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## COPING WITH THE THE UNTHINKABLE

*Star Trek, for the majority of us all, is a recreational and fun activity. We like to come together, watch a TV show and enjoy the notions it portrays and the ideals it provides.*

*Events such as the Doomsday Machine which carved up whole planets and the Battle of Wolf 359 should be familiar to us all. But even though the carnage wrought in both those events exceeds that which almost all of us are familiar with in real life, no television series or movie could prepare us for the utterly real and tragic events that unfolded on September 11th, 2001.*

*Since that fateful day, most of us have moved on and returned to the things we do every day: work, date, catch a baseball game – watch a television show.*

*Nominally, this issue should have been a celebration of how STARFLEET and its members welcomed the latest Star Trek TV series, "Enterprise", into their lives. But in the wake of the tragedies in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania, I thought it prudent for us make a few changes and take stock at how this one day irremovably changed how we go about life and living.*

*Next issue, you'll find the Commander, STARFLEET's column on Page 3. This issue, we reflect on that fateful day.*

*Please be good to one another this day and every day.*

*Kurt F. Roithinger, Editor, STARFLEET Communiqué*

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# REPORT FROM NEW YORK: SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 AND AFTER

By Captain Rahadyan Sasrowardoyo & Vice Admiral Robert Vosseller Jr. • STARFLEET Region 7

*"I think of my beautiful city in flames.... The streets where I walked, the temples, the great crystal spires.... I think of it, And I cry."*  
- Delenn, "Rumors, Bargains and Lies," Babylon 5

In years to come, we'll begin telling our children and grandchildren about this with "This is where I was when the attack on the World Trade Center began," in much the same way those of previous generations can describe what they were doing on the day that John F. Kennedy was assassinated or even when Pearl Harbor was attacked.

On the morning of September 11th, I was in the K Mart in Penn Station, passing by the electronics department. On multiple televisions there were images of a skyscraper on fire. My first thought was: "Is that Chicago? Los Angeles?" Then I realized it was a place three miles downtown, one I always use to get my bearings in terms of north or south in Manhattan: The World Trade Center.

Fifteen minutes later, I entered the newsroom of the newspaper where I work and one of my editors was saying, "A plane has just struck the Pentagon!" All of the TV's in the office were at full volume, relaying news from CNN, MSNBC and NY1 (the local news cable channel owned by my paper).... Many of my colleagues come into New York City from New Jersey and were turned back at the tunnels and bridges. It was surreal to witness history in the making on TV: the collapse of the Twin Towers, scattered reports and rumors of a car bomb in front of the State Department (a report later proved false), the evacuation of the White House, the closing of the airports.... Hollywood has inured us to disaster: "Independence Day," "Armageddon," "Deep Impact" and most recently, the uncomfortably prescient "The Siege," in which Middle Eastern terrorists destroy a bus full of passengers, then a Broadway theater, then drive a car bomb into a Federal building in downtown Manhattan.

Three weeks later, the events of September 11th are all crammed together in one hideous nightmare, the worst kind: one in which people die and you're helpless to stop it. That morning and afternoon, I worked on page layouts in the entertainment section of the paper. It all seemed so futile to look at a computer screen full of abstract coding, lines and squares where advertisements and editorial matter should go, but it was something to do.

Sometime around 10:45 a.m., after both towers had collapsed, a woman named Denise came into the newsroom escorted by the sister of one of our photo editors. She had to use the telephones, as cellular service was disrupted (Tower #2 held the primary antennae for many of the cellular services in New York) and pay phones had lines around the block. Denise had been late to work at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which has its



**New York City's World Trade Center Before the attack of September 11th, 2001.**

*Photo courtesy of Richard Heim*



**The Twin Towers shortly after two Airliners were crashed into them.**

*Photo courtesy of Sanford Berenberg*



**A close-up of Two World Trade Center (the buildings address).**

*Photo courtesy of Steve Dickinson*

primary offices in the World Trade Center. She needed to call her family in the Bronx to let them know she was all right, and was in total shock that her job of six years was gone, not to mention that all of her colleagues might be dead. Perhaps in an effort to calm myself down as well, I offered to take Denise and Geraldine (my colleague's sister) up to the cafeteria for coffee and perhaps something to eat. Up on the 11th floor, with coffee in hand, the three of us sat at a table and they talked about what was on their minds: who had done it and why and what was next? I told them what little I had gleaned from wire service reports. We all were obviously shaken up by the past two hours, but none of us gave vent to tears or even sobbing. The shock was that immediate and that deep.

Over the course of the next few hours, while working at my desk, I kept in touch with STARFLEET people and other friends and family via IRC and email and telephone. I must admit that I have grown hard and cynical over the years. I never use the phrase "STARFLEET family," preferring to distance myself from my 14-year relationship with the organization and call it (in very dry, academic tones) "a set of overlapping communities." My chapter, the USS Accord, is based in the college town of Ithaca, New York - four hours north of New York City by car. My CO and good friend, Mark H. Anbinder, had tried to reach me via telephone but all circuits to and from Manhattan were busy. Others in Los Angeles, the Pacific Northwest, the Twin Cities, Philadelphia and even the Deep South contacted me. In a couple of cases I heard the voices of people I've only "met" online! Despite (or perhaps because of) my fears, I was greatly moved by the concern.

I helped in trying to get news out to the Fleet about New Yorkers and others who might have been affected. I would later hear that Amy Wilson of the Avenger had narrowly escaped, as had former STARFLEETer Stephen Buonocore (of the Bounty). Leslie Gottlieb of the Avenger, who works across the street from the WTC, was lucky enough to have been serving jury duty. Gordon Goldberg -- Vice Commander, STARFLEET - who is a close friend of the past 10 years, is a director at a New York City department. I tried to reach Gordon at his office, but one of his colleagues said he wasn't in. I couldn't reach him on his cell phone, so I left a message for he and his partner, Sven Weil, at home to please contact me when he could.

It turned out that Gordon and Sven were closing on their new apartment; however, their attorney's offices were a block away from the World Trade Center complex so



**After the raging fires weakened the structural support...**  
*Photo courtesy of Steve Dickinson*



**...the Buildings collapse.**  
*Photo courtesy of Steve Dickinson*



**As of this writing, some 300 New York City Fire and Policemen lost their life in the events of September 11th, 2001. Almost 6000 people from all across the world are missing and presumed dead.**  
*Photo courtesy of Bob Vosseller Jr.*

the closing was unavoidably postponed. They had to walk four miles uphill from their realtor's to their apartment near the George Washington Bridge, so Gordon was unable to call me back until about 1:30 p.m. But I was never so glad to hear his voice.

I also heard fortunate news about present and past Starfleeters who worked in or near the Pentagon, including Teri and Jesse Smith (former Region 7 Coordinator) of the Normandy as well as Bill Johnson (former XO of the Avenger). Bill had been an F.B.I. administrator in Manhattan but had transferred to another government agency in D.C. several years ago. Officers from the two New York City chapters of STARFLEET, the USS Osiris and the USS Northstar, would be heard from over the next hours. As well, within the next week, I had word that former Fleeters from the old Tai Shan and Dawn Treader, as well as Beta Shift (based in Manhattan) of the USS Avenger, were all okay.

Chris Underwood of the Avenger has been maintaining a list of STARFLEET officers in the affected areas at <http://www.ussavenger.org/>

#### STATUS OF NEW YORK

Weeks after the incident, the area around the site - which has come to be called Ground Zero -- remained barricaded to all but the N.Y.P.D. and F.D.N.Y., the National Guard, work crews, other emergency services personnel and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) teams. Members of the press are only permitted with barricade passes.

The Financial District still has soot and ash on the sidewalk, though certainly not as much as in the days immediately following the attack. The air still smells burnt - on the day I was able to approach Ground Zero, many people around me were wearing masks over their nose and mouth - the wreckage looks like the war zone that it had been on that day.

Telephone, gas and electric utilities crews have been working around the clock to restore service to the area. Cellular service had been spotty, though one service was reported to put up a portable cell site.

A portion of Union Square Park, about two miles north the site, has become an ongoing memorial to the fallen. Many a candlelit vigil was held here. Many protesters are here as well, expressing concern over what the U.S. government's response might be. In Washington Square Park, near my alma mater of NYU, beneath the arch that marks the beginning of Fifth Avenue there is a smaller (though no less poignant) memorial site, with a handmade sign that says "New York: Toughest City on Earth."

At transportation terminals such as Penn Station and Grand Central Station, there is an increased uniformed police presence; they are also more visible in the smaller railroad stations in the outer boroughs, such as at Woodside in Queens. Mandatory carpooling has been imposed in Manhattan below 63rd Street, which affects traffic going

across the Queensborough, Manhattan and Brooklyn Bridges, as well as the Lincoln and Holland Tunnels.

Newspaper columnists have reported on the increase of civility and the decline of irony. Within my own office, I've seen signs of increased concern, more expressions - verbal and nonverbal - "How are you holding up?" and "Is everyone in your family okay?" Counselors are available for all personnel in need.

On the commuter train I take, I see volunteers from different industries - food service, construction, nurses, doctors, firemen and police officers - come into New York City on their days off. Many of these people shun limelight and journalists, just waving it off with "Just doing my part; that's all."

In a post to the STARFLEET email list, Brenda Bell of the USS Avenger, who works near Ground Zero, cited <http://www.nyc.gov> as a source of information regarding the status of buildings, transportation (subway and bus lines have diverted around the former WTC site) and utilities in the area.

#### 'STAR TREK' STARS COMMENT

In the week following the attack, three actors posted essays on their respective web sites in response to the events of September 11th, as well as focusing on an upsurge of bias incidents against Muslims and even non-Muslims such as Sikhs and other South Asians.

Siddig el Fadil, a Briton of Sudanese descent who played Dr. Julian Bashir on Star Trek: Deep Space Nine, wrote: "I like to think that the very few people who were in the vicinity and have so far survived these attacks have set an example for all of us. Their calmness, their understanding of what needed to be done, their ability to stop running and turn to help someone less fortunate than themselves are an example of what every one of us on this planet are capable of. If America is the leader of the free world (and I believe it is) then these Americans have lead by example." He also wrote, "[I] beg you to remember that many of the people who are saddened and shocked by all this are people who will, in the days to come, seem like your enemies - people who had no part in this, who also have children and lovers and family."

Robert Beltran (Chakotay on Star Trek: Voyager), who is of Hispanic and Native American descent, opined: "Love for our fellow man should always be greater ideal than a need for revenge." George Takei (Sulu on the original series) - a Japanese-American whose family had been sent to the internment camps on the West Coast during World War II -- noted, regarding bias incidents, "These domestic fanatics are no better than the terrorists. Their acts shame America and besmirch the glory of our Stars and Stripes." Takei also reported attending a concert at the Hollywood Bowl, at the end of which the featured soloists led 15,000 in singing "America the Beautiful"; said Takei, "The hills of Hollywood resounded strong, united,

and magnificent. Neither terrorism nor ignorance will stand in this America today."

### THE ENEMY WITHIN?

In the spectrum of what have been called bias incidents, my encounter with bigotry related to the terrorist attacks is minor compared to, for example, one in suburban Huntington, N.Y., where a drunken 76-year-old man tried to run down a Pakistani woman with his car, then chased her on foot through a store, saying "You people are ruining my country." Nor, I should note, did the person in question assault or try to intimidate me.

I use a particular car service when I work late and the driver (who I know only as John A.) and I were talking about current events when he said, "I've stopped talking to those people in 7-11s and newsstands [at least in the Northeast, most of those businesses are owned and operated by South Asians]. I only talk to the guy in the Sunoco station 'cuz I have to. Even some of the hotels around here ... None of them can be trusted. It's like they took over everything."

I'm of Indonesian and Filipino descent. My father was raised as a Muslim, my mother as a Roman Catholic. To the unschooled eye, over the years, I've been confused for Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, East Indian, Hispanic, Hawaiian... It struck me that night that the only reason John A. ever talks to me is because I'm a customer and I actually tip him. As I got out, I said, "By the way, John, I'm one of those people." And walked into my house, one with an American flag card with "United We Stand" on the storm door.

I suppose I should have been glad that I don't wear a turban like my Indonesian grandfather did.

That night, I commented bitterly on the incident on the #STARFLEET IRC channel, lamenting that I should have done something more, such as having John stop the car as soon as he had made the comment and walked the three miles home. But it was pointed out to me by a few people that I probably gave him more food for thought by what I actually did. As it was, I decided to switch the way I went home late at night and use a different car service entirely.

Longtime SFI member and former Fleet Chief of Communications Allyson M.W. Dyar has also had to deal with people's prejudices in the wake of September 11th. Later that week, she was waiting for a bus when she was targeted by an initially inexplicably hateful stare. She realized that, while she is an African-American, her features could easily be mistaken for Middle Eastern.

Now, speaking strictly for myself, I don't believe that IDIC is a workable philosophy or even an ideal that should be attained. I'd infer from some of the many controversies and flame wars that have erupted on various email lists over the years, that when you scratch the surface of most SFI members, you don't find someone who

strictly adheres to such a philosophy. That said, there's a lot to be said for checking certain natural reactions at the door. No ethnic group, nationality or belief system is free of blood on its hands. More to the fact, it should be noted that the destruction of the Alfred Murrah Building in Oklahoma City in 1995 was initially thought to be caused by Muslim extremists - when in fact it was a cohort that included Timothy McVeigh, someone who could resemble most people's conceptions of "average American."

It's been suggested that Osama bin Laden, the Taliban government in Afghanistan, and other extremist entities have no more of a resemblance to Islam than the Ku Klux Klan has to Christianity. A useful perspective to have, regardless of if you believe in IDIC and Gene Roddenberry's so-called dream.

### WHAT'S BEING DONE

Within many cliches, there is a kernel of truth and the statement that "When God closes a door, He opens a window" is clearly demonstrated by the generous spirit that has emerged during the current crisis. While there is certainly no harm in trying to continue our lives in as normal a fashion as possible, many strictly fun events within our organization have had fundraisers for the relief efforts in NYC and Washington.

As well, during the days when individual SFI officers in the affected areas had not been heard from, the rivalries and mutual enmities were set aside if only temporarily. It gave one perspective over what was truly important. Compared to the losses suffered by the families and friends of the fallen, or the narrow escapes of many people, our squabbles were rendered miniscule.

It is my hope that some of this feeling of increased empathy will remain, as the events of September 11th begin to be more distant in time if not memory.

It is regrettable that, while there are many who are putting their ideals into practice and donating time, money and goods to the relief efforts, there are also those who would exploit people's good intentions and vulnerabilities. Recently I read of people selling dirt or debris allegedly from Ground Zero to the relatives of victims of the attacks. New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani put a stop to that by saying that the city of New York would outright give dirt from the debris field in specially designed wooden containers.

I know from personal experience when a loved one dies, one of the impulses is to find something to do that would honor that loved one's memory. While many of us have not lost someone they knew in the attacks, we have certainly been kicked in our complacency. Some aspects of our relatively carefree lives have changed and will continue to change. Reservists are being called to serve. Active duty personnel are being transported to what will inevitably be the front lines. Several people I know are considering changes in career to be more involved in the international world. Volunteerism is on the rise. Dylan Thomas



The scope of the destruction was unlike anything most any of us had ever seen.

*Photo courtesy of Bob Vosseller Jr.*



The remains of the World Trade Center, as seen from Broadway and Maiden Lane.

*Photo courtesy of Brenda Bell*



Posters of people still missing.

*Photo courtesy of Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo*



**Impromptu Memorials popped up around Fire and Police Stations all over NYC.**

*Photo courtesy of Rahadyan  
Sastrowardoyo*

exhorted people to "Rage, rage against the dying of the light."

We're doing so.

In an email to Region 7, Captain Carlos Maldonado Jr. of the Avenger wrote "I have a three year old and I didn't lie to him; I just told him the basics: There are bad people. They do bad things. They will be punished." He went on to cite a report of a message written in the dust on a car - "This WILL NOT stop New York."

A central web site linked to legitimate venues where people can contribute money and know that their contributions are to good causes is one announced by President George W. Bush in his address to Congress: <http://www.libertyunites.org/>

For myself the very least I can do is to try to chronicle life post-September 11th in words and pictures. I fear that writing and photography are my only talents, but by trying to explain it to my distant relatives overseas and eventually my children, I can facilitate healing within myself. To that end, as a supplement to this article, is an online

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My chapter's annual Fleet event, the hike through Watkins Glen State Park in upstate New York, was last weekend. I have always thought of Watkins Glen Weekend as the place that refreshes and renews me, regardless of what else is giving me tsuris. In this instance, I sorely needed it.

A traditional part of the hike is a roundrobin at the top of the Glen, in which those of us present recounted what has happened since our last hike. This time, many of us spoke of the change in perspective that the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon had catalyzed within each of us. Accord Chief of Operations Alan Rose, an accomplished musician, led us in a singalong. One of the songs was Simon and Garfunkel's "America." At the lyric "I'm empty and aching and I don't know why," I had to hold back tears. In truth, I know why I'm aching. But I also know that I, and many others who feel similarly, will heal and that by focusing on the needs of our fellow beings as well as those of our own, that healing will accelerate.



**A multilingual flyer asking for volunteers. We're all in this together.**

*Photo courtesy of Rahadyan  
Sastrowardoyo*

## MADNESS...SIMPLY MADNESS

**By Brigadier Dennis Rayburn • Chaplain of the Corps, SFMC**

The day John Kennedy was shot, Martin Luther King's death, Bobby Kennedy's being cut down in victory, man walking on the moon...all of these are events that I clearly remember where I was and what I was doing when I heard of them. The events of September 11, 2001 are right there with those dates. Like many Americans, I was watching on TV in horror as the second plane hit the World Trade Center, and was also watching as the two towers came down.

The last days have truly tested the determination and strength of many Americans. We have all watched with awe and humbly as the heroes of this attack, the firemen, and police worked non stop to save what lives they could, at the risk of and sadly, loss of their own lives. It is truly said that greater love has no one than this, that they would lay their lives for others.

However, I've seen a very dark, ugly side surface in the last weeks that worries me as much as the terrorists themselves. In the days since, senseless attacks against followers of Islam, against people of Arabic decent, who have no role in the events of September 11, have occurred over and over again, even on the day when taps was sounding over brave men's graves.

Folks, I have spent a great part of my life studying the different religions of the world, thus I can say, based on that study, that the madmen who attacked this country are no more followers of

Islam than they are the man on the moon. Islam is a religion of peace, and only becomes one of war when it is perverted by those who seek to mold and shape it for their own purposes. We've seen those examples in 1980 with the hostage crisis, and with other attacks of terror.

In our anger over this infamous attack on our country, we must not let ourselves be drawn into a blood fever of revenge for revenge sake, taking out our anger and fury on the innocents.

Please, let's let the leaders of the US do their job and seek out the individuals who helped in the attack and bring them to justice (and I said justice, not vengeance. There is a BIG difference.) Let us do our jobs, by helping those working with the victims all we can, with our funds, our blood, and our prayers. Let us mourn our dead, aid our wounded, and support our leaders.

Over the years, only certain generations of Americans have been called upon to unite in a campaign to defeat evil. This mantel has now fallen on us. Let us go down in history as the generation who brought down the evil, without inflicting our own share. Let's quit punishing the innocents among us in this land, stop seeking to blame any group we don't like because of these events, claiming it was divine justice on us, and simply rally to the defense of our fellow citizens, our country, and our way of life.

Think about it.

## THANK YOU, IRC.

**By Lieutenant (JG) Geraldine Sylvester • USS Highlander, STARFLEET Region 7**

On September 11, I woke up and turned the TV on to see what was happening in the world overnight.

Boy! Did I get a shock. The first thing that came to mind was that the Empire State Building had once again been hit by a plane.

I continued to watch and I finally realized what was really happening and it dawned on me that NYC was going to call every man, woman, dog, and sewer rat in from the boroughs for the rescue effort. Being as how most of my family members are NYPD/NYFD, I started to try to call Long Island.

Of course the phones were jammed. (Bear in mind I live in Baltimore). It was not long after that I got a call from Sandy Berenberg. (Fleet Captain-USS Sun Tzu) He was extremely upset to say the least.

He used to work near Penn station and still had friends that worked in the WTC. He had no TV, or radio. I was talking to him, and his co-workers as events unfolded. I however, was desperate to contact my family in NYC.

Then it finally dawned on me to fire up the PC and hit IRC. During this time I listened to Sandy tell me how concerned he was about his mother in Mexico and the fact that he was not able to get a phone line out of the country.

I finally got a DSL connection and from there, I started to \*ask around\*. I asked

folks away from the east if they could place a call to Mexico to reach Mrs. Berenberg-Odenz.

I contacted Texas. I regret that I do not remember the name/nick of the person I contacted. I tried Tennessee/Dennis Rayburn.

Then it was Washington State and Regional Coordinator, Region 5 Scott Akers. It was finally Commodore Wendy Filmore, of K'Ehleyr Station in Las Vegas, Nevada, who was able to get a line to Mexico.

I spoke with Mrs Berenberg-Odenz recently who asked to extend her thanks to Wendy. Mrs. Berenberg-Odenz it looking forward to thanking you in person someday, Wendy.

I have also been asked to extend thanks to Admiral Alex Rosenzweig of the USS Avenger on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sylvester for placing a call for me to ask about the rest of my family.

I also wanted to thank all who were on IRC and endured my not so good attitude. When the first tower collapsed, this was my most horrific nightmare come true.

To be trapped in a highrise during an earthquake. (I survived the Los Angeles-Northridge Quake, January '94)...

My heart goes out to all.

Thank you IRC!



# DON'T CALL ME EDWIN!

## FLEET ADMIRAL LES RICKARD

### COMMANDER, STARFLEET

This article has been re-written a couple of times now due to circumstances that are obvious to us all. There are many articles in this issue that reflect upon member's perceptions, opinions and feelings regarding the tragic events of September 11th, 2001. Because of that I will comment briefly on how that day hit me at the end of this article.

#### SOME CHANGES

As you may have read on the STARFLEET list, one of STARFLEET's finest has stepped down from active service. Gordon Goldberg, Vice Commander STARFLEET, stepped down from his duties effective September 24th 2001.

In late September Gordon and I spoke and he felt he needed to step down. Gordon will be filing his final report as VCS in this article so I will let him speak on his thoughts surrounding his departure. But let me say this. Gordon is stepping away from official duty, but he is not stepping away from STARFLEET. He is still a trusted counsel and close friend. I expect to still bounce thoughts off of him from time to time because I know he will give me an honest answer, whether I like it or not. Take care Gordon.

With Gordon's departure is a vacancy in the STARFLEET Executive Committee. After much thought and discussion within the EC as well other advisors I made a decision. As of September 24th Mike Malotte will be moving up from Chief of STARFLEET Communications to VCS.

Because of the decision to move Mike Malotte up to VCS that left STARFLEET Communications without a chief. After speaking to Mike and others in the existing EC allow me the honor of announcing that Greg Trotter, former Senior Vice Chief in Communications is stepping up to as Chief of STARFLEET Communications. My congratulations to both Mike and Greg. I am sure they will perform admirably in their new posts.

#### AN OPENING AT HQ

I am accepting applications for the position of STARFLEET Awards Director. The only mandatory requirements are that you be a member in good standing in STARFLEET and you have reliable Internet and Email access. The latter is because a lot of the work that we do with the awards program is done via an awards mailing list which streamlines the process. Anyone interested should send a resume directly to the Commander, STARFLEET. This resume should include a brief description of how you would improve the Awards Department and system. The deadline for applications to be received is November 15th 2001.

#### SOME GOOD NEWS

As you saw on the STARFLEET list in

late September I presented some news concerning STARFLEET's IRS status. I'd like to pass on some good news just recently received at STARFLEET HQ. In order to understand why this is such good news (other than the obvious), a little history would be helpful.

In early 2001, shortly after taking office, Fleet's finance team was working on putting our fiscal protocols in place. During this time, we were notified by the IRS that they had not received our Form 990 for 1999. I immediately contacted former VCS and current Counsel to the FADM, Admiral Chuck Freas. He began work on the problem, contacting the IRS and conducting business on our behalf.

Rather than try and argue with the IRS, we immediately filed a late return for 1999. We noted that we had sent this in previously, but apparently the IRS was showing no record of receiving it. Within a short time, we received a failure to file penalty of \$1,647. Due to Chuck's experiences from 1997 and 1998, this was not unexpected. Within short order, Chuck was able to get the penalty payment date extended while he filed a request of abatement with the IRS. The abatement filing included an affidavit from Former FADM Michael Smith attesting to the fact that the 1998 and 1999 filings were indeed mailed.

In the meantime, we paid the penalty for 1999, feeling that it was better to show good faith while working on the abatement. During this time Chuck was able to confirm that the IRS was also not showing receipt of the 1998 Form 990 so we put those numbers together and filed a late return with the IRS for 1998, as well. To date, we have yet to receive a penalty assessment for that Form 990. So, as of last weekend, that's where we were at.

This past week I checked the Fleet PO Box regular. In the box on Sunday was a letter from the IRS, confirming that the penalty for 1999 was being removed based on our explanation for filing late. Later in the week, when I checked PO Box there was something else from the IRS - a check in the amount of \$1,683.78; repaying, with a small amount of interest, the penalty we had sent them for the late filing!

The IRS, upon receiving and sending us a bill for the late filed 1999 return promptly LOST the form 990 we mailed them. To this day, they can still not find it. But of course we know they have it - that's how they levied the first failure to file penalty. I am now more confident than ever that they did receive the original returns in the first place. But of course I seriously doubt we will ever know that for a fact.

A short time ago, the IRS sent us a letter

saying that they could not begin the abatement of the 1998 return until we had filed it. That letter was dated a full month after they returned a "Return Receipt Request" card confirming they had indeed received it. Those are but a couple of examples of what we are running into - things that might just seem comical, if the circumstances were not so serious. When I have more information on the 1998 proceedings, I will report them to the ECAB, on the lists and here in the *Communiqué*.

I'd like to take a minute and thank some people who have assisted in this endeavor. First and foremost to Chuck Freas for all he has done and continues to do to help Fleet. He takes time away from his family and fun to do this for STARFLEET. Also, thanks go to the members of the Executive Committee and their staff who helped in this and who continue to work behind the scenes every day to keep us running and up to speed.

Finally, I would also like to thank Mike Smith for stepping in and filing a notarized affidavit, attesting to that he indeed did what was supposed to be done in filing those documents. Chuck tells me that this is likely a large reason for the success of the 1999 abatement.

#### A DAY TO REMEMBER

As I said before, I want to share with everyone my recollection of this day that we will all indeed remember.

Shortly before 8:00am on September 11th I arrived at our Police Academy to open it up and prepare to chair the monthly Regional Training Consortium. As I was brewing some coffee and getting my notes together people started arriving. Shortly before 9:00am one of the other members of the consortium arrived with news that a plane had crashed into one of the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. Unfortunately, we were unable to see any of the reporting that was taking place because of an upgrade of the cable in the area going on that day. So, we went on with our business, however half heartedly.

As we moved on with our meeting various members of the consortium got cell calls telling them about another plane striking the second of the twin towers as well as the Pentagon being on fire from an apparent plane crash. As the morning progressed the group got smaller as agencies recalled all on duty personnel to work security posts at local airports and other areas of mass transit as well as schools and colleges in the larger cities.

During the morning I was in contact with my wife Deidre who was doing what I couldn't from my location - try and make sure all of our STARFLEET family was accounted for and okay. Two people jumped to mind

immediately, people I knew that worked in close proximity to the WTC and in the Pentagon.

Gordon Goldberg, who works a short distance from the World Trade Center Complex, had not checked in. Deidre was able to get through and leave a message on his home answering machine. Gordon checked in via IRC a short time later and we were relieved to know he and Sven was okay. They had been at the closing meeting for their new apartment and not a mere few blocks from the WTC.

Former CompOps Chief Jesse Smith works for a civilian contractor and does business at the Pentagon. During the time after the crash no one had been able to get through to him or Teri Smith. Deidre contacted her sister who lives a short distance from Jesse and Teri in Maryland. Her sister was then successful at contacting Teri. She then called Deidre back and confirmed that Jesse was not at the Pentagon that day who then made everyone aware.

As the morning went on I learned of others that were either close to the WTC or should have been and one former member who was in the WTC. Gladly they all reported to be well and without injury. However, I also started hearing some stories of people missing that are known to members of STARFLEET. I want to say that the many families affected by this are in the thoughts and prayers of not only this family but the entire STARFLEET family.

On a personal note I would take this opportunity to express my feelings about another family that I belong to - the Emergency Services Family. As many of you know I am a police officer. I am also a former Firefighter. After the first tower was hit there was a massive Police and Fire response to the scene. Those men and women, without thought to their own personal safety, entered that first tower and began the massive evacuation. This response grew in size and witnessed the second tower being hit. As these brave men and women, police officers and Firefighters, fought to save the lives of those left inside the twin towers, they came crashing down. We lost over 300 dedicated Firefighters, police officers and other emergency personnel in the collapse of those great buildings. Please, take a moment to remember them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

#### THE FINAL WORD

No matter how bad we may feel, how sad we may be, how afraid we may get or how much anger we may experience, there is always one thing that will persevere over all of that - Hope. I leave everyone with this quote that I use in my email signature line;

"There's always hope, because it's the one thing nobody's figured out how to kill yet."

Take care and God Bless,

# STARFLEET TREASURER REPORT

By Commodore Tammy Willcox • STARFLEET Treasurer

## STARFLEET General Account - August:

Date	Payee	Category	Amount
08/02/2001	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	- 50.06
08/02/2001	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	- 39.81
08/02/2001	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	- 14.50
08/02/2001	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	- 9.86
08/03/2001	Stamps.com	Postage Purchase	- 475.00
08/06/2001	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	645.00
08/06/2001	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	70.00
08/07/2001	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	572.00
08/07/2001	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	137.00
08/07/2001	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	44.00
08/07/2001	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	22.00
08/08/2001	Stamps.com	Stamps.com Fee	- 18.99
08/09/2001	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check Fee	- 31.00
08/09/2001	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check Fee	- 5.00
08/10/2001	Credit Card Processing	IC Credit Card Charges	1,088.00
08/10/2001	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check Fee	- 5.00
08/10/2001	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check	- 10.00
08/13/2001	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check	- 32.00
08/13/2001	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check Fee	- 5.00
08/14/2001	#1042 - US Treasury	Taxes	- 1,677.98
08/14/2001	#1043 - Countywide News	CQ Expense	- 300.00
08/20/2001	Credit Card Processing	Credit Card Processing	162.00
08/21/2001	Credit Card Processing	IC Credit Card Charges	25.00
08/21/2001	Credit Card Processing	Credit Card Processing	74.00
08/21/2001	Credit Card Processing	Credit Card Processing	730.00
08/21/2001	Credit Card Processing	Credit Card Processing	25.00
08/22/2001	Credit Card Processing	Credit Card Processing	15.00
08/22/2001	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	705.00
08/22/2001	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	336.00
08/22/2001	Credit Card Processing	IC Credit Card Charges	45.00
08/22/2001	Credit Card Processing	Credit Card Processing	619.00
08/23/2001	Credit Card Processing	Credit Card Processing	15.00
08/23/2001	Credit Card Processing	Credit Card Processing	275.00
08/24/2001	Credit Card Processing	Credit Card Processing	58.00
08/24/2001	Credit Card Processing	Credit Card Processing	600.00
08/24/2001	Credit Card Processing	IC Credit Card Charges	55.00
08/24/2001	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check Fee	- 5.00
08/24/2001	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check Fee	- 5.00
08/24/2001	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check	- 16.00
08/24/2001	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check	- 16.00
08/27/2001	Credit Card Processing	Credit Card Processing	106.00
08/27/2001	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check	- 23.00
08/27/2001	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check Fee	- 5.00
08/30/2001	Credit Card Processing	Credit Card Processing	15.00
08/30/2001	Credit Card Processing	Credit Card Processing	190.00
08/30/2001	Credit Card Processing	Credit Card Processing	372.00
08/31/2001	Credit Card Processing	Credit Card Processing	15.00
08/31/2001	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	- 18.48
08/31/2001	Credit Card Processing	Credit Card Processing	689.46
08/31/2001	Paypal.com Deposit	Membership Processing	50.86

## STARFLEET General Account - September:

Date	Payee	Category	Amount
09/03/2001	#1044 - Don Willits	Membership Processing	- 845.05
09/03/2001	#1045 - Chris Wallace	Membership Processing	- 362.95
09/03/2001	#1046 - IC 2001	IC Credit Card Charges	- 1,213.00
09/03/2001	#1047 - M & M Engraving	Annual Awards	- 39.00
09/03/2001	#1048 - Kurt Roithinger	CQ Expense	- 7.90
09/03/2001	#1049 - Tammy Willcox	Treasury Expenses	- 42.96
09/04/2001	Stamps.com	Postage Purchase	- 475.00
09/04/2001	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	- 125.99
09/04/2001	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	- 46.31
09/05/2001	Credit Card Processing	Credit Card Processing	117.00
09/05/2001	Credit Card Processing	Credit Card Processing	70.00
09/05/2001	Credit Card Processing	Credit Card Processing	32.00
09/05/2001	Credit Card Processing	Credit Card Processing	1,117.00
09/05/2001	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	- 49.21
09/05/2001	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	- 9.39
09/05/2001	Stamps.com	Stamps.com Fee	- 18.99
09/10/2001	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	552.00
09/11/2001	Credit Card Processing	Credit Card Processing	280.00
09/12/2001	Paypal.com	Membership Processing	19.12
09/13/2001	#1050 - Lisa Tintle	Western Conference	- 588.65
09/13/2001	#1051 - Countywide News	CQ Expense	- 252.38
09/13/2001	#1052 - Edmond Sun	CQ Printing	- 1,134.84
09/28/2001	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	- 22.40
09/28/2001	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	- 50.74

#10xx = Check Number

Opening Date: 8/01/2001      Ending Date: 9/31/2001  
 Opening Balance: \$2,245.81      Ending Balance: \$4,140.81  
 Revenue above expenditures for above reporting period: 1,895.00

## STARFLEET Scholarship Account:

Beginning Date: 8/01/2001      Ending Date: 9/30/2001  
 Beginning Balance: \$1,555.34      Ending Balance: \$3,741.64

Deposits/Credits: \$2,186.63 (Pie in the Face Fundraiser)

Donations to the Scholarship Fund can be sent to:

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 - Checking:

Beginning Date: 6/30/2001  
 Beginning Balance: \$2,491.80

Deposits/Credits:  
 \$598.80 - Tuitions

Checks/Debits:  
 \$63.17 - Director Reimbursements  
 \$26.92 - Shipping of Red Squadron Certificates  
 \$18.48 - Academy Away Team Copies

Ending Date: 8/31/2001  
 Ending Balance: \$2,956.18

## STARFLEET Academy Account - Savings:

Beginning Date: 7/1/2001  
 Beginning Balance: \$1,311.01

Ending Date: 8/31/2001  
 Ending Balance: \$1,314.11

The Academy Savings account received interest in the amount of \$3.10 and has yielded \$14.20 in the year to date.

