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RENO ROCKS, REGION 7 ROLLS!



All Around The 'Fleet:

Wendy and Bob Fillmore (Top Left) enjoy themselves at the 2001 Western Conference in Reno, Nevada (Above), while Edgar and Maria Torres (Top Right) do the same at the 2001 Region 7 Conference. Meanwhile, Ed Nowlin (Left) would like everyone to know that this hat won't be incinerated anytime soon. Back in Region 7, the Knights who say "Ni!", local 8472 (right) opted to drop by for a visit. Coverage of both events starts on Page 22.

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THE STARFLEET COMMUNIQUE STAFF AND
THEIR FAMILIES WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERY
STARFLEET MEMBER HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A
WONDERFUL NEW YEAR!

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STARFLEET Member Betty Flyzik remembered
A tribute to the late Betty Flyzik begins on Page 38

Photo courtesy of Bob Vosseller



Enterprising:

By now most everyone will have heard about the latest addition to the Star Trek canon, "Enterprise". But is it any good? STARFLEET's resident Queen of the Green Tammy Willcox investigates on Page 19

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DON'T CALL ME EDWIN!

FLEET ADMIRAL LES RICKARD

COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Hello again from STARFLEET Headquarters! As I started writing this article, I realized that it's been almost a year since I stepped into this role. My, how time flies! Looking back, it's been quite a year. We've had both good times and bad but I'm happy to report that, Fleet-wise, the positives outdo the negatives by a large margin. Let's look back at the last 12 months...

We started out the year in grand fashion with an inaugural bash, where outgoing Commander, STARFLEET Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith personally handed the reins of STARFLEET over to the new administration. Attended by dignitaries such as the Commandant of the STARFLEET Marine Corps Major General Wade Olsen and incoming ShOC Chief Admiral Alex Rosenzweig, a great time was had by all.

Not long after that, we hit one of the few bad spots of the year - the IRS jumped back into the picture, stating that they never received the 1998 and 1999 Form 990s filed by STARFLEET. After seeking advice from former Vice Commander, STARFLEET and current counsel to Fleet, Admiral Chuck Freas, we filed late returns. Not long after that, we received a Failure To File penalty for \$1,647. We paid that and, along with a signed affidavit from former Commander, STARFLEET Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith stating that the proper returns were filed, sent in a request for abatement. To date, we've received an abatement of the 1999 penalty (and a refund check for \$1,683.78) and are awaiting word on the 1998 penalty. Having paid the Failure To File penalty of \$1,694 for 1998, we are confident that we will receive an abatement and refund for 1998 and that this will finally be resolved for good.

Then came Summit Season. In March,

I transported into Mobile, Alabama and Region 2 for its Summit. Region Coordinator Commodore Pete Mohney and the Summit staff did an outstanding job and made me feel at home. The next month, in April, I traveled the short distance down the road to the Region 1 Summit in Greensboro, North Carolina. Region Coordinator Admiral Carolyn Donner

HQ in Kansas City, Missouri for the International Conference 2001. It was fun getting reacquainted with all my Region 12 friends, as well as seeing folks from all across Fleet. This was the first chance I had to work closely with both the Executive Committee and the Admiralty Board as Commander, STARFLEET and it was a most positive experience. You could tell that



The First Family of STARFLEET: Commander, STARFLEET Les Rickard (right) with his wife Dee and their son Zachary.

Photos courtesy of Joan E. Pierce

and the entire Summit staff went out of their way to assure me that I was still, first and foremost, a valued member of the Region. I want to thank both Regions for showing me a great time!

June was a very special month for Fleet HQ with the birth of Zachary Rickard. Despite some medical difficulties in the beginning, I'm happy to report that he is doing great. The outpouring of support we got from friends and Fleet as we went through those trying times touched both Dee and me. It proved to us, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that STARFLEET truly is a family.

The middle of the year found Fleet

both groups came to work together and make a positive impact on our organization. The International Conference, itself, was a very smooth production and everyone I spoke with said they had a great time. Commodore Carl Johnson and Captain PJ Trotter did an awesome job and even taking a pie in the face (for a good cause, of course!) couldn't dampen the enthusiasm I took home with me from that event.

September proved to be a month that most will never forget. It began as we witnessed the most brutal terrorist attack in America's history. Throughout the tragedy, it was good,

once again, to see the Fleet family take care of not just its own but also their fellow citizens, whether they knew them or not. This was the second time in as many months that my faith in this organization was validated. I am proud to be associated with all of you! On another sad note, September also saw the resignation of Admiral Gordon Goldberg from the office of Vice Commander, STARFLEET. After almost 5 continuous years of service on the Executive Committee, a combination of circumstances in his life and the needs of STARFLEET made this a hard but necessary decision. While still one of my trusted counsels, we have missed him on the EC and continue to wish him success in his future endeavors.

November saw me back in Region 12 once again - this time for the USS Royal Sovereign's 10th anniversary party. R12 Region Coordinator and USS Royal Sovereign CO Vice Admiral Robert Westfall was a most gracious host and, along with Vice Admiral Dwain and newly minted Captain Jennifer Gleason, did a fantastic job of giving Dee, Zachary and I the "royal" treatment. Not only did we get to sample more of Kansas City's famous BBQ (something I enjoyed while attending IC) but also we were treated to a visit to historic Union Station, home of Science City. If you are ever in Kansas City, I highly recommend a visit there.

December is now here and the holiday season is in full swing. It's a time of reflection and celebration for everyone - a chance for one last look back at a year that has affected so many

of us in so many ways. On behalf of myself, Dee and Zachary and the entire Executive Committee, I want to wish everyone a joyous Christmas, Happy Hanukah and a prosperous New Year. It is our hope that 2002 will bring you everything you hope for and provide everything you need.

Take care and God Bless...

STARFLEET TREASURER REPORT

By Commodore Tammy Willcox • STARFLEET Treasurer

STARFLEET General Account - October:

Date	Payee	Category	Amount
10/01/2001	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	- 10.19
10/01/2001	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	- 34.63
10/01/2001	#1053 - Chris Wallace	MP Exp: Cards/Certs	- 358.56
10/01/2001	#1054 - Michael W. Malotte	CQ Exp: CQ Remailing	- 157.06
10/01/2001	#1055 - Countywide News	CQ Exp	- 218.48
10/01/2001	#1056 - Countywide News	CQ Exp: CQ Postage	- 800.00
10/01/2001	#1057 - Lisa Tintle	Western Conference	- 342.57
10/02/2001	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	- 3.90
10/02/2001	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	- 15.01
10/09/2001	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	651.06
10/09/2001	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	701.00
10/09/2001	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	207.00
10/09/2001	Credit Card Processing	Western Conference	55.00
10/09/2001	Stamps.com	Stamps.com fee	- 18.99
10/09/2001	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check Fee	- 5.00
10/09/2001	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check Fee	- 31.00
10/15/2001	Stamps.com	Postage Purchase	- 475.00
10/15/2001	#1058 - Don Willits	MP Expenses	- 192.41
10/15/2001	#1059 - Lisa Tintle	Western Conference	- 154.40
10/17/2001	Credit Card Processing	Western Conference	160.00
10/18/2001	Credit Card Processing	Western Conference	40.00
10/22/2001	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	51.00
10/23/2001	Credit Card Processing	Western Conference	40.00
10/23/2001	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	2,257.00
10/23/2001	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	118.00
10/23/2001	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	- 15.00
10/23/2001	#1060 - Lisa Tintle	Western Conference	- 115.80
10/23/2001	#1061 - Mark Anbinder	COps Exp: DNS Renew	- 63.00
10/23/2001	#1062 - Tammy Willcox	Treasury office supplies	- 26.60
10/23/2001	#1053 - U. S. Treasury	Taxes	- 1,694.00
10/31/2001	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	- 3.85
10/31/2001	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	- 13.49

#10xx = Check Number

Opening Date: 10/01/2001 Ending Date: 10/30/2001
 Opening Balance: \$4,135.81 Ending Balance: \$3,966.93
 Expenditures above revenue for above reporting period: - 168.88

STARFLEET General Account - September:

Date	Payee	Category	Amount
11/01/2001	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	44.00
11/01/2001	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	335.00
11/02/2001	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	- 20.49
11/02/2001	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	- 92.74
11/06/2001	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	244.00
11/06/2001	Stamps.com	Stamps.com Fee	- 18.99
11/19/2001	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	777.00
11/19/2001	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	613.00
11/19/2001	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	306.00
11/20/2001	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	962.00
11/20/2001	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	52.00
11/20/2001	Sanford Berenberg	MP Expenses	- 164.23
11/20/2001	Edmond Sun	CQ Printing	- 1,134.84
11/23/2001	Paypal.com	Donations for NY Relief	211.51
11/27/2001	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	30.00
11/27/2001	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	583.00
11/27/2001	Stamps.com	Postage Purchase	- 475.00
11/30/2001	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	- 38.12

#10xx = Check Number

Opening Date: 11/01/2001 Ending Date: 11/30/2001
 Opening Balance: \$3,966.93 Ending Balance: \$6,180.03
 Revenue above expenditures for above reporting period: 2,213.10

STARFLEET Account - Savings:

Beginning Date: 10/01/2001
 Beginning Balance: \$0.00

Ending Date: 11/30/2001
 Ending Balance: \$1,683.78

An initial deposit of \$1,683.78 was made in this account during this time period. The funds are earmarked for use in the upcoming Commander, STARFLEET election.

STARFLEET Academy Account - Savings:

Beginning Date: 9/1/2001
 Beginning Balance: \$1,314.11

Ending Date: 10/31/2001
 Ending Balance: \$1,316.70

The Academy Savings account received interest in the amount of \$2.59 and has yielded \$16.79 in the year to date.

STARFLEET Academy Account - Checking:

Beginning Date: 9/01/2001
 Beginning Balance: \$2,956.18

Deposits/Credits:	Checks/Debits:
\$455.50 - Tuitions	\$10.06 - Director Reimbursements
	\$5.00 - Donation to Scholarship Fund
	\$100.00 - Vouchers
	\$63.00 - SFI-Academy.org renewal
	\$132.00 - Copier Toner & Repair

Ending Date: 10/31/2001
 Ending Balance: \$3,092.62

STARFLEET Scholarship Account:

Beginning Date: 10/01/2001
 Beginning Balance: \$3,741.64

Ending Date: 11/30/2001
 Ending Balance: \$3,828.64

Deposits/Credits: \$87 (Various Donations)

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**

If you have any questions, you can reach me via email at treasurer@sfi.org or:

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SECOND TO ONE

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MICHAEL MALOTTE

VICE-COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings Fleet and welcome to my first official CQ article as Vice Commander, STARFLEET!

As I started writing this, I found it hard to believe it has only been 2 months since taking over this position. Things have been going at full tilt since then and there are lots of things to bring y'all up to speed on. So, grab yourself a drink, get comfortable and let's get started - I've got a lot to pass on.

To begin with, there were two vacancies within the office of VCS - the Director of International Charities and the Director of the Fleet Division Chiefs Program. As soon as I took office, I put out a call for these two positions and got quite a response. It's good to see that there are still a lot of folks willing to get involved in our organization. The only bad thing about this is that it makes choosing the best person for the job very hard! But, after much deliberation, the choices were made.

International Charities

It gives me great pleasure to present Lorrie Nelson as the new Director of International Charities. Lorrie has been the Director of the Ronald McDonald House Charity program for quite some

time and has done an excellent job there. She brings a lot of fresh ideas and a new perspective to this position and I've enjoyed working with her so far. Under Lorrie are the following offices:

- Ronald McDonald House Charities
- Overseas Coupon Project
- STARFLEET Stampede

Her duties will be 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
- Submit articles to the Communiqué to update Fleet members of activities in all departments

Lorrie has a few areas to address in the department and you'll be hearing a lot from her in this CQ and in the future. You'll also be seeing updates from the OCP and Stampede so you all can see how each of you are supporting these great programs. Lorrie can be contacted at lnelson98@home.com -

welcome aboard, Lorrie!

Fleet Division Chiefs

The FDC program has been around for quite a few years and is probably one of the most misunderstood departments in Fleet. Most folks have no idea what the department is supposed to be doing, who is doing it and what is available to them. Elsewhere in this CQ, there is an article about the FDC. This should go a long way in answering questions about the department and where it's going from here.

Having said all that, I'm pleased to announce that Matt Copple has accepted the position of Director of the Fleet Division Chief Program. He brings with him a wealth of experience in multiple aspects of Fleet and has jumped in with both feet. You'll see his article later on in the CQ so I'll let him announce what's going on there.

Diplomatic Corps

Kyle Wolf and the DC are doing a great job of maintaining contact with groups and organizations outside of Fleet. Through their efforts, a lot of joint activities have been made possible and more are on the way. You'll be seeing an article from Kyle soon, lining out exactly what's been going on in

this exciting department of Fleet. If you have any questions about the program, Kyle can be reached at WolfTrek7@aol.com.

Overall, the departments under VCS are moving along at a good pace and should be firing on all cylinders by the end of 2001. My goal is for each department to open as many lines of communication as possible to each member of Fleet.

You'll see posts on the Fleet list, articles in the CQ and maybe even updates in Region newsletters. Communication is the key here - if you don't know what we can do for you, these departments cease to be a viable resource for making your experience in Fleet the best it can be.

To close, as reported in the last CQ, I was planning on moving. The move is complete now and my new contact info is as follows:

Michael W. Malotte
3212 Mark Circle
Independence, MO 64055

Email: mike@ussnormandy.com
Phone: 816-309-6321

As always, if you ever have any questions for me or any of the departments under the VCS please don't hesitate to contact me. I check my email every day and can be found on IRC most evenings. Remember, this office is here for you! Take care and I'll see ya in 60!

INTERNATIONAL CHARITIES

By Captain Lorrie Nelson • International Charities Coordinator

Hello STARFLEET!

My name is Lorrie Nelson and I have been appointed as International Charities Coordinator. I am the Executive Officer of the USS Parallax, Region 2. I have been involved as a Staff member in the International Charities since 1999, when I brought over the idea of the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) program to STARFLEET.

There will be a few changes made to this department, but not many. As the world changes, so must we. I have seen how the members of SFI respond to help others when the call goes out, and I am sure that this will continue. My department is here to help you, if you need us to.

There are groups that participate in the Fleet sponsored charity programs and there are those who do not. The decision is yours.

Personally, I would like to see everyone participate in the Fleet sponsored programs.

If you are searching for a charity for your region or ship, contact us.

The Stampede project is in full swing, as is the Overseas Coupon project. The links for all of these can be found at:

<http://leadership.sfi.org/#mikem-vcs>.

Click on the name of the program.

The RMHC is undergoing a website update. Check it out. If you don't have access to the Internet, send me a self-addressed stamped envelope and I will send you the information.

We are always on the look out for more projects. If you have a project that you would like to see adopted by STARFLEET International, please contact me. One idea we have been kicking around is a fleet wide blood drive contest.

Look for articles in upcoming Communiqués on each program.

THE MYSTERY OF SCIENCE

By Fleet Captain Richard Heim • Fleet Division Chief, Sciences

You are sitting in front of your television passively listening to a news program, or better yet, you are actively surfing the Web looking for the answer to a problem. You come across someone who has an answer and who claims it's "the" answer because it's scientific. And you wonder, just what is he (or she) talking about? Why is it the right answer? What do they mean by "scientific"?

Science is, perhaps, one of the most powerful "forces" in the world today, but it is also, maybe, one of the least understood things the average Joe is confronted with. Science has laid the foundation for technology, and our technological innovations have brought us that television and that PC we've come to rely on so much. Science is bringing us closer to the stars. But just what exactly are we talking about when we talk about "science"?

The Latin word scientia, from which science is derived, means "knowledge." The Latin word scientific means "knowledge-making." At its most basic level, science is the creation,

or discovery, of knowledge, which has become more nearly equated with "research." The modern usage of the term covers only certain kinds of knowledge whose area, however, is now so vast and topics so diverse that no one person can grasp more than a fraction of them. Scientific specialization is necessary (Encyclopedia Britannica, 1972, Vol. 20).

The subject is too big to cover in one Communiqué. As STARFLEET's FDC Sciences, and as a scientist by profession, I'd like to help improve our understanding of science. This introduction serves to launch an exploration of the subject, both in my old newsletter, The Alaric Heim Page (which is where this series of articles first appeared), and here in the STARFLEET Communiqué. Science has a definite history of development. It has a well-defined methodology. In the coming months, I'll be reviewing its history and methodology, and some of the people who played pivotal roles in its development, in the hope of taking some of the mystery out of science.

Since I've taken over the office of VCS, I've received a lot of questions about the Fleet Division Chiefs (FDC) program. Most of them have been questions such as what do they do and why do we have them. Since it's been pretty confusing in the past, I thought I'd take a minute and explain about the FDC.

In the past, the FDC has been a program with no discernable direction or purpose. Each director seemed to take it in its own path with little or no continuity or common purpose between the respective divisions, even within its own department. Representatives have been appointed to oversee programs in Regions where programs may not even have existed. This has been a major downfall to the success of this program and many RCs (me being one of them at the time) have refused to work with the FDC program for that reason and more.

At the time I took over, the whole program seemed to be a bunch of people with titles who do nothing, appoint assistants for no reason (thereby adding more titles with no responsibilities), and generally existing with no real clear purpose.

All of this has changed.

First off, no member of a Region will be "appointed" to serve a Region function for the FDC without the RC being involved ever again. As RC, I didn't feel it was right and as the person overseeing the program, I still don't think it's right.

Second, this will not be a department full of empty titles held by folks who just want the position and not the job.

Third, effective immediately, the the FDC program is to be renamed as the Fleet Division Program (FDP).

THE FLEET DIVISION PROGRAM

By Lieutenant General Michael Malotte • Vice-Commander, STARFLEET

And, finally, this program will not be implemented in any Region without the full knowledge, cooperation, and blessings of the respective RC.

The New FDP

Most large organizations such as ours, with diverse populations, have groups of individuals with common interests. They specialize, if you will, in that interest. In many instances, these groups have formed communities designed to cater to that specific interest within the framework of our larger organization. The SFMC is the best-known example of this in STARFLEET. It is largely composed of members who want to explore the military side of Star Trek. In fact, the SFMC was an FDC program for several years. Other groups of this type have included the Executive Officers Club and the Corps of Engineers. Now, I'm not suggesting that any of the FDP Divisions become the next SFMC but there are things they can do for the members of Fleet. A couple of examples are:

- **Rick Driver as FDC Science** - he maintained a wonderful web page with information about the latest advances in science, as well as the science fiction world. He had a large following of folks who looked forward to his posts on the mailing lists about science-related topics. He literally created a community of interested members.
- **David Miller as FDC Medical** - His office published a quarterly newsletter on real-life and Star Trek medical topics, which was widely read throughout Fleet.

In both cases, the FDC created a community of like-minded members of STARFLEET. In doing so, the FDC added value to participating members' STARFLEET experience by giving

them a place where they could pursue the interests that made them a fan in the first place. The creation of these member communities benefits SFI directly because it gives a member one more reason to want to be a member, rather than someone who just shows up to chapter meetings and hangs around local events. It also gives people another reason to renew in SFI -- the chance to meet and network with other folks who have similar Trek or real-life interests. Got a chapter with a membership problem? Want to bolster the Region membership numbers? Finding something to keep the members interested may just be what is needed and the FDP may be able to provide that.

The FDP will also not be limited to just creating a fictional community but will be used as a way of sharing information between those interested in the individual programs and the subject matter they represent. Using these resources within a Region can spread this interest and information to all who are interested.

The FDP can be *the* source for information on a multitude of subjects. Stuck on a tough problem on your Academy Medical exam? Try the FDP Medical - they may be able to provide you with a link to find that information. Drawing a blank on how to reformat your newsletter? Try FDP Comm - they could have a ton of ideas to make the old look new. This will not be a resource just for RCs or COs. By building communities of folks interested in particular aspects of Fleet, fandom, Trek or the real world, they will become resources available to everyone in Fleet.

This is the New Direction for the FDP

Right now, most of the FDP programs are invisible. Very few people know they exist, and

even fewer understand what they do. You'll see this change. The membership will know what they do and what is available to them. In fact, you'll see some of their articles in this CQ.

There will be an FDP Operations Manual that will outline the required duties and responsibilities of the Director and each Division Chief. This is being worked right now by the new Director of the FDP and will be made available to anyone who wants it and a copy will be provided to each RC. The Director is responsible for building new programs as the need or desire rises. Many of the current FDP projects are a result of membership input - a member had an idea and put it into practice. It will be his/her job to give those folks all the resources and assistance possible in bringing it to fruition. We will also keep our thumbs on the pulse of the membership and anticipate new projects that might be of use.

This is the new FDP. A visible, viable program. Not a replacement for a Region Department, not a group of people who hold a title but not a job, and not a department you never hear from. It is a department staffed with people who want to share information and resources with the rest of Fleet. It is not Region-intrusive. In fact, most divisions will have no need for "Region representatives". Rather, they will strive to work with the actual Region officers already in place. In cases where there are no specific Region reps, the Division Directors will work with the RCs should the need arise and only if asked. This is a "request" program only. The information in each division will be available to all who need it - you'll only need to ask.

If you have any questions at all about the FDC, please contact me at vcs@sfi.org or the new director, Matt Copple, at mcopple@kcosc.com.

The Fleet Division program serves two primary functions. The first is to serve as a community for members with similar interests, whether they are fictional or real-life. The second is to serve as a resource for chapters and Regions interested in developing their own programs for building member communities.

Our program consists of Divisions that broadly match those that might be found in the fictional STARFLEET. Each Division is charged with gathering information about their Division, both fictional and real, and to disseminate it to the membership through the Communiqué, the web, e-mail, newsletters and other publications. In addition, members, chapters or Regional officers who have specific questions can contact the Divisions directly and get an answer.

Each Division is headed up by a Chief. This chief is an experienced fan with proven knowledge in the field he represents. For example, our Chaplains and Counselors program is overseen by an ordained minister who also serves as the Chief Chaplain of the SFMC and has actually performed Fleet-style weddings. Our Engineering Chief is a die-hard modeler, and our Fleet Division Chief-Sciences is a published researcher.

Many of our Chiefs also serve as chapter Commanding Officers, faced with the monthly (or more often) task of developing interesting and exciting programs to bring active members to meetings. Over the next few months, they will be using that experience to develop a body of resources for

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By Colonel Matthew Copple • Fleet Division Program Director

their fellow COs and department heads to use in their own meetings and activities.

As you thumb through this issue of the Communiqué, you will find contributions from all of our Fleet Division Chiefs. You can expect to find interesting, informative articles from us in every issue. They will also be archived along with other content on our website at <http://fdp.sfi.org>.

Each Division also has one (or more!) mailing lists where members can share their experiences, ask questions and get to know fellow fans who share their interests.

Currently, the following Divisions are open for business:

Cadets: Dean Rogers is putting together an excellent program for Cadets in Fleet, based on his long experience in STARFLEET Region 7. He is developing a Cadet handbook and will be putting together resources that chapters, members and other Fleet organizations can use to develop their own cadet programs. You can contact him at fdp-cadets@sfi.org, or join the discussions at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SFI-FDC-Cadet>.

Chaplains/Counselors: REV Dennis Rayburn, Chief Chaplain of the SFMC, heads up what

can easily be considered the most active Fleet Division Program. The program heads up two mailing lists (sfi-religion@yahoogroups.com, cfost@yahoogroups.com), oversees two international award programs for STARFLEET Chaplains and Counselors (the O'Neill Award and the Chaplain Counselor of the Year Award), and is also actively working on a Chaplains/Counselors Manual. In addition, we are pleased to welcome Jimmy Whatley, who as Morale Officer is building a program for recognizing Fleet members during significant events in their lives, such as birthdays, illnesses, deaths and births. If you are interested in what the Chaplains/Counselors have to offer, join their mailing lists, or contact the program directly at fdp-chaplains@sfi.org or fdp-counselors@sfi.org.

Communications: Do you want tips and tricks for your chapter website? Stumped on designing a newsletter? Have an idea or a resource to share with your fellow Fleet members? Fleet Captain Dave Blaser is the guy to talk to at fdp-communications@sfi.org, or just join the communications mailing list at fdp-comm-l@sfi.org. This list is open for all things related to communications, whether it is questions about your chapter's PR program or technical questions about Comm in the Star Trek world.

Computer Operations: Under Roy Sesler, the

Computer Operations Division is working on a cool computer application for chapters to use to track membership! In addition, if you want to talk about computers, have a computer problem you want to solve, or want to help others solve their own computer problems, check out the Division's mailing list at fdp-compops-l@sfi.org!

Engineering: Trekno-geeks of the Fleet, unite! CAPT David Lockwood (fdp-engineers@sfi.org) wants to talk about Trek-tech, modeling and Starship design! Check out the FDP website at the URL listed above for his links and information, or join the Division mailing list at fdp-engineering-l@sfi.org.

Medical: Whether you are interested in the fictional Medical technology and techniques of Star Trek, or the contributions that you can make as a member of a chapter Medical Department, the Medical Division has something for you! Contact Charles Via, FDC Medical, at fdp-medical@sfi.org or join the mailing list at fdp-medical-l@sfi.org.

Sciences: Fleet Captain Richard Heim of the USS Alaric is busy putting together a great program for Science lovers in Fleet. Check out his articles in this issue of the CQ, or contact him directly at fdp-science@sfi.org for more information!

The FDP program is constantly evolving, so continue to read our columns in the Communiqué, check out our mailing lists and web site, or contact us for the latest updates and changes!



STARFLEET OPERATIONS

REAR ADMIRAL MARK VINSON
CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Hi gang!

Mark is being held by that nefarious group of terrorists known as Holiday Retail Shoppers, so he requested that I submit the Ops report for this month. Take care, Happy Holidays and may your new year be a good one! - Mike Urvand, Vice Chief of Ops.

Greetings Fellow Trekkers!

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 MSRs then catching up, the chapter will be treated as if three in a

row have been missed.

Getting your MSR to STARFLEET Operations is easier than ever with three methods to choose from. You can use the Online MSR Reporting form at <http://www.sfi.org/ops/msr.html>, email it directly to **MSRReports@sfi.org** or send it via U.S. Mail to:

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

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

DO NOT SEND ATTACHMENTS. Just cut and paste the form into the body of an email message and fill it out.

Chapters are also required to send MSR's to their respective Regional Coordinator and any other Regional Office the RC deems necessary. Chapters are also required to send a copy of their MSR to **correy@sfi.org** if they are a Correspondence Chapter and/or to **tmbrwolf@pciconnect.com** if they are an Armed Services Chapter. If a chapter wants their MSR to go to the Chapter Summary Department of the STARFLEET Communiqué it needs to be sent to **msr_summary@hotmail.com** or U.S. mail it to

Dixie Halber
8606 King George Rd.
Evansville, IN 47725

Well, that's all for now!

Mark A. Vinson



COMM-ING UP NEXT...

REAR ADMIRAL GREG TROTTER
CHIEF OF COMMUNICATION, STARFLEET

I suppose the first order of business is an introduction. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Greg Trotter, and I'm the new Chief of Communications. Before I got this gig, I was the Senior Vice-Chief of Communications where I worked on the STARFLEET Helpdesk.

Before that, I spent a few years in CompOps working with the servers and with Membership Processing, and before that, I was a Communiqué editor back nearly five years ago.

One of the really great things about following someone like Mike in a position is that things work pretty well already, and that certainly makes my job easier!

Those of you who are regular readers of this column (well, I don't think the Communications Department has groupies!) will note that we typically talk a whole lot about address

corrections. This is because that the correction of bad addresses, and the resultant mailing of undeceived CQs, is what takes up the lion's share of a Communication Chief's time.

So, I will just say this... when you move, let us know. A bad address costs us substantially for the address correction and the remailed CQ. And money that we have to spend catching up with you is money that STARFLEET can't spend in other places.

I would like to welcome Joan Pierce of Region 1 as our new Vice-Chief of Communications. Joan is in charge of the STARFLEET Helpdesk. She's been the heart and soul of the Helpdesk team since we started in January, and there's nobody else I'd rather have filling my old shoes!

Also, Dixie Halber is now the Senior Vice-Chief. Her duties as Vice-Chief Publications will stay the same... she

just gets the unenviable position of writing this column should I get hit by a meteor.

If anyone needs to send me anything snail-mail, my postal address is

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

My email is **comm@sfi.org**. If you are reporting a lost Communiqué, send email to **lostcq@sfi.org**. And for anything at all, the friendly folks at **helpdesk@sfi.org** are waiting to hear from you!

Until we meet again!

Greg Trotter

(Who promised to get his signature in on time for the next CQ, lest his underlings get creative with his signature yet again -- Editor)

TREASURY NOTES

By Commodore Tammy Willcox

Hi everyone! Since I've started back to school in September, I've found that it takes up a whole lot more time when you actually do your homework and study for tests. In addition, the treasury department is now processing the financial end of the on-line membership applications. So, after talking with Les, I've appointed a Special Assistant to the Treasury department. The lucky person (note the sarcasm) is my oldest daughter Jessica. Since proximity was one of the most important qualifications for the position, selecting Jessica was a no brainer. Jessica takes the deposits to the bank and assists with verifying the checks and with the credit card processing. (She has For Deposit Only stamped in brain now!) So I hope everyone will say a big thank you to Jessica, because without her assistance I would have had to turn in my resignation as Treasurer in order to focus on real life.

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS:

As I reported in the previous couple of CQs, some international checks will be returned to us unable to be deposited, 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:

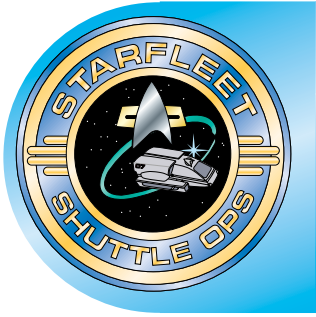
We are having several checks returned either for insufficient funds or due to the check or money order unable to be deposited. For this, we are charged \$5.00 each time. If you have a returned or bounced check, your membership will be placed on hold until you have repaid the original check/money order amount and the \$5.00 fee. You will no longer receive the CQ, be eligible to attend the 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 money that you make sure that you have that money in your account until it clears.

VOUCHERS:

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

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**. My mailing address is:

Tammy Willcox
4121 Stillwood Court
Virginia Beach, VA 23456



THE SHUTTLEBAY

ADMIRAL ALEX ROSENZWEIG

CHIEF OF SHUTTLE OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Greetings, all! It's getting close to the end of 2001 as I write this, and it's time to look back at the events of 2001. I'll save a full-year wrap-up 'til next issue, but right now, I can say with some degree of confidence that we have come a long way. Thanks to a lot of work and a great staff, we've gotten upgraded forms, flyers and brochure for regional use. We are working on a PowerPoint presentation and a CD-Rom with all sorts of neat stuff, and then we'll be looking at updating the START (Shuttlecraft Training And Recruitment Techniques) and MOM (Mothership Operations Manual) manuals.

Perhaps more importantly, the year 2001 was a team-building operation, forging an integrated team of people on both the international and regional levels to be able to respond to and support the needs of groups in both the START (Shuttle) Program and EFCP (Existing Fan Club Program). There's still more to do, of course, but the goal of getting folks on multiple levels of the organization to talk to each other in support of the groups and members of STARFLEET has largely been met, and I'm pleased by that and proud to have been able to lead the team that's done it.

