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R15 CADET CARRIES THE OLYMPIC TORCH



15 year old Cadet Brandon Zadel from Salem, NH, a member of the USS Tsunami in Manchester, NH, was one of the runners of the 2001 Olympic Torch in Boston, MA. Brandon took the torch over the Broadway Bridge at approximately 7:00 PM on December 27 with an escort of Boston's finest and Tsunami crew members and family cheering him on.

Way To Go Brandon!!

Photos courtesy of the USS Tsunami



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STARFLEET SALUTES THE OLYMPIC
SPIRIT AND CONGRATULATES
ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE
XIX WINTER OLYMPIAD!

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Proof at last: These colors won't run -- even in freezing water.
STARFLEET makes a splash on page 48.

Photo courtesy of Sanford Berenberg



Tea for Four:

Tamara Owens (left) of Space Station Unisys is in the company of Region 5's Nat Saenz, Chris Wallace and Don Willits in this snapshot from the Unisys Scrapbook. More on Page 20

Photo courtesy of Space Station Unisys

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DON'T CALL ME EDWIN!

FLEET ADMIRAL LES RICKARD

COMMANDER, STARFLEET

My fellow members,

Today I present to you my second and final State of the STARFLEET Address as your President. Yes, I said last address - I am not running for re-election to this office. You may ask why and I want to briefly tell you. I am looking forward to returning to a less time consuming schedule. A schedule which will allow me to do two things; concentrate on my family and teach in the local college's law enforcement curriculum. This coupled with my feeling that a second term is something no one should do consecutively about sums it up.

My purpose in presenting this address is to inform the membership of what has happened in STARFLEET this past year, and what my goals are for the year ahead. My first stop will be STARFLEET's finances.

I am very proud of the financial accounting system and procedure we have developed. Currently, STARFLEET has over ten thousand dollars in our three bank accounts and operating in the black consistently for the first time in a great while. Tammy presents a comprehensive treasury report each issue, but let me explain a little about STARFLEET's accounting.

We maintain three accounts; General Fund, Scholarship Fund and a Savings Account. The General Fund is, obviously, our primary account with which we pay our bills. From there we go to our Scholarship Fund. We felt it was very important to separate the money and accounting for STARFLEET's main charity from the General Fund. Finally, we come to our Savings Account. This account was developed to save money for activities that we would have to cover in the future, most notably the upcoming STARFLEET Election, without using operating capital. You may ask, how did we fund this account. As many of you know, we had to pay the IRS a penalty for late filing the 1999 Form 990. When that penalty was abated the Executive Committee made the decision to put that money back for future expenses. That fund is about to grow, but more about that in a minute.

STARFLEET recently paid off our final outstanding debt, owed to outgoing STARFLEET Quartermaster Laura Reardon, which dates back to the McGinnis Administration. The check to pay this debt was sent to her by Tammy Willcox a few days before the writing of this. I also have the sad duty of reporting that I have accepted Laura's resignation as Quartermaster. After a long and dedicated service to STARFLEET she is stepping away to concentrate on other things. I am actively seeking a replacement for Laura and will report that as soon as I have some news.

I can report that STARFLEET's financial future looks strong, and we expect to turn over a stable bank account and revenue stream to our successors. Much thanks for this go to STARFLEET Treasurer, Commodore Tammy

Willcox, for her tireless effort in a taxing position. I firmly believe we could not have done this without her.

To help ensure this future surplus, at my behest Admiral Chris Wallace, with the help of Fleet Captain Don Willits, has created a STARFLEET Budget. This budget is located in this issue of the Communique for your perusal. Based on 2001's 1st and 2nd quarter spending from each member of the Executive Committee. With this projected expenditure information for 2002 was developed and used to draft a budget for FY2002. In addition, he will be preparing a report on 2001's income and expenditures, by department, to help refine the Budget model. I hope that future STARFLEET administrations will follow this process to help create a solid financial model of STARFLEET for future administrations to use when planning expenditures and benefits.

In addition, we have instituted a "Financial Review" mailing list. This list includes the Executive Committee, the STARFLEET Treasurer, select senior HQ officers, and a rotating member of the Admiralty Board (currently Region 3 Coordinator Brad Pense). Commodore Willcox sends an email to this list for any expenditure or deposit she performs. This allows the Admiralty Board a real-time view of STARFLEET's inflow and outflow of funds, enabling them to flag any transaction they wish to have more information on immediately.

The Admiralty Board is not the only group who benefits from this system. Commodore Willcox submits a complete Financial Report to the STARFLEET Communique each issue, allowing all STARFLEET members to know STARFLEET's financial picture on a month-by-month basis.

Unfortunately, Commodore Howard Cronson was unable to remain STARFLEET Internal Auditor due to family and professional reasons. In the interim our Fleet Finance List AB Liaison, Adm Brad Pense RC R3, is holding the post of Interim Internal Auditor while the EC and AB work together to recruit a new one. In addition, Deputy Treasurer Randy Norris, sends each member of the EC and AB a copy of each month's STARFLEET bank statements. While I feel that this position is an important one, we feel that things such as the Financial Review mailing list and the regular reporting online and in the CQ provide real and measurable financial accountability as well. Nonetheless, the ECAB will continue to accept resumes for Internal Auditor from interested parties.

As I mentioned earlier, we will have another substantial amount of money to place in STARFLEET's Savings Account, but let me review this situation briefly. In early 2001 we discovered that the IRS reportedly had not received STARFLEET's 1998 and 1999 Form 990 filings. So, we immediately filed the 1999 return and began reconstructing the information for the 1998 Form 990. The IRS then assessed over sixteen hundred dollars in penalties for the late

1999 filing. Admiral Chuck Freas once again stepped forward to do battle with the IRS on STARFLEET's behalf. STARFLEET paid that fine quickly while Chuck Freas filed an abatement request with the IRS. We then filed our 1998 Form 990 and began the wait for that inevitable penalty. During this time we learned that the 1999 abatement had been approved and we were sent our penalty amount, plus a small amount of interest, back. That was placed in STARFLEET's new savings account and we continued to wait for the penalty assessment for 1998, which came in short order. We also paid that penalty quickly and an abatement request was sent to the IRS. That abatement was just approved and I am now informing you that STARFLEET's IRS issues are over. The second abatement, in the amount of \$1,715.01, is on its way to Commodore Willcox for depositing in our Savings Account.

This would not have been possible without the hard work and effort of a few people. Chris Wallace and Tammy Willcox were responsible for putting together a new set of Form 990's for 1998 and 1999. Former Fleet Admiral Michael Smith assisted us by signed an affidavit stating that he had filed both original returns on time. Finally, former VCS Admiral Chuck Freas worked hard for STARFLEET as the primary liaison between STARFLEET and the IRS. He wrote and submitted the abatement request and affidavits. Without the trusted assistance of Chuck Freas I am confident that this would not have gone smoothly.

I would like to note that I am more and more convinced that there was a timely filing of our original documents. This is not based on mere trust, though that is there, but on facts that arose during our dealings with the IRS. The most glaring example came about when the IRS was unable to locate the refiled Form 990 I had sent and they had signed for. They obviously received it as we were billed for a late filed return. Additionally, they also received and signed for a payment sent by us then sent us an intent to levy because we had not paid them. The missing Form 990 is still missing to this date, but Chuck Freas immediately contacted the IRS and got our missing payment squared away. We have set the standard of sending all forms to the IRS via certified mail/return receipt requested to protect us as it did in the cases noted above. All in all, from everything I have gleaned from this process I am not any more confident in the IRS's procedures than I was before. But we are past them and move forward.

In 2001 we saw a shuffling of the Executive Committee as Admiral Gordon Goldberg retired from service. Lieutenant General Michael Malotte stepped up to the Vice Commander position and Rear Admiral Greg Trotter was appointed as the new Chief of Communications. General Malotte has recently completed a thorough review of the Fleet Division Program and is instituting a number of changes to improve its benefit to the Membership. In addition, General Malotte has assumed active oversight of the STARFLEET Marine Corps, with the Commandant now

reporting to him as VCS. A new International Charities Coordinator has been named with the goal of revamping that Department as well.

STARFLEET Membership Processing also saw a change of personnel, as Fleet Captain Don Willits stepped down after catching up on a backlog that went back almost twelve months. Brigadier General Sanford "Sandy" Berenberg has assumed the duties of Membership Processing Director and continues to provide the high standards of service STARFLEET members have come to expect in the MP area.

STARFLEET has a new Awards Director who is no stranger to working at the Fleet level. Mandi Livingston, former Membership Processing Vice Chief and Academy Commandant has been assigned to take over the STARFLEET Awards Program. Mandi will be working on developing and enhancing the Awards Program.

STARFLEET membership now hovers around the 4000 mark, and we intend to continue pressing that mark upwards. STARFLEET Shuttle Operations launched 15 shuttles and welcomed 5 chapters into the EFCP program in 2001. One of these new shuttles is the Matrix, the first STARFLEET vessel in Region 14, which encompasses Quebec and the Canadian Maritime provinces. STARFLEET Operations formally commissioned eighteen new starships during 2001.

STARFLEET's online presence is being moved to a dedicated hosting service, which we hope will provide enhanced security and availability for a price of under \$500 per year. This includes the STARFLEET web sites, email lists, and Help Desk.

