC-27001
San Jose, CA

After our regular meeting we went to a members home for some Gaming and Socializing. We hope that our regular location the Milpitas Library will be made available to us once again but until such a time as it is made available we will meet at the Bakers Square.

USS PEACEKEEPER, NCC-72300
Visalia, CA

Our March meeting was host to some special guests, RC Ed Nowlin, Former Fleet Admiral Mike Smith and Northern Lights CO Ramon Macias. After our meeting, we held our annual March Poker Night. We raised over \$100. Funds from that night are donated to Foodlink. USS Peacekeeper Website can know be reached using <http://www.usspeacekeeper.org>. In April we just send in almost \$2000 for the OCP. We discussed what newsletter we wanted to submit for the Newsletter Awards. We are also doing a fundraiser with the House of Lloyds. Our meeting for the month of April was an away mission to Hanford where we played miniature golf.

USS SIMONOV, NCC-2002
Fairfield, CA

On April 4th instead of a Simonov meeting, what's left of the crew met at the Galaxy 8 theaters in Vacaville and watched "O Brother, Were Art Thou?", a very funny movie. Then we adjourned to Denny's for a late dinner.

REGION 5

SHUTTLE ACHILLES, NCC-97301/1
Portland, Oregon

The filming on April 1st went well, though there was only three people there to represent STARFLEET: Timothy Taber, Norm DeRoux, and Bill Beard. We are looking forward to seeing the results soon.

USS BRIGHT STAR, NCC-71815
Correspondence Chapter

In March we visited crewmembers in Portland, OR area. In April the CO attended Region Seventeen Summit in Denver, CO and Region One Summit in Charlotte, NC. Also attended the 10th Anniversary of

USS Starchaser and presented them with a Commemorative Plaque.

USS CRUSADER, NCC-74711
Spokane, WA

On March 24th, we went ice skating at a nearby indoor rink.

USS DESTINY, NCC-97301
Salem, OR

An Away Team to Portland Art Museum on March 3rd. 2. On March 17th an Away Team to attend a dinner for HOST, supporting construction of a local Homeless Teen Shelter. On the 24th an Away Team to attend first "official" meeting of the Shuttle Achilles, in Portland, Oregon. On March 31st an Away Team went to Lincoln City, Oregon to participate on SOLV's Oregon Beach Cleanup. On April 1st another Away Team went to Gresham, Oregon for taping of "Spotlight on Star Trek" for Portland Cable Television.

SHUTTLE GREYWOLF, NCC-75016/01
Boise, ID

We celebrated St. Patty's day with the Kensington at Diana Hoff's home. We also helped by answering the phones for the Idaho Public Television with the help of USS Kensington. Helping to raise \$5195, not making the goal of \$6000. We also flew kites at the Meridian Elementary school. We played laser tag against the Klingons and put up a good fight. Later we ate dinner with the Klingon's and ate gagh. Also in March we went swimming at Given's hotspots and had a picnic.

USS KENSINGTON, NCC-75016
Meridian, ID

On March 9th the crew participated in the Idaho Public Televisions Pledge Drive at Channel 4 in Boise. The crew dressed in costume to answer the phones. On March 17th we held our annual St Patrick's Day at Diana Hoff's House. We watched videos and celebrated St Paddy's day with food, fun and trivia! Ot turned out to be one of the latest parties we ever hosted, all...even all...even the designated drivers had a great time!

USS RUBICON, NCC-71816
Richland, WA

At our quarterly gaming party, we had four computers connected to the Captain's LAN for playing StarCraft. Other activities included card games or watching videos. There was much food, and a good time was had by all. On April 28th the club again built the balloon arch for Walk-A-America start/finish line. The balloon arch was impressive, and our club was included in the Sunday newspaper article about Walk-A-America!

SPACE STATION NEXUS, NCC-DS021
Correspondence Chapter

The Nexus command has certified her Engineering Department. With this we have completed the certification of all departments, and were awarded the Vessel Readiness Certification!

SHUTTLE SACAJAWEA, NCC-2002/10
Great Falls, MT

The crew made 8 dozen molasses cookies for farmers market bake sale to support ship.

USS STARCHASER, NCC-71801
Seattle, WA

In February we held our annual 24-hour Trek-A-Thon. In April we celebrated our Tenth Anniversary as The First Galaxy Class Starship in STARFLEET & this month we are blowing off a little steam with a day at Laserquest.

REGION 6

USS CZAR`AK, NCC-1798-A
Minneapolis, MN

Lost the annual bowling tournament to the USS Behr`AK. But it was closer than last year!

USS FOX RIVER, NCC-81002
Appleton, WI

The USS Fox River attended the first ODESSY Con in Madison, Wisconsin! We promoted for STARFLEET and had a busy and great weekend. We won in the Contest for best Workmanship in costumes.

USS IMPERIUM, NCC-2125
Fargo, ND

The crew of the Imperium did Prairie Public TV Pledge drive in March and helped raise money for Public Television. The Crew went for Miniature Golf with the local Klingon club, gathered at Space Aliens for a social get together. We also contributed to a fundraiser for the science fiction club that hosts the convention where our Regional Conference will be held... It was a rummage sale to be held May 5th at the Fargodome in Fargo, ND.

REGION 7

USS ALBANY, NCC-587
Guilderland, NY

On March 4th seven members & friends attended our bowling outing at Burnt Hill Lanes, followed by lunch at Sam's Restaurant. This was repeated by five of our members on March 18th and April 8th by six members. The Overseas Coupon Project netted \$3710.14.

USS ALPHA CENTAURI, NCC-71812
Washington, DC

Bowling scheduled for 3/17 became a miniature golf outing instead. Group had lots of fun. We had a group of 8 working at Christmas in April on April 28th. Worked on yard work, landscaping, cleaning out garage, and painting.

USS ARTHUR C. CLARKE, NCC-63544
Cinnaminson, NJ

The ship has display case at the library where we meet as possible means of recruiting.