If you have any questions, you can reach me via email at [treasurer@sfi.org](mailto:treasurer@sfi.org) or:

Tammy Willcox  
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# SECOND THOUGHTS

## ADMIRAL GORDON GOLDBERG

### VICE-COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings from the office of the retired Vice-Commander!

Yes, you've read that right, if you hadn't already heard. After a lot of deliberation, and discussions with Les, I've decided that the time has come for me to step down from the post of Vice-Commander, STARFLEET.

It wasn't an easy decision, and there's no one to "blame" for it -- it's just that the combination of circumstances in my life, and the needs of SFI, have made this the best decision for all involved. It wasn't a hasty decision, either...

Several month ago - before the IC, before Zachary was born - I realized that the encroaching demands of the "outside" world were severely limiting the amount of time I could dedicate to my STARFLEET duties, and that I was furthermore becoming burnt out. I spoke to my fellow EC members, and told them that I felt that I wasn't carrying my fair share of the responsibilities, and that while I wasn't asking to be relieved of my duties and hoped that circumstances would improve and I'd be able to commit more time to STARFLEET in the near

future, I certainly wouldn't object if they felt that I should step down and let someone else take my place. Their response was extremely understanding and supportive, and so I've stayed on.

But things unfortunately haven't gotten better. Sven and my housing-related pressures should have been released when we closed on our new apartment -- but the closing was finally scheduled for the morning of Tuesday, September 11th, and while Sven and I were uptown at the closing location and not at our offices near the World Trade Center when the disaster struck, the bank's attorneys had not yet left their (even closer) offices and were instead involved in evacuating them. Needless to say, the closing was adjourned, and has tentatively been rescheduled for the beginning of October.

My work-related pressures were supposed to be relieved with the addition of new staff to my office -- but that new staff were never hired, and with the city in crisis, their hiring may never be approved by City Hall. In addition, my immediate boss lived in Battery Park City, and was evacuated by tugboat to

New Jersey. To date she still hasn't been allowed to return to her apartment, and she has been so traumatized by her experience that she's seriously talking about taking early retirement and moving to Indiana to be with her family -- which means guess who's going to be taking on her responsibilities in addition to his own?

So if anything, I've got less time to dedicate to STARFLEET, rather than more. And Les needs and deserves a Vice-Commander who can do more. He has a new job with greater responsibility, and a wife and new son who deserve more of his time, and the Vice-Commander should be someone who is able to take some of the load off of his shoulders, not someone who has too much to juggle himself.

I can't be that person, and it's not fair for me to pretend that I can. It's not fair to Les, it's not fair to myself, it's not fair to the other members of the Executive Committee, and it's not fair to STARFLEET.

So it's time to step down. Les and I talked about it a lot over several days,

and he reluctantly agreed to accept my resignation. But that doesn't mean I'm going away.

I'll be staying around and helping Les in any way I can. I plan on assisting the new VCS, Mike Malotte, not only with the transition, but also with anything that he needs from me. Les and Mike have already warned me that they have my cell-phone number on speed-dial. I may not be the VCS anymore, but I'll still be an active member of STARFLEET -- and I plan on enjoying next year's International Conference in San Jose even more, since I won't have any meetings I'll be "required" to attend. After five years on the Executive Committee, I'm not sure I remember what that's like.

It's been a good run, and I'd like to thank everyone for the love and support you've given me all these years. I want to express my gratitude to everyone I've served with on the various incarnations of the Executive Committee -- since I'm the last member of the original Smith/Freas EC to retire. My best wishes and promise of support and help to those that carry on the work of running STARFLEET.

You've all been so great. Thanks!

And even though I'm giving up the titles, I still remain

In service to the Fleet,

I for one am sad to see Gordon Goldberg resign as VCS. He was of the highest caliber of officers.

As only a few of you know, when I was assembling my team of advisors for my run for R7RC, I said "there are only two people I won't run against." One was Gordon Goldberg. If he wanted it, there would have been no question he was the best man for the job, and I would have happily supported his campaign.

Luckily for me, unluckily for FLEET, Gord is a busy man and so I got to run, and he got to remain in office as long as he could, but in the end, the pressures of real life became too much.

One of my first memories of Gordon... though I probably met the man before this... was the EC/AB meeting at the IC in Charlotte back in 1999. Gord was listening to what was being debated. I don't mean

## AN OPEN LETTER TO STARFLEET

### By Fleet Captain JC Cohen • Regional Coordinator, Region 7

that he was waiting his turn to speak, as so many people in this world do... I mean he was listening. And when he spoke, what he said mattered.

Additionally, he displayed a passion for the job I have rarely seen in any member of FLEET. He had a firm grasp of what the EC and AB could and could not do, and did his best to ensure that people remained in their respective sandboxes. He may not have been a Constitutional Scholar, but he knew how the system worked and, more importantly, had beliefs about WHY it should work.

Since then, he has proven to me... although he didn't have to... that not only did he have the fine qualities described above, he was a good person. He'd help me out with a problem

that I brought to him- personal or FLEET, and he'd check on that same problem later, making sure it had been completely resolved. He's fun to hang out with at a conference or convention. And he's always maintained a driving passion, indeed, he can't let go of it, because he has offered to continue to help FLEET even now that he has stepped down.

Thank you, Gord, for giving years of your life to this organization. It hasn't always been easy or fun, but you did it anyway, making sure that the organization existed to make it easy and fun for others. Now it is your turn to reap the benefits of the hard behind the scenes work, and everyone knows you deserve the time off. At some point, since Gordon is remaining active in FLEET, you will see him

again, and I encourage you to thank him for his service.

As I sit here trying to write an adequate thank you to Gord, I am discussing our feelings towards him with others who knew him and worked with him. The testimonials come from all over FLEET... one said "Gord believed in STARFLEET."

He did his best to protect the organization as a whole and to look out for his fellow fleet members", and another said "Gordan has given heart and soul to this organization. He helped save it when it was near the end. We all owe him a huge thanks", and perhaps it was summed up best of all with "He done good."

I have confidence in the officers who will be filling Gord's shoes, and admire Gord for knowing when it is time to stand aside, but still, I and many others are sad to see him go.



# STARFLEET OPERATIONS

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

In the last issue of the CQ I announced a change would be forthcoming to the Chapter Assistance Program. After looking long at the program and making some changes then deciding on who might be the best person to take it over I have chosen an old friend and someone who, like me, is not willing to let any chapter just decommission or be decommissioned without trying everything possible to keep it alive. That person is Capt. Marian L. Murphy.

It is the goal of the Chapter assistance program to assist those chapters who, for whatever reason, have fallen below 10 members for more than thirty days. She will make sure that these "temporarily" below strength chapters do not fall through the cracks. She will be sending a letter shortly to all chapters introducing herself and the revamped program.

Please remember the following Rules and Regulations (as set forth in the constitution) apply to ALL chapters in STARFLEET:

A.) All CO's and XO's must be members in good standing of STARFLEET during their entire tenure;

B.) All Chapters must maintain a minimum of 10 STARFLEET members in good standing AT ALL TIMES (this can include the CO and XO);

C.) All CO's and XO's in SFI must be OTS & OCC qualified before they take command. However I am willing to give 90 days of them being selected or elected. But after that time frame the chapter may be put on standby for 30 days pending decommissioning and/or the new CO/XO relieved of duty if they do not fulfill their requirements;

D.) ALL chapters must file their Change of Command Forms (along with copies of the CO and XO OTS and OCC certs attached)

within 30 days of any CO or XO change;

E.) ALL chapters must file a Monthly Status Report each month. These MSR's are due by the 5th of each month. Between the 6th and the 10th MSR's are consider late. After the 10th your chapter will be considered to have failed to report.

consulting with him I am going to continue to enforce it. This policy is that ALL CO's must have a regular mailing address not a P.O. Box where they live and receive mail. Your chapter address can be a P.O. Box but not the CO's home. If, like Carolyn Donner and the Jurassic, your town is so small and/or does not deliver mail to your

## MSR REPORTING — OPERATIONS BY THE NUMBERS: JULY - AUGUST

### July 2001 MSR Reporting:

R1 = 54 Chapters - 96.3%	R6 = 4 Chapters - 100%	R12 = 39 Chapters - 92.3%
R2 = 27 Chapters - 100%	R7 = 30 Chapters - 97.0%	R13 = 4 Chapters - 100%
R3 = 19 Chapters - 100%	R9 = 2 Chapters - 100%	R15 = 11 Chapters - 100%
R4 = 17 Chapters - 100%	R10 = 5 Chapters - 100%	R17 = 9 Chapters - 100%
R5 = 14 Chapters - 100%	R11 = 1 Chapter - 100%	
TOTAL = 236 Chapters 230 Reported = 97.5%		

### August 2001 MSR Reporting:

R1 = 54 Chapters - 94.4%	R6 = 5 Chapters - 100%	R12 = 38 Chapters - 89.4%
R2 = 28 Chapters - 96.4%	R7 = 30 Chapters - 96.6%	R13 = 4 Chapters - 100%
R3 = 19 Chapters - 100%	R9 = 2 Chapters - 100%	R15 = 12 Chapters - 100%
R4 = 17 Chapters - 82.3%	R10 = 5 Chapters - 100%	R17 = 9 Chapters - 100%
R5 = 14 Chapters - 100%	R11 = 1 Chapter - 100%	
TOTAL = 238 Chapters 228 Reported = 96%		

I want to thank those chapters, who report on time, understand the minimum 10 member rule and the Command Qualification rule. 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. These chapters will be receiving a letter from me detailing what is required of them if they want to maintain their chapter charter and how long they have to do it.

Another issue is the chapter CO's mailing address. Les Rickard started this policy when he was Chief of Operations and after

place of residence then I will need a letter certifying this. No forwarding orders can be attached to this address either. The reason for this policy is that there have been reports of CO's living in one region and starting a chapter and running a chapter in a different region. This is against the SFI constitution that states the CO must be residents of the same region in which their chapter is. Any chapter wherein the CO does not reside in the Region in which their chapter is will be handled on a case-by-case basis. All CO's using a P.O. Box are hereby requested to start using their physical mailing address in all upcoming MSR's.

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.

Getting your MSR to STARFLEET Operations is easier than ever with three methods to choose from. You can use the Online MSR Reporting form at: <http://www.sfi.org/ops/msr.html> or email it to: [MSRReports@sfi.org](mailto:MSRReports@sfi.org). U.S. Mail goes to:

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**Benbrook, TX. 76126.**

If you email directly please download the email form from our website (<http://www.sfi.org/ops/msr.txt>). Do not send attachments. Just cut and paste the form into the body of an email and fill it out.

Chapters are also required to send MSR's to their respective Regional Coordinator and any other Regional Office necessary.

Chapters are also required to send a copy of their MSR to [correy@sfi.org](mailto:correy@sfi.org) if they are a Correspondence Chapter and to [tmbewolf@pciconnect.com](mailto:tmbewolf@pciconnect.com) if they are an Armed Services Chapter. If a chapter wants their MSR to go to the Chapter Summary Department of the *Communiqué* it needs to be sent to [cqsummaries@sfi.org](mailto:cqsummaries@sfi.org) or U.S. mail it to:

**Dixie Jack**  
**8606 King George Rd.**  
**Evansville, IN 47725**

In July only six chapters Failed to Report but ten did not report in August. Eleven regions had 100% reporting in July but only nine in August. It seems that either there are periodic failures in the [MSRReports@sfi.org](mailto:MSRReports@sfi.org) address and/or my ISP. So, if you get an email from me saying I have not received your MSR it means simply that -- I have not received it. Remember that I read each and every MSR and help where I can.

*Mark A. Vinson*

## CHAPTER CHANGES IN COMMAND AND COMMISSIONINGS — JULY/AUGUST 2001

The Operations department has Commissioned THREE chapter since Aug. 01, 2001.

### Region 1:

**USS Nebula, NCC-61800**  
CO: Captain Gary Davis  
XO: Commander Dennis Cross

### Region 2:

**USS Parallax, NCC-74657**  
CO: Captain Thomas Donohoe  
XO: Lt. Cmdr. Lorrie Nelson

### Region 17:

**USS Anasazi, NCC-62001**  
CO: Captain Earl Beighly  
XO: Lt. Cmdr. John Roberts

The Operations department has processed FIVE Changes of Command since Aug. 01, 2001

### Region 1:

**USS Columbus, NCC-72401**  
New CO: Carol Ford  
New XO: Harry J. Grimm

### USS Kitty Hawk, NCC-1659

New XO: Larry Pische

### Region 2:

**USS Drakenfire, NCC-71822**  
New XO: Chrystal M. Ware

### Region 13:

**USS Banting, NCC-17220**  
New CO: Bernard Guignard  
New XO: Neil Arnold

### Region 17

**USS Stormbringer, NCC-74213**  
New CO: Jonathan Simmons  
New XO: Dave Pitts



# COMM AS YOU ARE...

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MICHAEL MALOTTE  
CHIEF OF COMMUNICATION, STARFLEET

Greetings and welcome to CQ #107! As usual, the CQ staff has done an outstanding job. Kudos to all of them! I've got a few things to cover this issue so, on with the news...

In the never-ending quest to improve both the cost and efficiency of this office, there has been another policy change for remailed CQs. On the 20th of September, I had 71 returns from the post office on my desk. Thirty-two of them were returned with the corrected address on them. You see, while the post office will inform us of a new address, they will not forward the CQs on. Instead, they tear off part of the front cover (and throw away the rest of it), put a sticker on it with the new address, and send it to the Chief of Communications. Folks, we need to know about these address changes!

Each one of those costs Fleet \$0.60 each. That comes up to \$42.60 for the last two issues. It takes an average of \$1.25 to remail each issue - for those 71, that will cost Fleet \$88.75. This brings the total for the last two issues to \$131.35 - all an extra cost to Fleet. Multiply those numbers out and bad addresses and/or failure to tell CompOps about your new address costs Fleet almost \$400 per year (\$66 per issue) - enough to pay for 27 individual memberships. And that is \*just\* for the returns from the Post Office. One thing to note - the cost above doesn't cover the cost of the envelopes used. Obviously, some never make it to their respective mailboxes and the Post Office never informs us. That, sometimes,

will happen. Fortunately, those don't cost us the extra \$0.60 each - just the cost to replace it.

So, in order to try and prevent some of the needless costs to Fleet, the Communications Department is enacting a new policy, starting with issue #108. If you move and do not inform CompOps and we get a label from the Post Office informing us of your new address, you will need to pay for the postage/envelope to send you the missing CQ. Rather than deal with change, I'm calling it \$2 per issue.

To inform CompOps of your new address, just send an email to [compopshelp@sfi.org](mailto:compopshelp@sfi.org). This will get to the proper folks who make the changes that impact the CQ labels. If you cc that email to [helpdesk@sfi.org](mailto:helpdesk@sfi.org), it can put it in the CQ queue to be checked against any labels we may have received from your previous address.

Another action that is taking place now is in cooperation with CompOps. I currently have eighteen members who have gotten labels returned marked "Undeliverable" by the Post Office. Of those eighteen, four have two or more incidents of this. From this point forward, anyone getting two or more consecutive "Undeliverable" labels will have their account marked as "invalid address" in the Fleet database. This will not suspend a membership but it will prevent a label from being generated. Once the address has been updated to a correct one, then the member will start getting mailings again.

Obviously, things happen to even the best made plans so if you think Computer Operations should have gotten the address change, please e-mail me and we'll see what's up. I'll take those on a case-by-case basis.

None of this is being done to be cruel, keep folks from being informed or to "punish" anyone for problems with getting mail. But, with the cost of postage rising on a yearly basis or better lately (it seems that way, anyway!), something must be done to keep the extraneous costs to Fleet down. These costs are not factored in to your membership. If Fleet can't cover the bills due to extra costs such as these, that could lead to a rate hike. And I know I want that about as much as the rest of ya do :)

Working together, we can eliminate a good percentage of this - send this email to any list you are on and get the word out. Bring it up at your next ship function or meeting. Pass it on in your newsletters. If you know someone has moved, send an email to [compopshelp@sfi.org](mailto:compopshelp@sfi.org) and cc it to [helpdesk@sfi.org](mailto:helpdesk@sfi.org) and let us know. Communications now gets the database once a month to make just such corrections from the labels received.

The Communications Department is working very hard to get to a point where everyone gets their *Communiqués* the first time they are mailed out. With your help, it can be accomplished. If you have any questions, please feel free to send an email at [comm@sfi.org](mailto:comm@sfi.org)

To close, this is my last article as Chief of Communications. As you've read in Gord's article, he has resigned as Vice Commander, STARFLEET. While I'm sure this was not an easy choice, I commend Gord for both the job he did and the wisdom to know when it was time to step down. Gord, you'll definitely be missed on the EC and I wish you all the best. On the 22nd of September, I was appointed as Gord's replacement. This obviously created an opening for the Chief of Communications and I'm happy to say that Greg Trotter, former Vice Chief of Communications, has taken on the job. Below are a few words from Greg:

*"First off is contact information... just continue to use the [comm@sfi.org](mailto:comm@sfi.org) address. If you have a need to snail-mail something to me, the address is:*

**Greg Trotter**  
2733 N. 65th Terrace  
Kansas City, KS 66104

*Now to talk about staff... I'd like to welcome Joan E. Pierce as the new Vice-Chief of Communications for the STARFLEET Helpdesk. Joan is the heart and soul of the Helpdesk team, and I am excited that she's agreed to take lead on the program!*

*Also, Dixie Jack has agreed to be my Senior Vice Chief. Dixie is the Vice-Chief for Publications. Dixie's knowledge will come in very handy when a meteor falls on me and she has to answer my email. <G>*

*Thanks to Les for the opportunity to serve, and thanks to Mike for making this an easy transition!"*

I'm pleased to welcome Greg to the EC and I know he'll do an awesome job. That about does it for me this issue. Take care and I'll be seeing ya in 60!

First off, I'd like to add my thanks to Gord for an awesome job. Through everything the last almost 5 years has brought Fleet, he has been constant source of solid advice and counsel. In the time I've worked with him on the EC, he's been an invaluable source of information. Gord, you will be missed on the EC and I, for one, am glad you're sticking around... I've already added your number in my auto-dial :)

Second, I'd like to thank Les and the rest of the EC for their faith in me. It's been a privilege working with them and I look forward to continuing that in my new role. Speaking of the EC, congrats and welcome to Greg Trotter, my successor. It's gonna be a blast working with you on the EC.

Next, I'm pleased to announce that Carl Johnson has accepted the offer to be my Chief of Staff. I've already been in contact with most of those under the office of VCS and have gotten a status/staffing report from each.

## VICE-COMMANDER, STARFLEET TRANSITION

By Lieutenant General Michael Malotte • Vice-Commander, STARFLEET

For my first order of business, I'll be filling both the International Charities Coordinator position and the Director of the Fleet Division Chief Program. Currently, I'm overseeing both departments. I've received responses back from most of the Charities Departments and will head in the proper direction once I hear from all of them.

As far as the FDC is concerned, this will be a longer process. I'm collecting information from all of the division heads to see at what point each sits. The basic direction of the program is being looked at to try and determine how this program can best serve Fleet and its members. You see, I believe this program has the potential to be an unparalleled source of information for both chapters and Regions and one of the keys to its success is going to be the person in

charge. I'll update everyone with progress reports, as I know them. The remaining department under VCS is the Diplomatic Corps. I've been in contact with Kyle Wolf, the Director of the Diplomatic Corps and he tells me things are going great there. I've received a full report from him and things are looking good there.

The only other thing to report at this time is that I'm going to be moving around the end of the year. My new contact info is below and should be official around the first of December. US mail will be no problem as I can receive mail at both my present address and the future one now. My present phone number will be disconnected at the end of the year and I will be using the cell phone only. This is actually the best way to reach me anyway and is already my primary source for

contact. Email will not be affected, other than a short down time as we move the systems. Here is my updated contact info:

**Michael Malotte**  
3212 Mark Circle,  
Independence, MO 64055

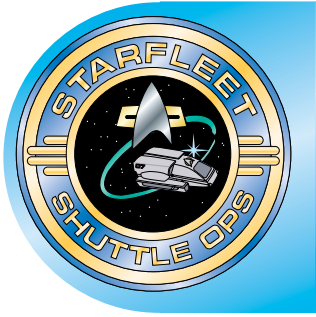
Email: [mike@ussnomad.org](mailto:mike@ussnomad.org) or  
[vcs@sfi.org](mailto:vcs@sfi.org)

ICQ - 1479736  
IRC Nick - MikeM

Phone - 816-309-6321

Finally, I'd like to take a minute and thank one of the greatest staffs I've had the privilege to serve with. It's been a blast working with all of you and I know each of you will continue to do as good a job for Greg.

That about wraps it up for me this go 'round. As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask!



# THE SHUTTLEBAY

## ADMIRAL ALEX ROSENZWEIG

### CHIEF OF SHUTTLE OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Greetings, everyone! It's an odd time to be writing this sort of column. On the one hand, America is at war, a different kind of war than ever before. It will take resolve, and focus, and determination to win, but win we must, and win we shall, if we can hold together as a nation. I am pleased that STARFLEET, thus far, has held together quite well. That's encouraging. We stand together with all the citizens of all the nations of the free world in saying that the sort of cowardly, violent behavior we witnessed (and in some cases, experienced horrifyingly first-hand) on 11 September cannot and must not be tolerated.

On the other hand, we are (as I write this) just days away from the premiere of a new Star Trek series, one that promises to at least be trying to return to some of the basics of Star Trek, an exploration-oriented series with an eye toward telling stories about finding out things we haven't learned before. I dunno about all of you, but I'm psyched. [Grin]

There are those who say that the themes and ideas that Star Trek embodies are passé. That a series that tells us that there's still something good about reaching out, both beyond the next horizon and to each other, is outmoded thinking. That the lessons that appreciating diversity and that in diversity we can find strength are out of touch with today's world. I disagree. And, in fact, I would argue that in these troubled times, the need for a show like Star Trek is greater than ever. When TOS premiered in the late 1960s, we were a society troubled over a war being fought in Southeast Asia and by the possible threat of nuclear annihilation. And that series gave us a beacon of hope, saying that maybe, just maybe, we could get our act together and become a unified world ready to face the challenges of exploring the galaxy. Today, we nervously realize that the threat of terrorism is not something to which our land is immune, and we wonder how we'll fight an enemy that isn't a nation, isn't a people, but is a collection of dispersed cells, of small groups of individuals with terrifying, extremist views who strike from the shadows and then hide until they can strike again. But, once

again, we will have a new chapter in a saga that says that Humanity is okay, that we can overcome the instinct to violence and killing, and that we can face the challenges of learning what's out there, as well as what's inside us, on the greatest journey of them all. The themes really are timeless, and the lessons clear. We must, even in the face of adversity, never forget them.

Meanwhile, ShOC is progressing well, with new projects and new ideas coming forth. By the time this issue of the *Communiqué* reaches you, we hope to have a brochure and flyer completed and ready for all the regions to use to tie your recruiting efforts to the resources of this department for chapter building. Things ran a little bit slower than I'd hoped, so they're not quite ready for me to officially announce them here, but they'll be done soon. Our next project is going to be a PowerPoint presentation, designed to go onto a CD-ROM, that will walk prospective new chapters through the process of either shuttlecrafting or going through the Existing fan Club Program, whichever is appropriate. The ideas for this have begun flying, and the basic concept for the presentation is in place. The ShOC staff will be outlining and developing the actual presentation in the coming months, and we hope to have something for you all early in 2002, to become part of the ambitious package we're creating to make the Shuttlecraft and Existing Fan Club Programs ever more useful for you all.

As always, I have to commend the ShOC staff, both at the HQ level- Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons, Biff Bassett, Sandy Berenberg, Jill Rayburn, and Lauren Milan- and also the Regional Shuttle Officers who have been actively participating as part of Team ShOC-Robin Pillow, Dave Walker, Kyle Wolf, and Jolynn Brown. Without all these folks, we simply couldn't have achieved what we've managed to do so far, and without them, we won't be able to keep on achieving it. At IC we saw a great example of this, actually, and one that I'd like to share. At the ShOC Panel, we had myself, Gumby, Biff, Jolynn, and Lauren from the ShOC staff, and an "audience" that had a slightly larger

number of people. But what happened in that room was electric, as we all just started talking, and sharing ideas, both ShOC staffers and audience, and within minutes, there was energy flowing through that room. It felt like a connection had been made, with as much contribution coming from the folks who'd come to "learn" as the ones who'd come to "teach". Really, we all taught, and we all learned, and it turned out to be a great panel. If we can all share in that mutual teaching and mutual learning experience in all we do, we'll come out way ahead. The key, though, is without Team ShOC working together, it couldn't have happened, and it made me very happy and grateful to be part of that team.

By the way, just a reminder to all you shuttle groups and RCs and staffs... Don't forget to work with your Regional Shuttle Ops Officers. They are an important part of the team, helping ShOC and the regions to work together, for the betterment of the Fleet. Thanks!

Okay, enough soapboxing for today. <Grin>

Here are the latest additions to the Fleet roster:

We have deployed two shuttles since last issue. Please join me in welcoming these shuttle to the ranks:

#### **Shuttlecraft Gasparilla - Region 2**

Apollo Beach, Florida

Michelle Muench, Commanding

#### **Shuttlecraft Hadfield - Region 13**

Georgetown, Ontario

Dave Blaser, Commanding

#### **Shuttlecraft Magellan - Region 14**

Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec

Manon Lessard-Belanger, CO

#### **Shuttlecraft Saint George - Region 6**

Eagan, Minnesota

Jessica Stratton, Commanding

#### **Shuttlecraft Starblade - Region 5**

Bellevue, Washington

Don Willits, Commanding

Welcome to the Shuttlecraft Program, folks!

We also have a staffing announcement, from over in the Department of Technical Services. I am very pleased to announce that, after several months of searching, we now have our schematics artist. So, please welcome FCAPT John T. Burt to the staff. His job will be to create basic engineering schematics, both to adapt designs we already have and to help visualize new ones. Congrats, John, and welcome aboard!

John can be reached at:

**John T. Burt**

**2201 Drew Ave**

**Turlock, CA 95382**

E-mail: [JohnB@chem.csustan.edu](mailto:JohnB@chem.csustan.edu)

I'm preparing to work with John on a few designs already, and he'll be able to set reasonable timetables for how quickly work can be done. Folks, one thing: Don't ask him for something and expect it done overnight. To do this sort of thing well takes a bit of time, so be sure to work with him and give him the time he needs to deliver quality work. Okay? Thanks!

Finally, another DTS question: I have been approached by a couple of individuals who have suggested that the current role of ASDB - that of consultant and information provider - is too...err...passive. They have asked me about shifting ASDB back to a more active role in the review and design process for fictional ships/stations used for chapters. I have given this some thought, and have decided that the obvious answer is to see what the membership at large would like to see. So, before we start making changes here, I'd like to know what you think. Should ASDB remain as it is at present, a consultative/information agency, or would you prefer to see it return to its role of a couple of years ago, a more active review/collaboration entity that would be directly involved in developing and perfecting designs before the final review and go/no go decision?

Please send your thoughts to me, and I will be guided by them when I make a decision on the issues brought to me. Thanks in advance for your help.

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

Ad Astra!



# COMPUTER OPERATIONS

REAR ADMIRAL MARK H. ANBINDER

CHIEF OF COMPUTER OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

As you may already be aware, at the beginning of September, Don Willits stepped down as Vice Chief of Computer Operations in charge of Membership Processing. He and Chris Wallace, who's been working with Don since the beginning of the year (and before that), got everything caught up to the beginning of the month, and they leave us in excellent shape to transition to a new Membership Processing team.

I am pleased to announce that Fleet Captain Sandy Berenberg, who had offered earlier this year to help out in Membership Processing, has agreed to take on the management role for that ongoing task. Sandy is our new Vice Chief of Computer Operations in charge of Membership Processing, and he will be working with a corps of volunteers near him in Maryland.

Amusingly enough, this means the archive of membership applications

that Teri Smith shipped to the Pacific Northwest in December has now wended its way back to a location not that far from her house.

## WHERE TO SEND MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

The new address for STARFLEET Membership Processing is:

**SFI Membership Processing**  
**Post Office Box 460**  
**Gaithersburg, MD 20884-0460**

Please spread the word to everyone in your chapter, and make sure any membership forms you're handing out at chapter events are current. The new STARFLEET membership application, for renewals and new memberships, is now available online: <http://join.sfi.org/Member0109.pdf>

That PDF requires the free Adobe Acrobat Reader available from <http://www.adobe.com/>

for viewing or printing. Text and RTF versions of the form will be online by the time you read this, along with updated information on the web. We encourage members and chapters to print copies of these forms, showing the new PO box address in Maryland, and distribute them widely.

My thanks to Sandy and his incoming team for accepting these challenges, and my thanks to Don Willits and Chris Wallace, the outgoing Membership Processing team, and the folks who've helped them out this year, for their enormous effort to date.

## PROCESSING STATUS

Because Don and Chris got so well caught up, Sandy was able to return to processing memberships while staying within the 6-8-week membership processing target turnaround time. As of this writing, Sandy has already processed over a hundred new and renewing memberships, and will soon

resume sending out packets.

Sandy took a brief vacation from Membership Processing to attend Watkins Glen Weekend 2001, but will be back in gear before you read this, catching up on the online membership applications and getting packets out.

## BEWARE THE OWLS

Keep an eye out for other goings-on in Membership Processing and the rest of Computer Operations in the coming weeks and months. Once Sandy gets things settled in Maryland, we've got other schemes in the works!

Among the plans is to resume development of instant processing of online credit card transactions, so members won't have to wonder whether their payments have been successful, and Membership Processing won't have to chase down payments when transactions go bad.

Best wishes to all for a healthy fall. I'll hope to see many of you at the upcoming Region 7 Conference in King of Prussia, PA, and the Region 7 dual-location holiday party at the USMA and USNA campuses in West Point and Annapolis, respectively!

