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IC 2001: WE WHO ARE ABOUT TO PIE, SALUTE YOU!

By The Vorta • Somewhere in the Dominion

On May 27, 2001, the members of STARFLEET were challenged to raise \$1,000 for the STARFLEET scholarship fund before July 27. If they managed to do that, Fleet Admiral Les Rickard agreed to let us smash a pie in his face during the International Conference.

STARFLEET didn't just meet the goal, they nearly doubled it, donating \$1793.65.

On the evening of July 26th, after a spirited struggle between several regions, the donation total stood at \$1233.65; more than enough to assure to meet the goal. Three hundred dollars of that total came Region Two, giving them a narrow \$10 lead over their closest competitors in Region Seventeen.

On July 27th at the International Conference, Regional Coordinator Pete Mohney presented Les Rickard with a check for \$500, taking the Region Two total to \$800 and locking in Region Two as the winner.

The Pie throwing was planned for Friday evening, immediately after the International Conference's opening ceremonies. But Pete wasn't done yet. When the time came for him to throw the pie, he announced that he would instead auction the throwing to the highest bidder.

That winning bidder was Peggy Salyer, CO of the USS Angelfire whose bid included the condition that she also be allowed to hit her Regional Coordinator, Ed Nowlin, with a pie. Ed agreed to the condition.



Put a Pie in my face and tell me that you love me:

At the top we have Peggy Salyer administering a creme-filled pie into Fleet Admiral Les Rickard's free-floating head. Yes, it's free floating. He considered the whole thing an out-of-body experience. Really. The *Communique* never lies! Honest. Below that, we have fellow victims Robert Westfall (left) and Ed Nowlin during their equally fateful encounters with the pan o' creme.

Photos courtesy of David Klingman and Lauren Milan.

Through your generous donations, a total of \$1793.65 was raised for the STARFLEET Scholarship Fund. The pie auction brought that total to \$1943.65.

The final breakdown per region is:

Region 1:	\$135.00
Region 2:	\$800.00
Region 3:	\$ 10.00
Region 4:	\$100.00
Region 6:	\$ 10.00
Region 7:	\$187.65
Region 9:	\$ 36.00
Region 12:	\$215.00
Region 13:	\$ 10.00
Region 17:	\$290.00

+ \$150 pie auction

Former Commander, STARFLEET Michael Smith will doubtless be associated with ducks for all eternity. Les Rickard however will more likely be remembered for inspiring food fights. In one final twist on the plot, RC R12 Robert Westfall issued an offer that the chapter from Region Twelve contributing the most to this effort would get to smash a pie in his face. Congratulations to Ann Garner and the crew of the USS *Mystique* for winning this mini-competition.

We thank you for your support of our fundraising efforts. Special thanks to Les Rickard, Robert Westfall, and Ed Nowlin for being good sports and participating in this cockamamie scheme. Photos from all three pie throws may be viewed on The Dominion's web site which is located at: <http://www.networkboy.com/dominion/>

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Carl Johnson of the USS Nomad had much to smile about at the 2001 STARFLEET International Conference.

Why is this man smiling? Find out on page 22



"Hello? Is this thing on? Doggone made-in-Region-16 dingus..."
Admiral Brad Pense, RC R3, encounters the only problem had during the
2001 Region 3 Summit in Waco, Texas.

Why should this man be smiling? Find out on page 16

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The deadline for the next issue of the Communiqué is the end of the last month of the cover date.

Submission Deadline for Issue 107: September 25th, 2001.



DON'T CALL ME EDWIN!

FLEET ADMIRAL LES RICKARD

COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings once again from STARFLEET HQ! I am writing this while still recovering from a fabulous weekend in Kansas City, MO at STARFLEET's 2001 International Conference. I would like to reflect on this past weekend some before moving on.

I awoke early on Thursday July 26th and was taken to the airport by Deidre and Zachary. Zachary didn't do any of the driving obviously, but he was there to see Dad off. When I connected in Charlotte, NC I was joined by David Klingman of the R1 chapter USS Hawkeye for the rest of the trip to IC.

A few uneventful hours later we arrived at Kansas City International and were greeted by PJ Trotter, IC Co-Chair and old friend. She led us out to a waiting shuttle piloted by Carl Johnson, IC Co-Chair and another old friend. Within minutes we were in front of the Kansas City Marriot - Airport and I was greeted by Chelle Johnson, IC Treasurer and...yes, wait for it...another old friend. I could go on for a while like this, but I won't. Just suffice it to say that this continued into the evening as I greeted old friends and met new ones.

Thus began the whirlwind that was IC2001.

I waited for IC2001 with both trepidation and anticipation. I was nervous, excited, scared, impatient - the whole gamut of emotions. Here it was, my first IC as Commander, STARFLEET. I will preside over the annual ECAB meeting, open the IC, stand before STARFLEET at General Session and eventually close the IC. But, when I walked through the doors of that hotel and was greeted with hugs and words of encouragement, all of the worry and fear melted away - I was amongst family. That evening I was treated to a fabulous dinner at one of the USS Nomad's favorite restaurants, Parker's BBQ and then retired for the night. The weekend was yet to come.

Friday morning came and it was time for the annual ECAB meeting. As we opened the session I was very excited to talk to everyone, hear his or her thoughts and work on improving Fleet. Yes, there is always business to conduct, things to vote on and details to work out. But, after the meeting was over Friday afternoon, I walked away feeling as though we had all accomplished something together. I felt renewed and ready to go on with the weekend.

The rest of that evening involved the opening ceremonies, STARFLEET Match Game, Pool party - oh yeah, and a Pie in the FADM's Face. Yes, I got hit in the face with a cream pie. Why did I do this you ask? It was for a good cause, the STARFLEET Scholarship fund. The Dominion approached me earlier in the year with an idea of a fund-raiser. The idea was for me to take a pie in the face from the Regional Representative whose Region had donated the most to the challenge. Well,

in the end it was Region Two who donated the most, over \$800 I believe, and won the right to hit me with the pie. But, they were not done yet. While I was changing into something more appropriate for getting smacked in the face with a pie, Region Two RC Pete Mohny auctioned off the right to hit me with the pie. The winner was Peggy Saylor from Region Four. But the auctioning wasn't over - keep reading.

Saturday morning came early (after the lateness of the pool party) and by 8am the General Session MC, Robert Westfall, had the EC and AB inside and talking to the members of STARFLEET. During this session, the EC gave reports on the status of STARFLEET, as well as a roll call of all of STARFLEET's chapters by the RC's or their proxies. During the general session we also handed out STARFLEET's annual awards and some much deserved promotions.

After general session it was time to head to panels - but first there was lunch. I was treated to yet more BBQ by RC Region 12 Robert Westfall. Members of the USS Royal Sovereign and USS Jeanette Maddox joined us. Leaving the hotel, I traveled with Robert as we traversed Kansas City and wound our way onto many a back street. However, as we drove through the back streets I couldn't help but ask Robert one thing "You're taking me out into the middle of nowhere to kill me, aren't you?" Laughing, he pulled into the parking lot of Jackstacks, a local BBQ restaurant that is a favorite for him and others in the party. After tasting the local BBQ and a rather tasty side item called a Cheesy Corn Bake it was time to head back to the IC and the afternoon panels.

Ah...the panels! There was so much to choose from that I just bounced around to different ones all afternoon. I enjoyed stopping in, saying hi and occasionally answering a question or two. After they were over it was time to clean up and prepare for the evenings festivities - the banquet, auction and dance.

Around 6:15pm I headed down to the banquet room and watched all of fleet gather outside as the IC committee made the last minute touches to the tables and prepare to feast. A feast it was, a wonderful selection was presented and everyone enjoyed the food and the company. After the banquet came the charity auction where the IC raised money for its charity and the STARFLEET Scholarship fund. This included the auctioning of several people for a single dance later in the evening. When the auction was over I had been auctioned for a dance - with Robert Westfall, Brad Pense and Joost Ueffing. Once again you ask, Why? Well, the answer is the same as before, a donation to the STARFLEET Scholarship Fund. When the evening was over and all of the auctioning was done for the weekend STARFLEET had raised \$2,133.65 for the Scholarship Fund. The

dance came and I would liken it to more of a shuffle than a dance. We just kinda shuffled about in a circle for a few minutes and it was determined that I was the one to get dipped - and dipped I was, just not with a pie.

Sunday, the day everyone hates, came and it was time to say goodbye. As we progressed through the closing ceremonies I was prepared to give the obligatory "I declare IC2001 closed." However, others had something else in store for me.

Admiral Alex Rosenzweig, Chief of Shuttle Operations Command and long time friend, came to the podium. He explained how a short while back I had been speaking to a friend about Zachary's illness and the resulting financial crunch it had put Deidre and I in. I had thought I was venting privately and that was that. Alex explained that my friend and confidant, Kurt Roithinger, had told RC R4 Ed Nowlin and himself about this hardship. They immediately mobilized and quietly went to the assembled EC and AB for donations. The result was presented to me - a check made out to Deidre, Zachary and myself for \$775.00.

It was difficult to explain how this made me feel. Not many know that Zachary must have another operation in a month or so. This is to repair a herniated muscle that was a complication of his initial surgery a few weeks ago. Those on top of his previous surgery and doctors visits have piled up a sizable amount of money, regardless of our excellent insurance. After closing the IC I called Deidre at home to report this outpouring of kindness and was met with tears of joy.

I stood at the back of the large banquet room as everyone mingled about, saying goodbye and talking of the weekend with smiles and tears. I saw something that made me feel special - my STARFLEET family.

The rest of the day was spent relaxing. Hanging out at the pool, talking to those, like me, that were not leaving till Monday and gathering for the dead dog party. Monday morning came and I departed Kansas City energized and ready to get back to Deidre, Zachary and running STARFLEET!

IC2001 was a fantastic event and I would like to compliment everyone who made it so successful. The names that come to mind are: PJ Trotter, Carl Johnson, Chelle Johnson, Greg Trotter, Chris Rossman, Troy Cash, Eli Cash, Robert Westfall and many others that I can not name off the top of my head. You all know who you are and you should be very proud of the great job you did.



SECOND THOUGHTS

By Admiral Gordon Goldberg, Vice-Commander, STARFLEET

Greetings from the Office of the Vice Commander!

Since I wasn't able to make it to the IC this year (despite the fact that Sven and I had been looking forward to being there), I'll keep my column brief so there'll be more room for reports and pictures from those who were able to make it.

The one thing I need to report is that Amy Alexander, who has served us long and well as International Charities Coordinator, is stepping down in preparation for a number of changes that are going on in her life, not the least of which are starting a new job, moving, and planning a wedding.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Amy for all her hard work, and to wish her all the best!

Needless to say, if you're interested in taking on the job that Amy's leaving behind, send me a letter or email application, along with your real-life and fleet resume.

Aside from that, welcome home to all who attended the IC, and congratulations to all the award winners!

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

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

As always, I remain in Service to the Fleet,

Hi everyone! Well, IC certainly kept us hopping in the treasury department the last couple of months! I wish I could have gone to the IC itself, but unfortunately I had to have a couple of procedures done on my foot and I spent IC at home in a wheelchair recuperating. Randy's off on vacation and he usually checks over my reports before they're printed to make sure I don't make a typo, so if we find out later that I made one, I'll let you know in my next report. If so, I'm just going to blame it on the Vicodin and Darvocet!

I'd like to take a moment here, to thank my oldest daughter, Jessica Poole, for helping me so much with the treasury duties while I've been recuperating from my surgery. It was only due to Jessica's help that bank deposits were made, and

STARFLEET TREASURER REPORT

By Fleet Captain Tammy Willcox • STARFLEET Treasurer

When renewing your memberships, please make checks payable to STARFLEET and do not write on the back of the checks, "For Deposit Only." I have a stamp that I use for that.

Please remember that when you are making donations to the scholarship fund, the check should be made payable to STARFLEET Scholarship Fund.

That's all the numbers this time around. I'll see you in the next publication! As usual, I am always available for questions, so feel free to contact me any time. You can reach me via email at treasurer@sfi.org. My mailing address is:

Tammy Willcox
4121 Stillwood Court
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

registrations were done in time for the IC.

As I reported in the previous CQ, we 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.

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.

REMINDERS:

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

STARFLEET Scholarship Account:

Beginning Date: 6/30/2001
Beginning Balance: \$1,555.34

Deposits/Credits: None

Ending Date: 7/31/2001
Ending Balance: \$1,555.34

Donations to the Scholarship Fund can be sent to the Scholarship Director at:

STARFLEET Scholarship Fund
c/o Sue Hampton
116 Creston St.
Greensboro, NC 27406

Alternately, you can send funds to the SFI Treasurer directly. Please make sure to make donations payable to: **STARFLEET Scholarship Fund**

STARFLEET Academy Account - Savings:

Beginning Date: 5/1/2001
Beginning Balance: \$1,307.48

Ending Date: 6/30/2001
Ending Balance: \$1,311.01

The Academy Savings account received interest in the amount of \$2.53 and has yielded \$11.10 in the year to date.

STARFLEET Academy Account - Checking:

Beginning Date: 5/1/2001
Beginning Balance: \$2,265.80

Deposits/Credits: \$226.00

Ending Date: 6/29/2001
Ending Balance: \$2,491.80

STARFLEET General Account:

Opening Date: 5/31/2001

Opening Balance: \$3,307.51

Deposits:

6/18/2001 - Credit Card Processing:	\$415.00
6/18/2001 - Credit Card Processing:	\$598.00
6/18/2001 - Credit Card Processing:	\$709.00
6/18/2001 - Credit Card Processing:	\$15.00
7/02/2001 - Credit Card Processing:	\$1,065.00
7/02/2001 - Credit Card Processing:	\$18.00
7/03/2001 - Credit Card Processing:	\$97.00
7/10/2001 - Credit Card Processing:	\$79.00
7/10/2001 - Credit Card Processing:	\$440.00
7/12/2001 - Credit Card Processing:	\$160.00
7/16/2001 - Credit Card Processing:	\$231.00
7/18/2001 - Membership Card Processing:	\$598.00
7/18/2001 - Membership Card Processing:	\$612.00
7/18/2001 - Membership Card Processing:	\$56.00
7/18/2001 - Credit Card Processing:	\$43.00
7/18/2001 - Credit Card Processing:	\$467.00
7/18/2001 - Credit Card Processing:	\$56.00
7/24/2001 - Credit Card Processing:	\$410.00
7/25/2001 - Credit Card Processing:	\$545.00
7/26/2001 - Credit Card Processing:	\$405.00

Checks:

#1028 - M & M Engraving (Awards for 2000 & 2001)	\$838.16
#1029 - Mailing Promotion Certificates:	\$11.92
#1030 - Re-mailing of CQs:	\$195.50
#1031 - The Countywide News (CQ 104 processing):	\$238.90
#1032 - The Countywide News (CQ 105 postage):	\$800.00
#1033 - Neely, Craig & Walton, L.L.P. (Bonding bill):	\$221.00
#1034 - Printing Membership Cards/Certificates:	\$126.91
#1035 - IC 2001 (credit card registrations):	\$1,205.00
#1036 - IC 2001 (credit card registrations):	\$1490.00
#1037 - Membership Processing Expenses:	\$336.87
#1038 - Xerox Corporation (Toner for handbooks):	\$178.43
#1039 - Membership Processing (printing):	\$228.20
#1040 - Edmond Sun (CQ 105 Printing):	\$1,294.19
#1041 - SFMC (Marine Pin orders):	\$63.00

Debits:

5/31/2001 - Novus/NPC discount fee:	\$8.11
5/31/2001 - Novus/NPC discount fee:	\$6.30
6/04/2001 - Novus/NPC discount fee:	\$40.74
6/04/2001 - Novus/NPC discount fee:	\$14.92
6/08/2001 - Stamps.com fee:	\$18.99
6/22/2001 - Returned check:	\$15.00
6/22/2001 - Returned check fee:	\$5.00
6/28/2001 - Stamps.com *	\$475.00
6/29/2001 - Novus/NPC discount fee:	\$13.26
7/02/2001 - Novus/NPC discount fee:	\$30.99
7/02/2001 - Novus/NPC discount fee:	\$0.47
7/03/2001 - Novus/NPC discount fee:	\$5.91
7/03/2001 - Novus/NPC discount fee:	\$0.15
7/10/2001 - Stamps.com fee:	\$18.99
7/17/2001 - Stamps.com *	\$247.00
7/31/2001 - Novus/NPC discount fee:	\$0.23
7/31/2001 - Novus/NPC discount fee:	\$10.76

* Membership processing postage

Ending Date: 7/31/2001

Ending Balance: \$2,186.61



STARFLEET OPERATIONS

REAR ADMIRAL MARK VINSON
CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Greetings Fellow Trekkers!

After this year's wonderful IC -- where I got to meet and greet several chapters and the RC's present and after enjoying many conversations about me, my job performance, my directors, their job performance and those programs under my department -- some changes are being made in Fleet Ops. I really do appreciate the constructive criticisms about Fleet Ops on how to make things better. I also appreciate those who feel that by in large, my department and I are adhering to Fleet rules when necessary and willing to bend when we can.

I am proud to announce that the first change in Fleet Ops is that Rear Admiral Mike Urvand is now the Vice-Chief of Operations. Mike will continue to help keep the Vessel Registry up-to-date and begin to help me with the Monthly Status Reports. My former Vice-Chief, Dennis Rayburn, has had some familial and health issues this year that has prevented him from being able to complete all of the duties required so he and Mike have exchanged positions.

I have asked several people to look over the various forms, letters and emails that Fleet Ops has been using since the days of Tom Monaghan to see if they can be improved. Please understand that I never meant to hurt anyone's feelings with these forms of communications but it was brought to my attention that is has. But, please remember, in the end we have rules in Fleet that we must all follow and these letters only come to you when your chapter has been in violation of them for more than 90 days.

I regret to announce that I received Pete Lutz' resignation from the Chapter Assistance Program recently. Perhaps this is fortuitous since I was not sure how much longer CAP would be around. I have long felt that the government that governs best governs least. Too many heads do not necessarily make things better. This was my thought process when I took over Fleet Ops in January. I was faced with many openings and after looking long and hard at each of them I decided which ones to fill and which ones to

eliminate. The same will be done with CAP. Mike Urvand and I plus the rest of the Operations department will be looking into either revamping CAP and its goals or discontinuing the program. If any CO or RC wants to help with this endeavor I would appreciate your input. To those chapters in the CAP program I will be communicating with you and your RC's very soon to decide a course of action.

At the first of the year I set out a list of goals that I, as Chief of Operations, SFI, planned to hold all chapters to in my term. Those goals are:

A.) To make sure that the CO and XO of every chapter in SFI be OTS & OCC qualified within 90 days of them being selected or elected or the chapter may be put on standby for 30 days pending decommissioning or the new CO/XO relieved of duty. And, to make sure that chapters file their Change of Command Forms (along with copies of the CO and XO OTS and OCC certificates attached) within 30 days of the change;

B.) To make sure that every CO, XO and at least 8 others on every SFI chapter be current SFI members at all times or the chapter will be put on standby for 30 days pending decommissioning; and

C.) To make sure that every chapter knows how and where to file their MSR's and report by the 5th of each month.

Since these goals are basically constitutionally mandated already and most CO's understand and respect them my job as Ops Chief has gone smoothly. I want to thank those chapters, who report on time, understand the minimum 10 member rule and the Command Qualification rules. However there are a number of chapters that have not been in compliance with one or more of these rules for far too long. It has been my policy to willingly give each chapter a reasonable amount of time to correct their issues but anything more than 90 days (which is 25% of a calendar year) is too much.

Now, I know we all do this for fun -- really, I do understand this -- and, quite frankly, I do not want to be the

bad guy but my job requires me to be vigilant.

I want you to ask yourself, is it fair to let a few flaunt the rules for months on end while the rest of us bust our backsides to keep our chapters (I am CO of the Panther City) on the straight and narrow? In my opinion it is not. As such, I have been and will continue to work with all the RC's to develop plans of action when dealing with the chapters in their regions who have not been in compliance with the rules for more than 90 days.

Remember that 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/>

or email your MSR directly to

MSRReports@sfi.org

but you can still send it via U.S. Mail to:

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

If you email directly please download the email form from our website (<http://www.sfi.org/ops/msr.txt>).

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ATTACHMENTS!!!

Half the time they get scrambled in the process. Just cut and paste the form into the body of an email message and fill it out. If you send your report electronically you will get an email back stating that I have received it. If after a couple of days though, you don't get such an email, please drop me a line to check.

Please remember that there are no longer any DVC's so please remove any DVC email address (DVCWest@sfi.org, DVCEast@sfi.org, DVCInter@sfi.org) or US Mailing addresses for Dennis Rayburn, Ken Kopacki or JD Knight's from your distribution list. I will see that my vice-chief gets copies of those Monthly

Status Reports she/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 and/or to tmbewolf@pcconnect.com if they are an Armed Services Chapter. If a chapter wants their MSR to go to the Chapter Summary Department of the STARFLEET *Communiqué* it needs to be sent to msr_summary@hotmail.com or U.S. mail it to:

Dixie Jack
11605 Newport Mill Rd.
Wheaton, MD 20902-2466.

MSR's are due by the 5th of each month and considered late from the 6th to the 10th. If, after the 10th, a chapter fails to report they may be 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.

Speaking of MSR's in May only THIRTEEN chapters Failed to Report and in June (even with the failure of all the SFI.ORG addresses) only NINE Failed to Report. Eight Regions had 100% reporting in May and Ten in June. I apologize for the failure of the **MSRReports@sfi.org** address but if ever happens again please feel free to send it to my personal email address: mavrc17@swbell.net. Remember that I read each and every MSR and help where I can.

In closing let me state again that 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 from work and that is usually not possible.

So, please do not send anything to SFI Ops that requires a signature. A simple email 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 received I will be happy to respond via email that I have it.

Til Next Time, Live Long And Prosper!

Mark A. Vinson



COMM AS YOU ARE...

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MICHAEL MALOTTE
CHIEF OF COMMUNICATION, STARFLEET

Greetings STARFLEET and welcome to CQ #106! I'm writing this not long after returning from a most awesome International Conference. This year's staff did an outstanding job and I'd like to take a moment and recognize Carl and Chelle Johnson, Greg and PJ Trotter, Troy and Eli Cash, Chris Rossman, Ed McQueen, Rick and Jocelyn Giles, and Rob and Suzy Mooney (and anyone else I didn't name). Congrats to all of you, you and the IC rocked!

Going to the IC is a great way to renew old acquaintances and meet new ones and I spent some time doing that. If you've ever spent much time in IRC, you "know" many people you've never actually met. An event like this is a good way to fix that.

This last weekend, I met a lot of folks I've chatted with for years. To Robb Jackson, Joost Ueffing, Lauren Milan, John Adcock, Don Willits, Jerry Tien, Gerri Sylvester, Sandy Berenberg, Mike Urvand and David Klingman I say "howdy!" and I hope to see y'all again real soon.

But, as much as the IC is a time for play, for the EC and AB it's also a time for work. The EC members present had a small get together Thursday night and the EC/AB had a meeting all day Friday. I've been to a few of these EC/AB meetings - as proxy, RC and now EC - and this had to be one of the most productive ones I've ever attended.

Everything was discussed calmly and constructively. It was quite refreshing to see the two groups working together

for common goals. Kudos to all the participants!

Of course, anytime you get your staff all in one place, it's a good time to look at how things are going and ways to improve it, and this IC was no exception. In the never-ending effort to make the Communications Department more efficient, there are some changes that have been made,

aboard, Dix!

Another change going on is the revamping of the Command Status Report or CSR, as it's known. The CSR is a CO and above newsletter to keep the command staff of Fleet up to date on what's going on in our organization. When I first became the Chief of Communications, I brought back the CSR to make sure that every possible line of communication was open. But, in this day and age of on time, every time CQs, listserves, staff and Region IRC chats, and regular online meetings, the necessity of it in its present form was low and often redundant.

Many times, the normal EC contributors had nothing to add to what was just in the CQ. Well, this weekend, Dwain Gleason and I got together briefly and lined out a new direction for this publication. While it will still have any updated Ops, CompOps, and ShOC information, it will also include articles on leadership, conflict management, and

other similar topics.

We both feel that this will make this a much more valuable resource for those who get it.

That about does it for me this time - please don't forget to look over the Communications award winners to the right and take care for now! I'll see ya in 60!



"The Communiqué is gonna be how late?"
"Michael Malotte: EC member, Statesman, Circus Attraction"
"The Bottle said it would work for 12 hours!"

Honestly, it is captioning pictures such as this that puts more hardworking *Communiqué* editors out of commission than anything else. Please, show your hard-working CQ staff some love and act...uhm...normally.

Photo courtesy of Sandy Berenberg

both in staff and publication content. As many of you know, Wendy Fillmore had to step down as Vice Chief, Communications/Publications due to family obligations. I thank Wendy for all of her hard work while a member of my team and wish her the best of luck in the future. Recently, Jeff Higdon also stepped down as the MSR Summaries Editor. In the interest of continuing to streamline this department, Dixie Jack will be assuming the duties of both. She can be reached at gibbie@sillypuppies.com. Welcome

COMMUNICATIONS AWARDS

By LGen. Michael Malotte,
Chief of Communications, STARFLEET

What would IC be like without the annual awards? The choices this year were very tough - we have a lot of talented folks in Fleet! So, without further adieu, here are the winners:

WEB AWARDS:

Chapter Homepage of the Year
USS Indestructible - Region 2
<http://www.mindspring.com/~coljoker/>

Information Resource
STARFLEET History Website
<http://www.interplanetary.net/blackhawk/SFIHistory/>

Regional Website of the Year
Region 1
<http://www.ncc-4950.org/region1>

"Fun" Site of the Year
USS Stormbringer - Region 4
http://www.geocities.com/sfi_stormbringer/

Awards of Excellence
Region 10
<http://r10.hybus.com/>
USS Cydonia - Region 12
<http://www.usscydonia.org/>
USS White Star - Region 13
<http://www.whitestar.org/>

Vanguard Award
USS Osiris - Region 7
<http://www.ussosiris.org>

NEWSLETTER AWARDS:

Outstanding Cover
Color: The Short Circuit
USS Maat, Region 1
B&W: The Northern Lights
USS Northern Lights, Region 4

Outstanding Graphics
Color: The Freedom Press
Space Station Freedom III, Region 3
B&W: The Shunt Squirt
USS Thagard, Region 7

Outstanding Overall Presentation
Color: The Royal Decree
USS Arc Royal, Region 17
B&W: The Short Circuit
USS Maat, Region 1

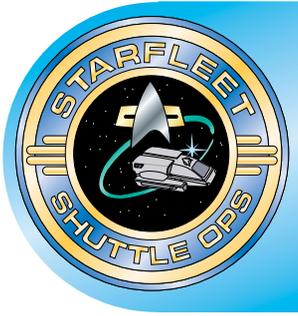
Most Informative
Color: The Freedom Press
Space Station Freedom III, Region 3
B&W: The Tribble Times USS
Peacekeeper, Region 4

Best Regional Newsletter
Subspace Communicator, Region 4

Best Electronic Newsletter
The Vortex
USS Stormbringer, Region 4

Newsletter of the Year
The Royal Decree
USS Arc Royal, Region 17

Thanks to everyone who submitted and congratulations to all the winners!



THE SHUTTLEBAY

ADMIRAL ALEX ROSENZWEIG

CHIEF OF SHUTTLE OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Greetings, everyone! Summer has begun, and with it, a surge in shuttle activity. I am very pleased to be able to be sending several shuttles on for chapter commissioning, and also to have launched a couple of brand new ones, as well. The word continues to be coming from a number of other groups, too, and I'm looking forward to even more shuttle launches and existing fan clubs joining (or, in some cases, rejoining) the fold.

I do absolutely continue to recommend that groups feel free to get in touch with Shuttle Operations as soon as they decide they want to work toward becoming a 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 is continuing to work very hard on an array of projects. I continue to be extremely proud of and grateful for my staff, who have done superb work. Things to look for, hopefully at the IC itself, are the first-round ShOC Package, designed to help new chapters get started, and new brochures for the Regional Shuttle Ops Officers and local groups to use, which contain a local slant on introducing possible new members to the shuttlecrafting process. If all goes well, I'll be officially introducing the active versions of these things by the next *Communiqué*. Further down the road, we have plans for more projects and improvements to make what ShOC can bring to the membership even more helpful. And, of course, as always, we invite your feedback on what you'd like to see, so we can respond to what you all feel you need.

On the chapter level itself, things have been getting more active, too, with new shuttlecraft and EFCP groups getting involved. We have deployed two shuttles since last issue. Please join me in welcoming these shuttle to the ranks:

Shuttlecraft Avalon - Region 15

Standish, Maine

Seth Andrews-Isquith, Commanding

Shuttlecraft Raven's Claw - Region 4

Woodland, California

Stephen Henderson, Commanding

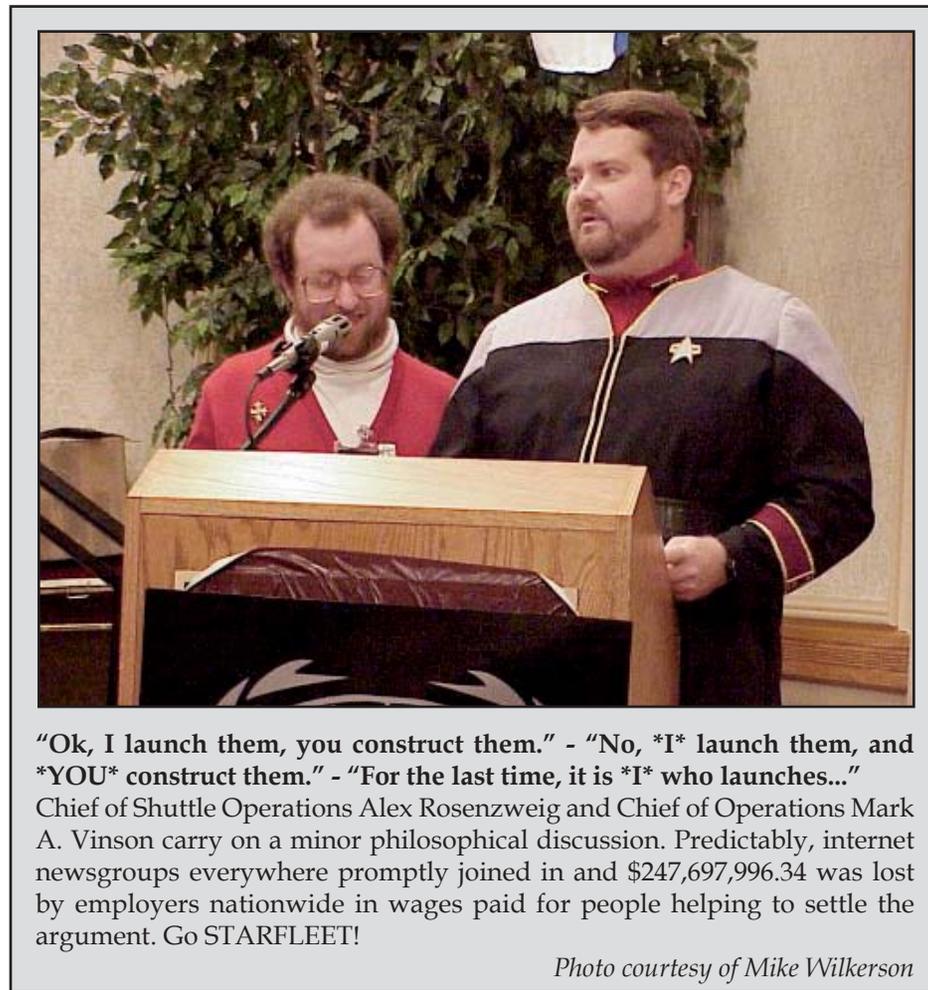
We have also welcomed two new groups into the Existing fan Club Program, and I hope you'll give a warm welcome to:

U.S.S. Nebula - Region 1

North Royalton, Ohio

Gary Allan Davis, Commanding

The Regional ShOC Officer can play a very important role in STARFLEET's chapter development, serving as a "person in the field" whose responsibility is helping new chapters form and develop. Just as 'Fleet ShOC carries this responsibility for the organization as a whole, the regions



"Ok, I launch them, you construct them." - "No, *I* launch them, and *YOU* construct them." - "For the last time, it is *I* who launches..."