Now, for this issue's topic (and thanks to LCDR Lauren Milan for the idea that led to this discussion), I'd like to stop for a moment and get any of you who are thinking about creating a chapter (or are in the process of doing so) to think about one of the more basic questions that your group would have to grapple with: what's the club going to be about? After all, it's easy to say, "Let's start a club!" It's harder to say, "What should we do as a club?" Some refer to this as the club's "theme".

Others might consider it developing the "mission statement". Whatever terms you use, it's important to decide that, because it can affect everything you do from that point forward. It'll affect whether the group might be a meeting or correspondence chapter. It will affect how the group markets itself. It'll affect how the group interacts with other STARFLEET chapters, especially if it's forming in an area where one or more chapters may already be

operating.

There's no textbook path to those decisions. But there is one very important concept that lies at the heart of them. It's so important that I'm gonna put it in big bold letters here:

Communication

The group must decide, together, what it wants to do. If one person tries to just impose an idea, it often won't work. But if everyone sits down together, whether in one room or on a mailing list or by whatever the preferred medium of communication might be, and starts playing with ideas, you'll be able to build a consensus.

What each member needs to bring to the table is what he or she is hoping to get out of the group. What is going to make the STARFLEET chapter experience positive and exciting for that member? If you've ever been in a chapter that just wouldn't do anything in which you were interested, you might know what I mean. After a while, it just gets frustrating, and you start losing interest. Well, y'don't want that happening right at the beginning, during the Shuttle Program, 'cause there's no surer way to kill it aborning than to have the core, founding members frustrated and unhappy right from the start. So, there are questions to answer. The following are just a few questions that might come up in those discussions:

- Will the group be formal or casual?
- Are the members interested in just socializing, or is community service important to them, as well?
- Are the members interested in just one part of Star Trek, or is it the whole Trek Universe that draws them in? (Believe it or not, as time goes on, we're seeing that it is possible to have whole segments of fandom jazzed by only one part of Star Trek.)
- Do the members want to give the group a lot of time and energy, or is it just something to be involved in when looking for a way to kick back and relax?
- Will the group be designed to cater to

some particular interest (e.g., gaming, Renaissance Faires, real-world science, modeling, etc.), or is it intended to be open to a mix of ideas and interests?

- Is the group intended to be a small, close-knit operation, or does it aspire to be a larger, more broad-based entity that will hope to appeal to many different kinds of people?

There's no "right answer" to these questions. No one group is "doing it right" while all the others aren't. Each group must find its own path. But making sure there's a consensus among the members as to what the chapter is there to do is not just important, it's critical. The process is clear, and the following are its key elements:

- Communication
- Discussion
- Sharing of Ideas
- Developing Consensus

The process of figuring out the group's identity is itself an important part of the path to chapter status. After all, if no one can come to agreement on what the group will do, perhaps it's time to rethink whether the group should be, at all.

Once the group has decided, though, on what it will do and be, the task of marketing the group to prospective members (and the general public) will begin. But that will be a tale for another time.

Meanwhile, we do have a bit of business to cover before I wrap this column up. So, let's get to it.

Here are the latest additions to the Fleet roster:

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

Shuttlecraft Alexandria - Region 7
Gaithersburg, Maryland
Richard Driver, Commanding

Shuttlecraft Edinburgh - Region 7
Gaithersburg, Maryland
Sanford Berenberg, Commanding

Shuttlecraft Seawolf - Region 3

Houston, Texas
Lloyd W. Fletcher, Commanding

Welcome to the Shuttlecraft Program, folks!

We have also deployed two new groups into the Existing Fan Club Program. Please welcome:

U.S.S. Gallifrey - Region 1
Elyria, Ohio

Thomas Bert Heffner, Commanding

U.S.S. Pegasus - Region 4
Las Vegas, Nevada

Brian Schreur, Commanding

Finally, an ongoing 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?

So far, in response to this question, I have received a grand total of, like, one comment, out of over 3,000 members. I'm going to hold off on any immediate action, but still would like feedback before I make a solid 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.

As always, You can find my contact information in the back of the Communiqué, in the contact info directory under Shuttle Operations.

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

Thanks to a tidy handoff from the previous Membership Processing team in the Pacific Northwest, new Membership Processing Dude Sandy Berenberg has quickly gotten up to speed on his new job. You can read all about his progress, as well as that of the MP Corps, in Sandy's own article elsewhere in this issue.

Just to make sure everyone's caught up, Membership Processing got a new address in September. There are also new forms on the web, with the latest address, at <http://join.sfi.org/>.

If you distribute forms, please make sure they have the latest info.

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

Reminders, Reminders...

Right about now, Sandy's muttering under his breath about a sudden influx of new membership renewals. He's actually glad to see them, because they may push us past the 4,000-member mark again. (As I write this, we're about 25 members shy of that level.)

Why the influx, you ask? Many of the renewal applications are a direct result of e-mailed renewal reminders that went out in late November. This is something we've experimented with in the past, but it's been some time since we've been able to do it.

Of course, it's important for all Fleet members to keep track of their own expiration dates (which are printed on your newsletter labels and membership card) and renew in a timely manner, but a reminder never hurts.

Because it had been a while, we also sent out "please come back!" e-mails to members who'd expired since January 1st, in addition to reminders to recent expirers and those soon to expire. Several of these have resulted in renewals, too, so the effort was clearly worthwhile.

Not as easy to do, but something we may try again nonetheless, are reminder postcards for members we can't reach by e-mail. This costs money for printing and postage, so it's something we'd rather minimize. If you renew in a timely manner, it

will help us save any such costs that might otherwise be expended on your behalf! Remember that membership processing turnaround time is six to eight weeks, so renewal applications ideally should be submitted about two months before the member's expiration date.

Can We Reach You?

One of the inevitable results of sending hundreds of e-mail messages was receiving dozens of bounces. As someone who's had the same primary e-mail address since 1995, I'm always amazed to watch folks change their addresses as often as — well, Internet providers. There's nothing wrong with changing your e-mail address every couple of years, months, or even weeks — as long as you keep your member records up to date!

Please make sure you tell **Membership @sfi.org** or **CompOpsHELP@sfi.org** whenever you have a change of e-mail address. Sharing your address changes with a mailing list can be helpful, too, but please do not assume that any such notices will find their way into your member records.

Topping 4,000

Obviously I'm preaching to the choir here (if you're getting this, you're already counted in the member totals), so I'll suggest that, if you know someone whose STARFLEET membership expired this year, you encourage them to renew. Sandy's very excited about passing the 4,000 mark once again, and it would be neat to fulfill his wish!

Needless to say, you shouldn't be too pushy. In addition to the dozens of bounces, we've gotten a few thoughtful responses from folks who won't be renewing, and wanted to explain why. I very much appreciated those notes, and I respect those expiring or expired members' decisions.

What Else?

We're also hard at work (with help from some very talented Fleeters) on new membership certificates and cards, and we look forward to rolling those out into your packets in the coming weeks.

Don't forget, if you have any questions, please get in touch with me using the contact info elsewhere in this newsletter, or visit the CompOps web site at <http://compops.sfi.org/> to see what's up.

Best wishes to all for a happy and healthy holiday season and a successful start to 2002!

Well hello from the Membership Processing Department and the Membership Processing Corp!!!

The war on the membership front goes well. Our numbers have been growing since midyear. I want to thank each and every one of you for helping out by renewing on time (about a month or so before your membership is due to expire).

As I sit here typing, we have surpassed 3900 in membership and are within 25 of hitting 4000.

This organization is all about you! And, to that end, I applaud you for your continued support. We have attempted to keep a turn around time of less than 6-8 weeks, and have, for the most part, maintained better than this.

So far, so good, and the Membership Processing Department has attempted to keep up with the new growth while performing adequate

service, and for that I really need to thank my team.

Chief of Membership Processing (MP) Corp:

Gerri Wampler, CO USS Highlander
Gerri has been monitoring and helping with the work in Membership Processing. Her efforts are to streamline and improve efficiency at the same time. She is also coordinating the efforts of the other MP team members.

Membership Processing Corp:

Rick Driver, CO Shuttle Alexandria
Rick is my back up guy on data and connectivity. He steps in when I am away or otherwise indisposed. Rick has saved my butt twice already.

MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING REPORT

By BGen. Sanford Berenberg • Director, Membership Processing

Gerry Sylvester, USS Highlander
Robyn is a grunt worker. She grabs a pile of whatever needs to be done and takes it home and stuffs it, labels it, and mails it. She has pulled her Mother, Terry Sylvester, otherwise known as 'Moogie' into help. Thanks Moogie! (Moogie runs the Art Show at the Shore Leave Convention in Hunt Valley, MD).

Angel Nehl - USS Highlander
Angel is another great person. Angel jumps in where necessary to help with overflow works and filing and whatnot.

Plans For The Future:

Membership Processing is going to continue to focus on improving service quality and reduce turn around time

on memberships.

Other plans include adding a table in the database for the Marines which will help both Fleet and the Marines by providing a greater visibility for the SFMC on members, units, MOS', etc.

This table will piggy back on the rest of the database and be used to send reports to Commander STARFLEET and Commandant, STARFLEET Marine Corps and CO Forcecom.

This table should be set up and running by Christmas 2001.

And as always, if you need to contact me, just drop a line, membership@sfi.org or sberenberg@newview.com. (I did not change jobs, my company changed names...long story).

That's all for now! I'll be back in 60 for more adventures in Membership Processing!



EX ASTRA, SCIENTIA

ADMIRAL MARLENE MILLER

COMMANDANT, STARFLEET ACADEMY

Apology

First of all we owe an apology to Dave Blaser and Alan Yates who co-wrote the College of Communications article along with Kimberly Brooks, which was published on page 13 of CQ #107. No slight was intended by leaving out your names, gents. Please accept our apologies.

Academy Website

Greg Staylor has been doing a lot of updates and enhancements on the Academy WebSite which can be accessed via the STARFLEET main site, or by going to: <http://www.sfi-sfa.com>.

If you're new to the Academy, you can browse the Website to find answers to all your questions. If you don't have Internet capability, please feel free to contact the Academy Directors of the schools that interest you.

Academy Away Teams

I'd like to publicly thank everyone who has conducted an Academy Away Team at STARFLEET events. THANK YOU! Our Away Teams have brought Academy courses right into your own back yard as they set up tables at Region Summits, Conventions and of course, the IC. You bought hundreds of courses during 2001 and we hope to bring even more courses directly to you in 2002.

If you're planning a STARFLEET event for 2002, and you want the Academy to be there, Jill Rayburn is the contact person. She can be reached at:

Jill Rayburn
PO Box 61 Puryear,
TN 38251
Email: jazdan@wk.net

Academy Application

Within these pages is the most current Academy Application. "Thanks" to Kurt for making all the corrections and updates. Please read it carefully. A lot has been added and/or modified.

New Academy Directors & Schools

Please help me in welcoming the Academy's newest Directors!

Meet Gloria Hanson who has recently joined the Academy as OTS-Canada liaison. Gloria hails from Ontario and is eager to have all Canadians to apply. Gloria can be reached at:

Gloria Hanson
Box 98
Lanark, ON K0G 1K0 Canada

Have you always been a strategy and tactics aficionado? Are you from Canada? You'll want to meet Joost Ueffing, the new SOST-Canada liaison. Joost can be reached at:

Joost Ueffing
Box 129
Canning, NS B0P 1H0 Canada

You say you like Mythology? Academy Director Wayne Killough, Jr. has opened the College of Mythological Studies (COMS). Courses dealing with mythology from the following cultures will keep you interested for a long time! Learn about these mythologies: Bajorn, Celtic, Chinese, Classical (Greek & Roman), Egyptian, Native American, Norse, Oceanic, and Slavic. Wayne can be reached at:

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

Email: killough@alltel.net

Ah-hah! Temporal Physics is your cup of tea! Mike Dethlefs presents the College of Temporal Physics (COTP). What the heck IS "temporal physics"? Think "time travel" and you have the basic idea. To find out more, contact Mike at:

Mike Dethlefs
1906 Gold Ave SE
Albuquerque, NM 87106
Email: xbalba@unm.edu

Or are the Gorns are your kind of people? Carolyn Donner, who has retired as RC of Region 1, has rejoined SFA as Director of The Gorn Academy (TGA) (what else? I mean, after all, she's married to one!) The Gorn Academy can be accessed via a link from the Academy Website, or can be applied to by writing to Carolyn at:

Carolyn Donner
PO Box 158
Hammersville, OH
Email: donner.crafts@worldnet.att.net

Academy Apparel

This brings me to yet another STARFLEET Academy project. Carolyn, proprietor of Donner's Country Crafts, sells T-shirts, sweatshirts and jackets with the STARFLEET Academy logo embroidered on the left chest. She also has these same items available for most of the Academy Schools (I'm kinda partial to the one for the VAS, myself!). Carolyn is gracious enough to donate a minimum of \$1 from each sale of Academy clothes to the Scholarship Fund. Her site can be accessed via the same addresses above.

For those with Internet access, we've also

opened a CafePress store with Academy merchandise. This can be accessed via the Academy Website link. Proceeds from these sales will be donated to the STARFLEET Scholarship Fund. If you don't have Internet access, and would like a list of what's available, please contact Jill Rayburn (address above).

Academy Director a.k.a. Vice-Dant Greg Staylor has Academy Alumni static window stickers. These are the "cling" type that you can peel off without tearing the sticker or getting all that glue stuck to the window. Stickers are \$2.00 with a donation going to the STARFLEET Scholarship Fund. Please contact Greg at:

Greg Staylor
3913 Monterey Ct.
Chesapeake, VA 23321

Bounced/Returned Checks

Recently, the Academy has had several checks returned either for insufficient funds or from accounts that have been closed. The Academy's bank (National City Bank) charges a fee of \$7.00 for each check that is returned unpaid. If you have a returned check that was written to the STARFLEET Academy Fund, your course will become null and void. Your STARFLEET membership will be placed on "hold" status until your check has been made "good" and you have paid the \$7.00 bank fee. Until such time, you will not receive the CQ or be eligible for any further Academy courses. Other limitations and conditions may also be imposed. So please be very careful in writing checks to STARFLEET or STARFLEET Academy.

Graduate List

And last but not least, as always, the most current list of Academy graduates is published within these pages. Please check 'em out. You, too, can have your name and accomplishments touted loud and clear!

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

Marlene J Miller

What Are Voucher Codes?

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

What Is The Advantage Of Using Voucher Codes?

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

How Do I Purchase Voucher Codes?

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

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

ALL ABOUT ACADEMY VOUCHER CODES

By Rear Admiral Carol Thompson • Academy Online Voucher Contact

STARFLEET Academy Fund to:

Carol Thompson, OLVC
PO Box 135
Ester, AK 99725

What Information Do I Send When Purchasing Voucher Codes?

Your money must be accompanied by:

Real Name, SCC number, Full mailing address and e-mail address

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

How Will I Receive The Voucher Codes I Purchased?

They will be e-mailed to you.

What Are The Restrictions For Using Voucher Codes?

Online Voucher Codes may ONLY be used at STARFLEET Academy. Each voucher code may only be used once. Once the code is redeemed, it is void.

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

code.

How Do I Use Voucher Codes?

Submit one voucher code for each dollar of tuition required for the class.

If you are applying for a class via e-mail, just type the codes into your message along with all required info (name, SCC, etc). If you are applying to the OnLine Academy, type the voucher code(s) in the space(s) provided.

Do Voucher Codes Expire?

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

Other Questions?

E-mail the OLV Contact Carol Thompson at betazoid@mosquitonet.com.



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 October 1, 2001 through November 25, 2001. An Asterix (*) indicates scores of 100% or Higher. Some schools issue "pass" or "fail" rather than numerical scores. A number next to the name indicates that the student has taken that many courses within the College or School, during the report period above.

INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP <i>Peg Pellerin, Dean</i>	Officer's Training School (OTS) <i>Peg Pellerin, Elizabeth Worth, Gloria Hanson and Jeroen Vantroyen - Directors</i> Ines Dermul David Lee Kania Laurent Mathurin William H. Baker Charles A. Blaylock Georgia Wilson Thomas B. Hudspeth Jonathan Fuller Anthony Spotts Clint Hill Paul A. Thompson Glendon L. Diebold Cathleen Fanelli Julian Pearson Joshua Wagner Barbara Simmons Christopher Sneeringer Donna Blessing Wayne Morrison Alan K. Dawson Nathan Taylor Everett L. Brooks Allen Johnson Stephen Skacall	Officer's Command College (OCC) <i>James Cushing, Alan Yates, Jeroen Vantroyen, David Blaser - Directors</i> Brian Joerger David Kania Peter Picanso Susanna Reilly Mary Winsley Jeff Roy Chris Hanssen Jonathan Fuller Joseph Gallagher Lorelei Mather Thomas Hudspeth Gloria Hanson Rob Deschenes	Flag Officers School (FOS) <i>Helen Pawlowski and Alan Yates - Directors</i> Judith Durall * Jocelyn Giles Lee Vitasek * Wade Anderson Thomas Donohoe (2) Troy Pharis Kathie Silbernagel Gene Chapman Marie Anderson Judith C. Durall David Lee Kania
	College of Alien History & Culture (CAHC) <i>David Peifer, Director</i> Melinda Harper (3) *** Darlene Harper (4) **** Sherri Huff (3) ** Cathy Edgington (10) ***** Peter Picanso * College of History (COH) <i>Deborah Butcher, Director</i> Sherri Huff *	College of Federation Studies <i>Anne Bellenger, Director</i> Sherri Huff (2) * Jeremy Swope * Darlene Harper * School of Cultural Anthropology <i>Sherry Anne Newell, Director</i> Eddie Milbrandt * College of Mythological Studies <i>Wayne L. Killough, Jr., Director</i> Darlene Harper	College of Temporal Physics <i>Mike Detlehrs, Directors</i> D. Garry Cameron (3) *** Abe Smith (3) *** School of Trek Humor <i>Sherry Anne Newell, Director</i> Kris Williams
	Security School <i>Gregory Staylor, Director</i> Bonnie Clifford * Roger Stearns * Paula Kesler * Anselmo Melo * Christina Clevenger * Leah Eddy (2) * Richard Westerfield * Edward McQueen * Alison Davies (2) *** Abe Smith * Josh Evans * David Kania * Ronald Wentz * Craig Schuster * STARFLEET Officers Radio School <i>Charles "Bud" Cullum, Director</i> Thomas B. Hudspeth *	School of Strategy & Tactics (SOST) <i>Sanford Berenberg, Director</i> David Lee Kania (2) ** Scott Akers * College of Starship Operations <i>James W. Lee, Director</i> David Lee Kania (4) Thomas N. Donohoe Lea Eddy	College of Survival Studies (CSS) <i>Carol Thompson, Director</i> Scott Akers Vessel Readiness Certification Program <i>Carol Thompson, Director</i> These ships have certified departments and/or earned their Vessel Readiness Certificate: USS ANASAZI earned diplomas in all her departments USS ANASAZI earned the Vessel Readiness Certificate
	College of Medicine (SACOM) <i>Wayne Killough, Director</i> Lorie Straley (2) Ariel Vital Darlene Harper (2) Sean Meyer (2) * George Parker Ship Counselor College <i>Helen Pawlowski, Director</i> Thomas Hudspeth (5) ***	School of Engineering (SOE) <i>Brian W. Dougherty, Director</i> John McCarter Susan Goodwin College of Computer History <i>Sharon Ann Clark, Director</i> Judith Waidlich	Vulcan Academy of Science (VAS) <i>Marlene J. Miler, Director</i> Tom Ferguson Cathy Edgington * David Lee Kania (3) * Alison Davies * Linda K. Johnson * George Parker * Denise Clark * Eddie Milbrandt *



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Brigadier General Robb Jackson • Inspector General, STARFLEET

Artwork Created by Commodore David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five

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

Region 01

The Region 01 Nomination Process began officially on October 15, 2001 with a hardcopy mailing to all eligible COs with VOC form included. Unfortunately, due to mailing delays at my local post office, the forms were not sent timely. Therefore the deadline of November 19 was extended to December 1st. By the time this reaches the presses, a Regional Coordinator should have been chosen.

DUTIES OF THE IG:

Conducting Commander, STARFLEET Elections

STARFLEET Constitution

Article 7, Section 7:

"If only one person shall qualify as an eligible candidate for President, a vote of confidence for that candidate shall be held by the general membership. Ballots shall be distributed according to the election schedule as defined in the current Membership Handbook. Should the sole candidate fail to obtain a majority of the votes cast in the election, the candidate shall not assume office. The Admiralty Board shall then elect from its membership an Acting Commander, STARFLEET, who shall discharge the duties of President until the next regularly

scheduled STARFLEET general election.

In the event that a sitting Commander, STARFLEET has no rival candidate's at the time of the annual election, has only served one term, and chooses to run for a second term, then a Vote of Confidence by the general membership is held in place of the general election.

Ballots shall be sent out to the members in the same way that they are in a general election, by the Chief of Communications, STARFLEET. At the CCS's discretion, the ballots may be tabulated by either a CPA or the Inspector General's Office. If a CPA is chosen, then the choice of CPAs must be made under the same provisions governing their choice in the general election.

If there are no candidates for the office of Commander, STARFLEET, then the AB elects from its membership an Acting Commander, STARFLEET to serve until the next scheduled election. This would occur if the sitting CS either chose not to, or could not, run for another term in office and no other person had been nominated by the general membership for the position.

The final tally of votes is sent to the Chief of Communications, STARFLEET, either by the CPA or the Inspector General. The results of this VoC are released by the Office of the Chief of Communications, STARFLEET. "

Article 5, Section 10: Commander, STARFLEET

"The Commander, STARFLEET (or President) shall be elected by the members of STARFLEET and shall serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee and corporate Board of Directors, the Admiralty Board. The Commander, STARFLEET shall coordinate the activities of the entire organization, as provided in the current Membership Handbook, and shall be fiduciarily bonded in the sum of at least U.S. \$25,000.00 before taking office, using funds provided by the organization. Should the Commander-elect fail to obtain a bond commitment before January 1st, despite the general availability of organization funds to do so with, the Admiralty Board may by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the sitting members of the Admiralty Board forbid the Commander-elect's assumption to office until such time as the Commander-elect fully complies with said bond requirement. Should such a vote be carried, the Admiralty Board may then appoint a temporary Commander, STARFLEET to serve only until such time as the Commander-elect's bond has been obtained.

The Commander, STARFLEET shall be at least 25 years of age and meet all other qualifications for office as set forth in the current Membership Handbook. Decisions of the Commander, STARFLEET are considered final unless overturned by a two-thirds majority vote of the Admiralty Board. If for any reason

a vacancy shall occur in the office of Commander, STARFLEET, the Vice-Commander, STARFLEET shall immediately assume the office and responsibilities of Commander, STARFLEET. A replacement VCS shall be put into office in accordance with the guidelines set forth in Article 5, Section 2. The election for the CS is held every two years - in even-numbered years. The conduct of the election is the responsibility of the CCS, unless he or she is a candidate. In which case, the EC member next in order of succession - who is not a candidate - will conduct the election."

The role of the IG in the election is limited. The IG's responsibilities are constitutionally limited to securing the services of a CPA to receive and tally the ballots for the election. The chosen CPA should have no affiliation with STARFLEET or any of its members.

Next issue, I'll discuss additional duties of the IG's Office in regards to local assistance. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

IG Personnel

Welcome to the newest staff members, Jess Neumann as AIG Region 3 and Don Burke as AIG Region 7.

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

The "Query" section of the Official STARFLEET History Website (<http://www.ussblackhawk.com/SFIHistory>) was designed to answer questions that the general membership has consistently come up with or even spark controversy. It also designed to answer those questions in the most expedient or simplistic way possible. From time to time I will share with the readers of the CQ answers to these questions.

Recently there seems to be a lot of infighting about the STARFLEET Marine Corps, their place in STARFLEET and their place in Fandom? Are they trying to take over STARFLEET? What is the scoop?

The STARFLEET Marine Corps (SFMC) has certainly had its share of space on the STARFLEET Listserv! This question is based upon a series of questions, arguments and responses on a question on both the SFMC and the STARFLEET Rangers. Some of the rhetoric was getting down right nasty, to say the least. However this is the scoop on the SFMC...

The STARFLEET Marine Corps was created by a group within STARFLEET to address the possibility of a ground force within the Federation STARFLEET. As the contemporary United States Marine Corps are part of the United States Navy the SFMC was always meant to be part of STARFLEET. This also allowed those 'fleeters who disliked Naval

FROM THE PAGES OF STARFLEET HISTORY

By Fleet Captain Jeff Higdon • Deputy Director, Office of the STARFLEET Historian

rank to wear "Marine" or a "Ground Forces" rank.

According to their "History of the SFMC" (<http://supcom.sfi-sfmc.org/html/history.html>), Brigadier General Robb Jackson, SFMC Historian, the idea for the SFMC was discovered in the book "Best of Trek #3", under "STARFLEET Support Units" in 1982. It started with one unit aboard the USS Pontiac, NCC-532, Columbia, Indiana, and expanded to include several units throughout the United States. It would not be until 1988 that it would be "better" (the word used in the history) recognized by STARFLEET. For the history of the SFMC, go to the Region section of our History Website or to the SFMC Website itself (<http://www.sfi-sfmc.org>).

References to a possible SFMC within Star Trek can be established in two areas. The first is within the novels and the second is within the movie *Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country*. Since most novels are thought of being outside the cannon of *Star Trek* (and there are a few *Voyager* novels that are considered cannon) they are not considered cannon by those *Star Trek* truest.

The reference to a Colonel West, in *Star Trek*

VI, indicates that there is indeed a ground forces aspect to STARFLEET within the *Star Trek* universe. Later, during the Dominion War time period on *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*, the Starfleet Infantry was mentioned once. Whether or not this entity was in fact the SFMC within the *Star Trek* cannon was not established however it did establish that there was some sort of ground forces with *Star Trek*.

The main focus of the SFMC within STARFLEET is to give the members another outlet to express their zeal for *Star Trek* and to have fun in the process. The SFMC is part of and not separate from STARFLEET.

Even though the SFMC has their own Command Structure, Academy and Events, each member is also a SFI member and usually shares in their chapter's activities on top of their activities within SFMC. They have to take the Officer's Training School from the Academy to be commissioned as an officer and must take Officer's Command College to be eligible to command a chapter.

Are they trying to take over STARFLEET? The answer is definitely NO! That is because they are part of STARFLEET. Every member of the SFMC has the same rights and privileges as every other

member of STARFLEET. If they are qualified they may become XOs, COs, RCs and even, yes, Commanders, STARFLEET. But to note that if a member of the SFMC is elected as CS, like long-time SFMC member Les Rickard was, then he or she must revert to the naval sounding rank of "Fleet Admiral" as it is the only rank authorized for the CS to wear by the STARFLEET Constitution! Usually the CS will revert to the reserve rank of "General" when addressed within a Marine structure, however as indicated it is not authorized but it is allowed.

It is a fact that there are not SFMC units in every chapter of STARFLEET. There are several reasons for this such as:

- There is no interest in SFMC being established within a said chapter;
- Some chapter members may have a problem of having an SFMC unit within a said chapter because the SFMC is not firmly established in *Star Trek* canon;
- Or the preference of a select few not to have SFMC members within their own chapters, whether it is political conflict or just their dislike of the SFMC.

There are chapters that are made up entirely of SFMC members, like starships are made up of entirely on species, such as the Vulcans, in *Star Trek* cannon.



FROM THE USS DISCOVERY....

BY STARFLEET HISTORIAN LT. GEN SCOTT A. AKERS

...TO THE USS NORMANDY



Our next chapter in the distinguished history of STARFLEET will be the USS DISCOVERY from Region 12. One of her newest descendants is the USS NORMANDY from Region 1, which just celebrated its Second Anniversary this past June on the 57th anniversary of the D-Day Invasion.

When the Alpha Chapter - the USS Enterprise - evolved into STARFLEET Central, it spun off new chapters throughout the country, but later it became apparent that having probationary groups that could grow into full chapters/starships were needed. Today we have the Shuttle Program, but back in the late 1970's early 1980's STARFLEET had the Outpost program. A new group could petition STARFLEET Central to be a local outpost, and later with enough membership they would become a full Starship level chapter. One of these groups, the Outpost Canopus II was one of the first SFI group in the Mid-West, launching in late 1978, and eventually commissioning as the USS Krieger, in 1982.

The USS Krieger, lost in antiquity, has left little to track and research, though many members of SFI in Missouri can remember somebody who was on or associated with the Krieger. Nevertheless, the most important action of the Krieger was their participation in the founding of the USS Discovery. How significant their impact was is not definitely known, but they were the local chapter that brought STARFLEET to the St. Louis area, and when they brought the ball in, the USS Discovery ran with that ball for a touchdown.

The USS Discovery, still active today is The Grand Matriarch of Region 12. Named after the space shuttle Discovery that was launched in the same year, the chapter has been around seventeen years, and has been very involved in both the community and all aspects of STARFLEET. The chapter is also very involved in the fictional aspect, ship design, and future history writing. Their present class, the Chang Ho class, is named after a Fleet Admiral /Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Imperial Navy, who was born in 1337 and died in 1420. The Chang Ho Class is designed to be a Tactical Cruiser,

with some upgrades to match the USS Dragonfire's combined ability to be both a Tactical and an Explorer Cruiser.

The chapter prides itself on being assigned to STARFLEET's First Contact Department for the primary mission of exploring new worlds and new civilizations, and a secondary mission to follow up on the whereabouts and the recordings of previous deep space probes. They also onboard two of the new Danube Class Runabouts (USS Missouri NCC-73000 and USS Merrimac NCC-73001), three of the Type 7 Shuttles (Admiral Robert E Peary, Carl Sagan and Edwin P. Hubble) and four of the type 15 Shuttlepods (Cahokia, Rene Auguste Chateau, Pierre Laclede and Charles Lindbergh). You can see from their choice of names they are lively in both their role-playing and their history of exploration.

On of the chapters that shuttled off the Discovery was the USS Horizon, initially under the command of then Captain Clarence Kamper. Launching off the Discovery as the Shuttle Joseph P. Allen, 1308/02 on December 28th, of 1986, they commissioned as the USS Horizon, NCC 1000-A on December 4th of the following year as an Enterprise Class Cruiser. They borrowed their name from the 'original' USS Horizon, NCC-1000 from the TOS episode: Piece of the Action. Other officers that have sat in the center seat of the Horizon were Fleet Captain (later Rear Admiral and acting Commander STARFLEET James Herring), Captain Randy Bisig, Fleet Captain Eddie Allen, and Captain Khane Williams. During the history of the Horizon, the chapter won the 12th Fleet Humanitarian Unit Award in April of 1998 and the WEWTCI Contest in 1992. Between November 15th and the End of the year of 1996, Horizon also served as the SFI Flag Ship, when RAdm. James Herring stepped forward as Acting CS following the resignation of Dan McGinnis and his VCS.

The Horizon was pretty much a shuttle factory, launching 11 Shuttles between 1988 and 1995. One of the more important of those shuttles was the Shuttle Gallifrey, which commissioned as the USS Krazny Oktyabr and changed its name December of 1999 to the USS Royal Sovereign. This chapter

is now the flagship of Region 12, under the command of Vice Admiral Robert Westfall, the Regional Coordinator for Region 12.