As usual, the treasury department has been hopping. You'll notice that there are some differences in the figures section of the report; I have managed to manipulate Microsoft Money to where I could copy the data directly out of the report section instead of retyping it like I've been doing all year. You will continue to see reports in this manner, as it is much easier and more accurate for me to copy the data versus retyping it. If you have any difficulties in understanding the new format, please let me know and I'll be more than happy to assist. On a personal note, I'm back in school now, and still attending physical therapy following my surgery, so my turn around time might be a bit slower than usual.

## INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS:

As I reported in the previous couple of CQs, some international checks will be returned to us unable to be deposited through the Federal Reserve, or they 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. If you are unsure as to whether or not your check or money order can be deposited, please contact me and give me the info about your check or money order and I will contact our bank and we'll determine how to proceed.

## RETURNED/BOUNCED CHECKS:

We are having several checks returned either for insufficient funds or due to the check or money order unable to be deposited through the Federal Reserve. Every time a check or money order is returned, STARFLEET is charged \$5.00. If you have a returned or bounced check, your STARFLEET membership will be placed on hold until you have repaid the original check/money order amount and the \$5.00 fee. You will no longer receive the CQ, be eligible to attend STARFLEET academy, or be promoted until the issue has been

resolved. In addition, if you are a chapter CO or XO, this places your chapter in jeopardy, as it is a requirement that these officers have ACTIVE memberships. Please make sure that when you send in a check that you have the funds available in your account until the check clears.

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

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

## VOUCHERS:

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)

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

**Tammy Willcox**  
**4121 Stillwood Court**  
**Virginia Beach, VA 23456**

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 for now and I'll see you in the next publication!



# EX ASTRA, SCIENTIA

ADMIRAL MARLENE MILLER

COMMANDANT, STARFLEET ACADEMY

*"More than a month since the attacks.  
Where do we stand?"*

I wrote these words as the news coverage of the attacks against American were playing out, wondering what the state of our affairs would be when the words appear here today. The death toll has risen to over 6,000 innocent men, women and children. Is the United States at war? Do we have the perpetrators in hand?

Unlike any other time in U.S. history since Pearl Harbor, madmen killed people and destroyed property in our own cities. All across our great nation, government offices closed and planes were grounded. Businesses sent people home to be with their families. But we didn't cower behind darkened windows. We gathered at our chosen places of worship. We clamored to give blood or help in any way we could.

We bought every U.S. flag we could lay our hands on... and we put them on our homes, our cars, our businesses and our clothing. Sure, "they" may burn our flag, but a burned flag is no less symbolic of our nation, because its tatters and burns show the greatness it represents.

We have been rocked to our very roots. How dare someone step over the line to attack us where we live. Like most, I have stayed glued to the television.

I flipped channels at one point to listen to the PBS broadcast of England's BBC coverage. The compassion of the British journalists touched me. When I learned that Queen Elizabeth requested that the Star Spangled Banner be played at the changing of the guard... and that she sang the words to our National Anthem, I understood why she is loved as she is. When clips of interviewed

New Yorkers were played, I felt pride in their resolve. Watching Firefighters raise the Stars and Stripes amidst soot and ashes, brought tears to my eyes. So many of New York's Finest won't be going home.

I learned that the plane that hit the Pentagon was probably intended for the White House, and that the passengers on the plane that crashed in Pennsylvania fought with the hijackers.

They knew they were going to die, and they turned their deaths into something meaningful. When I watched Mr. Lutnick, CEO of Cantor Fitzgerald, tearfully talk about the 700 families from his firm, which were destroyed, I cried along with him.

When I saw the thousands of tributes from other countries, I knew we are not

alone. Wherever it is we stand today, I feel a tremendous pride in being a citizen of the United States of America. President Bush reacted swiftly and accurately. His words promised us a reckoning with those responsible. As he said, he's "a loveable guy" but he has a job to do... and he will do it. We will do it.

Some of you may feel that I, and other Academy staff are insensitive because we continue offering our courses during this trying time. Are we? I think not.

On the recommendation of our country's leaders, we're getting on with our lives. We're back at work. We're sending out course packets, scoring exams, and presenting new Schools. None of us will ever be quite the same as we were before September 11, 2001, but we're still here for you. Within these pages, you'll find several articles by Academy personnel as well as the current list of STARFLEET Academy graduates. I invite you to check 'em out.

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

*Marlene J Miller*

## COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATIONS BACK AT 100%

By FCapt. Kimberly Brooks • College of Communications

Greetings to one and all from the College of Communications. Boy, has it ever been a busy season for the Directors of SFA's College of Communications. As some will recall, we've recently had a change in our U.S. Director from Michael Anderson to Kimberly Brooks.

Since then, the Directors of the College of Communications have been working on creating electronic versions of the College of Communications handbooks for all three of our courses, and we are very happy to announce that we've completed that task, and are ready to make the courses available to all STARFLEET Members throughout the world.

I can hear some of you now saying "All three courses?" Yes folks, you read that right - the College of Communications has three courses available for students. Those courses include:

- Newsletter Design
- Interspecies Communications

### • Basic Web Design

What's entailed in these courses? We're very glad that you asked that question. The Newsletter Design course is pretty self-explanatory - how to design a newsletter for your chapter or region. This course was originally designed for those who physically layout and create newsletters without the use of a computer, but does allow for students to create their newsletters electronically and submit them for grading via E-Mail.

The Interspecies Communications course will help you to learn more about non-verbal communication - body language. The words we use are only half of how we communicate with each other. The other half is how we present it - body and eye language.

And finally, the Basic Web Design course will help the novice Internet user to develop their own web page for themselves or for their chapter. It covers some of the basics of HTML (HyperText Markup Language - the language of the World Wide Web.)

Now the question you're asking is "Why is it a good idea to take these courses?" The first and most important thing is to have fun and enjoy yourself. That's part of the function of almost every Academy course!

The second would be if you are a Communication's Officer for your chapter. The Newsletter Design and Basic Web Design course may help you to build a solid foundation to get news and info out to both your members and to potential members alike.

And finally, everyone can benefit from a good understanding of the non-verbal ways that we communicate with each other. You can learn to "read" how people are feeling, and that's an important thing when you're interacting with others. If you're at a membership drive, understanding body language and eye contact can help you to effectively get your message out to potential members.

So, have we piqued your interest in the College of Communications? If you'd like some more information, or would

like to take on of our courses, please feel free to contact one of our directors.

**U.S. (Main) Campus**  
C/O: Kimberly Brooks  
420 Monte Vista Dr.  
Kingsport, TN 37660  
United States of America  
coc@sfi.org

**Canadian Campus**  
C/O: Dave Blaser  
74072-260 Guelph St.  
Georgetown, ON L7G 5L1  
Canada  
DaveB@Region13.org

**Australian Campus**  
C/O: Alan Yates  
P.O. Box 103  
Harbord, NSW 2096  
Australia  
CampOz@ay.com.au

Any one of our directors would be more than happy to answer whatever questions you have, or help you with taking any of the courses.

Hello, and welcome to STARFLEET Academy. I'll be your tour guide today. My name is Izod Ze Gorn. You can call me Izod. My job is to familiarize you with the new addition to STARFLEET Academy, called THE GORN ACADEMY.

If you'll follow me please, we're headed for that large green building at the end of the drive. This building was built by the Gorn engineers who used various metal alloys from earth and other planets and special polymers mixed with a green pigment from their home world. This makes the building strong, safe, and rather unusual looking. It is very energy efficient and the polymers are similar materials but much thicker and stronger than a styrofoam cup. It takes nearly no energy to heat or cool it. The style is also from the Gorn homeworld. And the green color makes it stand out on campus.

As we enter the building we immediately notice the doorway is quite a bit larger than a normal door on earth. This is because the average size of an adult male is over 7 ft. tall. Naturally since the Gorns designed the building, they made it a comfortable size for their people, yet is it still comfortable for humans and other races as well.

On the first floor you'll notice a series of rooms labeled: Administration. This is where you'll be paying your tuition for the courses you'll be taking

## TOUR THE NEW SFA GORN ACADEMY CAMPUS!

By Izod Ze Gorn • SFA Gorn Academy

here. The tuition fee is only \$1.00 plus 2 first class postage stamps. You can pay with checks, money orders, or vouchers. Please make checks and money orders out to "STARFLEET Academy", NOT to the school director. The \$1.00 goes to pay for your main textbook, called The Gorn Academy Handbook.

Every student receives this booklet whether they take the course online (a .pdf version is available in both Federation English and in the Gorn language). This booklet explains the courses and also includes the history, economy, Federation contacts, etc. with the Gorn Alliance. Most answers to test questions can be found in this textbook. The stamps are to help with the cost of mailing the textbook and the diplomas (any extra stamps you'd like to send are always appreciated, but not necessary).

Moving up the stairs, we'll see the classrooms. Not all of these are completely finished, so watch your step. On the left you'll notice the room marked TOS. This is where Admiral Donner (the school director) will teach the course on how the Gorn Alliance and Federation first came to know each other.

It's a fascinating subject that had a

rocky beginning. In addition to your textbook for the school, you might want to reacquaint yourselves with the videos from this period: ARENA from the regular series and TIME TRAP from the animated series. If you can't find or borrow a copy of them, don't worry; the information is in your textbook. Of course we encourage you to use the videos also, since it's more fun watching the actual events. <grin>

On your right is the room for the NG course. Here you'll find interesting information about how the Federation and Gorn Alliance faired after that first encounter on Cestius III. If you decide to take this course, you'll want to acquaint yourselves with the novels REQUIEM and THE GORN CRISIS.

And down the hall on the left is the room for the GORN ALLIANCE in general course. This is a fascinating course, as we've spared no expense getting to know about the history, military, economy, language, medical, etc. of the Gorns. You'll note the painting on the back wall. It's a Gorn original and very popular on Gorn worlds.

In fact Gorn artists created all the paintings on the walls throughout the building. The room on the right at the end of the hall is used as a research

room, for those who wish to pursue their education farther and do a thesis. These students are encouraged to write about their own adventures with the Gorns. The best of these stories will be included on the website for others to enjoy as well. You'll find a brief example of this in the textbook/handbook. Taking all of the courses and writing a thesis will gain the student the Ph.D. of Gornology.

Now that room on the other side of the hallway that isn't finished yet, is for future classes that may be added to the school. One we're thinking about is a particularly challenging one: learning to translate the Gorn language. And of course the building is built in such a way that we can add another floor to it if we need to.

Oh, one more thing: the courses can be taken in any order. So, enjoy yourself. We're looking forward to seeing a lot of new students. The school is finished and open for business now. If you would like to contact the Gorn Academy director, the e-mail address is [gorn@worldnet.att.net](mailto:gorn@worldnet.att.net) and the snail mail address is:

**Carolyn Donner,**  
P.O. Box 158,  
Hamersville, OH 45130.

The webpage address is:  
<http://home.att.net/~gorn>

Here is an update on the Cadet courses available at the Cadet Academy. We have a new school listed.

Now Open are:

**Cadet Security School**  
**Nancy O'Shields, School Director**  
6225 Lycoming Rd.  
Montgomery, AL 36117  
[IMN2TREK@aol.com](mailto:IMN2TREK@aol.com)

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

**Cadet School on**  
**20th Century Space Flight School**  
**Ben Redding, School Director**  
2917 Heritage Way  
Seveirville, TN 37876  
[trekscotty@msn.com](mailto: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 course cost is \$3.00 plus two first-class U.S. postage stamps. You will have 10 weeks to complete and return the test.

**Cadet Federation Studies**  
**Donna Stewart, School Director**  
990 One Mile Rd  
Fayetteville, AR 72704  
[DonnaS3844@aol.com](mailto: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 ---for entertainment. The courses are broken up in the following manner:

History of Earth & the Federation up to the launch of the Enterprise (One course)

History of the Enterprise (Three courses)  
(1) for original series  
(2) for Next Generation

History of Deep Space 9 (Two courses covering years 1 - 4)

History of Voyager (One course covering years 1 & 2 of the series)

**Cadet Vulcan Academy of Science**  
**Rebecca Self, School Director**  
4418 Willow Bend Rd.  
Decatur, AL 35603-5313  
[Spiritwalker77@aol.com](mailto:Spiritwalker77@aol.com)

The Cadet Vulcan Academy presently

has a couple of interesting courses for both 6 - 12 year olds and 13 - 18 year olds. It is on Paleontology. The course is \$1.00 and two first class stamps.

Early Space History and the Mercury Program are also open. Trek Trivia also goes along with this course. The course is \$1.00. Be sure to send a SASE

**Cadet College of History**  
**Deborah Butcher, Director**  
3200 Grandview Dr., Lot 167  
Simpsonville, SC 29680  
[LtColDB@aol.com](mailto:LtColDB@aol.com)

There will be questions about "real" history and history of the "Star Trek" world. The course is \$1.00 and three first class stamps.

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



# 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 August 1, 2001 through September 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.

## INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP

*Peg Pellerin, Dean*

### Officer's Training School (OTS)

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

Cheryl Gunnett	Caroling Anderton	Janice Schweikert
Amanda Griffin	Gary Blessing	James Wilson
Melissa L. Cawein	Shayne Cohen	
Tina Rideout	Jason Ellmer	
Maria Perez	April McQueen	
Vernon J. Ueller	Mary Stacks	
Kimberly Sussman	Michael G. Butwinnick	
Gail V. Daniels	Joshua Rosen	
Lorelei Mather	Fred Brown	
Christopher Obanion	Guy Glandford	
Michael Rafferty	Tina M. Eastridge	
Mary B. Roy	Diana Dungan	
Pamela Lieber	James Cecil	

### Officer's Command College (OCC)

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

Jerry Feador  
Gene Adams  
Marie Anderson  
James Nelson  
Thomas Guertin  
Johathan Madon  
Amy Rether  
Joseph Burrell  
Dino Gravito  
James Wilson  
Jeff Davis  
Anselmo Melo

## INSTITUTE OF ARTS

*Sherry Anne Newell,  
Dean*

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

*David Peifer, Director*

Melissa Lillie \*  
Darlene Harper (3) \*\*\*  
Melinda Harper (2) \*  
Richard Passmore \*

### College of History (COH)

*Deborah Butcher, Director*

George Parker

### School of Treknology (SOT)

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

Kurt Roithinger \*

### School of Cultural Anthropology

*Sherry Anne Newell, Director*

Eddie Milbrandt \*

### College of Federation Studies

*Anne Bellenger, Director*

Sherri Huff \*

### College of Mythological Studies (COMS)

*Wayne L. Killough, Jr., Director*

Kristie Schultz

### Culinary School (BURPS)

*William Skinner, Director, Kevin King, Assistant*

Patty Lewis  
Anna M. Feador

## INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES

*Greg Staylor, Dean*

### Cadet Security School (CSS)

*Nancy J. O'Shields, Director*

Robert Ponson \*

### College of Survival Studies (CSS)

*Carol Thompson, Director*

Darren Carter

### School of Strategy & Tactics (SOST)

*Sanford Berenberg, Director*

Michael Barnhill (2) \*  
Scott Akers (2)

### College of Starship Operations

*James W. Lee, Director*

Thomas N. Donohoe (3)

### Vessel Readiness Certification Program

*Carol Thompson, Director*

These ships have certified departments and/or earned their Vessel Readiness Certificate:

USS Alaric (1)  
USS Anasazi - VRC Awarded  
USS Keheyr (1)

## INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

*Sharon Ann Clark,  
Dean*

### College of Medicine (SACOM)

*Wayne Killough, Director*

Sean Meyer (4) *	Cathy Edgington (2) *
Melissa Cawein	Sharon Russell (2)
Cindy Prindle	John McCarter ()
Raymond Johnson (4) *	Ray Gale (3) *
George Parker (9) *	
Matt Jolley	

### School of Engineering (SOE)

*Capt. Brian W. Dougherty, Director*

John McCarter  
Susan Goodwin

### Vulcan Academy of Science (VAS)

*Adm. Marlene J. Miler, Director*

Eddie Milbrandt, Jr (2)  
Tom Ferguson (2) \*  
Charles "Bud" Cullum (2) \*\*  
Abe Smith  
Paula Kesler  
Alice Strange \* (Completed All VAS Courses)  
Denise Wolff \*  
Paula Carberry \*

# 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 13

The Region 13 Vote of Confidence Process began officially on September 17, 2001 with a hardcopy mailing to all eligible COs with VOC form included. Deadline for receiving the VOC forms is October 15 (postmarked by October 10).

## OTHER ISSUES

Some questions have arisen from my last article concerning investigations and the general discussion of any ongoing investigations. In an effort to maintain a professional level of confidentiality, this Office and the members of its staff will not discuss any investigation, with anyone, except any necessary contact with the JAG as described in the Constitution. There will always be rumors during any investigation, and the occasional leak as many members may be questioned. However, should any leak originate from this office, it will be dealt with summarily. In other words - don't ask.

## DUTIES OF THE IG - Conducting RC Votes of Confidence or Elections

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 SFI Constitution, or basic members' rights, by members of fleet.
- The second duty is to conduct biennial votes of confidence or elections of the RCs 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 conduction of elections or biennial votes of confidence aspect of the Office. The reasoning and authority are spelled out in three sources - STARFLEET Constitution, Membership Handbook and IG's Operation Manual:

From the STARFLEET Constitution. Article 4, Section 3: Regional Coordinator:

*"All Regional Coordinators must be residents of the geographic area they represent and at least 21 years of age. The COs of the Chapters*

*and Shuttles of the Region elect via popular election or confirm via votes of confidence their Regional Coordinators to a two-year term, in accordance with the current guidelines as set forth in the Membership Handbook. The primary duty of the Regional Coordinator is to represent the membership of his/her Region to STARFLEET in general and the Admiralty Board specifically. The Regional Coordinator is charged with administering and implementing the organizational policies as set forth by the Admiralty Board."*

From the Membership Handbook. Section 3, STARFLEET Organization; Subsection 4, Regional Coordinators:

*"Regional Coordinators are appointed by the Commanding Officers of the Chapters of the Region, through a democratic balloting process of suitable candidates, using balloting guidelines set forth by the EC. RCs serve at the pleasure of their Region and the RC must undergo a biennial election or "vote of confidence" from his electorate, in order to assure that the needs of their region and members are being met."*

From the Operations and Organization Manual, Office of Inspector General. Section 5, Votes of Confidence:

*"As dictated by the STARFLEET Constitution, and the Membership Handbook, all Region Coordinators must undergo a Vote of Confidence every two years. These votes are conducted on a schedule established by the Inspector General. This schedule, for the sake of fairness, is not made public to anyone outside the IG's Office and randomly altered each cycle. In this manner, a region cannot anticipate exactly when their VOC will take place, and thus should help ensure fairness and accuracy."*

*Each VOC is scheduled for a 30-day "window." This "window" is the time allowed for the VOC forms to be sent out and returned. All VOCs are conducted via the postal service. Each eligible Commanding Officer in the region participating in the VOC will receive a VOC "packet." This "packet" contains a letter from the IG detailing the VOC process, and a ballot. The ballot indicates the name of the RC the VOC is being conducted on, a place to indicate whether the voting party does or does not have confidence in the RC they're voting on, and places for the CO to sign and print their name, print their chapter name, and provide a phone number and e-mail address."*

*If, for some reason, the CO is not the person filling out and returning the ballot, then the ballot must be accompanied (or preceded) by written notice as to who the signatory will be, and why. No information provided on the voting form will be given to anyone outside the IG's Office, without the written permission of the person whose information appears on the ballot."*

*All eligible COs of a region, be they the CO of a ship or a shuttle, are allowed to participate in the VOC."*

Next issue, I'll discuss the duties of the IG in relation to assisting STARFLEET's Chief of Communication in conducting the election of the Commander, STARFLEET. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

## IG PERSONNEL

I have received a number of eligible candidates for the open positions of Region 3 and Region 7. I will have a decision made, at least for Region 3 by the time this hits print. Here is a current list of personnel.

**Lee Shamblin**

Deputy Inspector General  
dig@sfi.org

**Mandy Livingston**

Assistant Inspector General, R1  
aigr01@sfi.org

**Danny Potts**

Assistant Inspector General, R2  
aigr02@sfi.org

**Ramon Macias**

Assistant Inspector General, R4  
aigr04@sfi.org

**Kurt Roithinger**

Assistant Inspector General, R5  
aigr05@sfi.org

**Ben Johnson**

Assistant Inspector General, R6  
aigr06@sfi.org

**Ray Brown**

Assistant Inspector General, R12  
aigr12@sfi.org

**Richard Jolitz**

Assistant Inspector General, R15  
aigr15@sfi.org

**Richard Kinne**

Assistant Inspector General, SFMC  
aigsfmc@sfi.org

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

Your most humble & obedient servant



## BUY A STAR FOR YOUR ROSTER!

**By BGR. Dennis Rayburn**

The call to action came out very shortly after the terrible events of September 11, 2001 and the Chaplains/Counselors Department of STARFLEET wants to do its part also. Thus, today, we are pleased to announce our sponsorship of an auction to raise funds for the American Red Cross in their efforts to aid the victims of the terrorist attacks.

I'm pleased to report that on October 22, 2001, Chase Masterson, of Star Trek: DS9, and Peter Woodward, of Babylon 5: Crusade, have become full members of SFI. They have been temporarily assigned as follows: Chase Masterson is assigned temporary duty with the USS Ohio, and Peter Woodward is currently assigned to the USS Tycho.

However, what ship they are assigned to for the balance of their membership is up to the chapters of the fleet.

With their kind cooperation and consent, Chase Masterson and Peter Woodward are up for auction. The chapter that bids the most will get one of them as a full member of their chapter for the balance of their membership. To submit bids, email me at [stoncold@wk.net](mailto:stoncold@wk.net), or snail mailed me at:

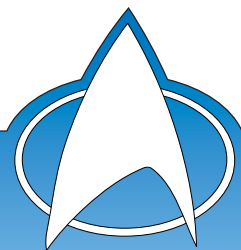
**Dennis Rayburn**  
P. O. Box 61  
Puryear, TN 38251

You can also call me voice at 731-247-5987. If you get the answering machine, choose option 44 and you will get the current high bid and then you'll be able to leave a message where I can call back to get your bid. All bids must include the name of the person making the bid, the amount, which ship, which star you are bidding on, and a phone number to confirm the bid if needed.

Bids will be taken, or postmarked by no later than 12:01 am, CST, on 12/1/01. Once all bids are completed, the high bidders will be notified that they have won. The chapter will then have a period of time to transmit the funds directly to the SFI Treasurer. Once I receive an email from the treasurer that the funds have been received, the star's membership will be transferred to the winning ship's roster.

So, all chapters of STARFLEET, pick which star you want to bid on, round up the funds and let's have some fun, and help the Red Cross in their noble mission. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Okay, STARFLEET, what is your bid for either of these two members?



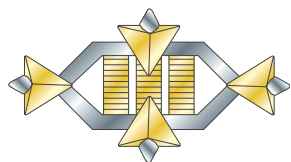
# STARFLEET PROMOTIONS

COMPILED BY MARINE CAPTAIN DEBORAH MALOTTE

Hello from the Office of Promotions! Here are those who have been promoted since the last CQ:

## To Fleet Captain/ Brigadier:

Max Khaytsus  
Warren Price  
Abe Smith  
Jennifer McBride  
Martin A. Lessem



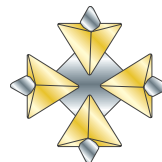
## To Commodore/ Brigadier General:

Tammy Willcox  
Patricia Rose Lewis



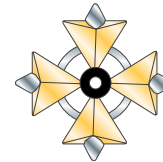
## To Rear Admiral/ Major General:

Robb Jackson



## To Vice Admiral/ Lieutenant General:

Robbie Lewis



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

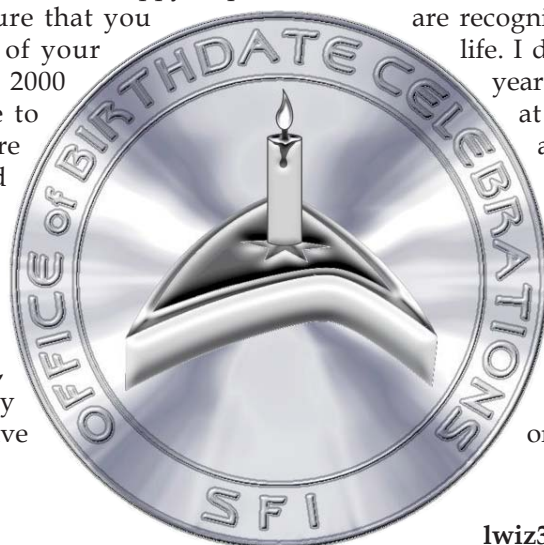
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11/01 Arthur H. Brown, Jr  
11/01 Douglas Anthony  
11/03 Lisa Brinkley  
11/04 Jennifer Hewitt  
11/05 Nancy Lynch  
11/05 Gerri Wampler  
11/07 Danny "Joker" Hall  
11/08 Mike Browne  
11/09 Diedre "Dee" Rickard  
11/10 Roberta Danielle  
11/10 Don Henderson (II)  
11/12 Bruce Sherrick  
11/14 Richard K. Getz  
11/15 Nancy O'Shields  
11/15 Tom Brinkley  
11/16 Jerry Martin  
11/18 Sharon Yoresh  
11/19 Mara Yoresh  
11/20 Jennifer Rosbury  
11/20 Stephen C. Idell  
11/21 Kurt Pfeiffer  
11/21 Zack Olack  
11/21 David Montgomery  
11/23 Kevin, Kirkland  
11/23 Lynn Magann  
11/24 Christine Barnett  
11/24 Ace Butrum  
11/24 Mandi Herrmann  
11/24 Ashley Murray  
11/26 Brian Young  
11/28 Marlon V. Ragsdale

## STARFLEET SAYS HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Logo Courtesy of Danny Hall USS Indestructible, Region 2

I would like to thank everyone for participating in the Birthday list I am running. I have been doing this for almost a year now and have had some really good comments and am happy to provide a service even if it is nothing more than making sure that you are recognized on the most important day of your life. I do not care if you are 1 month or 2000 years old - it is an important date to at least one person and I bet there are others out there that would like to help you celebrate. Please contact me by e-mail, US messenger, and I will add you to the list. What I need for the list is your region, ship you are assigned to, Name and Rank, Month and Day of birth, and e-mail if you have one. Here is how:



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

Instant Messaging:  
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Yahoo: LWiz3  
AOL: LWiz AL

E-mail:  
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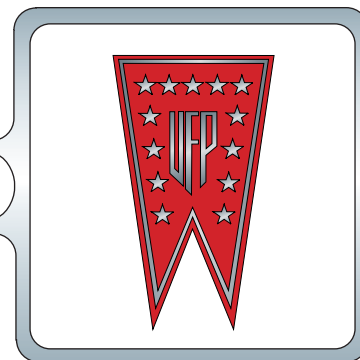
## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/04 Debbie A. Dennis  
12/05 Melanie Caton  
12/07 Amanda L Jester  
12/07 George Daher Jr.  
12/08 Jonathan Self  
12/09 Dave Pitts  
12/10 Stephen Torres  
12/10 Kris Paavola  
12/12 Michele A. Gage  
12/15 Cheryl Lynn Jones  
12/15 Marilyn Romero  
12/15 John Finley  
12/15 Samantha Cadmus  
12/16 David W. Barnett  
12/16 James Cozine  
12/16 Bill Lemmond  
12/17 Gary Ensey  
12/17 Bob Fillmore  
12/18 Kevin Shane  
12/18 Ariel Vitali  
12/18 Graeme Kan  
12/19 Carolyn Donner  
12/19 Jeffrey Self  
12/19 Mae Ling Mak  
12/20 David Hines  
12/21 Stacey Sona  
12/24 Clayton A. Jackson III  
12/24 Rhonda Peterson  
12/25 Hugo Costa, Jr  
12/26 Gail Self  
12/27 Bill Jackson  
12/29 Gloria Wilkerson  
12/30 Veronica Duane



# LOOKING FORWARD TO YESTERDAY

BY STARFLEET HISTORIAN LT. GEN SCOTT A. AKERS



## THE FLEET HISTORIAN ANNUAL REPORT

The last several issues of the *Communique*, I have written about the lineages of certain venerable chapters of STARFLEET and the line to one of their newest descendants. This month however, I will be letting the membership know about what has been going on with the Office of Fleet Historian over the last year: what projects we have completed, what projects we are currently working on, and what projects are scheduled for the future. In addition, I will be listing what services are available from the Office of Fleet Historian, for the Regions, Chapters, and most importantly the membership.

The Office of Fleet Historian has had several major projects over the past four years. First was the initial Fleet History, completed in time for the 1998 International Conference, at which the original founder of STARFLEET: John Bradbury was able to make an appearance, that History has been updated and is available in Hard Copy format, thanks to Admiral Chris Wallace, or in HTML at the 2001 STARFLEET Most Information Web Site Award Winner at: <http://www.interplanetary.net/blackhawk/SFIHistory/>

This was created and maintained by the Deputy Chief Historian Fleet Captain Jeff Higdon.

The next major project was completed in time for the 1999 IC, and that was the Genealogy Posters. Every active chapter (at that time) was traced back to the alpha chapter, started by the aforementioned John Bradbury, the USS Enterprise out of Lufkin, Texas. The posters: one for each region, ranged in size from 3x6 foot, to 9x12 feet. These posters graciously printed off by Admiral Chris Wallace went home with the Regional Coordinators after the event in Charlotte. The Genealogies (now nearly three years old) can be found on line at: <http://www.sfi.org/html/historian.html>.

The IC 2000 project was the completion and release of the Pre First Contact Chronology. Called the "Spacecraft of Earth Volume One 1957-2063." Covering from the Sinking of the Titanic to First Contact, and having diagrams and statistics of Earth's first spacecraft, it is a valuable tool to researching the past of Star Trek. In addition 2000 saw the beginning of the collection and rebuilding of the Mike Smith era *Communique*'s. CQ 95 edited by Mandy Herrmann Livingston, as well as CQs 90 and 89

edited by Wendy Fillmore were finished before the years end, and put up on the FTP site for people to download.

Finally in the last year, the *Communique*'s rebuild project was able to complete all the way back to the first Mike Smith era CQ, number 79 edited by Greg Trotter, as well as the CQ 80, edited by Greg, CQs 83 & 84 edited by Brittany Sloan, and CQ 88 edited by Wendy Fillmore. In addition to this the Office of Fleet Historian completed the 42 years of History Posters for the IC 2001 held in Kansas City, Missouri. These Posters 2 foot by 3 foot each, detailed the History, of

in our ranks. In addition we have been receiving information of some of the chapters that have passed away, but had no descendants, we are now able to get to these groups and document their lineages. In addition we are building a database of all this information that will work with the Computer Operations department to stay up to date of the changes that occur.

New this year is the exciting project started by Fleet Captain Dave Klingman, collecting all of the fictional histories and timelines from the various chapters throughout the fleet, David has been

of our organization.

In the future, what does the Office of Fleet Historian have planned? Well I am glad you asked that question. Along with the updates of the genealogies we have mentioned above, we want to add the shuttles, current and past, including those that never commissioned. In addition we are working on a Fleet Yearbook, with chapter lineages, vessel schematics, and a sheet dedicated to each chapter with whatever they want in the Yearbook, Crew Photo, Artwork, short stories, etc.. These will be collated and put on either CDs or Hardcopy booklets available at either IC 2002 or 2003, and for distribution to the general fleet afterwards.

Once completed these yearbooks can be updated every year for the IC, and presented to the membership at the time.