STARFLEET's Help Desk continues to grow, serving as a one-stop problem reporting, tracking, and resolution service. Whether you are missing a CQ, have not received your membership packet within the 6-8 week timeframe, or any other issue, the STARFLEET Help Desk is the quickest way to get it resolved to your satisfaction.

My goals for the coming year are pretty simple. I want this administration to continue to improve and enhance what we already have in place. This is an ongoing mission that every Commander STARFLEET, Executive Committee and Admiralty Board has to undertake to be sure. However, I want to leave office knowing that we worked till the last day trying to improve this organization. Anything less and we are not doing what you elected us to do.

In closing, STARFLEET continues upwards. Membership is up, we have shuttles and chapters launching in both established and new areas. STARFLEET is back on solid financial ground with reporting safeguards in place that, if followed by future Administrations, will ensure STARFLEET remains on that solid ground.

I would like to thank my staff, my fellow members on the Executive Committee and their staffs, the Regional Coordinators, the Commanding Officers of their chapters, and the membership as a whole for your hard work and energy this past year. You all have moved STARFLEET upward and onward and you should feel proud of your accomplishments.

In Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edwin Rickard".

Greetings, Ladies and Gentlemen.

As the masthead notes, my name is Chris Wallace and I am the new STARFLEET Chief of Staff. Most of you know my from my previous position as Editor of the STARFLEET Communiqué from Issues 96-103 and Editor of Stellar Visions IV.

What is the Chief of Staff? Being a fan of "The West Wing", I like to think of it along the lines of the White House Chief of Staff. In other words, as the White House Chief of Staff is the #2 man of the Executive Branch (don't let the Constitution fool you - nobody gets to see the President without the CoS' consent), I like to think of myself as the #2 man here at STARFLEET HQ.

However, STARFLEET is not the White House (even if Les lives in one), so I do not have my office outside his. So what does my being Chief of Staff mean to you, the STARFLEET member?

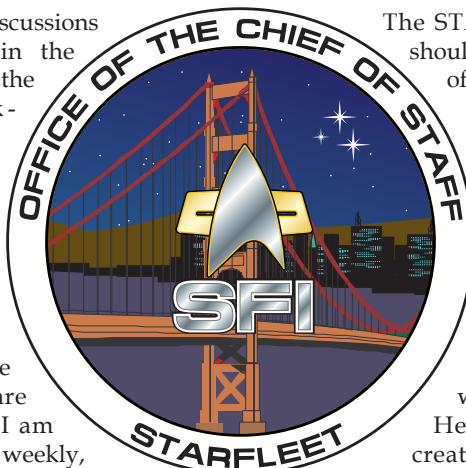
There has been talk for many months of creating the position of "STARFLEET Ombudsman"-- Someone who could help drive member issues to the

FROM THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Admiral Chris Wallace • Chief of Staff, STARFLEET

proper group. These discussions eventually resulted in the creation of the STARFLEET HelpDesk - a centralized incident/problem tracking center.

While I do not believe that yet another layer of bureaucracy is needed, I have decided to make myself available to help people who are experiencing issues. I am fortunate that I keep in weekly, if not daily, contact with many STARFLEET offices, including the Executive Committee, Membership Processing, the Communique, and other services like them. This allows me to help assist in bringing issues to a happy conclusion.



The STARFLEET HelpDesk should be your first avenue of bringing a problem to STARFLEET's attention. Be it a missing Communique, incomplete Membership Packet, or a Membership that has yet to be acknowledged after more than eight weeks, the SFI HelpDesk (SFHD) was created to handle exactly these issues. The people who work on the desk have direct contact, if not control over, such things. They are in a position to see that your issue is handled to your satisfaction.

So note that while I offer to assist, I am not

in a position to do the work myself. Nor am I able to "order" these people to do it. Where I should come in is after you have created a ticket with the STARFLEET HelpDesk, received an automated response with your Ticket Number, and then silence for a full week afterwards.

The HelpDesk people have jobs and lives outside of FLEET and while they strive to be fast, they cannot be immediate. However, if you feel your ticket has slipped through the cracks, drop me a line at the email address below and I will make sure that the SFHD has it and what the status is, then respond to you.

Have any suggestions or ideas for STARFLEET you'd like to share with the EC? Send them on in. We'd love to hear them.

TTFN & N'cha!

Do you have the Right Stuff; whatever it takes, to earn a STARFLEET Scholarship? Let's review and see if you make the grade.

First:

You have to be an active STARFLEET member. Since you are reading this article in the Communique you mostly likely are an active member or will soon be a member.

Second:

This is a tough one, are you planning on attending some type of educational training after high school graduation? I'm sure there are plenty of you that will be starting colleges, universities and technical programs in the fall of 2002. The STARFLEET Scholarship program is available to our members who are attending junior college, community college, 4-year college and universities as well as graduate school.

Whoa, wait a minute, maybe you aren't planning to attend school yourself but you know of a member of your chapter who is graduating from high school this spring, is currently in college or is thinking about returning to school. Pay attention here; get all the information and make sure your friend knows all about this program. STARFLEET Scholarship Program awards \$500 to active STARFLEET members to assist them in furthering their education, to meet the challenges of our future. Back to the requirements.

Third:

Can you use \$500 to help pay for college

DO YOU HAVE THE RIGHT STUFF?

Admiral Sue Hampton • STARFLEET Scholarship Coordinator

tuition, fees, books. "DUH ha..." If you are one of those very lucky people with full scholarships or are independently wealthy, then you can skip the rest of this article. For the rest of you, KEEP READING!!

Last Requirement:

While it may be the hardest, it is really not bad at all. You have to request an application for a STARFLEET Scholarship, complete the application and other paperwork and return it by the deadline.

So, you ask, what does that entail, pages and pages of paperwork, complicated financial statements, copies of good behavior reports since kindergarten? Not really. The application form is a single page. You write two short essays, get three letters of recommendation, have a school transcript sent, and have an acceptance letter to an approved college, university or technical program. All completed applications are judged and the winners are awarded appropriate scholarships.

These STARFLEET Scholarships are funded by the membership of this wonderful organization. Some individual members donate a few dollars each time they renew their memberships. Chapter and regions have fundraiser events at meetings, regional summits, and our annual International Conferences.

Members donate their own Star Trek items for auctions and raffles. This works along the theme, "It takes a whole village to raise

a child." The members of STARFLEET take the responsibility and pride in helping other members to further their education. They, in turn, will make our planet a better place to live. Our members will develop new medical miracles, they will build onto the space station, they will travel outside of our solar system and they will teach future generations to reach for the stars.

STARFLEET Scholarships are named after much beloved Star Trek actors/actresses and characters.

The DeForest Kelley / Dr. Leonard McCoy Memorial Scholarship honors beloved "Bones McCoy" and is awarded to those studying in some type of medical field.

The James Doohan / Montgomery Scott Engineering Scholarship honors that miracle worker on the USS Enterprise. It is for those studying in the many fields of engineering.

The Patrick Stewart Scholarship for the Performing Arts is awarded to those studying the varied areas of music, dance, acting, as well as those skills and techniques that make performances possible.

The LeVar Burton Educational Scholarship honors this actor's continued interests in educational programs.

The Gene Roddenberry Memorial Scholarship for Aspiring Writers honors Mr. Roddenberry's love of writing and story telling.

The Armin Shimmerman Scholarship for Profitable Business is a tongue-in-check title relating to his Ferngi character, Quark. As the name implies it is for business majors.

George Takei Scholarship for International Studies encourages students studying languages other than their native tongue and some areas for improving international relationships.

Marina Sirtis authorized a scholarship for those studying Veterinary Science.

There is a Law and Order Scholarship for those studying Law Enforcement programs.

The Space Explorers Memorial Scholarship is in memory of those who died in the space programs. This can be awarded to a STARFLEET member whose field of study does not quite match one of the other scholarships.

I've got the Right Stuff, now what?

To receive a STARFLEET Scholarship application all you have to do is ask. E-mail requests go to KSuth3401@aol.com, or scholarship@sfi.org

Postal requests go to

Sue Hampton
116 Creston St.
Greensboro, NC 27406

Applications are sent out and must be returned by postal mail. Application period is from January 1, 2002 until May 31, 2002. If there are any questions I will gladly answer questions by e-mail or postal mail.

Hi everyone! I'd like to start the year off right, by thanking the people who have helped me so much during 2001, so here goes! Thanks to Randy Norris, the STARFLEET Assistant Treasurer, he keeps me on my toes, makes sure that I get everything right, and sends out those bank statements every month. He's a great guy; I couldn't do this job without him. Thanks to Jessica Poole, our Special Assistant to the STARFLEET Treasury. She helps me file paperwork, drop deposits off at the bank, and run the credit cards for membership processing. She's worked hard this year, and if wasn't for her, I probably would have had to step down from the position when I started school. Thanks to the finance team, for being there to bounce things off of, discuss options, and make good decisions. Thanks to Brad Pense, the AB representative on the transaction list. Brad too keeps me on my toes when I make a typo. He is unfailing polite, understanding, and willing to work with me.

We accomplished great financial goals in 2001. (Check out our year-end financials.) We paid off all the past due debts of the

STARFLEET TREASURER REPORT

By Commodore Tammy Willcox • STARFLEET Treasurer

previous administrations, including the large quartermaster debt that Laura Reardon carried personally for the last 8 years. We were finally able this month to repay Laura for her generosity. After 8 years, Laura has decided to retire. We'll be working with the new Quartermaster to restock the Quartermaster's office.