Chief of Shuttle Operations Alex Rosenzweig and Chief of Operations Mark A. Vinson carry on a minor philosophical discussion. Predictably, internet newsgroups everywhere promptly joined in and \$247,697,996.34 was lost by employers nationwide in wages paid for people helping to settle the argument. Go STARFLEET!

Photo courtesy of Mike Wilkerson

U.S.S. Parallax - Region 2

Middleburg, Florida

Tom Donohoe, Commanding

Welcome to the Shuttlecraft and Existing Fan Club Programs, folks!

For this issue's topic of discussion, I decide to touch on something that's not part of 'Fleet ShOC, but can be a powerful aid to both my staff, and myself and to the individual shuttles, chapters, and members. In this case, I'd like to discuss the Regional ShOC Officer, or Regional Shuttle Director, as some regions might call that post.

Not every region has such a person, but I'd like to recommend that each one should. Here's why:

have a role to play as well. ShOC works with the Regional Coordinators in a number of ways, but the RCs are busy folks, with other responsibilities, including those to the already-existing chapters. A shuttle-oriented officer on the regional level can help ensure that the newly forming chapters don't fall through the cracks. Further, shuttles-as chapters in training-can require a bit of extra attention, so having a regional officer whose job is specifically to support them could potentially make the difference between weak or failing shuttles and strong and growing ones.

'Fleet ShOC seeks to work in a partnership with both RCs and Regional ShOC Officers. In fact, our Vice Chief, VADM Johnathan

"Gumby" Simmons, is charged-as part of his duties-with keeping in regular touch with all the Regional ShOC Officers. Our goal is to create an active network of communication, with the intention of supporting chapter development and new chapter creation throughout STARFLEET. I am very happy to say that a number of the Regional Shuttle Officers have already actively joined "Team ShOC", and we are working with them, as well as with the RCs, in problem solving and fostering new chapter creation.

If you're thinking about starting a shuttlecraft and your region has a ShOC Officer, definitely contact that person. He or she can give you advice and suggestions, or maybe could serve as just a friendly ear if you need to talk. If your region doesn't have a ShOC Officer, by all means speak to your RC or anyone designated to take care of shuttlecraft. We hope that eventually all regions will have ShOC Officers, but that's a choice to be made by the members and leaders of each region.

In the future, 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 one item for this issue. 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 members 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. We'd like to work on Spanish, French, German, and Italian translations, so if you are knowledgeable in those languages and interested in helping, contact me at:

980 Linwood Place

North Brunswick

NJ 08902-2267

Email: alexr@castle.net

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...



COMPUTER OPERATIONS

REAR ADMIRAL MARK H. ANBINDER
CHIEF OF COMPUTER OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Those of you who missed the late-July International Conference in Kansas City (some 95% of you) didn't get to hear my report on the state of STARFLEET Computer Operations. (You also didn't get to see Les smushed in the face with a pie, and Scott "Rainbows!" Akers help bring down the house in a rousing game of Match Game! But I digress...) Here's an overview of what I talked about.

FLEET ONLINE

A couple of months ago, one of the servers that make up STARFLEET's Internet presence was attacked by a hacker. The server, which helps to handle our domain name service (pointing web browsers and e-mail messages to the many sfi.org web sites and e-mail addresses), run mailing lists, route e-mail, and host the STARFLEET Helpdesk, was offline for several weeks following the attack.

The server and its contents have mostly been recovered, thanks to a lot of effort from Brett Morrow, Greg Trotter, Tony Rowley, Mike Smith, and I'm sure others. Thanks also to a couple of people who helped fund a new hard drive for this computer, which made it possible to get the computer back up and running without losing too much of the information from it. (The hacker's last action on the server involved deleting lots of files, so we're lucky there was anything to recover.)

Even though STARFLEET's main web server wasn't involved in the attack, and was never offline, the attack on our main DNS server had the effect of making the web server essentially unreachable for a few days. The good news is that the web site was visible once more, once we had alternative domain name servers up and running.

Less positive is the news about mailing lists and e-mail addresses. Much of the information about the lists and "vanity e-mail addresses" was lost, and many had to be recreated from scratch. If you had an e-mail address in the sfi.org domain, feel free to check that it's working, and if it's not, get in touch with Brett Morrow at network@sfi.org. Chances are, any mailing lists in the

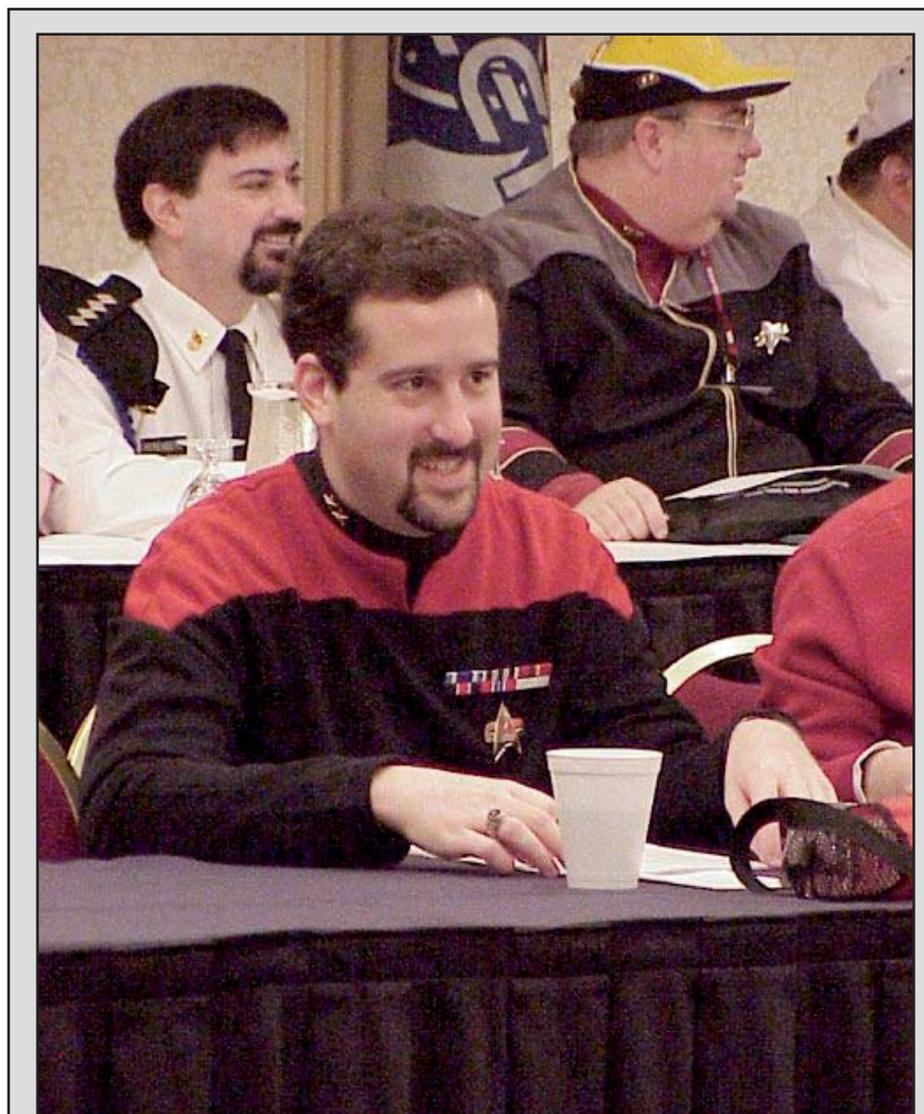
sfi.org domain do need to be created from scratch, so if you haven't already been in touch with Brett, let him know if you'd like to reconstitute the list.

MORE POWER TO MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING

The twin pieces of news in this category are that we're in the process of catching up on a backlog of credit card transactions, and that we're not likely

people's cards did mean that some were declined that were undoubtedly fine two months ago! We're working with these folks to arrange alternate forms of payment. We're also sweeping through the June and July transactions, and should be caught up soon, perhaps by the time you read this.

The reason for this backlog is that running credit card transactions for memberships has been a time-



"Yes, Mr. Akers, you might have Mr. Bear now, but when it comes time to renew your Membership - We'll see who has the last laugh! Ha-HAA!"
Chief of Computer Operations Mark Anbinder looking a bit...err...bemused. In a Snidely Whiplash sort of way.

Photo courtesy of Mike Wilkerson

to have this problem arise again.

As of this writing, we're caught up through May with processing credit card transactions for membership applications and renewals. The delay in running these transactions on

consuming, one-at-a-time process since we began accepting credit cards about four years ago. (About three years ago, we significantly increased the number of such transactions we faced by starting to accept applications online.)

The solution? Adopting a system that processes your credit card online, while you're applying for membership! Nearly ready (perhaps up by the time you read this) is a new mechanism for online membership applications that uses PayPal to process your payment before you finish the application process. If your transaction is declined, you'll know about it and can fix it before Membership Processing ever sees your application. By the time Don Willits and his crew see your application, it's already been paid for. Another advantage to PayPal is that you can send electronic payments from a checking account rather than a credit card, thus expanding further the range of people who'll be able to apply or renew online. For future reference, STARFLEET's PayPal address is epayments@sfi.org. You won't need to know this when using the online membership application, but it might come in handy if you need to tell PayPal who referred you to their service.

Meanwhile, thanks to Don and Chris Wallace, we're pretty well caught up (or close to it) on sending out membership packets, including those to people who'd joined or renewed months ago, but whose packets didn't reach them through the mail.

COMING SOON...

Now that he won't have to worry about credit card transactions himself, Don Willits will be focusing more of his time and energy on building the next-generation computer database and interface for STARFLEET's member records. The "SFI Datacenter" will make it easier for everyone who needs to get at member information to do so, while making updates to that information smoother as well. Don has already gotten some impressive prototypes up and running, and I look forward to seeing more.

My summer travel season has settled down, and it was great to see so many of you at Shore Leave and the International Conference and International Muster! (I even managed my now-annual lunch with Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo while in New York City for the Macworld Expo, though I didn't get to see some other Fleet folks I've enjoyed seeing in the City in the past.) There are more events ahead, including the 12th annual Watkins Glen Weekend the last weekend of September (details at www.ussaccord.org), and I'll hope to see you at some of them.



EX ASTRA, SCIENTIA

ADMIRAL MARLENE MILLER
COMMANDANT, STARFLEET ACADEMY

Wow! What a wonderful time of year! The IC is over and from all reports it was a hum-dinger! I want to publicly thank everyone who helped with the IC Academy Away Team: Mark Anbinder, Helen Pawlowski, Sherry Anne Newell, Sandy Berenberg, and Wayne Killough (Away Team Leader). Without all of you, it couldn't have happened.

Although they weren't there in person, I'd like to thank Tom Restivo for printing and copying the Red Squad award certificates, as well as Jill Rayburn, and Deb Kern, our Away Team Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator. I'd also like to thank Carolyn Donner for creating and handcrafting our beautiful Academy flag.

Because of a major SNAFU, our Away Team didn't have many Academy course packets available for sale, but this has taught us a valuable lesson. Next year, packets are going to be in the Away Team Leader's hands AT LEAST a week or two before the IC!

I've always known STARFLEET Academy has some of STARFLEET's finest personnel within our hallowed halls... and now it's even more evident. I'm pleased as all get-out to report that several Academy faculty were awarded STARFLEET Annual Awards. Peg Pellerin--Lifetime Award--Wayne Killough--Member of the Year Award and Sherry Anne Newell--Helping Hands Award. To have these fine officers in STARFLEET, and as a part of STARFLEET Academy, is a big plus

to the organization.

As is the tradition each year at the IC, STARFLEET Academy has presented awards to STARFLEET Academy's finest. This year's "Director of the Year" award was earned by two excellent Academy Directors.

Anne Bellenger

College of Federation Studies
and

David Blaser

Canadian Officer's Command College
& College of Communications.

All of the Academy's faculty and staff do an excellent job with their schools and choosing only 'one or two' from all our people is really difficult. Both of these faculty members went "above

and beyond" to bring their schools to life, and for that, the entire Academy is grateful.

You're probably going to get tired of hearing me saying how difficult it is to choose only a few...but choosing only one as "School of the Year" is a difficult task. This year's award goes to:

David Peifer, Director

College of Alien History & Culture

Each year, the Academy Directors and Staff are asked to recommend no more than three students who have excelled in their studies. Believe me...this is probably one of the most difficult tasks an Academy Director has to face. Personally, it took me 4 days to decide which three of my top students in the Vulcan Academy of Science would be named to the prestigious Red Squad. To those we had to pass over this year, please don't give up. There's always IC '02.

Come join us at the Academy. Our doors are always open.

Marlene J Miller

2001 STARFLEET ACADEMY RED SQUADRON

Artwork by Kurt Roithinger and David Pigras • Pictures courtesy of John "Kiwi" Kane and Sandy Berenberg

College of Federation Studies

Kurt Roithinger - SS Nexus
Patricia Lewis - USS Ohio
Billie Clifton - USS Rhyanna

School of Language Studies

School of Music

School of Cultural Anthropology

School of Trek Humor

School of Romance

Larry Jones - USS Morning Star
Eddie Milbrandt, Jr., Unassigned

College of Medicine

Allyson M. W. Dyar - SS Nexus
Nancy J. O'Shields - USS Hephaestus
John Michael McCarter - USS Haise

College of Alien History And Culture

Greg Franklin - USS Reprisal
Diana Dungan - USS Prevailing Wind
Dean Rogers - USS Highlander

Klingon Warrior Academy:

Dave Pitts - USS Stormbringer
John Roberts - Shuttle Soyuz
Joseph Hoolihan - USS Matrix

College of Computer History

Kurt Roithinger - SS Nexus
Judith Waidlich - USS Avenger
Lena M. Johnson - USS Wind Spirit



Red Squad Leader
John Roberts

From the list of Red Squadron Members to the left and right, the "Best of the Best" are awarded "Red Squad Leader" and "Assistant Red Squad Leader" awards. This year's recipients are:

Red Squad Leader

John Roberts
Shuttle Soyuz

Assistant Red Squad Leaders

Kurt Roithinger
SS Nexus

Congratulations to ALL our award recipients...in all categories.



Assistant Red Squad Leader
Dean Rogers

Security School

Greg Franklin - USS Reprisal
Sherri Huff - Shuttle Sol's Fury
Kevin King - USS Witchfire

School of Strategy & Tactics

John Roberts - Shuttle Soyuz
Wayne Lee Killough - USS Witchfire
Joost Ueffing - USS Matrix

Vulcan Academy of Science

Melissa Cawein - USS Matrix
John Roberts - Shuttle Soyuz
Jeff Roy - USS Aurora Vulcanus

Officer Training School

William Fox - USS Matrix
Shawn Smith - USS Prevailing Wind
Dino Gravato - USS Lexington

College of Treknology

Dean Rogers USS Highlander
Billie Clifton - USS Rhyanna
George Parker - USS Ark Angel

School of Literature

Jason Van Camp - USS Lightyear
Melissa Lille - Shuttle Grey Ghost

For Flag Officer's School:

Gene Chapman, USS Joan of Arc
Abe Smith, USS Odysse

Cadet Academy Open
By Peg Pellerin,
Dean, Cadet Academy

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

Newly Opened are:

Cadet 20th Century Space Flight School
Ben Redding
2917 Heritage Way
Seveirville, TN 37876
trekscotty@msn.com

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

Cadet Federation Studies
Donna Stewart
990 One Mile Rd
Fayetteville, AR 72704
DonnaS3844@aol.com

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

Please feel free to contact any of the

BITS AND PIECES FROM AROUND STARFLEET ACADEMY

directors regarding their courses if you have any questions.

Online Vouchers
By Peg Pellerin, Director, OTS

Online vouchers are probably the best thing to come along since, Oh, I don't know, choose something that makes your life easier. That's because Online vouchers make getting courses from STARFLEET Academy, easier and faster. Speaking as a director of a prerequisite course, online vouchers have saved a lot of time for those who have found themselves in situations where they need to get their OTS exam in a hurry. If they had to send their application with a check or money order via regular snail mail, it would take at least a week or more to get to me and then I would send out the exam.

With Online Vouchers, the applicant sends me, either using an online application or regular email, an application for OTS with the numbers of the online voucher and within minutes from the time I receive and verify STARFLEET membership and voucher number, I email back the exam. Simple, easy, fast! You can purchase

online vouchers using paypal, too. This also saves on paper. Try it, you'll like it. I know I do on the receiving end.

Officer's Training School
By Peg Pellerin, Director, OTS

I just want to make it aware that Officer's Training School is open to all members of STARFLEET. So most of you out there say, "Yeah, we knew that." Actually, some members feel they can't take OTS because they have some type of challenge, be it physically or mentally. I ask everyone to help in this matter. If you find a fellow member who wants to take OTS, but thinks they will have a hard time, go ahead and give them some help.

Those of you who just need me to know that it might take you a little longer, slip in a note with your application. If you need larger print, let me know. If you need anything that will help you in any way, let me know.

Just another little added note. Some are still using the old applications. That's O.K., however, some of the schools' tuitions have changed. OTS did. It dropped its tuition from \$2.00 to \$1.00.

Cadet Academy Testimonial
By Nancy O'Shields,
Cadet Academy Security School

The following was sent to me from an aunt of one of the cadets who took the course and I thought I'd share:

"My nephew who is also one of the cadets in my crew received the security course this Saturday and has just completed it. I'd shown him some of the academy courses and we were both impressed with security manual. My nephew didn't give as much detail in his answers as I would have liked, but I wanted him to do this on his own. The only real help I gave him was to point out a question skipped over.

I did learn a few things about my nephew when we talked about the test. (1.) It is possible to unplug a 12-year-old boy from his TV and games. (2.) His reading skills are much better than his teachers can give him credit for because he has so much trouble with writing. (3.) In spite of all the complaining he does about being out-numbered by his 4 sisters he is very protective of them particularly the younger 2. My nephew's comment about the course was that it wasn't too hard or boring and he would like to do more. Good luck getting more students we will soon have 7 members in our cadet!

KLINGON WARRIOR ACADEMY HONOR GRADUATE DAVID PITTS

Commander Debra Kern, Director, Klingon Warrior Academy

I want to introduce the Third Klingon Warrior Academy's Honor Graduate, Fleet Captain David Pitts, alias, "Hech baH-Sutai-Veska". His Klingon name is an accepted name in the organization, Klingon Assault Group, (KAG).

Dave is now an inductee of the Order of General Martok's Honor Guard. With this honor he receives the Order of General Martok's Honor Guard badge and the KWA's Honor Grad Badge. In addition he receives the KWA Achievement Full Honors Ribbon, Citation, and Certificate. He also gets a certificate that Jim Monroe created. He makes up two certificates one in Klingon and the other in Standard.

I want every being to know the KWA Honor Grads because of their hard work and perseverance in completing the KWA Courses.

Fleet Captain Dave Pitts joined SFI in April 1993 after being assigned to Yokota

Air Base, Tokyo, Japan, Region 16 with the US Air Force as an aircraft mechanic. He found an established shuttle on base (Shuttle Henri' Dunant named for the founder of the Red Cross) and participated in the chapter taking OTS and OCC, writing the chapter's Technical Manual and Engineering Creed. Later on "Lt Commander" Pitts served as Chief Engineer aboard USS Henri' Dunant, (sister ship to the former USS Vindicator, not the current one) Afterwards, "Commander" Pitts served as XO of the Dunant and soon after as her Commanding officer. As CO he participated vigorously and kept the chapter alive by encouraging crew wide recruitment and training. Leading by example, Captain Pitts took the newly offered Flag Officer's School passing all three parts with honors.

At this time Captain Pitts had already paid attention to the word "International" in STARFLEET International by becoming sister-ships with USS Vindicator from Denton, TX and joining as a Klingon

crewman aboard IKV HAVOK out of Evansville, Illinois. It was a bonding that would save his life later as he was critically injured after the destruction of the HENRI at the hands of the Romulan Empire on a classified stardate. To save his life members of the HAVOK command crew donated their DNA and thus, "Hech baH" Klingon for: "prepare to fire" was born. Hech baH's drive and determination is fueled by a sworn blood oath to investigate and punish those Romulan operatives that planned the coordinated destruction of his ship and tragically, USS Vindicator's as well. Mindful of his new Klingon heritage, and respectful of his past alliance with IKV Havok, Hech baH joined House Veska in Denver, CO and raised "Hech" ever since.

Upon returning to the USA in '96 Dave was assigned to Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ. Being in Region 4 he signed aboard USS Peacekeeper and remained a part of the crew until approached to CO a fledgling shuttle named Stormbringer in November 1997. On October 31, 1998

Shuttle Stormbringer became a full chapter and has carried herself with honor since that date. During this time he was promoted to Fleet Captain.

The Stormbringer was formed at the time primarily from members of the first USS Vindicator and USS Dunant from Japan as both Mednoughts decommissioned about the same time. "Out of the ashes of despair and grief old chapters don't decommission, they just reform." This motto was proven once again as members of a decommissioning chapter approached Stormbringer in May of 2001 and asked for Mothership shuttle coverage.

After 21 years of active duty with the US Air Force, Dave has retired and is "working" as a civil service employee. "Flaptain" Dave brings his drives, enthusiasms and sick humor to the Stormbringer hoping to keep the Galaxy (and neighboring regions) safe from the rest of our crew.



STARFLEET ACADEMY GRADUATE LIST



By Admiral Marlene Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy

As always, it gives me great pleasure to present the Graduating Class of STARFLEET Academy based on Directors' Reports received from May 24, 2001 through July 30, 2001. An Asterisk (*) indicates scores of 100% or Higher. Some schools issue "pass" or "fail" rather than numerical scores. A number next to the name indicates that the student has taken that many courses within the College or School, during the report period above.

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Brigadier General Robb Jackson • Inspector General, STARFLEET

Artwork Created by Commodore David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five

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

REGION 01

The Region 01 Vote of Confidence Process began officially on June 01, 2001 with a hardcopy mailing to all eligible COs with VoC form included. Deadline for receiving the VoC forms was July 3 (postmarked by June 30).

There are 53 chapters/shuttles listed with Region 01 and all were determined eligible to participate. As of 3 July 2001, I received 26 "Vote of Confidence" forms. As 3 July 2001, was the last day to receive VoC forms, the Region 01 Regional Coordinator "Vote of Confidence" balloting was officially closed. The tally for the VoC forms was as follows:

19 - Votes of Confidence.
06 - No Confidence Votes
01 - Abstention
27 - Did Not Vote
53 chapter/shuttles that were eligible to vote.

Therefore, per the rules and regulations of STARFLEET, and by the authority vested in me as Inspector General, STARFLEET, it was my duty and privilege to declare a Vote of Confidence for Vice Admiral Carolyn Donner, Regional Coordinator of Region 1.

OTHER ISSUES

The Office of IG has recently been asked to investigate several issues that, at first blush, don't appear to fall under its jurisdiction. As per the Constitution:

Art 4, Sec 11 - The Inspector General, STARFLEET acts as STARFLEET's chief investigator in matters where their expertise is called upon. The Inspector General is invested with broad investigative powers in accordance with the guidelines established in the Inspector General Handbook)

The authority of the Office is quite broad - vaguely so for the wording in the Constitution - but better defined within the IG Handbook. One of these issues deals with Member "Code of Conduct", while the other dealt with monies owed a Regional Summit. As I will explain below, the former is too subjective and the latter involves violations of civil regulations that are best left to the legal authorities of that area. However, after a closer look, the effect of these two issues may indeed fall under the jurisdiction of the IG's office.

I will be discussing these issues with my Staff as well as the CS to determine a course of action. The IG's Operations Manual is still under revision to reflect the changes in the Constitution and other internal policies.

DUTIES OF THE IG - INVESTIGATIONS

Before I begin explaining the investigative duties of the IG, I want to give a quick history of the Office.

The Office of the Inspector General was first created in the early to mid-1980's by then Commander, STARFLEET, Fleet Admiral Steve Smith.

In 1988, following the election of Fleet Admiral Jeannette Maddox, the IG's Office was closed down and not utilized - despite proposals and offers to set-up and organize the department. This was the case for the entire 4-years (2 terms) of FADM Maddox's administration.

In 1992, Fleet Admiral Rob Lerman took over the reigns as Commander, STARFLEET. During his administration, instead of an Inspector General, FADM Lerman appointed a Judge Advocate General - FCPT Gary Decker.

The mid-1990's saw the re-emergence of the Inspector General's Office, when then Fleet Admiral Dan McGinnis appointed then-Commander Jack Hopkins to the position of Inspector General, STARFLEET.

During the late 90's, the office continued to be utilized under the administration of Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith, and underwent reorganization in 1997 when Rear Admiral Robert Westfall was appointed to replace Commodore Jack Hopkins.

In 2000, the Office of Inspector General was again reorganized when FADM Smith appointed then-Captain Danny Potts to replace RADM Westfall.

In 2001, newly elected Fleet Admiral Edwin L. Rickard appointed Brigadier General Robb Jackson, SFMC to replace Fleet Captain Danny Potts

Although the Constitution paints a broad stroke in relation to the powers and authority of the Inspector General's Office, they are in reality not as all-encompassing and rightly so. As per the IG Handbook, the duties of the office can be broken down into three distinct categories:

The first is to act as the primary investigative arm of STARFLEET. In this capacity, the Inspector General's Office is charged with investigating possible violations of the STARFLEET Constitution, or basic members' rights, by members of STARFLEET.

The second duty is to conduct biennial votes of confidence or elections of the Region Coordinators in their respective regions.

The third duty is to assist the STARFLEET Chief of Communications in conducting the biennial election, or vote of confidence, for the Commander, STARFLEET.

In this discussion, I will address the investigation aspect of the Office. As mentioned above, this involves the possible violations of the FLEET Constitution, or basic member rights as listed by the FLEET Member Handbook. Per the IG Handbook these duties have been further defined.

The Office will never deal with "Code of Conduct" violations. That is too subjective an area. The personal or professional IG definition of 'praise' or 'criticize' might be different from someone else's.

The Office will never deal with any violations of Local, State or Federal laws. That is for the appropriate law enforcement authority to handle.

The Office of Inspector General will deal only with violations of membership rights.

The Office will never deal with personal conflicts that occurred outside of SFI events.

The Office will never begin an investigation that is not assigned by the proper chain-of-command (see below).

The proper Chain of Command to begin an investigation is easy. Any member who believes that their rights have been violated should seek redress of the issue first with the Commanding Officer -unless that person is part of the issue. Should that be the case, and then the member should contact their respective Regional Coordinator. The Regional Coordinator will then contact the Commander, STARFLEET who will review the issue and if determined to be within the authority of the IG's Office, will direct the IG to begin an investigation into the matter.

Next issue, I'll discuss the duties of the IG in relation to Regional Coordinator Votes of Confidence.

IC REFLECTIONS

I have attended many ICs during my career in FLEET, but this was my first attendance to the often infamous EC/AB meeting (commonly referred to as the "ECAB"). I use the title "infamous" because of all the horror stories of bloodletting and other human sacrifices we all heard were suppose to be taking place during these meetings.

Well, I am very happy to announce that these myths and rumors were completely unfounded (at least at this ECAB). As the Inspector General, my duties in the ECAB were parliamentarian and taker of minutes. I found the meeting very well run by the Commander, STARFLEET, that all members were well behaved and carried on the business of the day in very professional manner. I was very honored to have been a small part of the process and to see the inner workings of this organization.

As for the rest of the IC? One word comes to mind - CLASS. From our arrival on Thursday to our departure on Monday, the conference was obviously well planned and well executed, with an eye toward on-going quality service. And not just from the IC Staff but the wonderful people at the Marriott.

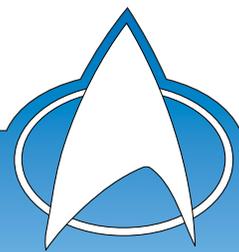
My thanks to PJ, Carl, Chelle, Greg and all of the others who names escape me at this moment, but I am sure will be mentioned and recognized for their excellent work for the FLEET.

Gift Shoppe

And remember, the Office of Inspector General's Staff Apparel and Accessories Gift Shoppe IS open for business!

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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.



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 and at IC:

To Fleet Captain/ Brigadier:

Steve Bearden
John R. DuBose
Sharon Lambert
Charles H Cullum
Roman Gheesling
Chrissy Killian
Aaron Murphy



To Commodore/ Brigadier General:

Raymond Ford
Jim Van Cleave
Mary Freas
Michael McGowan
Sam Black
Troy Cash
Jerry Tien
Mike Stratton
Larry Neigut
C. David James



To Rear Admiral/ Major General:

Greg Trotter



To Vice Admiral/ Lieutenant General:

Pat Spillars
Mark A. Vinson
Linda Kloempken



To Admiral/ General:

Carolyn Donner



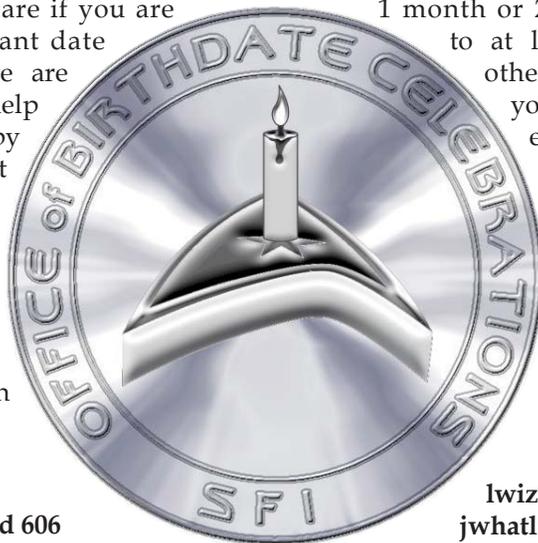
STARFLEET SAYS HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Captain James "Jimmy" Whatley • USS Draco, Region 2 • Logo Courtesy of Danny Hall USS Indestructible, Region 2

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/01: David Kloempken
9/03: Mary Collier-Corson
9/03: Robert Mooney
9/04: Judy Rosenzweig
9/06: Allen Johnson
9/09: Julia Harris
9/09: Don Powell
9/10: Janice Willcocks
9/14: Edward C: Tunis III
9/14: Mary Anne Freas
9/14: Daniel P: Tunis
9/16: Michael "JD" Knight
9/16: Robert DeVoe
9/19: Bryan Johnson
9/19: Liz Woolf
9/24: Lisa Pruitt
9/28: Matt Brooks
9/28: Mei-Li M Missig
9/29: David Klingman
9/29: Ann Marie Reilly
9/30: Les Rickard

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 and I bet there are others out there that would like to help you celebrate. Please contact me by e-mail, US postal messenger, and instant messenger, and to the list. What I need for the list is your Name and Rank, Month and Day of birth, and e-mail if you have one. Here is how you can contact me:



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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/01: Rene' Bailey
10/01: Heidi E: Maldonado
10/02: Helen Sherrick
10/07: Christopher Magann
10/09: Deborah Duane
10/09: Rick Driver
10/10: Ulfhildur Aevrsdottir
10/10: Paul M: Reid
10/12: Matt Copple
10/13: Larry Middleton
10/17: John Kane
10/17: Charlotte Henderson
10/18: Wayne Lee Killough, Jr
10/20: John Jones
10/21: Bea Hart
10/21: Chris Adams
10/22: Kyle Sloan
10/23: William J: Higgins
10/25: Dee Bayer
10/25: Edward Allen IV
10/28: Kathy Bullock
10/29: Dennis Rayburn
10/29: Michael Mgowen
10/29: Pat Young
10/30: Aileen Logan



FROM USS ALARIC...