USS LEXINGTON, NCC-1703-C
West New York, NJ

Some members attended the Chiller Con in Secaucus, NJ during the month of April.

USS MATRIX, NCC-72296
Correspondence Chapter

An Away Team attended the Creation Convention in Valley Forge, PA on March 3. A number of Region 7 ships also attended, and we all enjoyed the mutual camaraderie! The USS Matrix participated in a Pledge Drive for Maryland Public TV, along

with members of the USS Highlander, USS Triton, and the USS Sun Tzu. Gerri Wampler of the USS Highlander gave a brief introduction to STARFLEET and our charitable work. The Matrix web site was moved to our own domain name at <http://www.ussmatrix.org>. We are now without a web site, but are working feverishly to rectify this situation. The pages are being rebuilt at <http://ussmatrix.sfi.org>, but are currently incomplete.

USS MALVERNE, NCC-2205
Upper Darby, PA

Members worked recruiting table at Creation con in Valley Forge.

USS NORTHSTAR, NCC-10462
New York, NY

The Northstar held it's annual speaker's forum. (See CQ 104, bottom of the last page...)

USS ORSIS, NCC-3092
New York, NY

We unveiled our new Osiris T-shirts that I purchased off our Cafepress.com on line store. We proceeded after our April meeting to have our "B" movie night. Some of the movies shown were "It", "The Terror from beyond Space" and "Green Slime", done MST3K style. On the 29th, we had our last book club session on "The Hobbit" and then we saw the Rankin/Bass animated movie that was made from the book.

USS SOVEREIGN, NCC-75000
Philadelphia, PA

The Ship's trip to AMNH/Mars 2112 was highly successful.

USS SUN TZU, NCC-5272
Chester, PA

Ran charity book raffle and volunteered at Lunacon. Also participated in 5th BN of 7th BDE Muster.

USS TRITON, NCC-71819
Glen Burnie, MD

A landing party made it's way to Baltimore to help monitor the phones during Mix 106.5's Radiothon for the John's Hopkins Children Center. The Triton had it's 8th anniversary as a ship if the line and traveled to the Seaside restaurant in Glen Burnie to celebrate our anniversary. After the celebration, several of the Triton members meet up with USS Highlander and USS Matrix members to help in Maryland Public Televisions' pledge drive. An engagement party was held for two Triton members getting married this Easter. Fund-raiser/recruiting event was held at local Friendly's restaurant. We raised \$122 in four hours for the club at the event. A Trek Night/Alien Foods night was held at the XO's quarters. The previous weeks Voyager was played as several members missed it. A Bridge crew poker night was held in the CO's new quarters.

REGION 9

USS SAGA, NCC-71202
Reykjavik, Iceland

Had a Formula 1 viewing evening, jigsaw event and a twister competition. In April we held our First Anniversary Celebration with 100% attendance!

REGION 12

USS ADJUDICATOR, NCC-73707 **Kansas City, MO**

We had our commissioning party that went well, we had be people attend from several ships in the region including the Royal Sovereign, Nomad, Hellfire, Marko Ramus, and Brimstone.

USS ANTONIO MARIA VALSALVA, **NCC-4101**

Correspondence Chapter

Members heavily supported the Girl Scout Cookies. We also continued to raise monies for the STARFLEET DeForest Kelly/ Leonard McCoy Allied Health Scholarship participated in the STARFLEET Stampede, wrote letters for Operation: Eagle and pulled pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald Children's Charities. We also continued our support of the local Woman's Shelters by donating coupons to them. Members in the area supported the MS Walkathon and attended the Drug Awareness day at the Chesterfield Mall.

USS ATLAS, NCC-75013 **Bridgeton, MO**

Have created new "ATLAS AWAY TEAM" T-shirts and revised Constitution packets for the crew. The new ATLAS Away Team T-shirts unveiled at the Region 12 Summit. The "ATLAS" monthly Restaurant Nights continue to grow. Attended the CYDONIA 4th Anniversary Party.

USS BLACK HAWK, NCC-74683 **Rockford, IL**

Celebrated Fifth Anniversary as a starship in STARFLEET.

USS BORTAS, NCC-74211 **Urbana, IL**

Attended the meeting of the USS Tiospaye on March 10th.

USS CELT, NCC-75018 **Fayetteville, AR**

Held 3rd Anniversary Dinner on March 17th in the Springdale room at The Harvey & Bernice Jones Center for Families in Springdale, Arkansas. We attended the USS Marko Raimius Annual St. Patrick's Day Party afterward. After we held the April meeting, followed by dinner at CiCi's Pizza. Four crewmembers attended a Sunday-only convention at the UofA Student Union with guests Mark "Dukat" Alaimo and Jeffrey "Weyoun" Combs.

USS CONCORD, NCC-1989-D **Oklahoma City, OK**

Planted flowers with 1st grade students at Polk School.

USS CYDONIA, NCC-74687 **St. Louis, MO**

The USS Cydonia held our annual Oscar Party at Cine deBob's on March 25th. We are also continuing to work on the USS Cydonia Telescope Project headed by Chief Science Officer Steve Gibson and Chief Engineer Bob Lambiase. We also held our 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt for the Cadets. Work continues on the Cydonia Telescope Project as we have purchased the mirror and contraction has begun. We hope to unveil the scope in June.

USS DISCOVERY, NCC-1308 **St. Louis, MO**

Crewmembers celebrated both Happy and sad events as we wished our retiring XO, a Happy Birthday with a very carefully planned surprise party. We also attended Harrah's Disco night as a farewell tour for shuttle pilot CMDR Lesa Pruitt as she moves on to new life in Idaho. Our hopes are that she will find a welcome STARFLEET chapter in her new home. We also attended the annual St. Patrick's Day parade. Also, attended the meeting of our sister ship the USS Hexum. Four members of the crew attended the Region 12 summit. Discovery met the challenge of the Marko Ramius to contribute \$40 to the R12 space Camp scholarship fund.