We've re-established good credit with our service suppliers, The Edmond Sun and Countywide News. We're now able to pay for professional hosting of the STARFLEET website, the HelpDesk, and the sfi.org aliases, which will dramatically lessen downtime of all three.

In addition, Membership Processing expenses are down, due to the hard work of both Membership Processing teams. They've done wonders to ensure quality packets at a low cost, and deserve a great round of applause.

STARFLEET now has a savings account and is earning interest! The goal is to not use this money until the election, and only to use it for the election if necessary. Frankly, we're doing wonderful in the financial arena - and it's thanks to a lot of people's hard work, so I hope that everyone keeps that in mind! Until next CQ!

Reminder: International Members:

As I reported in the previous couple of CQs, some international checks will be returned to us unable to be deposited through the Federal Reserve, or they cost us \$5.00 each to deposit as they cannot go through the federal reserve bank to be cashed and must go through a collection agency to be cashed. If you are an international member, please try to renew either via credit card through the secure online site, or with an international money order as these will not

generate any fees. If you are unsure as to whether or not your check or money order can be deposited, please contact me and give me the info about your check or money order and I will contact our bank and we'll determine how to proceed.

Reminder: Returned/bounced Checks:

We are having several checks returned either for insufficient funds or due to the check or money order unable to be deposited through the Federal Reserve. Every time a check or money order is returned, STARFLEET is charged \$5.00. If you have a returned or bounced check, your STARFLEET membership will be placed on hold until you have repaid the original check/money order amount and the \$5.00 fee. You will no longer receive the CQ, be eligible to attend STARFLEET academy, or be promoted until the issue has been resolved. In addition, if you are a chapter CO or XO, this places your chapter in jeopardy, as it is a requirement that these officers have ACTIVE memberships. Please make sure that when you send in money that you make sure that you have that money in your account until it clears.

STARFLEET General Account - December 2001:

Date	Payee	Category	Amount
12/03/2001	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	- 52.06
12/03/2001	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	- 12.38
12/13/2001	Stamps.com	Stamps.com Fee	- 18.99
12/14/2001	Paypal.com	CQExpense: CQ Postage	- 300.00
12/17/2001	Credit Card Processing	Membership Process	743.00
12/31/2001	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	- 21.71

Opening Date: 12/01/2001 Ending Date: 12/31/2001
 Opening Balance: \$6,083.03 Ending Balance: \$6,420.89
 Revenue above expenditures for above reporting period: \$337.86

STARFLEET Account - Savings:

Beginning Date: 12/01/2001
 Beginning Balance: \$1,683.78

Ending Date: 11/30/2001
 Ending Balance: \$1,686.55

\$2.77 was added via interest.

STARFLEET Scholarship Account:

Beginning Date: 12/01/2001
 Beginning Balance: 3,828.64

Ending Date: 01/31/2001
 Ending Balance: \$3,830.64

Deposits/Credits: \$2 (Various Donations)

STARFLEET Academy Account - Savings:

Beginning Date: 12/1/2001
 Beginning Balance: \$1,317.93

Ending Date: 12/31/2001
 Ending Balance: \$2,523.05

The Academy Savings account received depositis totaling \$1206.99 and was debited \$1.99 for for a deposit item fee.

STARFLEET General Account - January 2002:

Date	Payee	Category	Amount
01/02/2002	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	260.00
01/03/2002	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	707.00
01/03/2002	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	34.15
01/03/2002	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	- 29.19
01/05/2002	#1066 - Les Rickard	HQ Office Supplies	- 56.14
01/05/2002	#1067 - S. Berenberg	Membership Processing	- 131.11
01/07/2002	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	709.00
01/07/2002	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	759.00
01/07/2002	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	686.00
01/07/2002	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	16.00
01/08/2002	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	300.00
01/10/2002	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check Fee	- 5.00
01/10/2002	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check	- 15.00
01/10/2002	Stamps.com	Stamps.com Fee	- 18.99
01/11/2002	Stamps.com	Postage Purchase	- 475.00
01/11/2002	Webhost4life.com	CompOps Expense	- 269.35
01/14/2002	Paypal.com	Membership Processing	116.66
01/14/2002	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check	- 37.00
01/14/2002	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check Fee	- 5.00
01/16/2002	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	15.00
01/16/2002	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	493.00
01/21/2002	#1068 - Laura Reardon	Quartermaster Debt	- 3,289.00
01/21/2002	#1069 - Edmond Sun	CQ Printing	- 1,134.84
01/21/2002	#1070 - S. Berenberg	Membership Processing	- 347.26
01/21/2002	#1071 - Countywide News	CQ Expense: Printing	- 498.00
01/21/2002	#1072 - Postmaster	CQ Expense: Postage	- 800.00
01/24/2002	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	415.00
01/30/2002	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	119.00
01/31/2002	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	- 12.29

#10xx = Check Number

Opening Date: 01/01/2002 Ending Date: 01/31/2002
 Opening Balance: \$6,420.89 Ending Balance: \$3,927.53
 Expenditures above revenue for above reporting period: - \$2,493.36

STARFLEET Academy Account - Checking:

Beginning Date: 12/01/2001
 Beginning Balance: \$3,537.97

Deposits/Credits:	Checks/Debits:
None.	#163 - Transferred to Savings - \$1,000.00
	# 164 - Badges & Bookmarks - \$100.00
	# 165 - Trekology Expenses - \$10.89

Ending Date: 12/31/2001
 Ending Balance: \$2,427.08

As noted in my State of the STARFLEET Address, here is the FY2002 budget. Now, this does not need much explanation other than how it was derived and some line item issues.

Admiral Chris Wallace, STARFLEET Chief of Staff, gathered data from all Executive Committee departments. This data reflected actual cost over a large portion of FY 2001. This

gave us a picture of what it cost to run each department. Now there is one important note concerning the budget. The figures for expenses for each department listed are not set in stone.

What I mean there is the Commander, STARFLEET has an annual "stipend" of \$600. In FY2001 I requested reimbursement for a fraction of that - \$85.74. So, the line item for my stipend may not, actually it will not, be met

in FY2002. Therefore, that portion of our budget will come in under budget.

This budget is meant to be presented to the membership in order to show what we expect to spend over this year. It is also a good guideline for future administrations in what each department spends. I hope that it is as helpful to the membership as it has been to this administration.

2002 STARFLEET BUDGET

By Fleet Admiral Les Rickard • Commander, STARFLEET

Office of the Commander, STARFLEET:

Office of the Commander, STARFLEET	
Commander, STARFLEET General Stipend	\$600.00
Annual Awards	\$500.00
Commander, STARFLEET Bonding Fee	\$200.00
STARFLEET Treasurer	
General Treasury Expenses	\$200.00
First Virginia Bank Monthly Fees	\$0.00
First Virginia Bank International Check Fees	\$50.00
First Virginia Bank Returned Check Fees	\$100.00
STARFLEET Quartermaster Repayment	\$3,300.00
Commander, STARFLEET Total:	\$4,950.00

Office of the Vice-Commander, STARFLEET:

General Expenses	\$500.00
SFMC Merchandise Reimbursement	\$150.00
Vice-Commander, STARFLEET Total:	\$500.00

Office of the Chief of Operations, STARFLEET:

General Expenses	\$100.00
Operations Total	\$100.00

Office of the Chief of Communications, STARFLEET:

STARFLEET Communiqué	
STARFLEET Communiqué Printing	\$7,200.00
STARFLEET Communiqué Mailing - Domestic	\$2,700.00
STARFLEET Communiqué Mailing - International	\$1,800.00
STARFLEET Communiqué Re-Mailing	\$300.00
2002 Commander, STARFLEET Election	
Certified Public Accountant Fees	\$500.00
Election Publication Printing	\$500.00
Election Ballots Printing	\$200.00
Postage of Items to CPA	\$100.00
Postage of Election Publication and Ballots	\$1,000.00
Envelopes and Labels	\$400.00
STARFLEET HelpDesk	
General Expenses	\$500.00
General Expenses	\$700.00
Communications Total	\$15,900.00

Projected 2002 STARFLEET Expenditures:

\$34,500.00

Office of the Director of STARFLEET ShoC:

Postage	\$100.00
Printing and Copying	\$250.00
Shuttlecraft Operations Total	\$350.00

Office of the Chief of Computer Operations, STARFLEET:

General Expenses	\$140.00
Membership Processing Financial Charges	
Novus / NPC Discount Fees	\$1,400.00
Returned Checks	\$300.00
Membership Processing Printing	
Copying Fees	\$700.00
Membership Processing Postage	
Stamps.com Service Charge	\$230.00
Domestic Member Kits	\$4,000.00
International Member Kits	\$600.00
Member Kit Remailings	\$60.00
CQ Address Change Fees	\$35.00
Post Office Box Rental	\$125.00
Membership Processing Supplies	
Envelopes	\$135.00
Lamination Jackets (for ID Cards)	\$185.00
Copier Paper	\$500.00
Copier Toner	\$500.00
Printer Cartridges	\$350.00
Card Stock (for ID Cards)	\$400.00
Mailing Labels	\$80.00
Postage Labels	\$240.00
Certificate Paper	\$420.00
STARFLEET Web Presence Expenses	
sfi.org Domain Name Registration	\$50.00
Web Hosting	\$260.00
Helpdesk Hosting	\$140.00
Incidentals	\$100.00
Computer Operations Total	\$10,950.00

Office of the Commandant, STARFLEET Academy:

General Expenses	\$1,300.00
STARFLEET Vouchers	\$300.00
Transfers to Scholarship Fund	\$200.00
Academy Total	\$1,800.00

Projected 2002 STARFLEET Income, based on 2001 figures:

\$45,000.00



SECOND TO ONE

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MICHAEL MALOTTE

VICE-COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings STARFLEET! It's been a hectic couple of months since my last article. Not only have there been changes in the departments under me but also, as of this writing, Kansas City is recovering from the worst ice storm in its history. Upwards of 300,000 homes were without power starting Wednesday, the 31st of January. That night was somewhat eerie when you were outside. The night sky lit up repeatedly with bright blue glows as transformers shorted and blew and we were surrounded by the sounds of trees and branches crashing in all directions. Driving through the neighborhoods, you would swear a tornado tore through the area but for the ice everywhere.