BY STARFLEET HISTORIAN Lt. GEN SCOTT A. AKERS



...TO THE USS PANTHER CITY

Our next chapter in the distinguished history of STARFLEET will be the USS Alaric from Region 1. One of her newest descendants is the USS PANTHER CITY from Region 3, which just celebrated its First Anniversary this past March.

When the Alpha Chapter - the USS Enterprise evolved into STARFLEET Central, it spun off new chapters throughout the country, but later it became apparent that probationary groups that could grow into full chapters/starships were needed. Today we have the Shuttle Program, but back in the late 1970's early 1980's STARFLEET had the Outpost program. A new group could petition STARFLEET Central to be a local outpost, and later with enough membership they would become a full Starship level chapter. One of these groups, the Outpost Andoria was the first STARFLEET group in the Mid-Atlantic area, launching in late 1975, and eventually commissioning as the USS El Dorado, in 1976.

One of the groups that spun off of the Andoria, was the Outpost Arianus in western North Carolina. Named after the Roman General who was eventually defeated by the Visigoth King Alaric who sacked Rome around 410 AD. The Outpost launched in 1977, but little was heard of this group afterwards. However a new group arose in North Carolina five years later, named after that same victorious King.

The USS Alaric was commissioned by STARFLEET Headquarters in October of 1982 and was the first ship to be launched in the state of North Carolina. As a result, she is the proud parent (or in some cases, grandparent) of all the other chapters in this state. From its humble beginnings, the USS Alaric has enjoyed over 15 years of service to both STARFLEET and its local community. Growing from one small group of Star Trek fans to become the longest lasting NC ship in the fleet, launching a total of nine shuttlecraft which have gone on to become starships in their own right.

One of the long distance shuttles sponsored by the Alaric was the Shuttle 49 Eridani that had split off of the USS Lone Star in Texas, but had asked the Alaric then under the command of Fleet Admiral Jeanette Maddox to be their mother ship. In October 1989, the Shuttle Eridani was renamed the USS Joshua and commissioned as a full Chapter by Fleet Admiral Jeanette Maddox who was in attendance at the ceremony.

In April 1991 the USS Lancelot commissioned under the command of Captain Clayton Melanson. Fleet Admiral

Maddox was in town for the ceremony and informed the crew that the Joshua had been named STARFLEET Rookie Ship of the Year. The USS Joshua was now acting as mothership to two other shuttles - the San Jacinto and the Sagittarius.

In 1992 the shuttles Sagittarius and Gagarin (formally known as the Starsong) had commissioned and the San Jacinto was scheduled to commission at a Creation Con featuring Patrick Stewart. Region 3 members raised over \$170 for the Patrick Stewart SFI Scholarship and members were able to go backstage to present Mr. Stewart with a galactic "check."

At the October 1996 meeting Bert Copeland was sworn in as the seventh USS Joshua captain. Captain Bert Copeland's term started a new era for the Joshua. The decision to pull the Joshua out of STARFLEET and became affiliated with the new Star Trek organization - the United Federation of Planets Internationale. In July Joshua members traveled to Roswell, NM for the UFO Encounter '96. The costumes, makeup and interaction with festival visitors gave the Joshua extensive news coverage throughout the Southwest as well as a blip on the CBS nightly news.

USS Joshua members played a big part in the running of UFPI and became the UFPI Flagship. Several members returned to Roswell to assist with the 50th Anniversary of the alleged crash. Their costumes and makeup resulted in many members getting their pictures in newspapers, magazines, book covers, and even spots in the movie "Six Days in Roswell."

The Joshua has always been able to stay in the public eye and assist in the community. This trend continued along with the USS Lancelot and USS Sagittarius, posing for the new American Red Cross poster and t-shirt. The theme was, "There's an easier way to give blood," and featured a mock up of a Trek convention with an outsider walking in wearing a very insulting Spock t-shirt.

In October 1999 John Coward took the oath of office and became the USS Joshua Captain for the new millennium. To mark the end of 1999, a time capsule was buried, grass was burned and the USS Joshua came through Y2K intact and ready to face the next 10 years.

The U.S.S. Sagittarius, NCC-9755, a Constellation Class Heavy Cruiser was located in Mesquite, Texas. As a shuttle, they launched off of the U.S.S. Joshua on 16 July 1991 under the command of CO William Hall and were commissioned

on 16 April 1992. In March of 1995 they successfully launched Space Station Freedom III. After serving the 3rd Fleet for 9 years the Sagittarius to voluntarily decommission in August of 2000.

The Space Station Freedom III, NCC-SS001, a Prometheus Class Space Station is located in Region Three as one of the Region's Correspondence chapters. As the first approved Space Station in STARFLEET, the Shuttle Freedom III initially launched in 1993 but due to internal difficulties re-launched off of the U.S.S. Sagittarius on 05 August 1994 under the command of then Captain Brad Pense.

On 25 March 1995 the Space Station Freedom III commissioned at Aggie Con in College Station, Texas under the command of CO Brad Pense. Shortly after commissioning, then Fleet Captain Brad Pense was elected by his fellow COs in Region Three to serve as their Regional Coordinator, which he is still serving as today. The Freedom III has had the proud honor of being the home to other Regional Coordinators. Former RCs and members of the Freedom III are the "True Father of Region Three," VAdm Bill Schwab and Fleet Captain Danny James.

Over the years the Freedom III has had several Commanding Officers, those being Adm Brad Pense who served as Shuttle CO and Chapter CO until July of 1996 and then again from March of 1999 until December 2000. RAdm Mark Vinson, now CO of the U.S.S. Panther City (a Freedom III shuttle) served from July of 1996 until March of 1998. Fleet Captain Thomas Revor served from April 1998 to March 1999. And the current CO, Captain Kathleen Sweeney took command in January of 2001.

The Freedom III had four (4) shuttles to date, the Screaming Eagle (01) who did not complete the Shuttle program; the Lunar Dawn (02) who commissioned under the command of Debbie Dennis in March of 1998 and decommissioned in October of 1999; the Panther City (03) who commissioned on 07 March 1999 under the command of now RAdm Mark Vinson who is still serving as her CO; and the Canis Lupus (04) who did not complete the Shuttle program.

Over the years the Freedom III has participated in all Region Three events where many of its members have received recognition and awards from both fellow chapters and the region. This recognition includes an R3 Officer of the Year (Mark Vinson in '96), R3 Shuttle of the Year (Lunar Dawn in '97) and an R3 Newsletter of the Year (Freedom Press, 2001). In addition to

that, in 1999 the Freedom III was honored by being the first Region Three chapter to win the team competition in the Region Three Top Gun Tournament held at the annual Space Center Houston trip for the 3rd consecutive year in a row.

The U.S.S. Panther City, NCC-63543 began as a shuttle off of the Space Station Freedom III, NCC-SS001 on March 7, 1997. The Shuttle NCC number was NCC-SS001/03. Mark Vinson had been the CO of the Freedom III after taking command from Brad Pense. Mark Vinson remained CO until Mark started the shuttle. The CO who replaced him was Thomas F. Revor, Jr. whom Brad had to relieve and reassume command before commissioning. They commissioned on March 7, 1998, which just happened to be Fort Worth, TX. Sesquicentennial year.

Some have asked why are they called the Panther City? Well, simply put, Panther City is Fort Worth, Texas' most accepted nickname. Fort Worth was tagged with nickname when, in 1875, a Dallas lawyer, Robert E. Cowart, who once had practiced in Fort Worth, wrote an article for the Dallas Herald saying Fort Worth was such a drowsy place that a panther had been found asleep at noon on Fort Worth's Main Street. The article was intended to paint Fort Worth as a sleepy little burg, in contrast to the "megapolis" (Dallas) to the east. At first people in Fort Worth were angered but then they realized that being different from Dallas was a good thing and the nickname stuck.

Mark has been the only CO of the Panther City but his original XO was Tommy Engel. Tommy served through the shuttle year but had to be relieved of duty about six months into the first year. Since then Alex Jones has served as Executive Officer.

They are now three years old with over 35 SFI members most of which were not with us during their shuttle year. They have a Marine MSG led Col. Aaron Murphy and Lt. Kevin Topham that he is quite proud of. They support the Overseas Coupon Project and Toys for Tots. They were named Region Three's chapter of the year for 1999-2000. Their website <http://www.usspanthercity.org/> won an Award of Excellence from SFI last year at the IC in Vermont. Members are active in the running of Region Three and SFI.

From Alaric to Panther City and beyond, 19 years and counting and what a wild time it has been, for Regions 1 and Region 3. From the Appalachians back to the birthplace of STARFLEET, the traditions carry on, and on, and on.



REGION 3 SUMMIT 2MI: THE KHITOMER CONFERENCE

Commodore Sam Black and Admiral Brad Pense • STARFLEET Region 3

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Summit 2MI - The Khitomer Conference brought Region Three full circle. Our sixth summit was held at the same location in Waco as our first, back in 1996, this time under the name of the Clarion Inn. As the latest in our annual gatherings, this event placed itself atop a growing mount of outstanding events in Region Three.

As everyone began arriving on Friday, handshakes and hugs were the order of the day as folks went about renewing old friendships and making new ones. Then, later that evening we had the group splitting in two with one going to Cricket's for food, spirits, and fun with darts and pool games and the other headed off to Dock's for food, fun, and fellowship. Upon returning to the hotel, the USS Bethel played host to an Ice Cream Social, which had lines going all the way to the swimming pool. Socializing into the wee hours continued around the atrium.

Saturday kicked off with Opening Ceremonies featuring the outstanding Color Guard from the USS Ark Angel. Awards and promotions were the mainstay of the event. Region Three awarded over 100 Regional and Annual Awards to it's members and then presented 4 with promotions to the rank of Captain/Colonel and promoted 6 to Flag level ranks. Specific details on all of those earning awards and promotions can be found in the July - August 2001 issue of Fleet Channels.

The day continued with a variety of panels, most of which had never been seen before. Great comments were heard about the creative writing panels and the awards and jewelry making panels. Attendees got great uniforms tips and hints on how to create aliens. Lots of people were introduced to new aspects of gaming.

The cadet programming track gave out lots of great information and helpful ideas as well as getting input from the cadets themselves. In addition to offering Officer Training School and Officer Command College, this year, courtesy of STARFLEET Academy, we were able to also make available almost half of the currently available Academy courses. The Marine Corps also brought in a wide variety of the



"En Garde!": Christopher O'Banion (left) and Matthew Hill (right) of the USS Ark Angel perform a Battle Demo during the Banquet Dinner.



"Smile!": Newly Appointed SFI JAG Officer Sam Black poses with Region 3 Awards Director Billie Clifton and SFI Chief of Operations Mark Vinson.



The Crew from the USS Panther City: (L to R): Sean Caughman, Destin Applegate, Max Kirkland, Kevin Topham and Aaron Murphy (the new Deputy Commandant of the SFMC).

All Photos courtesy of Brad Pense

Marine Corps Academy courses this year as well as having the Marine Corps panels.

Saturday evening brought with it the Khitomer Dinner which was a resounding success. The centerpieces on each table were outstanding! Dinner entertainment was provided by the USS Ark Angel in the way of providing each of the tables with a champion to represent them in a battle demonstration tournament. The winner of the tournament was the representative for the Vulcan and Romulan tables. After dinner, the charity auction was next on the agenda. Then, the attendees were treated to RAdm Mark Vinson's Roast.

After the roast was concluded, the room was reset for the dance that was brought to us by Steve "The Sweet Little Music Man" Gordon all the way from Region Two. At the same time, across the hall, the Region Three Casino Night was open for business with Blackjack, Roulette, and the ever popular Human Slot Machine, in addition to hosting the finals of the annual Gold Pressed Latinum Tournament. This year, James Muench, playing for the USS Quannah Parker, and Butch Stehle, playing for the USS Rhyanna, were named co-winners in this year's edition of the GPL Tournament. After the Casino Night closed at 2:00 am, visiting continued at the dance, in the atrium, and at various room parties.

Sunday morning came very early with the CO/XO/Regional Staff Breakfast followed by the annual Congress of Commanding Officers meeting. For those lucky enough not to be in the CCO, Jerry McLain was generous enough to provide a second chance to see his fascinating IDIC panel.

Closing ceremonies went off without a hitch. Two new Ensigns were presented to the Region after successfully completing OTS on Saturday: Sarah Smith from the USS Rhyanna and Xaq Webb from the USS Ark Angel. By the end of the weekend, \$1000 was raised for the American Heart Association. After lots more hugs and good byes, attendees began their safe journeys home.

THE STARFLEET INTERVIEWS

With Vice Admiral Jonathan "Gumby" Simmons

Vice Admiral Gumby sits at the desk in his office at FleetHQ... a specially modified PADD lies on his desk emitting a soft tone. He picks up the PADD and touches the screen. The STARFLEET logo fades and is replaced with the image of Rear Admiral Ed Nowlin. As he begins to greet Ed, a soft voice asks Gumby if he will accept the collect charges. Gumby smiles as he agrees and makes a mental note to add another Vulcan Mind Probe to the requisition form he will submit to Cascade Station...

Name: Nowlin, Ed
Rank: Rear Admiral
Current Assignment: Region 4 Coordinator, Commanding Officer: Cascade Station

California... Home to Region 4, Paramount, Star Trek and out of work Taco Bell SpokesDaggit. In the midst of all this is one man. A man who works hard to make a difference for the members of Region 4 who are in his charge. A man who knows the value of a good chalupa! Join me as we have ourselves a little sit down with Rear Admiral Ed Nowlin, Regional Coordinator of the 4th Fleet comprised of California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii.

Gumby: Ed, Welcome and thanks for taking time out of your very busy schedule to chat for a bit!

Ed: Not a problem, Gumby.

Gumby: What's it like leading a region that actually *is* home to Paramount Pictures? Does that add any special elements to the mix, like events tied to the studio or whatnot?

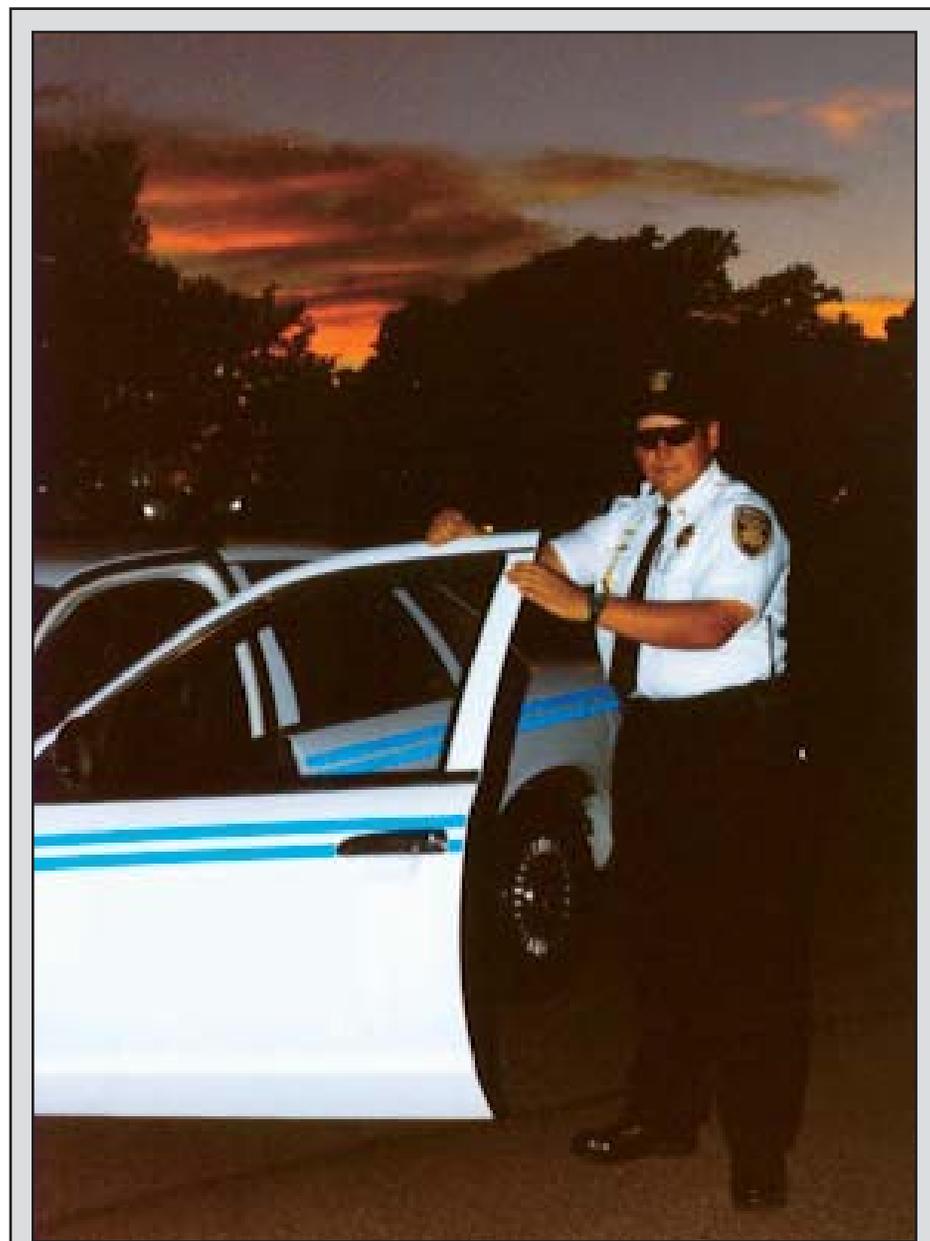
Ed: Well, during my tenure as RC, none of the R4 Chapters have actively participated with any Studio-Related events, other than the typical Movie promotion that it seems most Fleet chapters get involved with. That's not to say that R4 chapters haven't had their share of celebrity fame. Several Star Trek Stars hold membership within STARFLEET and are considered Region 4 Members (Although Unassigned) <G>

Gumby: I suppose contract restrictions would prevent them from active participation on a chapter level.

Ed: Perhaps, or his/her active work schedules. I imagine between movie

work, personal appearances, convention appearances, etc. that by the time they get some free time, they would MUCH rather be spending it with their

Internationale) was formed, we lost roughly 1/2 the chapters within the region. The ones that remained really bonded together and as time went on,



"Twilight in the City. It's a big, bad world out there - and it's up to me to keep it safe. This is my story...": Taking time out from his ongoing effort to write the great American crime novel, Ed Nowlin proves that there is just something about a man in a Uniform...

Photo courtesy of Ed Nowlin

families rather than play in a world in which they actively participate.

Gumby: I can imagine that could get old for them.

Gumby: What do you think makes leading R4 a unique experience?

Ed: Without question: the members. You have to understand, that when UFPI (United Federation of Planets

that feeling has remained. Region 4 may not be the biggest or most well known Region within the fleet, but I couldn't imagine serving anywhere else.

Gumby: I understand and as I also serve as your RDC ShOC... I feel the same way! <G>

Gumby: The person that ran against

you for RC now is your VRC, how did that come about?

Ed: Well, when Kim Lerman retired as RC, I had just been made her VRC and by default, became Interim RC. Jerry Tien was Northern Sector Chief at the time and ran against me for the permanent position. When I learned I was chosen, I asked several CO's whom they felt would be a good choice for VRC. Most all of them said Jerry.

Gumby: That helped unite a lot of folks and heal a few rifts, then?

Ed: Jerry brought a lot of insight into the workings of a Region since he had been working at that level for a lot longer than I had, and I don't regret selecting him as my Vice.

He's well versed in how the fleet runs and actually does put the needs of the members first. He realizes, as do I, that if you disenfranchise those people you are supposed to be representing, that you won't be around long and trust me, the members here in R4 have long Memories! I like that though, I don't rule this region. I appreciate having CO's and Staff that aren't a bunch of Yes-Men, that will speak their mind and tell me if I'm doing something they don't like.

Gumby: I know that from personal experience, boss! And I agree with you 110%! (most of the time <G>) and I think other regions could learn a lot from this example of having your former opponent work on your team in such a capacity.

Gumby: DinkyCon (aka Western Conference) was a big success last year! What is DinkyCon2 going to be like?

Ed: Well, we are hoping WC2 is as big of a success as the first one! We learned a lot from WC1 and are applying our experiences from that into WC2 as well as the 2002 IC in San Jose.

Gumby: Any new items for the agenda that you can tell us about?

Ed: Not really...the Agenda for WC2 is still in the preliminary stages...<laughs> We didn't even have a firm Agenda for WC1 until about a month and a half until the conference! That will be one of the items I will be working on before IC2001 so I can discuss these items with Keira Russel-Strong and Scott Akers, RCR17 and RCR5, respectfully.

Gumby: Can you give us the address of the website so that folks can learn

more about it?

Ed: Sure, its <http://www.region4.org/wc2001>. I am hoping that soon, we will have the Secure Registration form up and running as well as the Snail Mail form.

Gumby: Excellent! I am looking VERY forward to it!

Gumby: What is with this Dinky thing we keep hearing about? How did that start?

Ed: Ahh, Dinky... Well, I actually have a page set up that talks about Dinky, located at http://www.shasta.com/capt_ed/dinky.

** Gumby turns the PADDcam to face himself and mutters into the mic... "Note to Fleet... Gotta check that out."*

Ed: The "Cliff Notes" version of the story is this: My first IC was IC98 in Lubbock, and to get there, I had to take the Bus to get there. Well, I was trying to get some sleep on the bus once we left El Paso, TX. And was roused from my slumber by a US Border Patrol agent asking if I was a US Citizen...the first thing that crossed my mind was looking at this guy and saying, "Yo Quiero Taco Bell"

Gumby: Please tell me you **did!** <G>

Ed: Well, lets just say if I did, I'd been the first RC serving from South of the Border.

** Gumby laughs into hysteria...*

Ed: So I tell this story around IC, and of course, Mike Smith hears about it and thinks its funny as sin, especially when coming back, I get stopped TWICE in regards to my Citizenship Status

Gumby: Did you have any fruits or vegetables? <G>

** Ed laughs into hysteria...*

Ed: Anyhow... When I got back, Taco Bell was running its little promotion where you could buy the little Chihuahuas. Well I got one, had Kimi Brooks create a little uniform for him and started referring to him as "Dinky, the real RCR4"

Gumby: A-Ha!! Kimi! I should have known! <G>

Ed: Oh yes, especially since he came home with a girlfriend, Carmen when he went to visit Kimi.

** Gumby turns up the PADDcam again and says: "Note to self... Have Kimi make a uniform for my stuffed Gumby!"*

Ed: Well, Kimi fell in love with the little dawgs, so now its kinda a "Joint Ownership" issue...I swear, sometimes we argue about who they get to be with more than a divorced couple. <G>

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

Ed: Regional Traditions...Oh, I know where you're going with this... R4's version of the Burning Man!

Gumby: Actually I promised myself I would not bring that up... but since you did... Tell us about it!

Ed: Your a sneaky Gumby, I know where you wanted to go with it! <G>

** Gumby feigns innocence...*

Ed: Well, that also stems from Dinky...Pete Briggs then CO of the USS Simonov decided he wanted to Bar-B-Que Dinky.

Gumby: Sneaky? I'm crushed! I shall report to Cascade's brig *after* the interview boss. <G> I remember references to the "Dinky-Q" yes...

Ed: Well, we all know that isn't gonna happen, so he decided he'd go for the next best thing, and coerced me into putting my hat up for grabs at the 1999 Region 4 Conference, with the Chapter donating the most money to the Region getting the hat to do with what they will. Well, the Simonov won, and they decided to give it a proper Viking/Jedi funeral.

Gumby: Leave it to Pete to come up with a way to make money off his pyromania! <G>

Ed: So, to the strains of the "Macarena" from the Wedding Reception next to the hotel, Pete fired up the grill and my Hat became one with the Force, as it were

Gumby: What a visual!

Ed: Believe me and Mikey made me Watch!!!

Gumby: Mommy, make it stop! <G>

Gumby: Changing topics yet again... What's it like being on the AB?

Ed: At times, Frustrating

Gumby: I can only imagine.

Gumby: What is your biggest pet peeve?

Ed: People who claim to have their members' interests at heart, but in reality if their wishes doesn't serve to further some personal agenda, they go by the wayside

Gumby: What can we do to prevent that from occurring in the future?

Ed: You, the members have the real power. If you don't like the way your leadership is handling the administration of your chapter/region/organization, vote 'em out!

Gumby: What can the leadership do to help make your job as RC easier?

Ed: Really, not a whole lot that I can see. As RC, my main task is the happiness of the members that I serve and to ensure that their feelings are represented on the AB.

Gumby: And as one of those members, I think that you are doing an outstanding job as such and wish it noted here in this forum.

Ed: Well, considering I passed my last Vote of Confidence with a 85% Approval Rating, I would say that is a feeling shared with most of Region 4 <G>

Gumby: Heh.. I'll have Dubya call you for some pointers! <G>

Gumby: What thoughts do you have on STARFLEET's future?

Ed: Well, the current administration has seemed to do a decent job picking up where the Smith administration left off. In my mind, the key to STARFLEET's Future is leadership that isn't in positions for some personal agenda or some twisted sense of "having power" but because of a genuine, sincere willingness to make this organization the very best that it can be.

Gumby: Well spoken, Ed!

Gumby: What plans do you have for R4 and where do you see R4 in 5 years?

Ed: Well, my goal for R4 is basically to keep having fun, and to make more of the fleet aware that "we are here". I made a promise that my job as RC wouldn't be done until either the members want me out or that we have the same number of chapters within the region that we had before UFPI formed...only 11 more to go from this date.

In 5 years, I hope to see Region 4 taking a more active level of participation within the organization. Getting IC2002 was a very good start, and the Western Conference success rivals that of Events such as Watkins Glen Weekend and the R1 Conference. We may not get the level of participation, but I can guarantee you, the level of FUN was as much if not more so.

Gumby: I have seen that firsthand for myself. DinkyCon was simply the best SFI event I have ever attended in my 9 years or so in the org!

Ed: A lot of people contributed to the Success that was WC1. Richard Benker and Wendy Fillmore from K'Ehleyr Station, Pete Briggs, Ramon "Fireball" Macias and Tracy Newby from the Northern Lights, Allyson Dyar, Kurt Roithinger, Chris "Tigger" Wallace and Dave Pipgras from Region 5 as well as all those many others whose names unfortunately escape me at the moment.

Gumby: And we thank them all for their efforts!

Ed: As they should be. No one person can be responsible for the success of an undertaking such as WC or even IC; it's a team effort!

Gumby: What is your take on the upcoming new Trek series?

Ed: The new Trek Series...Hmm...I'll give it a chance, its gonna be a "wait and see" approach. I'm interested in seeing exactly how much they stick with established canon

Gumby: I am hoping that the era will help, as it is set before the Original Series.

Ed: There is that

Gumby: Standard Gumby Springer Curve-Ball Question... What is your favorite drink?

Ed: Adult or Non-Adult?

Gumby: What do you think? <G>

Ed: Non-Adult: Dr Pepper and Diet Pepsi... Adult: Vulcan Mind Probes!!!

Gumby: Woohoo!!!!

Ed: Knew you'd enjoy that!

Gumby: Of course! Those are an experience to be sure! It was "Fireball" Macias that introduced me to them at DinkyCon.

Ed: I remember it well

Gumby: Tracy doesn't, I'll bet <G>

Gumby: What do you do for a living out there in R4?

Ed: I'm the Assistant Manager for PRIDE Asset Protection, Inc. Basically I'm an overworked, underpaid Rent-A-Cop.

Gumby: You enjoy the work though, right?

Ed: Sometimes...like any job, it has moments where you wonder, "Why am I still here?"

Gumby: I can dig that... to be sure!

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

Ed: IC 2002 - An Experience that is **not** to be missed!!! We've got some things planned that is gonna blow people away!

Gumby: I am working with Chrissy Killian on some things for that and I can say that from what she has told me it will be QUITE an event!!!

Ed: That it will!

Gumby: Ed... Thank you so much for taking the time to share you thoughts with us!

Ed: Not a problem!

Gumby: See you at IC!

Ed: Yeppers! (You buying?)

Gumby: For you...of course! <G>

Ed: Kew!

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Vice Admiral Gumby watches as the image of Ed fades out and is replaced by the STARFLEET logo. He places the PADD down on his desk as he rises from the chair and walks toward the door. As he turns off the lights in his office, he looks out the window into the night. A transit shuttle passes silently by the window, leaving a trail of light in its wake. Across the bay, the lights of the Golden Gate Bridge add to the mirrored image of the stars on the water. Gumby turns and exits his dark office as the doors emit their familiar soft hissing sound, and he smiles as his thoughts turn to tomorrow.

Is there someone you'd like to see interviewed? Send your suggestions to gumby@sfi.org

PICKS'N'PANS — SECTION 31 NOVELS: CONSPIRACIES IN THE TREK UNIVERSE

Captain Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo • USS Accord

I should start this review by saying at the outset that I didn't believe in Section 31.

That is to say I didn't believe that an extra-governmental agency was tasked from the founding of the Federation in 2161 to circumvent rule of law, to commit murder, to interfere in scientific research, to be accountable to no one but themselves in order to preserve the Federation's utopian culture.

What I wanted to believe was that there was a relatively small cell of Federation officials and STARFLEET personnel whose perspective was so skewed that they felt no restraints on their actions in order to preserve a particular vision of what the Federation and STARFLEET should be.

To use a movies analogy, more "Seven Days in May" than "The Manchurian Candidate." Or, in science fiction terms, a combination of the Cigarette-Smoking Man and

his cronies from "X-Files" with the ARM from Larry Niven's stories. In May and June of 2001, Pocket Books released four novels that showed Section 31 in action and included incidents cited in aired Star Trek (even prior to the DS9 episode, "Inquisition," which introduced the shadow organization).

Andy Mangels and Michael A. Martin's "Rogue," set six months before the events of "Star Trek: First Contact," reintroduces Jean-Luc Picard's Academy classmates Marta Batanides and Corey Zwiller. Batanides is now a vice-admiral with STARFLEET Intelligence while Zwiller is now chief science officer on the USS Slayton. One of those old friends is assigned to interfere with the Federation's negotiations with Chiaros IV so that the latter world will go over to the Romulan Empire.

In "Shadow" by Dean Wesley Smith and Kristine Kathryn Rusch, Seven of Nine meets with a series of accidents while Voyager's officers and crew race

to save millions from the explosion resulting from three suns colliding. In "Cloak" by S.D. Perry, set during the original Star Trek's third season, the Enterprise crew is present at a scientific station's efforts to synthesize an Omega particle. At the same time, Dr. McCoy is secretly dealing with the revelation that he may not live for long. In "Abyss" by David Weddle (author of "Inquisition") and Jeffrey Lang, Dr. Bashir is recruited by Section 31 to actually stop one of their own. Like Bashir, Ethan Locken is genetically enhanced. Unlike Bashir, Locken wants to create a new culture in the style of Khan Noonien Singh, the Eugenics Wars dictator.

All four of the novels make a good case for Section 31's tendrils reaching farther than just the "relatively small cell" I'd thought plausible. Section 31's existence does explain the actions of such people as Admiral Cartwright and Col. West in "Star Trek VI," or Admiral Dougherty in "Star Trek: Insurrection." As well, Janeway's discovery of Section 31's existence - and how it offends her sensibilities and ideals - explains

the anger with which she pursued Captain Ransom in "Equinox."

Of the four, I enjoyed "Rogue" and "Abyss" the most. In the former, Mangels and Martin (who will be writing an Excelsior novel to be released in 2002) take a character from "Star Trek: First Contact," the doomed Lieutenant Hawk, and develop an interesting background and love interest for him (from the description, I suspect the love interest of being based on Mangels). In "Abyss," we get inside Bashir's head as he struggles with Locken and realizes that Locken's path is one he could easily have taken himself.