USS EARHART, NCC-26199 **Humbolt, KS**

Mailed \$725.74 worth of coupons to our adopted Air Force Base in Germany.

USS FLYING FORTRESS, NCC-31904 **Tulsa, OK**

Ship purchased memorial brick as part of US Olympic Team fund raiser. Crewmembers collected 25 lbs. of aluminum cans for recycling.

USS HELLFIRE, NCC-74206 **Ottawa, KS**

Members attended Marko Ramius's New Year's Eve party. Had a potluck dinner and movie night at CO's house. Continuing the raffle for the charity/ship fundraiser. Attended USS Celt Anniversary Party and USS Marko Ramius St. Patrick's Day party. "After con" BBQ for USS Nomad, USS Marko Ramius, USS Brimstone and USS Royal Sovereign members hosted at Ops Chief's home. In April we continued the sale of raffle tickets for autographed T-shirt.

USS HEXUM, NCC-2199 **Belleville, IL**

The March meeting was held at China Town Restaurant in Belleville. Members from the USS Discovery joined us! Carole donated 6 Campbell's Soup labels, and several crewmembers clipped coupons for the OCP during the meeting. We submitted \$1811.65 to the Overseas Coupon Project. We supported the American Heart Association Walk, March of Dimes WalkAmerica and Multiple Sclerosis Walk 2001 in April.

USS HORIZON, NCC-1000-B **Columbia, MO**

Trip to Kansas City Star Trek Convention from March 23rd to the 25th. April 7th we held our Movie day. We watched the movie "Trekkies" and "The Matrix".

USS JEANNETTE MADDOX, **NCC-14514** **Wichita, KS**

Prepared \$1900.00 in coupons for OCP. Away-Team to the Sternberg museum (Hays, KS) to see "Sue" the T-rex skeleton on exhibit. Participated in the Big Brothers/ Big Sisters Bowlathon. Crewmembers raised \$590.00. Helped to plan a "Star-Trek" theme program for the Association of Kansas Community Office Professionals. On April 9th we attended Sternberg Museum. On April 19th we assisted members of the Derby/Haysville American

Legion post with their Teddy Bear Drive. On April 25th we assisted members of the WSU Students in Free Enterprise with their Teddy Bear Drive. On April 29th crewmembers attended Newman University Renaissance Faire.

USS MARKO RAMIUS, NCC-23103 **Fayetteville, AR**

Adopted 9 year old with heart condition as our new charity. We challenge the rest of Region 12 and matching funds donated as well as any funds from auction items etc we will be taking to cons and regional events.

USS MORNING STAR, NCC-4126 **Correspondent Chapter**

Changed of status to Correspondence Ship approved March 29th. STARFLEET Charities collected for OCP, \$1104.67; the Stampede, 3134; Ronald McDonald House Charities, 9800. For Non-Fleet Charities: Best Choice UPC's, 52; Campbell's labels, 35. Co-sponsored Garage Sale for local Humane Society; cleared \$605. Donated \$45 worth of books to local library. Donated \$45 in food and supplies to Humane Society. Cooked & served at St. John's Street Feeding. In April we hosted our 3rd annual Thank-You reception for our civilian contributors, in conjunction with our 7th anniversary as a starship. Volunteered assistance with local Public Radio membership drive. Collecting cards for St. Jude's Ranch. Volunteered assistance with local Public Radio membership drive

USS NOMAD, NCC-78500 **Leavenworth, KS**

Attended USS Adjudicator commissioning party. Crew attended R12 Summit and had a blast. Helped raise much dinero (cash, money, the green stuff, latinum...) and met the challenge by USS Marko Ramius.

USS TRAVELER, NCC-3145 **Emporia, KS**

Collecting pop tabs, coupons and UPC's for STARFLEET. Crewmembers attended Slanted Fedora Convention in KC

USS URSUS, NCC-2011 **Springfield, IL**

In April we held a movie night featuring "Space Cowboys" on DVD was a thunderous success.

USS WITCHFIRE, NCC-75006 **Harrison, AR**

Chapter has been busy collecting pop tabs and stamps for charities. Members attended the Region 12 Summit last weekend where we were (finally) commissioned!!!

REGION 13

USS EMPRESS, NCC-15025-A **Sterling Heights, MI**

Attended a Klingon-Vs-Federation Bowl-a-thon and the Empress, Banting and Valkyrie help to raise \$1,700.00 for the Special Days Camp for children.

REGION 15

USS ARES, NCC-26291 **Boston, MA**

The Ares had its first event meeting of 2001 with a trip to the USS Constitution. We

were honored to have the CO of the Omar Khayyam, Rob Jackson, and XO of the USS Darwin Dave Forrand join us for the tour. Going through the ship was as always a lot of fun. After the tour we went to the museum, and sat down to go over chapter business. In April the Ares had it's meeting at Borders Books in Boston.

USS ENDEAVOR, NCC-1716 **Westbrook, CT**

During the March meeting we held a St. Patrick's Day party, complete with corn beef and cabbage, and of course, green beer. In April during our regular meeting the ship held a baked potato night.

SHUTTLE GALAXY, NCC-1716/05 **Springfield, MA**

Members of the Galaxy attended the Slanted Fedora Con in Waterbury, CT.

USS O'BANNON, NCC-5372 **Sanford, ME**

On March 2nd four members of the crew attended the Slanted Fedora Convention in Waterbury, CN. Held Recruitment Drive was held on March 17th at Crossroads Gaming in Standish, ME met several prospective members also tried to set up a base group for a perspective shuttle out of the Standish area. On March 31st we held a recruitment drive at the Maine Scale Modelers Contest in Biddeford ME. We also judged the competition for best Star Trek model/best sci-fi/fantasy models. On April 8th some of the O'Bannon members took and passed a CPR course presented by the Greenwood Center Nursing Home. From April 13th to the 15th we held a recruitment drive at Ren Con 01 in Portland. On April 14th we held another recruitment drive at Casablanca Comics in Saco. On April 23rd we sponsored a blood drive with the American Red Cross and collected 49 useable pints.