We were without power for 4 days and some were still not back up as of the 6th of February. Many thanks to all those who contacted Deb and I to make sure we were OK. It's good to know that the family that is STARFLEET still looks out for each other. Fortunately, other than one cold night (we stayed at my step-daughter's house after the first night) the worst that happened to us was a couple days of yard cleanup and a backlog of email. But, just as business in Kansas City goes on, so does the business of Fleet. There has been a shuffle of both people and positions within the offices of Vice Commander so, without further rambling <G> here are the updates.

International Charities

Not long after CQ #108 came out with the announcement of Lorrie Nelson as the new International Charities Director, she had to step down due to unforeseen personal reasons. I decided, at that time, to change the name of the position while seeking a replacement. The International Charities Director is now known as the International Charities Coordinator. This has been done to more aptly describe the duties of the position moving forward.

The head of our Int'l Charities department will help coordinate the reporting of our charitable activities in and around Fleet and make sure the membership has visibility of the same. This will be done on the Fleet list in

the CQ and anywhere else we can get the room. <G>

With that said, and after a very tough choice, I'm happy to welcome aboard the newest member of my staff. Troy Pharis has been appointed the new International Charities Coordinator. Thanks to everyone who applied, you didn't make my choice an easy one.

Troy's first order of business will be to get a new STARFLEET Stampede Director in place. We've had a lot of inquiries on this and I hope to have this position filled and updated by the next CQ. Once that is done, we'll be looking at the other areas under this office and get everything else in order. By the time the process is completed, all the members of Fleet will know what we are doing charity-wise.

STARFLEET Marine Corps

As most of you have probably noticed, a good portion of the Executive Committee have been looking for ways to streamline their offices and make sure that those they oversee fit in with the rest. One of the results of that was a shuffling of departments from one EC member to another for a better fit. These changes started when I was Chief of Communications, when we moved the Diplomatic Corps from Communications to VCS. All of the departments under VCS deal with "people groups" - such as the Fleet Division Program and the numerous charity groups. Another such change has taken place.

Each office under the Commander, STARFLEET deals with the running of the organization in one way or the other... finances, promotions, recruiting, awards, quartermaster, etc. The only difference was the placement of the STARFLEET Marine Corps. This "people group" was a bit out of place with the rest of these operational groups so the SFMC has been moved under the office of VCS. The Commandant will now report to the VCS. Another changed involved with this is that the VCS is now the SFMC Steering Committee Observer. I'd like to thank Tony Rowley for fulfilling this role up to this time. There is one thing that is remaining the same

- the Commander, STARFLEET with input from the VCS, will still appoint the Commandant of the SFMC. As one of the largest subgroups within Fleet, it was felt that the CS needed to be in charge of this decision.

In closing, I want to pass on my congratulations to Fleet Admiral Les Rickard for accomplishing a couple of things recently. The end of January - beginning of February saw two momentous occasions in Fleet history. The first was paying off our last outstanding debt. STARFLEET has owed Fleet's quartermaster a debt that went back to the McGinnis administration. This is now paid. The second was finally putting to rest our IRS problems. With the reception of the abatement for our 1998 filing and the included refund, we are 100% caught up and square with the IRS. The 2000 filing was sent and received and the 2001 form will be sent ahead of schedule.

In the 5+ years since the McGinnis administration, we have talked about getting Fleet's finances cleaned up. The IRS has been hanging over our heads, we had no clue how much money we had or where it was going nor could we pay off the outstanding debts we did have. We were living hand to mouth and the bills were not getting paid. Under Les' direction and, thanks to the very hard work of our treasurer, Tammy Willcox and Chuck Freas, our liaison with the IRS, it is finally a reality - we even have money in the bank! Not only that, but thanks to the efforts of Chris Wallace, we now have a budget. To steal a tag line from Les, quoting President Truman "It's amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit." I am proud to be a part of a group doing so much for the members of this organization.

Well, that about does it for me. With Summit season fast approaching, I want to wish everyone safe travels and the best of experiences - this is one of the most enjoyable aspects of Fleet.

Take care and I'll see ya in 60!

Michael W. Malotte

CARL'S COUPON CORNER

By Fleet Captain Carl Lewis
Liaison of the OCP Program

Hello STARFLEET. It's that time of year again, when the yearly totals for the Overseas Coupon Project (OCP) are tallied up. It has been a rather strange and unusual year, especially with the terrorist attacks and the turmoil that it has caused with the mail system and other areas of day-to-day life. Although the attacks have caused a wrinkle or two in the mailing of coupons and other mail (especially to overseas locations), the program did exceptionally well in this light.

For those who may not know what this program is or what it does, allow me to quickly explain it to you. The OCP is a program that was started ten years ago to help friends living overseas make ends meet on their food bills. Word spread and within a year, STARFLEET chapters from all over the US were getting involved.

The program collects and sends coupons that you get out of magazines and newspapers to military bases overseas for the military families living there to use in the commissaries. In countries where the inflation rate is double and even triple digits, this program has become a real Godsend to them. Since the program began we have sent off more than \$7,375,812.

Currently the total for the OCP for the year 2001 is \$1,755,128.27. This is phenomenal in light of last year's events. I also know that this is not a complete total, as there are chapters in STARFLEET that participate in the program but do not report every time coupons are sent off. At the end of each year, we ask that those chapters send in their totals to me at CO@ussdominator.org.

The chapters that have collected and mailed in coupons are listed on the Overseas Coupon Project website, <http://members.aol.com/BeckyThane/OCP.html>. If your chapter is not listed or incorrect, please contact me.

I want to thank each and every chapter and individual that sent in coupons and totals to the OCP program. It is because of folks like you that life is a little easier for the military families living overseas. As a retired member of the military myself, I would like to say for all of the families that have benefited from this program:

Thank You!!!



STARFLEET OPERATIONS

REAR ADMIRAL MARK VINSON
CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Christmas Retail season. "Retail Hell" as I so lovingly refer to it. 70-hour weeks (on average) from Halloween through New Year's Eve. Crazy people and idiots. If you've ever worked one you know what I mean. If you have never had to -- count yourself lucky. It is a taste treat let me tell you! This year was worse than the last 10 but not as bad as those in the 1980's. Our season was down but thank the Lord our year was still up.

I want to apologize to anyone who thought my staff and I were AWOL through the holidays but in a way we kinda were. Things were not just hectic for me, my Vice Chief, Mike Urvand, suffered a personal loss and my newly appointed Chapter Assistance Program director, Marian Murphy, has been dealing with serious health issues of her oldest son and herself. Barbara Paul and Michelle Fanelli were left to mind the store. Well, we are all back to work; I am caught up and Marian is getting there.

As the reports for December began rolling in I began tallying up the year -- numbers wise -- for the Operations department. I am please to announce that during 2001 the Operations department commissioned eighteen chapters and processed over thirty Changes of Command. I am also proud to announce the overall Chapter Status Reporting percentages for 2001 (by Region) are as follows:

Region 1: 98.83%
(Missing 5 Reports from 4 Chapters)

Region 2: 97.42%
(Missing 8 Reports from 4 Chapters)

Region 3: 100%

Region 4: 99.53%
(Missing 1 Report from 1 Chapter)

Region 5: 98.69%
(Missing 2 Reports from 1 Chapter)

Region 6: 100%

Region 7: 93.91
(Missing 22 Reports from 9 Chapters)

Region 9: 95.83%
(Missing 1 Report from 1 Chapter)

Region 10: 95%
(Missing 3 Reports from 1 Chapter)

Region 11: 100%

Region 12: 94.68%
(Missing 21 Reports from 7 Chapters)

Region 13: 100%

Region 15: 100%

Region 17: 100%

Fleet Total: 98.14%

Six Regions had 100% reporting for the year and all regions were at or better than 93.91%! This gives us a total of 98.14% reporting for the year! Out of the 1.86% or sixty-three missing reports, probably half weren't filed due to real life but the remaining were more than likely filed but I did not receive them. The wonderful world of electronic filing evidently let us down. For this I can only apologize. The address for MSR's, MSRReports@sfi.org, is an alias that CompOps set up for simplicity's sake. This alias is supposed to send to my mavrc17@swbell.net address and to that of my Vice Chief. In my home region, Region Three, we have had this process set up for the last five years now with 100% success. I figured the same could be done for all of Fleet. However, it looks like either the old SFI mail servers or Southwestern Bell and other ISP's did not always do their job. I say this because on numerous occasions I'd get an MSR but the RC didn't or vice versa. Sometimes neither of us got them.