After reading all four, I came away both entertained and thinking about the issues in a utopian society that a Section 31 calls into question. There was a period in the early 90's when I could read a Trek novel and "not inhale." If the Section 31 novels (and the Avatar novels I reviewed recently) are any indication, I think that time is long past.

You have been recruited for a Chapter that doesn't exist...

In the year 2266, the Romulan Star Empire penetrated the neutral zone for the first time in over 100 years. In direct violation of the Treaty of Algeron, the Romulans tested the "iron" of STARFLEET by threatening the outposts along the Federation border of the zone. After much debate, STARFLEET responded by dispatching the USS Enterprise under the command of Captain James T. Kirk to directly confront the Romulans in a tactic of deceit in 2268. During this mission, Captain Kirk managed to steal one of the cloaking devices used so effectively by the Romulan Fleet. After returning to spacedock after using the device to escape from the superior Romulan ships, the device was removed from the Enterprise and refitted to an experimental STARFLEET prototype vessel, later to be named the USS Stormbringer. As the Treaty of Algeron expressly forbade the use of cloaking technology, the ship was assigned to Covert Operations Command and technically "did not exist." The official STARFLEET report to the Federation Council stated that the device was "alien technology" and could not be utilized due to damage incurred during the Enterprise's escape from the Romulans. This was an age-old tactic known as "disinformation.

It worked better than anyone could

HISTORY OF THE USS STORMBRINGER

Vice Admiral Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons • USS Stormbringer, Region 17

have possibly imagined.

On a classified stardate in a ceremony involving only a few select individuals, the experimental starship USS STORMBRINGER, NX-0000 was secretly commissioned into STARFLEET Covert Operations Command and assigned to Captain Jonathan Harris. Captain Harris was commanding the USS EXCALIBUR at the time. Therefore, a decision was made to fabricate an "accident" involving the EXCALIBUR and the M-5 computer. According to official records, all hands perished in the "accident."

After reassignment to the "non-existent Stormbringer" Captain Harris and crew served admirably on numerous classified missions deep into Romulan, Klingon, and Tholian space. Unfortunately, Captain Harris and crew were killed in the line of duty during a classified mission when forced to engage the combined forces of the Romulan and Klingon empires, shortly after their treaty was made public. Rumor has it that the Stormbringer engaged 12 vessels in combat and successfully destroyed 7 of them before sheer numbers overcame superior tactics. Captain Harris and crew posthumously received the STARCROSS commendation dating back to

the "accident" on board the EXCALIBUR. At least that's what their families were told.

In 2275, after political changes in STARFLEET and the Federation Council, Admiral Cartwright reinstated Project: Stormbringer, once again under the auspices of "Federation Security." Little is known about the missions or crew of the new Constitution class USS Stormbringer as the President of the Federation Council has sealed those records until 2520.

It is rumored that the Stormbringer was responsible for the destruction of the Klingon energy production facility Praxis, resulting in the Khitomer Peace Accords... but this is yet unconfirmed. No information exists about the crew or command staff. In fact... Section 31 will not admit the Stormbringer exists to this day!

PRESENT DAY...

With the Borg incursion at Wolf 359, STARFLEET lost 39 starships and over 11,000 lives. Admiral Hanson, commander of the armada, perished aboard the USS Melbourne. After this incident, STARFLEET devoted many resources to assure that this kind of threat does not happen again.

The Advanced Starship Design Bureau, (ASDB), came up with many new designs incorporating existing technology. One of these designs became the next USS Stormbringer.

A variant on the Valiant and Defiant class designs, the Stormbringer merged the latest in weapons and Electronic Counter Measure technology. The addition of Section 31 Black Ops hardware and other classified systems proved valuable not only in anti-Borg technology, but in circumventing threats from the Dominion and Romulans as well.

Serving once again in Section 31 and assigned to STARFLEET Region Four, STARFLEET denies the Stormbringer "officially" exists. That is one of the greatest advantages of this vessel... And one of her greatest drawbacks as well. Upon assignment to the Stormbringer, the crew member must undergo the most rigorous and classified training procedures not yet admitted to usually resulting in a "Training Accident" that claims the life of the crew member assigned to the Stormbringer. Documents are signed, policies are processed, and service files are closed. From there, the crew member is briefed and covert service aboard the Stormbringer begins.

Welcome to the world of Covert Operations. Now that you are "officially dead"... What are you going to do with the rest of your life?



ANNUAL SFMC AWARDS ANNOUNCED!

Major General Wade Olson • Comandant, STARFLEET Marine Corps

Artwork Created by Commodore David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five

Well, we had a very productive and fun conference. I very much enjoyed it. I got to see lots of my old friends and to meet lots of new ones. The IC did not go off without a hitch, as is the norm, but the IC staff handled the problems quickly and efficiently and I commend them on such a fine job and their hard work, especially for the hospitality towards the Marines.

Before I go any further I'd like to post a letter sent by Deidre Rickard, the SFMC Deputy Commandant that was read at the General Assembly.

"Greetings members of Fleet

There's so much to say, but PJ did warn me that there was a hook involved for long-winded people, and, since I can't bear the idea of missing Mike pulled off stage by a hook, I'll be brief.

First of all, I'd like to start off by thanking everyone for their support during the past couple of months. Your thoughts and prayers have definitely been helpful to Les and I during these eventful and trying times. We are very happy to report that Zachary weighed in at 10lbs. 10 oz on Wednesday. This is his heaviest weight to date, and we are very excited.

Over the past few weeks, I've been stuck in a whirlwind that has ruled my every waking moment. Fortunately, I feel that I have the foresight, instead of the hindsight, to know when it's time to make the hard choices.

Effective immediately, I am retiring as Deputy Commandant, STARFLEET Marine Corps. I have enjoyed every moment that I have spent working with the Command Staff of the Corps, and will continue to maintain my active Marine status. I just feel that at this time, my energy needs to be devoted to my family and career. Right now, I'm simply not doing the job justice and I would rather step down than have my performance harm the Corps in any way.

To the members of the General Staff, I want to thank all of you for allowing me the privilege of serving in this capacity. It has been an honor to work with this group for the betterment of both the Corps and all of STARFLEET. I hope you give my replacement the same level of cooperation you have shown me.

Also, a huge thanks to Wade Olson for giving me the opportunity to be involved in something I feel so deeply about and having the faith in me to let me do it.

In closing, I want to send a special thanks to PJ Trotter and Carl Johnson for all their wonderful assistance during the past year. They have extended a warm hand and an immense amount of help and support to the Marines, making sure that we had the time to do our panels and the space to include everyone in Fleet who would

like to attend. Please take some time to stop by and see what we are all about.

Thanks and have a great IC!

*Colonel Deidre Rickard
Deputy Commandant, SFMC, retired"*

With that I'd like to say I am going to miss Deidre dearly as Deputy Commandant and I wish her the best. It was more than a pleasure having her as part of the command team and I sincerely hope the Corps will not suffer in her absence.

The last thing Dee did in her office as Deputy Commandant was to help me select her replacement. There were lots of good names and it was very difficult choosing just one. However, it had to be done and we both agreed wholeheartedly on the person we selected finally.

So effective immediately following the reading of Deidre's letter at IC I announced the new Deputy Commandant of the Corps, Aaron Murphy. Aaron was promoted during the same ceremony that day to the rank of Brigadier. Congratulations, Aaron, on both of these achievements.

This year the annual awards were given out at the General Assembly and without further adieu here are the recipients of the Honor Awards.

Cross of Honor
A. Jean Smith, 2nd Brigade

Sword of Honor
Allyson M. W. Dyar, 5th Brigade

Shield of Honor
Bruce Sommer, 4th Brigade

Star of Honor
John Marcus, 4th Brigade

Legion of Honor
123rd MSG, 1st Brigade

During the Muster Saturday afternoon more awards were handed out, they were as follows.

United Nations Service Award
Jim Monroe
Cyndi Temple
Truman Temple
Char Hughes

SFMC Achievement Award
Aaron Murphy
Greg Fitzsimmons
John Roberts
Kimberly Brooks
Nancy Lynch
Scott Akers

SFMC Service Commendation

Aaron Murphy
Jennifer Colpitts
John Kane
Larry Morris
Mike McGowan

Silver Nebula
Raye Crews

Also there was an updated version of the MFM released. It will be up in the next couple of days for download. The update mainly consisted of the new ribbon program and incorporated my recent project I was working on earlier this month. When I asked for the top 20 names in the Corps I had a purpose in mind. We have 20 ribbons the Corps has to stock for purchase by the Marines. Since they can't purchase them individually from the Hock the order numbers don't really mean anything to you the Marines. So the 20 special ribbons are now named after the top 20 names submitted to me by the membership. They are as follows.

Sword of Honor
Jackson Ribbon

Shield of Honor
Akers Ribbon

Legion of Honor
Smith-Weber Ribbon

STARFLEET Cross
Les Rickard Ribbon

Commandant's Meritorious Service
Olson Ribbon

Cross of Valor
Deidre Rickard Ribbon

Sword of Valor
Bisig Ribbon

Shield of Valor
Kelley Ribbon

Legion of Valor
Copple Ribbon

SFMC Service Commendation
Hoover Ribbon

Brigade Achievement Award
Strasser Ribbon

Meritorious Unit Citation
Malotte Ribbon

Leader's Commendation
Murphy Ribbon

Great Barrier Expedition
McPherson Ribbon

Disaster Relief
Anbinder Ribbon

Community Service Citation
Brooks Ribbon

Communications Service Award
Dyar Ribbon

Good Conduct Medal
McNulty Ribbon

Joint Service Award
Kinne Ribbon

(Cadet) Legion of Arms
Monroe Ribbon

There Marines are all well deserving of this small token of our appreciation. In addition to that, and to further honor these folks, all names (except for mine) that are still members of STARFLEET from that list are hereby given the Commandant's Meritorious Service Award.

The following certs were issued at the event. If you were not there please send me your address and I'll mail it to you (unless someone is bringing it to you) or if you see someone on the list above that should have gotten it that didn't let me know and I'll create it and get it to them.

Aaron Murphy
Allyson M. W. Dyar
Deidre Rickard
Jim Monroe
Kimberly Brooks
Les Rickard
Mark Anbinder
Matt Copple
Mike Malotte
Richard Kinne
Robb Jackson
Scott Akers
Steve Strasser
Wade Hoover

I am honored to be the leader of such a fine group of individuals as we have in our Corps.

In closing I'd like to say there are a few additions and changes coming up in the near future.

I think everyone will like the direction we're taking and I encourage each of you to submit ideas for improvements you feel would benefit the Corps. Lots of good ideas were expressed during the IC and a lot more people have offered their talents to assist.

This is what I like to see!

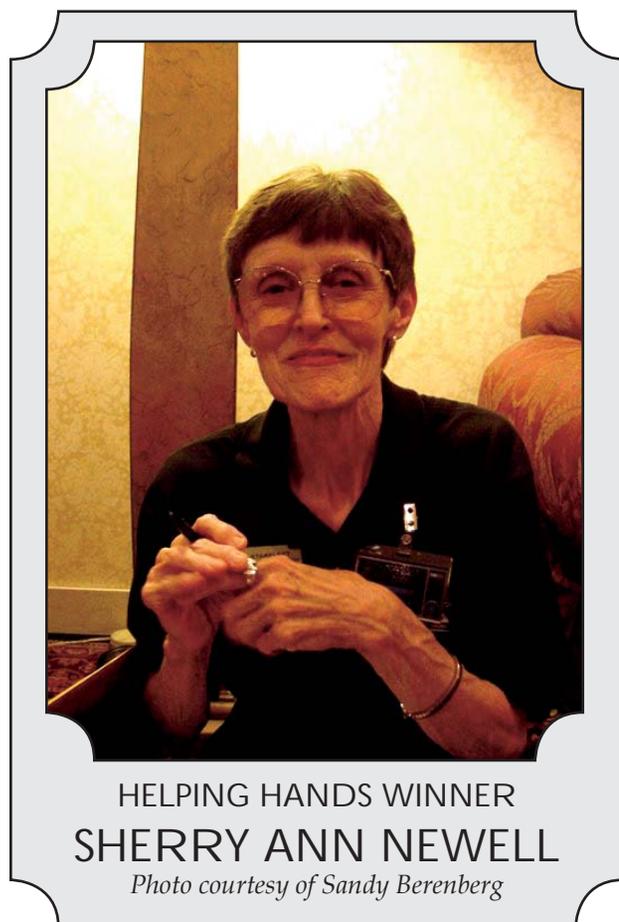
Semper Fi!

THE 2001 STARFLEET INTERNATIONAL AWARD WINNERS



LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP
PEG PELLERIN,
USS IAN FLEMING

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP:
ALLYSON M. W. DYAR
SPACE STATION NEXUS





IC 2001: A RETROSPECT

Commodore Carl F. Johnson • USS Nomad, STARFLEET Region 12

Artwork courtesy of Commodore David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region 5

When I agreed to assist PJ in planning and running this years IC 2+ years ago, little did I realize what I was getting into.

PJ had this idea that we could all get together and put on the IC for 2001. Hey, why not? The first IC of the new millennium, the first in KC in a number of years and something I could do with my wife...and it could be successful. And you know what? All of the planning, all of the headaches, all of the late night meetings, all of the traveling around and selling the registrations to you the members, all of the last minute planning...you know...it was all worth it!

It's hard to believe it's over...we started last Wednesday tracking down all of the menus that you all received in your packets. A side-note to that...Chelle had this idea to provide menus for all of the area restaurants that would deliver to the hotel. Not a bad idea, it was just finding out that as successful as we were with that, we ran out of room in the car to hold them.

Every restaurant we went to, we told them what was going on and they said sure, have some menus. One place gave me a box full of their menus. Another place, after we found out that the location we went to was closed, the manager delivered the menus to us while we were in our car!

Anyway, we ran our errands, picked up the Titanic tickets and Science City tickets and then picked up the program books from the printers and headed to the hotel, where we remained until Sunday night.

We treated ourselves to Tasty Tai...ask Mark Anbinder about that...really good food. Wednesday would be the last night of good restful sleep.

Thursday found Greg and I working almost nonstop on picking up those members who were flying in a day early from the various terminals. Many seemed awed that we would be picking them up; after all, the hotel is just a quick ride in the hotel shuttle. However, Greg had the right idea. It's nice to be picked up by a familiar face. Since I wasn't needed anywhere else,

I volunteered to help Greg. Chelle and PJ set up IC HQ at the hotel and got rolling with the day. Some of the folks we picked up Thursday included: Pete, Les, JC, Mark, Ed and a whole slew of other...and one late night pickup of one Nova Scotia resident...Joost. Having never met Joost before, Greg and I were uncertain of what he looked like. But he sure recognized us.

Friday morning started much the same as Thursday. Except that for Les, Joan, Teri and myself ended up at a local hospital. Let's just say that Teri is fine and she will never eat pizza from that hotel again. JC and our event organizer from the hotel staff were not looking well the next day. While we were gone, they decided back at the hotel that the fire drill needed to happen...so it did.

At least we got it out of the way without having to interrupt the banquet. The rest of the morning was the same, picking up more folks from the airport. We were joined by Franz from the Delta Clipper, who ended up being the main transporter for the rest of the day. Greg was dragged kicking and screaming to the EC/AB meeting, and I began the long day of greeting and getting ready to take a few folks to see the Titanic Exhibit.

This would be my second visit to Titanic, we went in May to see the exhibit, and I was hoping for a much better turnout for the person that I had on my card. When you visit the exhibit, they give you a boarding pass that has an actual persons name on it that was on the ship. At the end of the exhibit, you discover whether or not your person survived or not. Our first time through, I was a third class passenger. Yep, you guessed it - I didn't survive. My second trip proved to be just as successful. I loaded up my chargees and we headed in two shuttlecraft down to Union Station site of the exhibit. We headed in and the group I was with "ohhed" and "ahhed" the whole way through. At the end, we learned our fates. This time through, I was a crew member. But alas, I still didn't survive.

We returned in time for people to grab some dinner and get ready for opening

ceremonies. Now, when we planned opening, we figured we'd have about 60 or so people show up. But when nearly everyone showed up, we had to open up an air wall to seat more people. Then it was time we had been building up to this for two years when Les finally said the magic words: "This year's IC is officially open." Or something to that effect. I stood up and thanked everyone for coming. When you have nearly 200 people in the same room together, it can be a bit overwhelming.

It was then time for STARFLEET Match Game, hosted by yours truly. Our panelists were...Martok O'Reilly (Scott Akers), Linda Somers (Linda Kloempken), Robert Nelson O'Reilly (Robert Westfall), Joan (I forgot her celebrity name...sorry Joan...I killed a few too many brain cells on Saturday night) Joan Pierce, Greg "Trotterman" Dawson (Greg Trotter) and Michelle White (Michelle Fanelli). Now the object of the game is to match as many celebrities as possible. A statement is read that has a blank in it and you have to guess what the celebrities have written. An example was: FAdm. Les Rickard is so dumb...(how dumb is he)...Fleet Admiral Les is so dumb, instead of firing torpedoes...he fired _____. The contestant then has to give an answer.

Our contestants included Justin Donovan, Rebecca Self, Helen Palowski and Pete Mohny. Their answers were quite funny for the most part.

After Match Game, the Great Dalmuti Tournament started. I unfortunately, missed the entire tournament. I do know that Joost Ueffing was the winner of being the Greater Peon...not the best part to win. Friday wound down with the main staff still retrieving some late arrivals from the airport.

Saturday began even earlier as Greg and I left to rent two mini-vans for the Cadet Corps to use to travel to Union Station and visit Science City. After a brief breakfast, it was time for the General session. And like they always say...no good show starts on time.

Our MC for the General Session was none other than Vice Admiral Robert

Westfall, R12 RC. The flags were posted by the SFMC and they did a brilliant job. However, we overlooked two things. One, we forgot to have the Canadian flag posted (something we corrected at dinner) and two, we forgot the anthem music. So we improvised and said the Pledge of Allegiance. All in all, not bad for some of us who hadn't gotten much sleep in three days. The Ship Roll Call followed, then we sent the Cadet Corps on their way to Science City on their away mission. Leading the cadets were Fleet Captain Suzy Dilfer-Mooney, Commander Katherine Neill and Jennifer Cortin.

Each EC department head then gave a report on their areas and made a few announcements. The yearly awards and promotions were handed out...special kudos to two of our staff...newly minted Commodore Troy Cash and Rear Admiral Greg Trotter...much deserved for there time and effort: Troy in becoming one of the best SVRC's that R12 has seen in a long time and Greg for his diligent work on the STARFLEET servers and all things computers. I will let you read the award winners elsewhere in this issue. But never the less...congratulations to all of the award winners. Because of people like you, STARFLEET continues to be the frontrunner of all science fiction fan clubs.

We finally made it to the end of the general session...early! We broke for lunch and prepared for the afternoon panels and the IM.

The afternoon panels went off without a hitch, to my knowledge. I attended one and ran another. Modeling is a big hobby of mine and I would not have felt right if I had missed the whole panel. My thanks to David Lockwood, Ed McQueen and Mike Capps for assisting in the running of the panel.

The other panel should have been titled: "So, you want to be dumber than what you are and bid on an IC" (just kidding). From the turnout, I would say that we should see some good bids coming from a couple of regions in the next year.

At the end of the panels, it was time to get ready for the banquet, Charity

Auction and dance. The banquet was attended by over 140 Fleet members. I never once heard a complaint about the food in the hotel...well, maybe one...but you should ask Teri Smith about that. An all you can eat buffet consisting of a fantastic chicken dish and a fabulous beef dish plus some wonderful sides and great desserts rounded out dinner.

After dinner, the charity auction began. A huge thanks to Troy Cash for collecting the auction items. With his help, we have raised \$4000 for our two charities, The Dream Factory, a program designed to help terminally ill children realize their dreams, and the Liberty Memorial Restoration Fund. The Liberty Memorial is the only World War I monument in the nation and it is being restored through private donations for the majority of the costs.

A big thank you to all of the bidders as well, as we would not be able to do it without you. I was happy that both Joost and Biff were able to both purchase dances with Gerri...at \$140 each. The Marines helped out Joost and a few fleeters assisted Biff in achieving their goals. We suspended the rest of the auction until Sunday morning, due to time constraints...we were eating into Chelle's time for dancing!

Then it was time to party! We hired a professional DJ and he knew all of the right songs to play. We started with "Celebration" and ended up with a Fleet favorite, "American Pie" I requested "Time of My Life" for Chelle and myself who will be celebrating our 9th wedding anniversary next month.

Then the shoe hit the fan....or should I say Linda. I had requested "Footloose" for the IC staff as a way of kicking back. As the song got started, I needed to get rid of my shoes. So, trying to be fancy, I kicked one off.

Now, any other time, it would have just skidded across the floor. Not this time though. This shoe of mine sailed through the air and smacked Linda Kloempken smack in the face. So, I am now her servant for life. She's ok, but she'll never let me forget it. And neither will anyone else, as far as that goes.

Many of the group were out on the dance floor all night. Troy has told me that his feet still hurt. I woke up with both my feet and my hips hurting. But they were a good hurt. We wrapped up the dance around 1:30am and headed for the hospitality suite. The party lasted for another two hours before it moved up to Region 5's room. Thanks again to everyone for helping us party like there was no tomorrow.

Sunday morning came fairly early and it was time to start wrapping it up. Troy and I managed to sell the rest of the auction items and then we started closing ceremonies. I was very happy

We had the Cadet Corps come up to the front and report on their away mission to Science City. From what I could tell, they all had a great time. Several of them gave a brief report on what they

FROM THE DESK OF *P. J. Trotter*

This letter is to thank all who attended IC2001 as well those who worked themselves into exhaustion to make this year's IC a huge success. It is not often that a chairperson can list all those who helped in this Fleet, but I am taking this opportunity to do so. If I forget someone please forgive me it is not intentional.

Ed and April McQueen and the rest of the crew of the USS Adjudicator.

Thanks for organizing the Friday night reception, making the centerpieces, as well as donating all your time and the materials on the Name Badges.

Team Nexus

Thank you for designing the logo on such a short notice. You came through with flying colors again.

Mike Wilkerson

Thank you for designing the web page, taking pictures, and being the liaison for the ASL interpreters from SignLink, Inc. of Mission, Kansas. I certainly couldn't have talked the interpreters language as well as you could have.

Linda Kloempken

Thank you for being the EC/AB liaison. You did a marvelous job of liaising.

The panelists and contestants for STARFLEET Match Game.

You did it on such short notice, and made it look so easy. Just one word "Warrior!"

Pete Mohny

Thank you for organizing the Great Dalmuti tournament. It went great and I think we even had a few new converts to the game.

Robert Westfall

Thank you for organizing the general session. This was the first one I remember that ended early, and we have you to thank.

Franz, Jocelyn, Rick, Catherine and the rest of the Delta Clipper crew.

Thanks for being our day care workers, our general staff, and our help out of the blue. I know we couldn't have done nearly as much as we did without you.

Joost Ueffing, David and Deb Blaser.

Thank you for putting up with us crazy Americans. We may do things differently, but you put up with us, and I thank you for it.

All the leaders of my panels.

Thank you for putting so much preparation time in to making each panel informative as well as entertaining.

And finally, everyone who had seats on my committee.

Troy Cash, the auction was awesome. **Suzy Mooney**, thank you for doing such a wonderful job with the kids programming. **Chris Rossman**, registration was a success because of your skills and patience with me. **Greg Trotter**, thank you for doing logistics and putting up with my craziness at home these last 2 years and especially these last 3 months. **Michelle Johnson**, thank you for being my finance officer, you stepped in when we needed someone and you stayed with me on all the bumps along the ride till the end. **Carl Johnson**, thank you for being my CO chair, MC at the Match Game, banquet and auctioneer. You were my best asset on the team and you helped us be a success.

So I'm at the end. I have one other group to thank and that is all the people who attended. You made it worthwhile. At the end of the planning, I was beginning to wonder why I put myself and my team through this. I finally found out why, when I looked at a person who was attending IC for the first time and he said thank you.

I say thank you because this IC reminded me what Fleet was all about. Friends and Family.

Sincerely,

Capt. PJ "MadCow" Trotter
IC 2001 Chairperson

to see my new master receive her promotion to Vice Admiral. She was so utterly happy that she wound up not making me work too hard for the rest of the day.

learned at Science City.

Our preliminary results were told to the audience and they gave us a big round of applause. We in turn applauded the

hotel staff. If anyone ever decides to do another IC in KC...go to the Airport Marriott. You couldn't ask for a nicer staff and friendly people. I was even complimented by the housekeeping staff and they asked me to thank everyone that stayed at the hotel. They had had a group of Army personnel that had a small convention last week and she told me that we were an excellent group. It seems that the Army guys didn't behave very well...hmmm, maybe they set off the fire alarm.

Then, it was time to thank the staff. Troy, Greg and myself made a special presentation to our wives. They have stood by us and put up with our ranting and raving about things and that they have done such excellent jobs in their respective staff positions, that we decided to present them with flowers. Needless to say, they were speechless. Then we marched out the entire IC team: Myself and Chelle, Greg and PJ, Troy and Elizabeth, Rick and Jocelyn, Rob and Suzy, Katherine, Robert, Jennifer, David and Kristi, Ed and April and any other I might be missing. Thank You All! Without you all, PJ and I would never have pulled it off.

Everyone started packing and preparing to leave afterwards. I prepared for the largest of the groups to go down to see Titanic...and yep, the third time wasn't the charm. Another crew, another one that didn't survive. This group had as much fun as the first one had.

That evening, we held the traditional Dead Dog Party. And boy, were we dead. After ordering a whole slew of food in, we proceeded to pig out. I took Chelle home shortly afterwards to get some much needed rest.

I returned on Monday to load up the rest of the stuff and proceed to clean a little on the hospitality suite. Thanks go out to Mark and Joan who bought me lunch on Monday. We then proceeded to return the extra stuff back to the Nomad Compound. Thanks again to Mark and Teri, whom assisted me in returning the items to the Compound. They also got to travel in into Kansas.

And that was that.

It's over, with the exception of the paperwork and the cleanup. Again, My apologies if I didn't get everyone else's name listed, but you are not forgotten.

Thanks to all for coming and to let you know, you can count on us being out in San Jose next year.

Thanks to all!



▲ Row 1: "PJ and Greg and Chelle and Carl and.."
 The IC 2001 Organizing Committee: Co-Chair PJ Trotter (Image 1), the patient and saintly spouses of the respective Co-chairs, Greg Trotter and Chelle Johnson (2) and Co-Chair Carl Johnson (3). *Photos by Mike Wilkerson*

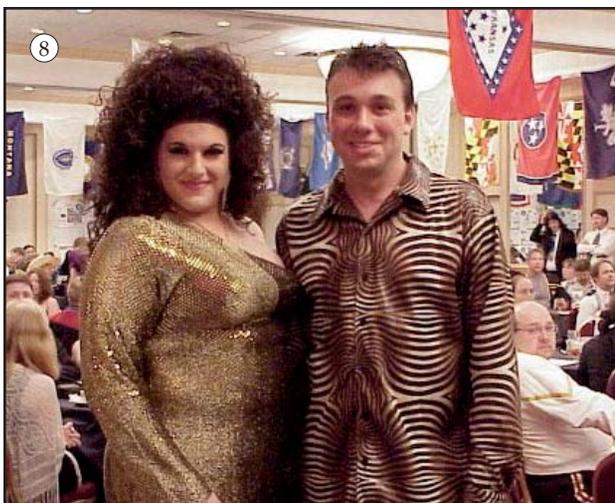
▲ Row 2: "Hello, STARFLEET!:"
 (4) "Ambassadors" Ryan Bauer, Janson Thomas, Kyle Starosciak, Lionel Smith and Trisha Tunis pay SFI a visit. "Team ShoC" (5, l to r): Biff Bassett, Alex Rosenzweig, Johnathan Simmons, Lauren Milan and Sandy Berenberg. *Photos by David Klingman (4) and Sandy Berenberg (5)*

▼ Row 3: "Bang the Drum...LOUDLY! HAHAAAAH!:"
 STARFLEET Promotions Head Honcho Deb Malotte and Les Rickard lead a presentation (6); while IC 2002 Chairperson Chrissy Killian wastes no time in recruiting Lionel Smith (7) to help out with IC 2002 Promotions (all for the greater glory of the Empire, of course). *Photos by Mark H. Anbinder (6) and Chrissy Killian (7)*

SCENES FROM IC 2001

(In rows from Left to right)

▼ Row 4: "A Mystery solved at last!:"
 In (8) Academy Commandant "Marlene Miller" poses with Kevin King. (9) These posters charting the History of SFI and more were created by SFI Historian Scott A. Akers. Lastly, in (10) Membership Processing Wiz Don Willits tells Boss Ops Mark A. Vinson that he sunk his Battleship. *Photos by Mike Wilkerson (8), Sandy Berenberg (9) and Mark H. Anbinder (10).*





STARFLEET INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

IC 2001 created by Commodore David Pipgras, Region 12 Logo



"Ok, there is a lot to do, so take
 (In rows from L to R) Row 1: (1) The SFMC
 (3) A Scene from the General Session (4) S
 (gorgeous) IC 2001 cake. Row 2: Greywol
 commissioning papers, (7) Linda Oakley,
 Pawlowski [My favorite pic - Ed.], (9) Scott
 (10) Fleet Admiral Ricakrd and the ubiqu
 (11) Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons uses a
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 (14) Deputy Commandant, SFMC Aaron M
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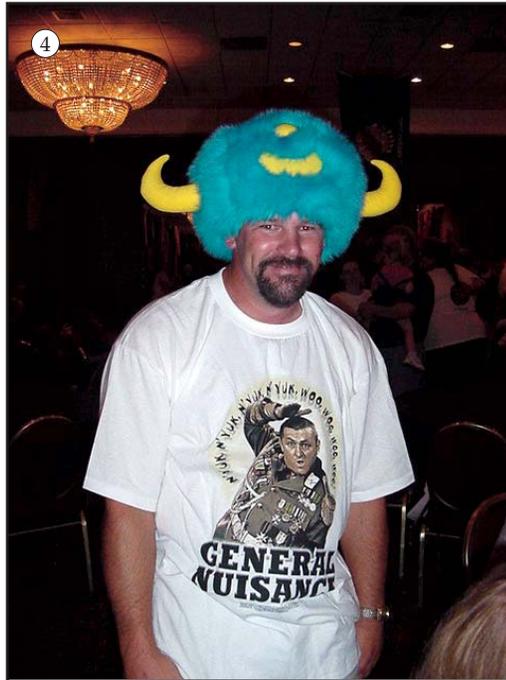
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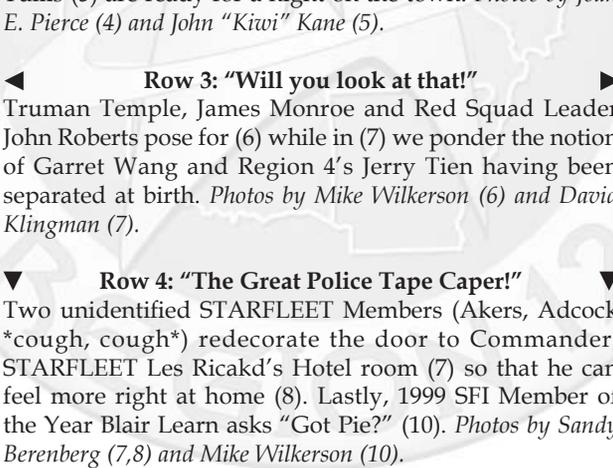
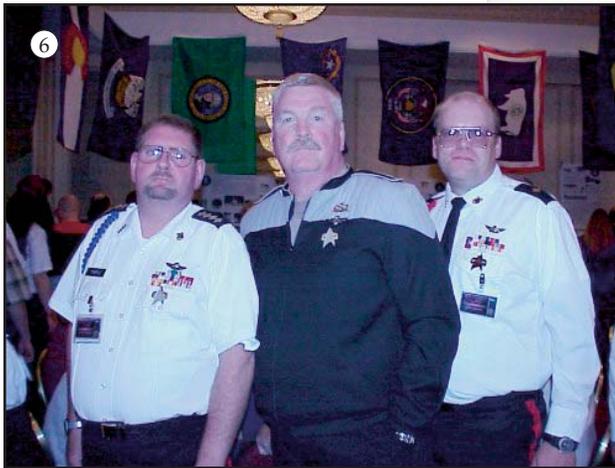
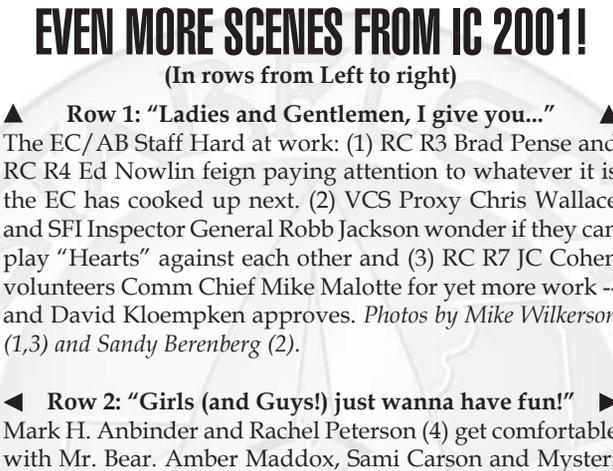


a deep breath and away we go!"
 Color Guard, (2) David & Linda Kloempken,
 6FMC Grand Poobah Wade Olson, (5) The
 Elf Station's CO Jolynn Brown receives her
 Joost Ueffing and Susan Fugate, (8) Helen
 t A. Akers (with funny Chapeau). **Row 3:**
 titous Mr. Bear comfort RC R7 JC Cohen,
 Klingon Kake Kutter, (12) RC R12 Robert
 promotion, (13) A "Live IRC" group shot,
 Murphy, (15) Region 1's Ben Redding and
 success.