REGION 17

USS ALIOTH, NCC-71832 **Orem/Provo, UT**

We've been meeting every two weeks to watch Voyager episodes. Preparing for the region 17 ship of the year challenge. Sent in over 5,000 in coupons for the OCP for the month of March. On April 28th we did the registration for the 15th year for the local Walk America for March of Dimes.

USS MIR, NCC-73281 **Las Cruces, NM**

On April 10th some of the crew went on a field trip with the Reserve Officer's Association to visit military veterans and see the proposed site for the new spaceport. The April Weasel Training Film was "What Did You Do in the War, Daddy?". From April 20th to the 22nd, crewmembers attended the Region 17 Summit/StarFest. From May 4th-5th crew participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life to raise money for a cure for cancer.

SHUTTLE SOYUZ, NCC-73281/1 **Albuquerque, NM**

On the April 16th we had our fun event meeting and played Star Trek Trivial Pursuit. On the 25th we had an informal meeting with the Oscars as the excuse and played Star Trek Monopoly.



STARFLEET ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL/MAY 2001

COMPILED BY ADMIRAL ALLYSON M. W. DYAR

MAY 2001

2001.05.31: reminder! -- HAL 9000, IC 2001 Committee, reminds everyone that IC 2001: A STARFLEET Odyssey is less than two months away! If you have not registered, please visit him on the IC2001 website at (<http://ic2001.sfi.org/>). Also, be sure to reserve your hotel room at the KCI Airport Marriot. The deadline for reservations is July 5, 2001. Also, if you are planning on sending in your videotape for the Chapter/Region video contest, be sure to send them ASAP. We have recieved 3 so far, please send more.....) Deadline has been extended to June 25th. So be quick.

2001.05.31: Captain Don Willits, Director, Vice Chief of Computer Operations & Director - STARFLEET Membership Processing, (wdon1@uswest.net), announces that the Membership Processing App that Jesse put together wouldn't send notification e-mail on a Win9x system. However, it works beautiful on Windows 2000. And now members who renewed in May should start to notice confirmation e-mail arriving. He discusses other matters as well. Please reference the entire message.

2001.05.31: Fleet Admiral Les Rickard, (cs@sfi.org), Commander, STARFLEET, announces the appointment of Elizabeth Cash as the Interim Director, STARFLEET International Awards. She can be reached at (elicash@yahoo.com) and soon at (Awards@sfi.org).

2001.05.31: Fleet Admiral Les Rickard, (cs@sfi.org), Commander, STARFLEET, announces the resignation of Liz Woolf as STARFLEET's International Awards Director.

2001.05.28: The Vorta, (Dominion@ql.org). The Dominion is pleased to announce the Presidential Pie in the Face Challenge! If the members of STARFLEET can raise \$1,000 for the STARFLEET scholarship fund before July 27, Fleet Admiral Les Rickard has

agreed to let us smash a pie in his face during the International Conference. As with previous Dominion fundraisers, a running total of donations from each region will be maintained online at (<http://www.networkboy.com/dominion/>). The region contributing the most money will be announced at the IC and that region's RC or designated proxy will have the privilege of choosing the person to throw the pie. Checks or Money Orders made payable to "STARFLEET" may be sent to The Dominion, P.O. Box 101, Germantown, MD 20875-0101. Please be certain to include a note specifying which region your donation is to be counted toward.

2001.05.27: Admiral Marlene J. Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy, (academy@sfi.org), announces a new school: The College of Temporal Physics, Director, Major Mike Dethlefs, (xibalba@unm.edu). STARFLEET Academy Web Site: (www.sfi-academy.org).

2001.05.27: LGen Michael W. Malotte, STARFLEET Chief of Communications, (comm@sfi.org), announces that the Helpdesk staff have gotten together and made this even easier for you. If you need to let them know that your address has changed, send an e-mail to (newaddress@sfi.org).

2001.05.26: LGen Michael W. Malotte, STARFLEET Chief of Communications, (comm@sfi.org), announces that with the resignation of Jeff Higdon, he is looking for a new Communiqué Summaries Editor. Any interested applicant should have the following: Good writing skills; The ability to summarize long reports into the required space; The dedication to get it to the CQ Editor on a timely basis E-mail access is a must. Please e-mail a resume and 3 sample summaries to: (Comm@sfi.org) and (kurt@ssnexus.org). He plans to have this position filled no later than the 30th of June, 2001.

2001.05.26: Fleet Captain Jeff Higdon, (captshiloh@hotmail.com), announces

his resignation as CQ Summaries editor. The proper e-mail addresses have been transferred to General Malotte. He requests that summaries not be sent to him as the will not be forwarded.

2001.05.26: Captain Ruth Green, co-chair, R1 Fall Conference, (phoenix@EZO.NET), announces the Region 1 Fall Conference, Encounter on the Northcoast, Cleveland, Ohio, September 21-23, 2001. Web Site: (www.regionone.net/2001).

2001.05.25: Rear Admiral Ed Nowlin, Director, Office of Web Consultants (OWC) & Memory Alpha, (capt_ed@shasta.com), announces that Memory Alpha has been moved to its (Hopefully) permanent home at (<http://owc.sfi.org/memoryalpha>). He has set up a redirect URL on the old site so you should be automatically taken to the new one. He has used this time to add new images, and sort all the Marine Logos by Brigade and MSG/MEU.

2001.05.22: Blair Learn, Keeper of the CQ Convention List, (conventions@networkboy.com), is putting together the convention list. He needs the following info: Convention Name, Location (City, State or Province, and country if outside the US), Dates, and a **postal** contact address. Please bear in mind that due to the lead times for the various publications, it may take up to three months before a new listing appears in print.

2001.05.19: Vice Admiral Dwain Gleason, Editor, Command Status Report (CSR), (dwaingleason@yahoo.com), announces that May/June edition of the Command Status Report (CSR) is available now at: (<http://www.royalsovereign.org/csr18.pdf>).