Each month I go over the list of chapters and send out emails to the RC's and to the chapter CO's whose reports I am missing in an effort to stay in sync. I would say that overall I had good success. Most CO's happily obliged and resent their MSR. But, as you can see, 63 reports fell through the cracks. Those chapters whose MSR's I am missing have been notified at least twice since January 10th and it is not too late to send them. Please do so today.

Within the last month the Executive Committee (working on a decision made by the EC/AB at last year's IC) has instructed the Communications department to migrate the SFI Web site and mailing addresses to new, paid, Internet Hosting servers.

The MSRReports@sfi.org alias is setup and functioning but I have worked on the online form to send to this address and my personal address in hopes that I will get at least one copy. We shall see. I would greatly appreciate it if all those who file their MSR's electronically to continue to either send to MSRReports@sfi.org or mavrc17@swbell.net. Please feel free to send to both. Even with the email address issues MSR's are still due by the 5th of each month and considered late from the 6th to the 10th. When filing electronically DO NOT SEND ATTACHMENTS.

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, to tmbewolf@pcconnect.com if they are an Armed Services Chapter, and/or to ladyhawketx@earthlink.net if they are taking advantage of the Chapter Assistance Program. If a chapter wants their MSR to go to the Chapter Summary Department of the STARFLEET COMMUNIQUE' it needs to be sent to CQSummaries@sfi.org or mail it to:

Dixie Halber
8606 King George Rd.
Evansville, IN 47725

I want to thank those chapters, who report on time, understand the minimum 10 member rule and the Command Qualification rule. However there are a number of chapters that have not been in compliance with one or more of these rules for far too long. It has been my policy to willingly give each chapter a reasonable amount of time to correct their issues but anything more than 90 days (which is 25% of a calendar year) is too much. For those chapters who pulled themselves back into compliance in 2001, good job and thank you! Those chapters who are still failing to comply have begun receiving standby letters from me detailing what is required of them if they want to maintain their chapter charter.

I also want to thank those CO's that have begun to use their physical mailing address on official SFI documents or sent me their address for our records. Les Rickard started the policy of requiring CO's to have a regular mailing address not a P.O. Box where they live and receive mail in SFI's records. Les began this policy when he was Chief of Operations and after consulting with him I felt that we had to continue it. I wish we did not have to but there have been reports of CO's living in one region and starting a meeting chapter and/or running a meeting chapter in a different region. All remaining CO's still using a P.O. Box are hereby requested to start using their physical mailing address in all upcoming MSR's or get your address to me ASAP. Your physical address will not appear anywhere online or in the Vessel Registry as it is just for our records.

Mark A. Vinson

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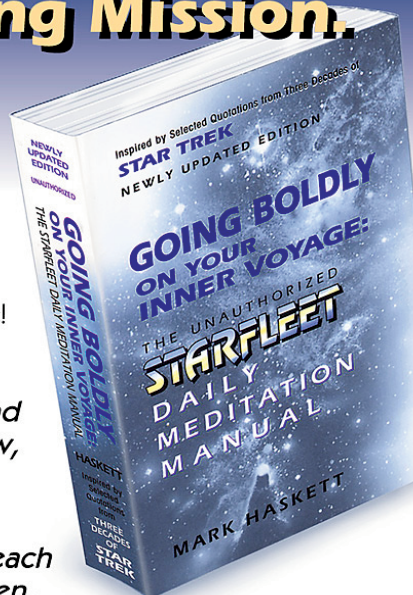
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COMM-ING UP NEXT...

REAR ADMIRAL GREG TROTTER

CHIEF OF COMMUNICATION, STARFLEET

As most of you know, the Communications Department is charged with, well, communications. CQ, HelpDesk, Web Site -- all very visible. But the Chief of Communications is also constitutionally charged with running the biennial STARFLEET Election. And, it's an even numbered year, so let's talk about it.

As we all know, elections for the office of Commander, STARFLEET and Vice Commander, STARFLEET are to take place later this year. I thought that we should take a few moments to review SFI's election procedures, as outlined in Article 8 of the constitution.

First off: who is in charge of running the election? Article 8, Section 2 (A8S2) lays that squarely on the shoulders of the Chief of Communications, unless the CoC is nominated, or is listed on the slate of an intended candidate.

Next, let's go over the timeline. From Article 8, Section 6 of the current Constitution:

Before June 1st: No campaigning of any kind may take place by or on behalf of any prospective candidate until the date whereupon campaigning commences below. The Election Coordinator may authorize specific exceptions as he/she sees fit or necessary. Campaigning is defined as announcements of platform, announcements of candidacy, or announcement of intent to seek candidacy. Announcements are defined as a statement or request for consideration made in person or by mail or other communications medium, to a group or substantial portion of a group, or in a public forum. Prospective candidates are encouraged to solicit advice from the Election Coordinator as to which proposed activity may or may not adhere to the guidelines set forth above. Any actual or perceived violations of campaigning before this date shall be addressed to the Election Coordinator, who shall forward this information to the Admiralty Board. The Admiralty Board will be the final arbiter of whether or not a transgression has occurred and, if so, shall determine whatever punishment they deem fit.

June 1st to July 15th: Nominations for the position of Commander, STARFLEET are accepted.

June 1st: Campaigning may commence for the purpose of soliciting nominations.

July 15th: The Election Coordinator must receive all nominations by this date. Any nomination received after this date will not count towards the official tally.

July 16th: Qualified candidates are announced via the most expedient means possible. Qualified candidates must accept the nomination and announce their VCS candidate within 10 days or be disqualified.

August 1st: Campaign literature must have been submitted to the Election Coordinator for inclusion in the official Election Publication.

September 1st: The CPA hired to conduct the election must place all ballots and Election Publications in the mail by this date.

November 15th: The CPA hired to conduct the election must receive all ballots by this date.

November 20th: The winning candidate is notified and incumbent Commander, STARFLEET begins a transition period, as defined below, if necessary.

December/January: Results are announced in the Communiqué.

January 1st: The newly elected officials take office.

Now, let's go over some election do's and don'ts.

You'll note that in the timeline above, that campaigning is not permitted before June 1, though the Election Coordinator may grant exceptions to this. The Election Coordinator has to weigh the membership's desire for a short campaigning period with the legitimate need of the candidates to let others know of their intent to seek office and their efforts to garner the support necessary to field a team in

the election. And, while doing all of that, the Election Coordinator must be careful to maintain parity between any candidates. In that spirit, an exemption is hereby issued to any prospective candidates to make one "announcement of intent to seek candidacy" between now and June 1. The definition of "announcement" is presented above and in A8S6.

There are some very important things to note here:

- No such announcements will be distributed in the Communiqué.
- There is no requirement to make such an announcement.
- Just because the Election Coordinator has issued an exemption doesn't automatically mean it'll be acceptable to post an announcement to a list. Check with the list owner(s).
- An announcement of intent to seek candidacy is just that. It's not a place to put out your platform. The intent and theme of the announcement should be to inform the membership that you will be seeking nominations, and to give any interested members an opportunity to open a dialogue with you privately.
- Note that you can make one announcement. That doesn't mean that you can make the exact same announcement over and over again. It's a one-shot deal.
- If you have any questions, PLEASE email or write me and ask! I'll be happy to review your announcement to make sure that none of the rules are broken.

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 else, HelpDesk@sfi.org is waiting to hear from you!

Greg-y Trotter

(Who decided to test the creativity of his underlings by not sending us his signature yet again. It'll only get worse, Missstah Trottah! -- Ye Olde Editor)

OFFICE OF GRAPHIC DESIGN OPEN FOR BUSINESS AGAIN!

By Fleet Captain Dixie Halber
Vice-Chief of Communications

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Lauren Milan, USS Avenger
Lauren also serves as the R 7 Webmistress.

Chris Allen, USS Thagard
Chris is a professional graphic artist.

Dina Gravato, USS Lexington

Joe Horton, USS Sovereign

David James, Region 1

Bob Bulkeley, USS Arc Royal.

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Dixie Halber
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So remember, the next time you need graphics done, contact us!



THE SHUTTLEBAY

ADMIRAL ALEX ROSENZWEIG

CHIEF OF SHUTTLE OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

As promised, this issue I'd like to take a look back at the year that was in ShOC. The first year of the Rickard Administration was an exciting one for ShOC, and a great deal happened. I am very pleased with how far we've come, although we still have many things to do before we're ready to say we're done. I'll talk more details in a little bit, but I do want to start off by saying one very important thing, and that's the fact that everything we've accomplished has been because we've developed a great team. Without the HQ-level staff and all the regional Shuttle Officers, we wouldn't have gone nearly as far.