In addition, the Shuttle Pegasus 1000-A/01 being the first shuttle launched from the Horizon, was commissioned as the USS Stargazer, and like the Horizon the Stargazer was a shuttle factory, eventually launching ten shuttles of its own. The Stargazer, under the command of now Rear Admiral Paula "Coyote" Schaff, served as the flagship of Region 12 for all of 1995 and 1996, and as the flagship of the Deputy Commander STARFLEET, briefly in mid 1996. In addition to positions of responsibility within fleet, the crew of the Stargazer was instrumental in putting on two of the International Conferences, specifically Delacon I in 1990 and Delacon II in 1992. The crew also racked up STARFLEET Newsletter awards in 1990, 1992, and 1993, as well as 12th Fleet Shuttle of the year in 1990 and 12th Fleet Chapter of the year in 1993, and two 12th Fleet Humanitarian Awards in 1996 and in 1998.

The Stargazer's third shuttle 2893/01, the Shuttle Nomad, was launched on September 8th, 1992, the anniversary of Star Trek's first broadcast. Initially commissioned NCC-1805 as a Constitution Class cruiser, later they converted to a Nomad Class Exploration cruiser in March of 1997, NCC-78500. The Nomad was the home of "The Compound" in Leavenworth, Kansas, where there were several crewmembers shared living arrangements together. From that March of 1997 to the end of 1998, the Nomad was also the Flagship of Region 12, with commanding officer Rear Admiral Mike Malotte also serving double duty as Regional Coordinator. From 12th Fleet Shuttle of the year in 1992 to 12th Fleet Flagship in 1997, and five Regional Awards in between. The Nomad sought out perfection and made it its own. Slower then her mothership, the Nomad also was able to put out eight shuttles of it own, including on July 4th of 1998 the Shuttle Normandy, under command of LGen. Les Rickard and his new XO MGen. Mike Malotte.

The USS Normandy was commissioned on the 55th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy on Omaha Beach

- June 6th, 1999. Shortly thereafter, the Normandy became the flagship of STARFLEET as its CO, newly minted General Les Rickard, shed his Marine Rank and became Commander STARFLEET - Fleet Admiral Les Rickard. The Normandy is an active correspondence ship in Region One, whose fictional design and internal history is that of a Movie Era Marine Landing Ship. A Huge Ship. Made up of a combination of the Kirov Class Battlecruiser and the Ariel Shuttle Carrier, the Normandy can fictionally handle anything the enemies of the Federation would throw at her. The Normandy is in the process of launching the Shuttle Francis Marion made up of several of its South Carolina and English members.

From Discovery to Normandy and beyond - 23 years and counting and from the heart of Region 12 to the near center of Region 1, the wide reach of SFI and the friendships it has created will be felt for some time to come. And, as the torch of leadership is passed on, the Normandy stands tall in remembering the sacrifices of those who have defended our liberty, as the Discovers stands tall in memory of those who left their shelter and discovered a new world. Together a fine testimony of all that is good about STARFLEET, Star Trek, and what we consider a part of Gene Roddenberry's dream.

Well, folks, here is a Holiday Trek History Trivia question to keep you all in the mood. If you think you know the answer write me PRIVATELY at:

Scott A. Akers
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Bothell, WA 98012
Email: chunone@nwlinc.com

All correct answers will go into a drawing for a special historical prize. Any answers sent publicly will be disqualified. Deadline for turning in the answers will be February First.

Question: Which CHARACTER who made a guest appearance on Star Trek: The Original Series was responsible for Thanksgiving being a Official American holiday?



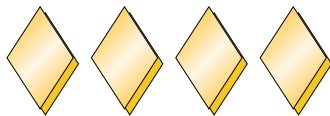
STARFLEET PROMOTIONS

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:

Frank Faas
Greg Franklin
Susanne Guehring-Maurer
Ruth Green
John Kane



To Commodore/ Brigadier General:

Jeff Higdon
Randy Norris
Garrick Halverson
Peter Lutz
David Pitts
Sanford Berenberg



To Rear Admiral/ Major General:

Richard Nacuala
Roger Scritchfield
Wendy Fillmore



To Vice Admiral/ Lieutenant General:

Willy Smith
Jack Hopkins



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/2 Fred McCarthy
1/3 Liz Reilly
1/5 Ivar Gunnarsson
1/5 Karl F. Hickman
1/6 Rosa C Jackson
1/7 Neil Yawn
1/9 Richard Hewitt
1/9 Kevin B. Brown
1/9 Dennis Evans
1/9 Jack Babb
1/9 David Golik
1/11 Parker Gabriel
1/11 Ronald Romero
1/12 Pat Simmons
1/12 Jessica Storrer
1/13 Trisha Rohal
1/13 Trisha Tunis
1/14 Reynir Orn Bjornsson
1/14 David L Elliott
1/16 Mike Mahaffey
1/19 Brian Caton
1/20 Mariellen Chidiac
1/21 Steven 'Doc' Jessup
1/21 John Newmark
1/23 Teresa 'Teri' Smith
1/23 Ray H Shepherd Jr
1/23 Liz Soley
1/24 Tony Rideout
1/24 Rex Moffett
1/24 Peter Lutz
1/24 Jamie Milholen
1/27 Rachael Pfeifer
1/28 Sheldon Bickel
1/28 Michael Stein
1/28 Angela Stevens
1/29 Patricia Jordan
1/29 Will Evans
1/29 Shawn Rideout
1/29 Dean Rogers
1/31 A.J. Morris

STARFLEET SAYS HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Logo Courtesy of Danny Hall USS Indestructible, Region 2

Hello everyone there has been a lot of changes in the last 2 months. The major change is that I am no longer the unofficial birthday officer of the fleet. As of 11/20/2001 yours truly has been appointed as the official STARFLEET Morale officer.

This means that my list will be getting a little more complicated or detailed or less depending on what is said by you. My job to start out with and in my opinion is to try to keep your morale up and make you smile if I can. And to recognize those special events in your lives. Also to cry with you at the times that you are down and to let you know that there is someone that does care. So to this point please let me know of any events that you would like for me to recognize. I am looking for ship anniversaries birthdays weddings and anniversaries. You name it and I will see what I can do to recognize you or it.

Any Celebrity birthdays you would like to have listed please notify me and we will see if we can find it out. And I would also like to recognize here someone that has volunteered to help me with this endeavor along with the counselors and chaplains of the 'Fleet and SFMC Captain Rebecca

Self will be helping me as I need the help. Also please be watching for the logo for the morale office that is currently in the design stages by a talented artist and friend Danny Hall better known as 'Joker'.

I can be contacted in many ways:

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Yahoo: LWIZ3

If you Email me please put in the Subject Line either Morale or Birthday. If you are submitting a birthday please include the following: Month and Day Name Region Ship and E-mail that they can receive. Rank would be nice as well if you are inclined to include it.

Ok I guess I have rattled on long enough Enjoy the list and Happy New Year!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/1 John Debose
2/2 Keith Pagel
2/4 Kenneth Williamson
2/4 Dallas Vinson
2/5 Harrison Cooperider
2/6 Joeannah Cox
2/7 Sandy Dolan
2/9 Denby Potts
2/9 Erik B. Cowand
2/9 Robyn Harper
2/9 Maria Torres
2/11 Fran Kirkland
2/11 Robert Armstrong
2/12 John W Self
2/12 Kathy Bickel
2/13 Lori Anne Vaughan
2/14 Joe Brouhard
2/14 Tom Townley
2/14 Chris Dunivan
2/16 Carlos Maldonado
2/17 Calvin 'Kip' Lewis
2/17 Cherie R. Vinson
2/18 Daniel C. Hassell
2/19 Troy S. Cash
2/20 Eric J. Willette
2/20 Cynthia Dunham
2/20 Rebecca Louise Self
2/20 Jesse Naumann
2/20 Tony Wagner
2/21 Jeanette W Self
2/21 Annie Mullin
2/22 Steve Andrasko
2/23 Brandi Hallman
2/23 Steve DeMedicis
2/24 Chad Tyulhy
2/25 Tamara Copple
2/24 David McCabe
2/26 Wade Hoover
2/27 Lisa Paradis-Berkenbilt
2/29 Kathy Briggs

METHOD TO OUR MADNESS: SCIENCES IN STARFLEET

By Fleet Captain Richard Heim • Director, Fleet Division Program — Sciences

Greetings from your newly appointed FDP of Sciences! There is a lot I'd like to discuss in this initial report, including what I've accomplished after just a couple weeks on the job and what I hope to get done in the future.

The most important thing I want to emphasize, however, is that I want science in STARFLEET to be fun! The Fleet Division Program is here to serve you. I intend to make STARFLEET Sciences into the division that you want. So drop me a line and let me know what you think. I can be reached at:

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Science in STARFLEET's Regions

Back in 1998, a few months before I became the Science RDC of Region One, I emailed the other regions of 'Fleet to establish contact with their Science RDC's and to find out what they were doing.

I was encouraged by the response and learned that inter-region communication is extremely important for 'Fleet activities. And so, when I was appointed the new Science FDP two weeks ago, the first thing I did was seek out the regional Science RDC's. Based on the responses I have received as of November 11, here is where Sciences stands across STARFLEET:

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Capt. Yawn reports that Region 2 just had a Science Month where the topic was Caves and Cave Life. Don Daniel, the Chief of Science for the Wernher von Braun NCC-72069, received a Regional Science Commendation for accomplishments aboard his ship.

Capt. Downs emphasizes two things as the Region 3 RDC Science: breadth and visibility. He is a firm believer in knowing where you've been so you don't repeat the lessons of history, so the past-present-future is a focus in his 'Mundane Science' articles that he writes for R3 FleetChannels, Aurora's Glory, & ASFS Future Times and his 'Classics Corner' book review articles. Education at regional summits and working with the cadet program are important activities for Region 3 Sciences.

Fleet Science Division Plans

The focus of my Science FDC efforts will be to serve as an informational and communications resource for the Science RDC's and RC's throughout STARFLEET. In furtherance of this goal, there are many things I hope to accomplish in the months ahead.

Put together an FDP Science web page

This will serve as an online hub of information, with links to: real-science web pages worldwide; science museums, facilities, and other sites across the country, which the public may attend; and STARFLEET Science RDC and other regional science resources.

Publish a SFI Science newsletter

This online newsletter will contain the latest science news and contact information from the Science FDP and RDC's across the Fleet. RDC's and ship CSO's may contribute information, reports, and science articles to the extent that they desire. Paper copies of the newsletter can be printed and distributed to those who do not have online access. The newsletter will need an editor in order to become a reality.

Develop a SFI Science Handbook

Region One Sciences has a handbook for ship CSO's which could serve as a template for Science RDC's of other regions (check it out online at [\[alaricrh.home.sprynet.com/science/R1Science.htm\]\(http://alaricrh.home.sprynet.com/science/R1Science.htm\)\). The STARFLEET Science Handbook will also contain information to help Science RDC's in their efforts to promote science within their regions.](http://</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Implement a Fleet-wide Sciences Awards Program

In Region One Sciences, we have a recognition program that awards CSO's in three categories. The awards are: The Steven R. Hawking Award for Original Article, The Albert Einstein Award for Regular Article Submission, and The Galileo Award for Chief Science Officer of the Year. I'd like to initiate a similar sciences awards program on a Fleet-wide basis.

Have a presence in the Communiqué
Science has an exciting history. In order to understand what science really is and how it developed, I'd like to explore this history through a series of articles for the Communiqué and for the web page. One of the things about our times that I find most fascinating is seeing how Star Trek's science fiction is becoming science reality before our very eyes! Dave Klingman and others have done, and continue to do, an excellent job exploring various aspects of science in the Communiqué, and the Science FDC will utilize this medium to share the excitement of science, too.

Vulcan Academy of Science

One of the more popular schools in the Academy is VAS. Here the student can learn about real science and how science is portrayed in the Trek shows, and earn valuable promotion points to boot!

Science Lab list

Online science enthusiasts have been sharing information and web page url's for several years through the Science Lab list and its predecessors. If you're interested in receiving science news and other fascinating posts, including a list of upcoming science shows on TV each week, go to the yahoo web page and sign up! Here's how:

Go to the egroups (yahoo groups) web page (<http://groups.yahoo.com/>). Under the "Join a Group" section, type in the name of the group to join and click on "Search". The name of the group is: Science-Lab. You'll want to join the first Science-Lab group listed.

I'd like to close by noting that STARFLEET is more than just one individual, it is the aggregated hopes and dreams and work of all members. The same is true for the science division. I want to work with fellow science enthusiasts across 'Fleet -- find out what your thoughts and ideas are -- and, together, transform them into reality!

FROM THE STAINED GLASS OFFICE

By BGR Dennis Rayburn

Looking back, this has been a good year. The Chaplains/Counselors Department now has an awards program that I announced in the last CQ to recognize the members of this dept. who have distinguished themselves in service to the fleet. We are in the continuing process of establishing and maintaining a list of members of SFI and the SFMC who can legally perform weddings, so that a couple who wishes a Star Trek themed wedding can have it performed by an actual SFI or SFMC Chaplain. Work is starting on a handbook on Chaplains and Counselors so that not only they, but also the CO of a chapter or anyone, can learn more about the department and understand it better.

The Buy a Star for Your Roster at the time this is written is going great with bids totaling \$450.00 for the stars so far. When you read this, the auction will be concluding. The sale of steins with the SFMC Seal and 1st BDE logo raised \$100 for the victims of 9/11/2001.

Speaking of the awards program, I want to remind everyone that the nominations for the O'Neil award and for the Chaplain/Counselor of the Year Award for calendar year 2000 are still open. For details please check CQ 107 or email at stoncold@wk.net. Next issue, I will announce the opening of nominations for the calendar year 2001. I plan to present both years awards at the IC/IM at San Jose next year as well as a special award.

This is the time of year to remember both those we love, and those who are less fortunate than we. In that spirit, I would like to make a challenge to the ships, shuttles, and Marine units of STARFLEET. I know that many chapters have special charitable activities during the holidays, such as Adopt-a-Family; food drives, and Toys for Tots. My challenge is this: as you have all of your holiday events, both charity and fun and frolic, take pictures and keep a record of the events. Send pictures and a story about your group's activities to this office. My staff and I will select the best submissions to be sent for possible inclusion in the CQ. All of the submissions will be collected into an electronic newsletter. The deadline for submissions for this will be January 10, 2002. Electronic submissions should be in MS Word format, and pictures in .jpg or .gif format if possible. Hard copy submissions can be sent to 121 S. McDonlad St, Puryear, TN 38251. Please only send copies of pictures.

We sponsor two lists for discussion of religious matters: SF-Religion and cfost. SF-Religion is for people of all faiths. Cfost is for those of the Christian faith. If you are interested in a list for a particular faith, please contact us and we'll be glad to assist.



A WORD FROM THE SFMC 'DANT

Major General Wade Olson • Commandant, STARFLEET Marine Corps

Artwork Created by Commodore David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five

The Holidays are upon us once again and I'd like to wish everyone the best during this holiday season. A lot is happening in the world and I ask everyone to keep those in your hearts and prayers who have been affected by recent tragedies and try to lend support to those in need.

The STARFLEET Marines are busy with their charity drives such as Toys for Tots and various food drives and I encourage everyone to help in some way. This year will be especially hard for those in need as some of the organizations are very low on surplus; effects of the recent happenings, and anything you can contribute will make a difference.

ForceCom recently reported 500 plus members and 110 plus units. These are numbers I like to see. We've also had several new units activated in the last

two months. They are still working on getting the database up-to-date and I'll publish the accurate numbers as soon as I get them. It's very important that every unit report and include their roster so we can achieve this.

SupCom now has all of the special order ribbons in stock. I'm happy to say we achieved this eight weeks before the deadline, mainly due to the extreme generosity of a few Marines by donating ribbons to the Corps. I think each and every one of them for helping make this happen. We still have Medium, Large and Extra Large T-shirts in stock and a few patches. A new order was made for more patches and hats. We're still trying to resolve the pin issue but as of this moment we have not found the supplier. I had one all set up and lost the information in a hard drive crash. I hope to have this resolved real soon.

TraCom reported that 66 Courses had been taken requested during October and November (as of 11-5-01). I think that is fabulous. They have more ideas and projects popping up all the time. There are some more good things in store from them in the near future.

At present they are rolling along with their Combined Arms and Advanced Studies programs, along with more branch courses. Jim Monroe is still quite busy with his U.S. Army office duties at the moment so don't forget to cc Truman Temple when sending correspondence to TraCom.

The Sergeant Major of the Corps has been working on getting the NCO reporting working a little more smoothly. He recently discovered a problem with the online report form but it has been repaired and should be working properly now. So, let's hear

from our NCOs.

The Corps Chaplain sent a financial report on his recent charity sale of steins on CafePress with nearly \$100 collected. These funds were designated to go to the Red Cross. He is continuing the program offering merchandise that is not available from SupCom and mainly limited or seasonal in nature. Further distribution of these funds will be discussed by the Steering Committee in the near future. He is also continuing to work on the new Policies and Procedures proposal, jointly with the Chief of Staff, for submission to the SC very soon.

With all that is being done at the moment along with the increased communications from the General Staff, things seem to be going pretty well. I wish you all a joyous holiday season. Drive safe, party responsibly.

STARFLEET MARINE CORPS TRAINING COMMAND UPDATE

Colonel Jim Monroe • Commanding Officer of Training Command, SFMC

As we move into the final quarter of the year 2001, TRACOM is making some major moves in its Academic areas, trying to meet the demands of the Corps for an ever-increasing number of courses to choose from.

With this in mind, I am pleased to announce that in this last quarter of 2001, TRACOM will open its newest series of courses--the Advanced Studies. In these three new courses, the Star Fleet Marine will be able to move on to the next level of Military education, the Masters level. The first of the three new courses is the Combined Arms School. In this series of courses, the Student will be able to take what they have learned in the Basic Branches and apply it to the advanced studies area of Combined Arms Operations. John Roberts is the Point of Contact for this course and will be able to answer any and all questions when it is released before the end of the year.

The second course in the new Masters series is the Studies in Military History. In this course, the Marine will look at Military History through the eyes of a Military Historian and analyze

the writing, events and philosophy of Military history. The point of contact for this course is COL James W Monroe.

The third course is that of Military Strategy and Tactics. This course will look at, as the title implies, Military Strategy and Tactics. This course will be one of the more demanding of the new series and the Point of Contact will be Sandy Berenberg. Point of interest on this course, is that this is the first of, what we hope will be many, cross over course work from the Star Fleet Academy. This course is due out sometime in the first quarter of 2002.

Within TRACOM, there has been a new School added to the TRACOM Academy--the NCO Academy! SGM Jennifer Colipits will be the Academy Director for this new School. The NCO School currently has three courses in its curriculum, with two more to be added in the first part of 2002. These new courses will be the 1st Sgt Course and the SGM Course. A new course has been added to the line up in the NCO Academy, that of the NCO 12 course. This course is a familiarization course for Officers to the duties of the NCO.

This course is a Pass or Fail course for the Officer taking it.

A new course has been beta-tested and will be ready for the Corps in the first quarter of 2002 will be the PD-15, the MSG's Officers Course. This course was designed with the new MSG OIC in mind and is to act as an aid with the daily running of a MSG. The Point of Contact for this course is LTC John Roberts.

Among the new courses that are being released in the first part of 2002, there will be the Parachute Familiarization Course (PD-25), a Chaplain Course, being beta-tested now, and a new course in Music that should be out some time in mid 2002. As always, TRACOM is always looking for new ideas or Marines to design a course that they feel is needed. Those having ideas are requested to contact any of the members of TRACOM and run their idea by them. The only bad idea is the one never shared with other.

Please join me in welcoming the newest member of the TRACOM Staff, LTC Scott Jensen. Scott will be the new Spec Ops Branch Director replacing Matt. Scott comes to this job with a great deal of

background in this area. His family is rich in history in the Special Forces arena and he should hit the ground at a fast Double time! He is already looking at several projects that he feels needs to be done in the Spec Ops area of the Corps. Welcome to the TRACOM Team Scott!

In the third quarter of the year 2001 TRACOM hit another milestone in its history with the first graduate of the entire Academy. LTC John Roberts, finished the entire Academy, minus the NCO courses which he could not take, in just under a years time. This is truly a milestone for both the Academy and John Roberts. Please join me in wishing him a well deserved "Well Done!"

As usual, if there is anything that you feel can be done to make TRACOM and its Staff better, please contact any of the Branch Directors. We stand ready to serve the Corps!

Don't forget to visit us on the web at: <http://www.sfi-sfmc.org/html/tracom.html> or Email us at: tracom@sfi-sfmc.org

THE STARS

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YOUR INTREPID REPORTER: SUSAN FOX-DAVIS

Wheee! What a wild ride this past few months have been. Naturally, the Stars of Star Trek have been out and about, let's see where...

Your roving reporter sat in on the Hollywood premiere of "Star Trek: The Motion Picture - The Director's Cut." The joint was jumping, the sumptuous spread provided by PREMIERE Magazine was embellished with a centerpiece of the original NCC-1701 refit model seen in the movie, plus some table decor you just can't buy - a shiny new award trophy for video sales. Seen schmoozing: director Robert Wise, William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy, George Takei, Walter Koenig, Grace Lee Whitney, plus visual visionaries Syd Mead (designer of V-GER, Blade Runner, Tron), Greg Jein, Mike Okuda, Doug Drexler, Ron Nomura. Sad note: the late Mike Minor was represented by his good friend, top movie memorabilia collector Bob Burns, of the recent book **It Came From Bob's Garage**.

Robert Wise was preceded onstage by the head of Paramount Home Entertainment, then the director made his gracious speech, thanking the studio for making it possible

and thanking his producer and art director for convincing HIM to convince the studio to let him re-work the picture the way they wanted to back in 1979!

"ST:TMP-TDC" gosh, that's a lot of initials! Anyway, the film itself was still pretty tedious, only about 2 minutes of sloooowwww fly-by had been excised, but the matte lines were gone and the backgrounds and model work all prettied up. Look to the "making of" extras for new material. Fans of ship footage will be delighted, but I'm not sure about anybody else. My opinion only, yours might vary, no photon torpedoes in my mailbox please.

Oh let's see, what else is going on... William Shatner is all over the promotional trail, getting his face seen at benefits, awards shows, premieres, rummage sales and rodeos, anywhere where celebrities can be found, stumping for "Mind Meld," his and Leonard Nimoy's feel-good stroll down memory lane.

"Iron Chef USA" taped in fabulous Las Vegas, but the Americans just didn't get it. The cult hit Japanese show stages a cooking competition as a sports event complete with

ringside commentary. However, where the Japanese version plays it completely straight, the American version played it for camp. Hardcore IC fans were warned all right, the theme ingredient was "Turkey." William Shatner was of course the only man for the mighty job of hosting this extravaganza, he who is a big star on the TV scene but big enough to take a few laughs at his own fame.

We'd like to give a big STARFLEET cheer! for Leonard Nimoy, for donating a million dollars to the restoration of the Griffith Observatory. This LA landmark was seen in a walk into Earth's past in "Voyager," as well as being featured in about a zillion 50's sci-fi flicks. Space and Hollywood got Nimoy where he is today; now he is giving something back to both! The Observatory will be closed for nearly 2 years, so local fleeters will be there in force the week before it closes. Engage!

November also brought us the 2nd annual AMMY Awards, honoring Asians and Asian-Americans in Entertainment, presented by aMedia Inc., publisher of "aMagazine: Inside Asian America." Celebrities expected: MC's Sandra Oh and

Garrett Wang, special tribute from George Takei, plus Rosalind Chao, Linda Park and many others. They didn't say what George's tribute was about, but notice all the Asian Star Trek regulars listed?

Amidst all the Star Trek and "Enterprise" hoopla, Paramount TV also celebrated 200 episodes of "Frasier." Big star [and a big Trekker, we hear] Kelsey Grammer got his night in the spotlights, with the rest of cast and guest stars in attendance, including Rene Auberjonois.

You would hardly recognized Hollywood and Vine area these days, if you saw it at all during the run-down 60's and 70's. It's all-new now, including a fabulous new complex at Hollywood and Highland where the Oscars will be held. Star Trek folks were all about during the Hollywood Beautification Team [HBT] 3rd annual awards dinner. Jason Alexander served as master of ceremonies, special dedication by LeVar Burton plus an all-star guest list featuring, William Shatner, Ed Begley Jr. and many others.

That's all for now. Keep watching the skies - and the screens!

Beginning the week of November 4th, a new animated series, "Justice League," premieres on the Cartoon Network. It is based on the long-running DC Comic book series that debuted in 1960.

Looking at it from the viewpoint of someone who's been a big Justice League fan since the 1970's (I think the first issue I ever bought with my own money was #88 of the first series, so about 30 years ago --yikes!), I think it's a good adaptation of the comics.

In comparison, the 1967 Justice League of America cartoon shorts (10-12 minutes in length) made you realize that many superheroes had too similar jobs in their civilian identities (Flash, Atom and Hawkman were all scientists in the cartoon), the animation was fairly crude (not as bad as the Marvel stuff of the time, but pretty bad) and there were no women characters.

While Super Friends (which premiered in 1973) had a certain charm and filled a thirst for those of who missed seeing an animated Justice League in any form, it was just plain silly and wore out its welcome for me in fairly short order (hey, I was pretty demanding for a ten year old!). I forget which sidekicks were first -- Wendy and Marvin, or Zan and Jayna and Gleek -- but having very obvious devices

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so kids would have someone to identify with was pretty lame. I know that way back in the days when my friends and I used to play superheroes, we wanted to be the superheroes not their sidekicks.

The Justice League (no "of America," so to emphasize its global focus) of this new Cartoon Network series has the following members: Superman, Batman, Green Lantern (a.k.a. John Stewart), Hawkgirl, Flash, J'onn J'onzz and Wonder Woman.

Superman and Batman are portrayed much as they had in their own Paul Dini-produced animated series of the 1990's -- Superman is the ideal man, while Batman is the loner -- except that Batman's costume was altered slightly. The latter is, however, not dumbed down for his team appearances as he was for Super Friends, though there is they play up more his wealth as Bruce Wayne and how it helps (eventually) fund the League.

I have no fault with using John Stewart (the black alternate Green Lantern first introduced in an 1970 Green Lantern/ Green Arrow tale drawn by Neal Adams) to make the League less unracial. He's portrayed as very military, very strategic oriented

(different from the angry black man he was in the 70's and the more down to earth architect who married Katma Tui in the 80's), kind of like Jim Rhodes (aka War Machine) in Iron Man some years back. We're made aware of the fact that this GL has a broader patrol base than just Earth, as he mentions a rebellion "near Rigel IX."

As for the Flash, I'm not sure which one he is, except that he's portrayed much like Wally West -- the former Kid Flash who took up the red costume after the death of his mentor -- an irreverent ladies' man with super speed; pretty similar to how he was portrayed in the Superman animated episode of a few years ago.

Wonder Woman is portrayed as a female warrior type, naive to some of the "outer world" 's ways -- she is actually not called Wonder Woman in the three-part pilot, but Princess Diana. Hippolyta actually forbade her to help mankind against the alien invasion that brings the league together, so Diana makes off with the garments, tiara, golden lasso, etc. Perhaps we will see in future episodes how this rebellion will affect her relationship with her mother and the other Amazons of Themyscira (never

referred to as "Paradise Island").

I don't think that either Hawkgirl or J'onn J'onzz (who is not referred to as Martian Manhunter, and the "J" is pronounced more as a "Zh" to distinguish it from sounding like John Jones) has ever been portrayed in an animated series before. The 60's Hawkman was a solo act, except for his hawk, Skreeel. J'onn J'onzz is established as the last of his kind, though his origin is different from that established in the comics. Rather than being drawn by a Earth scientist's experimental teleporter in the 50's, J'onn comes to Earth himself in order to warn the planet about the amorphous invaders who first enslaved Martians a thousand years ago. Not much is revealed about Hawkgirl, except that it is mentioned that she is from Thanagar, a planet of warriors -- she and Diana seem to team up well during the pilot -- and she uses a weapon resembling a large mace in battle.

The League's headquarters is known as the Watchtower, though it is not the lunar base established in the comic books currently, but a satellite built by Wayne Technologies.

I think the new animated series will be well received by both long time fans of the comic book as well as viewers new to the characters.

In the fall of 2001, DC/Wildstorm published "Star Trek: The Next Generation: Forgiveness". It's written by David Brin, the science fiction novelist best known for his Uplift War series, Earth and The Postman. Most recently, Brin has written novels in the Foundation universe created by Isaac Asimov. The artwork is painted by Scott Hampton, known for his work on "Batman: Night Cries," "Black Widow: Breakdown" as well as the acclaimed DC/Vertigo series "Books of Magic."

The plot concerns early experiments in transporter technology in the 2050's by Colin Blakeney. While there are ethical concerns about the use of the device, there are also corporate concerns who do not want the device to succeed, particularly minions of the Global Transportation Consortium, a monopoly comprised of various land, sea and air transport companies. A monkey has been successfully transported, and Blakeney decides that the only human he can possibly test the device on is himself. However, an attack by an unknown assailant results in the inventor and another person beamed at maximum power into deep space.

More than 300 years later, the Enterprise-E intercepts the attenuating transporter beam and Blakeney is successfully recovered, though he has some traumatic memory loss in part due to the deaths of his wife and child prior to his self-experiment. While

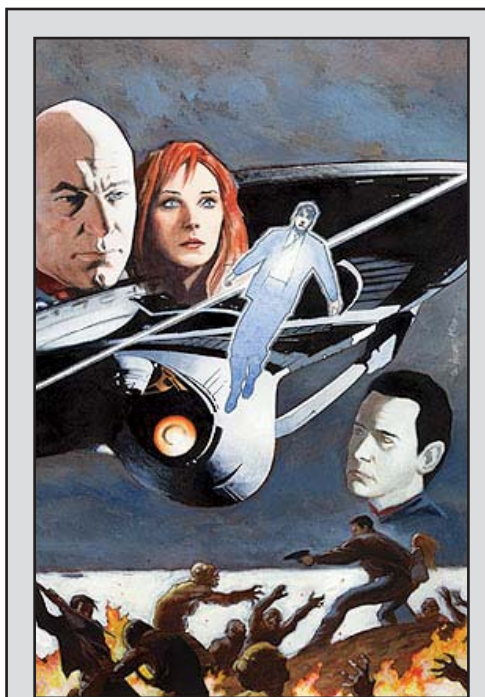
the Enterprise crew attempts to treat Blakeney using the holodeck - an outgrowth of a technology he helped develop - Picard, Riker and the others aid an ambassador in negotiations with the Palami, a hostile race that has been under Federation quarantine for a hundred years.

I wasn't quite sure what to expect of Brin's contribution to the Trek universe when I first read of it on such web sites as <http://www.trektoday.com/> and <http://www.comicbookresources.com/>.

Many years ago, I was a habitue on Brin-L, an email discussion list, and was struck by the fact that most of the list members were much

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"Forgiveness" Cover Art
by Scott Hampton
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more versed in the hard sciences than I was. Most of the list traffic went way over my head and I left after about 30 days.

I suppose what I expected was a certain stiffness of execution, similar to when the NASA engineer Jessco von Puttkamer tried his hand at Trek fiction with "The Sleeping God" (published in Star Trek: The New Voyages 2, edited by Sondra Marshak and Myrna Culbreath, more than 20 years ago).

That story was more focused on action and science than characterization. In "Forgiveness", however, Brin's tale is a much more balanced one than Puttkamer's, examining

the tragic fate of a visionary scientist who must deal with the loss of both his family and his proper era.