2001.05.19: Chief Ambassador Kyle J. Wolf, Director Department of Diplomatic Corps, (WolfTrek7@aol.com), announces that the Department of Diplomatic Corps will be closing its doors for the next two months. During this time period the department will be remodeled. The

department will reopen its doors no later then August 1, 2001.

2001.05.18: Admiral Peg Pellerin, Dean of the SF Cadet Academy, (pilgrim@ctel.net), announces that the Cadet Vulcan Academy presently has a very interesting course for both 6 - 12 years olds and 13 - 18 year olds. It is on Paleontology. The course is \$1.00 and two first class stamps. The Cadet Vulcan Academy of Science is available from Capt Rebecca L. Self, Director, 4415 Willow Bend Rd., Decatur, ALA 35603-5313 or (Spiritwaalker77@aol.com). Please note that there has been a change in address for another Cadet Academy course. Cadet Security School, Nancy O'Shields, Director, 155 Sylvest Dr. #405, Montgomery, AL 36117 or (IMN2TREK@aol.com).

2001.05.15: Admiral Marlene J. Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy, (academy@sfi.org), announces for those of you who have taken and passed the first three levels of SOCA (School of Cultural Anthropology), there is now a fourth level (Post-Doctoral) ready for you to enjoy. This new course, like its predecessors in SOCA, is all Trek, with questions drawn from all four of our beloved series. One page in length, the exam offers enough of a challenge to keep you interested but is not so difficult as to be discouraging. STARFLEET Academy Web Site: (www.sfi-academy.org).

2001.05.14: reminder -- Admiral Brad Pense, Commander, Third Fleet, (r3rc@earthlink.net), reminds everyone that the rates go up on 15 May. You can pay for Region Three's Summit 2MI, to be held June 22nd -24th, 2001 in Waco, Texas at the Clarion Inn, via PayPal. The Summit 2MI web site is at <http://www.region3.com/s2001.htm>. On-line registration is available at http://www.region3.com/registration_s2MI.htm or from the Summit 2MI web site.

2001.05.14: FCAPT Wayne Lee Killough, Jr., Special Assistant, STARFLEET Academy, (killough@alltel.net),

announces that the STARFLEET Academy Culinary School 'BURPS' (Bill's Unique Recipe Preparatory School) is now open for business. This post is to let everyone know that there has been a change in Directorship for BURPS to Lt Kevin Allen King. To apply to BURPS, or to send your exams in for grading, please send them to him at the following address: Kevin Allen King, 309 N. Spring St., Harrison, AR 72601. STARFLEET Academy Web Site: (www.sfi-academy.org).

2001.05.13: RAdm. Mark A. Vinson, Chief of Operations, STARFLEET, (ops@sfi.org), announces the availability of the PDF and TXT formats of the May Vessel Registry have been up loaded to both the SFI Documents site: (<ftp://ftp.sfi.org/documents>) and the SFI Ops Department website: (<http://www.sfi.org/opd/vr.pdf>). STARFLEET Operations Website: (<http://www.sfi.org/ops/>).

2001.05.12: Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace, (tigger1@nwlink.com), announces that he has added form fields to the following PDF forms, allowing you to fill them out in Acrobat and Acrobat Reader before printing to the following forms: Change of Chapter Affiliation Form, Change of Chapter Command Form, Flag Officer Promotion Form, STARFLEET Membership Application, STARFLEET Monthly Status Report Form, STARFLEET Vessel Registry Request Form. All of these forms can be found at (<ftp://ftp.sfi.org/Documents>) and from the Documents page at (<http://www.sfi.org>).

2001.05.12: RAdm. Mark A. Vinson, Chief of Operations, STARFLEET, (ops@sfi.org), requests that requests that when sending any mail to STARFLEET Operations **Do Not Certify** it or in any way **Require A Signature**. A simple e-mail to (ops@sfi.org) telling him something is on its way will give him plenty of notice to watch for it. STARFLEET Operations Website: (<http://www.sfi.org/ops/>).

2001.05.12: LGen Michael W. Malotte, STARFLEET Chief of Communications, (comm@sfi.org), lists the members and the back issue numbers of the CQ that he has mailed out. He also reminds everyone of the new re-mailer policy: If you need a replacement CQ mailed to you for 2 consecutive months, he request that you get him a copy of an actual mailing label on a publication that actually does reach your mailbox. For details, please reference the entire message.

2001.05.12: Michael Dugas, (glithndr@whitestar.org), announces that the R/13 summit has decided to drop the banquet. For details, please link to: (<http://www.region13.org/summit/>).

2001.05.10: FCAPT Wayne Lee Killough,

Jr., Special Assistant, STARFLEET Academy, (killough@alltel.net), has recently been appointed Academy Archivist and as such, need dates for dates Directors took over their SFA College/School/Position. Also, he needs information on current Academy Personnel, as well as former Personnel. STARFLEET Academy Web Site: (www.sfi-academy.org).

2001.05.05: reminder -- Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace, Editor - Stellar Visions IV, (fanzine@sfi.org), announces that submissions deadlines for Stellar Visions IV is 15 June, 2001. SVIV site is 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>).

2001.05.02: LGen Scott A. Akers, SFI Historian, (chunone@nwlink.com), announces that Communiqué #80 has joined #s 5,90 89, 88, 84 and 83 in being rebuilt electronically and is now ready for release to the membership at (<ftp://ftp.sfi.org/Documents/CQ/>). Thank you to Commodore Greg Trotter for creating the issue originally. Next up is CQ 79, as this one will have to be completely re-entered by hand, as there are no electronic files currently available, it will take awhile.

2001.05.02: Fleet Captain Mike Wilkerson, SFI Webmaster, (sfiderman@ussatlas.org), updates everyone on the progress of the new SFI web site.

2001.05.02: Rear Admiral Ed Nowlin, Regional Coordinator, Region 4, (capt_ed@shasta.com), announces that the hotel information for the 2001 Region 4 Conference/ Western Conference 2 hosted by the USS HighRoller is now available. It will take place at the Peppermill Hotel and Casino in Reno, NV on October 19, 20 and 21, 2001. Web Site: (<http://www.region4.org/wc2001/>).