Before I get into the HQ level review, I'd like to start with the shuttles that we've launched most recently. We have deployed four shuttles since last issue. Please join me in welcoming these shuttles to the ranks:

Shuttlecraft Francis Marion - Region 1

Greenville, South Carolina
C. David James, Commanding

Shuttlecraft Laredo - Region 3

Laredo, Texas
Emilio Martinez, Commanding

Shuttlecraft Valiant - Region 20

Mildenhall, United Kingdom
William Beaudry, Commanding

Shuttlecraft William Wallace - Region 12

Joplin, Missouri
Ray Brown, Commanding

Welcome to the Shuttlecraft Program, folks! I'm hearing word of more groups forming, too, and the early predictions show 2002 to be a bright year for chapter forming. The overall list of shuttles and EFCP groups deployed in 2001 is:

Shuttlecraft Achilles
Shuttlecraft Alexandria
Shuttlecraft Avalon
Shuttlecraft Dark Wolf
Shuttlecraft Edinburgh
U.S.S. Gallifrey (EFCP)
Shuttlecraft Gasparilla
Shuttlecraft Hadfield
Shuttlecraft Laredo
Shuttlecraft Magellan
U.S.S. Nebula (EFCP)
U.S.S. Palavra (EFCP)
U.S.S. Parallax (EFCP)
U.S.S. Pegasus (EFCP)
Shuttlecraft Raven's Claw
Shuttlecraft Saint George
Shuttlecraft Seawolf
Shuttlecraft Sol's Fury
Shuttlecraft Starblade
Shuttlecraft Valiant

We also graduated quite a few groups and sent them on to Ops for commissioning:

U.S.S. Adjudicator (EFCP)
Shuttlecraft Anubis
Shuttlecraft Arc Royal
Shuttlecraft Ark Angel
Shuttlecraft Brimstone
Shuttlecraft Dark Wolf
Shuttlecraft Darwin
Shuttlecraft Dragon's Cub
Shuttlecraft Grey Ghost
Shuttlecraft Greywolf
Shuttlecraft Liberty
U.S.S. Nebula (EFCP)
U.S.S. Parallax (EFCP)
U.S.S. Pioneer (EFCP)
Shuttlecraft Sacajawea
Shuttlecraft Shadow Hawk
Shuttlecraft Soyuz
Shuttlecraft Witchfire

Looking ahead a bit, we may very well be seeing even more shuttles and ships deploying in the very near future. The Fleet's been growing, and new chapters are an important part of that growth. With the potentials for a number of new groups coming into being, the future is looking good. Here's hoping it pans out.

Now, a quick look back at 2001's highlights: Two things happened right at the outset, which have contributed to ShOC's strength. First, the department was augmented by the shift of the Existing Fan Club program and Department of Technical Services from Ops into ShOC. This gathered all the functions related to chapter development into one department, and freed Ops to focus on the equally important task of chapter maintenance and general and ongoing Fleet support. (Granted, DTS does other things, too, but its key "operational" component is part of chapter development.) Second, a renewed focus on the "team" aspect of ShOC was undertaken. We had a few settling-in issues to take care of on that front, but once we got them dealt with, the team gelled and things got rolling.

Team ShOC, as we like to call it, actually operates on two levels. There's the HQ team- Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons, Vice Chief of Shuttle Operations and Publications Manager; Biff Bassett, Staff Assistant and Webmaster; Jill Rayburn, Existing Fan Club Program Director (and her staff, Joe Hoolihan and Ray Brown); the DTS Staffers, Chris Wallace (ASDB Director) and John Burt (Schematic Artist); Sandy Berenberg, CompOps Liaison and Shuttlecraft Development Specialist; Robin Pillow, the Editor of the ShOCWave (our on-line staff newsletter); and Lauren Milan, our Graphic Designer.

There's also the regional team, the Shuttle Officers in the various regions. I'd like to take a moment to salute the Regional Shuttle Officers who have been particularly

involved in working with the HQ branch of Team ShOC: Robin Pillow of Region 1, Dave Walker of Region 3, Jolynn Brown of Region 5, and Kyle Wolf of Region 7. (Gumby represents Regions 4 and 17 on that team.) The combined forces of all these creative people have made ShOC a department to be reckoned with. Without them, chapter development in SFI would be a much less effective process.

We then set out to ensure that our planned structure worked properly. Fortunately, it did. As things were fine-tuned, and our communications improved, we could get issues dealt with rapidly and keep the focus on helping chapters-in-training have a great time getting ready for commissioning. That emphasis on communication, both among the staff and with the rest of the Fleet, has been a key element of how ShOC works.

Since then, we have created a ShOC flyer and brochure for use on the regional and local levels, with an emphasis on highlighting chapter-creation. We are also working on a Powerpoint presentation, and will then be updating the ShOC and MOM manuals. At that point, we hope also to have an entire CD-Rom package available, sort of an "everything you need in one place" resource. One thing's for sure; we're not spending any time just resting on our laurels. There are more plans coming, and every time we find something that we can do better, we'll work on achieving it.

I'd like to touch on two other topics of potential interest to the membership:

DTS/ASDB Question:

After a couple of issues, I heard from almost no one on the question of whether we should handle ASDB's role a bit differently. Three responses out of a total of roughly 4,000 members does not a mandate make. So for the moment, we'll be keeping things the way they are. That doesn't mean we might not revisit the question at some point in the future, but for now, the members mostly spoke by not speaking.

Future ShOC:

Over the last year or so, an interesting topic has come up in various discussions. It deals with something that could be a significant change in how we think about our chapters-in-training. I'd like to see what the members feel about this. Please keep in mind that this is just a hypothetical question. An actual change could require an amendment to the STARFLEET constitution, so it's not something that will occur overnight. I am interested, however, if there's enough support to make it go forward at all.

Let me explain a bit. In the old days, the

relationship between a shuttlecraft and its support ship was a very close one. Often, the shuttle's members were all members of the support ship during the shuttle period, and sometimes the shuttle's leaders were considered senior chapter officers, or at least senior officers in training. The two groups, if they were nearby, would work and play together, and the link was such that it made sense to imagine a chapter and its "offspring" as a ship (or station) and shuttlecraft, with some crewmembers of the mothership running special assignments on one of the vessel's shuttles.

In more recent years, things of changed, and the relationship between a support chapter and its shuttle is often a much more distant one than what once was considered typical. In a number of cases, the shuttle has only minimal communication with the support vessel. In thinking about this, and in considering further the idea that ShOC now includes the EFCP, which is not using shuttles at all, the thought of changing the metaphor came to mind. After thinking about it, we hit upon the answer:

What if, instead of shuttlecrafting, a chapter-in-training took their vessel out on a shakedown cruise? We've seen references in Star Trek to shakedowns. The refit-1701 went on a shakedown run at the end of ST:TMP. In "Trek V", the Enterprise-A was finishing a shakedown. Much of Season 3 of "Deep Space Nine" had the Defiant on a shakedown, more or less.

In practice, the program would work in exactly the same way. It would still be a 9-month program, with all the same reporting rules, and a chapter-in-training would still have to have an existing chapter sponsor and support them. Only the terms would change...slightly. ShOC would still be ShOC, but instead it would stand for Shakedown Operations Command. Instead of shuttle numbers, some alternative way of tagging registries would exist, perhaps borrowing from EFCP and giving all chapters-in-training an NX registry that switches to NCC upon commissioning. Sponsoring chapters could be sister-ships, instead of motherships. In fact, doing that could establish a sort of "buddy system", in which an established chapter helps a new one get underway.

Again, I stress: None of this is anything more than an idea. If folks don't like it, we won't even propose it for an amendment. But if you do like it, it could be a step into the future for ShOC. As always, Team ShOC is thinking, and we are sharing some of our thoughts with you.

That's it from me! I invite feedback on the various topics I've discussed in this column. In fact, I truly hope you'll be in touch with me and let me know what you think. Also, if you do see or speak to any of the personnel of Team ShOC, I hope you'll take the time out to thank them for their hard work on behalf of the chapters and members of SFI. Thanks for reading, and we'll talk again in a couple of months.



COMPUTER OPERATIONS

REAR ADMIRAL MARK H. ANBINDER

CHIEF OF COMPUTER OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

When Star Trek: The Next Generation premiered back almost 15 years ago, the new USS Enterprise was ridiculed by some as being too cushy. The Galaxy-class starship, roomy and comfortable enough for families, was called a "cruise ship to the stars," instead of the original Trek's more modest "Wagon Train to the stars."

After a ten-day cruise with my family (to celebrate my mother's birthday) in January, I can finally understand the references to cruise ships!

The folks aboard the Galaxy-class USS Enterprise probably had more spacious accommodations than my brother and I did aboard m/s Zaandam, though I admit we mostly saw officers' quarters on ST:TNG. It's quite possible that the lowly crewpeople shared small rooms. Reportedly, the crew on the cruise ship have even smaller quarters than Jeff and I shared; they have bunk beds instead of twin beds.

There were a couple of days when we didn't set foot outside our "starship" - days when we were simply at sea, with no ports of call - so we grew to appreciate the self-

contained world that is a modern cruise ship. The two-story formal dining room was supplemented by a large eating space where buffet breakfasts and lunches were served, a nice Italian restaurant, a coffee stand, a few bars, and 24-hour room service that almost, but not quite, makes up for the lack of replicators!

Generally speaking, the Zaandam was very well appointed, with lots of wooden railings, thick carpeting, glass, and plush furniture.

I have to say, though, I was expecting something a bit cushier for the ship's bridge. It seemed to be more of a utilitarian control center than a comfortable working environment. Ah well. Not even a comfy command chair! Good thing that's not a problem aboard USS Accord. I'd miss my comfy "center seat."

Congrats on 4,000 members!

In last issue's column, I wrote about Membership Processing Maharishi Sandy Berenberg's hopes of reaching 4,000 members by the end of 2001. We easily

met that goal! Thanks to all of you whose year-end renewals and new memberships got us there.