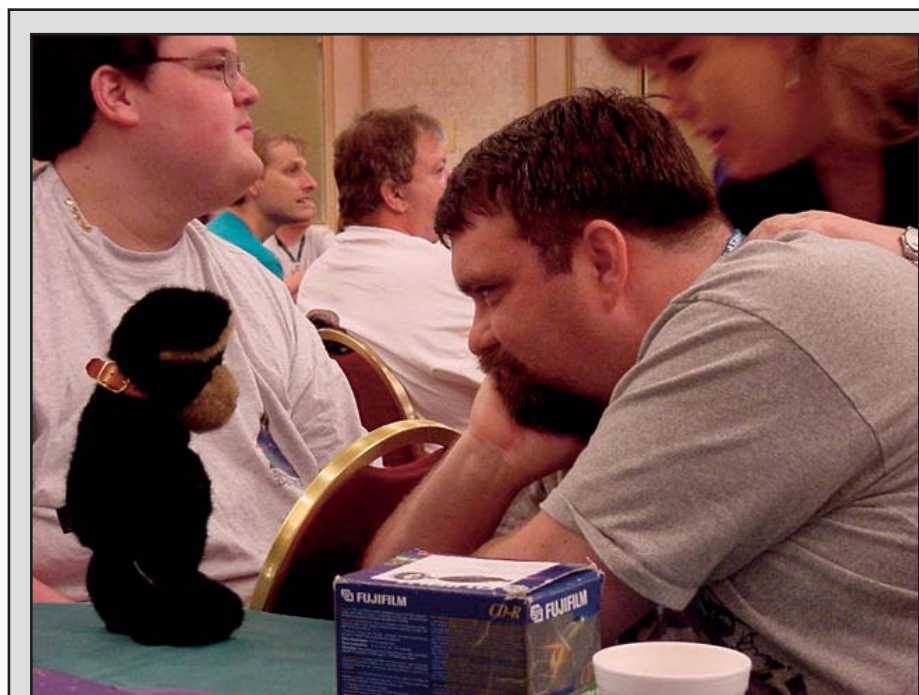
As mentioned above Dave Klingman's timeline project is underway, and plans are to integrate these chapter timelines, with those regional timelines available, we well as polishing this for publication as a fleet resource. This will have to be updated continuously in light of the broadcast of the new series "Enterprise".

Finally a long range project will be writing a unified history of fandom, not just that of STARFLEET, but of Trek Fandom, and science fiction fandom in general.

Lastly, I would like to address services the Office of Fleet Historian, can provide the regions, chapters, and members of STARFLEET.

First, custom lineages of any active chapter can be researched and written up upon request. The electronic rebuilds of the CQs in PDF format, are available to any member who asks for them, as well as the Historian CD, which is still available to be mailed out at \$8.00, mail [chunone@nwl.com](mailto:chunone@nwl.com) for information on that. Finally the Office is willing to research any past CQs, and other STARFLEET publications to answer those annoying questions you may have about your chapter's past. We will also provide archival service of any materials you want saved, but no longer have the storage capability to do so.

In Conclusion, the Office of Fleet Historian is your Historian, use us to the fullest, and discover the realm of tomorrow's yesterdays.



"Nobody listens to me the way you do, Burlington.": 'Fleet Historian Scott Akers discusses the plights of responsibility with Mr. Bear.

Photo courtesy of Sanford Berenberg

Star Trek, Fandom, and the Mundane and real world Space Program. The posters were then sold at the IC Auction for \$175 to Philip A. Decker of Region 12.

Next are our current projects. First among these is keeping the prose history current, STARFLEET has not ended with the conclusion of the Mike Smith Administrations, nor will the work of the Office of Fleet Historian, periodically the work of the Rickard administration will be included, and that of those administrations that follow him.

Next is the updating of the Genealogies, after three years they are in need of corrections and expansion. We have new chapters, new shuttles, and some losses

hard at work, and has many of our more prolific chapter's timelines ready, you will be hearing more on this project in the months to come.

"The Spacecraft of Earth" book will be expanded with a second volume that will integrate with the timelines written by Admiral Alex Rosenzweig and Michael Okuda. In addition these two publications will be integrated content and stylistically with the publications put out by ASDB and Panda Press: "The Ships of the STARFLEET."

Finally the Office of Fleet Historian is working with the STARFLEET Marine Historian Brigadier General Robb Jackson, as he writes the history of that sub unit

Greetings STARFLEET International and STARFLEET Marine Corps Members, Chapters and Units,

As you are aware, September 11th, 2001 international terrorists attacked the United States. Thousands perished as a consequence in the attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center. Thousands more were injured.

Yesterday 14 September 2001, the President requested an initial 35,000 Military Reserves to be called up for home defense and security duties across the USA. The Department of Defense and United States Congress approved upwards of 50,000 Reserves in this initial call-up.

Additionally, the active-duty United States Armed Forces across the globe are on high-alert status, and preparations are being considered by the National Command Authority for the official United States response to the Terrorists attack on New York City and Washington, D.C.

"OPERATION: EAGLE" has existed for almost 20 years in support of our

U.S. Armed Forces and their families. Now more than ever, they count upon the support of the American people.

"OPERATION: EAGLE" will provide that support proudly and faithfully through its volunteers and supporters across the USA. Many of those faithful volunteers and supporters are found in SFI and the SFMC leading the entire nation to aspire great things in support of our Troops and their families.

To facilitate and accomplish this steadfast and uncompromising support, it is my distinct privilege and honor to announce the formation of OPERATION HOMEFRONT.

This volunteer project of "OPERATION: EAGLE" will be used to rally support from all across America to every U.S. Military Unit Reserve or Active Duty and their families currently on-duty and called up for the duration of this War that the President of the United States has stated America is now engaged in since September

11th, 2001.

A noteworthy volunteer effort such as OPERATION HOMEFRONT warrants outstanding leadership and a spirit of volunteerism second to none. It is my distinct honor to announce the appointment of Matthew G. Copple as Director, OPERATION HOMEFRONT and as the "OPERATION: EAGLE" Liaison to SFI and the SFMC. In his position as Director, OPERATION HOMEFRONT he will oversee all aspects of volunteer endeavor, as well as the OPERATION HOMEFRONT Internet Website.

As SFI and SFMC Liaison to "OPERATION: EAGLE", he will coordinate with myself as the word goes out across the USA of OPERATION HOMEFRONT.

Matt is a veteran of the United States Army Reserve, and a veteran of the Persian Gulf War, serving in Saudi Arabia. Matt, as a veteran, knows the importance of morale and support

from the homefront from family and friends to the troops and their families. I am proud to make this appointment and announcement. I call upon all those in SFI and the SFMC to rally to support Matt and the OPERATION HOMEFRONT volunteer effort.

Additionally, I call upon the Commandant of the SFMC to please consider declaring that the OPERATION HOMEFRONT volunteer effort is included as the 2001 SFMC "Commandant's Campaign".

I also call upon the SFI President, Executive Committee and Admiralty Board of Regional Coordinators to please support Matt and the OPERATION HOMEFRONT volunteer effort to our Troops and their Families in the aftermath of this National Tragedy.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please consider honoring us with your Support for OPERATION HOMEFRONT and our troops and their families.

May God Bless America !

## OPERATION HOMEFRONT

Commodore Bill Herrmann • USS Normandy

In 1998, a young 11-year-old boy decided that he wanted to help the orphans of Kosovo. He raised \$7000 for their needs through the American Red Cross, using a yellow ribbon as a rallying point for the campaign. A short time later, he started with help of his parents "The Cello Cries On, Inc" - a non-profit 501c3 corporation, which raised money to help orphans worldwide.

On September 11, 2001, Jason Crowe, now 14, watched in horror as cowardly terrorists wreaked terror upon the lives of all Americans. His first thought - "What will happen to the children of all those people they killed?" As relief efforts began and fund raisers organized, much of the focus was on general relief and rescue efforts, hardly any attention was given to the children that lost parents. Jason decided to launch "Remember The Children" Yellow Ribbon Campaign nationwide. The campaign's main focus is to help the children, working with the American Red Cross. You

can specify your donations to the American Red Cross for the children by writing in the Memo line:

Relief Fund: Children of the Victims.

If you do donate that way - please send an email so that a tally can be kept of

total funds raised by the campaign.

On September 22, 2001, Michael Wolffe of the ISS Confederation (Star Trek Imperium), and members of IKV Executioner, IKV Dragon Heart, and IKV Stormbringer (KAG), USS North Carolina (an independent Star Trek

group located in Hickory NC), and STARFLEET's USS Hawkeye came together in a fund raising effort in Hickory, NC to benefit the "Remember The Children" campaign and the American Red Cross. They rose \$170 in 6 hours, short of their goal, but pleased in the response they received. Michael Wolffe will be continuing efforts for the campaign in the Catawba County area of North Carolina, and offers his assistance to coordinate and implement a similar campaign in your area for this fund. He especially appreciated Channel 6 News Hickory, and the Regional CNN News team for coming by and giving the event coverage.

For more information about the campaign, visit <http://www.ChildrenOfTheVictims.com> or <http://www.YellowRibbonCampaign.com/>.

Anyone seeking to start a local effort supporting this may or report donations may email [Emperor.Wolffe@startrekzone.com](mailto:Emperor.Wolffe@startrekzone.com)

## THE YELLOW RIBBON CAMPAIGN

Michael Wolffe • Star Trek Imperium

Relayed by: David Klingman • USS Hawkeye





# SFMC - STATUS OF THE CORPS

**Brigadier General David James • CO, SFMC Force Command**

**Artwork Created by Commodore David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five**

I started this article to talk a little about what is going on in Forces Command and the Marine Corps. But I would like to take a moment to offer my thoughts and prayers to those who have lost friends or loved ones in the recent tragedy. Though I don't believe that we lost any fellow Fleeters in the attacks or the subsequent damage some have lost friends and loved ones and I would like to extend my deepest sympathies for you loss.

While this is a tragic loss for many and a definite blow to our nation we must not let it bring us down. There has been a sharp decline in spending, travel and many other things that people would have normally done. The President has urged us all to live our lives and move forward. While this has struck at two of our national icons it has not defeated us and we will persevere as a nation. And that is the whole point. To do it as a nation. Not as this-American or that-American but simply as Americans

regardless of where we hail from or what our individual backgrounds are. We must stand as one people.

Since taking over as COFORCECOM we've seen a bit of growth within the Corps. So far we've had eight new units with one - 142nd MSG - forming in the 1st Brigade. We have also gained a total of 28 Marines since the inception of our recruiting program under BGen Larry Neigut. He has developed a brochure and information form for recruiting and will provide it to any units or marines that request it. You can contact him at - ussmalverne@aol.com.

Currently we have about 110 units within the Marine Corps with around 500 members. I am currently working on updating the database to reflect more exact numbers.

Which brings up a point I'd like to discuss. I am in the process of working with the Brigade OIC's to gather the

various rosters so that they may be included. I would like all unit OIC's to provide the information requested from their respective chain of command. What we need is name, rank, address, SCC number and expiration date for each Marine within your unit. This will help greatly if you can all help provide this. I am requiring each Brigade to provide this information and each level of the chain of command must work together to meet this goal.

I would also like to announce that the FORCECOM website is back up and it is better than ever. I would like to thank Joe Brouhard for all his time and hard work on this project. There is a lot of information that you can access on the website including rank/uniform information. Awards nomination and requirements as well as copies of the report forms. While the online report forms are down for the time being we will be bringing this very popular feature back as soon as possible. There

are also copies of the guidelines for reporting, starting units within the SFMC, as well as record keeping available on the site under the download section. Again I would like to thank Major Brouhard for this hard work.

Speaking of Awards Lt. Colonel Julie "Jules" James is working on updating the Awards database. I hope to have it back online soon as well. Additionally with the changes in the SFMC awards this year you can check out the new awards and their names/number on the site as well.

Well that's it for this now. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at [forcecom@sfi-sfmc.org](mailto:forcecom@sfi-sfmc.org) or by USPS at:

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## DEPUTY COMANDANT, STARFLEET MARINE CORPS UPDATE

**Brigadier Aaron Murphy • Deputy Commandnat, SFMC**

Well, this is my first address to the Corps since I have taken office as Deputy Commandant. I am still a bit overwhelmed, not only at being chosen for the position, but for the warm reception my posting received at the International Conference. I will endeavor to live up to the trust placed in me by the Commandant, Wade Olson, and by every Marine in the Corps.

Well, it has been a great run so far. I really enjoyed getting to see a lot of old friends at IC, plus getting to make a few new ones. As most of you who spend much time online (especially in IRC) know, it can be overwhelming to know so many people and have never put a face with it. I don't know how many times I've said "I don't mean to sound like a lamer, but do you have a recent photo, so I can visualize who I am talking to?" It can actually be amusing at times. At others, it is downright intimidating. I am glad

to say that I have actually gotten a chance to meet a good number of the people I get to chat with online. But I digress...

There are quite a few people wondering what is going on in the General Staff. One response is "There is a lot going on behind the scenes". This, partially, is true. There are quite a few things that get discussed in the background. Some of these things will be deep-sixed as inadvisable or tabled until a later date. Others will be revised and revisited. Yet others will finally be approved and sent to the Dant for approval. In any case, like an iceberg, a large percentage

is under the surface.

However, I am also one to answer questions directly, whenever possible. There are a number of Marines that can attest to this. In this spirit, I will try to update you on my responsibilities and actions within the General Staff.

As most of you know, one of my primary responsibilities is as Chairman of the Steering Committee. I am responsible for fielding incoming proposals to the Committee, administering the SC List, and proctoring the voting process. I had put the SC on hiatus after the tragedy that befell our country. The SC

will become active again on 01 Oct 1st. I currently have three or four proposals sitting in the bin, awaiting due process.

My other main responsibility is that dreaded phrase "...and duties as required". Recently, this has included researching projects for the Commandant, stepping in as acting Commandant during Wade's absence, and the administration of various elements of the Corps. I assisted in aspects of my previous posting with TRACOM.

I hope to keep you apprised of the status of my office in each and every CQ during my tenure as DepDant. This will even be during those times when all I have to say is "Nothing to report". If any of you have issues with my position, the General Staff, or the Corps in general, please feel free to e-mail me. I have an open door policy and will address any and all issues brought to me.



# CHAPLAINS/COUNSELORS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCE AWARDS!

## BGR Dennis Rayburn • FDC, Chaplains/Counselors

I am pleased to today announce the first ever awards program for Chaplains and Counselors in STARFLEET. This program has been many months in developing, and before I say anything else, I want to thank my SVFDC, Susan Fox Davis, VFDC of Chaplains, and my VFDC for Counselors, Suzie Buck for their hard work and efforts on this project. This awards program will consist of three awards:

### The STARFLEET Bear Hug Award

This award is styled after the awards that television stations give (Sunshine awards, have a nice day awards, etc). It is designed to recognize someone's efforts and to give encouragement to keep up the good work. It is named after the unofficial mascot of the department, Chaplain Bear and will feature his likeness on the certificates.

To nominate someone for this award, the nomination should contain the person's name, rank, ship assigned to, and what he or she have done to deserve it, along with the address to send the certificate to me via the addresses below.

### The O'Neill Award

This award is the distinguished service

award of the department, designed to be awarded to those chaplains or counselors who go above and beyond the call of duty in aiding members of their ship, region, MSG, BN, BDE, STARFLEET, or Corps. This award, as will the third one, will be open to any chaplain or counselor in STARFLEET, no matter where they serve, either as a Fleet member, Marine, or whatever. No matter what part of STARFLEET we serve in, we are all members of the same organization, STARFLEET.

The award is named after BGN James O'Neil, US Army (ret), the legendary chaplain of the US Third Army in World War II, under the command of Gen. George S. Patton, Jr. Mgr. O'Neill is the author of the famous weather prayer, the story of which is told in the movie, Patton, and in the numerous biographies.

To nominate someone for this award, please follow the instructions noted above in item 1. However, for this award, you must be command level with your chapter or unit (CO, XO, OIC, DOIC), or higher (regional or fleet level). I cannot stress this enough: for this and the third award, I need details on what the person has done to deserve the honor. Just saying, "I think they deserve it" just doesn't cut it, and in other award programs, has actually cost people the

chance of receiving an award they might have deserved. Again, send the requested information to me at the contact information noted at the end of this article.

### Chaplain/Counselor of the Year

This is the annual award, which we give to the Chaplain or Counselor who has performed to the highest standards of the department during the previous year. This award was presented last year for the calendar year, 1999 and today, I announce that I'm now accepting nominations for the calendar year 2000.

The name this award will bear is being withheld until it is presented to the winner for the 2000 year.

To nominate someone for this award, or for any of the awards in this program you must again, send me their name, rank, ship or unit assignment, and what they have done to deserve it (remember, details are needed, you know them far better than I do), to me either email at [stoncold@wk.net](mailto:stoncold@wk.net), or snail mail to:

Dennis Rayburn  
P. O. Box 61  
Puryear, TN 38251

## EXISTING FAN CLUB PROGRAM UPDATE

By BGN. Jill J. Rayburn

Greetings, all! I wanted to give a short update about the Existing Fan Club Program. As you know, the program is for pre-existing clubs that want to join STARFLEET.

I want to congratulate the two most recent graduates of the program, the USS Nebula and the USS Parallax. These ships were commissioned at the Region One Fall Conference.

Currently in the program, we have two ships fully in the program, with three to be coming aboard soon, and possibly two more. I want to remind everyone that no group is considered to be in the program until they have contacted my office and completed the Application for Program Admission and been approved.

I do encourage members of STARFLEET to assist groups with entry to the program, and completion of the requirements, but I caution people to make sure I am contacted when a group wishes to enter. In this way, I can make sure all the requirements are met and the group gets through the program as quickly as possible. It is now required that groups spend a minimum of four months in the program, and this will likely end up being longer if a group is delayed because they believe they are in the program but have not properly entered.

For a group to be eligible, they have to have existed as a group or local chapter for at least one year, and proof will be required. This is what makes this program different from the Shuttle program, because shuttles are generally new to being a group. If you are not sure if your group or a group you know of that is interested will qualify, you can ask myself or anyone in Shuttle Operations Command.

## INTRODUCING FLEETFOOD.ORG

Fleet Captain David Klingman • USS Hawkeye, Region 1

Artwork created by Matt Myers • USS Maat, Region 1

Introducing FleetFood.org, the premiere dining and recreational facility in the galaxy!

Epicureans from across the galaxy point you in the right direction when it comes to all your favorite dishes! FleetFood has everything you need to find the right places to eat!

- an online review service where you can read and even post your own reviews
- an online recipe service where you can share your favorite recipes for everything from Klingon Blood Pie to the best Romulan Ale this side of the Neutral Zone
- a search engine where you can search our database for a particular restaurant or recipe
- an online store where you can purchase FleetFood shirts, mugs, mouse pads, and more!

But We Need Your Help!

We currently have over 100 reviews and recipes in our database, but you're the

ones eating at all these trendy Bajoran Bistros and Downhome Klingon Kookeries... so share with us your reviews! Use the online review forms to let us know where you've been eating and where the best food is!

So, the next time you head for a convention or summit and need to know where to eat when you get there, visit FleetFood before you launch! FleetFood is your chance to share your favorite recipes and restaurants with fellow STARFLEET travelers.

Visit FleetFood at <http://www.FleetFood.org> for more info, reviews, and recipes!

### A Culinary Review Of STARFLEET's International Conference 2001

The 2001 STARFLEET International Conference was held in the Kansas City Airport Marriott, and its restaurant, T-Bone Charley's, was a common stop for attendees during the weekend.

Of particular note were the breakfast and lunch buffets which featured both a variety of foods and excellent tasting foods. The breakfast buffet featured hand made waffles and omelets, and the lunch buffet featured

barbecued chicken. The menu items were also very flavorful and portions were generous.

The wait and hotel staff were courteous and for the most part attentive (although when large crowds showed up, there was a slight but acceptable wait for both a table and service and we did notice the restaurant staff get a bit flustered over the size of the crowd).

All in all, both the hotel and its restaurant were attentive to the needs of the guests.

### Summary: T-Bone Charley's (The Hotel Restaurant)

Cuisine Type: American  
Serving Style: Sit Down or Buffet  
Gratuity for Large Parties: no  
Price Range (per person): \$8-15 on average  
Serves Alcohol? Yes

### Service Quality (out of 5 pips):



### Food Quality(out of 5 pips)



# THE STARFLEET INTERVIEWS

With Vice Admiral Jonathan "Gumby" Simmons

**Name:** Gunnarsson, Ivar  
**Rank:** Captain  
**Current Assignment:** Commanding Officer,  
USS Saga

It is written somewhere that Iceland is green and Greenland is ice... helping us to sort through this quandary is Ivar the Barbarian, beknownst to the rest of us as Captain Ivar Gunnarsson, Commanding Officer of the USS Saga. Grab a spot and join us as we chat about silly Norwegian wannabes, really good beer and the intricacies of the art of ice fishing!

**Gumby:** Ivar, welcome and thanks for staying up past your bedtime to chat with me here in the states!

**Ivar:** Thank you. The pleasure is all mine. It is time we give you guys a good heads up on our situation out here in the north.

**Gumby:** I'll say it is about time! What's it like in Iceland?

**Ivar:** Well, I am probably not the best person to answer that, it being my homeland. But I think it is safe to say that it differs very much from both the States, as well as continental Europe in both geographical and social aspects. I heard sometimes that Americans call it a miniature version of Europe, and Europeans (continental Europeans) call it a miniature version of America <G> but we like to think that we have a unique character all of our own.

**Gumby:** You are uniquely qualified to answer that. Most of our readers have never been to Iceland.

**Gumby:** How are the social aspects different? Y'all run around naked or something? <G>

**Ivar:** Only during designated naked-times <G> No, I think the main difference lies in our constant struggle for individuality over the years. We are always trying to prove ourselves better than everybody else at everything, which is something that rises out of the small size and isolation I believe. A kind of inferiority complex we'd never admit to openly. <G> The society is still incredibly reminiscent of old times.

**Gumby:** I can see where some would misunderstand and have a difficult time getting past that.

**Ivar:** The first common piece of misinformation I would like to correct is that we do not all live in Igloos!

**Gumby:** That would be Alaskans! <G>

**Ivar:** <laughs> Although we are technically on the top of the curve, many things in the society still reflect the old "clan-based" politics, so to speak.

**Gumby:** Are there a lot of outdoor activities to do there in Iceland?

**Ivar:** That depends on your tolerance for harsh weather, I believe. <G> I think it is fair to state that we don't enjoy the fairest of climates. We however do enjoy most of the things other countries do, in the outdoors except for hanging on the beach and bathing in the ocean.

**Gumby:** Y'all are pretty far up north, so

I'd imagine it is very cold. Makes for good fishing, though.

**Ivar:** It does, although we enjoy far better climatic conditions than other areas this north...and yes we do fish! <G>

**Gumby:** How is the USS Saga doing? Do you get together often?

**Ivar:** I'd like to think that we are a really tight bunch; we meet on average some 2-3 times a month for various activities, indoors and out :)

**Gumby:** Two to three times a Month? Wow! Any traditions aboard the Saga that you care to share with us?

**Ivar:** Let me see. We are still a young chapter and are only beginning to see traditions being born, but I think we can call our 10FWD evening a traditional event, where members gather and cook up some real Star Trek delicacies for each other...and we have in the past done quite a bit of mountain hiking. Of mountains, we have plenty in Iceland, so we'd just as well use them for something! <G>

**Gumby:** What can STARFLEET do to better help you and your chapter?

**Ivar:** We, as well as probably some other international chapters, have the situation of being isolated from the rest of 'Fleet and are thus experiencing our time in Fleet a bit differently from the rest of you. We don't have the conventions and summits, or the support of a ship in the next town. This means we must provide more for ourselves, but I don't think we'd like it any other way. That is what we have grown used to. I cannot say that I know in what way STARFLEET could better help us. We have always received good support, and assistance whenever we needed it.

**Gumby:** I am very happy to hear that!

**Gumby:** Is Star Trek very popular in Iceland?

**Ivar:** No, I can't say that it is, but the interest is growing.

**Gumby:** That was what I was hoping to hear... that the interest is growing. <G>

**Ivar:** Star Trek was first aired here with the Deep Space 9 series. So we are still in the stages of fandom infancy. <G>

**Gumby:** Then you would say it is a prime time to be a Star Trek fan in Iceland?

**Ivar:** We are in the pioneering role of Icelandic trek fandom, if that is what you're hoping to hear. <G>

**Gumby:** Fantastic! Precisely what I was hoping to hear!

**Gumby:** Have you ever met members from other European chapters?

**Ivar:** Not as a chapter, no, but I personally have visited with other European members, and will do so again this summer.

**Gumby:** What are your plans for the future regarding the Saga? Any shuttles in the works?

**Ivar:** We are currently assisting a few good people in the Netherlands in getting their

shuttle aloft, and for the Saga herself I can only say to further on what we have today and continue to provide to our members, current and future, the environment we do today.

**Ivar:** I would like to add one thing to the interview if I may?

**Gumby:** Sure... by all means! This is your interview Ivar; please feel free to add what you like!

**Ivar:** I would like to pass on our sincere thanks to Vice Admiral Helen Pawlowski who was a great support for us during our first months. It would have impossible to do this without her help. Our dearest thanks Helen!

**Gumby:** Helen... you get that? Saga \*loves\* ya! <G> Personally, I think that Helen has been a great asset to Fleet!

**Ivar:** I believe she has.

**Gumby:** Anyone else you'd like to mention? This is your interview, Ivar.

**Ivar:** There are many people who have been very helpful to us in the past, and it would be a long list. I'd just like to pass along a general thank you to everyone for making this dream of ours possible.

**Gumby:** Officer thinking, captain! <G>

**Gumby:** This is something I have to know... what is the beer like up there? And don't say cold!

**Ivar:** The Beer? <G> We have a limited but high quality selection of Icelandic beers, as well as a wide range of imports. If you want a comparison, I'd say Danish or Dutch beers strike the best resemblance.

**Gumby:** Yum!!! Dark and full bodied?

**Ivar:** No, not a lot of dark beers, we are more into the gold color.

**Gumby:** Guinness is my favorite but I will now have to see if I can find some Icelandic imports to sample.

**Gumby:** What are a few of the most popular foods there?

**Ivar:** Pretty much the same as you'd find in the States I think. We have a rather American diet. We have a selection of the typical fast-food chains (McDonalds, Pizza Hut, KFC...)

**Gumby:** Wow... they're everywhere!

**Ivar:** But I think that if you had to give the character of stereotypical diet it would be composed mostly of lamb and fish, but in reality it is not.

**Gumby:** Anything uniquely Icelandic?

**Ivar:** Well <laughs> the old traditional Icelandic food is not very popular amongst the young and is only consumed by the older on special events. We have something we call "Slatur" which is similar to Scottish "haggis".

**Gumby:** Meat and barley rolled into a sheep stomach and then boiled to perfection?

**Ivar:** Yes. And some of the other traditional specialties include (but are not limited to): "rotten shark, whale, the head of a sheep, etc." Truly barbaric!

**Gumby:** Truly indeed! Nothing like going to McDonald's and ordering the "McHaggis" though! <G>

**Gumby:** What is your favorite thing to do on your day off?

**Ivar:** Wow. There are a quite many things. I like to spend as much time as I can with my girlfriend. I play sports, watch good movies, and read good books, meet friends and family, all the typical things I think. But this summer has been somewhat dedicated to camping so far! <laughs>

**Gumby:** Sounds like fun to me!

**Gumby:** What is one thing you will remember most about STARFLEET and/or the Saga in years to come?

**Ivar:** My time in STARFLEET so far has shown me something I didn't know before, that it is amazing what kind of unity you can get from people from a variety of backgrounds if they are gathered around a single common interest and all put in a little effort to stay open and positive. I think that revelation is the thing I could truly say I most owe to STARFLEET. The sense of camaraderie from so many different people!

**Gumby:** Truly Incredible! Very well spoken sir!

**Ivar:** It is an adventure like none I could ever have imagined

**Gumby:** I feel the same way! I owe so much to STARFLEET for the friends I have made and the experiences I have shared.

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

**Ivar:** I just hope that things continue on the good track I think STARFLEET is on at the moment, and I hope people keep focused on the things that bind us together; Star Trek and it's ideals. And I just hope that you guys think about us out here in the cold north every now and then! We are sure watching you! <G>

**Gumby:** Count on it, Ivar! I will think of you often, my new Fleet Friend, and I will send you some stuff from my ship, USS Stormbringer, for you to share with the fine crew of the Saga!

**Ivar:** Great!

**Gumby:** Ivar, thank you again for sharing time and thoughts with us! I hope to meet you someday, should our ship's courses ever bring us within transporter range!

**Ivar:** I shall do what I can to make it so! This just makes me sadder over not being able to make it to IC this year, but I shall make it next year, whatever it takes!

**Gumby:** Next year's IC is in San Jose, CA... for more information check out the IC02 website at: <http://www.ic2002.org>

**Ivar:** Aye...sunny California! I will check out the website. Thank you for telling me about it!

**Gumby:** No problem! Take care, Ivar. It was a pleasure interviewing with you! Give the crew of the Saga my regards!

**Ivar:** Will do! You take care too Gumby. It was a pleasure indeed!

*Is there someone you'd like to see interviewed? Send your suggestions and comments to: [gumby@sfi.org](mailto:gumby@sfi.org).*



# WE ADAPT, LEARN AND OVER

Artwork adapted or created by Commodore David Pipgras

## COVERT OPERATIONS STRIKES AGAIN!

By Fleet Captain Sanford Berenberg • An "Innocent" Bystander from STARFLEET Region 7

Admiral Alex Rosenzweig's personal shuttle was locked up by the clandestine Covert Operations department this past Saturday while visiting with the USS Accord and others at the Watkins Glen Weekend.

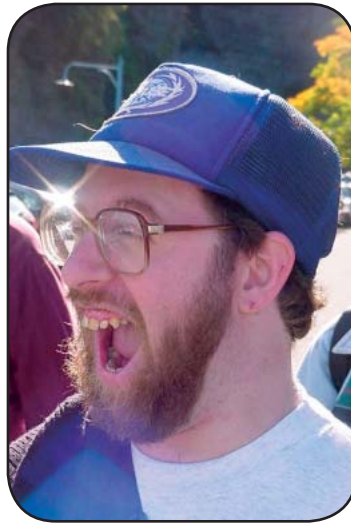
Rosenzweig was obviously ShOC'd by the incident, but all was not lost. With the aid of Fleet Captain Michael Klufas

('Klufie'), Region 7 Chief of Staff, \$50.00 was raised for the Maryland Special Olympics and the shuttle released from custody.

This incident marks the second such made on members of STARFLEET's Executive Committee in the last three months. Where will it end?



The impounded Shuttle....



The imperiled Admiral...

*Photo courtesy of Sanford Berenberg*



The impromptu fundraising.



**Above:** Rear Admiral Linda Kloempken holds up a sign proclaiming the STARFLEET *Communiqué* Staff Motto. People have no idea just how little this gig pays! But our Supreme Overlord Toby tells us what to do and thus...

**Right:** Regional Coordinator, Region 3, Admiral Brad Pense and offspring, captured at this years International Conference in Kansas City, MO.

*Pictures courtesy of Keira Russel-Strong*



## WERNHER VON BRAUN E

By Commodore Richard L. Trulson • Com

The USS Wernher von Braun had originally intended to celebrate the Enterprise premiere in grand fashion. Unfortunately, expenses and scheduling conflicts forced us to scale back our plans considerably. Besides, Wednesday nights are a bad time to hold a ship function since most of the crew has other things to attend.

Therefore, we ended up holding a video marathon on Saturday, September 29 from 2 till 11pm in the downstairs break room of the Madison Municipal Complex in Madison, Alabama, which is the building where we hold our monthly meetings.

The day started with "The Cage" from the original series and climaxed with "Broken Bow," the two-hour premiere of Enterprise around 6 pm.

In between, we tried to keep with 35th anniversary theme. We watched the Next Generation episode "Relics," which featured Scotty from TOS, and the Deep Space Nine episode "Trails and Tribbleations," which was morphed into the Original Series episode "The Trouble With Tribbles". We wanted to watch the Star Trek: Voyager episode "Flashback," which featured Tuvok on Captain Sulu's USS Excelsior; but we couldn't locate a tape.

Instead, we watched DS9's "Explorers" and The Phantom Edit, which is a fan



**Boldy Going:** Wernher von Braun crew and fr from left to right: Chyrstal Ware, Laura Peters Sexton. Standing are Joanie and Don Daniel.

# COME — ONE DAY AT A TIME

and Vice Admiral Kurt Roithinger • STARFLEET Region 5



## ENTERPRISE CELEBRATION

Commanding Officer, USS Wernher von Braun

re-edit of Star Wars: Episode I, but with less Jar Jar Binks. All we can say about the change in universes is that our curiosity got the better of us, though several wanted even more edited out than what was.

Just before we watched the Enterprise premiere, we had pizza delivered for dinner. Crewmembers Laura Peterson shared her delicious brownies, Ron Zuckerman shared his wife's scrumptious cake, and Don and Joanie Daniel (our Science and Medical Chiefs) shared cupcakes and chips. I didn't bring food, but I did lug my backbreaking 22" TV and VCR from home so we could have a better TV than what's normally there.

Russ McNutt (XO) brought his videotapes, as did several of those mentioned already. Michael Sexton (a local member), Rebecca Self (USS Spiritwalker CO), Chyrstal Ware (USS Dräkenfire XO), and her son Niles were also in attendance. The last three also happen to be former members of the von Braun.