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2001.04.28: Major Joe Brouhard, Director, STARFLEET Department of Online Gaming, (joe@armadaproject.net), announces that the D.O.G. is getting ready to start some ladders and tournaments. However, he needs to see how many people are interested. The games on the docket are: Interplay STARFLEET Academy, Interplay STARFLEET Command, Blizzard Entertainment Starcraft, Blizzard Entertainment Starcraft: Brood Wars. If interested, please contact him.

2001.04.28: RAdm. Mark A. Vinson, Chief of Operations, STARFLEET, (ops@sfi.org), announces the commissioning of the following new STARFLEET ship of the line: U.S.S. WITCHFIRE, NCC-75006. STARFLEET Operations Website:

(<http://www.sfi.org/ops/>).

2001.04.22: LGen Scott A. Akers, SFI Historian, (chunone@nwlink.com), announces that with 5 days to spare before the R1 Summit, he takes great pleasure to announce that Communiqué #83 has joined #s 95,90 89, 88, and 84 in being rebuilt electronically and is now ready for release to the membership at (<ftp://ftp.sfi.org/Documents/CQ/>). Thank you to Captain Brittany Sloan for creating the issue originally. Next up is CQ 80.

2001.04.18: Fleet Admiral Les Rickard, (cs@sfi.org), Commander, STARFLEET, announces the appointment of Vice Admiral Robert Westfall, Region Twelve's next Regional Coordinator.

2001.04.16: LGen Scott A. Akers, SFI Historian, (chunone@nwlink.com), announces that he is back from holiday and Communiqué #84 was updated and now joins numbers 95,90 89 and 88 in being rebuilt electronically and is now ready for release to the membership at (<ftp://ftp.sfi.org/Documents/CQ/>). Thank you to Captain Brittany Sloan for creating the issue originally. Enjoy, next up is CQ 83.

2001.04.15: LGen Michael W. Malotte, STARFLEET Chief of Communications, (comm@sfi.org), announces a new policy concerning the re-mailing of missing issues of the Communiqué. If you need a replacement CQ mailed to you for 2 consecutive months, he request that you get him a copy of an actual mailing label on a publication that actually does reach your mailbox. You can do this in one of two ways. You can either mail it to him, via the USPS or, you can scan it and e-mail him a scan. Send hard copies to: Michael W. Malotte, c/o CQ Label, 4331 Laurel, Kansas City, MO 64133. E-mail: (lostcq@sfi.org). Information recieved will be shared with both CompOps and Membership Processing so that they can make sure the address is 100% US Postal Service correct by the next CQ mailing.

2001.04.15: Vice Admiral Dwain Gleason, editor, STARFLEET Illustrated, (dwaingleason@yahoo.com), announces that the March/April 2001 Edition of STARFLEET Illustrated: The Region 12 newsletter is now available from the SI Web site at: (<http://www.region12.org/si>).

2001.04.12: Greg Trotter, Logistics Chair, IC2001, (greg@ussnomad.org), announces the IC Travel List is open for business. Just send a message to: (majordomo@sfi.org) with the command: subscribe ictravel-l in the body. IC 2001 site: (<http://ic2001.sfi.org/>).

2001.04.10: LGen Michael W. Malotte, STARFLEET Chief of Communications, and former Promotions Director (comm@sfi.org), announces that many of

the final promotion certificates for 2000 were never mailed out to the recipients. They got packed by Mike Smith in preparation for his move to California and haven't surfaced yet. In discussions with Les Rickard and Deborah Malotte, it has been decided that those certs should be reissued. For a list, please reference the entire message or consult your copy of Communiqué #103.

2001.04.10: Captain Don Willits, Director, Vice Chief of Computer Operations & Director - STARFLEET Membership Processing, (wdon1@uswest.net), announces that the CQ104 labels have been generated. The cut off was April 1st, but due to a death in the family, all memberships recieved by April 3rd were included in the data. He also has a list of members whose entries in the database still bear invalid addresses, or for whom the USPS has given him a notice that the address is invalid. Please reference the entire message for the list of names.

2001.04.08: LGen Scott A. Akers, SFI Historian, (chunone@nwlink.com), announces that Communiqué #84 has joined #s 95,90 89 and 88 in being rebuilt electronically and is now ready for release to the membership at (<ftp://ftp.sfi.org/Documents/CQ/>). There are some issues with font translation, and will be fixed shortly. Thank you to Captain Brittany Sloan for creating the issue originally. Enjoy, next up is CQ 83.

2001.04.03: LGen Scott A. Akers, SFI Historian, (chunone@nwlink.com), announces that Communiqué #88 has joined #s 95,90 and 89 in being rebuilt electronically and is now ready for release to the membership at: (<ftp://ftp.sfi.org/Documents/CQ/>). Thank you to Commodore Wendy Fillmore for creating the issue originally.

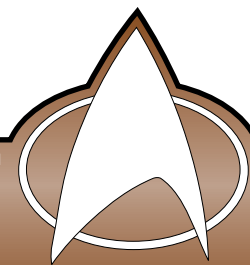
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Any questions? E-mail us at helpdesk@sfi.org!



UPCOMING CONVENTIONS

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

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

Oct 19-21 Con*Stellation XX, Huntsville, Alabama; Info: P.O. Box 4857, Huntsville AL 35815-4857 <http://www.constellation.org/> constell@traveller.com

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

Sep 7-9 CopperCon 21, Scottsdale, Arizona; Info: PO Box 62613, Phoenix, AZ 85082 Ph: 602-973-2341 <http://www.casfs.org/cucon/cu21/cc21.html> leigh@casfs.org Guests: Julian May, Diana Gabaldon, Mark Roland, Heather Alexander

California

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 3-5 Vulkan, Burbank, California; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkan.com/> joemotes@aol.com Guests: Jeri Ryan, Bruce Campbell, Andreas Katsulas, Ted Raimi, Dirk Benedict, Laurette Spang

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 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> SFedora1@aol.com

Florida

Jul 13-15 Vulkan, Tampa, Florida; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkan.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.vulkan.com/> joemotes@aol.com Guests: Robin Curtis Benefits: Boward Community College Library

Sep 14-16 Vulkan, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkan.com/> joemotes@aol.com

Guests: Bruce Campbell

Georgia

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.