While Scott Hampton's artistic style works for some other genre heroes as DC's Batman and Marvel's Black Widow, I didn't care for it on Picard, Crusher and the other ST:TNG characters (then again, ST:TNG is my least favorite of the post-TOS Trek series, so my bias may be at work). I was a little put out by the fact that the San Diego of 2052 didn't look all that different from a San Diego of 2002 or even 1992. I hate to sound like a TV commercial, but where are the flying cars (mentioned as existing by the 2030's in a "Voyager" episode)?

One geeky footnote is that the invention of even primitive transporter technology by 2052 may explain how the Terratins (descendants of a Earth generation ship, Terra Ten, launched circa 2070) could have developed a transporter technology on par with the Federation's in the late 2260's, as shown in the animated episode "The Terratin Incident."

As was the case with "The Gorn Crisis," published in 2000, I didn't like Forgiveness as much as I did other Trek graphic novels such as Debt of Honor or Ashes of Eden. I would much rather see David Brin try his hand at a prose Trek novel.

The price of "Forgiveness" is \$24.95 in the United States and \$40.95 in Canada.

Pocket Books published *Star Trek: Starship Spotter* in November of 2001. The computer graphics are by Adam "Mojo" Lebowitz and Robert Bonchune, while the text of the data sheets are by Jonathan Lane and Alex Rosenzweig. *Starship Spotter* is a trade paperback similar to the "spotter" books used during World War II, books of silhouettes of Allied and enemy planes.

A recent New York Times article described how sales of books have dropped dramatically in the past year, and I was aware from an online article interviewing Pocket Books' John Ordovery and Margaret Clark that technical Trek books sell far less well than fiction.

So, updates on the *Star Trek Encyclopedia* and *Star Trek Chronology* won't be published at any time soon and a technical manual on the USS *Voyager* has not yet been scheduled for publication.

Starship Spotter contains data accompanied by color CGI images and wireframes of such familiar Star Trek vessels as the *Constitution*-, *Miranda*-, *Galaxy*-, *Intrepid*-, *Defiant*- and *Sovereign*-class starships - as well as less familiar ones such as the *Nebula*- and *Akira*-class starships.

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As seen in "Starship Spotter": The Aeroshuttle, a computer model that was built for "Star Trek: Voyager" but never actually seen on the show (we got the Delta Flyer instead). The Aeroshuttle launches from underneath the primary hull of the Voyager, similar to the Captain's Yacht on the Enterprise-D and -E.

Photo courtesy of Jon Lane

It also includes vessels belonging to the other powers in the 24th century Trek universe, such as the bioship of Species 8472, the Romulan D'Deridex-class warbird, the Klingon Vor'cha-class

attack cruiser and such Delta Quadrant vessels as a Hirogen hunter vessel and the Borg queen's command ship.

My primary gripe about the book is that

there wasn't more of it! While much of the computer generated images were gorgeous, I felt that Messrs. Lane and Rosenzweig were restrained heavily in their descriptions of Treknology of it all.

I must admit I felt a vicarious pleasure at hearing of this book's publication, since I have known Mojo for 11 years (he was one of my predecessors as chief of communications on the old USS *Tai Shan*, based in New York City).

As well, I have known both Jon and Alex for about 12-13 years. Alex commanded the USS *Avenger*, based in North Brunswick, NJ, for 14 years and is practically a household name in STARFLEET circles.

Jon Lane was Alex's chief science officer and executive officer on *Avenger* in the late 80's and early 90's; he is currently based on the USS *Angeles*.

I look forward to a sequel to this book. Hopefully sales will inspire Pocket Books to publish one in 2002 or 2003.

Starship Spotter costs \$16.00 in the United States, \$24.50 in Canada and £ 9.99 in the United Kingdom.



AN ENTERPRISING REVIEW

Commodore Tammy Willcox • Non-Prepubescent Television Viewer

Artwork Created by Commodore David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five

As Voyager entered its final year, UPN got nervous; they needed a new Trek show. They'd built the entire network around the Star Trek enterprise and they weren't sure they could survive without one. They won't say that, of course, but we all know that's what's going on. So exit Voyager and enter Enterprise.

Enterprise is the fifth Star Trek series (sixth if you count the animated series). Berman and company has entered bold new territory (note sarcasm) by developing a prequel to the original series. They've alternated between annoying and thrilling fans with their various marketing tactics. Fans were not amused to note that they had removed Star Trek from the title of the new show. Promos that left out Captain Sisko garnered so much negative attention that UPN reworked them to include him.

Even so, teasers premiering over the summer brought an eager anticipation to the fans. The first episode, entitled Broken Bow, was two hours long and brought in UPN's highest ratings ever. While fans moaned and complained about the theme song, "Faith of the Heart", the too futuristic ship and equipment, T'Pol's wig and acting, and the now infamous 'decontamination scene', they certainly haven't stopped watching it. So far, Enterprise is a run-away hit for UPN, as the fans eagerly await each episode.

I enjoy Enterprise, but then as everyone knows, I'm easily amused. I actually like the theme song, though I did prefer The Calling's "Where ever you will go" that they used in the summer teasers. We bought The Calling's CD, and when "Faith of the Heart" comes out on CD, we'll buy that, too. We just love keeping UPN going (note that sarcasm again).

I was a big fan of Quantum Leap, and still watch the reruns, so I was thrilled to see Scott Bakula as Archer. I don't care how many times someone says, "He's no Captain Kirk." Captain Kirk was a male chauvinist pig (sorry, Julie). If I'd worked for Kirk, I would have told him what he could do with his 'God's gift to women' attitude. Let's face it - Spock, McCoy, and Sulu were much better! Kirk only got the women because they were looking to 'share the power' and 'be the woman behind the man'.

Anyway, I like Archer, so far. He gets involved in what's happening on the ship, knows how to motivate his people, has his own hair, doesn't need a girdle, and looks great in the shower.

OK, love Archer, am still waiting to see on T'Pol. First off, they need to ditch the really, really bad wig. Jolene's own hair is fine; there's no law that says Vulcans have to have a black helmet on their head. Second, ditch the Vulcan version of Seven of Nine's

catsuit. Third, heels? Please! Vulcans don't dress to get prepubescent boys horny. They can appeal to the younger male audience without subjecting us to accentuated attributes and 3-inch stacked heels. Jolene may make the character work in the end, but right now she's too wooden, too snide, and too antagonistic. She has to work at what Leonard Nimoy seemed to do so effortlessly. She's only two steps above the wimpy Vulcan from Voyager (Jeri

other female crewmember. If Hoshi doesn't grow up and act like a woman, instead of a scared five-year-old, I'll be writing nasty notes to the writers and Ms. Parks.

As for Charles 'Trip' Tucker, played by Conner Trinneer, I love this character! He's such a smartass. Obviously, Berman and Gang are touting Trip, Archer and T'Pol as the trinity for the show, with Trip picking up McCoy's comic foil lines. I got a real kick

between Neelix and the holographic doctor. I wish they would have done something more original here. He has Neelix's fascination with humans, as well as his happy, happy, joy, joy attitude. Unfortunately, he also has the holographic doctor's sanctimonious bedside manner. I hope he develops his own character, instead of playing off previous ones.

Anthony Montgomery's Travis Mayweather, is in my opinion, Enterprise's version of Wesley. So far, I can't stand him. I want him to go to a galaxy far, far away. If they're counting on Mayweather to bring in the young female audience, they had better go back and get another guy, because he doesn't cut the mustard. He's more like French's than Grey Poupon.

The Aliens. I hate the way they portray the Vulcans. They show them as paranoid, antagonistic, secretive and overly emotional. Obviously, the writers have been watching several different series from the rest of us. I liked the new Andorians though, (wiggling antennae and all), and the Klingons were par for the course. I don't quite know what to make of the new 'super' race featured in the Broken Bow episode, but I'm looking forward to finding out who is trying to rearrange the time line from the future.

The 'decontamination scene', I mean, puh-lease! This was supposed to be pushing the sexual envelope on TV? They need to watch Farscape to take lessons if they want to do that. The only thing that was pushed by this scene was our patience. If you have to rub a goopy gel on yourself to get rid of possible bacterium, don't you think that you would have to rub it everywhere... like in your hair, the soles of your feet, or, surprise, surprise, under the clothes? Not to mention, if a Vulcan did rub something on themselves, they would do it with brisk, efficient motions, not slow, attempting to be sexy (note that sarcasm one more time) slides across the stomach and shoulders.

If Berman and Braga had a clue, they would have put Trip and T'Pol in a steamy gel shower together, it would have been far more erotic, and more believable. And if they want to push the sexual envelope, they need to have Hoshi sleep with Sluggo if they want to catch up to Farscape.

However, despite my bashing, I'm optimistic about the show overall. Hopefully, the actors will grow into their characters, and really give excellent performances, although I certainly won't be holding my breath on a couple of them. The writers need Vulcan lessons and Berman needs to stop thinking with his nether regions. We'll see as the show continues if it improves, but of course, UPN doesn't care as long as they get the ratings, and let's face, it no matter how bad it might stink, we'll still watch it.



The "Enterprise" Cast (l to r): Dominic Keating (Reed), Jolene Blalock (T'Pol), Anthony Montgomery (Mayweather), Scott Bakula (Archer), Linda Park (Sato), Connor Trinneer (Tucker) and John Billingsley (Phlox)

Photo courtesy of UPN

Taylor's son - need we say more?), and is poorly tied to The Undiscovered Country's Valeris.

Moving along to Linda Park's character, Hoshi. So far, she's shown herself to be weak, whining, childish, and just downright ready to be kicked out of the nearest airlock. Hopefully, they did this just to show her 'growing' as a member of the crew, and to point out just how 'new' being out in space is for the crew.

Frankly, I would have found this far more effective if one of the guys were having the problem, instead of foisting it off on the only

out of him getting knocked up by playing the equivalent of footsies in the sand with the alien. They copped out though; it would have been more fun to see him go through an entire pregnancy, give birth, and have to tote a little alien critter around the engine room. I look forward to watching more of Trip, as he has already become one of my favorites on the show.

Dominic Keating's Malcolm Reed. I want more! I love to hear this guy talk. He blows things up and he's gorgeous. Give him more to do, give him his own episode!

John Billingsley's Dr. Phlox is a bad cross



THE INVASION OF KFRG 95.1

Colonel Cyndi Temple • Chief Communications Officer, USS Centurion

Artwork Created by Vice Admiral Kurt Roithinger • STARFLEET Region Five

I know that a great many of you out there are Star Trek fans and Country Music fans. If you're like most you've got a favorite country music radio station that you listen to. For me that station is K-FROG 95.1 San Bernardino California.

I've listened to K-FROG since moving here some eight years ago from Los Angeles County. When I wake up each morning, it's part of my morning routine to turn on the radio and get my daily dose of K-FROG and their "Morning Crew" which consists of the "Frogmen in the Morning" Scott and Bo, who provide the laughs, and the great 12 in a row country music that I enjoy. I get my up to the minute traffic reports with Donna Dower and of course I get the latest news, sports and weather with a BIG Star Trek Fan Richard Lee.

On the morning of September 27th, I got up and turned on the radio to start my day as always, but this day would bring some sad news to me and all the other loyal listeners of K-FROG. We were saddened to hear that Richard Lee would be leaving the station on the 28th to pursue his love of writing. Scott, from the "Frogmen" asked the loyal listeners to call in on the morning of the 28th to bid fond farewell to Richard Lee. What caught my attention was that Scott asked for all the Star Trek fans out there to call in being that Richard is such a huge fan.

Being the impatient type I am, I didn't want to wait until the 28th to call in, so I picked up the phone and called the station. I told Scott that I had a great way to say in which to say good bye to Richard a way that he would never forget and asked if we could talk later that day. Scott said he'd call me back later that night. Well after dropping off my husband BDR. Truman Temple at work and my three kids at school I got home and called the Chancellor of the IKA Nightblood.

I told him of my idea of showing up in costume as a surprise for Richard.

Little did I know that after I spoke with Scott that Roy called in with the same idea. Scary to think that Roy and I were thinking alike, chills run down my spine just thinking about that. It was all set; Roy and I were to be at the studio at 8:20am the next morning.

So here it was, Friday the 28th, and while my kids and Truman are getting

believe we're expected." She nodded and laughed a bit, but all the while keeping her eyes focused to my right where an impressive looking Klingon stood.

She took us down a hallway where as you can imagine the word of a Klingon and Federation Officer in the building spread like wildfire. We arrived at

lot of fun.

The moment came when they wanted to recreate our arrival live on the air. So once again we entered the room and we repeated our greeting. Roy played the part wonderfully and spoke in Klingon to Richard; while Scott commented that their universal translator was down and asked if someone could translate. They were all looking right at me so I translated for them and the listeners.

Scott asked us to introduce ourselves. Roy told everyone that he was Chancellor K'Teh from the IKA Nightblood and that by order of the High Council, Richard Lee is named an Ambassador for the Klingon Empire and presented him with a beautifully framed certificate stating just that.

Then my turn came. I told him that I was Colonel Cyndi Temple, serving on board the Centurion and then I presented him with a membership packet naming him an official member of our ship. I told the listeners that from this day forward that KFRG 95.1 is hereby named the Official Radio station of the USS Centurion.

Afterwards it was time for a picture and then time to say a sad good bye to a man who has provided the news, sports and weather for 12 years to the loyal listeners of K-FROG 95.1 San Bernardino California.

Roy and I had a great time surprising Richard Lee and are both saddened to see him leave but wish him all the success in the word and who knows maybe we'll be seeing his name again soon. We both want to thank the entire staff of KFROG Radio for the wonderful treatment they gave us. They are all wonderful people and I know they will miss the talented Richard Lee, as will all of San Bernardino County who has been honored to hear him for the past 12 years. Good Luck Richard Lee from the crews of the IKA Nightblood and the USS Centurion.



Ribbit: Pictured Left to Right: Frogman Bo, Klingon Chancellor K'Teh (Roy Henderson) of the IKA Nightblood, Newsman Richard Lee, Frogman Scott and Col. Cyndi Temple. The picture was taken at KFRG 95.1 studios in Colton, California on Richard Lee's last day with the station.

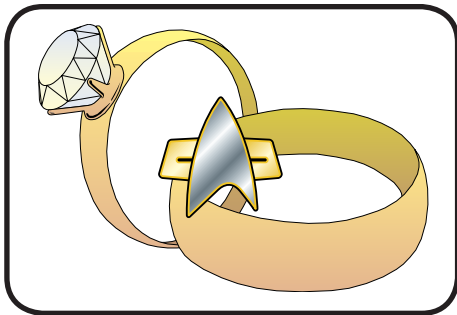
Photo courtesy of Cyndi Temple

ready for their day, I was getting ready for mine by getting into uniform and gathering everything to take to the station. Roy was doing the same thing; only it took him a bit more time to get dressed in full Klingon; battlerobes, ridges and all.

The look of shock was on everyone's faces as we entered the building and boarded the elevator for the 3rd floor. Upon entering the K-FROG Offices the lady behind the counter had a look of shock and surprise on her face. I mean how often does a Klingon Ambassador and a Federation Marine officer walk into your place of work? This lady could not take her eyes off of us. So, with me at attention, I told her "I

the control room where she motioned to Scott of our arrival. Sitting, was Richard Lee who when he saw us, had a look that could not be described here. Roy greeted Richard in Klingon, and he was smiling from ear to ear at the sight of us. I don't think Scott, Bo and Liz knew what to expect because they were also shocked to see us.

They took us to an adjoining room where we waited until the time arrived to introduce us live on the air. While waiting, people came in and visited with us, and asked about our outfits. Richard came in and visited with us for a moment more before going back on the air, of course Bo and Liz did the same. They were just great and a



REGION 3 MEMBERS WED IN LAS VEGAS

Colonel Alex Trevino • USS Bexar

Artwork Created by Commodore David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five

Region 3 members, Colonel Alex Trevino and SSgt Maria Helen Saldana, both from the USS Bexar in San Antonio, Texas, left in the early morning hours for beautiful Las Vegas, Nevada on October 23rd.

The weather was absolutely perfect; not hot and not too cold. It took a while to retrieve our bags but after we did, we made our way to a taxi and on to the Las Vegas Hilton. We checked in, freshened up then decided to start checking things out.

We hit a noon buffet then made our way to the Strip. We got to the County Courthouse and stood in line with the other couples getting married and got our wedding license. We actually met another couple from Texas there.

Checking on the time, it was almost time to make our way back to the hotel to shower, dress and wait for the limo to take us to the wedding chapel.

Contacting the 4th Brigade OIC, Colonel Christopher Esquibel, he put me in contact with Colonel Richard Passmore. Richard and his group including, Wendy Fillmore and family, met us at the Little Chapel of the Flowers on the Las Vegas Strip.

They provided an excellent Honor Guard. Of course, the Chapel attendants were only too eager to let them in being that they were armed with swords.

The guest list was distinguished by the attendance of BDR Sandy "Membership Processing" Berenberg and Gerry Sylvester from Region 7. They had just recently attended Dinky Con and were on their way to California via Las Vegas.

The wedding was wonderful. While Maria and I finished up the paperwork inside, our guests waited patiently outside in the courtyard.

We took pictures outside, both with the chapel photographer and our own personal cameras. Wendy Fillmore took some excellent pics. Thanks, Wendy!

Next stop - The Star Trek Experience



The happy couple: Alex and Maria H. Trevino, ready to tie the knot.



Sharp Objects are non-optional: the 4th Brigade Honor Guard.



Eject, eject, eject: The newlyweds partake of the now infamous Warp Core Breach drink.

Photos courtesy of Alex Trevino

at the Las Vegas Hilton. Everyone that was able to squeeze into the limo did and we managed to convince the driver to drop us off at the front door. While everyone spilled out of the limo, curious onlookers stared at everyone in STARFLEET uniforms. We made our way through the casino, while gamblers and other tourists smiled and oohed and ahed.

Making our way to the Experience, we decided to hit Quark's Bar. The happy couple ordered appetizers for all our guests. By the way, they have some of the best hot wings I have tasted in a long while. Then we took the recommendation of trying a Warp-Core Breach. Let me tell you, it is The Best Drink I Have Ever Had. Looking at the photos, you see us sharing one. It is 10 ounces of different Bacardi liquors mixed together served with dry ice for the smoky, bubbly effect.

We laughed, mingled with the Ferengi's, told stories, and got to know our newfound friends. The best thing about being in STARFLEET is that no matter where you are from, when you meet up with other members you are friends for life.

The highlight of the night was getting the huge group picture taken. We decided to have the Next Generation Transporter setting and in groups of 2 to 4, had our pictures taken. Through the magic of photo software, the photographer was able to piece everyone into one picture.

A few of us decided to make our way through the experience attraction. Most of our guests had to make their way home. We parted lifelong friends. The history of Trek was interesting as well as checking out the props display. The ride itself was awesome. I encourage everyone to try and make the experience a definite vacation spot.

Maria and I toast the members of Region 4 and Region 7 who know how to party, and hope that our paths cross again real soon. I'll be at the 2002 IC in San Jose. Till then, as the lyrics of an old AC/DC song goes....

Have a drink on me!



REGION 7 CONFERENCE 2001

Fleet Captain J.C. Cohen • Regional Coordinator, Region 7

Artwork adapted by Vice Admiral Kurt Roithinger • STARFLEET Region Five

It is my honor and privilege to give you an after action report of the Region 7 Annual Conference, held this year in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania.

The weekend began with a Friday Night fashion show, talent show, and mixer. The fashion show was MCed by one of Region 7's Vice-Regional Coordinator, Commander Ed Tunis, and consisted of a number of interesting designs and outfits created by members of the host chapters of the conference. There were clothing for men and women, girls and boys.

Following the fashion show was a talent show starring Region 7 members. A belly dancing routine by the lovely Emily Vosseller was followed by a comedy routine by Martin Lessem (doing his own inimitable Sweedish Chef impression). Later in the evening, we were all forced to endure the parody belly dancing by Emily's husband, Bob Vosseller, and his compatriots, Pat Commune and Alex Rosenzweig (STARFLEET's own Chief of Shuttle Operations). This reporter can only say that he is lucky that he was not forced to endure humiliation by this team... that honor was reserved for former member of the group, Michael Klufas.

Saturday morning the general meeting for the Region started at the early hour of 9 AM. (Author's note to future conference organizers STARFLEET wide... general meetings at 1. Panels in the morning. Think about it.) After the STARFLEET standard delay fixing last minute bugs (like the hotel forgetting to get us a United States flag) we

got started with the posting of the colors and the singing of the national anthem. We also gave the pledge of allegiance and it was, perhaps, a little more moving than usual, with September 11th still raw in our minds. Regional news was delivered, dignitaries and staff introduced, the roll was called. It was then time for my first State of the Region address, and over all, it went very well. I proposed a number of new programs in Region 7, and these programs formed the basis of discussion for the rest of the weekend.

During the morning session, four Regional Commendations were handed out to members of STARFLEET for their fine work on behalf of the Region. These awards went out to Allyson Dyar, Sandy Berenberg, Lauren Milan, and Tony Rowley. They all got a big round of applause and certainly deserved it!

After lunch, the panel sessions began. Region 7 had a tremendously effective Captain's Call. In the hands and read by the Commanding Officers of the Region were a number of proposals made that morning. The Commanding Officers expressed their concerns over these proposals and pointed out both what they thought was effective and what they thought might cause problems. We also, as a Region, really came together to get at the root causes of these proposals and make modifications that addressed those issues. I'm really proud of the gang in Region 7 for thoughtfully considering what actions we will take over the course of the next year to move forward.

There were a number of other panels that afternoon as well. I was, unfortunately, drawn away on business and unable to participate in these panels, but it is my understanding that they went well, and effective brainstorming was the norm of the afternoon. In the evening, we had the annual awards dinner. In Region 7, because of STARFLEET due dates, we hand out most awards during the earlier in the year conference Shore Leave, but the plaques are kept in store for the Conference itself. It was my pleasure to, in conjunction with the awards coordinator Beryl Washinton, hand out the following awards:

Scholastic Achievement Award:

Jessica Coyle

Helping Hands Award:

Gerry Sylvester

Junior Member of the Year:

Mandy Halleman

Newsletter of the Year:

USS Justice

Officer of the Year:

Rick Driver

Member of the Year:

Dean Rogers

Ship of the Year:

a tie - USS Matrix and the USS Sovereign

Each received a stunning plaque of the Regional colors, except for Newsletter which received a handsome framed certificate.

After the dinner, we had a Region 7 dance and costume party. The range of outfits was wide, from traditional Halloween fare to Sci-fi convention fair to period pieces. The winners of the evenings costume contest were dressed as the Joker, Buzz Lightyear, and a "Fairy Godfather" (imagine wings and a tommygun). The revelry lasted deep in to the night, and I finally gave up and packed it in at about 2:30 in the morning. I'm told that activity went on amongst certain parties.

Sunday morning was a bit more subdued (how could it not be). The sectors (geographic breakdowns of the Region) had their own meetings and shared what's in the works in their own chapters and discussed how to foster communications between the chapters. The Sector VRCs ran their own meetings, while I, the RC, wandered between them, answering what questions I could.

After that, it was time for the wrap up session. Some last words were said, final announcements made, and the floor was opened up for discussion, invites, congratulations, and so on. And, again typical of STARFLEET, members kept adding one more thing... but after six tries, I was able to declare the conference closed.

I'd like to thank the conference organizers for taking the time out of their lives to make sure this event took place, and the Regional members for attending and participating and making the conference what it was. I hope to see many of you, Region 7 and beyond, at next year's conference!

My one suitcase and I (long standing joke there) made the long trek from Tennessee to Pennsylvania for the R7 Conference. We couldn't get into our room yet, so Tony took me on a mini-tour of the area. First stop was Valley Forge. The autumn colors was in full force. Seeing the restored cabins that housed the soldiers only hinted at the hardships they suffered. There are tours, a very nice museum, and they show a short film about what it was like at that time. Of course there's the obligatory gift shop.

Next stop was the remaining cabin of the Swedish settlement. It's only open on the weekends, so we had to be content with peeking through the windows. The site is small, nothing fancy, but still a facet of the varied history of the area. More information can be found at <http://www.biderman.net/log.htm>.

Finally we're able to get in our room and unpack. The conference was a blast. The staff outdid themselves on throwing such

a successful one and it was worth the long trip for me. The conference IDs looked like a toe tag, which went with the theme. My "death" was from "Dating Tony". Everyone seemed to enjoy him or herself and got into the spirit of things. I'd never seen such enthusiasm at any other Conference I'd been to in the past. So many dressed in costume for the dance, and such variety, that only made it even more of a success.

Neither of the Malvene Cadets who had won awards could be there for the ceremony. Larry and I both accepted for our daughters, and I don't know who was more proud. That was the best part of the weekend for me!

MCPO Morgan Kirby is the Chief Science officer and her bio can be found at <http://www.geocities.com/ncojynx>, as well as a link to the Malverne's Science Department. She was awarded the Region 7 Science Cadet and Marine Cadet of the Year. Morgan is in the 8th grade at Ketron Middle School where her favorite subject is study hall. She has just sent off for her Officers Training School exam and looks forward to being an officer.

MCPO Michelle Neigut is our Counselor, where she has been a lot of help to the CMO. Michelle was awarded R7 Medical Cadet and Captain's Assistant of the Year. She's in the 6th grade, loves Harry Potter, and her bio can be found on the Malverne's Medical site, http://www.geocities.com/uss_malverne/Medical.html. Recently Michelle's extensive Harry Potter collection was on display at a local library.

Other highlights for me:

- Subbing for Tony at the marine meeting, and surviving the Q&A
- Tony's Commendation Award for all his work for the region
- Being appointed as R7 Calendar Coordinator
- Begging JC at least twice to forgive me for my transgressions
- Watching Pat, Alex and Bob dance
- Recruiting two members to the 53rd Starchasers
- Making lots of new friends and seeing old ones

Trying to postpone leaving as long as possible, I opted to take a later bus home. Tony took me down to the Delaware River to see his trophy, the USS New Jersey. Mike Smith and he has an ongoing rivalry over this boat...um, ship! After a lovely Chinese dinner, Tony took my one suitcase and me to the station.

I don't know when I'll make it back up there, but I was missing it before I left.

REGION 7 CONFERENCE 2001

Fleet Captain Kimi Brooks • USS Malverne

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THE STARFLEET INTERVIEWS

With Vice Admiral Jonathan "Gumby" Simmons

Vice Admiral Gumby sits at the desk in his office at FleetHQ... He looks at the roster of scheduled interviews and a smile forms on the clay lips. He reaches across the desk and grabs the blinking PADD-CAM on his desk.

Name: *Pierce, Joan*

Rank: *Fleet Captain*

Current Assignment: *HelpDesk Director, STARFLEET*

Faboo Girl, HelpDeskChick, Flaptain Joan... no matter what you call her, she is always there to help members find what they are looking for - Even when you thought you knew where to find it! Join us as we have ourselves a good old fashioned Kentucky sit down...

Gumby: Joan, Welcome and thanks for taking time out of your busy day to chat for a bit!

Joan: LOL! I'm glad to be here, Gumby.

Gumby: And we're glad to have ya! Let's just start from the beginning... how long have you been a member of STARFLEET?

Joan: How handy I pulled up my 'Fleet resume! I joined STARFLEET in 1988. I was one of the founding members of the shuttle Pegasus, Louisville KY, shuttling off of the USS Constellation in Paducah KY. The Pegasus later became the USS Questar.

Gumby: What's it like being in the largest region of STARFLEET?

Joan: Well, it's interesting. Because we're such a large region, it's often very hard to get most of us together for events. On the plus side, when we do go, it's a lot of fun! Because for most folks, it's a bit of an adventure, and some of us are meeting each other for the very first time in person. We may have only seen names in a shared newsletter exchange or regional newsletter.

Gumby: Do you have any regional traditions in R1? If so what?

Joan: LOL! Traditions? Well, I can think of two that go with Summits.

Gumby: Muahahahahahaha

Joan: Apparently in the very first summit memo or invite, I don't remember which because I didn't see it current Acting RC Willy Smith made a typo. Which, alas, I can't tell you about for the record, since this is a family publication. <G> But it was darn funny! It came up as a recurring joke every summit.

Joan: One other with Summits is that we prefer, just like they do at IC, to have fire drills. Ours usually take place during the dance. Oh, and we like to have people wounded during Summits. Well, not _like_ to have them wounded; it's just usually someone gets wounded. We give a Purple Heart award/medal to those hurt at Summits. It's on the Region 1 Awards page. I believe, too, the phrase "ducks in a row" was also begun at the R1 Summits. R1 also has a lot of enthusiasm. When folks go to a summit, or a

fall conference, they always have fun!

Gumby: That many folks at a summit has GOT to be a blast!

Gumby: Speaking of RC's... Now that Carolyn has resigned as R1RC... Who do you think will be next?

Joan: As of an email the other day from Robb Jackson, 4 people had accepted nominations for RC. They all have good attributes for being RC.

Gumby: So no matter who ends up with it... R1 wins, right?

Joan: Exactly!

Gumby: Outstanding!

Gumby: Now what exactly is it that you do for the STARFLEET HelpDesk?

Joan: Ahhh, I'm the director for the HelpDesk. That means I not only look at tickets myself and try to resolve them, but I also assist in shunting them to the various folks who try to resolve problems. Sometimes it's as easy as providing a URL and other times it's digging around to find out exactly who **does** that for Fleet.

Gumby: What's it like? Give me a day in the life of the HelpDesk...

Joan: Well, I log in. <G> Then I go to the general HelpDesk queue. There are several queues, CompOps, Comm, among others. I look at a ticket, see if it's something I can answer, and if so, I do so. If it needs to go to another department, like, CompOps or ShOC, I put it in that queue, also sending a note to the person originating the ticket that I'm transferring it and the other department will be getting back with them. If I've got a question about where it goes I usually tap Greg Trotter. (OK, I grab him by the virtual lapels and demand info, but that's probably more than everyone needs to know. <G>)

Gumby: AlllllRighty then

Joan: Seriously, Greg, and originally Greg and Mike Malotte, are great at helping out. Mike and Greg burned through a lot of tickets when my PC wasn't able to access the HelpDesk fully earlier this year. We also ask folks to check back with us and let us know if there's a problem still with a ticket. We **want** to get all tickets resolved. It's not an Us-Them situation. We're all We.

Gumby: Mike Malotte I have known for a long time... he is a wonderful person. I just recently met Greg and he is a good guy.

Joan: They're both sweeties. <G> Although I've just probably destroyed their manly egos by saying so.

Gumby: Hehehehehe

Joan: Either that, or they are blushing.

Gumby: Could you give us the HelpDesk email addy for the folks out there?

Joan: I can indeed! It's very easy to remember: helpdesk@sfi.org.

Gumby: So, how is the HelpDesk going? How many requests for assistance does the HD get?

Joan: Hmmm, you know, I don't do stat stuff, so I'd have to check with Greg and get back

with you. But we probably get mmm.... maybe 10 a week? It fluctuates, depending on what's going on. I see more notifications for CQs when a new issue's been released. The "I want my CQ" emails go to the Comm queue so I don't see those.

Gumby: Understandably!

Joan: I just checked with Greg; he said we've received 400 requests since the beginning of the year

Gumby: Wow! That *was* fast helpdesk service!

Gumby: What is your biggest pet peeve?