While this wasn't as grandiose as originally hoped, we still had a lot of fun. Most everyone enjoyed the premiere, though we're still trying to get use to a few things like the opening theme song. We each had our favorite moments and characters.

We look forward to seeing how the show progresses over the years.



Friends chat about the Enterprise premiere. Seated on, Rebecca Self, Ron Zuckerman, and Michael

*Photo courtesy of Richard L. Trulson*

## THE USS CELT "ENTERPRISE" PREMIERE PARTY

By Fleet Captain Chris Dunivan • USS Celt, STARFLEET Region 12

Commanding Officer Fleet Captain Chris Dunivan and the fine crew of the USS Celt NCC-75018 celebrated the Premiere of Star Trek's newest series Enterprise in style.

The party was held in the private dining room of Jim's Razorback Pizza (the one with the big screen TV) in Springdale, Arkansas on September 26th, 2001 from the

hours of 6 pm to 9 pm. A total of twenty-five people attended this gathering and had a great time witnessing the first adventure of Captain Archer and his crew.

Money was raised for the Red Cross disaster relief, the Region 12 Space Camp Scholarship Fund, and a local 9-year old boy who needs a heart transplant.

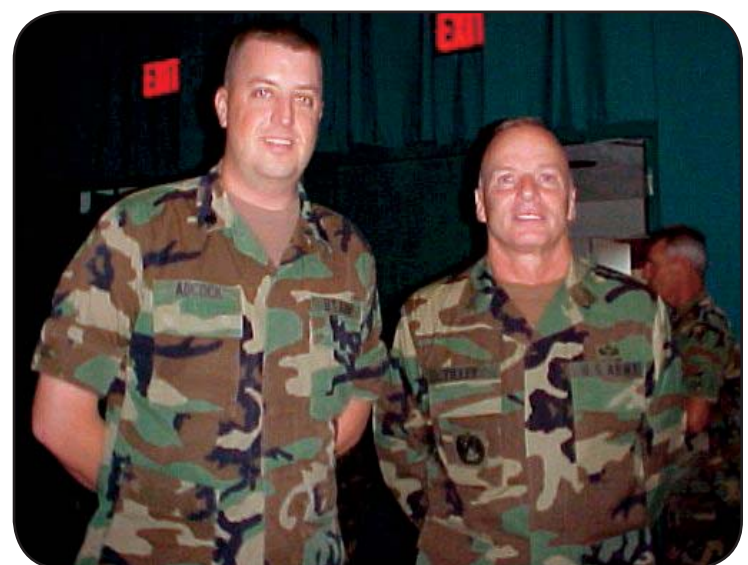


The famished crew...

*Photo courtesy of Chris Dunivan*



...had their cake - and ate it, too!



**Above:** Sergeant (and STARFLEET member) John Adcock and Sergeant Major of the Army Jack L. Tilley. Sergeant Major of the Army Tilley was at Fort Rucker, Alabama visiting soldiers in August.

**Left:** WBLM 102.9 Morning Personality "The Captain" joins CO Seth Andrews-Isquith and XO Tom Guertin to pose alongside another "Captain".

*Pictures courtesy of John Adcock and Cindi DeMedio*



# IC 2002: THE ROAD TO THE FUTURE STARTS HERE!

Vice Admiral Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons • IC 2002 Press Relations Officer

Artwork adapted by Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons • STARFLEET Region 17

Region 4 and friends are working hard to bring you next year's SFI International Conference and SFMC International Muster! As you know by now, the event will be held in sunny, scenic San Jose, California from August 1st through the 4th at the luxurious Four Star Doubletree Hotel. The Doubletree has hosted many Sci-Fi events (including some major SFI ones like the 1989 STARFLEET IC) throughout the years and has a reputation for being very "fan friendly".

Access to the hotel is extremely conducive to travelers from all points. From the San Jose International Airport right across the street to bus terminal, rail and easy freeway access. The hotel offers free shuttle service (Five members and a VRR not required) to and from the airport with a courtesy phone located at baggage claim.

Room rates are only \$95.00 per night... a bargain since these same rooms rent for over \$255/night otherwise. Did we mention the 505 recently remodeled guest rooms or the 30,000 sq ft of meeting and convention space? Add to that an honest to goodness sushi bar, coffee shop, five different dining options and the ever-popular bar and you end up with an experience unparalleled in STARFLEET history!

Some attractions in the vicinity of the hotel include Paramount's Great America theme park, the Intel Technology Museum and much, much more!

## WEBSITE NEWS...

Even more modifications to the website have been made! Check it out today! <http://www.ic2002.org/>

## ONLINE REGISTRATIONS...

Online Registration VIA Credit Card is coming very soon!!! For those of you who simply cannot wait we now offer PayPal service through our Website! Go get em, tiger!

## GOODIES, GOODIES AND MORE GOODIES...

We are now proudly offering merchandise such as commemorative coins and the most bodacious IC02 Polo Shirts in a variety of sizes. Ask about our playing cards too! For ordering and info... contact the IC Chair, Chrissy Killian at [chair@ic2002.org](mailto:chair@ic2002.org).

## PANELS & DISCUSSIONS...

Do you have anything to say? Panels and Workshops are still in planning stages. If you'd like to preside over a panel, please contact our contact our Programming Chair, Jerry Tien at [programming@ic2002.org](mailto:programming@ic2002.org).

## ASL INTREPRETATION...

We are currently working on having ASL interpreters on hand for the event. If you are interested in helping, contact the IC Chair, Chrissy Killian at [chair@ic2002.org](mailto:chair@ic2002.org).

## PROGRAMMING IDEAS...

Things you wanna see? Events your chapter wants to sponsor. If so, then contact our Programming Chair, Jerry Tien at

[programming@ic2002.org](mailto:programming@ic2002.org).

## PROGRAM BOOK ADVERTISING

The Official IC2002 "Your Program Guide to the Future" is now in the planning stages. If you require advertising space, please contact our PR Chair, Johnathan Simmons at [publicrelations@ic2002.org](mailto:publicrelations@ic2002.org).

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Want to help? We can always use an extra hand. Any help anyone has to offer is gladly accepted and appreciated. If you'd like to volunteer for IC2002, contact the IC Chair, Chrissy Killian at [chair@ic2002.org](mailto:chair@ic2002.org).

## PRICING AND REGISTRATION

Adults before 12/31/01: \$30.00  
Adults after 12/31/01: \$35.00  
Child Registration: \$15.00  
Adult Sat. Night Banquet: \$35.00  
Child (12 & under) Banquet: \$16.00  
Supporting (non attending): \$15.00

## THURSDAY TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

IC Setup  
EC/AB Registration  
EC/AB and IC Staff Dinner and Social

## FRIDAY TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

General Registration  
EC/AB meetings  
Opening Ceremonies  
Evening Mixer

## SATURDAY TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Brunch  
General Session

Breakout Panels  
Banquet and Awards Ceremony  
IC 2002 Dance

## SUNDAY TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Closing Ceremonies  
The IC02 Dead Dawg Party

Please keep in mind that these are tentative schedules and are subject to change without notice.

## MORE NEATO STUFF TO DO...

There are many attractions within a short driving distance and even walking distance too! Your IC2002 TEAM is planning guided tours and group rates for certain attractions. These will be announced in upcoming press releases. Listed below are some of these attractions:

Fisherman's Wharf  
Egyptian Museum  
Golden Gate Bridge  
Monterrey Bay Aquarium (Shooting location for ST:IV)  
San Jose Museum of Art  
Capitola Beach  
Japanese Gardens  
Winchester Mystery House

Just to name a few that are within about an hour's drive or less!

So... plan now to attend the SFI International Conference and SFMC International Muster now! Our operators are standing by!

This is the first time I've done a Brigade article for the CQ, and this will be somewhat of a year wrap up article. Thank you for your indulgence as I salute some fine Marines.

I'm proud to announce some changes in the 1st Brigade. First, I'd like to welcome our newest unit, the 142nd MSG, USS Nebula, and the OIC Christina Runewicz to the 1st Brigade, in the 4th Battalion. I have met Christina, and I know she will do a fine job. I'd also like to welcome new members to my staff; John "Kiwi" Kane as Information Services Officer, Rachel Peterson as Brigade SGM, and Gary "Tiny" Hollifield as 5th Battalion OIC. I know these officers will do a fine job.

It is also my sad duty to bid farewell to some staff members. Former Quartermaster Joe Brouhard has left the 1st Brigade for the 12th Brigade. Our loss is definitely their gain. Former SGM Jenna Duerr, while still assigned to the 1st Brigade, has relocated back home to New York, and that is a great loss as

well. Former 5th Battalion OIC Kristi Fell stepped aside for personal reasons, and I thank her for her wonderful service. While their leaving was earlier this year, I must also bid farewell to Matt Baillie, former ISO, who left us when he returned to Canada and the 13th Brigade, Missy Farmer, who served as Brigade Counselor, and Mike Crawford, who served as SGM prior to Jenna Duerr. They all served well, and they will be missed.

The last two are the hardest to see leave. Dave McCabe, while not serving long as Webmaster, has hosted the 1st Brigade webpage for as long as I have been in the Brigade. He is getting more involved in community service and with his sites that he is paid to run, and has stepped aside as he feels he will not have the time to give the Brigade that he believes it deserves. George Farmer, who served as OIC before

me, has stepped down as my Aide. He is also getting more involved in his community, specifically with a local Boy Scout troop. I salute that, and while I am sorry to see him go, I know he will be an asset to the Scouting program in his area. I thank him for his insight and support in the recent years. Dave, George, and Mike taught me a great deal, and I will miss them, their council, and their friendship.

Yes, the above is many changes for the 1st Brigade. While it hurts to lose people, it can also be good for new people to come in, as they will have new ideas and I feel this staff has the same spirit and desire of those who have gone before. That being to make the 1st Brigade the best we can possibly be.

I'd also like to make an important announcement. For this year's Toys for

Tots campaign, the 1st Brigade is having a contest. All units participating in the campaign (by collecting at least five toys) will receive a Bear Hug Award from the Chaplain of the Corps. The unit collecting the most toys per Marine will receive a Meritorious Unit Citation (for example, if one unit has 10 members and collects 100 toys that counts as 10 toys per member; another unit has 5 members and collects 100 toys that counts as 20 toys per member; the second unit wins). Each unit can submit the person in their unit who collected the most toys for the Leader's Commendation, and the Marine in the Brigade who collects the most toys will receive the Brigade Achievement Award. Also, that Marine will receive a copy of Starship Creator Warp II from the Chaplain's office. I know that some groups are already working on this campaign, and I encourage everyone to participate. If you do not have a Marine unit on your ship but would like to participate, please contact the nearest unit to you, or contact this office and we will arrange to pick up your donation.



# REGION 1 CONFERENCE REPORT: CLEVELAND ROCKS!

Brigadier General Jill J. Rayburn • Space Station Nikola Tesla, STARFLEET Region 1

Artwork adapted by Commodore David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region 5

After much calling in of favors and begging at our workplaces, Dennis and I started the odyssey that would be our trip to Cleveland for the Region One Fall Conference. It began when Steve Gordon, DJ extraordinaire, arrived at our house in Puryear, TN from his home in Valley, AL Thursday evening. Early the next morning, we headed out for the Conference, a trip that would take approximately 10 hours and would be through two states. Traveling in a Caravan with Steve is always fun, and we manage to find the best radio stations as we drive. This time, we were overwhelmed to see all the flags. Cars, buildings, clothing; you name it, there were flags. At one point, Steve got on the radio and said I should look at the car in front of us. The back and side windows of the car were painted in red, white, and blue, with flags, and the text "Bring It On". When the driver saw that I was taking pictures, he even maneuvered the car to a better position for me, and waved and smiled proudly.

Throughout the weekend, patriotism was a theme. Almost everyone had something red, white, and blue. Steve had acquired some flag pins that were appropriate for wear with the Marine uniform, and as part of the Honor Guard I was proud to show our colors, and to enter to Lee Greenwood's "America the Beautiful." While I'm not sure how much was raised, all weekend there was a huge R2-D2 in the lobby for Red Cross donations, and it did look to be getting full.

Saturday morning started with this theme as well. To start the general sessions, Chase Masterson greeted us all, and conducted a candle lighting ceremony. The words she spoke about our country and the recent tragedy were truly wonderful, and you could feel in the room that everyone was honoring the fallen and the heroes in the way of their faith. While I only caught a small part of the talk by Peter Woodward, the part I did get to hear was him speaking about the recent events, and how news is reported in other places. This brought home to me how others are coming to our aid and deeply feel for us in our time of despair. An unfortunate side effect of the recent events was that the other scheduled



**Standing Proud:** The Colorguard that helped open the Fall Region 1 Conference.



**Authorship hath its privlidges:** Dennis and Jill Rayburn at the 2001 Fall Region 1 Conference.



**Region 1 needs more chapters:** Representatives of the USS Nebula recieve their commissioning papers.

*Photo courtesy of Warren Price*

guest, Jason Carter, was unable to attend, being stuck and unable to get out of LAX.

The conference itself was wonderful, with not only our guests Chase and Peter, but also with departmental meetings, a video and dealer's room, and the Academy Away Team table (I'm proud to say that we sold \$37 in courses, and for a small group, that is outstanding). There were representatives from 19 ships, and three different regions besides Region One (Regions 2, 5, and 7). There were also some hopefully future STARFLEET members there, from The Guardians of the Space Frontier. Friday night Steve played "oldies" and everyone had a chance to talk and get to know each other.

Saturday, the meetings were held, along with a costume contest and makeup workshop. Saturday evening's banquet was wonderful, with good food and an auction, with the proceeds going to Breast Cancer Awareness. Afterwards was the main dance, which everyone enjoyed. Sunday morning wrapped up with the last of the department meetings and the closing ceremonies. Those ceremonies were very important to me, as I was able to assist Carolyn Donner in commissioning the two newest ships in STARFLEET. The USS Nebula, Region One, and the USS Parallax, Region Two are both graduates of the EFCP, and were commissioned on Sunday. I was also able to welcome a new unit to the 1st Brigade, the 142nd MSG on the USS Nebula. I enjoyed this, and wish these groups well in their journeys.

All in all, it was a wonderful weekend. Many thanks to Roger Scritchfield, Ruth Green, and all the others involved in putting on this event. Thanks to 1st Brigade Marines Dennis Rayburn, John "Kiwi" Kane and Christina Runewicz for their assistance with the Honor Guard. Last but not least, thanks to all who came, especially Tom Donohoe and Steve Gordon from Region Two, Chris Wallace from Region Five, and Suzie Buck from Region Seven. They helped show that all of Fleet can pull together in fun and friendship, and parallel what is going on in our country.



# HERE COMES THE USS ANASAZI: A PARTY TO REMEMBER

## The Crew of the USS Anasazi, STARFLEET Region 17

Artwork created by Captain Bob Bulkeley • STARFLEET Region 17

On August 25, 2001, 13 crewmembers of the Shuttle Soyuz gathered along with an astounding number of guests in Albuquerque, NM to celebrate their commissioning as the USS Anasazi, NCC-62001 a Nebula Class Cruiser. The festivities were held a week after the "official" commissioning date of August 18, 2001 for two very good reasons: (1) the Shuttle Soyuz/USS Anasazi began and will forever be associated with Bubonicon, and (2) many members of our mothership were already planning to attend Bubonicon so it was natural to hold off and not ask them to travel to Albuquerque on two consecutive weekends.

Bubonicon is a literary con devoted to science fiction authors and their works that is held every August in Albuquerque and continues to grow. It was at Bubonicon 32 in August of 2000 that 2 members of the future Shuttle Soyuz met with members of the USS Mir who had come up from Las Cruces to attend the con. This meeting ended with the Pre-Shuttle Soyuz starting to form. Shortly after Bubonicon, contact was made with a third member of SFI in Albuquerque and the hunt was on for additional vict...er, members, to join our crew. The Shuttle Soyuz was launched on November 18, 2000 and began its nine-month trek to become a fully operational chapter of SFI.

Along the way we had fun, performed community service, and somehow got ourselves named as Region 17's Shuttle of the Year for 2000. After a few problems (every chapter has them, we just weren't ready for them right away), we managed to get the required members, complete the ShOC program and received our commissioning date from ADM Rosenzweig-August 18, 2001. When we found that out, it only made sense to commission at Bubonicon, the Con where we got our start and will forever be associated with...plan to attend our anniversary parties now.

We sent invitations out to the Fleet and were staggered when we received RSVP's from five of the chapters in Region 17 (including the Stormbringer which would join our great region on August 1). We had a list of 23 guests who planned to attend and ended up with 21 showing up (3 had to cancel for personal/health reasons and one who told us he would attend the night before) and 9 of 13 crewmembers made the event. VADM Johnathon Simmons (aka Gumby) performed the actual commissioning ceremony and he brought along all of our paperwork and charter from Fleet. Gumby commissioned the USS Anasazi in a style that only Gumby can-those of you who know Gumby

understand. The only snafu of the night was that we simply overwhelmed the restaurant staff and dinner took about two hours. However, the staff did an excellent job of dealing with this crazy bunch of Fleeters,

and promotions to members of the Anasazi crew, the dinner was adjourned and the party began.

The Commissioning ceremony itself was a

Ana was later promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander to give her the necessary rank and authority should she ever need to assume command of the Anasazi. After the Orders from STARFLEET Operations were read and the USS Anasazi was made an official starship of the line, our fearless leader, Captain Earl Beighley, was given gifts and words of wisdom from our mothership's CO, Fleet Captain Nancy Lynch, to help him in his new duties. Among these gifts were antacids (or the obvious ulcers he would soon be getting), the keys to the ship (including the head), marbles (to replace the ones he would soon lose), and an aid to help him reach just and fair decisions. OK, actually it was a die that had various comments on it such as "Say No," "Look Thoughtful" and the XO's least favorite, "Blame the XO."

After these Commissioning related activities were over with and the crew of the USS Anasazi had received their first promotions and awards as the crew of a full starship, it was time to present a gift to our mothership, the USS Mir. The Crew of the USS Mir were presented with two parcels of land on Mars totaling approximately seven square miles and overlooking the Grand Canyon on Mars. The Officers and Crew of the USS Anasazi also made Nancy Lynch, Randy Lynch, Deb Kern and Jack Kern honorary members of our starship in recognition of the support and friendship that have shown us during our shuttle period.

The Anasazi crew had created gift bags for each guest containing several mementos of the occasion, premiere among them were the glasses commemorating this once in a lifetime moment of the chapter. The Anasazi had also laid on refreshments (adult and non-adult) and snacks for the guests who wished to celebrate after the dinner. The after party went on until about 4 a.m. and all who attended the event had fun and have generally agreed that the Anasazi Commissioning was one that should not have been missed. We hope everyone can attend our first anniversary party in August 2002 because the plans for this party are already under way.

One final note from the Officers and Crew of the USS Anasazi: Thank you to everyone in STARFLEET and Region 17 especially. You folks have given us support, friendship and encouragement along every step of the way to becoming a starship. Without you it would not have been possible to make it this far in only nine short months. STARFLEET International is truly a family that cares about each and every chapter and member and we are proud to be a part of this fantastic group. See you all around the Galaxy!



**The Keys for the Executive Washroom were distributed in a different ceremony:** Fleet Captain Biff Bassett, Region 17 Vice Regional Coordinator, gives Captain Beighley the keys to his ship.

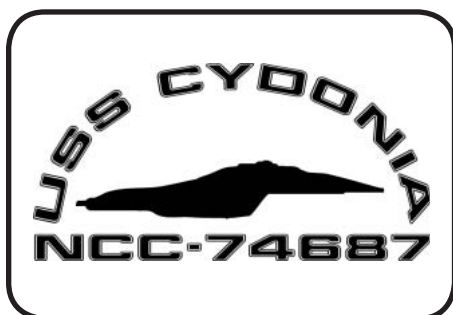


**The cost of Martian Real Estate was "just right":** Captain Beighley presents the USS Mir's crew with the two plots of land on Mars, a gift from the crew of the USS Anasazi.

*Photo courtesy of the USS Anasazi*

Marines and Klingons. After remarks by FCAPT's Biff Bassett (R17 VRC) and Nancy Lynch (Mothership CO), the formal commissioning of the Anasazi and promotion of her CO, Captain Earl Beighley and the presentation of awards

blend of the serious (as befits this once-in-a-lifetime experience) and the hilarious (as befits the Commissioning Officer, Gumby). Gumby then presented the newly minted Captain with his symbol of command, Ana the ECC (Emergency Command Chicken).



# USS CYDONIA TELESCOPE PROJECT

Commodore Kurt Pfeiffer • USS Cydonia, STARFLEET Region 12

Artwork courtesy of Commodore Kurt Pfeiffer • USS Cydonia, STARFLEET Region 12

In January of 2001, the USS Cydonia decided to embark on a massive project. A suggestion was made to the Science Department to investigate the possibility of constructing a telescope. Not the little reflector scopes like you get at Wal-Mart, but a big scope with a big mirror.

At first, we were hoping to make a Dobsonian style telescope with a 16" mirror. However, a mirror that size is in the \$1000-2000 range. Chief Science Officer Steve Gibson scoured the Internet to find, not only a reasonably priced 10" primary mirror, but also instructions on how to build the scope. There are many different types of telescopes and it was decided that a Dobsonian would be the most cost-effective and easiest to transport.

Pricing and designing the scope was a task in itself, but there was the problem of financing. Gathering the \$400 + to purchase all the components was a little beyond Cydonia's normal treasury. So a plan was put into action. Cydonia Honorable Member Cindi Wichmann organized the sale of Butter Braids. This fund-raiser was a huge success for us and collected more than enough money to turn our dream into reality.

Steve ordered the mirror and Chief Engineer Bob Lambaise began construction, aided by Engineering Specialist T. J. Crane. The tube was made out of Sona Tube, thick cardboard tubing used as forms for concrete pillars. The base was constructed from plywood. The base was carefully designed to allow it to swivel and pivot the tube. Bob used an eyepiece from a scope he owned and lenses were donated from Steve and myself.

For those who are not familiar with Dobsonian telescopes, here is the quick-and-dirty on how they work. The light comes in one end of the tube and bounces off a curved primary mirror (10" in our case). This light reflects back up the tube to a small diagonally angled mirror near the front end. This is reflected into an eyepiece. For the eyepiece to focus, the mirrors have to be a very specific distance from each other. Unfortunately, there was some confusion with the company we ordered the mirror from as to what the "Focal Length" of the primary was. Because of this, the tube was originally cut too long and the Engineering Department had a very



Take a look: The USS Cydonia Telescope



**Meet the crew:** The crew of the USS Cydonia and their creation. Front row: Caterina Palazzolo, Amy Cassin, Steve Gibson, Rebecca Gibson and Carrie Paris, Back Row: Larry Williams, Rachel Pfeiffer, Kurt Pfeiffer

*Photo courtesy of Kurt Pfeiffer*

hard time and could not get it to focus. Chief Engineer Lambiasse worked day and night to rectify the problem to no avail. Finally, he devised a method to test the Focal Length and determined the correct size of the mirror. He re-cut the tube and, voila, he could focus the scope! Some painting by the crew, striping and lettering and we had ourselves a really nice telescope. Amy Cassin sewed a double-thick cover for it to protect it

from dust and dew.

The final task to complete was choosing a name for the scope. After all, we couldn't keep calling it "Our Big 10 Incher" forever. All major telescopes are given names (Aricebo, Mount Palomar, etc.) and we felt that ours deserved no less. Steve decided to hold a contest for the name. Cydonia members would write an essay on why they think their name

should be chosen. The winning entry would receive "First Light", the first official look through the telescope. Scientists the world over fight for the chance of First Light. A plaque with the name, the name of the winner, and date of First Light would be placed on the telescope base. Many entries were received, all of them worthy of our scope. After much thought, Steve selected the entry from Commander Rebecca Gibson as the new name for the scope.

Becky had written a thoughtful essay for the name. She pointed out that over the last few years the USS Cydonia had lost several beloved members. Angie Eggers, 22, past away in December of 1999 from a known heart defect a few days after her birthday. Captain Norman Huff, 44, Cydonia's original Chief Engineer and one of our founding members, died from congestive heart failure in June of 2000. Charles Burns, 38, was a longtime member and husband of Chief Medical Officer Cathy Palazzolo. He died in February of this year from a heart attack. All of these people were our friends and fellow officers who we lost way before their time. It was decided that the USS Cydonia Telescope would be named the Eggers-Huff-Burns in honor of our lost friends.

The Eggers-Huff-Burns Telescope was premiered at the 5th Annual USS Cydonia Star Party on August 11th, 2001. Twenty people, including members of the USS Atlas, joined in for a day of barbeque and a night of stargazing. The Persiads Meteor Shower did not disappoint us with quite a few shooting stars that streaked across the sky. Mars made a bright appearance and after some work to get the scope targeted, we got quite an eyeful! The quality and clarity of the E-H-B was simply amazing. It was a night to remember!

The USS Cydonia Telescope will make appearances in the future during the St. Louis Science Center's monthly Star Parties. We hope to use it to encourage interest in astronomy and stargazing in the young people of our community. For more information about the Eggers-Huff-Burns Telescope, including many pictures, visit the USS Cydonia Science Department website at:

<http://science.usscydonia.org>.

See you around the galaxy!!

On the weekend of August 18,19 an away team from the USS Normandy and the USS Carolina traveled to Lake Watauga near Elizabethton, TN for the 2nd Annual Survivor Trek. It was held on a small island in the lake and where we set up for primitive camping. In addition to the USS Aries who sponsored the camping trip there was an away team from the USS Malverne. We were also joined by the 2nd Brigades/Region 2's own Colonel Steve "riceboy" Gordon and his cousin as well as a Klingon chapter the IKV Stonedagger and an RSE chapter the Wingship Resolute, making for quite an eclectic group.

We left SC early Saturday morning and arrived at the lake around 7 am where we were ferried across to Survivor Trek Island by Commodore Mike Wilson, CO of the Aries. We set up camp and spent some time catching up with old friends and making new acquaintances.

We spent the day talking, exploring the island, and swimming. We were blessed with a beautiful day. The sun was shining the wind kept the temperature down and the water was great!

On Saturday evening we settled around the campfire and reminisced as we took in the beautiful stars. Everyone was there sitting around the campfire swapping stories, remembering past adventures and tales and generally having a great time. While most brought tents a couple were in t r e p i d enough to

## A CAMPING WE SHALL GO!

By BGen David James, USS Stargazer

"rough it" underneath the stars.

Sunday morning dawned bright and early and we were greeted by the smells of wood smoke, coffee, and of course the ever-popular frying SPAM. Though I didn't partake of the SPAM nor the corned beef hash that enthusiastically bubbled from its can. Unfortunately it wasn't long before we had to break camp and head our separate ways after many goodbyes, but a good time was had by all. The Romulans were able to abduct... err... I mean recruit a member and



we all look forward to our next trip on the 13th of October.

As an offshoot many of us have gotten together and formed a little group of campers known as the Stargazers. Mainly we are looking at getting together when and as we can and camp in the various areas of the Southeastern United States. Basically it's just another way to get together with friends and have a little fun, allowing us a chance to get together and play. It is comprised of not only members of STARFLEET but Romulans from the RSE, and Klingons. For more information on upcoming events please contact:

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Maybe next time some of you can join in the adventure!

Ten years ago, July 16th 1991, the USS HOOD became a full chapter of STARFLEET. According to the SFI Historian Geneologies, USS Hood was the third chapter in New England commissioned as a starship, prior to 1980 chapters in New England were called "outposts". Launched from STARFLEET's Shuttle Bay 07 in June of 1990, the shuttle's successes included a Star Trek vendor attending their meetings. USS Hood was launched as a Region 7 shuttle, prior to the existence of Region 15 New England, when five of the six New England states were part of Region 7. She was commissioned in Region 7 and currently serves in the 15th Fleet.

As a chapter, USS Hood has had four Commanding Officers: Dave Ryan, Leslie Ryan, Jerome Conner and current CO Ron Bishop; and six Executive Officers: Leslie Ryan, Jerome Conner, John Ellingwood, Cindi DeMidio, Ron Bishop and current XO Garrett McCarthy. Starting as an Original Series Constitution Class Cruiser, USS Hood became a Guardian Angel Class Rapid Response Cruiser, after the design of then Chief Engineer Garrett McCarthy. The Chapter's motto became Pauci, Superbus, Mirabilis, translated "The Few, The Proud, The Outrageous".

Located first in Concord, NH, then relocating to Nashua as her city of charter in 1993, Hood has enjoyed

## USS HOOD 10th ANIVERSARY PARTY

By Captain Ron Bishop, USS Hood



**The cost of Martian Real Estate was "just right":** Captain Beighley presents the USS Mir's crew with the two plots of land on Mars, a gift from the crew of the USS Anasazi.

*Photo courtesy of the USS Anasazi*

members from both New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Members have stretched all the way from Cape Cod, Rhode Island, Vermont, Arizona, and even as far as servicemen in Saudi Arabia. Over 100 people have been HOOD members in its existence. The Hood as a chapter, her newsletter The Granite Viewscreen and several crew have won awards at both the Regional and STARFLEET level. Many of her

members over the years have held Regional and STARFLEET positions, most notably, former Region 7 RC and STARFLEET ShOC Director, founding CO Dave Ryan.

Although not having a mothership at her inception, USS Hood over the years has been mothership to many chapters across the continental United States who commissioned to full STARFLEET

chapter status. Sadly, she has outlived many of her children due to a decrease in interest of the Star Trek franchise, but can delight in her children's progeny, being Grandmother to current R15 chapter USS Obannon out of Sanford, ME, and Great Grandmother to Obannon's progeny current R15 chapter USS Tsunami out of Manchester, NH and current Shuttle Avalon out of Standish, ME.

USS Hood has sponsored events at both the Regional and ship level including security ventures both jointly with her shuttles and Region 15 as well as on her own. Hood has co-hosted Regional events such as the Mini-Golf Tournament, Sommersworth Children's Festival and Conferences. Several events such as Water Country outings, Creation's Imzadi Tour Security Team, Christa McAuliffe Planetarium outings and Silver Lake Park Watergun Battles have been attended by chapters from all over Region 15. One such outing, Amesbury Sled Park (featured in CQ# 104), has grown into an annual Regional Event.

The 10th anniversary party was held at Madden's Restaurant in Merrimack, NH and attended by members of the Regional Staff and other chapters. Please join the Chapters of Region 15 in congratulating Region 15's oldest running chapter on her 10th anniversary.



# THE CHANGING FACE OF KLINGONS - A NEW IDEA

By Alex Rosenzweig, based on an original Idea by Eddie Rhodes • STARFLEET Region 7

Artwork By Commodore David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region 5

*Author's Note: The question of why Klingons had a different appearance in Star Trek: The Original Series from how they looked in all other Star Trek productions has long been debated. It is not the intention of this article to go through them all again. Myself, I had long been a huge booster of the "fusions" concept, proposed initially by John M. Ford and FASA. It wasn't until last year that I encountered a theory that I actually felt offered a reasonable alternative to the fusions idea, and it is that theory that I offer in this article...*

In the TOS episode "Friday's Child", the Klingon Kras stated that Klingons conquer weak species and make allies of the strong. In fact, that's what he was doing on Capella IV, making an alliance with the Capellans.

We also know from that episode and others (including "Errand of Mercy", which established the Organian Peace Treaty) that the Klingons were aggressively expanding their empire at the time. They must have been busy, making conquests and alliances all over the quadrant. Kirk even made this point when he exaggeratedly said the Klingons were out to conquer half the galaxy.

At some point prior to the mid-2260s period of TOS, the real Klingons (those we saw in TMP onwards, including of course all the later series) had made an alliance with a race of humanoids that we came to know as Klingons during TOS. The allied race (which we shall call TOS Klingons) called themselves Klingon as well, because they had embraced the same warrior spirit and philosophy as the genetic ("true") Klingons. They helped with conquest for and expansion of the Klingon Empire. The TOS Klingons thoroughly embraced the Klingon culture, much like the Iotians (in "A Piece of the Action") embraced 1920s Chicago mob culture.

In addition, while the TOS Klingons were a different race, they carried Klingon genetic material within them, transplanted from Qo'noS by either the Preservers or some other race. The true Klingons had discovered this fact and accepted-to a point-these other beings as cousins, as "almost-Klingons", whereas obviously more different races

would only be viewed as servitors.

(Notice that in the original series, any reference to the Klingon home world was always to "the Klingon home world". It wasn't truly their (the TOS Klingons') home world, but that of the true Klingons.)