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 and (6) Chrissy Killian





EVEN MORE SCENES FROM IC 2001!

(In rows from Left to right)

▲ **Row 1: "Ladies and Gentlemen, I give you..."** ▲
 The EC/AB Staff Hard at work: (1) RC R3 Brad Pense and RC R4 Ed Nowlin feign paying attention to whatever it is the EC has cooked up next. (2) VCS Proxy Chris Wallace and SFI Inspector General Robb Jackson wonder if they can play "Hearts" against each other and (3) RC R7 JC Cohen volunteers Comm Chief Mike Malotte for yet more work -- and David Kloempken approves. *Photos by Mike Wilkerson (1,3) and Sandy Berenberg (2).*

◀ **Row 2: "Girls (and Guys!) just wanna have fun!"** ▶
 Mark H. Anbinder and Rachel Peterson (4) get comfortable with Mr. Bear. Amber Maddox, Sami Carson and Mysteri Tullis (5) are ready for a night on the town! *Photos by Joan E. Pierce (4) and John "Kiwi" Kane (5).*

◀ **Row 3: "Will you look at that!"** ▶
 Truman Temple, James Monroe and Red Squad Leader John Roberts pose for (6) while in (7) we ponder the notion of Garret Wang and Region 4's Jerry Tien having been separated at birth. *Photos by Mike Wilkerson (6) and David Klingman (7).*

▼ **Row 4: "The Great Police Tape Caper!"** ▼
 Two unidentified STARFLEET Members (Akers, Adcock *cough, cough*) redecorate the door to Commander, STARFLEET Les Ricakd's Hotel room (7) so that he can feel more right at home (8). Lastly, 1999 SFI Member of the Year Blair Learn asks "Got Pie?" (10). *Photos by Sandy Berenberg (7,8) and Mike Wilkerson (10).*



W.O.W.: WONDERFULLY OUTSTANDING WEEKEND

Commander Joost Ueffing • Shuttle Magellan, STARFLEET Region 7

Artwork adapted by Vice Admiral Kurt Roithinger • STARFLEET Region 5

I tend to think I have a good command of the English language. As a university student writing papers and projects, repeating descriptive words as little as possible is a good thing. If you do the paper gets boring, making the text hard to read and usually resulting in a low grade to failure. There comes a time when you just have to get as simple as possible and say the first thing that comes to your month.

Wow!

As I write this on the plane from Kansas City to Newark, I have to take a few minutes to collect my thoughts and figure out what I want to say. One thought that comes to mind is "I can't believe it's over so soon!" Another that pops to mind is "Back to reality". And then a final thought: There's no crying in baseball!"

This trip was a lot of "firsts" for me. For starters, this marked the first time I flew on my own. Now I have flown before to places much farther away than Kansas City, such as the Netherlands, England, and the Caribbean. But this had been either with a group who took care of the travel arrangements or with my parents who have flown, I gather, to about half the planets. I basically had to just show up and enjoy the ride.

This time 'round, however, I was completely on my own. There was no one to check in for me, no one to follow to the right gate, no one to take care of the little things that may pop up. I was quite proud of myself when I purchased the tickets for my flight all on my own. I was even more proud of myself that when I showed up in Kansas City on Friday morning at 12:30 at night I knew I was in the right place, for there was Carl Johnson and Greg Trotter waiting for me with a little sign with my name on it; I always wanted to have someone do that for me.

The whole flying experience gave me a sense that, yes, I was now a savvy and cultured part of society because I flew on my own from one place to another. Yea, that may sound corny to a lot of fleters that have to fly on a regular

basis. But for me I couldn't be happier.

Wow!

If anyone had looked at me over the weekend they could definitely have known I was a country tourist because of all the jaw dropping and rubbernecking I was doing. Newark,

from 30,000 feet up.

Wow!

What really blew my mind that weekend was the conference and the people who were there. If not for those two things the trip would not have been worth it. It was worth it being able to talk shop with so many

conference. Not only was I showered with keepsakes, souvenirs, and other merchandise that people readily had available, but they also showered me with friendship, support, and love.

I do want to thank the Conference staff and the ShOC staff (thanks Alex and Gumby) for allowing me to stay in their rooms when, through no fault of anyone, accommodation plans went sour.

I got a sense from everyone at the conference that I had been adopted into a huge family, and the feeling in mutual (especially at the auction when the marines present at the banquet basically paid for my dance with Geraldine Sylvester, which was worth every penny I spent on behalf of the Corp! *smile*)

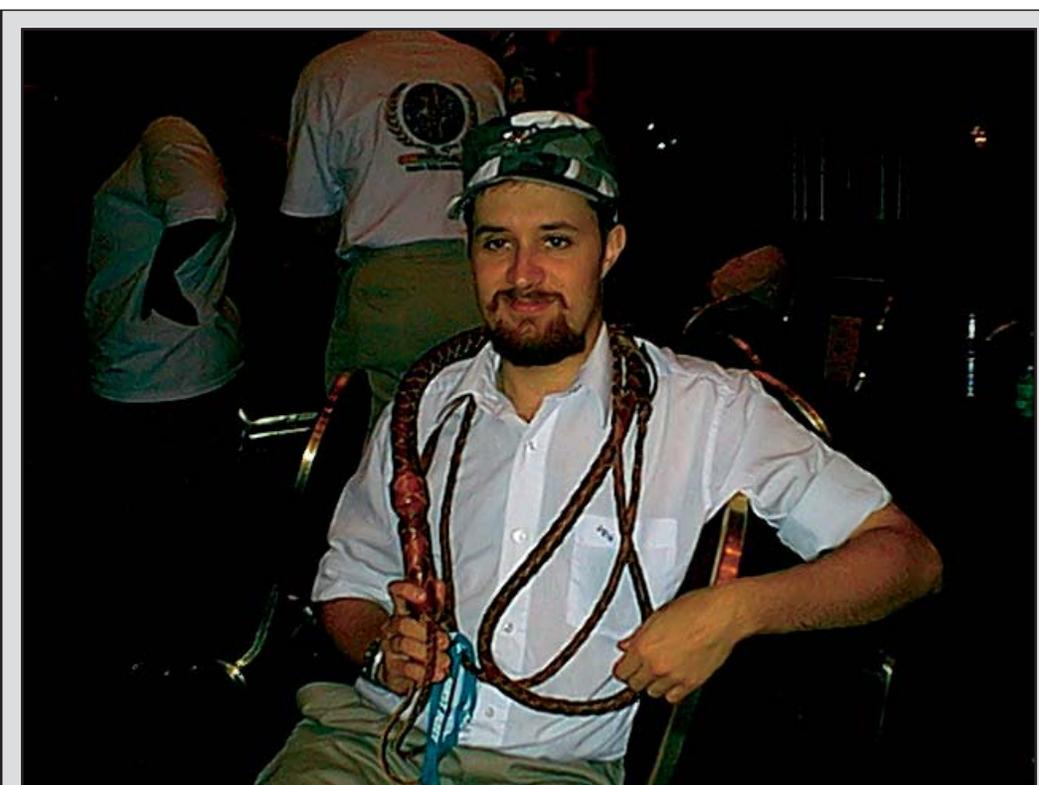
And the networking! Anyone, and I do mean anyone, that wants to build closer relations to the fleet, you show up to an IC. Because of IC, I now convinced that if we don't get my shuttle, the USS Magellan, launched in nine months that somewhere we the shuttle members committed a series of major errors!

Attending the EC/AB meeting as an observer gave me a sense of how the executive level of fleet worked and went a huge way to preparing the ship for starting up Region 14 again. And everything from shuttle assistance to web design help was also available for the asking.

Wow!

So overall, what did I think of the weekend? Several things come to mind. I now know who a lot of people looks like; no longer are they words on a screen, but real people with personality. I also learned that SFI is more than a fan club, but a surrogate family who, if you make the effort, will make you one of their own. And the best, and possibly the worst if you talk to my poor bank account, is that these events are addictive!!

Sure it's an eight to ten hour flight, but San Jose isn't that far...



When in doubt, Whip It!: Joost Ueffing poses with the infamous Whip, which seems to make it every other event in 'Fleet these days!

Photo courtesy of Joost Ueffing

NJ, was huge! The airport alone could take up the entire limits of the village I live near and call home. The kicker was when I had to travel by monorail from one terminal to another. Yes Joost, you're in the big city now.

Kansas City also impressed me. Rather than seeing a small city with building that probably didn't go above five stories I saw large skyscrapers and learned the whole city region had more of a population than the provinces of Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and PEI. Union Station really impressed me with its restored features that reminded me of turn-of-the-century; the cows are definitely going to become wallpaper for my computer.

And, yes, Kansas is very flat, at least

like-minded people. It was worth the ability to wear a uniform and not stand out. And it was worth it being able to shoot the breeze and listen to the stories after hours in the hospitality suite (I must try and reproduce Romulan Ale when I get home).

As a correspondence chapter member, my exposure to warm bodies in SFI has been basically non-existent. Being in an internet chapter just makes it worse, the reason being that you talk to them all the time but never have a face to the IRC nick or e-mail signature. This weekend changed all of that.

Names became live people, and very friendly people at that. In fact, I was blown away by the hospitality shown to me by the fleters and marines at the



IC 2002: THE ROAD TO THE FUTURE STARTS HERE

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Region 4 is proud to host STARFLEET's International Conference and STARFLEET Marine Corps International Muster in 2002. San Jose; the Information Technology Capital of the world is the City, with the DoubleTree Airport Hotel being the location. The IC organizing committee feels that IC2002 will be one of the best conferences ever with the location and planned events being a perfect combination that will be hard to beat!

IC2002 will be held at the DoubleTree Airport Hotel on August 1 through 4. The DoubleTree is a 4 Star Hotel with very high standing in San Jose. The DoubleTree has hosted numerous science fiction related events over the years including several major STARFLEET events. With the DoubleTree so fan friendly, they were excited to work with us and hope IC2002 is a great success.

With the Hotel being across the street from San Jose International Airport, transportation will be not a problem. The Hotel offers a free shuttle from the Airport with a courtesy phone located in the baggage claim. Shuttle service is also available for limited locations around the city when arranged in advance.

With newly remodeled Lobby and Guest Rooms completed this year, the DoubleTree has negotiated with the IC2002 committee an outstanding special conference room rate of \$95.00 per night (average room nights are in excess of \$255.00).

With 30,000 square feet of meeting space, 505 guest rooms, along with 5 dining options including a coffee shop and new full sushi bar, the DoubleTree more that meets the requirements for IC2002. For detailed information about the DoubleTree Hotel and its accommodations, please go to the IC2002 website at <http://www.ic2002.org>.

San Jose is a great location with many attractions within short driving distance and even walking distance. Some attractions near the hotel include Paramount's Great America Theme Park, The Tech Museum of Innovation, and The Intel Technology Museum, in addition to San Francisco only an hours drive away. Listed below are locations of interest in the area in relation to the DoubleTree Hotel:

- Capitola Beach in Santa Cruz: 40 miles
- Downtown: 4 miles SE
- Egyptian Museum: 3 miles S
- Fisherman's Wharf: 50 miles NW
- Winchester Mystery House: 5 miles SW
- Golden Gate Bridge: 55 miles NW
- Great America Theme Park: 3 miles W
- Japanese Gardens: 4 miles SE

- Monterey Bay Aquarium (shooting location of ST:IV): 53 miles S
- Oakland: 29 miles NE
- San Francisco: 50 miles N
- San Francisco Airport: 45 miles N
- San Jose Arena: 5 miles S
- San Jose Airport: 0.3 miles W
- San Jose Municipal Golf Course: 4 miles
- San Jose Museum Of Art: 3 miles SE
- San Jose State University: 3 miles SE
- Santa Cruz Boardwalk: 36 miles W
- Stanford University: 14 miles W

dance.

Sunday will include additional breakout panels to be concluded with Closing Ceremonies. Keep in mind that programming is still in planning stages and is considered tentative. For additional programming info or if you have programming suggestions, go to <http://www.ic2002.org>.

Conference Registration Pricing:
• Adult (Before 12/31/01): \$30.00



The House that Intel Built: The San Jose DoubleTree Airport Hotel, site of the 2002 STARFLEET International Conference.

Photo courtesy of the IC 2002 Committee

IC2002 is planning guided tours and group rates for certain popular attractions in the area, including possible away teams to Paramount's Great America, The Tech Museum of Innovation, and an extended away team to San Francisco. Additional away teams to other locations may be organized depending on interest of conference attendees.

Additional information on Away Teams to local attractions will become available closer to conference. For Away Team updates go to <http://www.ic2002.org>.

4 days of programming is being planned for IC2002. Thursday being EC/AB Registration and IC Setup, with an EC/AB and IC Staff Dinner and Social.

Friday will include EC/AB meetings, general registration, opening ceremonies, and evening mixer.

Saturday will include a brunch, general session, breakout panels, Banquet and Awards Ceremony to be followed by a

- Adult (AFTER 12/31/01): \$35.00
 - Child Registration: \$15.00
 - Adult Sat. Night Banquet: \$35.00
 - Child (12 and under) Banquet: \$16.00
 - Supporting (non attending): \$15.00
- Further registration information can be obtained at the IC2002 main site at <http://www.ic2002.org>.

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Mark your Calendar for IC2002, for an experience of a lifetime!



BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR: RUNAWAY MASCOT, NAME: DINKY

By Rear Admiral Ed Nowlin • Regional Coordinator, STARFLEET Region Four

For those of you unfamiliar with who I am, allow me to introduce myself. I am RAdm. Ed Nowlin, CO of Cascade Station here in Region 4. I am also the "Spokeshuman" for the "True" RCR4, Dinky. I am sending this missive out to you in the hopes that the Fleet might be able to assist Region 4.

Dinky and his girlfriend, Carmen have been missing since IC2K in Vermont. They were supposed to return to my care at IC2001 in Kansas City, but were nowhere to be found.

Kimi Brooks, the owner of Carmen has done everything within her power to attempt to get the little ones back, but

with no success.

Western Conference 2001 AKA "DinkyCon 2" is fast approaching, and R4 would like to see their RC there since he was unable to attend the first Western Conference in Vegas last year. If any of you have any information or better yet, can send them to me, please

refer to my mailing information in the back of the CQ under the Admiralty Board Section, Region 4.

I thank you all in advance for your assistance.

<Wanders off whistling, "Where, oh where has my little dawgs gone...">



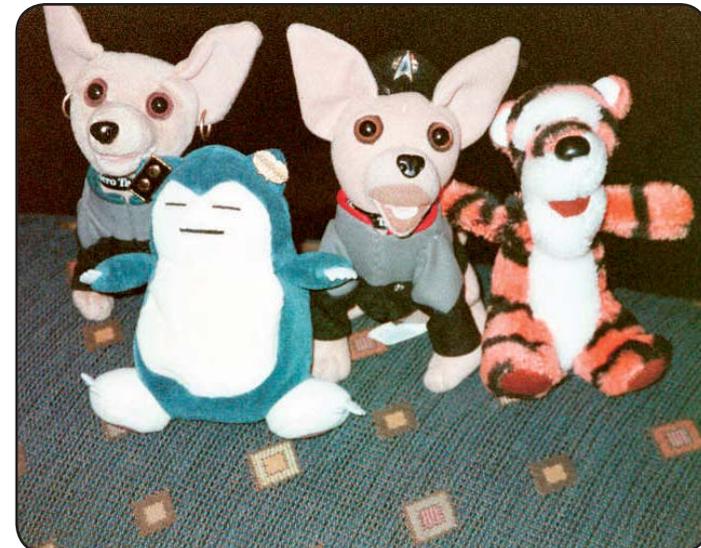
Physical Description:

The Dawgs in question are described as short, tan, kinda fuzzy, with brown eyes and wearing Black and Grey outfits.

They may have altered their appearance by now.

As seen in the image to the left, they have been known to keep company with some rather shady (and bouncy!) friends and may in fact be traveling through Region 5.

Photos courtesy of Ed Nowlin



Region 13 met on the banks of the St. Clair River, in Sarnia, Ontario on 1-3 June 2001 for our second official Regional Summit. There were 25 members attending, more than a third of our current membership, which set a new Summit record for us! Although we did not have any guests from outside the region attending, we did have members from all four chapters of Region 13. We were able to raise \$668.67 for Guide Dogs of America, the Region 13 Charity of the Year. The Summit was held at the Best Western Guildwood Inn, in Sarnia and we couldn't have chosen a better hotel for this Summit.

Things got rolling on Friday evening, with Registration, a quick dinner, and the first round of Sci-Fi Jeopardy. Presented by the USS White Star, Sci-Fi Jeopardy takes after the famous TV show, only with all the questions dealing with Science Fiction or fantasy. We held a preliminary round on Friday night, with Debbie Blaser, Cindy Prindle, George Andaluz and Dwayne Sklar participating. Dwayne won the first match with a score of 6300 points.

Saturday was the big day for panels and meetings, starting with the Opening Ceremonies at 10:00am. During the Opening Ceremonies, Region 13 Coordinator Richard Smith surprised Dave Blaser with a promotion to Fleet Captain, and then me with a promotion to Commodore! While he wasn't in attendance, Region 13 Treasurer, Jeff Marlowe also received a promotion to

REGION 13 SUMMIT — BEYOND THE FINAL FRONTIER

By Commodore Michael Dugas • Commanding Officer, USS White Star

Commodore. Congrats, guys!

The Commanding Officers and Executive Officers met with Regional Coordinator Smith, while the rest of the guests attended a panel on the SFI Academy. Many of the members bought courses right there!

After lunch, there was more preliminary round action for Sci-Fi Jeopardy, with White Star member Becky Herber winning the first match and USS Banting CO Dave Blaser taking the second. Francois van Heerden hosted a panel and Astronomy and Space Exploration, while Debbie Blaser held a panel on Guide Dogs of America.

Afterwards, Debbie hosted a panel on Costuming. It was interesting - and competitive. Debbie split the room into teams and gave each team a grocery bag containing a plastic tablecloth, a garbage bag, a bit of red paper streamers and some plastic smiley faces. The challenge: create a costume using the contents of the bag (and anything else in the room you can find) and the concepts presented in the panel. The team of Carolyn van Heerden and Cindy Prindle won, while the team from the White Star (Capt. Laura Dugas, Cmdr Paul Stevens and myself) came in second.

Once the panels were concluded, the Summit assembled for the Region 13 Summit Charity Auction! Three members,

Steve Durette, Francois van Heerden and yours truly, donated their beards to the auction. While Steve and I got shaved, Francois held off all attempts and kept his. We will get his beard next summit...

After a great dinner at nearby Rizzo's restaurant, we got back together for more fun and games! The final preliminary match for Sci-Fi Jeopardy was held, with Debbie Blaser fighting her way back up, but it wasn't enough, to get her into the Sci-Fi Jeopardy finals on Sunday.

We also held the first annual Ship Yard Wars competition! We had two teams competing, the USS Empress and the USS Banting. They had two hours to assemble a 'Micro-Photon Torpedo Launcher' (the Photon Torpedo's were about the same size, shape, and weigh as a Ping-Pong ball) out of a pile of springs, rubber bands, tinker-toys, old plastic boats and broken plastic guns. The USS Empress completed their launcher first, and the USS Banting finished with barely two minutes to spare.

Sunday started with the completion of Ship Yard Wars: the test! The USS Empress went first, missing the targets, but easily launching their torpedo's 10-15 feet. The USS Banting followed, also missing the targets. However, the best distance they were able to muster was only 2-3 feet. The Banting conceded and the USS Empress

team, led by Burt Moore, was declared the champs! Just before retiring the launchers, the Empress team took one last shot, and hit the target dead on!

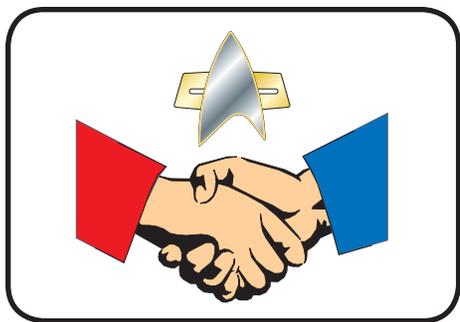
Following the Ship Yard Wars finals were the Sci-Fi Jeopardy finals! Dave Blaser, Dwayne Sklar, George Andaluz and Becky Herber faced off. After the Final Jeopardy, Becky Herber was left standing as the Sci-Fi Jeopardy Grand Champion. George Andaluz took second place, while Dwayne Sklar and Dave Blaser nearly tied for third.

Rich Smith and Dwayne Sklar presented regional awards: Dottie Benton - Member of the Year, Cindy Prindle - New Member of the Year, Dave Blaser - Officer of the Year, and Pam Benton as Wine Steward of the Year. Dwayne Sklar and the USS Valkyrie also won special recognition for the work they've done this year to restore the chapter to full strength. The USS Banting won the Goodwill Award.

Then it was done. We went our separate ways - half of us headed east, back to Toronto and Guelph, and the other half headed west, back to the United States. It was a great Summit, showing how fun Region 13 can be. Next year's summit will be May 31-June 2002 - and it will be hosted by the USS Empress.

I hope to see all of you there!

For Pictures of this years Region 13 Summit, turn to Page 48!



ON SAFARI IN REGION THREE

By **Commodore Michelle A. Munch** • **Commanding Officer, Pre-Shuttle Gasparilla**

Artwork By **Commodore David Pipgras** • **STARFLEET Region 5**

Life is more than strange at times, particularly where my husband and I are concerned. We were brought together in a rather unconventional manner and our lives have simply continued along the same vein. The last few months have been stranger than normal and, upon hearing the tale, a friend thought I should send an article to the CQ - I hope you enjoy the glimpse into our crazy life together...

It all started when we chose to move half way across the country in July of last year. The great "crossing," ala Dune, was an adventure itself and should have foretold what was to come. After having lived among the fine folks of Region Three for six years, I approached the move with some trepidation.

My seventh year in SFI dawned with the intent to finally begin the process of "fitting into" our new region. Having talked to our RC a number of times, we found that we had high hopes of our prospects in Region Two. Thus the impetus of the Shuttle Gasparilla was born. As most who have begun a shuttle can attest to, the labor stages of forming a shuttle can be somewhat long, as you look for members and try to best decide how to spread the word.

In late April, two weeks after I had begun a new job. It seemed that my husband had the opportunity of a lifetime thrust in his lap - a job with vast potential, interesting duties and nearly twice the pay he was currently receiving - the only drawback was that his first project would take him away from home for six months. So it was that he left for Houston the last week in May and we attempted the process of living apart.

Our attempt lasted all of two weeks before I was leaving my job and moving out to Houston so that we could be together. So I found myself saying "Hello" to Region Three a second time. Yes, we were excited to be "home" and to have the chance to visit with all of our friends. The gods, however, didn't want to make our homecoming too comfortable. This was made apparent on June 8th when both Houston and our new little apartment - lived in all of five days - chose to succumb to Tropical Storm Allison and flood like it had never known water before!

In times like these, you truly learn the meanings behind the words friends and family. One of our friends in Houston made her second call of the night to our apartment and insisted we leave now. Why? The water was not even as deep in the courtyard outside as it had been on Tuesday of that week...what was the big deal? Of all the areas we had to pick from when moving back, we chose an apartment near Greens

Bayou; trust me, you don't really think about the bayous much when you live in Houston...they're simply there and they swell a bit when it rains to become more than a thin trickle. Our bayou must have been in a snit this evening because, at the time of the call, the news reports were gauging it at two feet out of its banks. Had we been in a possession of a television yet, we would have surely left earlier...as it was, my husband chose the moment I repeated "two feet?" to leap out of bed and actually walk outside and around the corner toward the parking lot.

The majority of cars in the parking lot were already flooding, just as ours would have been, had it not been for the fact that my husband had borrowed the company truck that evening to bring some furniture home. Oh yes, the furniture! The great deal that we'd gotten on three pieces of furniture to make our six month stay a little less sparse...I'd been admiring it again just prior to the call! Furniture be hanged; at this point we were simply thankful for the huge truck in the parking lot that was not flooded though a good fourteen inches of water was already on the ground. I should have known what we were in for when he had to pull the truck up onto the twelve inch curb to keep me from wading into the water...should have known even more when the small wake caused by the truck moving at three to five mph out of the parking lot sent flood waters into a few other apartments.

Friends and family in times like these... that's where we left off. As we were forced to drive six miles in the wrong direction - into the reported center of the storm - just to remain on somewhat drier ground and to access the interstate, we still thought there was hope of getting to our friend's home about ten miles North. Our rattled brains hadn't fully taken in the fact that the required entrance to the junction with the other interstate was two miles from our apartment and that we'd already sat at the corner just East of it once that evening...this didn't get through to us until my husband moved to exit the interstate to make the connection. Needless to say, we went further out of our intended way because we refused to get off of the drier ground we were currently traveling on. Crossing our friends in North Houston off of the list of safe houses to escape to, we moved to the next, a few miles South of our location. Upon seeing the river that was once this friend's street, we made the attempt to make my ex-husband's home for lack of any other known alternative. When it came time to make that interchange, however, something said to ignore the impulse and just keep driving West. At this point, the only other option was the slim possibility of my

mother-in-law's home; a choice that had been dismissed early because her area always flooded, even if her house didn't.

Imagine our surprise when we came to her exit and found a clear roadway! Suddenly, the very recent discussion of driving to Austin to escape the rain evaporated as we dove off of the interstate at only the third clear exit we'd seen that evening. We were nearly home free before hitting the river that was now her street. With what we'd just gone through, however, we simply plowed through the wheel high water and made for her front yard, nice little hill that it is. We stumbled into the house at 1:30 AM. It had been a full three hours after we'd left our apartment. It wasn't until 4:30AM that we saw the first pictures of the area we'd left, water so high now that only the tops of street signs were evident. This was the moment that all hopes of our apartment escaping the flood vanished. New furniture? Shoot, we'd be lucky if anything survived at that point!

When reports were made about Houston's mayor calling for a day of healing the following Monday, you should all take it for exactly what it was meant to be. After sleeping in three different places on three different nights, we spent that day trying to find a new apartment. The good news was that most of our things survived, of a fashion, partly because we hadn't brought much on our little safari. The bed we'd gotten for free was ruined, as was all but one piece of the new furniture but we were gratified to find that our car had remained untouched parked out at the Port of Houston. Even considering the furniture and personal items lost, we were much better off than many who had lost everything, including their cars. Getting, moving and settling into a new apartment took a good two weeks with buying a new bed and doing our best to salvage everything we could from the old apartment.

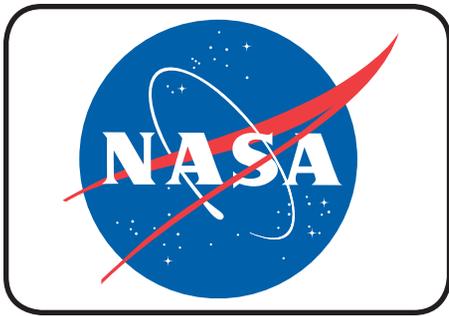
This, along with trying our best to sooth the worries of relatives and friends in Florida; yes, we were alive, relatively calm and somewhat equipped with furniture (we didn't see the point in explaining that the extent of this was our new bed and the old metal desk we'd salvaged from the flood). The folks in Region Two had a fun time hearing about our need of towels! Strange to us at this time was the fact that, outside of a few people, no one from Region Three even knew we were back, much less to have an idea to check up on us. Outside of the psychic hails coming from up in Lubbock, we were entirely adrift in that regard.

All of this to return to the strangeness of life... What do you tend to think about when you survive a flood? As good SFI members

we, of course, thought about how many weeks all of this fuss had put our shuttle formation behind schedule...lack of phone service in the beginning, followed by delays in establishing new service sort of put a damper of continuing online communications. This, added to the time lost of finishing and disbursing recruiting materials and we honestly felt like we were back at square one in the formation process. True, these folks somewhat understood my need to be in Houston with my husband and the initial delay of things as I got settled but these people hadn't just gone through a flood and everything that went with it. If they hadn't been through one in their own past, how could they understand all of the little issues that jumped in the way of our getting back to work on shuttle plans, not to mention trying to come to grips with our "little adventure"?

So here we sit, roughly three weeks from IC and still trying to figure out a way to push the paperwork through in time. I honestly feel as if I've just gone through labor and the potential shuttle doesn't even have a full crew compliment yet! Are we upset? At nature, yes. Are we discouraged? A little because we think we'll lose out on a few members we might have otherwise kept. Are we guilty? That's the biggie in that we sacrificed the sure thing of the shuttle at one point simply due to the fact that we couldn't sleep when apart. Will it stop us? Heck no, not after everything else we've already been through this year. Let's face facts; while we cautiously keep an eye turned to the sky for the hellfire that we sort of expect to follow the death and destruction so far this year, we still feel that we deserve for one thing to go right, outside of our being together and happy. We deserve this shuttle...we've certainly pulled through enough to enjoy the benefits of our hard work and time invested! We might not make IC, true, but that doesn't mean that Region Two's new pirate ship won't set sail at some point in the near future.

The motto of this story? Life is what it is. Sometimes it throws things at you that interfere with your enjoyment of Trek or SFI. Whatever happens, if you allow your mundane life to kill the zest for your Trek or SFI fantasies, you will lose more than just the potential of fun with new friends...you will lose your ability to dream. So, yes, do what you must to keep your mundane life on an even keel but never sacrifice your deserved enjoyment of a favorite pastime. At the same time, when caught up in pursuing your Trek or SFI goals, never forget that your personal life takes precedence; even if it means traveling half way across the country to be with the one you love. It is, at times, an uneasy and baffling balance but it can be balanced if you strive to do so.



MEETING WITH HEROES: THE EXPLORER CLUB DINNER

Hartriono Sasrowardoyo and Rahadyan Sasrowardoyo • STARFLEET Region 7

Artwork Courtesy of NASA

On Saturday, March 24, 2001, we attended the annual dinner of the Explorers Club in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City. The Explorers Club is the professional organization of scientists and explorers, founded by President Theodore Roosevelt, the Arctic explorer Major A.W. Greely and others in 1904. It is dedicated to the advancement of field research, scientific exploration and the belief that it is vital to preserve the instinct to explore.