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 Harts-horn, 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 Mil-lians, 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.

Sep 21-23 Anime Weekend Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: PO Box 13544, Atlanta, GA 30324-0544 <http://www.awa-con.com/> awaweb@awa-con.com

Illinois

Oct 5-7 Archon 25, Collinsville, Illinois; Info: PO Box 8387, St. Louis, MO 63132-8387 Ph: 314-326-3026 <http://www.stlf.org/archon/> archon_hotline@zellich.net Guests: David Cherry, Steve Jackson, Jack Stauffer, George R.R. Martin, Vic Milán

Indiana

Jul 13-15 InConJunction, Indianapolis, Indiana; Info: P.O. Box 68514, Indianapolis, IN 46268-0514 <http://www.inconjunction.org/> conchair2001@inconjunction.org Guests: Richard Hatch, Joel Rosenberg, Stephen Hickman, Catherine Asaro, Steve Jackson

Iowa

Oct 12-14 Icon 26, Coralville, Iowa; Info: PO Box 525, Iowa City, IA 52244-0525 Ph: 319-626-2099 <http://www.mindbridge.org/icon/> icon@mindbridge.org Guests: L.E. Mode-sitt

Kansas

Aug 17-19 Ra-Con, Wichita, Kansas; Info: PO Box 673, Wichita, Ks. 67201-0673 Ph: 316-262-3502 <http://www.Ra-Con.com/> clinton@ra-con.com Guests: John Avett, Bill Blair, Linda Harrison, Carl Talafierro, Matthew Boles, Mark Clarkson

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

Jun 22-24 Conterpoint Four, Rockville, Maryland; Info: PO Box 2823, Arlington,

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, Jerry Doyle, Erin Gray, France Nuyen, Paul Carr, Linda Harrison, Celeste Yarnall, Mary Kay Adams, 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

Sep 28-30 Capclave 2001, Beltsville, Maryland; Info: 4030 8th Street, Arlington VA 22204 <http://www.wsfa.org/capc01/> Guests: Gardner Dozois

Massachusetts

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

Oct 12-14 Conclave XXVI, Lansing, Michigan; Info: PO Box 2915, Ann Arbor, MI 48106 <http://www.conclavesf.org/conclave@conclavesf.org>

Minnesota

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

Sep 28-30 Arcana 31, St. Paul, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 8036, Lake Street Station, Minneapolis, MN 55408-8036 Ph: 612-721-5959 <http://pages.prodigy.net/rekal/> arcanacon@prodigy.net Guests: Robert M. Price, Eleanor Arnason

Missouri

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>

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

New Mexico

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

New York

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

Oct 5-7 Trinoc-con, Durham, North Carolina; Info: PO Box 10633, Raleigh, NC 27605-0633 <http://www.trinoc-con.org/trinoc-con@aol.com> Guests: Vernor Vinge, Dru Blair, John Kessel, Andy Duncan, Brett Cox

Ohio

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

Sep 21-23 STARFLEET Region 1 Fall Conference, Cleveland, Ohio; Info: PO Box 35706, Canton, OH 44735 <http://www.regionone.net/2001/r1-2001-con@startrekmail.com> Guests: Robin Curtis, Peter Woodward Benefits: American Cancer Society

Sep 21-23 STARFLEET Region 1 Conference, Cleveland, Ohio; Info: P.O. Box 35706, Canton, OH 44735 <http://www.regionone.net/2001/r1-2001-con@startrekmail.com> Guests: Robin Curtis, Peter Woodward Benefits: Breast

Cancer Research

Oklahoma

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

Ontario

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

Oregon

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

Pennsylvania

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/confluence/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