The true Klingons let the TOS Klingons manage the territory near Federation space (while they were busy with conquests elsewhere) and it was natural that the Federation came to know this humanoid race (TOS Klingons) as Klingons. There remained some confusion, as some encounters with the true Klingons had taken place as far back as the 2150s, but the Federation accepted for the moment that they did not know all there was to know about this warrior species, and hoped over time to learn enough to resolve the inconsistencies in their knowledge.

A few of these TOS Klingons (notably Commanders Kang, Koloth, and Kor), distinguished themselves in honor and battle to such a degree that even the true Klingons were impressed. There was nothing unusual in this, and there are parallels among the Vikings on Earth, with whom the Klingon culture shares many similarities. There are also parallels (to a lesser degree) in Scottish clans and other societies where people were bound by purpose and loyalty and not just by blood ties.

Somewhere around 2270 (between the

end of TOS and TMP), there was a falling out between the true Klingons and the TOS Klingons. The full reason is unknown (though there are speculations, and the graphic novel Debt of Honor suggests that both Imperial politics and unfortunate circumstance played a role; further, if one allows the possibility that General Chang in "Star Trek VI" may in fact also have been a TOS Klingon-as suggested by his mostly smooth skull and only vestigial ridges-he may have been part of the final attempt of the TOS Klingons to hold any power in the Empire). Suffice it to say that the alliance was ended, the true Klingons made their reappearance to the Federation, and the whole alliance was ultimately viewed as an embarrassment by the true Klingons, which is why it is not discussed by them (as Worf stated in DS9's episode "Trials and Tribble-ations").

Even the Federation does not discuss it. Not only do they not know for sure what happened (other than the fact that the race they believed for a time to at least be called Klingons were no longer around), but they did not wish to make their tentative relations with the true Klingons worse and endanger the fragile peace accord. The Federation is, after all, diplomatic.

Based on what they knew (as in "Friday's Child"), the Federation may have put together the pieces and made reasonable assumptions, except for the falling out. If the speculation in Debt of Honor is accepted, it was

undoubtedly in the best interests of both the Federation and the Empire to let the matter lie.

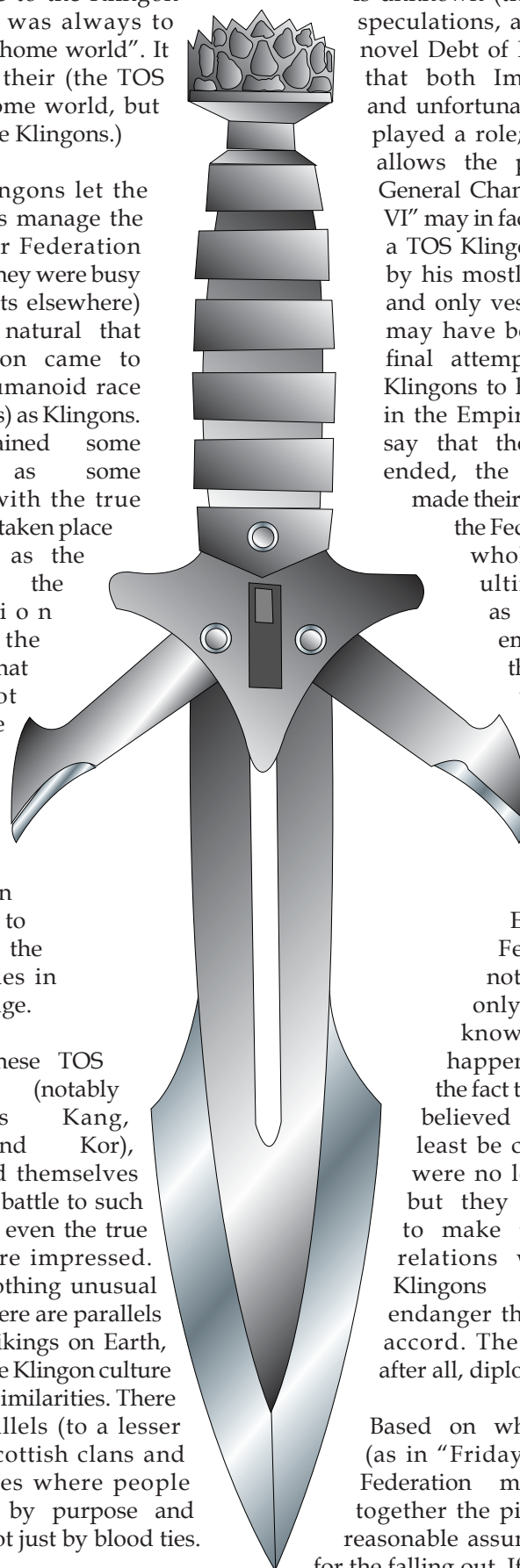
(Notice that in later TNG and onward (as well as in "Star Trek VI", where it was established), the Klingon homeworld is referred to as Kronos, not "the Klingon homeworld". This is a subtle distinction, and is because it is the home world to the true Klingons, not merely the Klingon homeworld to people who are Klingon only by alliance and ideology and not by birth.)

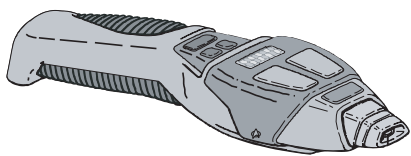
At the time that the Klingon Empire broke off alliances with most, or probably all, of the other warrior races, Kang, Koloth, and Kor (and possibly a few others) were given the choice to alter their appearance to that of true Klingons or return to their respective races (who would no longer be considered Klingon). This was a great honor and extended only because they had brought that honor upon themselves. The true Klingons did not want to be reminded of their earlier alliance by the different features of those exceptional members of the TOS Klingon race. On the other hand, they were pragmatic enough not to wish to exclude (and thereby lose the talents of) such warriors who had so embodied the Klingon spirit in battle.

Rather than be disenfranchised as Klingons, most of the TOS Klingons chose the former option.

The true Klingons no longer wished to be associated with other races in their empire, except for those they conquered. It was a time of unity and ethnic pride. One roughly analogous instance can be found on Earth when the provinces of Spain united. In a similar show of pride and unity, the Moors and Jews were driven out of Spain, and only Catholic Spaniards remained (for the most part).

Over the course of the 24th Century, the TOS Klingons became more and more isolated from the rest of the Empire. While their final fate remains unknown, it is believed that when they do appear, they are now so isolated, culturally and politically, from the Klingon Empire that they are often simply not recognized as Klingons at all.





# PROP COLLECTING: DAYS OF GLORY, DAYS OF DARKNESS

Commander Ken Waid • USS Jaguar, STARFLEET Region 5

Artwork by Commodore David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region 5

Besides Star Trek, I have one other hobby in my life that occupies my spare time, and helps me keep my sanity; collecting/making replica props. What do I mean by replica props? Well, for example, and to brag a bit, i have on my walls (much to an equal mix of delight and dismay to my wife), various Klingon Weapons, a Babylon 5 PPG (the gun they use), a Blade Runner Gun, a Battlestar Galactica Blaster, a Star Wars Han Solo Blaster, several Lightsaber hilts, and a few other things that I am proud to own. To see some Pictures, feel free to drop by this nice little spot that our own Vice Admiral Kurt Roithinger, was nice enough to set up for me on the Nexus Website: <http://www.ssnexus.org/kenpix/>

The general reaction when people first see them is the same-"Oooooooh" or "Hey I remember that movie. I always wanted one of those...where did you get it, and how much did it cost?"

There of course is the rub to prop collecting - availability, and cost. I have a large family, so a \$100.00 prop to me is one to two months of saving, to others - a \$2000.00 Screen used prop is skipping lunch for a couple of days.

It all depends on what you want. A good portion of mine are made of resin - a two-part plastic compound that is poured into a mold, cast off of an original-if you are lucky. Some are castings of castings of castings and are truly horrible. These come in pieces that need to be sanded, bubble holes filled (another indication of a good kit, fewer bubbles = good kit) test fit together, then finally painted and glued.

There are also people out there who make props, a lot of them better than the screen used ones. Sometimes they can be found on eBay, sometimes you have to hunt through lots of search engines, before you find what you are looking for. Five years ago when I wanted a Batleth, it took me three days and a lot of digging before I found a dealer, now they are all over Ebay. These are golden days for prop collectors the number of people out there making props seems to be on the increase, and the prices more than reasonable.

If you are interested in props, be it a

weapon, Tricorder, a Grail Diary from Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade, or something you think is totally obscure, i.e. the Tardis Key From Dr. Who, or a Sphere from the Phantasm movies; there's a good chance someone out there is making it, or you can have it made.

A good place to go and discuss props is the Replica Prop Forum: <http://pub2.ezboard.com/fswvstitanicfrm21> or its sister site, ASAP - A Site About Props, which discusses Specific Props in each section, and sub-threads: <http://>

*Ltd. filed a copyright infringement suit against Gerardo Follano when they learned he was making suits of armor identical to those worn by "Star Wars" characters. LucasFilm was seeking \$100,000 per copyright infringement, plus \$50,000 in punitive damages from Follano, who says he can't even afford a lawyer.*

*Follano's wares are sought only by a handful of "Star Wars" fanatics who want to attend conventions in realistic costumes. But a letter posted on the fan web site theforce.net by a lawyer working pro bono for Follano stated that the studio intended to "take*

case-25 violations, you do the math.

LucasFilm has been quite lenient and decent throughout the whole affair, but other studios, especially Viacom-who owns Paramount/Trek, and Warner Brothers who own Babylon 5, Batman, and quite a few others have not; crushing auctions on eBay, Issuing not just cease and desist orders, but also demanding that the offending prop be turned over to them immediately.

It's true, making then selling replica props is a crime, and the studios legally have every right to protect their own copyrighted/intellectual property. If you make a Trek uniform for your own use, it's legal, if you make one then sell it, you are breaking copyright law.

The trouble here is where is the line between fairness, and reality, tend to blur. Is it fair to the studios and the people who make the props for the movies, to have their hard work, and Intellectual property taken, copied, and then sold? No, at first look, it's not.

But in reality, what do studios do with the props, once the movie is done? Usually nothing, in fact a great many truly fabulous props have been destroyed, i.e. the burning of TNG bridge set, warehoused, sold at auction, or simply thrown away (f.e. the Deathstar landscape, the TOS Romulan Bird of Prey, the Monolith from 2001).

Very few actually put these props out for sale to the general public. For every United Cutlery doing movie knives and swords, or the late, great Playmates doing Trek toys, you are stuck with something that is cheaply made i.e. Rubies/Kenner Star Wars Lightsabers, or is overpriced i.e. the Franklin Mint TOS Phaser, with 14kt Gold Plating... Yecch.

This is why ultimately I have had no pangs of conscience in taking up this hobby, I just don't see Lucas, Spielberg, or James Cameron suffering, because someone decided to do a nice replica of a prop from one of their movies in their garage, and selling it. The area here is very gray right now, but once the powers that be smell dollars in the wind, in the form of litigation, I fear that the collecting of props may be in for some hard times.



**Now it can be told:** Despite persistent rumors that the Sword of Kahless was last seen floating somewhere in Space, it turns out it has been hanging on the wall somewhere in Arizona all along.

*Photo courtesy of Ken Waid*

[pub23.ezboard.com/bpropreplicas](http://pub23.ezboard.com/bpropreplicas) .

These sites are dedicated to the discussion of making, and selling of replica props, just be sure to read and follow the FAQ before you leap in. On these sites are some of the people who have made the best replicas over the years, in fact a few of them were so good they were eventually hired by the Studios, or received official licensing for their replicas.

This is why prop collecting is in its days of glory, now let's discuss its days of Darkness. From the NY Post Page 6 - Gossip Column 07-20-2001:

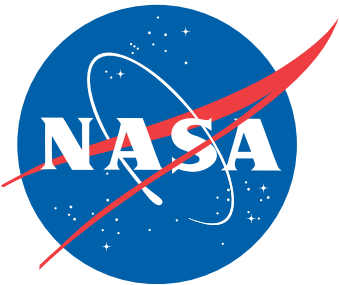
**"Force not with Lucas toys**

*George Lucas has sicced his lawyers on a small-time Toronto prop maker for selling replica "Star Wars" items over the Internet. Earlier this month, lawyers for LucasFilm*

*no prisoners." A week later, however, 300 outraged fans wrote to Lucas demanding that he lighten up. A rep for LucasFilm says, "We feel we are going to be able to solve this amicably and that Mr. Follano will soon issue a public apology."*

Well, as you can see in the above article, the hammer has started to come down. Note the sentence, "Follano's wares are sought only by a handful of 'Star Wars' fanatics who want to attend conventions in realistic costumes."

As Trek fans i think we can all feel the sting of that remark. Unfortunately this is the sign of a growing trend by the studios-putting prop makers out of business. As of the writing of this article, the suit has been settled quite fairly, with Mr. Follano apologizing, and paying restitution far, far, far, below what he could have been hit with, which is \$100,000.00 per violation, in this



# ONE SMALL STEP - OR A GIANT LEAP FOR US?

Hartriono Sastrowardoyo • USS Challenger, STARFLEET Region 7

Artwork Courtesy of NASA

Mars is in the public eye once more. NASA is under scrutiny with its recent missions to Mars, the movie "Mission to Mars" was released, and the Voyager episode "One Small Step" postulated a manned Mars mission, Ares IV, in October 19, 2032. Does such a mission fit with what we know about Star Trek's Earth? Given today's circumstances, is such a mission possible? Let's look at the known events as they are said to have occurred in Star Trek:

**1996** - End of Eugenics Wars. S. S. Botany Bay escapes into deep space. ("Space Seed.")

**2018** - Advances in sublight propulsion make sleeper ships like the Botany Bay obsolete ("Space Seed.")

**19 October 2032** - Ares IV mission to Mars, undertaken by the International Space Agency (ISA). Although the United States and NASA are major participants, many other nations are sponsoring it. ("One Small Step.")

**2053** - Postulated date for the Third World War, which almost reduces society to the Stone Age level. ("Star Trek Chronology" / "First Contact")

**2063** - Warp drive invented by Zefram Cochrane. First official contact with extraterrestrial life, and the Interstellar Age begins. ("First Contact.")

**2103** - Colonization of Mars begins ("The 37s.")

Star Trek has always portrayed Earth and the United States in particular, as having advanced spaceflight capability, along with the relevant technology. Kirk and crew don't need magnetic boots to walk the decks of the Botany Bay. This implies that by 1996, the ship's launch date, artificial gravity must have been invented. This is also subtly reinforced in "One Small Step." LT John Kelly, the mission commander, is seen crawling up a ladder with rungs, which are useless in zero gravity. Notice also in the episode Chakotay's comment that the astronauts were stranded on Mars for "weeks," not months, confirming McGivers' comment on advances in sublight propulsion. How does that compare to the real world? Is a manned Mars mission by 2032 beyond our current means?

In 1992 NASA held a workshop, called the Mars Reference Mission (MRM), to

look into the possibility of a manned Mars mission. A "reference mission" is a continual work in progress, provided to the space community to critique and build upon. The objectives of this particular workshop were, among others, to challenge the popular belief that such an undertaking would be a multi-billion, thirty-year program. (In 1969 the President's Space Task Group, looking beyond the Apollo program, postulated a \$8-10 billion per year program,

years later, a second ERV and MAV, as well as the first crew, are launched. This ensures an alternate plan if there are any problems with the first ERV and MAV. If those are fine, the first crew uses the "stale" ones already on Mars. The second or "fresh" set would support the next crew, who would bring a third ERV and MAV. This is similar to what the Russians have done with their space station missions. (This cycle of launching backup ERVs and MAVs with the

the International Space Station - so the MRM chose not to design spacecraft which created artificial gravity in some way.

In 1994, it was estimated that all this could be accomplished for a cost of \$50 billion. Robert Zubrin, president of the Mars Society, believes that the cost could be brought down to the \$20-30 billion range, spent over 10 years. By comparison, the General Accounting Office puts the total cost of the International Space Station at a little over \$95 billion.

In December 1999, the Mars Polar Lander and its associated probes were lost, forcing a reassessment of NASA's Mars exploration program. Over the next fifteen years many robotic missions are planned, including one for 2005, which would retrieve and bring back to Earth Martian soil and rock samples. Given the uncertainty of whether or not there were microscopic fossils in the Martian meteorite discovered in 1996, the findings from such a sample return mission could provide the impetus for a manned Mars mission. Astronaut Dr. Garrett Reisman confirmed this, stating that even though are studies for a manned Mars mission within NASA, nothing will be considered until the International Space Station is completed. "It would take a major scientific find. If we found that there was some promise to find some solid evidence of life on Mars that couldn't be verified robotically, then you might see funding go up for human exploration."



"I'm ready to go!": Author Hartriono Sastrowardoyo already has the right outfit for future Space endeavors.

Photo courtesy of Hartriono Sastrowardoyo

which included a manned Mars mission among its components.) The MRM has undergone at least two revisions over the years, but let's take a look at that early study, as the basic concept remained the same.

The study focused on a "split mission" strategy. The first missions would send the supplies needed to survive on Mars and return to Earth. Afterwards, the crew would be sent along. By gradually building up supplies, a permanent habitation of Mars would be possible by the third manned landing.

During the first launch window- initially projected at 2007 with a 180-day trip- three cargo missions would be sent to Mars. These would include an Earth Return Vehicle (ERV), a Martian Ascent Vehicle (MAV), and a surface habitat. During the next launch window two

next crew would greatly minimize any stranding of astronauts on the planet.)

Unlike "One Small Step," which had a crew of three, the MRM assumed six astronauts would be used for a Mars mission, based on the tasks required of the crew, safety and risk considerations, and the dynamics of an international crew. Martian exploration would encompass sample collecting and analysis; geology of both the surface and subsurface of Mars; analysis of the composition and structure of the atmosphere; and performing experiments to gauge the ability of humans to inhabit Mars. Given a travel time of 4 to 6 months, it is expected that the crew would initially spend 18 to 20 months on Mars, eventually building up to a stay time of 600 days. The shorter travel times reduce the time spent by the crew in zero gravity to a typical tour of duty aboard

In a discussion with Michael Okuda, scenic art supervisor for Voyager, he expressed that the 2032 date for the Ares IV mission was unnecessarily conservative for a piloted Mars mission, and that he had hoped they would move up the date by at least five years. "Then again, the designation 'Ares IV' might be interpreted to suggest that there had been at least three landings prior to this one, so maybe the first landing was around 2026," he continues. (Incidentally, a 2026 date for the Ares IV would neatly resolve the conflict given in Kelly's statement that Buck Bokai broke Joe DiMaggio's consecutive game hitting streak that day, an event stated to have happened in 2026 in "The Big Goodbye.") Given today's state of events, a manned Mars landing in 2009 as forecast in the first MRM may not be feasible, but Trek's prognostications, including a Martian colony, may yet prove to be right.



# TOLKIEN INSPIRED

By Fleet Captain David Klingman • USS Hawkeye  
Artwork By Commodore David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region 5

I have discovered and I want to share with you, something that I have found truly inspiring about the works of JRR Tolkien and his son Christopher Tolkien. Actually, I want to talk to you about a few gems I have found.

Recently, I have come to appreciate Professor Tolkien as an artist and as the inspiration for a number of artists. I have also discovered that there is not only a history to Middle Earth, but in fact a whole universe and a mythology represented not only by his works and the works of his son, but also by dozens of artists and members of literary organizations (a few of which I would like to talk about).

My first clue into the vast world of JRR Tolkien came from reading - or rather rereading - The Silmarillion. It is a tale of the history and mythology of Middle Earth, from its creation to its change, to its Third and Fourth Ages described in The Hobbit and Lord of the Rings. Tolkien takes much of his mythology from Norse and Old English myths, especially Welsh myth and legend. He bases a language, alphabet, and culture on what he envisioned as a Middle Earth built from the mental images of his surroundings - Europe and particularly England and Wales. A number of literary critics and journalists have likened The Shire to his mythological representation of England. I have since been reading, and struggling a bit, through "The Book of Lost Tales 1" and "The Book of Lost Tales 2" which both examine the beginnings of Middle Earth and its development. For those of you who are fascinated by mythology and history, I recommend:

- The Silmarillion (JRR Tolkien)
- The Book of Lost Tales 1 (JRR Tolkien, edited by Christopher Tolkien)
- The Book of Lost Tales 2 (JRR Tolkien, edited by Christopher Tolkien)
- The Complete Guide to Middle Earth (Robert Foster)

My second "inspiration" came from the art work of the artist Ted Nasmith, who some of you may know as the creator of the images in a number of calendars and books based on his perceptions of Middle Earth and the works of Professor Tolkien (for those of you just now caught up in the hype, you can see his art work in the 2002 Tolkien Calendar). I have found particular joy in two pieces of art by Mr. Nasmith: Minas Tirith at Dawn and Rivendell

I have, in fact, purchased signed prints of these works which are now hanging in my home office and give me great hope and connection to the heroism of the tales which I have come to appreciate. I'd like to talk about Ted and Donna Nasmith for a moment, since through

correspondence I have found them, especially Donna, to be very helpful. It was Donna, the director of Ted's artistic and commercial endeavors, who graciously gave me permission to include some examples of his art work for your pleasure. Ted and Donna live in Toronto, Canada. Ted was born in 1955 and has produced seven calendars with two more, 2003 and 2004, on the way, and has contributed to at least eight texts related to Middle Earth. Of course, he represents only one of many artists who have been inspired to bring Middle Earth to life, but it's my opinion

works of JRR Tolkien as well as their own original works and art from a variety of science fiction and fantasy media sources. I think perhaps the best source of their art work as it relates to Middle Earth is Greg and Tim Hildebrandt: The Tolkien Years (published in 2001 with historical text by Greg Hildebrandt Jr., Greg's son). The book has some fascinating photos of Greg, Tim, and their friends posing for the various scenes. Their art work has also found its way to the pages of many version of Tolkien's books including Master of Middle Earth (by Paul Kocher) which has

joined a group of less than 700 people worldwide who share a love of the works of Middle Earth. There are a thousand and one details I could describe, but I simply encourage you to visit their web site at <http://www.tolkiensociety.org> to see all their resources.

Professor Tolkien's works also include some fascinating pieces I think are worth reading:

- Roverandom, a children's tale he wrote for his son Michael about a toy dog's magical journeys
- Sir Gawain and the Green Knight (translations of the medieval poems and tales)
- His poetry, especially the tales of Tom Bombadil (who ultimately appears in The Lord of the Rings)

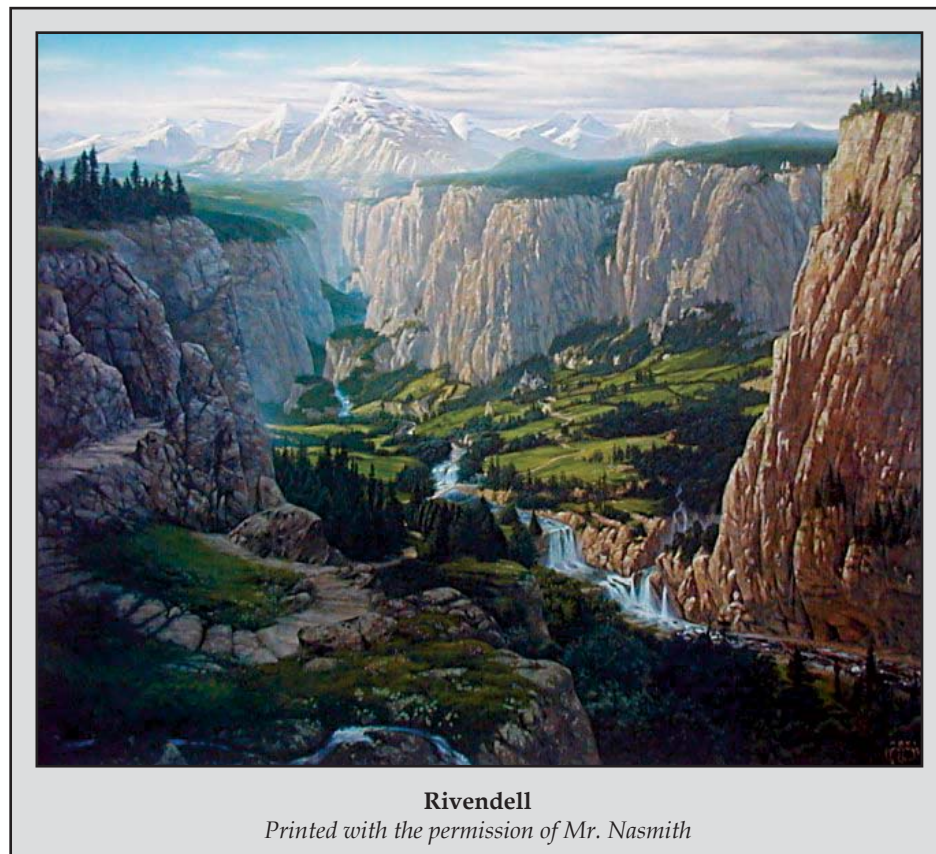
So why am I telling you all this?

Because, like you, I'm excited about the upcoming film adaptation of LORD OF THE RINGS (The Fellowship of the Ring opens December 19 if you're interested, and if you haven't already, go to the official movie site at <http://www.lordoftherings.net/> for information on the film). I have also taken up several hobbies of my own that I am working on, including a family tree for Aragorn (surprise, my favorite hero in the tales) and a 'sequel' story about the end of Middle Earth. I'm also trying to organize with two of my local theaters some sort of presentation for the upcoming film.

The works of Professor Tolkien have become something of which my wife (and some friends) have accused me of obsession, but I have found them simply to be enchanting. Some are very difficult, but all are worth reading.

My particular interest has been in the mythology of Middle Earth and its history, particularly surrounding the life, events, and lineage of the character Aragorn, who I feel was one of the richest people presented in the works. I have gone so far as to trace his ancestry back to its beginnings. I have also jokingly noted to a friend that my birthday, September 29, is the same day described in The Fellowship of the Ring as the day the hobbits first met Strider (Aragorn) in the village of Bree. Happy coincidence I'm sure!

There are, of course, countless web sites dedicated to the works of the late Professor Tolkien, and I have conveniently set them down at The Mad Hiren web site at <http://www.angelfire.com/nc2/sardis/hirogen/88.html>. Of course, the best way to experience the works is to read them!



that his works, along with the Brothers Hildebrandt, represent the pinnacle of Tolkien-inspired art.

Mr. Nasmith's work can be viewed and purchased at the following sites:

Artists of Middle Earth  
<http://www.mi.uib.no/~respl/tolkien/Artists/artist-nasmith.html>  
Chalk Farm Gallery  
[http://www.chalk-farm-gallery.co.uk/artists/ted\\_nasmith.html](http://www.chalk-farm-gallery.co.uk/artists/ted_nasmith.html)

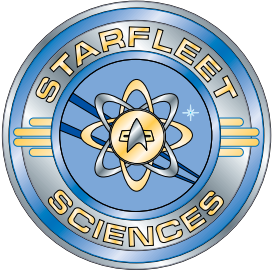
Tolkien Art by Ted Nasmith  
<http://anduin.eldar.org/artgallery/tolkien/tnasmith/tnasmith.html>

The Brothers Hildebrandt of course are another widely known source of Tolkien artwork, and they too have done a number of calendars and artwork related to the

famous picture of Bilbo writing his memoirs at Rivendell and the cover of Smith of Wootton Major and Farmer Giles of Ham. I was unfortunately unable to contact the artists for their kind permission to include versions of their work.

The most telling story is just how many artists have been inspired to bring Middle Earth to life. I have found no less than 101 artists who are "published" on the Internet. An excellent place to view a lot of this work is <http://www.nightrunner.com/cgi-bin/index.pl>.

The most recent source of my interest in the works of JRR Tolkien has been The Tolkien Society, an international educational and charity (volunteer) organization dedicated to the works of the late Professor Tolkien and his estate. This group is a recognized organization by the estate. I have myself



# ON THE HUMANOID CONDITION

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This will be the second in a three part series dealing with human(oid) physiology. We'll be 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.

If you think of the body as a machine with a control center, physical machinery and conduits that provide the fuel for the machine, then the cardiovascular system we talked about last time is the conduit system. This time around, let's talk about the physical machinery - the musculoskeletal system, breaking it down into its components:

The skeletal system of the human body (we're talking *Homo sapiens sapiens terraensis* here) is made of 206 bones (get out those old biology textbooks now) arranged into what are called the axial and appendicular skeleton. The axial skeleton consists of those bones that make up the axis (spinal column and head) of the body, while the appendicular skeleton consists of bones that make up the appendages (arms and legs) and their connections to the axis of the body.

Generally speaking, bones (and teeth) are made of a crystalline material known as hydroxyapatite (a calcium phosphate derivative) embedded in a protein matrix. Bones are, to varying degrees, hollow, made of an outer cortical plate and an inner trabecular network, which is the network in which bone marrow is formed. Long bones of the leg and arm are the most 'hollow' having large marrow spaces and a number of bones are solid, with no marrow.

It would take entirely too much time to list and describe all the bones of the body, so we're not going to do that, but instead we'll look at bones in groups and talk about some of their functions.

## THE SKULL AND FACE

Part of the axial skeleton, the bones of the skull and face are in fact two separate groups of bones - those of the cranial cavity and those of the nasofacial apparatus.

The bones of the cranial cavity (the pairs of frontal, parietal, temporal, occipital, and other bones) encase the brain and vital structures of the skull and are held together by articulations known as sutures which begin as open fibrous articulations at birth (sometimes called fontanelles) and usually close by the second year of life when the brain has developed in size. The unusual aspect of these bones is that they are generally flat, with little marrow, but encased within are vein-like structures that aid in the circulation of cerebrospinal fluid through and out of the cranial cavity.

The bones of the face are, of course, my fascination as a dentist, and typically the face is thought of in three sections - the upper, mid, and lower face. The upper face makes up the

borders of the orbit and the structures of the nose, the midface makes up the structures of the nose and cheek bones and upper jaw, and the lower face makes up the structures of the lower jaw. The upper face and midface are unique due the presence of the sinuses. They include the frontal sinuses above the eyebrows, the ethmoid and sphenoid sinuses behind the nose, and the maxillary sinuses below the eyes and behind the cheeks. The purpose of the sinuses is to provide 'lift' to the face, allowing for a decrease in weight due to the presence of air in the sinuses that enables us to maintain an upright posture with our head in line with our bodies.

## THE SPINAL COLUMN

The spinal column is composed of a series of irregular shaped bones called the vertebrae that serve to give us our 'erect' posture, encase the vital structure of the spinal cord, and connect the bones of the appendicular skeleton to the axis of our body. The vertebrae consists of seven cervical, twelve thoracic, five lumbar, five fused sacral, and three to four (sometimes more) coccygeal vertebrae which are stacked on top of each other and separated by fibrous discs. These are the discs you hear about when you think of a 'slipped disc'. Within the center of each of these vertebrae is a hollow center which forms (as the vertebrae stack on top of one another) the vertebral or spinal canal. The discs and the shape of the vertebrae allow for the passage of the various spinal nerves out the sides. Compression or collapse of discs can compress these nerves, leading to a lot of the back pain and arm and leg pain people feel.

## THE RIB CAGE

The 12 pairs of ribs are also part of the axial skeleton, joined posteriorly (in the back) to the side aspects of the vertebrae and anteriorly to the sternum (breastbone). The first seven ribs are joined directly to the sternum, the 8th-10th ribs are joined to the 7th rib. The 11th and 12th ribs are 'floating ribs' having no anterior (front) attachment. The ribs serve to enclose and protect the chest cavity and also assist in respiration (breathing) through various muscles.

## THE APPENDICULAR SKELETON

The appendages, that is the arms and legs, are joined to the axial skeleton in two places. The arms are joined to the axial skeleton through the pectoral bones and muscles (the shoulder blades and associated structures) and the legs are joined to the axial skeleton through the bones of the pelvis (which is a series of paired, fused, and articulated bones which make up the hips and pelvis). The arms are composed of a humerus (upper arm bone), a radius and ulna (forearms), and structures of the wrist and hands and fingers, while the legs are composed of a femur (thigh bone which articulates with the hip socket), the tibia and fibula (the lower leg and shin), and the bones of the ankle and feet and toes.

The skeleton then performs a number of important functions (only some are included here):

- physical support and protection for the body

structures and internal organs

- production of and maintenance of bone marrow (bone marrow, recall, is that material that directly or indirectly produces our blood cells)
- maintenance of body calcium and phosphate (recall the bones are made of calcium)

However, the skeleton could not perform, function, or in fact exist without a skeletal system. A machine with no gears doesn't move, and the muscles of the body perform that function.