Among past and present members of the Explorers Club are the polar explorers Roald Amundsen, Richard E. Byrd, Matthew Henson and Robert Peary; the aviators Chuck Yeager and Charles Lindbergh; the underwater pioneers Jacques Piccard and William Beebe; the astronauts John Glenn, Buzz Aldrin, Neil Armstrong, Wally Schirra, Kathryn Sullivan and Sally Ride; and mountaineers Sir Edmund Hillary, Tenzing Norgay and Reinhold Messner. Other members include Jane Goodall, Jim Fowler, Walter Cronkite and Lowell Thomas.

Our being in the presence of greatness began six weeks before the dinner, when Hartriono received an invitation to the black tie affair from Stephen D. Nagiewicz, chairman of the Club's dinner committee. The two had met the previous year at an event where the astronaut Story Musgrave was speaking. My brother maintains a web site devoted to the history of astronautics, focusing on the U.S. space program, particularly on Snoopy and his role as a symbol of NASA and on the space shuttle missions. (It is also the only known site with a profile of the Indonesian astronaut candidate, Dr. Pratiwi Sudharmono, a microbiologist.) The web site, Space Station Shadowstar, also showcases items from my brother's collection of autographs and memorabilia.

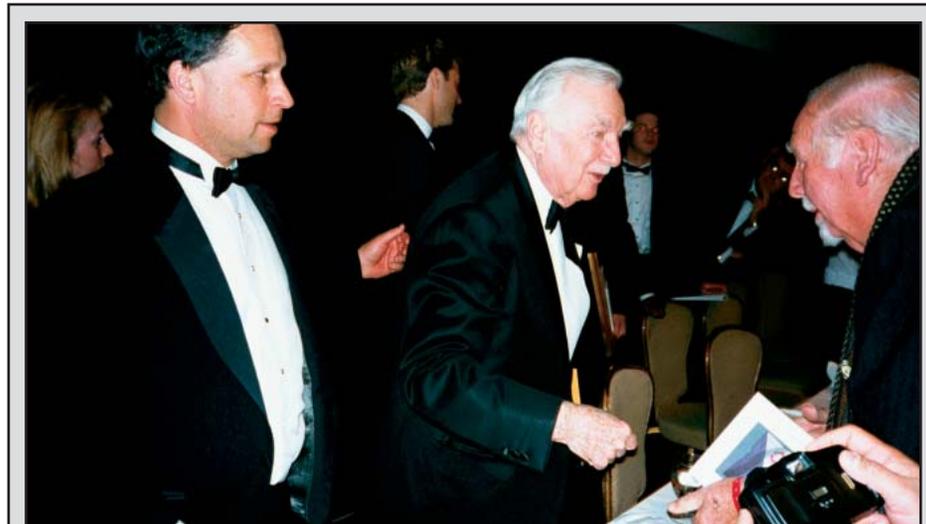
So Hartriono wrote me an email asking if I was interested in going with him. It was \$245 per person, but it was also a once-in-a-lifetime event -- among the guests were Daniel Goldin, NASA administrator, and Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon. (Also originally scheduled to appear were Buzz Aldrin and some shuttle astronauts, but they weren't present at the dinner; Hartriono speculated they may have been abroad for Space Station Mir's re-entry into the atmosphere.) As well, noted science fiction author Sir Arthur C. Clarke would be speaking to the convocation via satellite from his home in Sri Lanka.

Neil Armstrong is now in his early 70's and is known for being fairly reclusive. To be honest, I might never have another chance to meet him in my lifetime. I said yes.

Now, if Hartriono and I really were in a 23rd century Federation STARFLEET, we'd be acclimated to the idea of going to buffets made up of animals not normally encountered on one's dinner table. However, though you come across some pretty interesting things if you were raised in 20th century New York City, none were quite so interesting as the "exotics" served before the dinner: barbecued alligator (prepared Cajun style, of course!), beaver in a burgundy sauce, kangaroo with hearts of palm, sautéed scorpion and fried tarantula. For better or worse, the first serving of the latter two had quickly become depleted and we didn't wait around for the second. The regular dinner was rather mundane fare,

Plimpton), twin camels, a baby lion, a monkey from the Celebes in Indonesia, and a baby wolf. Mr. Fowler spoke at length about the necessity of conservation.

Awarded the Explorers Medal was Colonel Joe Kittinger and Don Walsh. Col. Kittinger (among his other feats) parachuted out of a plane at 105,000 feet in the 1950's as part of basic research for the U.S. Air Force and NACA (NASA's predecessor). As well, he had spent 51 years of flying in 84 different types of aircraft including 5,300 hours in jet fighters. Don Walsh has spent over 40 years in the design, construction and operations of deep submersibles. He was the first commander of the Navy's bathyscape Trieste in 1959, and in January



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by comparison: smoked trout and green apple salad, a main course of sliced filet of beef, with a coconut mango gelato for dessert.

Also prior to the dinner was an exhibition of various items up for silent auction to benefit the Explorers Club. As one might expect, all of them were way out of our price range. Hartriono was fairly drooling over the chance to experience zero-G in a Russian airliner 'til he saw the minimum bid, while I pondered dropping a couple of months' salary for a walk-on role on the series JAG (Belisarius Productions is a patron of the Club). One of the funniest items (to us, anyway) was a tour of the Bronx - in your own car.

One of the first speakers was Jim Fowler of Wild Kingdom fame, who brought with him a menagerie that included a peregrine falcon, an anaconda (that was draped around master of ceremonies George

of 1960, he and Jacques Piccard piloted Trieste to the deepest place in the oceans, Challenger Deep in the Marianas Trench.

One of my childhood heroes, Walter Cronkite, was one of the next to speak. He introduced Sir Arthur C. Clarke as the strains of Richard Strauss's "Also Sprach Zarathustra". Photographs of Sir Arthur were displayed on the screen at the front of the ballroom as he greeted us via satellite from his home near Colombo, Sri Lanka, where he has lived for the last 45 years.

Mr. Cronkite bestowed the President's Award for Communications to Sir Arthur, who had developed the theory of geosynchronous communications satellites while in the Royal Air Force in the 1940's. The two spoke warmly and familiarly, with Cronkite saying that he wouldn't actually send Clarke the award so that he would have an occasion to come to New York City again.

The next award recipient was the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Accepting the Explorers Club Award for Corporation Sponsor of Exploration was Daniel S. Goldin, administrator of the space agency since 1992. The award was given "in recognition of NASA's effort and contribution towards exploration and scientific research, [and] the Explorers Club bestows NASA and all its employees worldwide the recognition they deserve in all their efforts to bring us closer to our world, and showing us what it looks like from afar."

Goldin spoke about expanded human spaceflight and related programs, stating that by the time the young children in the audience were 35, "we will have been a permanent presence on the moon, [and a] permanent presence on Mars." He closed with "and if you're a Trekkie [sic] like me, you understand that the Enterprise is powered by antimatter. Right now, at Penn State University, we're building the first containers for antimatter. Dream on, everybody. We're gonna do it."

Afterwards, Hartriono had a few moments to speak with Goldin, telling him about his website as well as his 1998 display at the Toms River branch of the Ocean County (N.J.) Library commemorating NASA's 40th anniversary.

He also had Goldin sign a June 1986 NASA Fact Files with biographical sketches of the astronauts. Mr. Goldin signed on the cover, then circled the then-current NASA logo. "Get rid of the worm," he said with a wry grin.

Neil Armstrong's speech was far less stirring than that of Mr. Goldin's. As my brother and I had expected, at the conclusion of the ceremony he was immediately hustled off the dais by his four-man escort. (While autographs were not Hartriono's nor my primary reason for attending the dinner, it would have been nice to talk to him for a few minutes.)

It was quite an evening to remember but it was rather sobering to realize how much further we have to go in order to realize some of the dreams my brother and I (and many others) have as fans of Star Trek. The Explorers Club's president, Faanya Rose, had noted: "The primary focus of the explorer's life is to expand the breadth of his or her chosen field.... We must never waiver from our first and fundamental aim: developing our understanding of this world and beyond," while Daniel Goldin had opined, "On the space frontier, you cannot guarantee success. If you want success, and you want to guarantee there won't be failures, stay on the ground."

LORO OF THE RINGS

ON THE NUMENOREANS AND DUNEDAIN AND THE SECOND AGE

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After the elves got their ears clipped at the end of the First Age and Beleriand was sucked up by the sea, the Second Age was largely an age where the elves sprang back, were fooled by Sauron, and the men who had survived escaped to an island known as Numenor but ultimately came to their downfall...

NUMENOR

The men of Beleriand who had escaped, particularly those of the line of Elros, came to an island known as Numenor which was prepared for them by the Valar as a reward for their heroism against Morgoth and also due to the recognition that Elros as a son of Earendil and Elwing was of a noble stock... and so Numenor came to be a great island kingdom. Its inhabitants were tall proud men who live much longer than the backward men of Middle Earth (Elros himself lived for 500 years and ruled Numenor for over 400 years) - still the Numenoreans were mortal men and were thus forbidden to step onto the immortal lands of Aman, even though the lands and shores were within view of the keenest eyes of Numenor.

What ultimately happens to the Numenoreans is that they, and their close relatives who set up colonies along the shores of the remade Middle Earth, who at first bring art and literature and aid to the more primitive men freed from Morgoth, become greedy and tyrannical over the ages and become obsessed with death and an ever-decreasing life span. The Numenoreans after several generations split into two factions - those known as "The Faithful" who maintain their oaths of loyalty to the Valar, and the Numenorean Kings, who seek to dominate Middle Earth and ultimately to challenge the Valar's decree that they must be mortal men.

The Faithful, of the House of Silmarien and Vandalil and the men known as the Lords of Andunie (Andunie was the western city of Numenor) ultimately comes to Earendur and his son Amandil, the Last Lord of Andunie. The Kings of Numenor become more and more corrupt until ultimately they challenge even Sauron to supremacy in Middle Earth, and Sauron is brought as a captive to

Numenor, where he breeds corruption, persecution, and eventually the challenge of the Valar by the Numenoreans.

The end of Numenor comes with the burning of the sacred trees in Numenor, the persecution of The Faithful, and the eventual wrath of Iluvatar who utterly destroys Numenor. Only Amandil (who flees to Aman to seek help but is lost and never heard from again) and Elendil (Amandil's son) and Elendil's sons, Isildur and Anarion and a handful of faithful escape the disaster. These faithful are blown back to Middle Earth in their ships, while Numenor burns and sinks into the sea, killing everyone on the island and forcing Sauron out of his body forever to be a shadow of evil form.

And the world is remade, round, and Aman is removed from sight of men and elves left save for a few who are able to find the way.

Elendil and his sons Isildur and Anarion come to Middle Earth, where Elendil establishes the northern kingdom of Arnor and his sons' establish the southern kingdom of Gondor and build many fortresses including Orthanc (from where eventually Saruman will reign), Minas Anor (which becomes Minas Tirith), Minas Ithil (which is captured by the ringwraiths to be Minas Morgul), and Osgiliath.

THE ELVES WORK

During this time, the elves work being fooled by Sauron and forge the Rings of Power - Celebrimbor, son of Curufin (of the Noldor) forges three rings for the elves - Vilya (The Ring of Air, which is hidden with Elrond), Narya (The Ring of Water, which is hidden with Galadriel), and Narya (The Ring of Fire, which is hidden with Cirdan but he passes it to Gandalf when he arrives on the scene).

Also forged are seven rings which are given to the dwarves (but Sauron is unable to control the dwarves and all but three are lost and those come to Sauron) and nine rings that are given to mortal men and they become Sauron's Nazgul or ringwraiths.

Celebrimbor is eventually slain in the northern kingdom and the three elven rings remain hidden.

Sauron of course forges his One Ring to rule all others and in large part he succeeds but loses his One Ring as we we'll see.

ARNOR and GONDOR

Eventually the elves and Sauron make war over the rings, and the following happens:

- Elendil is slain with Gil-Galad (son of the Noldor elf Fingon) when they assault Sauron's fortress in Barad-Dur in Mordor - Elendil's son Anarion is also slain in this battle, and Elendil's son Isildur uses the shards of Elendil's sword Narsil to cut the ring from Sauron's hand (and the One Ring begins its journey)

- Anarion's heirs begin the line of kings of Gondor while Isildur's heirs carry the kingdoms of the north (from Arnor are borne eventually three kingdoms - Cardolan, Rhudaur, and Arthedain) - Cardolan and Rhudaur fail as kingdoms for a number of reasons (most stemming from the pressures of the ringwraiths which establish a kingdom to their north), and only Arthedain survives through the ages.

Gondor eventually succumbs in some measure when Isildur, carrying the One Ring, is assaulted by orcs, the Ring slips from his finger, and he is killed (and the Ring eventually comes into Gollum's possession). Anarion's line ends with Earnur hundreds of years later when he, the last King of Gondor, challenges the ringwraiths in Minas Morgul and is slain, leaving only the Stewards of Gondor to rule until a rightful king returns.

It's Isildur's line that carries on through the Arthedain Kings who are eventually overthrown with Arvedui, the last Arthedain King, leaving only the Dunedain, or Rangers (of which Aragorn is the last) to watch and wait and guard for the day that Sauron can be overthrown.

THE PALANTIRI

One of the gifts that is brought to Middle Earth by Elendil and his sons are the seven palantiri or "seeing

stones" that are placed in various locations in Middle Earth:

- three are kept in the northern kingdoms of Arnor
- one in Osgiliath
- one in Minas Anor (Minas Tirith) and one in Minas Ithil (Minas Morgul)
- one in Orthanc

Ultimately, the three in the north are lost with Arvedui in the seas of the north (and one is kept by the elves until their return to Aman after the War for the One Ring). The Orthanc stone was held by Saruman, to his downfall, but was recovered by Aragorn, its rightful heir (which he used in part to trick and defeat Sauron and kept after he became king). The stone in Osgiliath was destroyed with the city during the Second Age. The Ithil stone presumably came to Mordor when Minas Ithil was captured by the ringwraiths. The stone in Minas Anor (Minas Tirith) became useless after Denethor II burned himself with it during the end of the War for the One Ring.

NARSIL, THE SWORD BROKEN

Elendil's sword Narsil was broken during the battle at Barad-Dur where Elendil and Gil-Galad and Anarion were slain, but its hilt and shards came to Elrond in Rivendell and were kept through the ages until reforged for Aragorn as the sword Anduril which he used during his battle with Sauron's armies.

THE RINGS

As mentioned, three rings were hidden by the elves, three of seven of the dwarf-rings came to Sauron (four were lost), and none were given to the men who became the ringwraiths. Sauron's One Ring forged by him in the cracks of Mount Doom was found first by Smeagol (Gollum) and then by Bilbo Baggins and ultimately came to Frodo Baggins who fulfilled the quest to bring the ring back to Mount Doom where Gollum bit the ring from his hand and fell with it into the cracks of the mountain, destroying it and Sauron in the process. The rings that belonged to the ringwraiths were held by Sauron and presumably were destroyed with him when Barad-Dur fell (along with the three dwarf rings). The three elf rings went with Galadriel, Elrond, and

Gandalf back over the sea along with the palantir when they left Middle Earth with Bilbo and Frodo.

THE ISTARI (WIZARDS)

A variety of sources list seven wizards who came to Middle Earth in the Second Age as voices against Sauron - of these Gandalf and Saruman were the most prominent, each pursuing opposite methods to what should have been the same end...

Saruman took up lordship in Orthanc and directed the wise men and elves away from the ring so that he could come to possess it himself and replace Sauron as lord of Middle Earth. Gandalf sought to bring others to choose for themselves the path to Sauron's destruction and even after his death in the mines of Moria (at the hands of a Balrog) he returned as Gandalf the White and helped lead the armies to defeat Sauron's forces.

The texts and books suggest that the Istari were Maiar (the demigods of the Valar).

COMPLICATIONS AND SURPRISES

Interestingly, none of the major heroes - Gandalf or Aragorn or anyone else - cause the downfall of Sauron...

Denethor, Steward of Gondor kills himself when Sauron who causes him to see false images in the palantir drives him mad. Denethor's son Boromir dies after he tries to steal the One Ring from Frodo and he is slain by orcs.

Gandalf is forbidden by his nature to interfere directly, even though he leads men and elves to fight against Sauron.

Aragorn leads armies but doesn't announce himself openly until nearly the end and although he regains control of the Orthanc stone and fools Sauron into an early and hasty attack, he has nothing to do with the One Ring's destruction and Sauron's downfall.

Saruman is corrupted from good and ultimately is killed after he is reduced to nothing.

It's Frodo and Sam, who get the One Ring to Mount Doom, and Gollum, who bites the ring from Frodo's hand and falls with it into the cracks of the mountain who ultimately win the day for all.

ARAGORN THE KING

In the end, however, the elves and our hobbit heroes go over the sea, taking with them the remnants of three ages, the remaining rings, the palantir, and so forth, and the age of men is ushered in (the appendices of *Lord of the Rings* suggest that eventually even the last elves led by Cirdan sail away over the sea).

Aragorn then becomes the leader of men and unifies kingdoms, and in the oddest twist, Elrond's only surviving child, Arwen (his daughter by Celebrian who is actually Galadriel's daughter) chooses (like his father was given the choice of mortality

or immortality) to be a mortal and live her life out with Aragorn, this bringing elves and men back together and ushering in the age of men.

So here's how it plays out and how Aragorn comes to be...

The Noldor elf Idril marries the man Tuor and they have the son Earendil. Luthien, daughter of the Sindar elf Elwe Thingol and Melian the Maiar marries the man Beren and they have a son, Dior who marries the Sindar elf Nimloth and they have a daughter Elwing.

Elwing and Earendil have two sons, Elrond and Elros.

Elros gives rise to the Numenorean Kings and the Faithful. Of the Faithful, Elendil has the sons Isildur and Anarion.

Anarion's line ends but Isildur's line survives through the Arthedain Kings and then the Dunedain Rangers, the last of whom is Aragorn. Aragorn marries Arwen, daughter of Elrond.

And that's about it.

If you think about it then... Aragorn is the most intriguing character (in my opinion) since he has in him the blood of men, elves, and even Maiar in him (since Elros was his ancestor) and Arwen the same (since Elrond is her ancestor).

It all comes together!

RESOURCES

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

The official *Lord of the Rings* web site at <http://www.lordoftherings.net/> lists the release dates for the three films as:

The Fellowship of the Ring - December 19, 2001

The Two Towers - Holiday 2002

The Return of the King - Holiday 2003

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

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

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Greeting fellow being, it has been way too long since my last confession so I'll confess to everyone here today.

Some of you may know me, and some of you may not, so let me introduce myself. My name is Captain / Colonel Chris Esquibel and I am the Officer in Charge (OIC) of STARFLEET Marine Corps Fourth Brigade in Region 4. It's my job to get the word out in my region about STARFLEET Marine Corps (SFMC) & STARFLEET (SFI) and that's why I'm here today!

You may be asking yourself, why is this person writing this article...well, I'm glad you asked me that, I'm here to promote STARFLEET Marine Corps & my Brigade. Now, let me ask you something, what's the driving force for you, the reader of this article right now that gets you interested in an organization like STARFLEET? Is it the fun, the excitement & thrills of

FOURTH BRIGADE STEPS OUT!

By Colonel Christopher Esquibel, 4th Brigade OIC

conventions, events, etc, all relating to Star Trek & Science Fiction? Is it the all the interesting people we meet along the way, like the women that carries a whip around with her all the time and uses it for who knows what, but I'm not naming names though :)

SFMC is a component of SFI, whose members include real veterans and active duty military as well as people who just prefer a 'military flavor' to their Star Trek fan activities. The SFMC is organized along traditional military lines, in the same manner as SFI. However, instead of being organized along Navy lines, and using terms such as 'Ships' or 'Shuttles', the SFMC uses ground force equivalents such as 'Brigades' or 'Strike Groups'. Members of the SFMC are dedicated to the same principles as other members of SFI, including community service

and charity fund raising. However, because so many of our members identify with the real-world military, a significant amount of our focus is on organizations that associate with or assist military members, veterans and their families. SFI & SFMC all have the same goals and dreams just like everyone else in this larger-than-life group of men, women, and children, and that is to have fun and enjoy the time we spend with each other, and that's what STARFLEET is about and that is what STARFLEET Marine Corps are all about as well.

The SFMC is free to join as long as you are a member of SFI. SFMC has its own Academy ranging from Aero Space to Special Operations and all the courses are fun, exciting, and free to all members. Makes it nice on the pockets doesn't it.

One of the things that SFMC offers are awards in which you can earn and wear on uniforms that are approved by the SFMC and they look fantastic. Guys, let me tell you a little secret, I shouldn't tell you, but the women dig the uniform. And women, think of the advantages of a well-trained man as your right hand man. You can have a nice looking slave in uniform, who can resist that!

SFMC has so much more to offer that we can't fit it all in this article, so, men, women and children, if you're interested in finding out more info about the STARFLEET Marine Corps, check out our website at: <http://www.sfi-sfmc.org> or if you live in Region 4 and would like more info about the fourth brigade, check out our site at: <http://4thbde.sfi-sfmc.org>

Our operators are standing by and we would love to hear from you, so call now!

Greetings all! Welcome to my Science Hall here on the U.S.S. Stormbringer. I am, of course, Commander Damon Schoonover, Chief Science Dude and resident mad scientist-at-large. My normal report deals with the events and pitfalls at NASA. However, this report will not be much about NASA, as not much as happened at NASA. Just know that so far the International Space Station is still in space, and the Mars Odyssey robot craft is but a mere few months from arrival (assuming the Mars Orbital Defense System doesn't shoot it down, or NASA can't figure out the difference between meters and feet.) So, I wish to take this time to speak of the past, present and hopeful future of space exploration, specifically about the fourth planet in our star system, Mars. If you need to go to the bathroom during this presentation, just hit the space bar and go, but make sure to not step on anyone (or thing!) on the way back to your seat.

This past Monday, I finally saw the other Mars movie from last summer, "Red Planet." Val Kilmer, Carrie Ann-Moss (Trinity from "The Matrix"), Tom Sizemore (Sergeant Horvath from "Saving Private Ryan"), et al. For those of you who have not seen the movie, it is about a mission to Mars to discover why the algae sent ahead to start terraforming Mars by creating oxygen in the atmosphere has all vanished. From the beginning orbital scenes to the landing, from space-borne threats to bad stuff on the ground, "Red Planet" tells a very believable story, especially from a technical viewpoint. The ship these intrepid humans take to Mars and back is so large that it must be built on orbit. It has 2 counter rotating wheels for artificial gravity. It has big engines. It has a handy moonshine still in Biolab 1. It even has an artificially intelligent main computer that doesn't promptly go nuts on them.

"Red Planet" got me to a'thinkin. Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin set the most famous footsteps EVER on the dusty lunar service just 1 year and not quite 3 months after I was born. Apollo took us to the moon just 6 more times, though Apollo 13 had its little problem and didn't get to land. Apollo 17, the last Apollo mission, happened in December of 1972. We have not been back since. In fact, no human has made it past low earth orbit. Sure, NASA has sent probes to all the planets in our system except Pluto. Robots. Arthur C. Clarke said we should be at Jupiter by 2001. Werner Von Braun that we would be on Mars by the 80's. Where has the dream gone? Where are the dreamers? In Hollywood, of course. And, some in the real world are still working towards this goal.

I wish to talk about the way "Red Planet" conjectures our way to Mars, and talk about some very real hardware being developed for this very mission. Anybody wanna go? I do!

I will break this down into several parts;

MARS — IS IT OUR FUTURE?

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the ship, the ground units, terraforming (earthaforming??), Life !?!, and Disaster Recovery (or, help!). But first, the why. Why go to Mars? Why have a Space Program? Why send people into such a dangerous environment? Why? Because Human Beings Are Explorers. We like mysteries, and we really like solving them. We like to be the first to see something, go somewhere, and experience something that betters our race. We like to share our discoveries with others. We like to share our experiences with others. We like to share our dinner with others. We like... or someone say dinner??. And Finally, Because It Is There. Why do people climb Mount Himalaya?? Why do they dive the Great Barrier Reef in Australia?? Because it is there. Seems like a good enough reason to me.

Now for the ship. Gotta have a ship. Did you know that over 90% of the Space Shuttle's weight at lift-off is fuel?? Liquid Hydrogen and Liquid Oxygen. Bring them together, strike a match, and Boom! Lotsa thrust out the back, enough to throw the Shuttle at 17,500 miles per hour into orbit around our nice blue planet. Because Mars 1 will have to take enough fuel to get to Mars and back, and the fact that our Mars crew of 4, 8, 12 or 16 will need food and water, radiation shielding, bathroom facilities (not located in or near an airlock,) sleeping facilities, and of course scientific and technical equipment and spares (for the still,) the Mars 1 ship will be big, expensive, and have to be built in orbit. Luckily, NASA even now is in the process of learning how to build something big, bulky and expensive on orbit; the erector set project called ISS Alpha, still in orbit (and not about to crash either.)

Since we don't want our astronauts to be as weak as kittens when they do get to Mars, some kind of artificial gravity will be needed. Now, since we haven't mastered the Graviton particle yet, another way must be found. Of course, the logical way to do this is through spinning some or all of the spacecraft around a central point. Counter-rotating rings will work, as they spin around the central axis of the ship, and will cancel each other's momentum transferred to the ship. The plan is to gradually slow the rings down on the trip to Mars in order to acclimate the crew to the approximately .38 earth gravity of Mars. And on their way home, to gradually speed up the rings to get the crew re-acclimated to Earth gravity.

Okay, so they made it to Mars. Now, it's time to land and explore. While where there, we will need someplace to park our boots, booties, and beers. Robert Zubrin, a former Senior Engineer at Lockheed Martin, wrote a presentation to NASA

called "Mars Direct." In it, Zubrin and two other engineers gave a very well thought out concept for the quick and relatively inexpensive exploration of Mars. He proposes that the crew living quarters and ascent vehicle could be sent to Mars without fuel! This would save much on weight, allowing more consumables (air, water, food) and equipment to be sent to Mars. Now, obviously, a vehicle capable of returning the ground crew to the orbiting ship must have some go juice. Well, the plan calls for the ship to make it's own fuel from resources on Mars (in-situ, in tech speak.) Our little ascent vehicle will be powered by methane and oxygen. It will make both from the carbon dioxide atmosphere of Mars and 6 tonnes of Hydrogen sent with it from Earth. This will not only drive the ascent vehicle, but also provide fuel for a Mars dune buggy and atmospheric oxygen for breathing.

Zubrin's plan calls for the launching every 2 years of landers and living quarters to Mars, and of crews that often as well. This would begin to provide a very large amount of space for explorers, as each lander can be moved to close proximity to one another, then connected with pressurized tubes. This, in a very short time we can have a little village on Mars. The Mars Direct equipment can be easily adapted for Moon Direct missions. For the moon, the lander will have to carry Liquid Oxygen with it, since the moon doesn't have an atmosphere.

Now, we're on Mars. Nice place to visit, but kinda cold and foreboding for a living space. So, let's see if we can improve on the current conditions. In "Red Planet" we earthers had already seeded the surface of Mars close to the frozen arctic regions with algae. You know, the green stuff that floats on the ocean and makes lots of oxygen. Another way would be to generate heat on Mars with the release of large amounts of Greenhouse gasses into the atmosphere. This would also increase the atmosphere pressure. Since heating Mars would probably keep the temperature above the freezing level of water, plant life could be grown in the open, creating oxygen and further increase atmospheric pressure. And, eventually, allowing us to walk the field of Mars in shirtsleeves.

Terraforming Mars will take time. So, while we are setting up a little home away from home on the Red Planet, we will still be exploring and searching for another prize: Life. Not terrestrial life, not us, and probably not little green men, but somewhere on, or in, Mars may be microbial life or the fossils of it. Perhaps the life on Mars will take a form similar to Earth life, or very different. We may have difficulty identifying it. We may be allergic

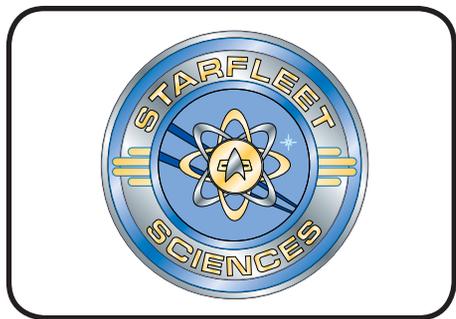
to it. Or, it may just not like us. Still, the presence, or absence, of life on Mars would go a long way in answering that oft-asked question: Are we alone? Is our human existence the only place God or Fate or The-Little-Old-Lady-Who-Lived-In-A-Shoe decided to put the greatest gift ever given? Or, might there be other peoples on other worlds we have not even detected yet? The answers are out there, and they are lonely. Let's go give em some lovin'!

Okay, so we have a way to get to Mars, a place to hang our hat when we get there, and idea about earthaforming this rock, and a great quest. But what happens when you run over a nail 30 miles from base and get a flat or the battery goes dead and you can't start the RV. Now what? Well, you can't call On*Star, and AAA doesn't have any space tow ships yet. So, you get out your handy Swiss-army knife, duct tape, and chewing gum and have at it. Yes, NASA does have tools with a little more sophistication, but the point is that if something breaks on your spaceship or the ground habitation, the crew will be required to fix it. And if they need ground support, the turnaround for communications is something like 40 minutes.

Now, NASA trains it's astronauts for months and months for just about every emergency or problem that can erupt during a mission. But Space Shuttle mission last 8 or so days. A trip to Mars will last years. So, while training and protocol can handle almost any problem, the crew will need to be intimately familiar with their craft and equipment, will need drawings and blueprints of every piece of equipment on the ship, spare parts and the tools for the job. Rest assured that before the Mars 1 vehicle gets 1 inch towards Mars, they will prepare for just about everything.

Well, there it is; my take on the question of Mars, why, when and how. Hopefully you learn something; I know I have. Researching this article opened my eyes to a great deal of information available about this subject. Also you will find that the private organizations dedicated to space exploration (The Mars Society, The Planetary Society, the Nations Space Society, et al.) are on the World Wide Web. Also, if you are interested in reading more about Zubrin's Mars Direct plan, go to (<http://www.nw.net/mars>) and read the briefing papers. And for the kiddies out there, (<http://www.lego.com/mars>) has the scoop on some really neat Life on Mars series toys. Man, why do all the cool toys come out after I am too old to play with them!

Oh, by the way. If you do feel strongly, for or against, the exploration of the Moon, Mars and the outer planets by humans, write, call, email, throw tomatoes at your Senators, Representatives and the President until they hear our voices and put more support into our National Space Program and NASA. These guys and gals are supposed to do what we tell them, right!?



ON THE HUMANOID CONDITION

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This is the first of a three part series dealing with human(oid) physiology, and dividing the series into the cardiovascular, musculoskeletal, and neuroendocrine systems. A fourth article will discuss advances in medicine and surgery through the 21st-24th century as they relate to cardiovascular, musculoskeletal, and neuroendocrine physiology. So let's begin!

The **cardiovascular system** is the system that deals with the transport of blood, oxygen, nutrients, and wastes between tissues in the body. We'll focus on the human cardiovascular system as a starting point for understanding cardiovascular physiology in humanoid species in general. The cardiovascular system is made of a pump [the heart(s)] and the conduit system [the blood vessels] - what will be most interesting is to perhaps follow the course of blood through the body and in the process learn about the system as we go.

We'll begin in the (human) 4-chambered heart, made of two **atria** and two **ventricles** which when viewed facing the person are arranged with the atria toward the head and the ventricles toward the feet and body. The atria in general are the entry chambers for blood returning to the heart and the ventricles are the chambers from which blood leaves the heart...