I know that's partly due to the e-mailed renewal reminders we sent out in November, which brought back a few folks who admitted they would otherwise never have gotten around to renewing. We also got lots of "what a great idea" replies, and several "thanks for the reminder" notes.

Unfortunately, not everyone is thrilled with the reminders. One long-time member, who can keep track of his expiration date without any help, likened the reminder to the pre-expiration flurry of mail from magazines with increasingly frantic pleas for you to renew.

We'd be delighted to be able to accommodate everyone's preferences, but for now, I think the e-mailed renewal reminders will have to stay. I promise not to send you more than one per year if you renew in a timely manner (and if you renew early, you won't even get that one), and I promise it won't be HTML-encoded e-mail!

Speaking of praise...

Here at CompOps we've also been getting notes from members who have nice things to say about Sandy Berenberg and his Membership Processing Corps, who've been turning around new-member and renewal packets very promptly. We've also started to get delighted comments of praise for the beautiful new membership cards and certificates that Diana Hoff printed for us.

Thanks to these folks for all of their hard work!

Still a little confusion?

For those of you who weren't already clear on this (and apparently there are still some), the current Membership Processing address is a post office box in Gaithersburg, Maryland. If you have forms with the Bellevue, Washington or College Park, Maryland addresses, or anything even older, please discard them now, or if they're in publications you want to keep, please mark them as outdated.

The correct, current address is on all of the forms being distributed on the Membership Processing web site at <http://join.sfi.org/>

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

Greetings from the front lines of the MP Corps and Happy New Year! We continue to work hard to keep our services timely and efficient, but it is you who make it all possible. The culmination of your efforts and drive has provided great results. In mid December, 2001 the STARFLEET International Membership reached 4000! Thank you! Currently, membership is still on the rise and to that I say, give us more work, renew early, get new people to sign up and let's keep those former members coming out of the woodwork!

Performance

Membership Processing has been successfully giving a processing turnaround of less than four weeks on average. While some people's memberships have taken up to seven to eight weeks, the average is much faster. Again, Gerri Wampler and the MP Corps are working to improve this to reduce the overall turnaround time even further without losing efficiency. Please remember, the promised turnaround is 6-8 weeks, but we strive to do better. It does not always happen, but we try.

Membership Materials at Reduced Costs, but with improved Quality!

In 2002, Membership Processing has changed some features in the Membership Kit. Thanks to the amazing graphic stylings and creative genius of Kurt Roithinger and David Pipgras,

Membership Processing introduces new Membership Certificates, ID Cards and Chapter Assignment Cards. These new items are all color laser-printed. Certificates are currently printed on parchment and gloss paper (similar to earlier certificates). Over time, and through member input, a single format will be adopted. Chapter Assignment Cards, also color laser-printed come pre-printed with the Member's name. ID Cards are both now color laser-printed and laminated.

I have worked with my employer, NewView Technologies, and have struck a deal where STARFLEET International may use both their copier and color copiers to make membership materials at the cost of paper and toner. What does this mean? Membership Kits, composed of Handbooks, Vessel Registries and Applications take 36 sheets of paper each, or 72 copies. Going to kinkos or other copy place could cost 4¢ to 5¢ each. In mass volumes, we may be able to reduce the cost to 3¢ or 2¢ each.

This means 2500 Membership Kits could cost from \$3,600 to \$9,000 for just this component. Our cost today, is \$500.00 to \$700 for this service (depending on toner life).

MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING REPORT

By BGen. Sanford Berenberg • Director, Membership Processing

This reduced cost has allowed us to purchase lamination sleeves to laminate all new ID cards, use parchment and gloss paper for certificates, etc. We are looking into other ways to give the membership more. Because of the new laminated ID Cards, we have to create guidelines. Laminated ID Cards will be issued to new memberships and corrections only. If you wish to get a laminated ID card, please renew.

The cost issue new laminated ID Cards for existing members would become cost prohibitive in postage and materials. We are currently are considering a fee for service approach to laminating cards in this manner. Again, ALL members who renew or join as of 1/1/2002 will get the new Laminated ID Cards. (We already have enough lamination sleeves/jackets for the entire year.)

New Member of the MP Corps and MP Corps supports our Veterans.

Please welcome Ed DeRuggiero, USS Highlander to the MP Corps. Ed's distinguished past includes service in the US Air Force, membership in the Lions, and other Star Trek organizations. Ed works with a veterans group, collecting cancelled

stamps for use in mosaics and other projects of the veterans. I will let Ed provide a better description of these groups and what they do in another article for another time.

On that end, Membership Processing is sending 2 years worth of membership envelopes and cancelled stamps to Ed to be clipped and donated (approximately 2,000 in all). Going forward, all envelopes sent to MP will similarly be clipped and donated.

Tips

Periodically the MP Corps receives returned Membership Kits and CQs. This means that some members are not getting their materials. We try to contact these members to get a better address, but you too, can help on this.

Please be sure to list your full address. Whereas you may normally use abbreviations for names and numbers, please list out the entire address to better ensure your materials arrive. Example: BFLO is a known abbreviation for Buffalo. Please use the full word.

If you live in apartment complex, PLEASE list out your full apartment and building numbers. This is one of the main reasons mail is returned.

Well, that is it for now - Until next time!



EX ASTRA, SCIENTIA

ADMIRAL MARLENE MILLER

COMMANDANT, STARFLEET ACADEMY

CHANGES

There have been some changes made at STARFLEET Academy.

NEW SOST DIRECTOR:

Sandy Berenberg has moved on to STARFLEET Membership Processing, and has relinquished his Academy parking space to John Roberts. John has taken over the School of Strategy and Tactics (SOST) that was developed by Sandy. John hails from Albuquerque New Mexico. Although we're sad to see you go, Sandy...we're looking forward to working alongside John.

ACADEMY SPECIAL ASSISTANT RESIGNS:

On January 21, Wayne Lee Killough, Jr. resigned his position as STARFLEET Academy Special Assistant. Thank you for all the hard work you did in this capacity, Wayne. The position will not be filled at this time.

OFFICER'S COMMAND COLLEGE (OCC) DIRECTOR STEPS DOWN:

On January 29, Jim Cushing resigned his position as Director of STARFLEET Academy Officer's Command College. Jim has been with STARFLEET Academy for quite a few years, and I'm sorry to see him go, however, he may just take me up on my offer of him developing a new School to bring to the Academy in the future.

OFFICER'S COMMAND COLLEGE (OCC) HAS NEW DIRECTOR:

I, Marlene Miller, have taken moved into the Officer's Command College office that was vacated by Jim. This was a smooth transition, so delays should be at a very minimum. If you sent your OCC application or answer packet to Jim, you may have it returned to you. If so, please send it to me at:

Marlene Miller
461 Harmony Lane
Campbell, Ohio 44405-1212

You may also apply via e-mail to: occ@sfi.org or marlene@cboss.com.

Please remember to include ALL required items with your application. If you're unsure what those requirements are, please consult a current copy of the Academy Application (current as of February, 2002), the STARFLEET Academy WebSite (<http://www.sfi-sfa.com>) or me at the above e-addresses.

OPENING AT THE VULCAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE (VAS) --US Campus

With my new position as Director of the Officer's Command College, I will be leaving the Vulcan Academy of Science. Please look for the guidelines for applying to become the next VAS director on the next page!

RETURN ADDRESSES

Several Academy Directors have asked me to remind you to please type or neatly print your return address when dealing with the Academy.

ONLINE VOUCHERS

The Online Voucher Code program at STARFLEET International Academy is becoming quite popular. Online vouchers are a virtual

substitute for money or red vouchers, when being used for Academy tuition.

Vouchers may be purchased by individuals for their own use or for the use of their shipmates. They may be purchased in any quantity.

To learn more about this Internet-based method of paying for your Academy tuition go to: <http://www.mosquitonet.com/~betazoid/OLV.htm>

STARFLEET CADET ACADEMY:

Cadet Academy Dean, Peg Pellerin says: "This is just a reminder that the Cadet Academy schools were set up for just that, cadets. Cadets are those STARFLEET members who are under the age of 18. The Cadet Academy was also set to be used by those who are learning disabled. However, the only way that someone who is 18 and over can take a Cadet course is if the member's Commanding Officer attaches a letter to the application or contacts you via email in regards the status of said member. Anyone else should be taking the regular Academy courses."

If you have questions regarding the Cadet Academy, please contact Dean Peg Pellerin at: email4us3@midmaine.com

INTERNATIONAL CAMPUSES - Australia, Canada & Europe

Over the past year or so, we've expanded STARFLEET Academy to include three International Campuses.

The Australian Campus is manned by Elizabeth Worth and Alan Yates, Sr. If you have questions about the Australian Campus, please contact Dean Alan Yates, Sr. at: campoz@ay.com.au.

The Canadian Campus is manned by David Blaser, Gloria Hanson, Donna Jean Noddin and Joost Ueffing. If you have questions about the Canadian Campus, please contact Dean David Blaser at: daveB@Region13.org.

The European Campus is manned by Jeroen Vantroyen. If you have questions about the European Campus, please contact Dean Jeroen Vantroyen at: joeren@ussbelgica.be.