## THE MUSCLES

There are in fact three types of muscle: skeletal (or voluntary) muscle, cardiac (or heart) muscle, and smooth muscle, which maintains the movements of internal organs such as the peristalsis of the intestines and stomach to move food through the digestive tract and the smooth muscle surrounding major arteries which helps pump blood.

Skeletal muscle is what connects the parts of the skeleton and enables them to move together, maintain posture, move the body, and perform many other functions such as breathing and swallowing and blinking and smiling. In this discourse, we're going to avoid listing all the muscles and talk instead about how a muscle moves and functions.

Muscles are made of individual cells called syncytia. The term describes cells which have fused, have multiple nuclei, and therefore function in ultimate unison. Skeletal muscle syncytia are long cells whose internal structure is made of the proteins actin and myosin which are long strandlike proteins stacked above one another forming 'sliding tubes' (as we'll see, the actin and myosin slide along one another making the muscle cell longer or shorter).

Before a muscle "contraction" the actin and myosin are in their 'elongated' state and are separate and unbound. When a nerve signal is sent to the muscle (by the brain and spinal cord), there is a release of calcium from compartments inside the muscle cells called sarcoplasmic reticulum. This calcium binds to proteins lining the spaces between the actin and myosin. The release and binding of calcium allows the other proteins to 'get out of the way' and the actin and myosin can then bind to one another. ATP (which is adenosine triphosphate, the energy molecule of the body) can then bind and allow the myosin to 'pivot' (myosin molecules look like golf clubs, with the head binding to the actin and the head pivoting).

When the myosin heads pivot, the actin and myosin slide along one another. In an individual muscle cell, there are two sets of actin and myosin, each pointing in opposite directions. When the actin and myosin pivot and slide, the two sets actually slide in opposite directions toward each other (toward the center of the muscle cell) and the whole cell contracts or shortens. The composite contraction of muscle cells causes the whole muscle to shorten and thus the bones of the skeleton move toward

each other (this entire act is called flexion as in the "flexing" of muscles). The reverse effect, called extension involves the release of actin from myosin (ATP provides the energy but also causes the release of the actin from the myosin) and then the muscle cell returns to its normal length. An animated version of this is available at [http://www.sci.sdsu.edu/movies/actin\\_myosin.html](http://www.sci.sdsu.edu/movies/actin_myosin.html)

## FUN FACT:

Some of the calcium in the muscle sarcoplasmic reticulum comes from blood calcium stores that are regulated by hormones that draw calcium from the matrix of bone!

We'll save the discussion of hormones and nerve control for the next article.

The musculoskeletal system consists then of nothing more than a series of levers and pulleys that, through muscle contraction and relaxation, allow the bones of the skeleton to move toward and away from each other and allow us to move.

We'll end this discussion with a set of interesting bones and muscles that perform a function we take for granted.

## AUDITION (HEARING)

Ever wonder how sound registers? Here's how (in a simplified manner) - sound waves approach the ear (the ear is shaped so that the sound is funneled into the ear canal) and these sound waves (which carry energy) impact upon the tympanic membrane (aka ear drum). Attached to the internal aspect of the eardrum is a bone called the malleus which is attached to a bone called the incus which is attached to a bone called the stapes.

The vibration of the ear drum causes the movement of the malleus, then incus, then stapes (which is all amplified by a muscle called the tensor tympani) and the stapes then causes the vibration of a membrane called the foramen ovale which sense pressure waves through a fluid inside the inner ear. This fluid then causes the "hairs" on nerve cells to vibrate and this mechanical energy is converted by those nerve cells to electrical energy that sends signals to the brain to process the sounds and identify them - BEEP BEEP!

What about people who are deaf (or to be more appropriate, hearing impaired)? Well, there are two kinds of deafness - conduction deafness and nerve deafness. Conduction deafness occurs when the sounds can't get to the inner ear, this is usually due to damage to the ear drum or damage to the bones (ex. severe arthritic changes, skull fractures, masses such as tumors or even ear wax that may prevent sound from getting to its destination), whereas nerve deafness is the result of damage to the nerves. There are a number of neurologic diseases that can cause this, tumors, trauma or severing of the nerves, f.e.

The skeletal and muscular systems are fascinating in how they work together to produce movements ranging from the gross movements of the arm (such as pitching a baseball) to the finer movements and contraction of muscles that provide posture and upright stability in bipedal species (and how the bones of the face and skull are hollow and filled with air, providing buoyancy) to the fine movements of bones that allow us to hear sounds or see things or swallow or blink.

Next visit to the humanoid body will be the neuroendocrine system (brain, spinal cord, nerves, and all the glands and hormones that control body functions).



# FLEET ACTIVITY REPORT

BY CAPTAIN DIXIE JACK, CQ SUMMARIES COORDINATOR

Summertime and the living is easy. That's the philosophy a lot of STARFLEET chapters take. Most chapters had a quiet summer with picnics and barbecues being the preferred method of relaxation. Most chapter's report that they are ramping up for a busy fall season. Send all Summaries for the CQ to: [cqsummaries@sfi.org](mailto:cqsummaries@sfi.org).

## Region One

### USS Aeon, NCC-75022 Memphis TN

Crew celebrated their third anniversary and many members were recognized for their service. Door prizes were given out and an Uno Tournament was held.

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

Crewmembers enjoyed playing Star Trek trivia at the monthly meeting. Fundraising efforts continue including aluminum recycling and fund raising on eBay.

### Shuttle Albemarle, NCC-1967-A/2 Hertford, NC

Crewmembers enjoyed a ship camping trip. An away team attended Shore Leave. Ship is looking for a new meeting space. Crew is considering adopting a Volunteer Fire Department as their charity.

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

Away team attended an Irish festival in a nearby town. Crewmembers celebrated their second anniversary at a local restaurant.

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

Crew continues to sell dishcloths and bookmarks to benefit the Julian Flemming Memorial Fund. Many members worked hard to make Shore Leave a success.

### Bennu Station, SFR-119 Gatlinburg, TN

Crewmembers participated in the Independence Day Parade in Gatlinburg that bills itself as the first parade for independence in the country. Away teams also enjoyed two movie events.

### USS Bonaventure, NCC-102-A Greensboro, NC

Ship celebrated their anniversary at Gibson Park. Crew members also attended a movie event.

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

Members participated in the MDA telethon. Crewmembers also enjoyed camping trips in Tennessee and North Carolina. The XO sponsored a cook out that was enjoyed by all.

### USS Chesapeake, NCC-1887 Richmond, VA

Crew celebrated promotions with a party and charity auction. Crew enjoyed a trip to Kings Dominion.

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

Members celebrated reaching their food drive goals by holding a cookout. Plans in the works to participate in the local United Nations Festival to be held in November.

### USS Dominator, NCC-18076 Charleston, SC

Several crew members attended a 4th of July party with another local ship. Welcomed two new members aboard. Collection for Overseas Coupon Program (OCP) and Stampede continues.

### Shuttle Grey Ghost, NCC-75001 Appomattox, VA

Crewmembers enjoyed a pool party and attended a Christmas in July event at a local market. Fundraising efforts continue for the ships charities.

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

Crew enjoyed a day of swimming, cooking out and relaxing at Smith Mountain Lake. Charity efforts continue including collecting aluminum for recycling and stamps for Stampede. Crew members raised over \$400.00 at the annual charity auction.

### USS Jamestown, NCC-1843-D Hampton, VA

Members continued their volunteer efforts at the Virginia Air and Space Museum. Yard sale was held to raise money for the ships treasury. Ship sponsored a Model Hobby Workshop at a local craft store. An away team visited the local IKV chapter's picnic. An away team attended Shore Leave.

### USS Lewis B. Puller, SFR-123 Summerville, SC

Crew enjoyed playing the Harry Potter Collectable Card Game at the last meeting. Crewmembers also celebrated the marriage of two of their own. An away team attended Shore Leave.

### USS Maat, NCC-1794-A Virginia Beach, VA

Several crew members volunteered at a local amphitheatre to raise funds for the chapter and its charities. Crew donated over two hundred dried and canned food items to a local senior services organization. Members also volunteered at a local animal shelter. An away team enjoyed a bowling outing.

### USS Nebula, NX-61800 North Royalton, OH

Ship's website has been updated. Crew members preparing for R1 Summit.

### Space Station Nikola Tesla, NCC-SS0005 Puryear, TN

Webpage redesign continues and a new logo adopted by the crew should be unveiled shortly. An away team attended Shore Leave in R7.

### USS Powhatan, NCC 1967-A Chesapeake, VA

An away team attended Shore Leave.

### USS Questar, NCC-75435 Louisville, KY

Crew bringing canned goods to each meeting to donate to a local food pantry. Crewmembers visited Fort Knox and toured the Patton Museum. An away team visited a local planetarium.

### USS Richmond, NCC-2003 Covington, VA

Collections efforts continue for recycling and Stampede. Crew also collecting for a local animal shelter.

### USS Ronald E McNair, NCC-61809 Columbia, SC

Ship toured the International Space Station exhibit in Charlotte NC with several other area ships. Members also enjoyed a cookout in Rock Hill.

### USS Star League, NCC-2101 N. Augusta, SC

Away team enjoyed lunch with the Captain. CO and XO attended a kickoff luncheon for the Juvenile Diabetes Walkathon and received information for the team that will be participating.

### USS Starward Fury, NCC-2122 Fayetteville, NC

Away team visited the Hubble Display at the Raleigh Museum of Natural History. Members also visited the NC Zoo.

### U.S.S. Tycho, NCC-59325 Toledo, OH

Crew enjoyed their annual picnic and beach party. Everyone is looking forward to the Region 1 Fall conference. Collections effort continues for OCP and Stampede.

### USS West Virginia, NCC-2008 Charlestown, WV

Crew members created 120 book marks for the summer reading program at the local library.

### USS Yeager, NCC-61893 Bluefield, WV

Crew enjoyed a swim party. Members are also

working on an online Fanzine. Anniversary party was held.

## Region Two

### USS Blackstar, NCC-75003 Miami, FL

An away team held a recruitment event at a local role-playing event. Away teams also attended several area conventions and gaming events.

### USS Cherokee, NCC-75009 Richton, MS

Several members volunteered at a local vacation bible school. Cadets went on an away mission to an area zoo. Two cadets are participating in an anti tobacco summer camp.

### USS Continuum, NCC-71821 Pensacola, FL

Crew participated in monthly meeting and are looking for to the premiere of Enterprise.

### Dark Silence Station, NCC-SS-007 Florence, AL

Crew readying for a science survey mission of a local cave system.

### USS DaVinci, NCC-74671 Columbus, GA

Crewmembers enjoyed a lazy afternoon of pizza and swimming at their second annual pool party and pizza feast. Crew also celebrated the 4th of July with a cookout and welcomed members from several other ships. An away team participated in a highway cleanup day.

### USS Draco, NCC-78501 Cullman, AL

Crewmembers enjoyed a social evening of food and gaming.

### USS Dräkenfire, NCC-71822 Odenville, AL

Finished updating the bylaws during the monthly meeting and expect them to pass without a problem. Crews made agreements to work with another chapter for joint exploration. Crew members continue to contribute to OCP.

### Shuttle Gasparilla, NCC-2071/001 Tampa, FL

Held first crew meeting as a shuttle. Mailed recruitment packages to several interested parties.

### USS Hephaestus, NCC-2004 Birmingham, AL

Crew looking forward to the premiere of Enterprise.

### USS Indestructible, NCC-2071 Warner Robbins, GA

An away team attended IC. Crew welcomed their first international member aboard.

**USS Jubilee, NCC-57299**  
**Mobile, AL**

An away team enjoyed a trip to the 2001 International Conference in Kansas City. A small team also journeyed to provide moral support to a fellow officer. Later in the month an away team attended a rodeo with members of other chapters. Ship also participated in a joint recruitment event with other area chapters.

**USS Khai Tam, NCC-81000**  
**Tallahassee, FL**

Business meeting held and a captain’s poker night was scheduled. Members beginning to plan activities again.

**USS Odyssey, NCC-454-A**  
**Hattiesburg, MS**

An away attended IC. The ship sponsored a sleepover in August.

**USS Okatoma, NCC-74695**  
**Collins, MS**

An away team traveled to Jackson to view the Majesty of Spain exhibit with a ship from that area. Participated in a joint recruitment event in the region.

**USS Paegan, NCC-1755**  
**Orlando, FL**

Crew enjoyed a quiet summer but took time to celebrate the engagement of two of their ranks.

**USS Rogue Phoenix, NCC-75005**  
**Savannah, GA**

Away teams visited both Shore Leave and Vulkan. Intership club meetings continue.

**USS Shadow Walker, NCC-74660**  
**Smiths, AL**

Monthly meeting included dinner at a local restaurant and a movie trip. Crew was pleased to welcome a visitor from another area chapter.

**USS Spiritwalker, NCC-31097**  
**Decatur, AL**

Ship is getting a website. Many thanks to another local chapter for their help. The two ships are working together to plan joint activities and meeting weekends. Crew continues to contribute to a local animal shelter and to participate in OCP. An away team attended IC and represented the ship during the color guard. Science department conducted a geology lesson for the ship cadets.

**USS Trident, NCC-74692**  
**Stuart, FL**

Crew enjoyed a 4th of July Pool Party. An away team attended Shore Leave.

**USS Triumph, NCC-26228**  
**Ft. Lauderdale, FL**

Members staying busy taking academy courses.

**Region Three**

**USS Aurora Vulcanus, NCC-1888**  
**Houston, TX**

Away team attended the Region Dart and Pool Tournament but neglected to bring along a navigator. A great time was had in spite of getting lost. Another away team attended the IC.

**USS Bexar, NCC -71718**  
**San Antonio, TX**

The crew welcomed a new member onboard. An away team competed in the Region’s Annual Pool and Darts tournament.

**USS. Joan of Arc, NCC-73289**  
**Corpus Christi, TX**

Celebrated the birthday of a crew member. The ship is offering templates to make full color

business cards to any interested member. Ship hosted a Star Trek marathon for the local UPN affiliate.

**USS Palo Duro, NCC-61914**  
**Amarillo, TX**

Crew spent the last general meeting planning for a party for the new Enterprise premier. Food, fun and good TV are planned.

**USS Quannah Parker, NCC-73628**  
**Lubbock, TX**

Away team prepared and served dinner at a local Ronald McDonald House. Hosted the Region Three Chess Tournament. Crewmember was featured in the local newspaper showing his model airplanes at a local competition.

**USS Rhyanna, NCC-1892**  
**Austin, TX**

Crew members contributed 85 cans of tomato products to a local food pantry. Crew continued to volunteer for a local reading program. Efforts included teaching people to read and shelving books for a book fair.

**Shuttle Seawolf, NCC-73628/1**  
**Houston, TX**

Crew is planning upcoming activities including a trip to the Houston Space Flight Center.

**USS Spirit World, DN-74300**  
**Houston, TX**

Crew meeting featured a photo session for upcoming newsletters and website plus plans for future events.

**Region Four**

**USS Angeles, NCC-71840**  
**Los Angeles, CA**

Meeting and picnic was held at the Angeles National Forest in July. Crew enjoyed a pool party and finished up filming for their commercial. Crew continues the process of selecting a new CO.

**USS Angelfire, NCC-75025**  
**Phoenix, AZ**

Collection efforts for OCP continue. An away team attended the IC.

**USS Augusta Ada, NCC-55011**  
**San Francisco, CA**

An away team attended the LinuxWorld Conference. Crew welcomed many visitors to their monthly meeting.

**Cascade Station, NCC-SS0003**  
**Redding, CA**

Crewmembers enjoyed their annual end of summer barbecue. Members are also looking forward to the upcoming Western Conference.

**USS Centurion, NCC-74801**  
**Moreno Valley, CA**

An away team attended the STARFLEET IC. Many upcoming events in the works including an Enterprise launch party and a Halloween event.

**USS Highroller, NCC-23104**  
**Reno, NV**

Crew members have completed creating packets for the upcoming Western Conference being held in Reno. Chief Science officer attended an astronomy day at the local Astronomical Society. He used the opportunity not only to educate people on his telescope and helioscope but to recruit them to STARFLEET as well.

**K’ehleyr Station, NCC-SS009**  
**Las Vegas, NV**

Crew members enjoyed movie, pizza and poker nights this month. Poker tournament netted pop tops for a local charity organization. Crew member handbook is being revised and should be completed shortly. The 21st MSG the One Eyed Jacks were created and welcomed aboard.

**USS Oberon, NCC-71820**  
**Citrus Heights, CA**

Ship held a successful movie night. Money was raised for the Diana Morgan Fund. Crew is planning their 8th anniversary party.

**USS Onizuka, NCC-71815**  
**Chico, CA**

CO attended STARFLEET’s IC and had a fantastic time. Many kudos to the entire IC staff.

**USS Peacekeeper, NCC-72300**  
**Visalia, CA**

Crew celebrated their 7th anniversary in July. Crew held their annual water war at the August meeting. Everyone had a wonderful albeit soggy time. An away team traveled to San Jose for an IC planning meeting.

**Shuttle Raven’s Claw, NCC-72202**  
**Woodland, CA**

Crew enjoyed an away mission to the Sacrament Zoo.

**USS Tikopai, NCC-1800**  
**San Jose, CA**

An away team attended the monthly meeting of another local ship. Members answered telephones for the local public broadcasting station.

**Region Five**

**Shuttlecraft Achilles, NCC-97301/1**  
**Portland, OR**

Ships constitution is nearing completion and will be going to members shortly. Plans in the works to recruit at a local convention.

**USS Bright Star, NCC-71875**  
**Redmond, WA**

Quiet summer for the chapter but the CO has plans to attend conferences across the country.

**USS CM Russell, NCC-75285**  
**Great Falls, MT**

Plans proceeding for the ships commissioning party. Crew is prepared etched glasses for the event.

**USS Crusader, NCC-74711**  
**Spokane, WA**

Crew planning their 4th anniversary celebration.

**USS Destiny, NCC-97301**  
**Salem, OR**

Crew enjoyed their annual picnic which was held the CO’s home. Everyone enjoyed games and barbecue. Ship hosted a miniature golf challenge. Local chapters attended and much fun was had.

**Shuttle Greywolf, NCC-75016-01**  
**Boise, ID**

Quiet month due to station relocation. Crewmember did participate in their annual Sandy Pointe Party and enjoyed the company of other area ships. Greywolf crewmembers also gathered on the 4th of July for a picnic and fireworks.

**USS Jaguar, NCC-74750**  
**Mill Creek, WA**

Crew heavily involved with the ships planned change to a different class of ship. Fictional work and webpage redesign is occurring because of this change.

**USS Kensington, NCC-75016**  
**Meridian, ID**

Crewmembers participated in a yard sale to raise funds. Members also enjoyed a videathon on Labor Day.

**USS Rubicon, NCC-71816**  
**Richland, WA**

Crew deep in plans for the ship’s upcoming

anniversary party. Members are also enjoying the summer by attending a movie or having a barbecue every weekend.

**Region Six**

**USS Czar’ak, NCC-1798-A**  
**Minneapolis, MN**

Ship sponsored a mini-golf tournament with a local ship and the shuttle.

**USS Fox River, NCC-81002**  
**Appleton, WI**

Away team attended the IC.

**USS Imperium, NCC-2125**  
**Fargo, ND**

Crewmembers participated in the pledge drive for the local PBS station. Members also attended planning meetings for the upcoming Valleycon.

**USS Thunderchild, NCC-3122**  
**Rapid City, SD**

Crewmembers participated in the July Highway pick up. Completed the task in half the time despite the rain that showed up half way through. Crew manned a booth at the Black Hills Duck Race and raised money for the Children’s Miracle Network.

**Region Seven**

**USS Accord, NCC-1842**  
**Ithaca, NY**

Away teams attended Shore Leave and the STARFLEET IC. Crewmembers also enjoyed a lunch and movie events. Plans are being finalized for the 12th Annual Watkins Glen Weekend.

**USS Alpha Centauri, NCC 71812**  
**Washington, DC**

Away team attended Shore Leave. Crew making plans for their annual cook our and pool party.

**USS Arthur C. Clarke, NCC-63544**  
**Cinnaminson, NJ**

Ship enjoyed a barbecue held at a member’s home.

**USS Asimov, NCC-1647**  
**Yardley, PA**

Away team attended Shore Leave and attended the 7th Brigade Muster.

**USS Avenger, NCC-1860**  
**North Brunswick, NJ**

Crew enjoying monthly meetings at the Barnes and Noble. Many departments publishing their own newsletters.

**USS IDIC, NCC-71811**  
**Washington, DC**

Annual pool party and picnic was held. An away team attended Shore Leave.

**USS Highlander, NCC-10530**  
**Frederick, MD**

Crew continues to collect goods for various charity projects. Crew deep in plans for several regional events. Crewmembers are enjoying a new e-mail list and are planning an Audio Fanzine in the near future.

**USS Justice, NCC-556**  
**Florham Park, NJ**

Crewmembers enjoyed the ships annual picnic. Away teams attended LAN day with the Avenger.

**USS Lexington, NCC-1703-C**  
**West Point, NY**

An away team attended Shore Leave in July. Crew has been looking into constitutional changes for the ship.

**USS Lone Wolf, NCC-72214**  
**Ocean City, MD**

Regular meeting held but few other activities as

the XO continues to recover from surgery.

**USS Malverne, NCC-2205  
Upper Darby, PA**

An away team attended the Survivor Trek event in Region 1. Preparations continue for the upcoming Region 7 Conference.

**USS Matrix, NCC-72296  
Correspondence**

Crew is proud to announce that the ships website and e-mail list is back online. Everyone is invited to visit them at [www.ussmatrix.org](http://www.ussmatrix.org). Updated operations manual was made available for crew members to download. Crew continues to enjoy their monthly trivia contest. An away team attended Shore Leave and assisted with the STARLFEEET recruitment table. Another away team attended the IC.

**USS Northstar, NCC-10462  
New York, NY**

Crew is working on tax status for IRS. Ship is also developing two new departments for the crew.

**USS Osiris, NCC-3092  
Bronx, NY**

Crewmembers enjoyed the Memorial Day Barbecue that was rain delayed from May. Attendees visited from other local ships and science fiction clubs. Tearfully wished a crewmember well as he headed off for Los Angeles. Lots of food was eaten and many games were played. Crew celebrated their winning of the Vanguard Award for webpage design and heartily thanked their webmistress. Crew held its annual garage sale. Over \$200.00 was raised.

**USS Prevailing Wind, NCC-74667  
Harrisburg, PA**

Crew planning many activities including a movie night and a bowling night.

**USS Sovereign, NCC-75000**  
Ship celebrating its win as Region 7 Ship of the year and award shared with the USS Matrix.

**USS Sun Tzu, NCC-5373  
Chester, NY**  
Members attended a local renaissance fair as well as the local county fair.

**USS Thor, NCC-2549-A  
Parkton, MD**  
Crew spent a quiet summer with the exception of a fantastic trip to Shore Leave. Crew members are anticipating an upcoming Anime Convention in Virginia Beach.

**USS Starlord, NCC-74225  
Ramsey, NJ**  
Crew enjoyed a busy summer of activities including gaming sessions, barbecues and a pool party. Crew also celebrated the birth of a new cadet.

**Region Nine**

**USS Saga, NCC-71202  
Reykjavik, Iceland**  
Crew accepted new bylaws. A new webpage has been created at [www.usssaga.com](http://www.usssaga.com) -- an English translation is in the works. Two sporting events were held.

**Region Ten**

**USS Astra, NCC-77210  
Calgary, AB**  
An away teams attended a local convention. Crew prepared for its 2001 Camping/Hiking Trip.

**USS Crystal Star, NCC-1160  
Anchorage, AK**  
Participated with a local Klingon group in a

Blood Feud Blood Drive. Crew held a garage sale fundraiser.

**USS Roberta Bondar, NCC-74669  
Nanaimo, BC**  
Crewmembers enjoyed a picnic at a local park and welcomed members from another area ship. Ship is collecting books in preparation for another book sale.

**Region Twelve**

**USS Adjudicator, NCC-73707  
Kansas City, MO**  
Crew is enjoying a newly started Restaurant night. Plans are also underway for Halloween.

**USS Arlington, NCC-2375  
Glasgow, MO**  
Quiet summer for the crew as the Commanding Officer works to get his new business up and running.

**USS Black Hawk, NCC-75004  
Rockford, IL**  
Plans for a recruitment day at a local sci-fi store are in full swing. An away team attended the IC. Crew celebrating the Office of the Fleet Historian Website's win for the 2001 Information Website of the Year.

**USS Bortas, NCC-74211  
Urbana, IL**  
An away team provided first aid and security support at the Wings and Wheel celebration in Rantoul IL.

**USS Brimstone, NCC-3143  
Kingman, KS**  
An away team attended the IC.

**USS Celt, NCC-75018  
Fayetteville, AR**  
Away teams attended a movie night and a gaming night with another local chapter. Members attended the Arkansas Sector Picnic.

**USS Concord, NCC-1989-D  
Oklahoma City, OK**  
Crew enjoyed a dinner night with another local chapter.

**USS Cydonia, NCC-74687  
St. Louis, MO**  
Ship sponsored her fifth annual star party at the Cuivre River State Park. Members from another local chapter attended. The highlight of the evening was the unveiling of the ships telescope. It was the most successful star party ever.

**USS Discovery, NCC-1308  
St Louis, MO**  
Crew members attended the St. Louis Opera and also the Shakespeare Company's opening shows. Members also enjoyed a movie night and attended a local convention. An away team attended the IC. Annual picnic was held in Perryville, MO. A bowling party and trip to Six Flags were also held.

**USS Earhart, NCC-26199  
Humboldt, KS**  
An away team traveled to Roswell, NM for the Roswell Alien Festival. The annual 4th of July party was delayed a few days so that the traveling members could attend. Everyone enjoyed the cookout and fireworks.

**USS Flying Fortress, NCC-31904  
Tulsa, OK**  
The crew's recycling efforts continue with the collection of over 500 pounds of recycled goods collected thus far. Crewmembers attended Conestoga 2001 and raised over \$300.00 for the Tulsa Air and Space Center.

**USS Hellfire, NCC-74206  
Ottawa, KS**  
Members of the USS Hellfire and the USS

Brimstone voted to merge the two chapters and become the USS Hellfire and Brimstone, NCC 3143.

**USS Hexum, NCC-2199  
Belleville, IL**  
Crewmembers continue to donate coupons to OCP. Plans are well underway for a skit to be performed at ARCHON in October. Crewmembers continue to donate to various charities. Crew celebrated the wedding of one of its members.

**USS Horizon, NCC 1000-B  
Columbia, MO**  
An away team enjoyed a trip to Merremac Caverns near St. Louis with dinner afterwards.

**U.S.S. Jeannette Maddox, NCC-14514  
Wichita, KS**  
Crewmembers attended the STARFLEET IC. Away teams also attended and assisted several other local conventions and shows.

**USS Marko Ramius, NCC-23103  
Fayetteville, AR**  
Ship held its 8th annual Klingon Games and Quarks night fundraiser. Over \$400.00 was raised. Small away team attended the IC.

**USS Morning Star, NCC-4126**  
Crew celebrated two birthday's with movie nights and pizza parties. Ship donated to several charities included a local children's shelter, the humane society, Food for the Poor and the Salvation Army. Also cooked cleaned and served in a local food program. Ship held their annual crew picnic in a local park. Small away team attended the IC.

**USS Mystique, NCC-58929  
Russellville, AR**  
Recycling efforts continue, as do collections for OCP.

**USS Nomad, NCC-78500  
Leavenworth, KS**  
Crew enjoying a much-deserved shore leave after IC 2001.

**USS Phoenix, NCC-2155  
Columbia, MO**  
Small away team attended the IC and had a wonderful time, especially at the pie throwing.

**USS Tiospaye, NCC-4102  
Urbana, IL**  
Crew enjoyed a movie party and barbecue held at a crewman's home.

**USS Traveler, NCC-3145  
Emporia, KS**  
Away mission attended the IC in Kansas City. Collection efforts continued for OCP, pop tabs and UPC codes.

**USS Ursus, NCC-2011  
Springfield, IL**  
Crew looking forward to ships fifth anniversary party. Plans are also underway for Halloween Hospital Visits.

**USS Witchfire, NCC-75006  
Harrison, AR**  
Several crewmembers attended the IC and celebrated the CO being named STARFLEET Member of the Year. Crew is starting up various fund raising events again.

**Region Thirteen**

**USS Banting, NCC-17220  
Guelph, ON**  
Crew members enjoyed the annual picnic. Members attended a movie night.

**USS Empress, NCC-15025-A  
Sterling Heights, MI**  
An away team attended the International

Conference. A food drive is being organized as well as a Blood Feud with the local Klingon group. Participated in a recruitment event with other area ships.

**USS Valkyrie, NCC-74658  
Dearborn, MI**  
Ship sponsored a recruitment event and welcomed three new members. Many members attended a ship camping trip in Canada. Members also attended a showing of Star Trek III and IV in a recently renovated theatre.

**Region Fifteen**

**USS Anubis, NCC-586**  
Crew enjoyed a quiet summer and are looking forward to more events come fall. An away team attended the local Slanted Fedora Convention.

**USS Ares, NCC-26291  
Boston, MA**  
Crew is busy planning their anniversary event. Monthly meeting was finished off with the usual rousing game of D&D.

**USS Atlantis, NCC-71803  
Brockton, MA**  
Crew has been quiet, mourning the loss of one of their own.

**USS Darwin, NCC-1166  
Brockton, MA**  
Crew is planning a yard sale to benefit local children's shelter.

**USS Hood, NCC-1707  
Nashua, NH**  
Ship celebrated its 10th anniversary with a Sunday brunch. The crew welcomed members from many other chapters.

**USS O'Bannon, NCC-5372  
Sanford, ME**  
Crew attended the New England Deaf Camp with members from other area chapters. Provided bridge sets and alien costumes for photo opportunities and brought science fiction books for the children to enjoy. Presented the Camp with a check for over \$2655.99 including funds raised at the 2000 IC.

**USS Tsnuami, NCC-5374  
Manchester, NH**  
Crew celebrated their CO, FCPT Cindi DeMidio winning the Nan King Wild Guy Karakoe Award and admired the lovely mug she received for the award. Crew at much crab at their July meeting which was held at Shore Leave. Small away team participated in the Alliance Galactic Costuming Troupe in Hampstead NH and made their usual impressive showing.

**Region Seventeen**

**USS Alioth, NCC-72383  
Orem/Provo, UT**  
Crew enjoyed a summer picnic. Ship also held a surprise birthday party for a member who just turned 70.

**USS Anasazi, NCC-62001**  
An away team attended IC and celebrated their XO being named as Red Squad Leader for STARFLEET Academy. Crew celebrated their commissioning. Attendees from many area chapters were noted.

**USS Arc Royal, NCC-63546  
Colorado Springs, CO**  
Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting and a fourth of July party.

**USS Mir, NCC-73281  
Las Cruces, NM**  
Crewmember enjoyed outing to bumper boats and dinner and later in the month an anime marathon



# STARFLEET ANNOUNCEMENTS

## AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2001

### COMPILED BY ADMIRAL ALLYSON M. W. DYAR

#### SEPTEMBER 2001

**2001.09.30:** Admiral Peg Pellerin, OTS Director, (pilgrim@ctel.net), announces that she is looking for a Canadian STARFLEET Member for the position of OTS liaison. The liaison (not director) would collect applications and tuition (Canadian funds) from STARFLEET members for Officer's Training School. For details, please reference the entire message.

**2001.09.29:** Brett Morrow, Director, STARFLEET Network Infrastructure, (brett@nssl.noaa.gov), announces that if anyone is having any trouble with or questions about a 'fleet mailing list, please contact him.

**2001.09.28:** Fleet Admiral Les Rickard, (les@ussnormandy.com), Commander, STARFLEET, has even more good news concerning the IRS situation.

**2001.09.27:** Fleet Captain Sandy Berenberg, (sberenberg@e-steel.com), Chief of Membership Processing, updates everyone on MP: mail is being forwarded from Bellevue, WA; the new address for 'fleet memberships is: STARFLEET Membership Processing, PO Box 460, Gaithersburg, MD 20884-0460; and he is getting up to speed on Membership Processing. Please have patience.

**2001.09.26:** LTC Gary "Tiny" Hollifield, SFMC, Fleet Division Chief, Operations, (gwh204@aol.com), requests that all staff members of the Offices of FDC, Operations, please contact him.