Blood from the body (low in oxygen since this is blood whose oxygen content has already been used by the tissues and organs) enters the heart through thin-walled blood vessels known as **veins** (specifically the superior vena cava from the head and upper right quadrant and the inferior vena cava from the rest of the body. When the atrium is filled, a valve opens (called the tricuspid valve, as it has three 'leaflets' or 'cusps') and this blood enters the right ventricle. From here, it leaves the right ventricle through another valve, called the pulmonary valve where it enters the pulmonary trunk and then the right and left pulmonary arteries (note: all arteries carry blood out of the heart, all veins carry blood to the heart) - these pulmonary arteries lead to the lungs, where oxygen is passed along from the alveoli (air sacs) into small capillaries (the capillaries of the body are the smallest vessels which are porous and allow for exchange of nutrients and gases between the blood and tissues of the body). It is here in the lungs that oxygen is passed to the capillaries and carbon dioxide is passed from the capillaries to the alveoli for us to exhale.

Blood then begins its trip back to the heart through 4 pulmonary veins all of which enter the left atrium. This is now blood that is highly oxygenated since it has passed through the lungs. When the left atrium

fills, a valve opens between the left atrium and left ventricle called the bicuspid or mitral valve (it has 2 leaflets or cusps) and the blood passes into the left ventricle, which is a thick muscle-lined chamber on the left side of the heart. Blood is pumped from the left ventricle through the aortic valve into the aorta, the largest artery in the body. Once in the aorta, the blood goes to two places - first, into left and right coronary arteries to supply blood to the heart muscle itself and second, through the aorta into all the other arteries of the body.

The trip through the aorta is a complex one:

- the aorta 'arches' underneath the sternum and gives off a number of branches...
- the brachiocephalic artery provides blood to the right arm and upper torso, right side of the neck, and right side of the head (off of the right common carotid artery)
- the left common carotid artery provides blood to the right side of the neck and head
- the left subclavian artery provides blood to the left arm and upper torso

The aorta then descends through the chest cavity giving off branches to the chest wall and structures, it then passes through the diaphragm (the muscle that separates the chest and abdominal cavities) to become the abdominal aorta which gives off:

- the phrenic arteries to the muscular diaphragm
- the suprarenal arteries to the adrenal glands that sit atop the kidneys
- the left and right renal arteries to the kidneys
- a number of arteries to the contents of the abdomen
- then splits into the right and left common iliac arteries

These common iliac arteries will give off internal iliac arteries that supply blood to the inner aspects of the upper legs and pelvic areas, and the external iliac arteries, which will descend into the legs

Once blood reaches the smallest arteries (called arterioles) it then enters the capillaries that are very small blood vessels formed by single cells whose cell-to-cell junctions are porous, allowing for movement of dissolved substances between the blood and tissues. In the capillaries, oxygen, nutrients, and hormones are transported into the tissues and carbon dioxide and wastes are transported into the blood through small post-capillary venules and into the veins and ultimately back to the superior and inferior vena cavae that re-enter the right atrium of the heart.

There are of course some variations on this basic theme:

- certain species are known to have redundant hearts, usually that provide

independent blood supplies to the left and right or upper and lower parts of the body - certain species have three or more lungs And so forth.

Generally, right-left redundant systems has separate cardio-pulmonary systems with redundant heart-lungs located either right to left in the chest cavity or superior-inferiorly in the chest and/or abdominal cavities.

What The Cardiovascular System Does: The cardiovascular system serves a number of vital functions, including:

- the transport of blood, cells, nutrients, gases, salts, and hormones back and forth between the various tissues and organs
- the delivery of oxygen to the brain and tissues and carbon dioxide and wastes to the lungs and other waste organs for removal from the body
- the maintenance of fluid pressure (that is, blood pressure) that enables fluid dynamics to function properly
- maintenance of body temperature in both the core organs and the extremities

And there are a number of specialized trips that blood makes to various organs:

- all blood passes through the liver, where toxins and wastes are removed (many are stored as bile in the gall bladder and many more are chemically modified to be removed) - this is known as the **hepatic or liver circulation**
- all blood passes through the kidneys, which are nothing more than a collection of many capillaries - in the kidneys wastes are filtered through micro-organs called glomeruli (some products such as salts and sugars are reabsorbed, water is reabsorbed, and the concentrated liquid that is left over is excreted as **urine**)

The Heart Is A Pump And A Battery
In order for blood to be circulated through the body from the heart, it has to be pumped out of the heart under pressure, which means the heart muscle has to be able to contract to push blood out. Heart muscle, like nerve tissue, is capable of conducting electrical impulses. Electrical activity in the heart begins in an area of heart muscle in the wall of the right atrium called the sinoatrial node (or SAN for short). This is the 'pacemaker' for the heart that sets the rate and rhythm (usually about 100 beats per minute) and emits electrical impulses to another pace-setter in the wall between the two atria and two ventricles called the atrioventricular node (or AVN for short) which lowers the pace to 40-60 beats per minute) and allows the impulses to reach special heart muscle cells in the ventricle walls called Purkinje Fibers (which pace about 40 beats per minute). The pace tissues of the heart, combined with nervous system control and hormonal input set a normal heart rate for an adult of 60-80 beats per

minute (and in a child or infant of about 100 beats per minute).

The electrical activity of the heart is monitored by a test called an electrocardiograph (or ECG for short, often referred to as an EKG). The EKG measures the electrical activity associated with the contraction of the atria (the **P WAVE** noted on the EKG diagram), the contraction of the ventricles (the **QRS COMPLEX** noted on the EKG diagram), and the relaxation of the ventricles (the **T WAVE** noted on the EKG diagram). An EKG can be used to measure the rate and rhythm of the heart as well as abnormalities (seen after heart attacks, trauma, and such).

Under Pressure

As noted, the heart also helps maintain blood pressure in all the tissues by pumping blood out of the heart under high pressures. The pumping of blood occurs during a phase of the heart function known as systole and the relaxation (and filling) of the heart occurs during a phase called diastole - logically, the pressure during systole is higher than the pressure during diastole, and we measure blood pressure (with a device called a sphygmomanometer) in terms of a systolic pressure (SBP) and diastolic pressure (DBP)... a 'normal' or better described 'healthy' blood pressure is a SBP under 140 and a DBP under 90 (So 140/90 is the American Heart Association limit at which hypertension or high blood pressure is considered).

And Now For Something Completely Different

Here are some interesting facts about the heart and cardiovascular system:

- a pacemaker is a device implanted under the skin of the chest wall that shocks the heart into a normal rate and rhythm (the device used by the 24th century is much more complex, called a cardiostimulator) and the first externally worn, battery-powered pacemaker was developed by Earl Bakken in 1957
- Drs. Kouwenhoven, Knickerbocker, and Jude discovered the benefit of chest compression to achieve a small amount of artificial circulation - mouth-to-mouth and chest compression combined to form CPR similar to the way it is practiced today.
- the first cardiac transplant was performed in 1967 by Dr. Christian Bernard (of course, by Picard's day, synthetic hearts are used)
- when you go to the dentist or doctor and are asked to take antibiotics before surgery and other procedures, it's because some people with 'heart murmurs' have abnormalities of their heart valves such as **mitral valve regurgitation** that increases the likelihood that bacteria can enter the blood stream and land on the heart valves causing them to malfunction or stop working
- medications used for the heart (and blood pressure) usually work either by dilating (opening up) the blood vessels (this lowering the blood pressure, an example would be nitroglycerine), decreasing the contractile force of the heart making it work less hard (nitroglycerin also does this), by helping the body shed off excess fluid (diuretics like the **thiazides** do this), or altering the electrical or contractile function of the heart (there are a lot of medicines that do this)



FLEET ACTIVITY REPORT

BY FLEET CAPTAIN DIXIE JACK, CQ SUMMARIES COORDINATOR

Voyager parties abound! All across STARFLEET chapters bid adieu to the latest incarnation of the Star Trek franchise. Ships found many ways of mourning (and celebrating) the end of Voyager. Many had parties in homes, at bars and in restaurants. Many received press coverage and some even had parties in conjunction with local TV and radio stations.

Also during May and June summits and conference were held in many regions. Region 3 had its annual Summit in June, as did Region 13. Region 12 sponsored picnics in both the Kansas and Missouri sectors.

Even if it wasn't a regional event many chapters took the beginning of summer as a reason to get together with their fellow Fleeters and have fun.

REGION 1

USS AEON, NCC-75022

Crew members participated in the MS Walk-a-thon by walking or sponsoring others.

USS ALARIC, NCC-503

Coupon coordinator reported that over \$39,000.00 worth of coupons has been collected in 2001.

USS ASGARD, NCC-72402

Participated with the USS Columbus and other area Star Trek clubs in Operation Feed. Contributed over 3,000 pounds of food for an area food bank. An away team visited Marcon where they enjoyed special guests Gary Lockwood, Jack Donner and Richard Hatch.

USS ATHENA, NCC-51896

Celebrated the Athena's fifth anniversary at the Goddard Space Flight Center. Had a craft day to create book covers and bookmarks that will be offered for sale at Shore Leave. Received permission to establish the Julien Fleming Memorial Fund to help other children in similar circumstances.

BENNU STATION, SFR-119

Enjoyed three movie nights in the month of May. Presented a \$200.00 scholarship to

a Gatlinburg-Pitman High School Senior. Aided at a gospel music concert. Enjoyed visits to the USS Aries and a local TGI Fridays. Received a visit from the Commandant of the Marines.

USS BONAVENTURE, NCC-102-A

Visited a Civil War Gun exhibit at Greensboro Historical Museum.

USS COLUMBUS, NCC-72401

Participated with the USS Asgard and other local Star Trek clubs in Operation Feed, a food drive for a local food bank. Fleet Captain Mike Walter was interviewed by the local media. Crew members attended the Marcon Science Fiction and Fantasy Convention in Columbus, Ohio. First annual Talaxian Cookoff was held.

USS DOMINATOR, NCC-18076

Manned rest stops at the American Diabetes Association's Tour-de Cure bike marathon. Participated in the NC/SC "Lunch Crowd" outing to the Charleston Riverdogs baseball game and enjoyed a pizza outing afterwards. Away teams participated in a tour of the International Space Station exhibit in Charlotte followed by a get together at a local fun park.

SHUTTLE GREY GHOST, NCC-75001

Enjoyed a quiet month as members played cards and went out for pizza.

USS HEIMDAL, NCC-1793

Entertained a guest speaker from Cruises Inc. who spoke about travel scams and how to protect yourself. Ship issued a challenge to all Region 1 ships to raise funds at the Summit to send a child to Space Camp. Collections have begun for various charitable organizations.

USS HORNET, NCC-1714-D

Monthly meeting turned into a coupon clipping party for the OCP. All hands pitched in to make short work of a large stack of coupons. Canned food was collected and donated to Charlotte Has Heart. Hornet Night out was held at the Long Horn Restaurant in May.

USS JAMESTOWN, NCC-1843-D

Two members regularly volunteered at the Virginia Air and Space Center. Hosted Stupid Movie night and Coupon Cutting

Party for the OCP. Members clipped over \$4000.00 worth of coupons. After regular monthly meeting, members hurried to the USS Maat's meeting site to surprise the Fleet Captain Wilcox and her crew. An away team also visited the Maat's annual Casino Night. The Jamestown's annual picnic was held at Bethel Park in Hampton. Though the picnic was cut short by inclement weather, members had the time to enjoy card games and remote control races.

USS JURASSIC, NCC-3500

Members celebrating awards earned at the Region 1 summit. Making afghans for several children services centers. Amateur radio enthusiasts onboard are trying to make contact with the ISS. Though they have located their signal tone, voice contact has not yet been made. Participated in the American Radio Relay League Field Day weekend. Contacted members from around the world.

USS MAAT, NCC-1794-A

Chapter raised \$135.00 at the annual yard sale. Crew members attended training in order to volunteer at a local amphitheater.

USS NORMANDY, NCC-36000

Crew members participated in many service projects such as volunteering at local fire departments and police athletic leagues, Department of Children's Services, Salvation Army and other local charities and organizations.

USS QUESTAR, NCC-75435

Crew voted to adopt a unit as a part of Operation Eagle. The 159th MSG celebrated their 5th anniversary. Crew attended a RiverRats game as the monthly activity.

USS RONALD E MCNAIR, NCC-61809

Crew members attended the USS Star League's tenth anniversary party. Other members journeyed to Charleston to enjoy baseball with the USS Dominator. Crew regretfully bid goodbye to a member who is moving to California. An away team participated in a mini golf and laser tag event with other area ships.

USS STAR LEAGUE, NCC-2101

Tenth anniversary party was held with many STARFLEET guests in attendance.

Entertainment included dramatic readings and videos as well as "training exercises". Food was eaten and stories were told and a lot of fun was had by all. Crewmembers volunteered at a local comic book convention. An away team participated in a mini-golf and laser tag event with other area ships.

USS STARWARD FURY, NCC-2122

An away team led by the XO visited the Fayetteville Botanical Gardens.

USS TEMPEST, NCC-21566

Members attended the Reprisal Mountain Rally as well as meetings.

U.S.S. TYCHO, NCC-59325

Crew enjoyed an evening of Lost in Space trivia followed by dinner at a local restaurant. It was the most successful trivia event to date.

USS VINDICATOR, NCC-74212

Members attended the Vindicator's tenth anniversary party.

USS WEST VIRGINIA, NCC-2008

Away team visited the Make It So Con in Cleveland. Crew members are creating cross stitch bookmarks to be presented to a local library for their summer reading program.

USS YEAGER, NCC-61893

Members participated in a model rocketry fly-in at Nellie's Cave Park and Picnic

REGION 2

USS BLACKSTAR, NCC-75003

Members participated in monthly away mission to Outland Station for recruitment drive. Recruitment efforts also underway at Sunshine Roleplayers. Crew took time off from recruitment to enjoy some playing of their own at the home of a new member.

USS CONTINUUM, NCC-71821

Ship raised over \$350.00 at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event. Crew members decorated the inside of their tent with stars and played Star Trek sound tracks in keeping with the Relay's music theme. The crew welcomed four chapters and long distance members to the annual camping trip. Good food and great games

marked the event.

DARK SILENCE STATION, SS-007

Away teams participated in two fund raising events the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and Florence AL's annual Sweetwater Day's fair. In addition the crew raised money for the ships charities, cerebral palsy and Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

USS DRÄKENFIRE, NCC-71822

Crew members celebrated the wedding of two of their own. Science and Engineering departments enjoyed an away team mission to the B'ham Museum. Another away team visited Springfield's annual Springfest. They enjoyed good food and fun dealers as well as a glimpse into life in the past. Crew members enjoyed a tour of the Huntsville Space and Rocket center and the Hephaestus annual cookout.

USS DRACO, NCC-78501

Crewmembers participated in a tour of the Huntsville Space and Rocket center with other STARFLEET chapters. An away team also participated in a cookout with the Hephaestus.

USS HAISE, NCC-74664

The ship welcomed a new CO onboard and planned activities for the summer.

USS HEPHAESTUS, NCC-2004

Members participated in a movie night. Ship hosted its annual cookout and hosted visitors from many area STARFLEET chapters.

USS JUBILEE, NCC-57299

Ship participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life with the USS Continuum. Joined the USS Okatoma in the Okatoma Days parade. Joined chapters from around the region in touring the Huntsville Space and Rocket Center.

USS KHAI TAM, NCC-81000

Crew participated in the Captain's Poker Night, which also included an informal meeting.

SHUTTLE LIBERTY, NCC-71821-01

Shuttle participated in the USS Continuum's annual campout. Plans for commissioning are continuing as are recruitment efforts.

USS ROGUE PHOENIX, NCC-75005

Savannah and Statesboro Clubs held their meetings at area restaurants. A Captains Table was hosted at a local restaurant. Crewmembers enjoyed a game night at the Tybee Island Community center. An away team traveled to Region 1 to attend the Make It So convention in Cleveland.

USS SPIRITWALKER, NCC-31097

Contributed pet food to the Decatur Animal shelter. Also contributed to a local food bank. Crew members enjoyed a tour of Space Day Camp at the Huntsville Space and Rocket Center.

USS TRIDENT, NCC-74692

Crew members enjoyed numerous movie nights.

USS TRIUMPH, NCC-26228

Two away team missions were held, one to

play miniature golf and one to attend the Ft. Lauderdale Air and Sea show.

USS WERNHER VON BRAUN, NCC-72069

Crew members volunteered at the Panoply Arts Festival. Duties included greeting attendees and keeping attendance count. An away team saw the Mummy Returns after the regular meeting. Crew members attended the tour of the Huntsville Space and Rocket center with other Region 2 ships.

USS YAMATO, NCC-71807

Attended the Hephaestus annual cookout.

REGION 3

USS ARK ANGEL, NCC-74662

A ship's Dodge Ball tournament was held on the NES. Color Guard and Combat Demo teams are readying for Summit.

USS AURORA VULCANUS, NCC-1888

Members attended the Star Wars exhibit at the Houston Museum of Natural science. Some members volunteered at the local hurricane conference to prepare for the upcoming hurricane season.

USS. BEXAR, NCC-71718

New member is interested in starting a shuttle in Laredo. Chapter is working with him to make that a reality. Members attended the Texas Folk Life Festival and enjoyed it greatly!

USS JOAN OF ARC, NCC-73289

Celebrated May birthdays by watching movies, having water gun wars, eating good food and drinking Romulan Ale. Crewmembers manned the telephone banks for the local PBS station. Participants had a lot of fun and received a good bit of airtime.

USS MORNING STAR, NCC-4126

Contributed over \$100.00 to various charities including, the Salvation Army, Human Society, Oklahoma School for the Blind and a local women's shelter. Also contributed to the OCP and the Ronald McDonald House Charities Aluminum Pull Tab program. Celebrated the CO's birthday in grand style.

USS PANTHER CITY, NCC-63543

Crew members attended the Scarborough Renaissance Festival. An away team visited the USS Comanche's Annual Casino night and had a terrific time. Also on the agenda for May were trips to a roller rink and laser tag. The month ended with a Memorial Day party with lots of fun and good food.

USS QUANAH PARKER, NCC-73628

Members participated in a Fundraiser night at a local restaurant. Money was raised for Ronald McDonald House meals that were served by the crew later in the month.

USS RAVEN'S CLAW, NCC-72202

Crew enjoyed a movie trip to see Doctor Doolittle 2. Movie was preceded by a trip to McDonald's.

USS RHYANNA, NCC-1892

Crewmember is working with Literacy Austin to teach people to read. Tomato

products were delivered to the Hill County Ministries for their food pantry. Crew enjoyed their annual visit to Schlitterbaun Water Park.

REGION 4

USS ANGELES, NCC-71840

Crew members enjoyed many activities including miniature golf, barbecues and the Region 4 Challenge Bowling.

USS ANGELFIRE, NCC-75025

An away team volunteered at Country thunder to raise money for Cowboys for Kids, a local charity. Ship celebrated its one-year anniversary.

USS AUGUSTA ADA, NCC-55011

Away team attended the BayCon Science Fiction convention in San Jose.

CASCADE STATION, NCC-SS0003

Ship conducted an Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup. Crewmembers participated in regional bowling challenge.

USS HIGHROLLER, NCC-23104

Members held a baby shower for the Captain who is expecting. Chief Science officer sponsored a star gazing night.

K'EHLEYR STATION, NCC-SS009

Crew welcomed back the Captain who was on an extended away mission to Saudi Arabia. Away teams participated in a variety of events including movie trips, bowling, game playing nights, dinner nights, and stargazing evenings.

USS NORTHERN LIGHTS, NCC-27001

Crew members enjoyed a movie night this month. Also celebrated the former XO's birthday with food and fun.

USS OBERON, NCC-71820

Crew hosted an Anime movie night to raise money for the Diane Morgan Fund.

USS PEACEKEEPER, NCC-72300

Participated in regional bowling challenge.

USS STORMBRINGER, NCC-74213

Chapter unveiled its new website.

REGION 5

SHUTTLE ACHILLES, NCC-97301/1

Shuttle hosted a bowling event that was attended by members of other local chapters. The crew celebrated their launch as a shuttle with a party, meeting and great snacks.

USS BRIGHT STAR, NCC-71875

Crewmembers attended events with local Klingon groups. Events included an art show and a BBQ.

USS CRUSADER, NCC-74711

An away team participated in the 25th annual Spokane Bloomsday Race. It is the largest timed road race in the US. Members donated food for the Second Harvest Food Bank of Spokane.

USS DESTINY, NCC-97301

An away team traveled to Portland to participate in the Shuttle Achilles' Bowling

Challenge. Later in the month another away team participated in the Achilles' launch party. Members also traveled to Hood River to ride the Mount Hood Railroad, which provided scenic views of Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams.

SHUTTLE GREYWOLF, NCC-75016-01

Away teams joined the USS Kensington to see The Mummy Returns and to spend Memorial Day weekend at Grayback Gulch.

USS JAGUAR, NCC-74750

Joined independent Klingon Chapters to visit a museum showing art work from the first season of Star Trek - TNG. Crewmembers tested a new game, which met with everyone's approval. Also attended the Super Saturday event, which featured two KAG chapters performing Hamlet in the original Klingon. An authentic Klingon buffet was also featured.

USS RUBICON, NCC-71816

The crew was the subject of an article in the local newspaper. Crew members were honored with an award at the WalkAmerica thank you dinner. Crew members also participated in a gaming nights, movie nights, barbecues and provided security for a local Renaissance Faire.

REGION 6

USS FOX RIVER, NCC 81002

An away team attended the Region 6 Summit. Ship celebrated her third anniversary.

USS IMPERIUM, NCC-2125

Away Team ventured to Winnipeg Manitoba Canada for sightseeing and laser tag.

USS THUNDERCHILD, NCC-3122

Engineering difficulties prevent the crew from participating in the first scheduled highway pickup so they descended on a local bookstore for an anniversary party planning session.

REGION 7

USS ACCORD, NCC-1842

A successful lunch and movie trip was enjoyed by many. A Sciencenter Planet Walk was also successful. Plans continue for this year's Watkins Glen Weekend.

USS ALPHA CENTAURI, NCC-71812

Ship sponsored its annual camping trip in June.

USS ARTHUR C. CLARKE, NCC-63544

Crew members participated in a golf outing.

USS CHALLENGER, NCC-1676-D

An away team journeyed to Region One to attend the Women of Star Trek Voyager in Cleveland. Met up with several Region 7 and Region 1 chapters. Crewmembers also participated in an Astronomy day at an area mall and used the opportunity to do some recruitment. Two members represented the region in a special "Voyager Night at the Vet in Philadelphia. They got to meet Robert Picardo and dance with the Phillies

Fanatic.

USS IDIC, NCC-71811

Dinner meeting was held at a local restaurant. Crew was delighted to welcome former members visiting from Texas as well as another local chapter.

USS JUSTICE, NCC-556

Ship participated in a paintball event with another local Star Trek club.

USS MATRIX, NCC-72296

Members continue fiction efforts. Ship is pleased to announce that the website is back online.

USS NORTHSTAR, NCC-10462

Ship celebrated her 10th anniversary in June. Crew members also participated in many Pride events around New York.

USS OSIRIS, NCC-3092

Inclement weather turned the 5th Annual Memorial Day BBQ into a game night instead but a good time was still enjoyed by the crew. Crew celebrated their fourth anniversary at Mars 2112.

USS PREVAILING WIND, NCC-74667

Ship presented a light show and held an alien costume contest as a fundraiser.

USS STARLORD, NCC-74225

Crew celebrated the arrival of their newest member, Joseph L. Podesta III.

USS THOR, NCC-2549-A

Joined another local chapter in volunteering at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Raised over \$800 and everyone involved had a fantastic time.

REGION 9

USS SAGA, NCC-71202

Crew looking forward to finally enjoying outdoor events now that summer has finally arrived in Iceland.

REGION 12

USS ADJUDICATOR, NCC-73707

Ship hosted a very successful multi-chapter event. Away teams visited many region and sector events.

USS ARLINGTON, NCC-2375

Members attended DieCon in Collinsville IL.

USS BLACK HAWK, NCC-75004

Celebrated sixth anniversary of the shuttle launch.

USS BORTAS, NCC-74211

The ship hosted a Walk-A-Thon to benefit a local youth suffering from Leukemia. Over \$1000.00 was raised. Chapter participated in local rummage sale.

USS BRIMSTONE, NCC-3143

Crew members battled valiantly for the "Holy Grail" in the Adjudicator's Quest for the Holy Grail 2001. Though their efforts were in vain, they are already preparing for next year.

USS CELT, NCC-75018

Away team is participating in a Star Trek

CCG League. Not only are they having a great time but also it is proving to be an excellent recruitment tool.

USS CONCORD, NCC-1989-D

Crew members celebrated the end of the School year with a Party at Polk school.

USS CYDONIA, NCC-74687

Ship celebrated her fourth anniversary with a barbecue. Members from several area chapters attended.

USS DISCOVERY, NCC-1308

Ship celebrated Memorial Day with a progressive party. Crewmembers also enjoyed movie nights, barbecues and a pool party.

USS HELENUM, NCC-2199

Ship celebrated the marriage of two of her members. An away team visited the Discovery's pool party and barbecue.

USS JEANNETTE MADDOX, NCC-14514

Crewmembers participated in Rivers Fest. Away teams participated the Royal Sovereign's Pearl Harbor movie event and attended conventions in the area and as far away as Canada. Collections continued for various fund raising projects.

USS MARKO RAMIUS, NCC-23103

Several crew members spent the day rebuilding steps and building a wheelchair ramp for a local citizen.



REGION 15'S NEWEST SHUTTLE TAKES FLIGHT

By Fleet Captain Cindi DeMidio PR Director, Region 15

The Shuttle Avalon launched from the USS OBannon's hangar bay on July 4th, 2001 with the number NCC-5372/02. A gala party accompanied the signing of the launch papers by Region 15 RC Rich Nacaula (seen above to the far right, posing with the Avalon crew). Of course, a feast fit for a king was served to the knights of the round table of Avalon. Also, the first edition of the Avalon's newsletter, appropriately titled "The Round Table" was available.

The Avalon wants to create a new image, one that the public will take more seriously. As with many chapters, they have run into a prejudice against Trek. It is their goal to combat this by becoming more prominent in the community. They have chosen a primary charity: The Peabody House, which assists people in the last stages of HIV. They have already started attempts to raise charity money through yard sales. They hope to coordinate charity events with notable public organizations such as the Kiwanis, the Shriners, and the Civil Air Patrol.

Commander Seth Andrews-Isquith, Commanding Officer, will lead the Avalon crew on their first mission. LT Commander Thomas Guertin will be the Executive Officer. Shuttle Avalon is out of Standish, Maine and when commissioned will be a Prometheus Class Tactical Cruiser and the Chapter furthest north in Region 15.

Photo courtesy of Cindi DeMidio

USS EARHART, NCC-26199

Garden Party was held at the home of a crewmember.

USS LYING PORTRESS, NCC-31904

Crew members collected over 270 pounds of newspapers and aluminum for recycling project. Crewmembers attended the Tulsa Trek Expo and hosted STARFLEET members from many visiting chapters.

USS HELLFIRE, NCC-74206

Away team attended a movie night with several other chapters. Members attended the Titanic Exhibit with other area ships.

USS MYSTIQUE, NCC-58929

Ship involved in several service projects such as recycling, OCP and fund raising for a youth undergoing chemotherapy.

USS NOMAD, NCC-78500

Crewmembers attended the Delta Clipper's Flea Market and helped raise over \$200.00. An away team was able to attend the Tulsa Trek Expo and had fun seeing the stars and visiting with other region chapters.

USS PHOENIX, NCC-2155

An away team participated in a local Star Trek CCG tournament. It proved to be not

only fun but also a valuable recruitment tool. Crewmembers attended the Missouri sector barbecue.

USS SEBUOYAH, NCC-2043

Attended the Tulsa Trek Expo. Ship also made donation to local children's shelter.

USS URSUS, NCC-2011

Invasion force visited the Cydonia's fourth anniversary party. Fun was had by all.

USS WITCHFIRE, NCC-75006

Crew members have created a set of Witchfire Tarot cards that will be unveiled at the commissioning party. Crew members celebrated the ships commissioning.

REGION 13

USS BANTING, NCC-17220

Crew members held a charity car wash that raised over \$300.00 for the ships charity.

USS EMERALD, NCC-15025-A

Crewmembers volunteered at the opening of the Smithsonian's visiting Star Trek Exhibit in Grand Rapids. Fun and recruitment were the order of the day.

USS ALKYRIE, NCC-74658

Away teams visited the Motor City Comic Con and the Smithsonian's traveling Star Trek exhibit.

REGION 15

USS ARES, NCC-26291

Crew members enjoyed the regular meeting that was held at a local fort in May.

USS SATANTIS, NCC-71803

Ship announced the new look for their website.

USS ENDEAVOR, NCC-1716

Crew members visited the Marine Life Aquarium in Mystic CT. Participants not only had fun but also learned a lot about marine life and the Aquarium's rescue and release programs.

USS HOOD, NCC-1707

Crew members participated in a successful and rain free annual canoeing trip.

USS OBANNON, NCC-5372

Crew members marched in the Maine State parade. Chapter sponsored a Blood Drive along with the Portland Red Cross.

USS TSUNAMI, NCC 5374

Ship enjoyed a cook out that had to be held at the CO's home due to a rain out of the primary location. Lots of good food was enjoyed and all in spite of the weather had fun.

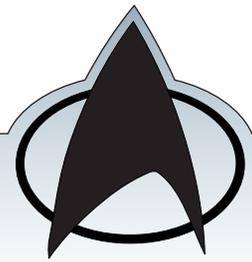
REGION 17

USS ALIOTH, NCC-72383

Away mission to Goblin Valley. Though the temperatures were high, members still enjoyed laser tag, photo shoots and hiking.

USS MIR, NCC-73281

Crewmembers participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Walk. Ship also sponsored a movie night.



STARFLEET ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNE/JULY 2001

COMPILED BY ADMIRAL ALLYSON M. W. DYAR

JULY 2001

2001.07.31: VAdm. Mark A. Vinson, Chief of Operations, STARFLEET, (ops@sfi.org), announces the appointment of Rear Admiral Mike Urvand is now the Vice-Chief of Operations. Mike will continue to help keep the Vessel Registry up-to-date and begin to assist with the MSR and the resignation from the Chapter Assistance Program of Pete Lutz.

2001.07.31: LTC Sean Niemeyer, SFMC, Editor in Chief, Attention on Deck (AOD!), (aodeditor@sfi-sfmc.org), announces that the deadline for all submissions is Sept. 1, 2001. Please send submissions to (aodsubmissions@griffyn.com).

2001.07.31: Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace, (tigger1@nwlinc.com), announces that the STARFLEET Awards Page has been updated to include the 2000 awards: (http://www.usstrightstar.org/sfi_awards/).

2001.07.31: VAdm. Mark A. Vinson, Chief of Operations, STARFLEET, (ops@sfi.org), announces the commissioning of the U.S.S. APPOMATTOX, NCC-7500.

2001.07.31: VAdm. Mark A. Vinson, Chief of Operations, STARFLEET, (ops@sfi.org), announces the commissioning of the U.S.S. C.M. RUSSELL, NCC-75285.

2001.07.31: VAdm. Mark A. Vinson, Chief of Operations, STARFLEET, (ops@sfi.org), announces the commissioning of the U.S.S. LIBERTY, NCC-75012.

2001.07.31: VAdm. Mark A. Vinson, Chief of Operations, STARFLEET, (ops@sfi.org), announces the commissioning of GREYWOLF STATION, SFR-501.

2001.07.29: Fleet Captain J.C. Cohen, (jccohen@14850.com), RC/R7 and IC Spy, reports that the recipient of an Honorary Membership (the Honorary is 3 years of complimentary membership) to STARFLEET was Admiral Allyson M. W. Dyar and the recipient of a Lifetime Membership - a free membership for the rest of the individuals life is Admiral Peg Pellerin.

2001.07.26: Fleet Captain, Don Willits,

Membership Processing Coordinator, (wdon1@uswest.net), announces that SFI database is current through 7/24, with some of the applications received on 7/25 as well.