Joan: Period? <G> Or with HelpDesk/STARFLEET? With HelpDesk, it's not being able to get an answer back to someone in what I think is a reasonable amount of time. For life in general, we don't have that much space. <G>

Gumby: STARFLEET... but I'm with ya on the life in general... <G>

Joan: That we all live so far away. I want transporters, already!! It's great that we have this wonderful diversity within Fleet. But man, it's hard to visit with folks! I'd love to be able to chapter hop and go to different events. I've enjoyed the ones I've done, and I'd love to do more. When you go to a Fleet event, it's like reuniting with friends you weren't sure were friends. Whether it's hiking up some slippery trail in Ithaca NY, or bouncing across a lake on the way home from an IC and watching water splashing all over the cars. That feeling of camaraderie is great! Actually, I would like to tout a couple of things. Like looking beyond the fun in your local chapter(s) to regional and international events. (And not being able to indulge it more is ... Peevish! I'm looking forward to heading west for IC in 2002. I've met some of the Western IC folks, and I want to meet more.

Gumby: And that was to be my next question?

Joan: Oh? Which, IC? :)

Gumby: Duh!

Joan: Yeah, I heard some green guy designed the IC logo ...

Gumby: I have been blamed for that, yes. :)

Gumby: What is your take on the new Trek series? Who is your favorite character?

Joan: Ah, well, Enterprise has been a bit of a disappointment, but that's solely due to vagaries of life and my temperamental VCR. I've only been able to watch a few eps, but those I watched, I liked. I admit to being fascinated by Hoshi. Her fears, her fascination with language, I find that neat. I've not seen enough of the others to really judge.

Gumby: What is this "Faboo" thing I keep hearing about?

Joan: As far as Faboo, it's just a fun thing between some friends.

Gumby: What is your favorite thing to do on your day off? Besides STARFLEET :)

Joan: Oh, several things ... I love bargain shopping. I love book buying, but I'm on a pretty strict "no more books" self-imposed

limit, so I try to avoid bookstores. Luckily I work in a library and can indulge that way without having to pile them up in stacks on the floor. <G> I've also become a collector of bears. One in particular keeps popping up at Fleet events. He's a confidant of RCR5 Scott Akers. (I'm waiting for Burlington to announce he's running for CS.)

Gumby: HAHAAAAHA!

Gumby: Where do you see R1 in 5 years?

Joan: Oh, good question ...

Gumby: I occasionally ask a good one or two.

Joan: Yeah, I saw that one slip in. <G>

Gumby: got a better one too.

Joan: Where do I see R1 in 5 years... Hmmm Hopefully with new chapters in some of the states that are light or empty. I'd love it if somehow we could hold mini-summits where more people could get to the event. Though I've no idea how practical that would be, or if people would be interested. I think because we are so large, we face some challenges like that. But, as Region 4 and Region 5 have shown, you *can* throw a big party and have folks come. (for example, Western Conference also known as Dinky Con.)

Gumby: Been there, done that... twice :)

Joan: I hope to make it there one year. The whining when I tell folks I can't go ... well, it's almost too much!

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

Joan: If Burlington is elected CS, we're in trouble! Burlington's got a one track mind ... honey!

Gumby: Hehehe.

Joan: Actually, I think we're moving forward and doing well. We're still working on keeping folks informed and involved as much as they want to be on a regional and international level. Of course, folks are always involved on a chapter level.

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

Joan: Get involved! Branch out! Make friends within your chapter, your region, internationally! Don't think inside the box. There's so much creativeness that we admire in Star Trek that we can utilize in STARFLEET. Don't be afraid to go out and make new friends. Heck, exploring our strange new world can be *almost* as much fun as galloping across the galaxy! And, best of all, that goes for life too! You know, the one we do when we're not in the Fleet universe.

Gumby: Oh, *THAT* one!

Joan: Yeah, that one, sorry.

Gumby: Joan, it's been a pleasure! Can't wait to give ya a big ol' hug at IC 02!

Joan: Ditto, Gumby! *HUGS* are awaiting you!

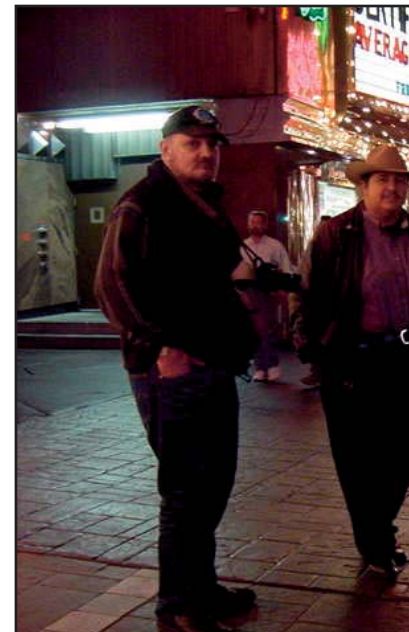
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Who would you like to see interviewed? Send your nominations to: gumby@sfi.org



DINKYCON II AND THE REGION 7 C

Western Conference Logo Sean O'Day • Reg



Scenes from the 2001 Western Conference

Top Left: Lisa Tintle instructs new arrivals that they WILL have fun. Or else.

Top: Stewart Allgar takes home the grand prize in the Charity Raffle, a Bath'let sung by Michael Dorn.

Photos courtesy of Keira Russell-Strong

Top Right: Norman DeRoux, Ramon Macias, Sanford Berenberg and Stephen Idell enjoy the sights and sounds of the Biggest Little City in the World.

Photo courtesy of Sanford Berenberg

Right Middle: Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons is in a proper state of preparedness, no matter the location or the circumstances.

Photo courtesy of Lionel Smith

Bottom : Rihannsu t'Rahaen'fvil of the RSE, seen here with Julia and Alyssa Clawson, prove once again that Romulans aren't all bad.

Photo courtesy of Keira Russell-Strong

Bottom Left: RC R4 Ed Nowlin introduces our visiting dignitaries known as (from left to right) Les, Marlene, Mark A. , Mike and Mark V.

Photo courtesy of Sanford Berenberg

Left Middle: Nancy Lynch of the USS Mir poses in front of the USS Stormbringer logo along with the OTHER Gumby.

Photo courtesy of Keira Russell-Strong

Right Bottom: The subject of this issues STARFLEET Interview (see page 23), Fleet Captain Joan E. Pierce is shown holding young Zachary Rickard.

Photo courtesy of Joan E. Pierce



CONFERENCE: AIN'T WE GOT FUN?

Region 7 Conference Logo created by Phil Avery



Blackmail Material from the 2001 Region 7 Conference

Top: The Bi-coastal Sanford Berenberg poses with Martin Lessem and Larry Neigut. A tip from the CQ Fasihon editor: the hat has gotta go!

Photo courtesy of Mark H. Anbinder

Top Right: Emily Vosseller gets ready to dazzle all of R7 With her Belly-dancing prowess. The CQ Fashion Editor wouldn't change a thing here. No siree!

Photo courtesy of Bob Vosseller

Middle Right : Alex Rosenzweig, Pat Comune, Mary Croak and Bob Vosseller get ready to dazzle all of Region 7 with THEIR Belly-dancing prowess (or lack thereof). The CQ Fashion Editor would suggest changes too numerous to list here.

Photo courtesy of Mark H. Anbinder

Bottom Right: Michael Klufas and Mark Anbinder, after witnessing the stellar belly-dancing of the above combo hold onto each other in hopes of making the horror go away. Ever the opportunist, Mr. Klufas opts to take the opportunity to lift Mark's wallet. Or something to that effect.

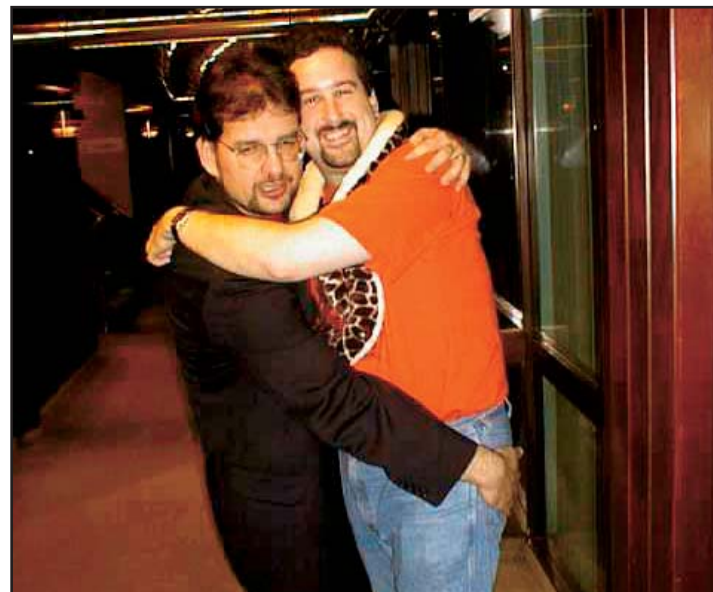
Photo courtesy of Mark H. Anbinder

Bottom Middle: "Disco" Dean Rogers gets down with his funky self. Right on, Brother! The CQ Fashion Editor has a coupon from Supercuts, if anyone here needs it...

Photo courtesy of Mark H. Anbinder

Bottom Left : Amanda Caelynn Murphy, newly-born daughter of Kris and SFMC Deputy Comandant Aaron Murphy, displays impeccable fashion sense at an early age.

Photo courtesy of Aaron Murphy





IC 2002: ARE WE THERE YET?

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

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

T-8 months and counting...

STARFLEET Region 4 and friends continue working hard to bring you the 2002 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 4 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".

NEWSFLASH! The hotel begins taking reservations starting on Dec 1st! Call 1-800-222-TREE and specify the *STARFLEET IC 2002 Rate!*

Room rates are only \$95.00 per night... quite a bargain! And 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, 5 different dining options and the ever-popular bar and you end up with an experience unparalleled in SFI history!

The San Francisco Bay Area is represented by a variety unique landmarks, buildings and structures. The Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz Island and Fisherman's Wharf are but a few of the things that immediately conjure up images of San Francisco's distinct and appealing character. But the rest of the Bay area, including the cities of Oakland, San Jose and Santa Clara, also offers a variety of great attractions and activities.

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

Website News...

IC2002 Announce List: This is a list for general news and announcements available for "Joe Member" to subscribe too. This list can be subscribed to via the IC webpage. This is a NON-interactive list, it is for distribution of news and announcements only, and cannot be used for online discussions.

Polls: Online Polls have been added. Take the first Poll and help us decide what types of away teams you want!!!

Great Stuff Store: A Full line of IC2002 Merchandise is available for purchase. Sweat Shirts, Tank Tops, Tote Bags, Mugs, Mouse Pads and much much more. Be sure to check it out! Ask Chrissy about our limited edition Playing Cards too!

Polo Shirt Pre-Order: IC2002 Polo Shirts

are available for Pre-Order, they are full color embroidered White Polo Shirts, selling for \$25.00.

Go To <http://www.ic2002.org> to check out these updates.

Online Registrations...

Online Registration: Online Registration with Various Registration Options and Packages are now available online. Online Registration payments are available through PAYPAL Only.

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.

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.

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

We Need You...

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

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

Away Teams...

There are many attractions within a short driving distance and even walking distance too! Your IC2002 TEAM is planning away teams for 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
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! Go to the website and take the online poll and tell us what YOU want to do!

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

"The Road to Our Future Starts Here"

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PS. Have you marked your calendar yet?



Pokey was busy seeing another horse about a man: The IC 2002 Committee (back, l to r): James Monroe, Ramon Macias, Ed Nowlin, Charles and Glenda Werner, Jerry Tien. Front: Boyd Harmon, Larry Barnes, Chrissy Killian and Johnathan Simmons

Photo courtesy of the Cindi Temple



STARFLEET REGION 2 SUMMIT VII

Commodore Pete Mohnney • Regional Coordinator, STARFLEET Region 2

Artwork adapted by Vice Admiral Kurt Roithinger • STARFLEET Region 5

March 8-10, 2002 Columbus, Georgia

The USS DaVinci and Chattahoochee Station are proud to host the 2002 Region 2 Summit! Along with regularly scheduled Region 2 workshops, fun, and events, we will have on-site games, and a Friday night Hospitality Suite, which will be crewed by the host chapter of the 2003 Summit, scheduled to be held in Alabama. On Friday night you can meet new Region 2 friends and reacquaint yourself with those you already know.

Saturday morning we will welcome new shuttles and newly commissioned chapters. Saturday afternoon activities will include games and the annual Region 2 Auction. This auction always includes dozens and dozens of great Star Trek items and other sci-fi memorabilia, many which you will never see anywhere else!

The Saturday evening banquet will consist of a three-course meal, including salad, choices of main course, and dessert. The annual Summit Awards

and Flag Rank promotion ceremony will follow.

Two registration packages are available for the entire weekend or Saturday only. There is a discount for children aged 7 to 12 and children under 7 are free. All registrations for the banquet package must be made by February 15th, 2002, as we must inform the caterer of the number of servings to provide. So if you want to dine with the officers and crew of Region Two, you must pre-register!

When ordering Summit T-Shirts, in order to guarantee your size, you must pre-pay when you register. A limited number of Summit T-shirts will be available at the Summit. See the registration form for details.

Register early and be eligible for monthly drawings for Auction Bucks, ten-dollar gift certificates you can spend at the Saturday afternoon auction!

Activities throughout the weekend

include:

- Workshops on recruiting, media, costuming, Marines, cadets, and much more. Panels are held all through Saturday and Sunday morning on subjects of interest to fans, costumers, ships' officers, regional and international staff, newsletter publishers, modelers and those interested in forming new STARFLEET chapters.

- Enjoy a first class dining experience at the banquet! An excellent three-course banquet is served on Saturday Night, followed by a variety of desserts, with all officers in their best uniforms.

- Honor the annual Region 2 Awardees and cheer for your ship! Each year the awards for newsletters, academic achievers, and the year's best crew, officers and chapters are given out, along with promotions for the hard-working members of ships from all the states of the region.

- Shop at the Region 2 Store! Bid on

auction items or buy them outright, check out the Quartermaster's offerings, see what the Marines have for sale, and have custom-made airbrush designs put on a shirt.

- Become the Great Dalmuti for a year! Friday night will again feature a high-spirited competition to see who is the greatest of all the Dalmutis and who is the lowest of the peasants. Put your nobility on the line for a chance to wear the crown!

- Bid at the annual charity and Region 2 fund raising auction. Dozens of unusual items from Star Trek and other sci-fi will be auctioned to support the Region and to make our annual donation to charity. Autographed photos, books, CDs, software, games, toys and many other unusual items that you'll see nowhere else will be on the block at the auction, and part of the proceeds will go to charity.

The Summit will be held at the Sheraton Inn Columbus Airport, located on I-185 at the airport. The hotel is close to commercial, entertainment and shopping areas. Guests at this Sheraton Inn enjoy complimentary morning coffee (Monday-Friday) and access to the nearby gym is free for guests.

Columbus lies on the border between Georgia and Alabama; it was established as a port on the Chattahoochee River in 1828.

All rooms Include AM/FM alarm clock, iron and ironing board, in-room movies, and television with cable.

The Address for the Convention Hotel is:

**Sheraton Inn Columbus Airport
5351 Simons Boulevard
Columbus, Georgia 31904**

Tel: (706) 327-6868
Fax: (706) 327-0041

See www.region2.sfi.org for data on the Summit and links to the Region 2 Chapters and Staff, and for downloadable registration forms in various formats, or you may email me privately at pdmohnney@aol.com and I will email forms or mail them USPS.

REGION 2 SCIENCE NEWS: CAVES AND CAVE LIFE

By Members of the USS Spiritwalker, USS Dräkenfire and USS Wernher von Braun

The weekend of September 21-23 was the Spiritwalker/Dräkenfire meeting in Decatur, Alabama. After the meeting, some members of both groups ate supper outdoors and later had a candlelight service to welcome in the fall season. On Saturday, September 22, members of both groups went to see Cathedral Caverns for their Region 2 Science Project. After going through the Cathedral Caverns, the group had a picnic on the grounds of the Cathedral Caverns Park. On the way back to Decatur, after leaving the Cathedral Caverns Park, the group stopped and had fun working their way through a cornfield shaped like a maze.

To get through the cornfield maze one had to find the little numbered squares, then answer the question to determine which way to turn. It was an interesting way to go through a maze. The Spiritwalker/Dräkenfire did not stop there. When back in the Huntsville area, the ships stopped and browsed though some small unique gift shops. When finally returning to Decatur, before breaking up, the group stopped and ate Chinese food. By the time the members of

the two ships had gone their separate ways, everyone was tired and worn out.

Four crewmembers of the U.S.S. Wernher von Braun (NCC-72069) recently participated in an Away Mission to scenic Cathedral Caverns near Woodville, AL. The Away Team consisted of Ron Zuckerman (crewmember), Rich Trulson (CO), Joanie Daniel (CMO), and Don Daniel (Chief of Sciences) who also served as shuttle pilot for this mission.

After obtaining inexpensive sustenance (fast food), the crew departed Huntsville in an Earth-bound shuttle for the cavern at about 1340 hours. The team arrived safely at their destination at 1415 hours and encountered a brief delay as the cavern manpower (read g-u-i-d-e) shortage. The entourage entered the cavern to begin the roughly 90-minute tour at 1515.

The team heard some amusing anecdotes and learned several interesting facts from their informative and entertaining guide. Cathedral Cavern was once privately owned

and possesses the world's largest natural (not-man-made) entrance or opening. There was also evidence near the entrance to the cave of two distinct human occupations -- one by Native Americans and one by prehistoric humans -- that was uncovered by university archaeological digs. We also learned of some other features of the cave including: a huge formation named 'Goliath' thought to be as old as the earth itself, a 'frozen waterfall', a stalagmite forest, a expansive opening taller than 7 stories in height, and evidence of present of (bat) and past (shark tooth embedded in the roof of cave) animal habitation.

The team emerged from the cave, completing that part of the mission at approximately 1710 hours (the hike out of the cave was more of a workout that the trek into the cave). All members of the team agreed that the tour had been interesting, entertaining, and educational (fun). For those who haven't visited this cavern, we would recommend it. The team headed back to Huntsville at 1715 hours and arrived back at about 1750 hours.

REGION 15 THE LITTLE REGION THAT COULD CHUGS UP THE MOUNTAIN IN 2001

By Fleet Captain Cindi DeMidio • Public Relations Director, Region 15



July/August 2001: Presentation of the check to the New England Deaf Camp from IC2000 and USS O'Bannon for \$2655.99.

For Another Year The Little Region That Could has had a really full and interesting year. Beginning with the retirement of RC Joe Ruttar after IC2000 New England and the installation of RC Rich Nacaula at United Fan Con last year, all the way through the recruitment and charity drive at the recent UFC, the Little Region That Could is still chugging up the mountain, not to the chant of "I Think I Can" but "We Can, Did, And Will Again." What will we do next year? Every little thing that we do...it just keeps getting better.

All Pictures Courtesy of Rich DeMidio, Eric Storch, Cindi DeMidio (USS Tsunami) and Kandyleigh Provencher (USS O'Bannon).

Below:

1. August 2001: USS O'Bannon and USS Tsunami lead the Region in the Maine State Parade and Hudson Old Home Days Parade
2. August 2001: Region 15 Karaoke Party "Paradise By Dashboard Lights"
3. September 2001: Region 15 at King Richards Faire.
4. November 2001: Region 15 raises \$433 for charity by liberally applying pies to the visages of prominent members.



October 2001: Regional Halloween Party. Jar-Jar never looked this good.



REGION 7 AMBASSADOR REVEALS HIMSELF

Ensign Adam Greenberg • USS Osiris, STARFLEET Region 7

Hi, my name is Adam Greenberg. I am an Ensign in Communications on the U. S. S. Osiris, and now the Ambassador for Region 7. I have been meaning to write this little introduction about myself for quite sometime, however, mitigating circumstances hadn't allowed me the opportunity until now.

First, I guess I should tell you about myself. I am a native New Yorker, and have a wonderful family locally consisting of my Mom - Susan, my Dad - Jacob, and my younger brother - David; and now the friends I've made on the Osiris and through SFI.

I guess you could say it's a typical, normal American family, but we've got the combined sense of humor that would make Eddie Murphy seem tame if he left out all the "remarks".

I, myself, am physically disabled. This originally happened in 1996, but due to gross negligence it wasn't found out until 1999.

Since then I have been diagnosed with a bilateral circulatory failure called Lymphedema, which causes all fluids to re-pool back into my legs, as well as a spinal stenosis and serious arthritis in the lumbar area, causing my spinal column to crumble and practically obstruct my mobility.

As it turns out now, unfortunately all of my communications are going to be online or via email depending on where I have to travel to or the availability of a ride since I can't drive myself or take public transportation.

I guess I should mention that I'm 32 years old, hold an Associates Degree in liberal arts and English and plan to re-attend college over the Internet.

For information on Lymphedema, please check out: <http://www.lymphnet.org>.

Ok, that's enough about me, now onto the matters at hand. I hope to accomplish a few things for Region 7. Most of all within the Osiris, I hope to create some wonderful events that could very well become annual or bi-annual events. One current idea that I am working on is a fundraiser called "Interstellar Bowl".

This will be raising money for amFAR - The American Foundation for Aids Research. Hopefully, I can raise money and awareness toward research and safety. That's all I am going to say about that for now, as even I don't have the complete information yet. I will say this: it is open to the entire Region 7 area as well as anyone else.

Other things I hope to do is run a

conference here for Region 7 and then open it up to the entire fleet. Well big hopes come from big dreams. So, I start small with a fundraiser to build up the treasury. I hope everyone can jump onto the bandwagon and work with me to make SFI a name to be known, not just as Star Trek Fans, but something that can be fun for everyone including those who aren't members.

For more information, I can be contacted at the following email address: **region7ambassador@onebox.com**. I will open up an IRC channel called SFI-R7 so that people can come in and chat and meet me, mostly so I can meet you and associate names with ships, etc.

I look forward to hearing from all of you and eventually meeting everyone.

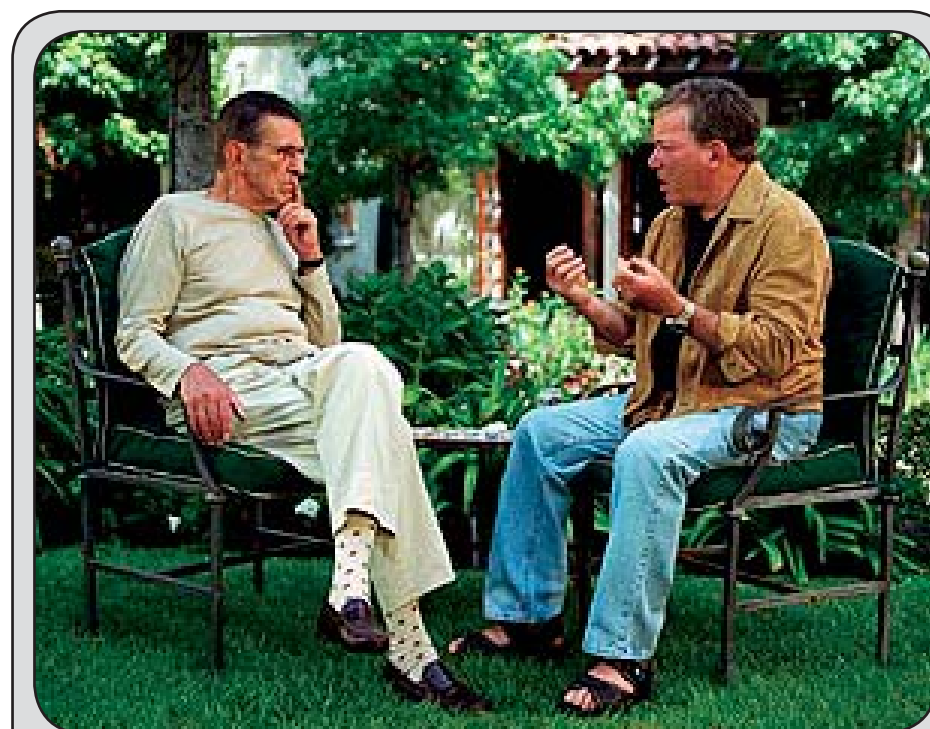
GETTING A LIFE THE HARD WAY: THE MIND MELD

By Rear Admiral Keira Russell-Strong • USS Alioth, STARFLEET Region 17

William Shatner's new on-line project is "The Mind Meld." I found this amusing, as the newsletter of the USS Alioth of Region 17, of which I am the CO, is also "The Mind Meld."

William Shatner said that the idea of the Mind Meld was his and the original purpose was to have something of Shatner/Nimoy that they could both treasure. The end of "The Mind Meld" has Nimoy reaching out and hugging Shatner, and Shatner reciprocating. When I told Shatner that was probably my favorite part of the video, Shatner said that it made him cry when it was taped. The video was taped over a four-hour period at the home of Leonard Nimoy. It was very spontaneous and full of emotion for both.

Shatner chose to promote and sell the video on line exclusively through the Creative Light web site. I met Mr. Shatner a few years ago in Salt Lake City, before the PriceLine.com venture. He said that he had several ideas for the use of the Internet. PriceLine.com and the Creative Light are two of the ideas he has had. He



Two Old Friends (Riiiiight!): Leonard Nimoy and William Shatner
Photo courtesy of WilliamShatner.com

has been thinking of doing a similar type interview with Patrick Stewart.

Shatner said that he doesn't play practical jokes on Nimoy anymore because Nimoy doesn't have patients

with him (Shatner) anymore. So, he gets to Nimoy through Nimoy's wife. Shatner said that Nimoy dearly loves his wife and when she received roses with a note signed Leonard she thanked her husband. He wanted to know what

he was being thanked for. When she told him it was for the roses Nimoy turned and glared at Shatner. I guess at the age of 70 that they don't have the energy to hide bicycles anymore.

Shatner is very passionate about the Nerine Shatner Fund established for women with alcohol abuse problems. Every dollar donated to the fund goes for the treatment of the women. Checks can be made out to the fund and mailed to:

Nerine Shatner Memorial Fund
C/O MCTS
Attn: Victor Meschures
760 North La Cienega Blvd.
Los Angeles, Ca. 90069

Shatner feels great about some new movie projects that he has coming out. "Groom Lake" will be out in January. He wrote and produced this movie about a woman who finds she is terminally ill, goes to Groom Lake, and finds that there may be life after death. He also mentioned "Shot or be Shot." "Showtime" stars Robert DeNiro and Eddie Murphy and Mr. Shatner will also be in this movie.



ACTIVATE THE QUANTUM SLIPSTREAM!

Fleet Captain David Klingman • USS Hawkeye, STARFLEET Region 1

Artwork by Commodore David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region 5

One of the things I have come to remind myself of this year in particular is why I am in STARFLEET and fandom in general and why I have had such an excellent year getting to know people and go places, and so I thought (with the permission of you as readers) I would introduce you all to what for me has been an excellent year in STARFLEET.

First, let me say that I have met some excellent and kind people this year and gotten to know others in particular, and I wanted to take the time to thank those people and introduce you to them, some of them you already know. A special thanks to my new and existing friends Scott Akers, Amy Alexander, Mark Anbinder, JC Cohen, Allyson Dyar, Wendy and Vernon Gilliatt, Thom Hucks (CO of the USS Hornet), Matt Myers, Carolyn "Moogie" Peters (Ops Chief, USS Hornet), Greg Phillips (Ops Chief, USS Hawkeye), Joan Pierce, Alex Rosenzweig, Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo, Bruce Schulman (XO, USS Hornet), Richard Driver (past FDC Science), Richard Heim (CO, USS Alaric and current FDC Science).

There are countless people I have gotten to know over the past year, but these people form my core group of close friends in STARFLEET. In addition, I have made some excellent friends in other fan groups, including but not limited to Kimi Brooks and David and Julie James (from the RSE chapter *RSE Resolute*), Leila McMichael and Andy Fairbanks (from the KAG chapter *IKV Executioner*), and Cheralyn Lambeth (aka *Biker Scout TB976* of the *501st Stormtrooper Battalion*). There are many more to be sure, and you know who you are!

Now that I've gotten that out of the way, I wanted to share with you some of the places I have been, the people I have seen, and some photos of the places and people.

Fleet Admiral Les Rickard's Inauguration

I managed to take the two and a half hour trip to Winston-Salem, NC, for Les Rickard's "inauguration bash" and got to see the well-deserved promotion of Matt Myers to Rear Admiral and see some of my aforementioned favorite people. I think it's worth noting that people traveled a great distance to come to the party some as far as the west coast in fact and this gives us some indication of the loyalty and commitment we have shown toward each other.

USS Hawkeye/USS Normandy Dinner -



The 2001 IC Breakfast Club (l to r): Joan Pierce, Alex Rosenzweig, Rachel Peterson, JC Cohen, Mark Anbinder, David Klingman and Teri Smith.



Stylin': The Author models a STARFLEET Historian Shirt



The USS Hawkeye crew at a Rennfaire: Top Row (l to r): Wendy Gilliatt (holding Samantha), Amy Alexander, Matt Myers, David Klingman, Bottom row (l to r): Vernon Gilliatt, Cheralyn Lambeth, Brian Holloway

Photo courtesy of David Klingman

January

On a casual evening in January, Les and Dee Rickard and several of the members of USS Hawkeye joined each other for dinner in Winston-Salem NC for no other reason than to connect, spend time with each other and enjoy a good meal and each others company. Seeing my own CO (Wendy Gilliatt) receive a promotion to Commodore in the weeks following was excellent and getting my own promotion to Fleet Captain from Les himself was equally cool.

International Space Station Exhibit, Charlotte NC- July

Members of USS Alaric came down to Charlotte NC to join members of USS Hornet and USS Hawkeye for the ISS Exhibit, a traveling exhibit featuring a tour of parts of the ISS. It also includes information about its launch and operation, and featuring a docking simulation, a weightless simulation, and lots of technical data.

Some members of the Alaric also stayed for a viewing of the IMAX presentation *The Search for Intelligent Life in the Universe* narrated by Leonard Nimoy. A trip to Discovery Place in Charlotte has become almost an annual event for the Alaric and for myself, since it gives me a chance to see friends from Asheville NC. More information about Discovery Place can be obtained at <http://24.93.68.194/> and information on the ISS Exhibit can be obtained at <http://www.aerospace-exhibits.com/iss.htm>

STARFLEET International Conference 2001

I hopped on a plane to Kansas City for a four-day excursion to the IC (making my third involvement at an IC) and had the opportunity to connect with FADM Les Rickard. It turns out Les was on the same flight as me. I think Les will admit to enjoying the company especially during takeoff and I enjoyed having the opportunity to chat with him for the 2+-hour flight out there. Besides the usual fun and frolics associated with an IC, Carl Johnson and crew showed us a wonderful time by taking groups to the *Titanic* exhibit at Union Station. I was even able to find a replica of a toothpaste jar in the exhibit gift shop. The highlights for me once again focused around the people, especially my friends in RSE and a few people such as Mark Anbinder and Scott Akers (two people I specifically flew out to see).

Premiere of ENTERPRISE - September 26

Like many other people, I was eagerly

anticipating and was not disappointed by the premiere of the fifth series in the *Star Trek* franchise. I had the opportunity to have guests at my house to watch with me. They included folks from both STARFLEET and KAG as well as the 501st Stormtroopers and some friends not in fandom at all). Both local Charlotte chapters of SFI (USS Hawkeye and USS Hornet) made appearances, so I was happy to keep the interchapter social schedule running!