**2001.09.25:** Admiral Peg Pellerin, OTS Director, (pilgrim@ctel.net), announces that Manon Lessard-Belanger is no longer the Canadian Contact for OTS. She hopes to get a new OTS liaison as soon as possible and will notify all as soon as possible. Until that time, please send all OTS applications to her at RR3, Box 5460, Winslow, ME 04901 USA. You may also apply for OTS online by going to the SFA site and choosing the online page. This page also explains on how to obtain online vouchers.

**2001.09.25:** LGen Michael W. Malotte, Vice Commander, STARFLEET, (vcs@sfi.org), updates everyone on the office of VCS and

discusses the current status of the Fleet Department Chiefs (FDC). He is currently overseeing the department. Applications for director will be taken till the 5th of October and a decision will be announced on or around the 20th of October.

**2001.09.25:** Fleet Admiral Les Rickard, (les@ussnormandy.com), Commander, STARFLEET, updates everyone on the IRS situation.

**2001.09.24:** BGR Dennis Rayburn, FDC-Chaplains & Counselors, (stoncold@wk.net), announces its first ever fundraiser for the American Red Cross for disaster relief, with the help of STARFLEET's two newest members: Chase Masterson of Star Trek: Deep Space Nine, and Peter Woodward, of Babylon 5: Crusade became full members of STARFLEET. Chase and Peter's chapter assignment are officially up for auction. The chapter that bids the highest for each of them will win the right to have them as official members of their chapter for the duration of their membership. To place a bid online, send a message to (stoncold@wk.net) with the name of the ship, the CO name, the star for which your chapter is bidding, and the amount of the bid. Only the CO or their designated representative should place bids for the chapter, and all bids will be confirmed. Bidding will continue until 12:01 a.m. CST, Dec. 1st, 2001. The procedures for offline bidding will be announced in the CQ.

**2001.09.24:** LGen Michael W. Malotte, Vice Commander, STARFLEET, (vcs@sfi.org), announces the basic duties will be for the Directors of both the Int'l Charities Coordinator and the FDC program. Both are similar in duties and they are as follows: Collect monthly reports from all divisions under them; Report to me on a monthly basis, stating status of all divisions under them, including personnel changes and current projects; Give monthly and year-to-date totals for all monies/items/coupons/etc collected for charities (Int'l Charities Coordinator); Submit quarterly articles to the *Communiqué* to update Fleet members of activities in all departments; Be available (if possible) for IRC meetings on a monthly basis (for the time being, until the departments are at full speed).

**2001.09.24:** BGR Dennis Rayburn, FDC-Chaplains & Counselors, (stoncold@wk.net), announces the appointment of a Vice Fleet Department Chief for Region 12, Fleet Captain Jeffery Higdon.

**2001.09.24:** LGen Michael W. Malotte, Vice Commander, STARFLEET, (vcs@sfi.org), announces that he needs all Departments under the VCS to contact him ASAP. For a complete list, please reference the entire message.

**2001.09.24:** LGen Michael W. Malotte, Vice Commander, STARFLEET, (vcs@sfi.org), announces that he is taking applications for the following FDC Divisions Heads: Cadet Services Division and Science Division. If you are interested, please send a Fleet resume, what you see the division as and what you would do as director of that division. Send this to (vcs@sfi.org).

**2001.09.23:** LGen Michael W. Malotte, Vice Commander, STARFLEET, (vcs@sfi.org), announces that he has wrapped up all necessary items in the Communications Department and have turned over the keys to Greg Trotter. With the message was a huge list of people and the CQs that were mailed. For the complete list, please reference the entire message.

**2001.09.23:** VAdm. Mark A. Vinson, Chief of Operations, STARFLEET, (ops@sfi.org), announces the commissioning of the U.S.S. NEBULA, NCC-61800.

**2001.09.23:** VAdm. Mark A. Vinson, Chief of Operations, STARFLEET, (ops@sfi.org), announces the commissioning of the U.S.S. PARALLAX, NCC-74657.

**2001.09.22:** Rear Admiral Greg Trotter, Chief of Communications, STARFLEET (comm@sfi.org) announces staff changes: Fleet Captain Joan E. Pierce is the new Vice-Chief of Communications for the STARFLEET Helpdesk and Dixie Jack is the new Senior Vice Chief of Comm.

**2001.09.22:** LGen Michael W. Malotte, Vice Commander, STARFLEET, (vcs@sfi.org), announces that Carl Johnson is the Chief of Staff for the VCS. He is also looking to fill both the International Charities

Coordinator position and the Director of the Fleet Division Chief Program.

**2001.09.22:** FCPT Kimberly Brooks, (kimi@chartertn.net), announces the joining of the Xenodiplomatic Alliance and the STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps, offering more services to Star Trek fans everywhere. Xenodiplomatic Alliance is for members of KAG, RSE, SFI, Maquis, anyone who wants to do some good, and have fun while doing it. There s role-playing opportunities, gaming, volunteer work, anything to promote unity and carry on the goals of Star Trek. Please go to (www.geocities.com/babel\_station). For more information on joining, email (babel\_station@yahoo.com).

**2001.09.22:** Fleet Admiral Les Rickard, (les@ussnormandy.com), Commander, STARFLEET, announces the appointment of Rear Admiral Greg Trotter as the new Chief of Communications.

**2001.09.22:** Fleet Admiral Les Rickard, (les@ussnormandy.com), Commander, STARFLEET, announces the appointment of LGen Michael W. Malotte, as the new Vice Commander, STARFLEET.

**2001.09.22:** ADM Gordon Lloyd Goldberg, (ggold@panix.com), announces his resignation as Vice Commander, STARFLEET.

**2001.09.22:** Commodore Bill Herrmann, (opeagle@bellsouth.net), announces updates to "OPERATION: EAGLE" and OPERATIONHOMEFRONT.

**2001.09.21:** LGen Michael W. Malotte, STARFLEET Chief of Communications, (comm@sfi.org), announces several changes for CQ mailing. Starting with issue #107 - if you move and do not inform CompOps and he gets a label from the Post Office informing us of your new address, you will need to pay for the postage/envelope to send you the missing CQ at \$2 per issue. To inform CompOps of your new address, just send an email to (compopshelp@sfi.org) - this will get to the proper folks who make the changes that impact the CQ labels. If you cc that email to (helpdesk@sfi.org), he can put it in his queue and check the address against any labels he may have received from your previous address. He

is also has a list of names he is currently seeking address corrections for. For the list, please consult the entire message.

**2001.09.18:** Rear Admiral Greg Staylor, Vice-Commandant - Electronic Services Division and Security School, Director, (PowhatanCO@WOW-Web.com) announced that Academy and Security School have been put on the backburner due to work. Academy Web Site at: (www.sfi-academy.org).

**2001.09.17:** Commodore Bill Herrmann, (opeagle@bellsouth.net), announces the formation of OPERATION HOMEFRONT. This volunteer project of "OPERATION: EAGLE" will be used to rally support from all across America to every solitary U.S. Military Unit Reserve or Active Duty-- and their Families currently on-duty and called up for the duration of this War that the President of the United States has stated America is now engaged in since September 11th, 2001. He also announces the appointment of Matthew G. Copple as Director, OPERATION HOMEFRONT and as the "OPERATION: EAGLE" Liaison to SFI and the SFMC. In his position as Director, OPERATION HOMEFRONT he will oversee all aspects of volunteer endeavor, as well as the OPERATION HOMEFRONT Internet Website. For more information, consult: (http://www.sfi.org/homefront-announce.html).

**2001.09.17:** Rear Admiral Mark H. Anbinder, Chief, STARFLEET Computer Ops, (mha@ussaccord.org), announced that the member database accessible on the STARFLEET web site for personal member lookups, and for chapter and region rosters, has just been updated with a slew of requests received here at CompOps HQ over the last several weeks. Apologies to those whose requests were delayed! The database is now in Mark Vinson's hands, and he'll be able to make some updates based on the MSRs he's received from chapters since the beginning of September. After that, Mike Malotte gets it to go over some change of address info he's gotten from past *Communiqué* mailings, and then Sandy Berenberg will have a go at reassembling all this into a single database with his own copy. Feel free to check (http://www.sfi.org/compops/database/MemberLookup.asp) to see if your requested changes have been made. If not, and they were sent to (CompOpsHELP@sfi.org) or (Membership@sfi.org), please resend your change request to the CompOpsHELP@sfi.org e-mail address and it will be taken care of it as soon as possible. If changes appeared in an MSR or were sent to another department, they may still be pending.

**2001.09.13:** Rear Admiral Mark H. Anbinder, Chief, STARFLEET Computer Ops, (mha@ussaccord.org), announced that membership process presses on with the appointment of Fleet Captain Sandy Berenberg is now the new Vice Chief of Computer Operations in charge of Membership Processing, and he will be working with a corps of volunteers near him in Maryland. The new address for STARFLEET Membership Processing is: STARFLEET Membership Processing,

Post Office Box 460, Gaithersburg, MD 20884-0460. A new STARFLEET membership application, for renewals and new memberships, is now available as well: (http://join.sfi.org/Member0109.pdf).

**2001.09.12:** Vice Admiral Dwain Gleason, Editor, Command Status Report (CSR), (dwaingleason@yahoo.com), announces that the Command Status Report will be delayed indefinitely.

**2001.09.08:** Admiral Marlene J. Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy, (academy@sfi.org), announces Alice Strange, Director of the School of Treknology, would like you to know that all five of her School sections are complete and ready for YOU. Sections include: The Original Series, The Next Generation, DS-9, Voyager and The Movies. Alice recently completed "The Movies", so go on in and check it out. Courses are 2-bucks (or 2-Vouchers), plus 2 loose first class U.S. stamps. Write to: Alice Strange, 1294 George Crowe Rd., Odenville, AL 35120-8015. E-mail: (Treknology3@aol.com) or (sot@sfi.org).

#### AUGUST 2001

**2001.08.26:** VAdm. Mark A. Vinson, Chief of Operations, STARFLEET, (ops@sfi.org), announces the commissioning of the U.S.S. ANASAZI, NCC-62001.

**2001.08.21:** MGN Wade Hoover, Member, Region 12 Webmaster Team, (wade@ussnomad.org), announce that the awaited website for ordering the STARFLEET Flag has been created. for information on ordering one, please visit the Region 12 website, and click on the link on the main page, or visit the following link: (http://www.region12.org/resources/documents/STARFLEETflags.html). If you have any questions about the flags, please feel free to contact Robert Westfall personally at (mavric@sky.net).

**2001.08.17:** Fleet Captain Jeff Higdon, Webmaster & Editor The Official STARFLEET History, (captshiloh@hotmail.com), announces that he made two updates to the Award Winning Official STARFLEET History Website. The first is the addition of the History of the STARFLEET International Diplomatic Corps (which I fondly call DiploCorps). The second is an update to Chapter 9, the McGinnis Administration and the adding of the Challenge of the Heart Project story. Official STARFLEET History web site: (http://www.ussblackhawk.com/SFIHistory/).

**2001.08.15:** FCapt Sanford Berenberg, 2001 R7 Holiday Party Coordinator, (sberenberg@e-steel.com), announces that the Region 7 Holiday Party, December 1, 2001 from 7-11 PM. This party taking place at the Officer's Clubs of West Point Military Academy AND Annapolis Officers Club on the Annapolis Naval Academy. Please RSVP by November 15th, 2001. The 2001 Region 7 Holiday Party website is: (http://www.fleetcavalry.org/suntzu/holidayparty2001.htm).

**2001.08.14:** Vice Admiral Robert Westfall,

Region Coordinator, Region 12, (rc@region12.org), announces that the new STARFLEET Flags are in and they look spiffy. He has already sold 25 and has 75 left. Just a reminder of the flag's details: 3x5' indoor-outdoor flag (navy blue w/silver logo), \$50.00 each + \$3.50 shipping per flag (Payable to "Robert Westfall"). Send orders to: STARFLEET Flags, c/o Robert Westfall, 13214 W 62nd Terrace, PMB 138, Shawnee, KS 66216. PayPal orders (www.paypal.com) should be sent to: mavric@sky.net. If you wish to use STARFLEET's Credit Card system, contact him AND Tammy Wilcox (treasurer@sfi.org or Sceditor@aol.com).

**2001.08.12:** The Vorta, (Dominion@ql.org), announces that their webmaster has updated The Dominion's web site to include photographs of Les Rickard, Ed Nowlin and Robert Westfall in the aftermath of the Presidential Pie in the Face challenge. The photos may be viewed by visiting the Presidential Pie in the Face section of our web site at: (http://www.networkboy.com/dominion/presidentialpie/). Additional photos may be submitted via email to (blair@networkboy.com). Please be certain to include your full name and email address in the message so proper photo credits can be given.

**2001.08.11:** Fleet Captain Lisa N Paradis Berkenbilt, Sr Asst Director, FDC Recruiting, (paradis@ql.org), announces that if you requested a handbook and haven't received one, please contact her. Let her know if you want it via email or as a CD (which she requests a few dollars to cover postage and CD costs). If you request the manual via email, she will send PDF by default unless you specifically state that you need it in Word format.

**2001.08.10:** Lt Commander Lauren Milan, announces that the 2000 SFI Newsletter Awards are now posted to the SFI Awards site, at: (http://www.ussbrightstar.org/sfi\_awards/newsletter-2000.html)

**2001.08.08:** Fleet Captain Jeff Higdon, Webmaster & Editor The Official STARFLEET History, (captshiloh@hotmail.com), announces that the new domain address for the Official STARFLEET History is: (http://www.ussblackhawk.com/SFIHistory/). You can still access the pages cited above from their old addresses.

**2001.08.07:** Fleet Captain Mike Wilkerson, Webmaster SFI, (webmaster@sfi.org), announces that this years WEB AWARD Images, and they can be found by accessing the SFI Awards Page located at: (http://www.sfi.org/sfi-awards.html). Click on "STARFLEET Web Awards" and be whisked away to this years Web Award Winners listings.

**2001.08.06:** Rear Admiral Denine Sanders, VRC Region 12, (vrc@region12.org), announces that the 2002 Region 12 Summit will be held on 17-19 May 2002 in Joplin, MO, hosted by Captain Elizabeth Cash and Colonel Justin Donovan.

**2001.08.05:** Fleet Captain Mike Wilkerson,

Webmaster SFI, (webmaster@sfi.org), announces that fruits of picture taking at the most recent International Conference for STARFLEET are now up on the IC Website: (http://ic2001.sfi.org).

**2001.08.04:** Fleet Captain Don Willits, Senior Vice Chief of Computer Operations, Chief of Membership Processing, (membership@sfi.org), announces that the last of the backlogs left over from various era's of the Smith administration are finally over. They wrapped up the ones from the tail end of Teri Smith's era by April 1st, however the missing "135" proved to be a bit more time consuming. The database has been caught up and reasonably timely since about Mid-June. CC processing has caught up to June 1st, and with Sandy's excellent help, they'll catch that up very shortly. Meanwhile the data center is steadily moving forward, PayPal and Verisign will be here shortly.

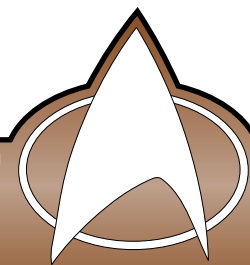
**2001.08.04:** Larry A. Barnes, I.T. Chair, IC2002, (infotech@ic2002.org), reminds everyone that IC 2002 will be held in San Jose California Aug. 1 thru 4 - "The Road to our Future Starts Here." For detailed Information about the IC, visit the IC2002 website at (http://www.ic2002.org). Also, if you want to keep up to date on IC2002 happenings, subscribe to the IC2002 Info List. Send a message to (infotech@ic2002.org) with "Sign me up to IC2002 Info List" in the subject line and include your name and email address in the body.

**2001.08.04:** Pete D Mohny, RC/R2, (PDMohny@aol.com), announces the STARFLEET Region Two Summit VII, March 8-10, 2002, Columbus GA. The Summit will be held at the Sheraton Inn Columbus Airport, located on I-185 at the airport. More details will be posted soon at (www.region2.sfi.org).

**2001.08.03:** Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace, (tiger1@nwlink.com) and Fleet Captain Don Willits, Senior Vice Chief of Computer Operations, Chief of Membership Processing, (membership@sfi.org), update everyone on Membership Processing status. After a ten-hour marathon printing session they have completed 705 new certs and cards which catches them up completely through July 25th, 2001 and have plans to process 400 packages which should get them up to date. For further details, please reference the entire message.

**2001.08.04:** Rik Rösken, (rikrosken@zonnet.nl), is seeking for members who would like to join in a Region 9 located Correspondence chapter.

**2001.08.01:** Lt. Cmdr Franz Bruyere Jr., Chief of Communication, USS Delta Clipper, NCC-72302, (deltaclipper72302@yahoo.com), is trying to compile a complete list of all Academy courses that have been offered over the years the Academy has been in existence. What he needs specifically is the Name of the course and the Institute (Leadership / Art / Technology / Military Studies / etc) that it was under (if you know). Please email: (yhme3@yahoo.com).



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**Oct 19-20** Con\*Stellation, Huntsville, Alabama; Info: P.O. Box 4857, Huntsville AL 35815-4857 Ph: 256-880-8210 <http://www.con-stellation.org/constell@constellation.org> Guests: David Mattingly, John Ringo, Jack McDevitt

### Arizona

**Oct 19-20** ZonieCon, Tucson, Arizona; Info: PO BOX 44285, Tucson, AZ 85733 <http://skunkworks.dynip.com/zoniecon/zoniecon@skunkworks.dynip.com> Guests: Anthony Waters

**Oct 20-21** Creation, Phoenix, Arizona; Info: 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com> Guests: Kevin Smith, Keith Hamilton Cobb, Roxann Dawson, Virginia Hey, Manu Intiraymi, Grace Lee Whitney, Victor Brandt, Celeste Yarnall, France Nuyen, Lawrence Montaigne, Barbara Luna,

Robin Atkin Downes, Carolyn Seymour

### California

**Oct 19-20** SiliCon, Sunnyvale, California; Info: PMB #151, 785/E Oak Grove Road, Concord, CA 94521 <http://www.siliconventions.org/chairman@siliconventions.org> Guests: Sergio Aragonés, Lillian Csernica, Tim Dunigan, Phil Yeh

**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** Creation, San Jose, California; Info: 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com> Guests: Gates McFadden, Bruce Campbell, Manu Intiraymi, Grace Lee Whitney, Victor Brandt, Celeste Yarnall, France Nuyen, Lawrence Montaigne, Barbara Luna, Robin Atkin Downes, Carolyn Seymour

**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 David Cherry, Bjo Trimble, John Trimble, Ferdinand Feghoot, Tad Williams

### Colorado

**Oct 26-28** MileHiCon, Lakewood,

Colorado; Info: P.O. Box 101322, Denver, CO 80250-1322 Ph: 303-657-5912 <http://www.milehicon.org/lindanel@ix.netcom.com> Guests: Hal Clement, Harry Turtledove, Todd Lockwood, Robert Vardeman

### Florida

**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: 305-828-5601 <http://www.vulkan.com/joemotes@aol.com> Guests: Kate Mulgrew, James Doohan, Virginia Hey

### Illinois

**Oct 19-21** CONSumE, Brooklyn Park, Illinois; Info: 1105 Bellecrest Drive, Maplewood, MN 55109-1902 <http://relaxacon.tripod.com/relaxacon2001@hotmail.com>

**Nov 23-25** ChamBanaCon 31, Springfield, Illinois; Info: PO Box 199016, Indianapolis, IN 46219-9016 <http://www.chambanacon.org/turkey@chambanacon.org> Guests: Terry D. Barr, Bill Sutton

**Nov 23-25** SF Fan Festival, Rosemont, Illinois; Info: 2301 N. Clark Street #233, Chicago, Ill 60614 <http://www.scififanfestival.com/H1m2s3@aol.com>

### Indiana

**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>

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**Oct 19-20** Intercon XVI, Baltimore, Maryland; Info: 809 Bayridge Dr, Gaithersburg, MD 20878 <http://www.larpa.org/intercon/xvi/intercon16@millkern.com>

### Massachusetts

**Oct 19-21** Great American Science Fiction, Anime, and Comic Book Expo, Boston, Massachusetts; Info: 4 Varsity Rd., Toronto, ON, M6S 4N4, Canada Ph: 416-761-1760 <http://hobbystar.com/boston/info@hobbystar.com> Guests: Jonathan Frakes, James Doohan, Hudson Leick, Peter Mayhew, Christopher Golden, Adam Kubert, Andy Kubert, Joe Kubert, Jeph Loeb, Tim Sale, Ed McGuinness, Scott McNeil, Mika Akitaka

**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: American Cancer Society

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**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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**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](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

**Jan 4-6** Slanted Fedora, East Rutherford, New Jersey; Info: 11916 W. 109th Street, Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Ph: 913-327-8735 <http://www.sfedora.com/SFedora5@aol.com> Guests: William Shatner, Patrick Stewart, Avery Brooks, Kate Mulgrew, Leonard Nimoy, George Takei, Walter Koenig, Gates McFadden, Wil Wheaton, Brent Spiner, John deLancie, Ethan Phillips, Robert Picardo, Robert Duncan McNeill, Roxann Dawson, Robert O'Reilly, JG Hertzler, Nicolle deBoer, Cirroc Lofton

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**Nov 24-25** Creation, New York, New York; Info: 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com> Guests: Virginia Hey, Manu Intiraymi, Grace Lee Whitney, Stewart Moss, Robin Atkin Downes, Deborah Downey, Carolyn Seymour, James Horan

**Jan 5-6** Creation: Fangoria's Weekend of Horrors, New York, New York; Info: 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/>

### North Carolina

**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

**Mar 15-17** Stellarcon 26, Greensboro, North Carolina; Info: Box 4, Elliott University Center, UNCG, Greensboro, NC 27412 Ph: 336-334-3159 <http://www.stellarcon.org/info@stellarcon.org> Guests: Aaron Allston, Timothy Zahn

### Ohio

**Oct 26-28** Ohio Valley Filk Fest,

Columbus, Ohio; Info: PO Box 20125, Columbus, OH 43220 <http://www.ovff.org/OVFF@aol.com>

**Oct 26-28** Vulkan, Cleveland, Ohio; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 305-828-5601 <http://www.vulkan.com/joemotes@aol.com> Guests: Bruce Campbell, Walter Koenig, Denise Crosby, Dirk Benedict, Herb Jefferson Jr., Alice Krige

**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/>

**Apr 27-28** Vulkan, Cleveland, Ohio; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 305-828-5601 <http://www.vulkan.com/joemotes@aol.com> Guests: Robert Picardo

### Oregon

**Nov 9-11** OryCon 23, Portland, Oregon; Info: PO Box 5703, Portland, OR 97228-5703 <http://www.orycon.org/kristy@eloft.net> Guests: Melanie Rawn, Laura Anne Gilman

**Mar 8-10** Gamestorm, Portland, Oregon; Info: PO Box 764, Portland OR 97207 <http://www.pdxgames.com/>

**Mar 21-24** Left Coast Crime, Portland, Oregon; Info: PO Box 18033, Portland, OR 97218-0033 Ph: 503-281-9449 <http://www.spiritone.com/~jlorentz/leftcoast/> wrigcros@teleport.com Guests: Laurie R. King, Steven Saylor, Dennis McMillan, G. M. Ford

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**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

**Nov 16-18** Slanted Fedora, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Info: 11916 W. 109th Street, Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Ph: 913-327-8735 <http://www.sfedora.com/SFedora5@aol.com> Guests: Kate Mulgrew, Alexander Siddig, Andrew Robinson, Denise Crosby, Wil Wheaton, Walter Koenig, George Takei, Brent Spiner

### Tennessee

**Oct 20-21** WestTennCon, Jackson, Tennessee; Info: 315 Highway 220, Cedar Grove, TN 38321 Ph: 901-987-2838, Email: wormmy@aeneas.net Guests: Carrie Dobro, Marjorie Monaghan, Bill Blair

### Texas

**Oct 20-21** Sci-Fi Expo & Toy Show, Plano, Texas; Info: PO Box 941111, Plano Tx 75094-1111 Ph: 972-578-0213 <http://www.scifiexpo.com/> Email: scifiexpo@aol.com Guests: Adam West, Burt Ward, Yvonne Craig, Julie Newmar, Frank Gorshin, Alice Krige, Lisa Wilcox

**Nov 6-18** Armadillocon 23, Austin, Texas; Info: Box 27277, Austin, TX 78755 Ph: 512-477-2294 <http://www.fact.org/dillo/ArmadilloConTX@hotmail.com> Guests: Toni Weisskopf, Teddy Harvia, John Jude Palencar, J. Gregory Keyes, Esther Friesner, Charles Vess

**May 17-19** Sci-Fi Expo & Toy Show, Plano, Texas; Info: PO Box 941111, Plano Tx 75094-1111 Ph: 972-578-0213 <http://www.scifiexpo.com/>

### Virginia

**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

### Washington

**Oct 19-21** InCon 2001, Spokane, Washington; Info: PO Box 9112, Spokane, WA 99209-9112 <http://incon.skywalk.com/> Email: incon2000@hotmail.com Guests: Jane Fancher, Mark Ferrari, C.J. Cherryh

**Oct 26-28** ConiFur Northwest, Fife, Washington; Info: 2406 SW 308TH PL, Federal Way, WA 98023 <http://www.conifur.org/>, Email: cfnw-info@conifur.org

### Wisconsin

**Oct 26-28** Madcon, Madison, Wisconsin; Info: PO BOX 2601, Madison, WI 53701 <http://www.madcon.org/info@madcon.org> Guests: Harlan Ellison, Neil Gaiman, Peter David, Dan Simmons, Mark A. Altman, Robert Meyer Burnett, Daniel Vebber, Steve Kriozere, Brian Roe

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**Jun 7-10** ConVergence 2002 (41st Australian National Science Fiction Convention), Melbourne, Australia (Victoria); Info: GPO Box 1212k, Melbourne VIC 3001, Australia Ph: +61-3-9288 9953 <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~converge/contact-convergence@eGroups.com> Guests: Joe and Gay Haldeman, Lucy Sussex, Sean Williams

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**Oct 20** Con\*Cept, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; Info: PO Box 1186, Place du Parc, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, H2W 2P4 <http://www.monsffa.com/concept2001.html> Guests: Marc Côté, Larry Stewart

**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

**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

### International - England

**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>

### International - Germany

**Oct 18-21** Spiel, Essen, Germany; Info: Friedhelm Merz Verlag GmbH & Co.KG, D-53179 Bonn, Alberichstr.15-17, Germany, [http://www.merz-verlag.com/e/Spiel\\_2000\\_e/Spiel\\_e.html](http://www.merz-verlag.com/e/Spiel_2000_e/Spiel_e.html)

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# THE 16th ANNUAL NYC AIDS WALK” LOOKING AT IT FROM THE OTHER SIDE

Words and Pictures courtest of Lieutenant Maxxwell X. R. Santiago • Community Services Coordinator, USS Northstar

May 20, 2001: 0800 hours

I contacted Lieutenant Richard Logue, Chief Records Officer of the USS Northstar, about rendezvous times for this very special away mission, and he agreed to pick me up from my apartment in 20 minutes. I hurried to dress myself and met him in a cab outside my building.

I have to admit, I was wondering why I was going to the walk at all. I knew that doing this was going to cause me nothing but heartache. Not just for the sorrow of remembering those who have passed before me from this horrible disease, but also because I knew that I faced something unspeakably worse.

On October 31, 2000, I was diagnosed as HIV positive, and I was forced to face the banal fact that I had made a mistake - a mistake that will cost me my comfort, my health, and my life. For a few months afterwards, I secluded myself from my friends, chapter, and R7CC, as if I had lost the will to continue - left without inspiration.

The holidays were especially hard. If it wasn't for my brother/roommate Sean, I probably wouldn't have pulled through past Christmas. Slowly, in time, I began to bring my confidence and self-esteem back up from below critical to facing the world again, and re-integrate myself with humanity and social atmospheres.

A few months ago I started to receive packets and letters in the mail from and about the AIDS Walk (as a rule of thumb all of the Northstar Senior Staff are signed up to receive info on the Walk by our CO, Michael A. Figueroa). At first, I didn't even open the envelope, and I was extremely adamant about not going. I was afraid of the emotions I would feel, and the lack of composure I would have. But, two weeks before the walk, I conned myself into thinking I could keep it together, and decided to go.

57th Street and 6th Avenue; 0900 hours

Lt. Logue and I were first at the rendezvous coordinates. Next to arrive was Lt. Commander Marc Handler, Chief Communications Officer on the Northstar, and then Crewman Pam Lieber, Vice Chief Records Officer came running up, thinking she was late. We exchanged greetings, prepped Sponsor Packets for registration, and walked into the southeast corner entrance of Central Park.

At the entrance to the park there was a giant balloon arch, and tents were set up for registration/sign-in tables that seemed to stretch on for two or three New York city blocks, with crowds of people lined up to sign in. We split up to register at our assigned tables according to last names in alphabetical order. Getting lost would not have been a problem. We managed to regroup and continue "gaily forward".

The theme for this year's AIDS Walk was "I walk because..." so naturally, they had a fold-away wall where people could write why they were walking. Alongside it was another wall with names of people lost to the epidemic, but still remembered by those walking.

I stood there, frozen, feeling the intense emotions expressed at this memorial. A volunteer came up to me and asked, "Would you like to write why you're walking, or put up a remembrance ribbon?" Tears welled up in my eyes as emotions overwhelmed me. I looked up at him and replied, "I can't...I'm sorry, I just can't."

Actively trying to compose myself was not working, so I forced myself to walk away - one



**You da Monsta:** Richard Logue assists as Maxxwell X.R. Santiago and Marc Handler wield trans-warp bubble technology to defend against the monster.com beast of Sol III.



**Walk like a...err....:** Marc Handler was able to increase sponsor donations if he "...did part of the Walk on his hands." STARFLEET Officers are as good as their word and here's the proof.



**BZZZT! Ouch! Quit it!** Pamela Lieber, Richard Logue and Maxxwell X.R. Santiago prepare their gear before the 10K AIDS Walk. Note that the trans-warp bubble disruptor Pam is holding was only used defensively!

of the hardest things I ever had to do.

In the few, brief moments I was alone, I saw the ribbon wall flash in my mind, mixed with the emotions I felt when I was diagnosed. I wondered if anyone would remember me in that way and felt, most of all, highly vulnerable. (As I feel writing this article) It's difficult to look at this situation from the receiving side.

Quicker than I can remember, Lt. Logue was by my side telling me that it would be all right. Lt. Commander Handler and Crewman Lieber were not far behind to comfort me.

1000 hours

I tried my best to recompose myself as we headed out to Sheep's Meadow, where everyone gathered before the walk. We stretched our muscles, made sure our gear was packed correctly for easy access on our journey, and crammed our way into the slow-moving crowd at the starting line.

So many different faces and types of people: different ages, genders, ethnicities, and sexualities. People from all over the NY/NJ/CT Tri-state area gathered for the same goal: to help people. People like me. At that moment I could feel the air of hope rise from the crowd of smiling and laughing faces, and I didn't feel as bad as I did when we started.

We walked armed to the teeth, equipped with two bubble guns and plenty of ammo. Sharing the guns between us, we earned the name "The Bubble Brigade", given to us by encouraging volunteers stationed along the way, as a horde of small children followed after us trying to catch and pop the bubbles.

Sponsors and donations were abundant for this, my first, AIDS Walk. Our very own Lt. Commander Marc Handler raised over \$3,000.00 all by himself (Note: Anyone who raised \$1,000.00 or over got a crown to wear during the walk), so he ended up being "Queen for a Day." Contributors included Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, Fresh Samantha, Fiji Water, Monster.com and numerous other companies donating their products for the benefit of the walkers. (Special Note: The Ben & Jerry's truck was raided, and in under 2 hours after its arrival, was empty!) Porta-Johns, first aid kits (luckily, none of which were necessary) and water were available at three checkpoints set up along the route. We got waylaid at the second checkpoint due to Porta-John traffic, even though there were at least 30 at each station and at the start and finish lines.

1430 hours

Despite being delayed, we enjoyed ourselves in the beautiful scenery of Central and Riverside Drive Park. Time seemed to fly on the day's warm breeze as we walked, and before we knew it, we crossed the finish line. We received our seals of completion, exchanged our good-byes, and went our separate ways.

All in all, I stepped away from the walk feeling it was too short (10 kilometers) compared to how far we have to go to find a cure or at least a vaccine.

Even as I sit here writing, I find myself wondering if I'm making a mistake by writing this - by exposing myself. But I do so with the hope that people all over the world will respond and realize how important the AIDS Walk truly is, and how it effects those of us whom it benefits. So even if I only reach one person with this report, I've done my job.