2001.07.25: reminder -- Captain Ruth Green, Co-chair, R1 Fall Conference, (regionone@regionone.net), announces that Time is running out to register for the special weekend rate of \$25 a person for the Region One Fall Conference. Only 5 days left for the special rate. August 1st, the weekend rate goes up to \$30 a person. Anyone planning on attending the banquet, the deadline for it is August 31 to get a dinner. No banquet reservations will be taken after August 31st since the hotel must have a final count by then. For more information visit: (www.regionone.net/2001).

2001.07.25: LGen Michael W. Malotte, STARFLEET Chief of Communications, (comm@sfi.org), announces the appointment of Dixie Jack as the Vice Chief, Communications -Publications.

2001.07.22: Fleet Captain Mike Wilkerson, Webmaster SFI, (webmaster@sfi.org), announces that the SFI Website is having a problem with one of it's pointers, and so, requests to pull up the "regional information" are getting strange errors. Until that problem is taken care of, the direct access address for the Regional Information online (a listing of regions, areas and their Regional Coordinators) can be found at: (<http://www.sfi.org/region-index.html>).

2001.07.22: LGen Michael W. Malotte, STARFLEET Chief of Communications, (comm@sfi.org), announces that CQ 105 started hitting mailboxes last week. If you don't get it by Monday, the 30th of July, send an email to (lostcq@sfi.org). At IC, he plans to have extras from #83 forward to give out. Supplies are limited. If you want a specific amount of specific issues (depending on quantities available), email (comm@sfi.org).

2001.07.19: Update #3 -- Comm. Wendy Fillmore, DinkyCon Press Officer, (kitten63@lvcm.com), reminds everyone that the this year's tri-region (Regions 4,

5, and 17) conference will be held at the beautiful Peppermill Hotel and Casino, 2707 S. Virginia St., Reno, Nevada, 89502. The dates are Oct. 19-21, 2001. The conference website is at (<http://www.region4.org/wc2001>), You can join the DinkyCon listserv by sending a message to: (DinkyCon-subscribe@yahoo.com). Nothing is required in the subject header or the text body. For more information, please access the DinkyCon web site or write to: Lisa Tintle, WC2001 Chair: (tintle@worldnet.att.net).

2001.07.18: Vice Admiral Dwain Gleason, Editor, Command Status Report (CSR), (dwaingleason@yahoo.com), announces that Issue #19 (July/August) of the Command Status Report is now available from its temporary home at: (<http://www.royalsovereign.org/csr.htm>).

2001.07.17: Admiral Peg Pellerin, Dean of the SF Cadet Academy, (pilgrim@ctel.net), announces that a cadet showed courage and enrolled in one of our Cadet Academy Schools. Nancy Shields, the director of Cadet Security School just received her first student.

2001.07.17: COL Aaron Murphy, Deputy Commanding Officer, Training and Doctrine Command, (dcotacom@earthlink.net), announces that with the 2001 International Conference fast approaching, so does another event... the release of the new SFMC Challenge Coin. These coins should be ready and hand-delivered to IC. For those of you who order them and are not able to make it to IC, they should be shipped out to you shortly thereafter. The original SFMC Challenge Coins were released in a limited quantity. The same is true with the new SFMC Challenge Coins. There has been a very slight alteration in the design to make each coin unique. For more information on ordering one of these limited edition coins, go to (<http://3bde.region3.com/coin.htm>).

2001.07.16: Vice Admiral Robert Westfall, Region Coordinator, Region 12, (rc@region12.org), announces that he has a graphic of the upcoming STARFLEET flag: (<http://www.region12.org/communications/>

[news/010716-1.html](http://www.region12.org/communications/news/010716-1.html)).

2001.07.14: Vice Admiral Robert Westfall, Region Coordinator, Region 12, (rc@region12.org), announces the availability once again of STARFLEET Flags!! All profits from this endeavor will go back to STARFLEET, with a portion going toward the STARFLEET Scholarship Fund. These flags will be, essentially, the same design and construction as the ones we had made almost a decade ago. However, the logo will be slightly different as SFI has "updated" it since the previous flags were made. They are indoor-outdoor quality flags; the flags are navy blue in color; the STARFLEET logo will be in silver on both sides. The flags are \$50.00 (US) each, plus \$3.50 for shipping & handling (if needed). Payment may be made via personal check, money order, cashier's check, or via PayPal. If you wish to use STARFLEET's credit card processing, please contact myself and Tammy Willcox (treasurer@sfi.org) to make those arrangements. USPS Orders may be sent to: STARFLEET Flags, c/o Robert Westfall, 13214 W. 62nd Terrace, PMB 138, Shawnee, KS 66216. If using PayPal (www.paypal.com), please send the payment to: mavric@sky.net.

2001.07.13: reminder -- LGen Scott A. Akers, SFI Historian, (chunone@nwlinc.com), announces that the long awaited Historian's CD will be available at the IC, or for Mailing beginning the week before the IC. Costs will be \$6.00 if delivered at the IC, or \$8.00 if mailed. Proceeds will go to help defray the costs of the materials and the Historian's website, at (<http://www.sfi.org/html/historian.html>). The CD will contain the Regional Genealogies, all the Electronic CQs, The short and long form of the STARFLEET History, various STARFLEET Logos, the American Astronaut Files, the "Spacecraft of Earth, Volume One, 1959-2061" book, Portraits of Most of the Fleet Admirals, and the Ship/Rocket/Starship Evolution Charts, plus the Year 2000 April Fool's CQ, and the most recent VR. Anyone who pre-orders for IC delivery (they can still pay him at the IC) the cost will only be \$5.00.

2001.07.12: LGen Michael W. Malotte, STARFLEET Chief of Communications,

(comm@sfi.org), announces that the STARFLEET Helpdesk is back online. For anyone who doesn't remember, the main address is (helpdesk@sfi.org). There are also a number of specific addresses to write to: For missing CQs, email (lostcq@sfi.org); For address changes, email (newaddress@sfi.org); For updates for the SFI website, email (webupdates@sfi.org); For Marine questions, email (sfmchelp@sfi.org); For Communications department questions, email (commhelpdesk@sfi.org).

2001.07.12: LGen Michael W. Malotte, STARFLEET Chief of Communications, (comm@sfi.org), announces that the redirect for the online promo form is back up and running. Going to (<http://promotions.sfi.org>) takes you right to the page.

2001.07.12: Rear Admiral Greg Staylor, (Owner@WOW-Web.com), Director, SFA Security School, announces that the Security School will be closed from Friday July 13 to Monday July 16. Please note this delay in expecting courses materials, exams and diplomas.

2001.07.10: Major Joe Brouhard, Director, Department of On Line Gaming (DOG), (joe@armadaproject.net), announces that as of 0900, 11 July 2001, the 2001 STARFLEET STARFLEET Command Tournament is closed.

2001.07.10: Rear Admiral Ed Nowlin, Director, Vice Chief/Net Services: Office of Web Consultants (OWC) & Memory Alpha, (capt_ed@shasta.com), announces that the Memory Alpha web site is now available again: (<http://owc.sfi.org/memoryalpha>), for those of you who want a copy of MA on CD, he will bring 20 to IC and will swap for a blank CD-R. If you want something to keep your MA disk in, bring a jewel case/envelope with you.

2001.07.09: Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace, Editor - Stellar Visions IV, (fanzine@sfi.org), announces that Stellar Visions IV - the Official Fanzine of STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association is now available. It is comprised of sixteen stories from fifteen authors; it runs 258 pages and includes artwork from some of the best CG artists around. It is available for immediate download as a bandwidth-busting 12MB: (<http://www.ussbrightstar.org/sv4/PDF/SV4.pdf>). SV IV is also available on CD-R for \$5. This includes Domestic First Class S/H, a color-labeled CD-R (Imation 12x certified) with a jewel case and color insert. The PDF of Stellar Visions III will be included on the CD-R as a bonus. For those attending IC and willing to pick up their CD-R at IC, you can pre-order it for \$3.50. At this time, he is not intending to take "spare" CD-Rs with him for IC but that may change. Those wishing to order CD-Rs for mailing or pick-up at IC can send a check/money order in the proper amount made out to "STARFLEET" at: USS Bright Star, PO Box 52663, Bellevue, WA 98015-2663.

2001.07.07: Greg Trotter, List Administrator, STARFLEET Mailing List (STARFLEET-L),

(greg@ussnomad.org), announces that the STARFLEET-L list has moved from the lightlink.com server to a new server at fleetlist.org. Everyone who was subscribed to the list on Lightlink has automatically been subscribed to the list on Fleetlist. This list software has a web interface for subscribing, unsubscribing, changing digest options, and so on. To change your list options, visit: (<http://www.fleetlist.org/mailman/listinfo/STARFLEET-L>).

2001.07.07: Admiral Marlene J. Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy, (academy@sfi.org), announces that there will be a slowdown for the next few weeks or so...with the Flag Officer School and Ship Counselor's College which the Director, Helen Pawlowski, takes a bit of personal time. Temporary Academy Web Site: (www.wow-web.com/sfi-sfa).

2001.07.03: Michael D. Smith, Network Administrator Fleetchat, (mds@acmecorp.org), announces that the Fleetchat IRC (Internet Relay Chat) Network status list is operational again. This list updates the status of the network. The IRC Status Mailing List is now back in operation. Please join it today by visiting (<http://mauler.acmecorp.org/mailman/listinfo/ircstatus-l>).

JUNE 2001

2001.06.30: Brett Morrow, Director, STARFLEET Network Infrastructure, (brett@nssl.noaa.gov), asks that if you currently use an sfi.org alias and it is not working (and if you are not sure please feel free to test it), please contact him with the alias that should be working and where that alias should be pointing to.

2001.06.28: Fleet Captain Jeffery Higdon, Deputy Director, Office of the Fleet Historian & Editor of the Official Online STARFLEET History, (captshiloh@hotmail.com), announces a few major modifications to the online history of our proud organization: a minor revision of chapter three of the online text (the Wetsch Administration). the addition of a new section to the Official STARFLEET History site called 'QUERY'. Also, modification the navigation bar and elimination of the LCARS buttons which appeared before the links, subject and chapters. This was to eliminate the need for excessive scrolling. Web site: (<http://www.interplanetary.net/blackhawk/SFIHistory/>).

2001.06.28: Greg Trotter, List Administrator/Moderator R/12 list, (greg@ussnomad.org), announces the recreation of the Region 12 list. To join the list, just go to: (<http://lists.sfi.org/mailman/listinfo/r12-l>).

2001.06.26: LGen Michael W. Malotte, STARFLEET Chief of Communications, (comm@sfi.org), announces the appointment of Dixie Jack has been chosen the new CQ Summaries Editor. All CQ Summaries will continue to go to (msr_summary@hotmail.com).

2001.06.24: LGen Scott A. Akers, SFI Historian, (chunone@nwlinc.com), takes

great pleasure to announce that *Communique* #79 has joined #s 95,90 89, 88, 84, 83 and 80 in being rebuilt electronically and will be ready for release to the membership at (<ftp://ftp.sfi.org/Documents/CQ/>), as soon as the FTP site is back on line. Thanks to Greg Trotter for creating the issue originally. Enjoy, next will be preparations for the International Conference. After that he will be working on the Doug Glenn CQs 67-78, how much of these will have to be re-entered by hand, he doesn't know, but this will be something that is started after the 2001 IC in Kansas City.

2001.06.23: Major Joe Brouhard, Director, Department of On Line Gaming (DOG), (joe@armadaproject.net), announces that the 2001 SFI STARFLEET Command, VOLUME I Tournament Bracket is up and online. To access the DOG Website, point your browser to (<http://dogweb.armadaproject.net>) or if you want to go directly to the bracket page, go to (<http://dogweb.armadaproject.net/tournaments/2001sfctourney.htm>).

2001.06.23: reminder -- 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. For a \$25 weekend membership fee, you get to see and meet actress, Robin Curtis and Peter Woodward. Registration can be done online at (<http://www.regionone.net/2001/Reservations.htm>) or download the pdf version and mail into Region One Fall Conference, P.O. Box 35706, Canton, OH 44735. Online you can pay by PayPal and use the regionone@regionone.net e-mail for your conference payments. Web Site: (www.regionone.net/2001).

2001.06.20: Lieutenant Commander Lauren Milan, Stellar Visions Webmaster, (laurenmilan@yahoo.com), is looking for a entries for a list of STARFLEET fan fiction on the web for the "fan fiction" links page of the Stellar Visions Web site, at (<http://www.ussbrightstar.org/sv4/fiction.htm>).

2001.06.14: LGen Michael W. Malotte, STARFLEET Chief of Communications, (comm@sfi.org), announces that as of this writing, Fleet's WebMaster, Mike Wilkerson, has gotten over a dozen emails about the website being down. These particular emails I'm referring to are all basically saying the same thing: "If we hadn't changed from the old site, then the new site wouldn't have crashed." Folks, this couldn't be farther from the truth. The fact that there is a newly redone site had absolutely nothing to do with it going down. The system was maliciously hacked, pure and simple. If the old site had been up, the same thing would have happened to it, as well.

2001.06.14: Admiral Tom Monaghan, Chief of Staff, STARFLEET, (VADMTom@aol.com), reminds everyone that the 2001 issue STARFLEET HQ Staff Patch is still available for \$4 each. Send orders to: Tom Monaghan, 1341 Maplewood Ave, Norfolk, VA 23503. Check it out at (www.sfi.org/merchandise/rickard-goldberg-cmd-patch.html).

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Pursuant to Title 26, United States Code, Section 6104, notice is hereby given that a copy of STARFLEET's annual informational tax returns (commonly known as Form 990's), filed under section 6033 (relating to returns by exempt organizations), have been made available for inspection during our regular business hours by any individual at the principal office of STARFLEET, located at : **121 Woodgate Circle, Winston-Salem, NC 271071** in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

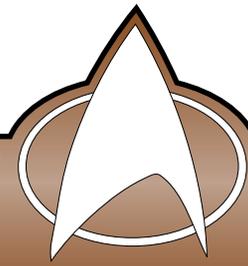
Further, notice is hereby given that a copy of STARFLEET's original application for tax-exempt status (together with a copy of all papers submitted in support of such application and any letter or other document issued by the Internal Revenue Service with respect to such application) have been made available by the organization for inspection during our regular business hours by any individual at said principal office of the organization.

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The copy cost for the original application is \$8.00. The copy cost for any one annual Form 990 is \$5.00. Mailing costs for a single copy of either the original application or a Form 990 is \$3.00; USPS first class mailing costs for a copy of all forms is \$12.00. Make all checks payable to STARFLEET.





UPCOMING CONVENTIONS

COMPILED BY CORPORAL CAPTAIN BLAIR LEARN

Convention attendees: When calling conventions for information, don't call collect and don't too late in the evening (many organizers list their home phone numbers). When writing for information, it's frequently a good idea to include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Convention Organizers: Please send the convention's name, dates, location, and contact information to **Blair Learn at 11604 King's Arrow CT, Germantown, MD 20876** or to **Conventions@NetworkBoy.com**. Please allow a minimum of three months time between your submission and the convention's date.

Alabama

Oct 19-21 Con*Stellation XX, Huntsville, Alabama; Info: P.O. Box 4857, Huntsville AL 35815-4857 <http://www.constellation.org/> constell@traveller.com

Arizona

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

Oct 6-7 Celebrity Autograph Collector's show, Hollywood, California; Info: PO Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/hcs@atlantic.net>

Nov 2-4 Bascon, San Francisco, California; Info: P.O. Box 282197, San Francisco, CA 94128-2197 <http://www.bascon.org/bascon@gotnet.net>

Nov 10-11 Celebrity Autograph Collector's show, San Francisco, California; Info: PO Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/hcs@atlantic.net>

Nov 23-25 LosCon 28, Burbank, California;

Info: 11513 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601 <http://www.loscon.org/loscon/28/loscon28@lasfs.org> Guests: Patricia C. Wrede, Chris Butler, Lynn Gold

Florida

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

Oct 12-14 Gamefest -- Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Florida; Info: P.O. Box 718, Antwerp, OH 45813 Ph: 877-977-4263 <http://www.advantageconvention.com/gamefest@advantageconvention.com>

Oct 26-28 Necronomicon 2001, Tampa, Florida; Info: P.O. Box 2076, Riverview, FL 33568 <http://www.stonehill.org/RaggedyAnn@stonehill.org> Guests: Orson Scott Card, Walter Jon Williams, Timothy Zahn

Nov 16-18 Vulkan, Orlando, Florida; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkan.com/joemotes@aol.com> Guests: Kate Mulgrew

Georgia

Aug 31-Sep 3 Dragon*Con 2001, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: PO Box 16459, Atlanta, GA 30321-9998 Ph: 770-909-0115 <http://www.dragoncon.org/> Email: dragoncon@dragoncon.org Guests: James E. Allen, Aaron Allston, Kevin J. Anderson, Ben Armstrong, Peter Atkins, Stephen Austin, Jim Bassett, Dirk Benedict, James Bickert, Tom Biondolillo, Jerome Blake, Rik Briscoe, Julie Caitlin Brown, Phil Brucato, Jeremy Bulloch, Richard Lee Byers, R.J. Christensen, Storm Constantine, F. Brett Cox, Anthony Daniels, Carrie Dobro, Andy Duncan, Harlan Ellison, Buddy Finethy, Todd Fischer, Eddie Floyd, Bill Fogarty, Michael Forest, Will Frishe, Drew Geraci, Stephanie Gladden, Glass Hammer, Erin Gray, Sanford Greene, Paula Guran, Garner Halloran, Andrew Harmon, Jennifer Hartshorn, Tom Heintjes, Tracy Hickman, Bob Hobbs, Joshua Hood, Barry R. Hunter,

Sherard Jackson, Herb Jefferson, Jr., Doug Kaye, Charles Keegan, William Kenyon, Caitlin R. Kiernan, Nancy Knight, Mur Lafferty, Cheralyn Lambeth, Andy Lee, Patty Leidy, Richard LeParmentier, William Levy, Ken Lightner, Deanna Lund, David Mack, Dawn Marie, Kevin Marshall, Anya Martin, Richard Christian Matheson, Garry W. McKee II, Billy Messina, David Millians, Frederick O. Mills, Rebecca Moesta, Marjorie Monaghan, Charles Moore, Iona Morris, Ingrid Neilson, Philip Nutman, Kathleen O'Shea, Glenn Porzig, Thomas Reed, William Alan Ritch, Kathleen Ryan, Philip Paul Sacco, Julius Schwartz, John Shirley, Kevin Siembieda, Lake Sirmon, Rob Sommers, Craig Spector, Jeanette Spencer, Chris Staros, Ron Stephenson, Brinke Stevens, Anthony Taylor, Greg Theakston, Brett Thompson, Mike Torrance, Wayne Vansant, Andy Vetromile, Christopher Waldron, Jason Walker, Graham Watkins, Michael Weaver, Robert William Wednesday, John D. Weyler, Richard White, Widgett, Erick Wujcik

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@zellig.net Guests: David Cherry, Steve Jackson, Jack Stauffer, George R.R. Martin, Vic Milán

Oct 12-14 Ditto 14/FanHistoriCon, Bloomington, Illinois; Info: c/o Richard Smith, P.O. Box 266, Prospect Heights, IL 60070-0266 <http://www.enteract.com/~rhes/ditto14.html> rhes@enteract.com

Oct 13-14 Celebrity Autograph Collector's show, Chicago, Illinois; Info: PO Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywood-collectorshow.com/hcs@atlantic.net>

Dec 23-25 ChamBanaCon 31, Champaign, Illinois; Info: PO Box 199016, Indianapolis, IN 46219-9016 <http://www.chambanacon.org/turkey@chambanacon.org>

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Oct 12-14 Gamefest -- Indianapolis, Indianapolis, Indiana; Info: P.O. Box 718, Antwerp, OH 45813 Ph: 877-977-4263 <http://www.advantageconvention.com/gamefest@advantageconvention.com>

Nov 23-25 Slanted Fedora, Indianapolis, Indiana; Info: 11916 W. 109th Street, Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Ph: 913-327-8735 <http://www.sfedora.com/SFedora5@aol.com> Guests: Alexander Siddig, Andrew Robinson, Denise Crosby, Wil Wheaton, Walter Koenig, George Takei, John deLancie, Leonard Nimoy

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/> Email: icon@mindbridge.org Guests: L.E. Modesitt

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

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Sep 21-23 Gamefest -- Lexington, Lexington, Kentucky; Info: P.O. Box 718, Antwerp, OH 45813 Ph: 877-977-4263 <http://www.advantageconvention.com/> Email: gamefest@advantageconvention.com

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Sep 28-30 Capclave 2001, Beltsville, Maryland; Info: 4030 8th Street, Arlington VA 22204 <http://www.wsfa.org/capc01/> Guests: Gardner Dozois

Massachusetts

Nov 9-11 United Fan Con XI, Springfield, Massachusetts; Info: 26 Darrell Dr, Randolph MA 02368-4810 Ph: 781-986-8735 <http://www.unitedfancon.com/> registration@unitedfancon.com Guests: Virginia Hey, Elisabeth Sladen Benefits:

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Oct 12-14 Conclave XXVI, Lansing, Michigan; Info: PO Box 2915, Ann Arbor, MI 48106 <http://www.conclavesf.org/conclave@conclavesf.org>

Nov 16-18 U-Con 2000, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Info: PO Box 4491, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-4491 Ph: 734-930-6363 <http://www.deathstar.org/~ucon/ucon01info@umich.edu>

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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

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Oct 19-21 STARFLEET Western Conference (Regions 4, 5, and 17), Reno, Nevada; Info: c/o Lisa Tintle, 1295 Vista Alta Ct., Reno, NV 89511-8981 http://www.region4.org/wc2001/capt_ed@shasta.com

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Nov 9-11 Eclecticon, Newark, New Jersey; Info: 9-11 Ayres Court, Bayonne, NJ 07002-3510 Eclecticon@juno.com

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/cwraig@nmia.com> Guests: Sarah Zettel, S.M. Stirling, Lee Seed

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Oct 5-7 Albacon 2001, Schenectady, New York; Info: PO Box 2085, Albany, NY 12220-0085 <http://www.albacon.org/>

Guests: Larry Niven, Bob Eggleton, Marianne Plumridge

North Carolina

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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, Kelly Link

Nov 9-11 MACE, High Point, North Carolina; Info: 873 Big Creek Court, High Point, North Carolina 27265 Ph: 336-869-5410 <http://www.justusproductions.com/mace.htm> jeff@justusproductions.com

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Sep 21-23 STARFLEET Region 1 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

Oct 6-7 Context XIV, Columbus, Ohio; Info: PO Box 163391, Columbus, OH 43216 Ph: 614-889-0436 <http://www.contextcon.com/mevans@gcfn.org>

Oct 26-28 Vulkan, Cleveland, Ohio; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkan.com/joemotes@aol.com> Guests: Bruce Campbell, Alice Krige, Dirk Benedict, Herb Jefferson Jr

Oct 26-28 Ohio Valley Filk Fest, Columbus, Ohio; Info: PO Box 20125, Columbus, OH 43220 <http://www.ovff.org/OVFF@aol.com>

Nov 24-25 Mid-Ohio-Con, Columbus, Ohio; Info: P.O. Box 3831, Mansfield, OH 44907 Ph: 419-526-1427 <http://www.wfcomics.com/midohiocon/MidOhioCon@wfcomics.com>

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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

Oct 5-7 Praxis 2001, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Info: PO Box 18076, Pittsburgh, PA 15236-0076 Ph: 412-650-8163 <http://www.praxisfoundation.org/praxis@praxisfoundation.org> Guests: Nigel Bennet, Marc Okrand, Paula Crist, Bill Blair, Carl Talliaferro, Dr. Kimberly Anne Engle,

Dr. Michael Cremona, Dr. Steve Murtaugh, Kevin Burgess

Nov 2-4 STARFLEET Region 7 Conference, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania; Info: PO Box 50685, Philadelphia PA 19132 <http://www.region7.com/R7conf.html> uss.thagard@sfi.org

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Oct 20-21 WestTennCon, Jackson, Tennessee; Info: 315 Highway 220, Cedar Grove, TN 38321 Ph: 901-987-2838 <http://www.westtenncon.com/wormmy@aeneas.net> Guests: Robin Curtis, Peter Jurasik, James Earnest, Allen Drago, Pete Perry

Texas

Sep 7-8 Sci-Fi Expo & Toy Show, Grapevine, Texas; Info: PO Box 941111, Plano Tx 75094-1111 Ph: 972-578-0213 <http://members.aol.com/toyshow/scifiexpo@aol.com>

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Aug 17-19 Gamefest -- Richmond, Richmond, Virginia; Info: P.O. Box 718, Antwerp, OH 45813 Ph: 877-977-4263 <http://www.advantageconvention.com/gamefest@advantageconvention.com>

Nov 9-11 Rising Star 10, Salem, Virginia; Info: PO Box 10787, Blacksburg, VA 24062-0787 <http://www.rising-star.org/conchair@rising-star.org> Guests: Michael Sheard, Paul Dellinger, Chris Impink

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Oct 26-28 ConiFur Northwest, Fife, Washington; Info: 2406 SW 308TH PL, Federal Way, WA 98023 <http://www.conifur.org/cfnw-info@conifur.org>

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Nov 1-4 World Fantasy Convention 2001, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; Info: c/o Bruce Farr, PO Box 7191, Chandler AZ 85246-7191 Ph: 602-395-1945 <http://www.worldfantasy.org/wfc01.html> bruce.farr@intel.com Guests: Fred Saberhagen, Joel Champetier, Charles de Lint

Nov 9-11 Primedia, Mississauga, Ontario; Info: P.O. Box 21146, RPO Meadowvale,

Mississauga, ON, L5N 6A2 Canada Ph: 905-820-3844 <http://www.primedia.ca/primedia@iname.com> Guests: Rod Gudino, Tanya Huff, Robert Charles Wilson, Hilary Doda, Stephanie Bedwell-Grime, David Nickle, David Shtogryn, Edo van Belkom

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Sep 14-16 Cavalcade, Whitby, N. Yorks, United Kingdom, England; Info: c/o Chandlers House, Green Lane, Whitby, N. Yorks, YO224EU, United Kingdom Ph: +01-947-821-711 <http://www.yorkmpd.demon.co.uk/justina@ninemuses.demon.co.uk>

Oct 26-29 Cult TV: Breakaway, Liverpool, United Kingdom; Info: Barton Hall Centre Kingskerswell Road Torquay, Devon TQ2 8JY, England Ph: +44 01733-205009 <http://www.cult-tv.freemove.co.uk/culttvuk@yahoo.com>

Scotland

Sep 22-23 Hypotheticon, Glasgow, United Kingdom, Scotland; Info: 25 Ravenscraig Ave., Paisley, PA2 9QL, United Kingdom <http://www.hypotheticon2001.co.uk/secretary@hypotheticon2001.co.uk>

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The 999th MSG "End of Days" (SpecOps), part of the BEOWULF Project and currently attached to the USS Omar Khayyam, is looking for any and all unattached Marines. The 999th will be involved in highly classified black ops and will definitely be on the sharp end of things. You will be part of a group of excellent writers, who are writing the mission logs for the combined operations. Do you have what it takes? This isn't your mama's Fleet assignment! If you got what it takes, contact us at: ussomarkhayyam@sfi.org

The USS OMAR KHAYYAM (HUBBLE Class) is a correspondence chapter based in Watertown, MA. We are seeking unassigned and new members of STARFLEET, who have a story to tell. We are a group of writers whose fictional personas tell the story of the OMAR's missions through their personal logs and interactive writing. There is more to life than "Seeking out new life, and new civilizations...." Yeah, the Dominion War is over, but that doesn't mean the bad guys have left town. Action, adventure, and danger on the sharp end await you. This ain't your mamma's STARFLEET. These billets are currently open: Senior Bridge Command Specialist (CONN), Chief Ordnance Officer, Chief of Security,

Chief Hangar/Deck Officer, Quartermaster, Chief Science Officer, Mar-Det OIC. If you think you have what it takes, please contact us at ussomarkhayyam@sfi.org

Attention all unattached STARFLEET personnel and SFMC in Region 3 we are looking for a few good people to serve aboard our space station and marine runabout. We are a e-mail and snail mail chapter and meet twice a year. We need people in all the major support groups. Come join us. A.S.A.P. contact: LtC. Tommy Holman DRDoom@Hillsboro.net.

The USS Stellar Wind is searching for a few good, ah, people. We're a correy chapter out of Region 12. Are you qualified to be an XO, or Dept. Head? Currently searching for a Webmaster and Newsletter Editor as well. Other positions also available. Send inquiries to the CO at: 1143 E. Cothrell, Olathe, KS 66061, or e-mail us at: NCC40513@aol.com. The USS Stellar Wind is an equal opportunity "employer".

The USS Ari, NCC-1723 is looking for new members. Meetings held in Greater Buffalo metro area. Missions to Museums, Zoos, Nature Preserves, Sports. Contact Captain Michalene Biber; 159 Miller Avenue Apt 1-A, Buffalo, New York 14211-3309 (716) 896-6717

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EVENT

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"Incoming!" : Burt Moore and the team from the USS Empress prepare to fire their Photon Torpedo Launcher at the conclusion of 'Shipyard Wars'.



"By the way, your workload is now doubled!": (l to r) Newly minted Commanders Paul Stevens, Barbara Durette and Steven Durette receive their promotions.



"No, it's not a big yellow target!" : Michael Dugas, proudly modeling the 'Captain Happy' costume the USS White Star team made during the Costuming panel.

BEYOND THE FINAL FRONTIER:



SCENES FROM THE REGION 13 SUMMIT

Pictures courtesy of Captain Michael Dugas • USS White Star, STARFLEET Region 13



"It's part of our fall collection. We call it the GLAD look." : "Raegan Moore models the winning costume, created by Carolyn van Heerden and herself.



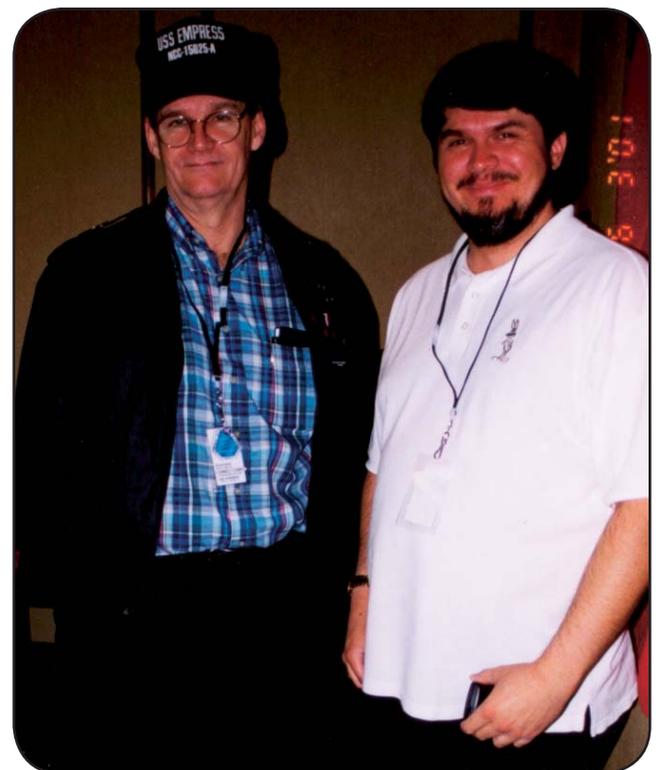
"Put 'er there": Fleet Captain Dave Blaser receives the International Goodwill Award from Region 13 Coordinator Rear Admiral Richard Smith.



The Region 13 Summit Logo by Michael Dugas



"Ok, let me get this straight - you want me to do the Vulcan salute for one measly milkbone? As IF!": Laura-Dog, the Official Mascot of Region 13



Lookin' Good: Rear Admiral Richard Smith, Region 13 RC, and Captain Dwayne Sklar, CO of the USS Valkyrie