Yellow Ribbon Campaign, Hickory NC - September

Local SFI, KAG, Star Trek Imperium, and Hickory NC Star Trek Fan Club (USS North Carolina) members got together to raise money for the children of the victims of the September 11 tragedy (see *CQ107* for the full article on the Yellow Ribbon Campaign). We managed to raise more than \$150 toward aid to the families. Of even greater significance, we were able to raise awareness and publicize on local news and television. Several of my patients saw me on television, which made Monday morning dental clinic much more interesting.

MARSQUEST Exhibit, Hickory NC - September

MARSQUEST is one of the numerous traveling exhibits, that seeks to introduce and educate people about space exploration. Once again, members of several local fan clubs (SFI, RSE, KAG, and local group USS North Carolina) came out to both see the exhibit and work under the guise of "Klingons and Feddies beaming down to Mars".

The museum patrons were treated to some extra atmosphere and we were able to hear a NASA scientist talk about both Hubble and Mars projects. We were also treated to a telescope view of the sun, bristling

with sunspot activity and some excellent information about Mars. More information on MarsQuest can be obtained at:

<http://www.space-science.org/Outreach/TravSciExhibits/MarsQuest/1.html>

Carolina Renaissance Festival, Concord NC - October

Members of USS Hornet, USS Hawkeye, and USS Normandy, several chapters of KAG, several members of RSE, a member of the 501st Stormtroopers, and other friends gathered together to spend what was a lovely day at the Carolina Renaissance Festival which was celebrating its 8th year in Concord, North Carolina. There was a lot to see and do; from jousts to comic performers to troubadours to medieval costuming and food to shopping. It was a lovely 70+-degree day, sunny and bright, and we had the opportunity to spend the day with Samantha Gilliatt (our Hawkeye CO and XO's daughter) and Zachary Rickard (Les and Dee's little guy, of course). The children were delightful, the company was excellent, I got to do some Christmas shopping, and we ate, walked, enjoyed the warm weather and sunshine, and had an altogether lovely day!

Side trip to the USS Alaric Meeting, Asheville NC - October

While attended a continuing education class at a lovely hotel in Asheville NC, I managed to take a few hours to join members of USS Alaric for their monthly meeting. I was excited to learn about their upcoming 20th anniversary (the oldest existing chapter in NC!) and mini-convention in March 2002.

Region Seven Conference, King of Prussia PA - October

With the exception of Chris Wallace (who flew more than 2000 miles) I have the

distinction of having traveled farther than anyone else to spend the weekend with the Region 7 folks in STARFLEET and since I was born in R7, it was technically a homecoming.

I drove nine hours there and ten hours back to spend the weekend with friends once again, proving my point that friends are worth the trip. I had an excellent time during the weekend and had the chance to see some people I had not seen in some time (especially Alex, JC, Tim, Mark, and Kimi) and the chance to make some new friends and get to know some wonderful people (me waving to Mike Klufas, Lauren Milan, Rick Driver) - there was a great deal of silliness, including some stuffed snakes (a red one for JC for Command, a blue one for me for Science, and a brown/gold one for Mark for Computer Operations), a very silly hat I wore (with a big green and black feather), and the assimilation of several people in a Borg alcove.

In addition, Alex Rosenzweig was able to autograph *STARSHIP SPOTTER*, a book on which he was a major contributor (and which several members of SFI at the conference cleared off the local bookstore shelves) and I had the opportunity to represent the Office of STARFLEET Historian and model its official shirt through cafepress.com. Although the ten-hour drive back (I got home 12:30am on a Monday morning and had to go to work) was a killer, the weekend was worth it.

As a part of my self-proclaimed duties as a representative for *FLEETFOOD.ORG* (that's <http://www.fleetfood.org> for you web-savvy people), I had the opportunity to dine out with groups twice during the weekend, once on Friday night for sushi/Chinese/Japanese at a restaurant called *Jade Garden* and once for lunch on Saturday at a restaurant called *Rockbottom*

- both restaurants are located in the King of Prussia Mall (an immense mall, worth the visit of you're ever in the area) and I can give both restaurants excellent marks (four and half pips for Jade Garden, four pips for Rockbottom, you can read the complete reviews at fleetfood.org).

I have also posted photos taken at <http://www.angelfire.com/nc2/sardis/r7conf2001/>

Future Plans

As I write this, I do so having discovered that my wife is pregnant (yet to be verified by the Obstetrician) but the likely due date is in July 2002, so whether I will be able to attend IC2002 remains to be seen. I am, however, planning on attending the USS Alaric Christmas party December 15, the USS Alaric 20th Anniversary Party in March 2002, and definitely Watkins Glen Weekend 2002 and have even discussed a trip to the Northwest to visit the R5 folks.

Final Thoughts

I can make speeches and comments about September 11, talk about issues we have had in STARFLEET, and go on with a litany of boring facts about Xenoarchaology (or point to you in a shameless plug to the *Xenoarchaology Database* at

<http://www.angelfire.com/nc2/sardis/xenobio.html>

or just say that it has been a pleasure getting to know people, make new friends, build on relationships with old friends, and become part of the extended family that is STARFLEET.

Here's to another year and I look forward to telling you all about my travels in 2002!

Tired of the same old humdrum fundraisers? Sick of selling donuts, washing cars, or yard sales? Well, the members of the USS Maat were too. So this year, we decided to try something new, different, and challenging.

Our amphitheater, the Virginia Beach Verizon Wireless Ampitheater, runs all of its concessions with paid volunteers. We had to obtain an EIN (Employer Identification Number) from the IRS. Chapters can obtain an EIN by filling out the form SS-4 Application for Employer Identification number at http://www.irs.gov/forms_pubs/forms.html.

While we were not paid hourly, like the general amphitheater staff, we received \$30 per show, per requested worker. We had to pay an upfront insurance liability fee of \$135.00, and attend two general meetings. In addition, each member who sold

CROSBY, STILLS, NASH & CASH

By Commodore Tammy Willcox, USS Maat • STARFLEET Region 1

beer had to attend a TIPS training meeting for which we were paid \$15.00 each. TIPS training assists the volunteers with learning how to responsibly sell beer.

Once everyone was trained, we were ready to work. We showed up for each event at the appointed time (3 hours before the show's start time, as the doors opened 2 hours before the shows). We'd go collect our bank, get our stands set up, and then we were ready to rock and roll. We sold lemonade, soda, and beer, and of course, got to listen to the music for free!

We worked ten shows, which included the following acts: Dave Matthews Band, Tim McGraw, Jazz Festival, Matchbox 20, Crosby, Stills & Nash, Stevie Nicks, Godsmack, Earth, Wind

& Fire, Concert for America, and Tool. During a ten-week period, we worked ten shows and earned \$1,401.50. We worked these shows with only 14 different members, so it doesn't take a really large chapter to be able to reap the same rewards. All total, with our TIPS training checks and our show earnings, we earned \$1,581.50.

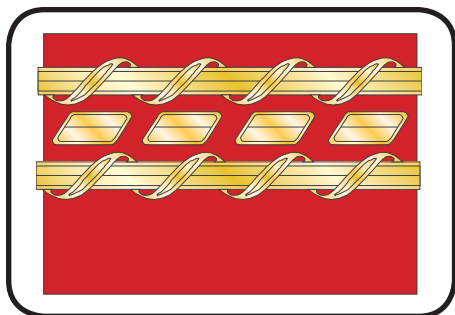
Now, I don't know about your chapter, but that's more money than the Maat generally earns in three years from our typical fundraisers. Not only did we earn more money, but also we physically did less work, and it was a whole lot more fun than washing cars! With out profits, we were able to donate \$800.00 to the Norfolk SPCA, \$600 to the Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia Food Bank, \$100.00 to the Red Cross, and we still have enough money to make new crew manuals for

everyone! We've already set aside the insurance fee for next year, and we're planning on ordering new chapter shirts with part of our profits!

So next time you drag out the sponges and hoses, and think, I wish there was a better way to raise money, take a Maati tip, call your local amphitheater, concert stadium, sports stadium, etc., and see if they run the same type of program. There are Verizon Wireless Amphitheaters in Los Angeles, San Antonio, Charlotte and Indianapolis, so the chapters in those areas may want to start discussing the possibility!

If you have questions on EINs or working at the amphitheater, please contact me at:

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DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A CO?

By Fleet Captain C. Bud Cullum • USS Matrix

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Recently, the USS Matrix held elections for Commanding Officer. As a former CO, I would like to shed some light on the real life responsibilities of the job of CO that you do not see in any documents. So, before you decide to run for the position of CO or decide you want to start your own shuttle, I recommend reading the following questions and paragraphs.

Let me start off with the simplest question to ask yourself, only you can be honest enough to answer this question.

Do You Have The Time To Be The CO Of Your Ship?

I will tell you from my experience that it is just like having a daily part-time job. To be effective, you must be able to check and answer your e-mail on a daily basis. Often, I had to check it twice a day to just to keep up with it.

When I was Commanding Officer, I can honestly admit that my computer time tripled due to the amount of e-mails that I received not only from crewmembers and SFI management, but also from individuals that just wanted to know about our ship/club. Thankfully, my wife was very understanding and humored me when I did not have time to watch TV or spend a lot of time with her to participate in some of the family activities. Time requirements are not only on the computer. You may have to participate in telephone discussions and meetings.

Many STARFLEET Regional Coordinators conduct meetings, either at designated meeting places or at Star Trek conventions. Going to these is a responsibility that often falls on the shoulders of the CO and/or XO and can be a lot of fun, however they will cost you some time and money to attend these functions. And when you go, you also may be asked to assist with some special activities or jobs. Many times I have been asked to take a turn at the SFI recruitment table and enjoy the time spent there chatting with possible members.

Do You Have The Organizational Skills To Be The CO Of Your Ship?

The two most important reports that

you will be required to do are: SFI's Monthly Status Report (MSR) and your Ship's Monthly Newsletter. First, the STARFLEET MSR is required before the end of each month and if you are late, this is a negative mark against your chapter. Also if you miss two or three of these reports, SFI can list your ship as being IN-ACTIVE, this is not a good thing as it could lead to full decommissioning.

Second, your Ship's Monthly Newsletter is how the members learn what is going on the ship. It provides them with information that they would not normally hear if the CO did not put it together. Some people can get quite testy if they are expecting an award or promotion and you forget to put it into the Report. So, the CO must be prepared to have these documents ready or life could definitely become complicated.

Do You Have The Computer Resources To Be The CO Of Your Ship?

If your chapter relies heavily on e-mail and the Internet, let's start with the simplest part of this question to answer. Do you have a stable computer and Internet Service Provider (ISP) that will be available at all times? If your ISP is up or down like a yo-yo, if it is not stable you're in trouble. Things will backup on you and then you will be playing catch-up all of the time. Do you change ISPs from time to time? If you do you will be making tons of work for yourself.

As an SFI CO your name, address and e-mail address are associated with the ship and you are added into several databases, mail-list and links. Every time you change your e-mail address you must make the effort to get all of these links and databases corrected.

If you do not, chances are that you will miss some important information that SFI sends via the Internet. While Postal Service communication is always available, more and more information is passed on (and replied to) via the Internet. It is not required for a CO to have a computer and Internet access, but it sure comes in handy!

Do You Have The Money To Spare

"If Needed" To Be The CO Of Your Ship?

I can honestly state that the last three CO's of our ship have had to dip in their own pocketbooks to cover ship expenses, usually because of ISP expenses and other operating issues. Even for chapters that charge dues, sometimes an outlay of cash must be made before a given activity can succeed.

Do You Have The Patience To Be The CO Of Your Ship?

Folks, the job of CO will make you earn your fourth pip. This job is not a walk in the park and no matter what you try to do to improve ship activities, somebody will not like what you are about to do or have done. It can be a thankless job!!! Somebody will always have a better way of doing things; however, it may not be the best answer for the ship. Be prepared to justify your actions; somebody will always want to know why you have done what you have done.

Do You Have A High Enough Frustration Level To Be The CO Of Your Ship?

Things do not go the way that you have planned all of the time. Remember, 25% of the members do 75% of the work on the ship. Many of members do not even take the time to put in a Monthly Status Report to their Department Chiefs.

Lack of participation can be quite frustrating when you are trying to put together a report to SFI and you have not activities to be included. I have heard several people say "I would just order them to do it!" Believe me it is not that easy! Due to SFI regulations you cannot technically punish folks (demotions, etc) for not doing their jobs, unless it is a continuously documented problem. You must remember this is a club and if things get too busy, boring or complicated for folks, they can just turn off their computer or leave the ship.

Do You Think Before You Type?

One of the reasons that I feel that I am not an effective CO is that I type what I am thinking from time to time. I have been known to make decisions on my own. And truthfully unless you like

hearing a lot of complaints, you will need to bite your tongue from time to time. Many people have very thin skins and do not take kindly to hearing the truth. And as the CO, you are the prime target, even if you had nothing to do with it.

Do You Have The People Skills Required To Be The CO Of Your Ship?

Even with a great deal of practice, you will not be able to read the minds of your crewmembers and many people feel that you should know what they are feeling. God forbid that you should ask them to tell you what is bothering them; two-thirds of the people will clam up or say that nothing is wrong.

However, they will complain to their friends in private e-mails behind your back instead of telling you outright. Several concerns that I faced as CO I learned of because I got wind of it from their friends or other sources. I am convinced that this is human nature and is common in business as well as our ship.

Don't get me wrong even with all of these commitments and requirements on you--the job of CO can be fun and a great learning experience. Heck the study of human nature alone could be turned into a master's thesis. But please be warned that if you think that you are going to take the CO position and not have to work, you are mistaken. To be an effective CO/manager requires a lot of time and devotion. And please remember one person cannot do it all and that is why we have a crew to support the Commanding Officer.

However, unlike the military in some cases, our rank does not automatically earn you the respect of others - it must be earned through your actions and support to the ship. Please remember that you should praise in public and critique in private. Displaying dirty laundry in public does not often get the support you may wish to have.

I hope this has been helpful to folks in their future pursuits. This may all be a game/hobby, however every game has rules to play by; even real life is no exception.



KLINGON SWARM TACTICS

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Is it cultural? Is it Economic? Is it Strategic? Why does the Klingon Empire, a powerfully warlike race, use as its primary combat vessel, ships that are ship for ship weaker than any of the primary combat vessels of their neighbors and/or potential enemies? From the D7 of the 2270's to the Bird of Prey of 2370's, the Klingons have consistently used underpowered, low endurance vessels, whose weapons suites are impressive for their size, but their overall combat effectiveness is generally 1/2 to 1/5 that of the standard Federation Line Cruiser.

From the D-7 to the Bird of Prey to even the modern Vor'cha Attack Cruisers, Klingon ships are class by class under-gunned, have lower endurance, and fewer multi mission capabilities than their counterparts in the Federation, the Romulan Empire, or even the Breen and Cardassian fleets. Do the Klingons choose these smaller ships for cultural reasons? Or to prove they have honor and are ready to go to Sto-Vo-Kor? Does the Klingon economy mandate smaller and leaner ships as a necessity? Or is the decision based on a strategic vision of a larger fleet with smaller ships allowing more flexibility on the fleet level? In this paper we will look at each of these reasons for the smaller Klingon ship and then the Klingon Swarm tactics. For each in its own way is a valid reason for the pattern of Klingon ship design and each is a puzzle part of the whole picture. In considering each of the 'causes' - cultural, economic and strategic - we will look at the answer based historical uses of the D-7 / K'tinga Classes, the recent usages of Birds of Prey classes, and the future uses of the Vor'cha, and other smaller Klingon ship designs.

The historical D-7 Class was only a slightly under-gunned relative the Federation's Constitution Class, but its engine power and long range endurance was only a fraction of their counterparts. However while patrolling in packs of three, the D7 gave the Klingon commanders more opportunity for combat, and thus honor. Also with smaller ships working teams meant there was the position of pack leader that could be reached for. These two factors led to more aggressive ship commanders, with a slightly weaker ship. This was a trait that was to be encouraged and rewarded. The cultural legacy of this led to a large officer corps of commanders and junior officers prepared for the Post D-7 / K'tinga era of ships.

Later the Klingon Defense Force developed the Bird of Prey classes, both smaller than the D-7, they were more powerfully gunned for their size, and were used in packs of three to five ships with much more success. In addition, the cloaking device technology gained from the Romulans was more easily utilized in these smaller ships. More ships with smaller crews led to more opportunities for command, for combat honors, and for advancement. Klingon commanders who do not succeed are replaced; those who will not fight are replaced - violently. The legacy this provided the KDF was of a officer cadre of thousands of combat capable officers and

commanders, willing to use their smaller ships more aggressively than their counterparts in the Federation and Romulan Empire.

Where does the KDF go from here when taking cultural necessity into account? Along with the larger Vor'cha cruisers and the Negh'Var Battle Cruisers, the Klingons must continue to develop either improved Bird of Prey vessels, or an entirely new craft that takes into account lessons learned during the Dominion War. One such development is the Bat'leth Class Patrol Combatant (1), developed in cooperation with the Federation and as an extension of the Federation's Defiant Class Escort program. Intentionally designed for Patrol duty, these small combatants are meant to operate in units of 3-5 vessels and with highly refined tactics that will fully utilize their heavy weaponry and nimble handling. For the Empire this will provide continued development of new officers who may achieve independent command experience while serving with honor to the Empire.

We have explored that while culturally the Klingon Empire would want smaller vessels than their neighbors, but is there also an economic reason? From the time of the D-7 to the current Bird of Preys to the future Bat'leth class ships, is there a resource-motivated reason to have three small ships instead of one large one? Of course there is and we will look at the comparative "costs" in each era.

The D7 was, compared to the cost of the Federation Constitution class, much less resource demanding. To use an arbitrary standard, the Constitution class would fetch 13 billion (with a B) Ferengi Bars of Gold Pressed Latinum. This is using today's rate of exchange. The D7 though required only 5.2 billion bars. In addition with the smaller, more focused, smaller mission crew, annual upkeep and supply of the crew was only 23 million Bars versus the 100 million bars for the Constitution. Finally the maintenance of the D7 was also cheaper than the Constitution, but not by much, 25 million bars versus 35 million per year.

In addition due to the large numbers of same hull design craft, the D7 and later K'tinga class programs, experienced added savings in design, yard building, and training of yard personnel. The program proved much less expensive in the long run for the Empire, than the multitude of ship classes for the Federation, especially when variants were taken into account. Every time the Empire needed a variant ship class of the cruiser, they modified an existing D7 Hull, while the Federation built a whole new ship design / class type.

Following the great success of the D7 and K'tinga classes, the KDF followed up with the K'vort and the smaller B'rel classes. Outwardly the two classes were exactly alike; accepting the K'vort was larger in scale with equally larger scaled weaponry. These two "Bird of Prey" classes with their variable geometry wing structures were excellent

craft that were equally at home in deep space and within a planetary atmosphere. Hugely cheaper than the Federation, Excelsior, Ambassador, and Galaxy classes, they were also much less capable. However in combat, they excelled especially when flown in packs of three or more. Dahar masters developed excellent tactics for these craft that made use of their size and agility, while saving the Empire trillions in Construction costs, and billions more in maintenance and crew costs. In addition having the K'vort class with the same warp and maneuvering dynamics as the smaller B'rel made it easier to transfer successful captains from the B'rel to the K'vort classes.

The B'rel was also used as a test and variant platform for KDF research and intelligence operations. The B'rel craft used by General Chang when he used a Cloaked and Firing capable craft to attempt to disrupt the Khitomer Conference was a prime example.

The future of Klingon small vessels can be seen in the proposed Bat'leth class, and even here the Economic reasoning for the Empire holds true. Each Bat'leth, like the Defiant class that inspired it, has more fire power than a K'vort, and nearly the firepower of the Federation Intrepid class. With research and development costs shared with the Federation, this class will, vessel by vessel, be the most cost effective ever developed by the Empire, and because of the large run of vessels proposed, the over all cost of tooling for the construction would again be even greater. Finally the Bat'leth class is intended to have many different variants, from covert operations, to being a missile boat, to mine laying or system defense, to escort duties for unarmed starships. Every variant so far imagined has been planned for with the modular make up of the Bat'leth major sections.

Finally, we can present a strategic necessity for the use of smaller vessels and swarm tactics - **it works!** That in itself is a reason for the Empire to pursue any specific tactical and or strategic course of action. But explaining why it works is even more fundamental to our thesis. Taking the D-7 into account, the Empire could not match the Federation's R&D budgets or their multipurpose platforms like the Constitution Class, or Enterprise Class Heavy Cruisers. But what the Empire could do was build three D-7s for the resource cost of one Enterprise, and then have each ship specialize as a Science Boat, a Beam Weapon Boat, or a Missile Boat. In addition even the famed Captain James T. Kirk was unable to match the firepower and flexibility of three D-7's. Even the hated Romulans were able to use the three to one advantage to nearly capture Kirk and the Enterprise, by being able to box in the Federation's most famous ship, and being able to take away escape in any of the three dimensions, the Romulans were able to use swarm tactics to remove the Federation's vessel-to-vessel technical superiority.

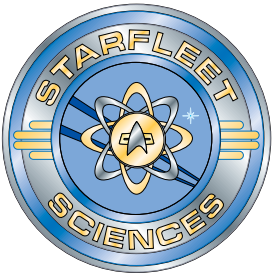
This success continued on into the Bird of Prey program, and even more so when the swarm

tactics are considered. One on one neither the B'rel nor the K'vort can stand up to any of the Federation, Romulan or Cardassian light cruisers, much less the powerful Heavy Cruiser / Large Exploration Cruisers. But three of these Bird of Preys which still require less resources in total (Building, Manpower, Replenishment and Support) and yet on occasion have torn apart their opponents in a matter of seconds. The multi-mission flexibility provided also allows each of these ships to fulfill a separate primary and/or secondary mission. The same strengths of multiple numbers and swarming tactics that applied for the D-7's apply even more so for the Bird's of Prey, In addition, because the ratio has grown from the 3-1 of the earlier era to 5-1 or even 7-1, the maneuverability, and the more weaponry, balances against or exceeds the Federation or Romulan advances in multi-nodal phaser banks.

In the foreseeable future this success is expected to repeat with the Bat'leth Patrol Combatant Ship program. The research and development stage is completed and the construction/prototype stage is beginning. A whole new technological and design concept from the Bird of Prey series, the Bat'leth will retain the numerical superiority due to its smaller size - smaller than even the B'rels. Resource cost will be about eighty percent that of a B'rel and twenty percent that of the Federation Intrepid class. And with five Bat'leth Class ships, any flotilla commander will be more than a match for anything up to a Negh'Var or even Sovereign class ship. This tactical flexibility also leads to operational and strategic flexibility as well. If a flotilla commander can break off two ships to act as escorts, one as a long ranged and cloaked patrol, and the last two has a cloaked hunter detail, he can patrol **and** control a much larger area of space than one or two ships before. Finally swarm tactics are even more exacting with multiple small, agile, and powerful weapons platforms, as witnessed by the Jem'Hadar's Scarab ships during the Dominion War.

In conclusion, it has become apparent that the Klingon Defense Force uses the smaller craft and their Swarm tactics for a myriad of reason. Cultural: because they are warriors, ready to seek Honor in battle and Honor in leadership. Economic: because of their smaller industrial base, especially post-Praxis, they must use their resources with more care and stewardship. And finally Strategic: for the best reason to use a particular tactic or strategy like the swarm tactic is that it works. The Empire, has withstood encroachment from the Federation, hostility with the Romulans, attacks from the Borg, Cardassians and the Dominion, and has come out the victor time and time again.

In the end, the Klingons use these tactics, because they are Klingons: the hunt, the pack, and the thrill of the kill. It is inherent in every Klingon warrior, the Blood of Warriors, it calls to them, and they answer it: One Warrior, One Ship, One Empire.



ON THE HUMANOID CONDITION

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This will be the last installment in the three part series dealing with humanoid physiology, a follow-up article will discuss advances in medicine and surgery through the 21st-24th century as they relate to cardiovascular, musculoskeletal, and neuroendocrine physiology. In this issue we'll talk about the control of body systems through the nervous system and various hormones.

The nervous system, like muscle tissue, is made of electrically excitable cells called **neurons** and is organized into a CENTRAL and PERIPHERAL nervous system. The central nervous system, the brain and spinal cord, is the control center, and the peripheral nervous system, made of peripheral nerves and autonomic nerves, connects the brain and spinal cord to the rest of the body. This allows for sensory inputs to reach the brain and muscular and autonomic outputs to reach the peripheral tissues.

So how does a nerve cell work, how does it transmit signals? To understand this, we need to understand a little about electrochemistry. Nerve cells function by the differential distribution of ions (largely sodium, potassium, and calcium) across the cell membrane. At rest, a nerve cell has a high concentration of sodium (and some potassium) outside the cell, and a smaller concentration of both sodium and potassium inside the cell. This gives the cell a **resting potential which** is an electrical potential for ions to move across the cell. In most nerve cells the resting potential is about -70mV. A stimulus, such as a temperature change, physical pressure, or chemical stimulus, triggers the movement of sodium into the cell. When the potential inside the cell reaches about -40mV, an **action potential** is propagated. There is a massive influx of sodium into the cell (mediated by cell membrane proteins which form channels) and the inside of the cell suddenly becomes positive in relation to the external environment. The cluster of positive charges propagates along the nerve in one of two ways:

- in **myelinated nerve** (myelin is a fatty sheath that forms around rapidly conducting nerves and nerve axons), the propagation is rapid, "hopping" between areas of myelination (like a fast skip over a pond)
- in **nonmyelinated nerve** (nerve cells without the myelin sheath) conduction is continuous and slower and conductive power is diminished along the way.

In the central nervous system myelinated nerve is often called **white matter** as the myelin imparts whitish color to the tissue. Nonmyelinated nerve is called **gray matter** as bare nerve tissue is more grayish in color. In the central nervous system, gray matter is made of cell bodies and white matter is made of the nerve axons (trunks), which conduct messages rapidly.

Nerve cells communicate with one another by propagating the sodium-mediated signal along the nerve axons until a nerve end is reached. The rapid accumulation of sodium triggers the calcium-mediated release of **neurotransmitters** from the nerve endings. One nerve ending communicates with another nerve across a very narrow gap, and the release and binding of neurotransmitters to the next series of nerve cells continues the process. In this case, the neurotransmitter is the chemical stimulus that causes the propagation of another action potential in the next cell or series of cells.

While there are many neurotransmitters, common ones include *acetylcholine*, *epinephrine*, *norepinephrine*, *serotonin*, *GABA* [*gamma-aminobenzoic acid*], and *dopamine*. Research suggests and has shown that many psychological disorders are in fact imbalances of these neurotransmitters serotonin has had the greatest amount of press in the last decade as the neurotransmitter most responsible for psychological defects, and a class of medicines based on modifying serotonin uptake into the nerve cell has provided many patients with relief of symptoms.

Physically, the central nervous system consists of the cerebrum, cerebellum, brainstem, midbrain and pons, medulla oblongata and the spinal cord. The cerebrum, or higher brain center, is composed of two occipital lobes, two parietal lobes, two temporal lobes and two frontal lobes. The cerebrum controls and processes what we see, hear, touch and smell. The cerebellum mediates fine muscle control and balance. The brainstem, composed of the thalamus and hypothalamus, mediates autonomic and hormonal function and interaction in the brain. The midbrain and pons act as processing centers for signals going to and from the brain. The medulla oblongata is the connector between the brain and spinal cord. It also processes

signals travelling back and forth and controls base functions such as breathing and heart rate. The spinal cord connects the peripheral nervous system to the brain and central nervous system.

In what other ways is the peripheral nervous system and body 'controlled'?

Besides the nervous system, the body has a series of hormonal controls that help regulate physiologic function. There are numerous hormones produced in the body, so instead of talking about all of them, we are going to focus on the general types of hormones.

Hormonal production and control falls into two categories: **endocrine** control and **exocrine** control. Endocrine hormones are those chemicals (some proteins and other molecules) that are produced by specific glands and dispersed through the body via the bloodstream. Exocrine hormones are those hormones that are produced by glandular tissues and dispersed as 'excreted molecules' into various chambers and ducts such as within the digestive system, mammary glands, in the urine and saliva, etc.

Hormones work in general through hormone-receptor interactions. A hormone will bind to a cell surface receptor and initiate some change in the cell. The change is either a physical change in form or fluidity that allows other materials to pass through or be blocked or a release of chemicals inside the cell that trigger physical or genetic change. The most commonly known hormone in terms of population knowledge is **insulin**.

It is a short-chain protein endocrine hormone that is responsible for the regulation of blood sugar in the body. Insulin, which is produced by cells in the pancreas, binds to insulin-respondent cells such as muscle and fat and triggers the uptake of glucose into the cells, thus keeping blood sugar at specific levels. Individuals with **diabetes mellitus** either cannot produce enough insulin (type 1 or insulin-dependent diabetes) or have faulty receptors that cannot bind insulin properly or sufficiently (type 2 or non-insulin dependent diabetes) and blood sugars thus remain high. In type 1 diabetics (typically diagnosed in childhood) the long-term effects are kidney failure and "microvascular

disease" (small blood vessel disease) leading to blindness, kidney failure, and peripheral tissue damage. In type 2 diabetes (typically diagnosed in adults and the obese) there is "macrovascular disease" (or large blood vessels) and individuals suffer from heart damage and heart attacks and atherosclerosis among other problems.

For more information on the nervous system:

Gray's Anatomy/Neurology, <http://www.bartleby.com/107/183.html>

The Human Central Nervous System, <http://people.ne.mediaone.net/jkimball/BiologyPages/C/CNS.html>

Illustrated Encyclopedia of Human Anatomic Variation, <http://www.vh.org/Providers/Textbooks/AnatomicVariants/NervousSystem/Introduction.html>

For more information on hormones:

The Endocrine System, <http://gened.emc.maricopa.edu/bio/bio181/BIOBK/BioBookENDOCR.html>

Pathophysiology of the Endocrine System, <http://arbl.cvmbs.colostate.edu/hbooks/pathphys/endocrine/>

The Glandular System, http://www.naturalhealthschool.com/12_1.html

Exocrine Glands, http://www.medic-planet.com/MP_article/internal_reference/Exocrine_glands

Okay, now that we have finally covered all the basic biology, **now** I can tell you where we are going with this! Before we can understand our own level of science and medicine, much less 24th century science and medicine, we need to understand a bit about ourselves, how we function, and what makes us tick. With that said, we can talk about the NEXT series of articles on the humanoid condition which will focus on present and future medicine and technology, and here's how we'll do it:

CQ109: *Medicine Today and Tomorrow - From Here to the 24th century*

We will explore modern and future tools for diagnosis and treatment of disease

CQ110-?: *Technomedical Babble - What does it all mean?*

We'll examine some of the episodes and movies, perhaps in groups, and see just what all the words and technology mean.

Perhaps we'll even explore some alien medicine and follow ENTERPRISE and Doctor Phlox's strange medical treatments!



FLEET ACTIVITY REPORT

BY FLEET CAPTAIN DIXIE HALBER, CQ SUMMARIES COORDINATOR

As America and the world mourned, so did STARFLEET. Likewise as people around the globe responded to the call for help so did Fleeters. Chapters from all over STARFLEET donated money, good and blood in aid. Some were even able to help out in person. While we give thanks that none of our own was lost, we grieve with the thousands of families that were not so lucky. Send all summaries to: CQSummaries@sfi.org.

Region 1

USS Aeon, NCC-75022 Memphis TN

Crew working hard on an upcoming Halloween party. Crewmembers have also decorated a chair to be auctioned off for charity.