Rhode Island

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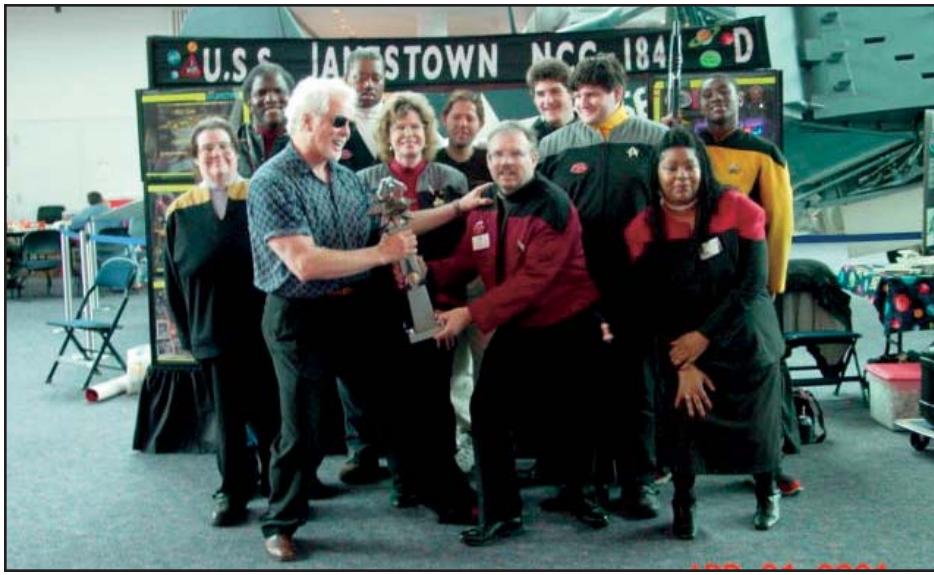
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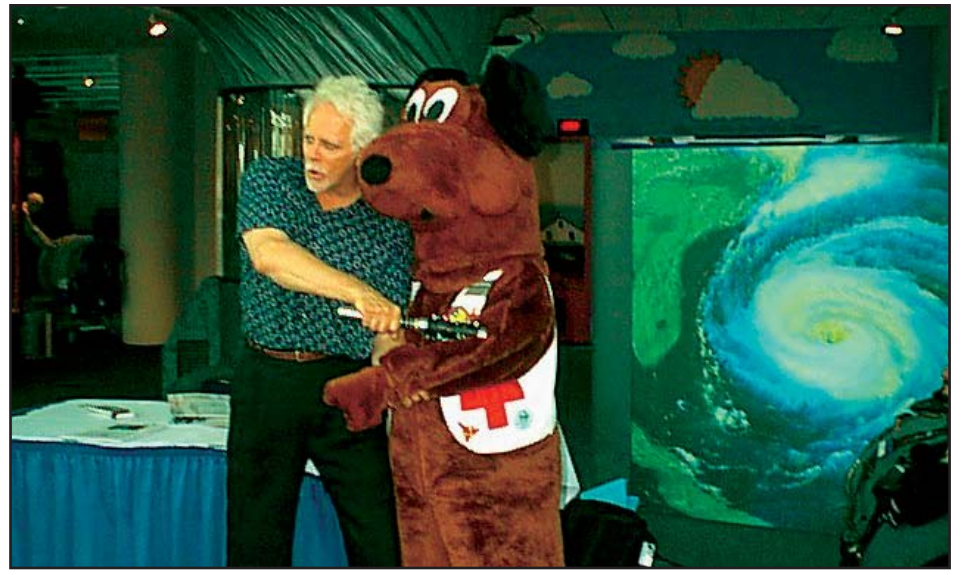
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"Hey! it says in my contract that this trophy is part of my appearance fee! So let it go already!" : The USS Jamestown Crew with J.G. Hertzler and the Blood Feud Trophy



There is no truth to the rumor that Klingons found the creature to the right more attractive: J.G. Hertzler with the American Red Cross's Mascot "RC". Note: Commander Mary Ann Winsley, CMO of the USS Jamestown wore the Red Crosses "RC" Costume for the event.



"We wuz robbed!": The USS Jamestown's Commanding Officer, Captain John Winsley Accepts the Blood Feud Trophy from J.G. Hertzler, and Fleet Captain Tracy Phelps of the IKV Bat'Leth.



"It is mine, I tell you!": The Blood Feud 2001 Committee with J.G. Hertzler. Left to Right: John Winsley, Ydalmi Noriega of the Red Cross, Steve Thomas, Marilyn Romero, and Tracy Phelps of the IKV Bat'Leth.

THE KLINGON—STARFLEET BLOODFEUD 2001: A BLOOD DRIVE FOR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

Words and Pictures courtesy of Captain John Winsley and With Vice Admiral Stephen Thomas (Ret.) • USS Jamestown, STARFLEET Region 1

It happened Saturday, April 21, 2001, at the Virginia Air and Space Center (VASC) in Hampton, Virginia. With the captains of the classic and current starships Enterprise, Voyager and Deep Space Nine in the Star Trek Federation Science exhibit looking upon the proceedings; and J.G. Hertzler, "Chancellor Martok" of the Klingon Empire, officiating, the "feud" began.

To benefit the American Red Cross, the Imperial Klingon Vessel Bat'Leth challenged the STARFLEET Starship USS Jamestown to a "blood feud"—the side collecting the most in blood donations winning the feud. Katrina Stevens and Ydalmi (ee-DOLL-mee) Noriega of the American Red Cross loved the idea! Kristina Anderson of the VASC also liked the idea of hosting the event and Tracy Phelps (IKV Bat'Leth) jumped on the idea right away.

With only two months planning, preparation, and blessings from above, the day of the "blood feud" finally arrived. How would the public respond?

When we all arrived at 9am, there were already people lined up outside to come in and donate blood! We came in early so that we could donate our own blood and so

the Klingons would have time to hydrate and rest before suiting up for the feud.

Special guest was John "JG" Hertzler, "General/Chancellor Martok" of Star Trek Deep Space Nine, sponsored by the VASC. He was very easygoing and entertaining. He performed a "Klingon rap" (think of "Vanilla Ice" as a Klingon!) that he and Robert O'Reilly will perform at Star Trek: The Experience; and he performed with the very funny sci-fi sketch comedy troupe "Luna-C." Not only did he bring some great items as giveaways - he also donated blood!

Additionally, the VASC was celebrating "Earth Day," that also happens to be a concern of Mr. Hertzler's. He gave a talk about the importance of the environment and how we should protect it.

There were giveaways of Trek items throughout the afternoon. Thanks to Paramount Pictures and to Mr. Hertzler, some folks walked off with great collectibles, including bottles of "Star Trek Altair Water," and a copy of Peter David's "Requiem" and more!

And of course, the event was a great opportunity to

promote the USS Jamestown and STARFLEET. The event garnered nice newspaper coverage and Steve managed to get a TV spot done at the last minute, featuring myself being challenged by Fleet Captain Kai!

As the steady stream of blood donors came in, they stated the side of their allegiance. The first tally found STARFLEET leading the Klingons 35 to 20. The second tally 81 to 55. At the end of the day, it was STARFLEET who beat the Klingons 102 to 77! These numbers combined are the number of all the people who came to give blood, but 156 pints were actually collected. The blood donations raised surpassed the expectations of the Red Cross by half!

At the end of the event, with Fleet Captain Kai scowling nearby, JG Hertzler presented the "Blood Feud" trophy (created by Tracy Phelps the night before) to me, and I proudly accepted on behalf of the victorious USS Jamestown crew and STARFLEET!

We are now looking ahead to the "KLINGON—STARFLEET Blood Feud 2002: Revenge of the Klingons!" Hopefully, hope our sister ships will come and help us keep the blood feud trophy on the STARFLEET side.