USS Alaric, NCC - 503 Asheville, NC

Crew's recycling and fundraising efforts continue. Crewmembers enjoyed an Uno night.

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

Crew busy planning second annual Renaissance party.

USS Appomattox, NCC 75001 Appomattox, VA

Crew celebrated their commissioning with a party. Away team attended a public night at a local observatory. Crewmembers raised money for the 9/11 victims.

USS Asgard, NCC 72402 Lancaster, OH

Away teams participated in a historical reenactment, and a local renaissance faire.

USS Athena, NCC-51896 Reston, VA

Crewmembers enjoyed a cookout. Fundraising for the Julien Flemming Fund continues. In addition the Fund has selected its first recipient. An away team attended the R1 Fall Conference. Craft days continue as crew gears up for a local craft show. An away team enjoyed a 20 mile bike ride.

USS Carolina, NCC 74222

Greenville, SC

Crew enjoyed activities including a laser tag/recruitment outing, a cookout, a camp out and a gaming night.

USS Columbus, NCC - 72401 Columbus, OH

Away team members attended an Enterprise premier party at a local IMAX theatre. Charity collections continue. An away team attended local renaissance faire.

USS Heimdal, NCC - 1793 Madison Heights, VA

Away teams attended the commissioning party if the ships shuttle and the anniversary of another area chapter. Many members contributed to relief funds in DC and NYC.

USS Jamestown, NCC-1843-D Hampton, VA

Crew celebrated the ships 19th anniversary. Members continued volunteer efforts.

USS Jurassic, NCC - 3500 Correspondence Chapter

Away team attended the R1 Fall Conference. Crew member created a new class for STARFLEET Academy.

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

Away teams worked at a local amphitheater to raise funds for the ship's charities. Ship celebrated its 14th anniversary.

USS Nebula, NX 61800 North Royalton, OH

An away team attended the Region 1 Fall Conference. Ship celebrated its graduation from the EFCP program.

Space Station Nikola Tesla, NCC SS0005 Puryear, TN

Crewmembers raising funds for Washington DC and NYC.

USS Normandy, NCC 36000 Winston-Salem, NC

Crewmembers participated in a variety of service projects including fundraising for the 9/11 victims.

USS Powhatan, NCC 1967-A Chesapeake, VA

Crew enjoyed a movie night and an Enterprise premier party. Ship has also adopted a spot in Chesapeake.

USS Questar, NCC-75435 Louisville, KY

Crew had a fine time at their monthly campy movie night.

USS Richmond, NCC 2003 Covington, VA

Crew enjoyed an Uno night. Crewmembers also enjoyed an Enterprise premier night.

USS Ronald E McNair, NCC-61809 Columbia, SC

An away team enjoyed a trip to the zoo & a trip to a local excavation site with other area chapters. Ship held a Halloween party.

USS Star League, NCC-2101 N. Augusta, SC

Ship had a dinner outing to celebrate the 35th anniversary of Star Trek. Crewmembers also enjoyed an Enterprise Premier party. Crewmembers attended a Halloween/birthday party.

USS Starward Fury, NCC-2122 Fayetteville, NC

Crew enjoyed a movie night at the home of the CO and an Enterprise premier party.

USS Tempest, NCC 21566 Harlan, KY

Away team attended an Enterprise premier party and an end of summer bash with another area chapter. Members also attended the R1 Fall Conference. An away team attended the anniversary of another regional ship.

U.S.S. Tycho, NCC -59325 Toledo, OH

Crew planning to help man phones for the local PBS station during their winter pledge drive. Stampede and OCP collection efforts continue. Ship placed a Star Trek display in the library window.

USS West Virginia, NCC-2008 Charlestown, WV

Crew preparing for the 4th annual Disability Awareness Fair to be held at a local mall. Crew busy creating book marks for a local children's reading program.

USS Yeager, NCC-61893 Bluefield, WV

Crew members attended a mini convention.

Region 2

USS Blackstar, NCC-75003 Miami, FL

Ship sponsored many recruitment events. Away teams attended an Enterprise premier party and a local convention.

Chattahoochee Station, SFR-201 Atlanta, GA

An away team enjoyed a day at the Atlanta Zoo. The outing was taped and one of the crew members plans to use the video in her classroom.

USS Cherokee, NCC 75009 Richton, MS

Crewmembers watched the Enterprise premier with other local chapters.

USS Continuum, NCC-71821 Pensacola, FL

Away teams participated in an area fall festival and the grand opening of a local planetarium.

USS Dark Silence Station, NCC-SS-007 Florence, AL

Crew finalizing plans to attend a renaissance festival and a trip to local canyons. An away team attended a local renaissance faire. One of the crew members reigned as Queen.

USS DaVinci, NCC-74671 Columbus, GA

Members enjoyed an Enterprise premier party that was attended by the program manager of the local UPN station. He brought goodies for all. Members participated in Dine for America, a nationwide fund raiser for the Sept 11th victims. Crew members were interviewed by the local newspaper while they ate.

USS Draco, NCC 78501 Cullman, AL

Away team participated in the Muscular Dystrophy Labor Day Telethon. Another away team participated in the Region 2 Science trip to a local cavern. Away teams visited local haunted houses for

Halloween. Crewmembers also worked a concert featuring local musicians.

USS Dräkenfire, NCC-71822
Odenville, AL
An away team explored an area caverns and enjoyed a picnic lunch. Crew members enjoyed an outing with another local chapter to an area fair.

Shuttle Gasparilla, NCC 2071/001
Tampa, FL
Ship has been busy getting its website ready to go live.

USS Guardian, NCC – 26244
Cape Canaveral, FL
An away team visited Sea World in Orlando.

USS Haise, NCC – 74664
Brandon, MS
Attended convention with other Zone four ships.

USS Hephaestus, NCC-2004
Birmingham, AL
Crew attended an Enterprise premier party. Crew also donated to the 9/11 relief funds.

USS Jubilee, NCC-57299
Mobile, AL
An away team traveled to Las Vegas to attend the Star Trek 35th Anniversary Convention. Crewmembers also enjoyed an Enterprise premier party and pot luck dinner.

USS Liberty, NCC – 75012
Panama City, FL
Ship sponsored a neighborhood Halloween party. Ship also working with a National Guard unit to plan Family Day events in December.

USS Khai Tam, NCC-81000
Tallahassee, FL
Crew enjoyed a poker night and an Enterprise premier party that was the tenth annual Trek premier party.

USS Odyssey, NCC 454-A
Hattiesburg, MS
Crewmembers enjoyed an Enterprise premier party. An away team attended a Starfest sponsored by another area chapter. Attended a local convention with other Zone 4 ships.

USS Okatoma, NCC 74695
Collins, MS
Attended a local convention with other area chapter.

USS Paegan, NCC 1755
Orlando, FL
After the summer off, the ship is gearing up for winter activities.

USS Parallax, NCC – 74657
Middleburg, FL
Ship’s website up and running. Work is nearly done on the ship’s fanzine.

USS Relentless, NCC – 81001
Madison, FL
Away teams enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities including a fall foliage trip, a hiking trip and a park cleanup.

USS Rogue Phoenix, NCC 75005
Savannah, GA
An away team attended DragonCon. The ship sponsored a yard sale to raise funds.

USS Spiritwalker, NCC 31097
Decatur, AL
Crewmembers joined with members of another area chapter to visit a local cavern as part of a Region 2 Science project. Members continuing collection and charity efforts. Crew made special donation to the Red Cross for Washington DC and NYC victims. Crew members participated in an outing to the Jack Daniels distillery with another local chapter.

USS Trident, NCC-74692
Stuart, FL
Crewmembers enjoyed their regular monthly movie night and a Halloween party.

USS Triumph, NCC 26228
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Away teams attended Vulkan and an Enterprise premier party.

USS Werner Von Braun, NCC – 72069
Huntsville, AL
An away team participated in the R2 Science Outing.

USS Yamato, NCC – 71807
An away team attended a local renaissance faire.

Region 3
USS Aurora Vulcanus, NCC - 1888
Houston, TX
Crewmembers enjoyed a region outing to Johnson Space Flight Center in Houston.

USS Bexar, NCC -71718
San Antonio, TX
Crew trip to Laredo was sidelined by shuttle craft difficulties. Another away mission will be attempted next month. Crew gathered to enjoy the premier of Enterprise.

USS Comanche, NCC – 71809
Fort Worth, TX
Crewmembers eagerly anticipating a holiday party with another area chapter.

USS Devastator, NCC 10533
Paris, TX
Viewing of first two episodes of Enterprise was held at a crew members home for those who had not had a chance to see it.

SS Freedom III, NCC – SS001
Crew participating in the Operation Enduring Freedom campaign as well as creating a letter writing campaign for local servicemen that have been called up.

USS Intangible, NCC – 65421
College Station, TX
Crewmembers enjoyed a trip to NASA. Away team attended a convention at Texas A&M.

USS. Joan Of Arc, NCC-73289
Corpus Christi, TX
Crew welcomed three new members. Crew also celebrated the success of a letter writing campaign when a local TV station

became a UPN affiliate. Ship sponsored an Enterprise premier party.

USS Palo Duro, NCC-61914
Amarillo, TX
Crew members gathered to watch the premier of Enterprise.

USS Panther City, NCC – 74917
Fort Worth TX
Crewmembers participated in the monthly Dominoes night. Cadets enjoyed a Halloween party. Plans underway for Thanksgiving and Christmas events.

USS Quanah Parker, NCC-73628
Lubbock, TX
Crew participating in several fund raisers and food drives for Washington DC and NYC. Ship sponsored a garage sale as a fundraising activity. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night. Bowling followed the regular meeting.

USS Rhyanna, NCC 1892
Austin, TX
Crew enjoyed their annual trip to NASA. Collection efforts continuing for a local food bank. Crewmembers celebrated the ship’s anniversary with a Halloween party.

Shuttle Seawolf, NCC 73628/1
Houston, TX
Shuttle CO participated in a meeting held at NASA with other area ships.

USS Spirit Wolf, DN-74300
Houston, TX
An away team participated in the Region 3 annual NASA trip. Crew celebrated the ship’s third anniversary at a local restaurant.

Region 4
USS Angeles, NCC-71840
Los Angeles, CA
An away team visited the Hollywood Bowl where they enjoyed a night of sci-fi music and scenes from various sci-fi movies including, Star Trek: The Motion Picture. Crew member also celebrated the 35th anniversary of Star Trek and the premier of Voyager. They were interviewd by the local UPN affiliate. An away team participated in the annual Aids Walk and raised over \$1000.00. Ship also held its annual Halloween party.

USS Angelfire, NCC-75025
Phoenix, AZ
Crew enjoyed an Enterprise premier party. An away team helped out at a local convention. First officer attended the Western Conference.

USS Cascade Station, NCC – SS0003
Redding, CA
Coupon collection continues as does the chapters highway cleanup program. The chapter recently welcomed a family named Borg and was promptly assimilated.

USS Centurion, NCC 74801
Moreno Valley, CA
Crew enjoyed an Enterprise premier party with other local clubs. An away team attended the Western Conference.

USS Highroller, NCC-23104

Reno, NV
Crewmembers relaxing after a highly successful western conference.

USS Northern Lights, NCC 27001
San Jose CA
Crew members enjoyed a camping trip and an Enterprise premier party. Crewmembers also attended a movie night.

USS Peacekeeper, NCC 72300
Visalia, CA
Ship donated raffle funds to the September 11th relief fund. Crewmembers also participated in an Enterprise premier party. An away team attended the Western Conference.

USS Tikopai, NCC 1800
San Jose, CA
An away team attended an Enterprise premier party hosted by another local chapter. Another away team attended the “Koloth Day of Honor” at a local observatory. In addition to many Klingon activities viewing was also allowed through the observatory’s scopes. Much fun was had by all.

Region 5
Shuttlecraft Achilles, NCC-97301/1
Portland, OR
An away team attended an Enterprise premier party. Crew plans to work an upcoming convention.

USS Bright Star, NCC-71875
Redmond, WA
An away team attended the Region 1 Fall Conference, Region 5 Fall Social and the Region 7 Conference.

USS CM Russell, NCC 75285
Great Falls, MT
Away teams participated in outings to local nature spots.

USS Crusader, NCC-74711
Spokane, WA
An away team visited a local theme park thanks to a crew member with discount tickets. Ship sponsored a bake sale to raise funds for the Wishing Star Foundation.

USS Destiny, NCC-97301
Salem, OR
Small away team attended the 9th anniversary party of another chapter. An away team also attended the Western Conference. Crew members gearing up for Toys for Tots campaign.

Greywolf Station, SFR 501
Boise, ID
Crew members joined with members of another local chapter to watch the premier of Enterprise. An away team helped the CO move into a new home. An away team attended the Western Conference.

USS Jaguar, NCC-74750
Mill Creek, WA
An away team attended the Region 5 Fall Social. Another away team attended the Western Conference.

USS Kensington, NCC 75016
Meridian, ID
A quiet month for the crew as many people

are moving and changing jobs. The crew enjoy a small Enterprise party and the monthly movie night.

**USS Rubicon, NCC-71816
Richland, WA**

Ship hosted the R5 Fall Social and their 9th anniversary party.

**Shuttle Starblade, NCC - 74777
Redmond, WA**

Ship helped host the Region 5 Fall Social. Many members contributing to the 9/11 relief funds. A member who was in NYC on that day was able to go down town and help out.

**USS Starchaser, NCC - 71801
Renton, WA**

Crewmembers celebrated Halloween with a ship party.

Region 6

**USS Czar'ak, NCC 1798-A
Minneapolis, MN**

Crewmembers attended the Region 6 Summit. A small away team participated in the Lupus Walk for charity. A small away team also answered telephones at a PBS pledge drives. Members visited a haunted house for Halloween.

**USS Fox River, NCC 81002
Appleton, WI**

Crew heavily involved in plans for next years Region 6 Summit.

**USS Imperium, NCC-2125
Fargo, ND**

Crew members enjoyed a Halloween party. Plans underway to commemorate the ships 10th anniversary next year. An away team attended the Region 6 Summit.

**USS Thunderchild, NCC-3122
Rapid City, SD**

Crew members participated in the final highway pickup of the season.

Region 7

**USS Alpha Centauri, NCC 71812
Washington, DC**

Away teams visited the Maryland Renaissance Festival and enjoyed an Enterprise premier party. Crew members are collecting food for a local food bank.

**USS Arthur C. Clarke, NCC 63544
Cinnaminson, NJ**

Crew making plans to donate to Washington DC and NYC agencies. An away team attended a local Halloween parade.

**USS Asimov, NCC 1647
Yardley, PA**

Crewmembers attended the Region 7 Conference.

**USS Avenger, NCC 1860
North Brunswick, NJ**

Ship made donation to the 9/11 funds. Plans underway for several conventions and holiday parties.

**USS IDIC, NCC-71811
Washington, DC**

An away team attended the Oedipus Plays

starring Avery Brooks. Everyone enjoyed the play and felt that Mr. Brooks gave a very energetic performance. Crewmembers also gathered for lunch and Enterprise discussion.

**USS Highlander, NCC 10530
Frederick, MD**

Crewmembers collected goods and money to be donated to the Salvation Army for Washington DC and NYC victims.

**USS Justice, NCC-556
Florham Park, NJ**

Crew heavily involved in planning many upcoming events including paint ball, go kart racing and gift-wrapping.

**USS Malverne, NCC 2205
Upper Darby, PA**

Ship members helped out during the Region 7 Conference. Away teams raised money in several charity events. Crewmembers also participated in a variety of fundraising/service projects for Washington DC and NYC victims.

**USS Matrix, NCC-72296
Correspondence**

An away team attended the Region 7 conference. Role playing continues to be very popular on the gaming e-mail list. Ship preparing to launch two shuttles.

**USS Northstar, NCC-10462
New York, NY**

Away team attended the 35th annual Star Trek convention at the Hotel Pennsylvania. Recruitment efforts were highly successful. Crew preparing for a change of command in 2002.

**USS Osiris, NCC 3092
Bronx, NY**

Ship sponsored an Enterprise premier party. Crew enjoyed their annual Halloween Horror Movie Night. An away team attended the Region 7 Conference.

**USS Raven, NCC - 1162
Bedminster, NJ**

Ship deckplans are complete. An away team attended the Region 7 Conference.

**USS Sovereign, NCC 75000
Philadelphia, PA**

An away team attended a local renaissance festival. Plans already underway for next year's Shore Leave. Crew collecting items for an upcoming charity raffle.

**USS Starlord, NCC - 74225
Aberdeen, NJ**

CO sponsored several events including a gaming/paintball event and a Halloween Party. Crewmembers also enjoyed a barbecue.

**USS Sun Tzu, NCC 5373
Chester, NY**

Members attended a Halloween party and a local convention.

**USS Thor, NCC-2549-A
Parkton, MD**

An away team will be traveling to R1 to work a convention there.

**USS Triton, NCC 71819
Glen Burnie, MD**

An away team attended the Maryland Renaissance Faire. Crew members also enjoyed a Halloween party featuring a live action Star Trek version of Clue.

Region 9

**USS Saga, NCC-71202
Reykjavik, Iceland**

Crew members attended an Enterprise Premier party.

Region 10

**USS Astra, NCC 77210
Calgary, AB**

Crew welcomed a new executive officer.

**USS Crystal Star, NCC 1160
Anchorage, AK**

Crew enjoyed an Enterprise premier party at the home of the CO. OCP collections continue.

Region 12

**USS Adjudicator, NCC-73707
Kansas City, MO**

Crew busy planning Halloween events and next year's anniversary party. An away team attended the anniversary party of another area chapter.

**USS Arlington, NCC-2375
Glasgow, MO**

Crewmembers planning for the Region 12 Holiday Party.

**USS Black Hawk, NCC-75004
Rockford, IL**

Ship held a Recruiting Day at a local park. Three new members joined. CO answered a distress call issued by another ship and helped out at a local convention. Ship opened a CafePress store.

**USS BortaS, NCC-74211
Urbana, IL**

Crew planning a chili dinner to raise funds for the American Red Cross.

**USS Celt, NCC-75018
Fayetteville, AR**

Crew enjoyed an Enterprise premier party at a local pizzeria. Event also raised fund for various charities. An away team attended a local renaissance faire.

**USS Concord, NCC-1989-D
Oklahoma City, OK**

Crewmembers enjoyed an Enterprise premier party and attended a local convention. Crew also donated school supplies to a mission in Uganda.

**USS Cydonia, NCC-74687
St. Louis, MO**

Ship enjoyed their fifth annual awards dinner. Ship also sponsored an Enterprise premier party. Crewmembers of the Cydonia also enjoyed a Halloween Party that was also a fundraiser for a local children's home.

**USS Delta Clipper, NCC - 72302
Atchison, KS**

Flea market was held to raise money for a local shelter. Crewmembers celebrated Halloween with a party. Crew is also planning many holiday events.

**USS Discovery, NCC-1308
St Louis, MO**

Crewmembers held a movie marathon to celebrate the thirty-fifth anniversary of Star Trek. Crew also enjoyed an Enterprise premier party. An away team attended a sci-fi film festival at the St. Louis Science Center.

**USS Earhart, NCC-26199
Humboldt, KS**

Crew hard at work planning a float for this years Christmas parade. Ship mailed coupons to its adopted military base in Germany.

**USS Flying Fortress, NCC-31904
Tulsa, OK**

Crew recycling efforts continue. An away team attended a local Oktoberfest.

**USS Hellfire and Brimstone, NCC-3143
Emporia, KS**

Crew busy working on chapter bylaws, promotion policy and awards program.

**USS Hexum, NCC-2199
Belleville, IL**

Crew members participating in a number of fundraising-service activities including raising money for Washington DC and NYC. Ship participated in a shared recruitment table at a local convention. Crewmembers provided sandwiches to a local food bank.

**USS John "Doc" Holliday, NCC - 61815
Wichita, KS**

Away teams participated in several neighborhood cleanups. Crew preparing for their fifth anniversary. An away team participated in the "Night of the Living Zoo" at the area zoo.

**USS Horizon, NCC 1000-B
Columbia, MO**

An away team attended the Kansas Renaissance Faire. Crewmembers also enjoyed an Enterprise premier party.

**USS Jeannette Maddox, NCC-14514
Wichita, KS**

Away teams participated in the Zoobile and the Teddy Bear Picnic. Crewmembers celebrated the ships anniversary.

**USS Marko Ramius, NCC-23103
Fayetteville, AR**

Crewmembers attended an Enterprise premier party. Crew preparing annual Thanksgiving packages. This year two needy families will be provided with a complete Thanksgiving dinner.

**USS Morning Star, NCC-4126
Lawton OK**

Crew recycling efforts continue. Crew members participated "Mall-o-ween" at a local mall. Crew donated goods and funds to many area shelters.

**USS Mystique, NCC-58929
Russellville, AR**

Recycling efforts continue. Crew is working on a "surprise" for the RC R12 at the R12 Summit.

**USS Nomad, NCC-78500
Leavenworth, KS**

Crew raising funds for the 9/11 funds.

**USS Phoenix, NCC-2155
Columbia, MO**

Ship sponsored a highly successful recruitment drive.

USS Sequoyah, NCC – 2043

Away team attended the Kansas Sector Enterprise premier party. Members donated time and blood to the American Red Cross following the tragedies of 09/11/01.

**USS Tiospaye, NCC 4102
Urbana, IL**

Crew members a monthly movie night and an Enterprise premier party. An away team attended anniversary party of another local chapter.

**USS Traveler, NCC 3145
Emporia, KS**

Crew is planning a movie marathon fundraiser with all proceeds going to victim relief funds in Washington DC and New York City

**USS Witchfire, NCC-75006
Harrison, AR**

Crew members working on various charity fundraisers including production of Tarot Cards created by the crew.

Region 13

**USS Banting, NCC 17220
Guelph, ON**

Crewmembers participated in annual

Barbecue bash. Ship also sponsored an Enterprise premiere party. Away team attended a charity car wash sponsored by a local fan club. Crewmembers raked leaves at a woman's shelter.

**USS Empress, NCC-15025-A
Sterling Heights, MI**

Built and donated a computer to an area single mother in an ongoing service activity.

**Shuttle Hadfield, NCC – 71012/01
Georgetown ON**

Away team participated in the Region 13 camping trip. Crew members also enjoyed an Enterprise premier party.

**USS Valkyrie, NCC-74658
Dearborn, MI**

Crewmembers enjoyed a campout at Pt. Burwell Ontario. Away teams also attended a local renaissance faire and several area conventions.

**USS White Star, NCC 71012
Port Huron, MI**

The White Star crew is deep in plans for their third anniversary dinner and a bowl-a-thon. Ship celebrated her third anniversary.

Region 15

USS Anubis, NCC 586

Ship finalizing plans for United Fan Con. Ship also approved tee shirt design.

USS Ares, NCC-26291

Boston, MA

Ship celebrated their anniversary. An away team attended King Richard's Faire.

**USS Atlantis, NCC-71803
Brockton, MA**

Ship sponsored a Halloween party with another regional chapter. Ships from all over the area attended.

**USS Darwin, NCC 1166
Brockton, MA**

An away team attended the wedding of a couple from another local chapter. Plans underway for the next charity yard sale.

**USS Hood, NCC 1707
Nashua, NH**

An away team attended King Richard's Faire.

**USS O'Bannon, NCC-5372
Sanford, ME**

An away team attended the 35th Star Trek Anniversary Convention in Las Vegas. An away team also attended King Richard's Faire in Massachusetts. An Enterprise premier meatball party was held with fun and meatballs had by all. Several recruitment drives were held. An away team attended the regional Halloween party.

**USS Omar Khyyam, NCC 79001
Watertown, MA**

Away team attended R15 day at King Richard's Faire and enjoyed dinner afterwards.

USS Tsunami, NCC 5374

Manchester, NH

An away team attended a region event at King Richard's Faire. Crew also celebrated the marriage of two of their own.

Region 17

USS Anasazi, NCC 62001

Crew raised over \$1300.00 for victim relief in Washington DC and New York City. Crew also enjoyed the premier of Enterprise. Crewmembers set up a Toys For Tots collection point.

**USS Arc Royal, NCC 63546
Colorado Springs, CO**

Crew enjoyed several Dungeons & Dragons gaming nights. An away team attended the Western Conference.

**USS Mir, NCC-73281
Las Cruces, NM**

An away team participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Over \$700.00 was raised for cancer research. Crew also enjoyed a movie night and a Halloween party.

**USS Stormbringer, NCC 74213
Denver, CO**

Crewmembers are working with other area chapters to raise money for the September 11th fund. Crew also making plans to bid on DinkyCon2000. Crew members working hard on PR for IC 2002 in San Jose.

IN MEMORIAM: USS PREVAILING WIND MEMBER HONORED AND REMEMBERED

By Fleet Captain David Pfeifer and the Crews of the USS Prevailing Wind and USS Challenger • STARFLEET Region 7

Recently Fleet Captain Betty Flyzik, a dear and honorable member of STARFLEET International and the USS Prevailing Wind has passed away. Betty was a kind and gentle woman yet steadfast when striving to achieve her goals, and a woman who earned a remarkable amount of respect from anyone who knew her.

She had a stable of horses which she truly adored and kept after as though an extension of her family. She truly represented the best of what STARFLEET and fandom is all about, always looking to help people, and looking to understand and make better any situation that would come up. She enjoyed having people come together and never forgot just how special each individual is; she genuinely loved her crew(s).

Her STARFLEET history included service with the USS Ascension, helping to organize and build the Harrisburg Area Landing Party (HALPAT) and, after tenaciously

surviving two membership splits due to heated differences, helped put together the USS Prevailing Wind which launched on January 10, 1996. In February of 1996 Betty was named the CO for the newly founded ship and maintained that position until February 1997. A short time later, November 1997 the USS Prevailing Wind split (this is the third split Betty would have to face) and she returned once again to the center chair as CO.

In January 1999, Betty turned the ship over to the Command of then Captain David Peifer so that she could head out to Brigantine, New Jersey to live with her daughter, granddaughter, and great grandson. This was her home up until quite recently. She would be happy to know that the USS Prevailing Wind is still standing strong today, now under the Command of Captain Mort Smith. Her (The Ship) Motto still echoes through it's walls: "We shall overcome- Upward and Onward" And with this in mind, it is my understanding that Betty was put to rest with her pips; she had said I earned them, I'm taking them with me.

The following was read at Betty's funeral

service at her request:

*Do not stand by my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow;
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain;
I am the gentle autumn's rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight
I am the soft star that shines at night
Do not stand at my grave and cry.
I am not there; I did not die.*

Here are some thoughts of remembrance from those who knew Betty:

"...Betty was a kind, warm and gentle person. She was loyal to her friends and to STARFLEET and Challenger was her second home. Her first of course was the USS Prevailing Wind, the chapter she led for several years." Vice Admiral Bob Vosseller, CO USS Challenger

"Before meeting Betty I would never have imagined meeting a fraction of the science fiction people that I have met. Betty was a warm and loving person, I truly believe

the leadership skills she cultivated in me have helped with my work experience. She always made things fun and kept everyone involved. Fleet Captain David Peifer, SFA: CAHC Director

Betty was born March 22, 1924 in Indianapolis, Indiana. She was married three times and had 6 kids, with 11 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandson.

She finally entered into rest October 20, 2001 in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. Funeral Services were held at Zimmerman - Auer Funeral Home October 23, 2001 at 8:00PM. Her interment is located at Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The officiant was Reverend William C. Butts.

In closing I would like to use the words of Bob Vosseller; "She was a very special lady and she will be missed. We wish her peace as she ascends to the undiscovered country."



STARFLEET ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2001

COMPILED BY ADMIRAL ALLYSON M. W. DYAR

NOVEMBER 2001

2001.11.28: Rear Admiral Ed Nowlin, Regional Coordinator, Region 4, (capt_ed@shasta.com), announces that he has received messages concerning a Western Conference next spring in 2002. For the record, Region 4 nor himself have not been informed of any such event, nor do they have plans to participate since our belief is that the Western Conference planned in conjunction with Region 5 and 17 is for folks who cannot afford or choose not to attend a IC, and since Region 4 is hosting the IC in 2002, they cannot be devoting resources to two major events. He is working out with the RC's of Region 5 and 17 arrangements to accept bids for the 2003 STARFLEET Western Conference so that each region will have an opportunity to host what has evolved into a very popular event.

2001.11.25: LGen Michael W. Malotte, Vice Commander, STARFLEET, (vcs@sfi.org), announces that the latest change is that the Fleet Division Chief Program is now known as the Fleet Division Program. The reason for this change is simple. This program is about the resources we offer to Fleet's divisions, such as Communications officers, Medical officers, etc. The emphasis is now on the information available to each division rather than the Division Chiefs, themselves. They are working to be the one-stop resource for you, the members, to contact for ideas, information and up-to-the-minute practices of others within your areas of interest. For questions or more information, contact Colonel Matt Copple at (fdp@sfi.org).

2001.11.23: Admiral Marlene J. Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy, (marlene@cboss.com), announces that Lt Col ke'debwov-vestai-VESKA (Captain Deb Kern), Klingon Warrior Academy (KWA) Director has had several hard disk failures as well as several computer virus attacks. She is redoing the certificates and letters to the student's CO as well as having graded all current work. She should have everything out to current students ASAP. STARFLEET Academy Website: (www.sfi-sfa.com).

2001.11.20: LTC Sean Niemeyer, SFMC Webmaster, (webmaster@sfi-sfmc.org), announces that the SUPCOM site has been redone and updated. To access the

SUPCOM site go to (<http://supcom.sfi-sfmc.org>) or for the mirror (<http://supcom.griffyn.com>).

2001.11.20: BGR Dennis Rayburn, FDC-Chaplains/Counselors, STARFLEET & Chaplain of the Corps, SFMC, (stoncold@wk.net), announces the appointment of Jimmy Whatley as Morale Officer.

2001.11.19: Fleet Mike Wilkerson, SFI.ORG Webmaster, (cptmike@cptmike.com), announces the premier of the new recently completed and refined SFI.org main page at: (<http://www.sfi.org>).

2001.11.14: Commodore Richard L. Trulson, Region 2 Chief of Computer Operations, (R2CompOps@OmniFacets.com), announces that he had just received a notice from his web hosting service that they are physically moving the machines that host his web domain, omnifacets.com. Therefore, the Region 2 web site, any vanity domain addresses will be not be available on November 21 from 10pm EST through November 22, at 10am EST. Any e-mail sent to r2compops@omnifacets.com during that time may bounce back with a temporary failure notice. Should OmniFacets.com be unavailable longer than the scheduled downtime, he will continue to maintain the mirror site: (<http://home.hiwaay.net/~richlt/region2/>).

2001.11.06: LGen Scott A. Akers, (chunone@nwlink.com), Director Office of Fleet Historian, announces that the Official STARFLEET History Website, Version 4.0, is now up! Thanks to the SFI Template Technology developed by Fleet Captain Mike Wilkerson, the History site now has more of that STARFLEET 'feel'. Also updates included are in the Rickard Administration, Glossary, Bibliography, oh well, just about everything has changed. However you can still get the same great information about your favorite fan association that made it the winner of the 2001 STARFLEET Information Website of the Year! And don't forget the SFI Historian's Store as a link to the goodies is on the bottom of each page. The site can still be access at: (<http://www.ussblackhawk.com/SFIHistory/>).

2001.11.04: FCapt. Richard Heim, CO, USS Alaric NCC-503, (alarich@sprynet.com), announces Alaricon, a mini-convention celebrating the newest Star Trek series, Enterprise, and the 20th anniversary of the

USS Alaric. Alaricon will be held March 22-24, 2002 at the Holiday Inn Express hotel in Asheville, NC. Details can be found at the Alaricon info web page: (<http://www.ussalaric.org/alaricon.html>).

2001.11.02: LGen Scott A. Akers, (chunone@nwlink.com), Director Office of Fleet Historian, announces the availability of the Historian's CD-ROM for mail delivery. Costs will be \$8.00 and proceeds will go to help defray the costs of the materials and the Historian's website, at (<http://www.sfi.org/html/historian.html>).

2001.11.01: Adm Brad Pense, Commander, Third Fleet, (www.region3.com), announces the formation of a mailing list for those 'fleet members interested in discussing the new series, Enterprise. To subscribe, send a message to: (majordomo@region3.com) and in the body, put: subscribe first-list YourEmailAddress.

2001.11.01: LGen Scott A. Akers, (chunone@nwlink.com), Director Office of Fleet Historian, answers the questions in regards whether or not the Office of Fleet Historian will rebuild in an electronic format, those CQs before #79. The answer is yes. Historian's Web Site: (<http://www.sfi.org/html/historian.html>).

OCTOBER 2001

2001.10.27: Brigadier General Robert J. Jackson, SFMC, Inspector General, STARFLEET, (ig@sfi.org), announces the appointment of Fleet Captain Donald R. Burke as Assistant Inspector General, Region 07.

2001.10.27: Fleet Mike Wilkerson, SFI.ORG Webmaster, (cptmike@cptmike.com), announces the Website Templates completed, providing chapters, organizations, and more with the ability to have a great looking professionally designed website of their very own. With 8 different templates available, providing you with a varying set of looks and feels, the STARFLEET Website Templates are easy to use, and waiting for you to check them out! They've taken looks from "way back when" which we call the "Old School STARFLEET" template, all the way up to templates utilizing the current look of STARFLEET's www.sfi.org, and everything in-between: (<http://sfi.ussatlas.org/templates/>).

2001.10.26: Captain Dixie Jack, Vice Chief Communications - Publications, (gibbie@sillypuppies.com), announces that the Office of Graphic Design is back in business under the auspices of Lauren Milan of the USS Avenger, Chris Allen of the USS Thagard, Jonathon Simmons of the USS Stormbringer and Joseph Horton of the USS Sovereign. If you have any request of the graphics team please send an e-mail to (graphics@sfi.org).

2001.10.24: Brigadier Dennis Rayburn, FDC-Chaplains/Counselors, STARFLEET and Chaplain of the Corps, SFMC, (stoncold@wk.net) announces that he is currently working on having logos designed for the Chaplains, for the FDC department, and for the Chaplain of the Corps. He wants to know, besides Christianity, Judaism, and Wicca, what faiths are represented in STARFLEET, and what is a symbol of that faith that would clearly represent it, like the cross does Christianity, the Star of David does for Judaism, etc.

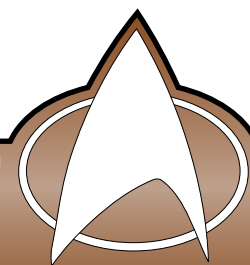
2001.10.20: Fleet Captain Carl Lewis, STARFLEET Liaison to the OCP, (Carl_Lewis@bigfoot.com), announces that any Overseas Coupon Program mail should be sent to (Carl_Lewis@bigfoot.com).

2001.10.19: Rear Admiral Greg Trotter, Chief of Communications, (comm@sfi.org), announces that Command Status Report will cease publication and the EC and Dwain Gleason, the CSR editor, concurred. Those of you who have read the CSR have probably noticed little content that cannot be seen in the Communiqué or on the STARFLEET Announcements list.

2001.10.17: VADM Sherry Anne Newell, Dean, SFA Institute of Arts, announces that she no longer has email access. Please consult the message for ways to contact her.

2001.10.15: Major Joseph N. Brouhard, (jbrouhard@kcosc.com), announces that his contract with CommuniTech.net expires on the 17th. If things don't get moved over before the 17th, services get terminated. This will affect FORCECOM, Shuttle Magellan, DOG Web will be going offline. DOGWeb will probably stay offline until the new domain is set up.

2001.10.12: VAdm. Mark A. Vinson, Chief of Operations, STARFLEET, (ops@sfi.org), details the Chapter Assistance Program (CAP).



UPCOMING CONVENTIONS

COMPILED BY CORPORAL CAPTAIN BLAIR LEARN

When calling for information about a convention, don't call collect and don't call too late in the evening (many organizers list their home phone numbers). When writing for information, it's a good idea to include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Always check with the convention promoter for the most up-to-date information.

If you know of a convention that isn't listed, please tell me. Please send the convention's name, dates, location, and contact information to:

Blair Learn
11604 King's Arrow CT
Germantown, MD 20876

or to **Conventions@NetworkBoy.com**. Please allow a minimum of three months time between your submission and the convention's date.

Alabama

Jun 14-16 DeepSouthCon 40, Huntsville, Alabama; Info: PO Box 4857, Huntsville, AL 35815-4857 Ph: 256-883-4493 <http://www.con-stellation.org/dsc40/> dsc40@con-stellation.org Guests: Allen Steele, Connie Willis, Bob Eggleton, Nicki & Rich Lynch

Arkansas

May 17-19 Roc*Kon, Little Rock, Arkansas; Info: 6115 West Markham, Suite 9H, Little Rock, AR 72205 <http://www.rockon.org/> admin@rockon.org Guests: Jennifer Roberson, Jeff Dee, David Lee Anderson, Michael Curtis, Carole Curtis, James R. Barnes, William R. Eakin, Phillip Ellis Jackson, Emma Keigh, Carolyn Marie Kephart, Richard A. Knaak, Stephen LaFevers, Lee Martindale, Terry McGarry, Richard Parks, Darcy Pattison, Selina Rosen, Mark Shepherd, William Mark Simmons, Elizabeth Singleton, Laura J. Underwood, K. D. Wentworth

California

Jan 19-20 Celebrity Autograph Collector's show, Hollywood, California; Info: PO Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611

Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/hcs@atlantic.net>

Jan 24-27 Further Confusion, San Mateo, California; Info: PMB #236, 105 Serra Way, Milpitas, CA 95035 <http://www.furtherconfusion.org/>

Feb 9-10 Creation, Sacramento, California; Info: 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com> Guests: Virginia Hey, Grace Lee Whitney, Dominic Keating, Celeste Yarnall, France Nuyen, Barbara Luna, Scott Macdonald

Feb 15-17 Creation, Pasadena, California; Info: 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com> Guests: Ted Raimi, Claire Stansfield, Alexandra Tydings, Tim Omundson, Danielle Cormack, Kevin Smith

Feb 15-18 Gallifrey, Los Angeles, California; Info: PO Box 3021, North Hollywood, CA 91609 Ph: 818-752-3756 <http://www.gallifreyone.com/info@gallifreyone.com> Guests: Nicola Bryant, Carole Ann Ford, Frazer Hines, Gary Russell, Jason Haigh-Ellery, Maggie Stables, Sarah Mowat, Dan Freedman, Nev Fountain, Judson Scott, Richard Lynch, Bob May, Andras Jones, Julie Caitlin Brown, Beata Pozniak, Tucker Smallwood, Celeste Yarnall, Keith Barnfather, Bill Baggs, Arnold T. Blumberg, Nicholas Briggs, Paul Cornell, Kelly Hale, Clayton Hickman, Craig Hinton, Jon deBurgh Miller, Lance Parkin, Lars Pearson, Dave Stone, Keith Topping, Nick Walters, Mark Wright, Stephen Austin, Mark Altman, Bill Blair, Jeff Cioletti, Lisa Getto, Gary Gillatt, Keith Hartman, Mojo, Iona Morris, Jill Sherwin

Feb 22-24 ConDor IX, San Diego, California; Info: P.O. Box 15771, San Diego, CA 92175-5771 <http://members.home.net/dkeais/condor/dkeais@home.com>

Mar 1-3 Consonance, Milpitas, California; Info: 6167 Jarvis Ave #174, Newark CA 94560-1210 <http://www.consonance.org/>

Guests: Tom Smith, Jordin Kare, Sherman Dorn

Mar 22-24 Creation, Pasadena, California; Info: 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com> Guests: Patrick Stewart, William Shatner, Kate Mulgrew, Jonathon Frakes, Gate McFadden, Brannon Braga, Roxann Dawson, Jennifer Hetrick, Jonathon del Arco, Scarlett Pomers, Linda Park, Lee Meriweather, Joanne Linville

Apr 6-7 Creation, San Francisco, California; Info: 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com>

Apr 6-7 Celebrity Autograph Collector's show, Hollywood, California; Info: PO Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/hcs@atlantic.net>

Apr 26-28 FanimeCon, Santa Clara, California; Info: PO Box 8068, San Jose, CA 95155-8068 <http://www.fanime.com/> Guests: Hiroyuki Yamaga, Takami Akai

Jun 29-30 Celebrity Autograph Collector's show, Hollywood, California; Info: PO Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/hcs@atlantic.net>

Jul 4-7 Westercon 55, Los Angeles, California; Info: c/o SCIFI, Inc, P.O. Box 8442, Van Nuys, CA 91409 <http://www.westercon.org/55/bep@socal.rr.com> Guests: Harry Turtledove, Beth Meacham, Ross Chamberlain, Robert Lichtman

Aug 1-4 STARFLEET International Conference 2002, San Jose, California; Info: P.O. Box 4394, Visalia, CA 93278-4394 <http://www.ic2002.org/infotech@ic2002.org>

Colorado

Apr 19-21 Starfest, Denver, Colorado; Info: PO Box 24955, Denver, CO 80224-0955 Ph: 303-757-5850 <http://www.starland.com/starland@starland.com> Guests: Dave

McDonnell, Christie Golden, Kevin Atkins

Florida

Feb 22-24 MegaCon, Orlando, Florida; Info: 4023 Tampa Rd. Suite 2400, Oldsmar, FL 34677 Ph: 813-891-1702 <http://www.megaconvention.com/info@megaconvention.com> Guests: Kevin Smith, June Lockhart, David Prowse, Michonne Bourriague, Paul Blake, Kenny Baker, Jeanette Goldstein, Mark Rolston, Erin Gray, Richard Biggs, Jason Carter, Eugene Roddenberry Jr, Arne Starr, Virginia Hey, Andy Hallett

Mar 22-24 Vulkan, Orlando, Florida; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkan.com/joemotes@aol.com> Guests: Barry Morse

May 24-26 Oasis, Orlando, Florida; Info: P.O. Box 940992, Maitland, FL 32794 Ph: 407-263-5822 <http://oasfis.org/oasis14.html> oasfis@sff.net Guests: Ben Bova, Mike Conrad, Michael Longcor, Jack Haldeman II, Barbara Delaplace, James P. Hogan, Jack McDevitt, Richard Lee Byers, Charles Fontenay, Linda Evans, Diana Gallagher, Peter Telep, Adam-Troy Castro, Will Ludwigsen, Matt DiPalma, Jean Pierre Targete, Ed Cox, John Stevens, Stan Morrison, Mary Hanson-Roberts, Steve Parady, Ed Wysocki, Frank Dowler, Jeff Mitchell, Rick Wilber

Jul 19-21 Vulkan, Tampa, Florida; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkan.com/joemotes@aol.com> Guests: Jonathan Frakes

Georgia

Feb 8-10 Gamefest -- Athens, Athens, Georgia; Info: P.O. Box 718, Antwerp, OH 45813 Ph: 877-977-4263 <http://www.advantageconvention.com/gamefest@advantageconvention.com>

Mar 8-10 STARFLEET Region 2 Conference, Columbus, Georgia; Info: 7314 Daisy Street, Columbus GA 31904-2606 region2rc@aol.com

Mar 8-10 STARFLEET Region 2 Summit,

Columbus, Georgia; Info: 1105 Oak Creek Trail, Birmingham AL 35215 <http://www.region2.sfi.org/Region2RC@aol.com>

Mar 8-10 STARFLEET Region 2 Summit, Columbus, Georgia; Info: 1635 Bright Leaf Rd., Pfafftown, NC 27040 <http://www.R1Summit2001.iwarp.com/RAdmFell@aol.com>

Mar 28-31 Fantasm, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: 67 Gail Drive, Athens, GA 30606 Ph: 706-369-1561 <http://www.fantasm.org/info@fantasm.org>

May 24-26 Vulkan, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkan.com/joemotes@aol.com> Guests: Barry Morse

Illinois

Jan 19-20 Creation, Chicago, Illinois; Info: 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com>

Feb 7-10 Capricon 22, Arlington Park, Illinois; Info: PO Box 60085, Chicago, IL 60660 <http://www.capricon.org/info@capricon.org> Guests: James Ernest, Kaja Foglio, Dr. Demento

Apr 11-14 World Horror Convention 2002, Chicago, Illinois; Info: PO Box 1582, North Riverside, IL 60546 <http://www.whc2002.org/rich@whc2002.org> Guests: Gene Wolfe, Gahan Wilson, Neil Gaiman, Randy Broeker, Jo Fletcher, Beth Gwinn, Melissa Ann Singer, Liz Mandville Greeson, Jill Thompson, Patricia Tallman, Rich Koz, Brian A. Hopkins, Yvonne Navarro, Karen Taylor, Steve Beai, Alan Beatts, Jay Bonansinga, Mort Castle, Steven Lee Climer, Edward DeGeorge, Andrea Dubnick, Bill Gagliani, Jerry Gilio, Michael Huyck, Tina Jens, Kelly Laymon, Martin Mundt, Weston Ochse, Judi Rohrig, Wayne Allen Sallee, Larry Santoro, John Weagly, Robert Weinberg

Kansas

Apr 5-7 Slanted Fedora, Overland Park, Kansas; Info: 11916 W. 109th Street, Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Ph: 913-327-8735 <http://www.sfedora.com/SFedora5@aol.com>

Apr 25-28 ThunderCon, Olathe, Kansas; Info: PO Box 7457, Kansas City, MO 64116-0157 Ph: 816-455-5020 <http://www.rpgkc.org/Thunder/ThunCon02.htm> RPGKC@aol.com

Louisiana

Apr 12-14 Sci-Fi Expo & Toy Show, Bossier City, Louisiana; Info: PO Box 941111, Plano Tx 75094-1111 Ph: 972-578-0213 <http://www.scifiexpo.com/scifiexpo@aol.com>

Jul 12-14 Sci-Fi Expo & Toy Show, Bossier City, Louisiana; Info: PO Box 941111, Plano Tx 75094-1111 Ph: 972-578-0213 <http://www.scifiexpo.com/scifiexpo@aol.com>

Maryland

Feb 15-17 Katsucon, Baltimore, Maryland; Info: P.O. Box 222691, Chantilly, VA 20153-2691 <http://www.katsucon.com/katsucon@katsucon.com> Guests: Noboru Ishiguro, Steve Bennett, Kevin Bennett, Austell Callwood, Colleen Doran, Newton Ewell, Scott Fraizer, Steve Pearl, Mark Rogers, John Walltrip, Jason Walltrip

Feb 15-17 Farpoint, Hunt Valley, Maryland; Info: 6099 Hunt Club Road, Elkridge, MD 2107 Ph: 410-579-1257 <http://www.bcpl.net/~wilsonr/trekcontact@home.com> Guests: George Takei, Philip Anglim, Robin Curtis, Marc Okrand, Bob Greenberger, Howard Weinstein, Dr. Yoji Kondo, Inge Heyer

Mar 1-3 JohnCon, Baltimore, Maryland; Info: c/o SAC, Johns Hopkins University, 3400 North Charles St, Baltimore MD 21218 <http://come.to/JohnCon/JohnCon@jhu.edu>

May 24-27 Balticon 36, Baltimore, Maryland; Info: P.O. Box 686, Baltimore MD 21203-0686 Ph: 410-563-2737 <http://www.balticon.org/bfsf@balticon.org> Guests: Phil Foglio, Kaja Foglio, Mark Rogers, The Boogie Knights, Carol Salemi, Syne Mitchell

Jul 12-14 Shore Leave 24, Hunt Valley, Maryland; Info: P.O. Box 6809, Towson, MD 21285-6809 Ph: 410-496-4456 <http://www.shore-leave.com/information@shore-leave.com> Guests: Actors! Writers! Scientists!

Massachusetts

Jan 18-20 Arisia 02, Boston, Massachusetts; Info: 1 Kendall Square, PMB 322, Building 600, Cambridge, MA 02139 <http://www.arisia.org/info@arisia.org> Guests: Katherine Kurtz, Tristan Alexander, Eugene Heller

Jan 25-27 VeriCon, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Info: Harvard-Radcliffe Science Fiction Association, c/o 4 University Hall, Harvard College, Cambridge, MA 02138 <http://www.vericon.org/twlim@fas.harvard.edu> Guests: Esther Friesner, Donald Maass, Terry Moore, Stephen Mulholland, Susan Schwartz, Julie Czerneda, Melissa Scott, Jeanne Cavellos, David Hartwell, Jeremiah Genest

Feb 15-17 Boskone, Framingham, Massachusetts; Info: PO Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701-0809 <http://www.nesfa.org/boskone/boskone@nesfa.org> Guests: Neil Gaiman, Stephen Hickman, Marv Wolfman, Tom Holt

May 17-19 The Black Road, Marlborough, Massachusetts; Info: 12 Dodge Street, Wynantskill, NY 12198 <http://www.theblackroad.org/info@theblackroad.org>

Jul 12-14 Readercon, Burlington, Massachusetts; Info: PO Box 38-1246, Cambridge MA 02238-1246 <http://www.readercon.org/info@readercon.org> Guests: Octavia E. Butler, Gwyneth Jones

Michigan

Feb 18-20 ConFusion 2002, Warren, Michigan; Info: PO Box 8284, Ann Arbor, MI 48107 <http://www.stilyagi.org/cons/confusion.html> confusion@stilyagi.org Guests: George R.R. Martin, Pete Abrams, Guy Consolmagno, SJ, PhD

Minnesota

Jan 25-27 Supercon, Rochester, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 14355, Dinkytown Station, Minneapolis, MN 55414-0355 <http://come.to/supercon/supercon@iname.com>

Mar 11-3 Marscon, Bloomington, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 600458, St. Paul, MN 55106 Ph: 612-724-0687 <http://marscon.org/2002info@MarsCon.org> Guests: Lyda Morehouse, John Levene, Peter Woodward, Robin Wood

Mar 29-31 Minicon, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 8297, Lake Street Station Minneapolis, MN 55408 <http://www.mnstf.org/minicon35/request@minicon.mnstf.org> Guests: Emma Bull, Will Shetterly, Rick Berry

Missouri

Feb 22-24 Con Petrol, Kansas City, Missouri; Info: 2541 Summerchase Avenue, Rosamond, CA 93560 Ph: 661-256-3415 <http://www.sff.net/people/sfreader/czarkon.htm> takki2takki@earthlink.net Guests: William Warren, Joy Warren, Keith W. Stokes, Carol Doms, Dennis Doms, Barb VanTilburg, Ross Hathaway

Feb 22-24 Visioncon 2002, Springfield, Missouri; Info: PO Box 1415, Springfield, MO 65801-1415 Ph: 417-886-7219 <http://www.visioncon.net/> Email: junior@visioncon.net Guests: Bill Blair, Peter Bradley, Mary Capps, Fredd Gorham, Randall Moore, Kristy Murdaugh, Leni Parker, Bradley H. Sinor, Sue Sinor, Ronnie Sorter, Jack Stauffer, David Winning, Jacy Sinclair Benefits: Family Violence Center

Apr 11-14 World Horror Convention 2003, Kansas City, Missouri; Info: PO Box 2000, Lee's Summit, MO 64081 <http://www.whc2003.org/> Email: d_r_willis@yahoo.com Guests: Graham Masterson, Don D'Auria, Laurell K. Hamilton, Nick Smith

Nebraska

Apr 5-7 Willycon, Wayne, Nebraska; Info: Wayne State College SF & Fantasy Club, c/o Conn Library, Wayne, NE 68787 <http://www.wsc.edu/student/activities/clubs/sfclub/willycon/> scifict@wsc.edu Guests: James P. Hogan, Terese Nielsen

New York

Jan 25-27 Genericon, Troy, New York; Info: c/o Rensselaer Student Union, Attn: Cameron McLean, 110 8th Street, Troy, New York 12180 <http://www.genericon.org/committee@genericon.org> Guests: Barbara Manui, Chris Adams, Don Ross, Jonathan Rosenberg, Mike Rosenzweig, Jamie Robertson, Josh Phillips, Amy Howard Wilson

Mar 15-17 Lunacon, Rye Brook, New York; Info: PO Box 3566, New York, NY 10008-2566 <http://www.lunacon.org/lunacon@lunacon.org> Guests: Alan Dean Foster, James Gurney, Peter F. Hamilton, Roberta Rogow

Mar 16-17 Creation, Manhattan, New York; Info: 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com>

Apr 19-21 I-Con, Stony Brook, New York; Info: PO Box 550, Stony Brook, NY 11790-0550 Ph: 631-632-6045 <http://www.iconsf.org/info@iconsf.org> Guests: Frank Hayes

Apr 19-21 EerieCon 4, Niagara Falls, New York; Info: PO Box 412, Buffalo, NY 14226 <http://www.eeriecon.org/info@eeriecon.org> Guests: Octavia Butler, Darrell Schweitzer, Heather Bruton

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Jan 25-27 Slanted Fedora, Durham, North Carolina; 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, Walter Koenig, George Takei, Roxann Dawson, Robert Duncan McNeill, Robert Picardo, Ethan Phillips, Claudia Christian, Bob Krimmer, Alexandra Tydings

Mar 1-3 Duracon, Durham, North Carolina; Info: 1006 Queensbury Circle, Durham, NC 27713 <http://www.angelfire.com/rpg/duracon/> kwinz@nc.rr.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

Mar 22-24 Alaricon, Asheville, North Carolina; Info: P.O. Box 2072, Asheville, NC 28802 <http://www.ussalaric.org/alaricon.html> AlaricRH@sprynet.com

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Mar 22-24 Millennicon, Kings Island, Ohio; Info: 143 Schloss Ln., Dayton, OH 45418 Ph: 513-659-2258 <http://www.millennicon.org/millennicon@mvfl.org> Guests: Maureen McHugh

Apr 5-7 Frightvision, Cleveland, Ohio; Info: PO Box 547 Ravenna, OH 44266 Ph: 330-297-5441 <http://www.frightvision.com/FrightVisionInfo@aol.com> Guests: Dick Warlock, Billy Warlock, Lance Warlock, George Wilbur, Don Shanks, Tom Morga, Chris Durand, Pamela Susan Shoop, David Carradine, Ben Chapman, Felix Silla, Kenny Miller, Ted Bohus, Linnea Quigley, Cynthia Rothrock, Douglas Clegg, Tom Filsinger, Damien Glonek, Ed Long

Apr 27-28 Vulkan, Cleveland, Ohio; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkan.com/joemotes@aol.com>

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May 24-26 Marcon 37, Columbus, Ohio; Info: P O Box 141414, Columbus, OH 43214 Ph: 614-470-5448 <http://www.marcon.org/> info@marcon.org Guests: Dr Demento

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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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Jul 12-14 Anthrocon, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Info: PO Box 270, Devault, PA 19432-0270 <http://www.anthrocon.org/> anthrocon@anthrocon.org Guests: Lissanne Norman, Heather Bruton

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Jan 18-20 Chattacon XXVII, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Info: PO Box 23908, Chattanooga TN 37422-3908 Ph: 770-578-8461 <http://www.chattacon.org/> info@chattacon.org Guests: Melanie Rawn, Robert Daniels, Jack McDevitt, Charles Grant, Robert Gerskin

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Mar 22-24 Galacticon, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Info: 6636 Shallowford Rd, Chattanooga, TN 37421 <http://www.thewebfool.com/galacticon/galacticon@vei.net> Guests: John Ford, P.M. Griffin, David P. Coe, Julia Morgan Scott

Mar 22-24 MidSouthCon 20, Memphis, Tennessee; Info: P.O. Box 11446, Memphis, TN 38111-0446 Ph: 901-274-7355 <http://www.midsouthcon.org/> info@midsouthcon.org Guests: C.J. Cherryh, Steve Jackson, Tom Kidd, Cullen Johnson, Jane Fancher, Selina A. Rosen,

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Apr 5-6 Omnicon, Cookeville, Tennessee; Info: P.O. Box 5226, Cookeville, TN 38505 Ph: 615-459-6019 <http://welcometoomnicon.com/registration@omnicononline.org>

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Mar 29-31 Madicon, Harrisonburg, Virginia; Info: PO Box 607, Harrisonburg, VA 22801 <http://www.madicon.org/conchair@madicon.org> Guests: Julie Czerneda, David Honigsberg

May 15-17 Technicon, Blacksburg, Virginia; Info: P.O. Box 256, Blacksburg, Va 24060-0256 <http://www.perspex.com/technicon/> Guests: Elizabeth Moon, Keith Brinegar

Aug 2-4 The Gathering of the Gargoyles, Virginia Beach, Virginia; Info: 19500 Monterey Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44119-1507 <http://gathering.gargoylesfans.org/>

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Feb 22-24 Potlatch, Seattle, Washington; Info: PO Box 31848, Seattle, WA 98103-1848 <http://www.potlatch-sf.org/kate@oz.net>

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info@norwescon.org Guests: Jack Vance, Brom

Apr 26-28 Sakura Con, Seattle, Washington; Info: 900 Merdian Avenue East #19-407, Milton, WA 98354-7019 Ph: 253-503-2233 x1675 <http://sakuracon.org/>

Apr 26-28 Gamefaire, Spokane, Washington; Info: c/o Merlyn's, N. 1 Browne, Spokane, WA. 99201 <http://www.gorillabobs.com/gf2002.html> gorbob@aol.com

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Apr 12-14 Odyssey Con, Madison, Wisconsin; Info: 901 Jenifer St., Madison, 53703 <http://www.venture-1.com/~oddcon/> oddcon@venture-1.com Guests: Timothy Zahn, David B. Coe, Gary Gygas, John Kovalic, Joan Vinge, Jim Frenkel

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Jan 18-20 Pandemonium 19, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Info: c/o Ken Barton, 1975 Memory Lane, #22, Pickering, Ontario, Canada, L1V 3M3 Ph: 905-839-2182 <http://www.realmsquest.org/pandemonium/pandemonium@home.com>

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Apr 26-28 Orion 2002, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Info: 122 St. Patrick Street, Suite F24/130, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5T 2X8 Ph: 416-698-6052 <http://www.rigelgroup.org/info@rigel.cx>

Jul 5-7 Toronto Trek, Toronto, Ontario; Info: PO Box 7097 Station A, Toronto Ontario, Canada, M5W 1X7 Ph: (416) 410-TCON (8266) <http://tcon.ca/tcon@icomm.ca>

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771 078 <http://www.wolfevents.co.uk/enquires@wolfevents.co.uk> Guests: Michael Shanks, Amanda Tapping

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Feb 22-24 First Wave Invasion, Heathrow, United Kingdom, England; Info: PO Box 1419, Slough PDO, SL2 5WJ Ph: +44 01753 771 078 <http://www.wolfevents.co.uk/enquires@wolfevents.co.uk> Guests: Sebastian Spence, Rob LaBelle & Roger C. Cross Sebastian Spence, Rob LaBelle, Roger C. Cross

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Mar 29-Apr 1 Helicon 2, St Helier, Jersey, United Kingdom, Channel Islands; Info: 33 Meyrick Drive, Wash Common, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 6SY, Great Britain <http://www.helicon.org.uk/helicon2@smof.demon.co.uk> Guests: Harry Turtledove, Brian Stableford, Peter Weston

Jul 12-14 Starfury: Chariots of War, Heathrow, United Kingdom, England; Info: 148A Queensway, Bayswater, London W2 6LY, United Kingdom <http://members.aol.com/xenaevent/> Guests: Hudson Leick, Melinda Clarke, Claire Stansfield, Tim Omundson

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Honor Guard members: Steve Idell, Norm DeRoux, and Sandy Berenberg represented the STARFLEET Marine Corps during opening ceremonies.



Predictably, Toby was not impressed by the Wolf: Jolynn Brown bestows Communicué Editor Kurt Roithinger with a Wolf and a Snorlax.



Scott Akers never looked this good: Jolynn Brown stands in for the absent Regional Coordinator, Region 5.



One Coin fits all: Allyson Dyar presents Lisa Miller with the Region 5 Officer of the Year award. Ramon Macias (with coin) and Jerry Tien **don't** look on.

STARFLEET WESTERN CONFERENCE 2001: DINKYCON II

Words And Pictures Courtesy of: Colonel Norman E. DeRoux • Commanding Officer, USS Destiny • Region 5

It was great! This year the STARFLEET Western Conference-2001, was held in Reno, Nevada the weekend of October 19-21 and it more than met our expectations. Arriving on Friday, we were quickly introduced to Lisa Tintle, the Conference Coordinator and CO of USS Highroller.

Lisa and her husband, Matt, made sure we got to see some of the fun things in Reno that afternoon and evening. Starting with some time in a huge video arcade, we finished the evening with a trip through the lights of downtown.

Saturday began with the opening ceremonies, where Lisa Tintle was joined by Keira Russell-Strong, RC R17, Jolynn Brown, acting for the RC R5, and Ed Nowlin, RC R4. As the ceremonies opened, we had an opportunity to

expand the size of our STARFLEET Marine Honor Guard. Leading the Honor Guard team was Steve Idell, with Sandy Berenberg, Brian Schreur, Lionel Smith, and myself as members of the team.

The afternoon Panels began with the Marines. Steve Idell and I co-led this panel, and were joined by Truman Temple and Jim Monroe. Along with audience questions about the Marine Academy courses and Branches, which Jim handled very well, we had general questions about Marines in SFI, and how they function with local chapters. The way that awards are handled within the Marines, and how Brigades function were also areas of interest.

Johnathan Simmons led a ShOC panel that was informative for members of new Shuttles, and for those chapters working with new shuttles. There will always be

questions arising, and ShOC is the place to find the answers. Jolynn Brown and Allyson Dyar co-led a panel on Leadership and Recruiting that smoothly transitioned from the previous talk about new shuttles into talk about new members. This was followed by Chrissy Killian's discussion of the plans for IC2002, in San Jose, California.

Saturday evening's banquet was well attended, with Ed Nowlin distributing Raffle items to recipients. A variety of awards were announced or presented at the banquet. I was honored when Jolynn Brown called me forward to be presented the Region Five Chapter of the Year award plaque on behalf of the USS Destiny. Allyson Dyar then had me wait, because Jolynn was also presenting me with the Region Five Member of the Year award plaque. On behalf of my crew and myself,

thank you Region Five for this honor.

Sunday morning was more than I expected. The Champagne Brunch was attended by just about "everybody." Visiting with our guests from Region Seven, Sandy Berenberg and Geraldine "Gerry/Robyn" Sylvester, over breakfast, led to Gerry's forming an unofficial Away Team to visit Lake Tahoe. Sandy had the rental agency give him a bigger car, and Ramon Macias provided his pickup for the trip.

After buying souvenirs and eating some good food at Lake Tahoe, we returned to Reno for some evening sightseeing, checking out the lights and casino action. All in all, it was a very good trip and I look forward to seeing a lot of these old and new friends when we meet in San Jose, next August for IC-2002.