INTERNATIONAL CAMPUS DIRECTORS WANTED

Are you from Europe, Canada or Australia? Are you looking for something to do in STARFLEET, on the International level? Have you always wanted to be an educator but didn't want to go to College for your BS in Education Degree? Well, the Academy needs and wants you! You must meet the requirements listed above (Under "Opening at the Vulcan Academy of Science"). Contact me and the Dean of the Campus and let us know how you'd like to contribute to your local Campus.

ACADEMY ADDRESSES MAY BE 'BOUNCING'

Because of problems with our server, some Academy "alias" addresses (such as CoC@sfi.org or CoCH@sfi.org etc...) may be experiencing difficulties. Hopefully by the time this issue of the CQ hits your doorstep, the problem will be eliminated and the addresses will be fully functional. If you try to access an address that 'bounces' back to you, please either resubmit your request via surface mail, or contact me for

the Staff member's alternate e-address.

ACADEMY WEBSITE

As I reported in CQ #108, 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 Directors of the schools that interest you.

As soon as Greg is able, there will be a Master Record Document posted. Allyson Dyar suggested the idea for this document, as well as its design. Academy Directors and I will be updating the MRD as often as necessary to keep it current.

ACADEMY AWAY TEAMS

Once again, 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. Hundreds of courses were bought by you 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

TO THOSE WHO PURCHASED ACADEMY PACKETS AT AN AWAY TEAM EVENT

If you purchased an Academy packet at a STARFLEET Event, and you forgot to unpack it from your suitcase when you returned home... ALAS, all is not lost. Even though you may be WAY past the due-date... you may request an extension from the Director of your School. At the Director's discretion, he/she can extend from two to four weeks. Don't let those packets go to waste! Send them in, now. We'll be happy to process them for you without penalty.. provided, of course, you've requested and were granted an extension.

ACADEMY STORES

I've recently received two silk-screened STARFLEET sweatshirts which I purchased from STARFLEET's Quartermaster, and an embroidered STARFLEET Academy sweatshirt which was purchased from Carolyn Donner's, Donner's Country Crafts. All of the shirts are top quality. Not only do they LOOK great, they FEEL great. Donner's also sells T-shirts, and jackets with the STARFLEET Academy logo embroidered on the left chest. She has these same items available for most of the Academy Schools (I'm kinda partial to the one for the Vulcan Academy of Science, myself!), but I hope to also get one for Officer's Command College, too!

Carolyn is gracious enough to donate a minimum of \$1 from each sale of Academy clothes, to the STARFLEET Scholarship Fund. Her site can be accessed via the Academy website or at:

Donner's Country Crafts
PO Box 158
Hammersville, Ohio 45130

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 at jazdan@wk.net or

Jill Rayburn
121 McDonald St
Puryear, TN 38251

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: securityschool@wow-web.com or

Greg Staylor
3913 Monterey Ct.
Chesapeake, VA 23321

MILESTONE ACHIEVED

One of STARFLEET Academy and STARFLEET Marine Academy's staunchest supporters has informed me that he completed over 100 courses in 2001.

George Parker of the USS Ark Angel tells me: "The most challenging is the survival test. I found it very tough and one of the few I haven't been able to complete. Another hard one is the third test in Flag Officer School. I'm still trying to complete it. On the Marine side most of the -30 tests have been challenging. Not only in finding a appropriate topic, but in material to use as reference."

Even though the courses are challenging, and not easy to get through without a lot of hard work, George has graduated with honors from dozens of courses. Throughout his quest to take a LOT of courses, George said he had a lot of help and wanted to thank those who helped him along the way:

"I wish to thank Brad Pense for his help, his words of encouragement, for being there when I needed him and for making Region 3 one of the best regions in STARFLEET. I'd like to thank Jeff Webb, XO (former CO) of the Ark Angel for his guidance, for inspiring me throughout the year, and for being one of the best CO's in STARFLEET. I wish to thank all the librarians, internet geeks, and friends who endured the year of me asking endless questions on where I can find information, find / purchase out-of-date / print books, and constantly hearing about how many tests I have taken. Which is up to ... I better not say. I especially like to thank those who gave me wrong info. i.e. wrong places on where to find answers, wrong info on rank is tied to how many classes you have taken, and so forth and so on. And finally I would like to thank those who hurried to grade my tests. Sometimes at my request so I could have for some awards ceremony or to have by some meeting."

PACKETS PROCESSED

STARFLEET Academy Directors have processed 195 Graduates in the 9 weeks between the last report periods, 11/26/2001 to 02/03/2002.

CONGRATULATIONS...

...to all Graduates, and a great big Thank You to all the Directors who have given of their time and energy to make it happen. Come join us at the Academy. Our doors are always open!

Marlene J Miller



OPENING AT VULCAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Admiral Marlene J. Miller • Comandant, STARFLEET Academy

Artwork Adapted by Vice Admiral Kurt Roithinger • STARFLEET Region Five

With my new position as Director of the Officer's Command College, I will be leaving the Vulcan Academy of Science. I became its Director on January 4, 1989 when I had to rebuild the School from the ground up. These past 13 years as its Director were some of the best years ever!

Of course I want to leave the Vulcan Academy of Sciences in capable hands, and I'm sure the right person is probably reading this announcement right now.

I will be taking resumes and letters of intent from those interested in become Director of the Vulcan Academy of Science.

In your informal resume, please include a little about your real-life as well as your STARFLEET life.

In your letter of intent, please tell me why you feel I should choose you. Give me some idea of your interest in science, both Star Trek science, and the sciences we're in contact with in this Universe. Tell me a little about yourself - and include your age (and no, that won't be a determining factor) as well as your address. See below for more information.

I will accept this information until midnight, April 30, 2002 in order to reach those who will only see this announcement in Communiqué #109.

I must caution you. The Vulcan Academy of Science is a very involved School. There are 15 major Degree programs, and 37 Electives. The Logic Exam and Extra Credit Exam are also a part of the curriculum. More will be added by the new Director.

Academy Directors must meet specific criteria and requirements, including the following:

Requirements of Academy Directors and Assistants:

1. Applicant must be a STARFLEET member who is in "good standing" (Include your SCC #)
2. Applicant must have successfully completed, be in the process of completing, or be willing to complete (within 3 months of receiving the position) OTS, OCC, FOS (3 courses), and at least one other STARFLEET Academy course.
3. Applicant must have a good command of the English language.
4. Applicant must be at least 18 years old. (If under the age of 18, applicant must submit written permission of his/her parents or legal guardian).
5. Applicant must send the Commandant a "letter of intent" to let him/her know what he/she will do to make the School appealing to

students.

6. Applicant must send the Commandant at least one sample test and answer key that will be used within the School.

7. Applicant must be able to relate, without prejudice, to all STARFLEET's members.

8. Applicant must be a fan of Star Trek.

Academy Director duties include, but are not limited to:

1. Receiving applications from potential students via postal and/or electronic mail
2. Recording and taking responsibility for safekeeping of income received from students that will be sent to the Academy Commandant or his/her designated recipient.
3. Sending exam packets to students via postal and/or electronic mail.
4. Scoring exam packets that are returned to you.
5. Sending monthly reports (Income, Director's and Reimbursement) to the Academy Commandant or his/her designated recipient.
6. Fostering an overall positive attitude

regarding the Director's School and STARFLEET Academy.

Each applicant must include a description of who they are (anything they want to tell the Commandant about themselves), what their qualifications are, and what they have accomplished in their STARFLEET career.

Some items to include would be SCC #, age, how long they've been in STARFLEET, region/chapter to which they belong, involvement in the local and regional level, involvement in their local community, etc.

Applications and letters should be sent to:

Marlene J. Miller
461 Harmony Lane
Campbell, Ohio 44405-1212

or e-mailed to: academy@sfi.org, vas@sfi.org OR marlene@cboss.com

If you mail to ALL THREE of the above e-mail addresses... your application will not be considered. <g>

I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

Please understand that I know choosing one person, will be a difficult task, but it will happen. If you're interested, let me hear from you.

OTS - Canada Director Speaks!

Hi! Most of you don't know me, but I sure wish you did, especially those of you in Canada. I am the Canadian OTS Liaison and it's a very lonely job. Since I took over this position, I have only had one new applicant. I was very excited about this job when I first applied and still think it's important to have a Canadian campus for OTS. Unfortunately, it doesn't seem to have engendered the kind of response that was hoped for. I was surprised at how little interest there is in this service.

When I first joined STARFLEET, I couldn't wait to take all the classes I could. Unfortunately, life happened

BITS AND PIECES FROM AROUND THE ACADEMY

Compiled by Admiral Marlene Miller • Comandant, STARFLEET Academy

and after OTS, OCC and one Science Academy course, I left STARFLEET. When I rejoined last year, I couldn't wait to start taking courses again. It's a great way to stimulate your mind and a great way to kill some time. Since I live out in the "boonies", or the "bush" as you Canadian's call it, there isn't much to do. So please, keep me busy! Take OTS, or any other course that's available. It sure doesn't cost a lot and it keeps people like me busy.

Gloria Hanson
Canadian OTS Liaison

Officer's Training School Replacement Certificates:

I have been receiving questions from a few individuals from time to time on how they can get a replacement OTS certificate. It is very simple.

Send me a 6 x 9 SASE envelope with 1 first class stamp on the envelope. Include a note with your name, SCC# and approximately what year you took OTS. I can look only as far back as 1987 in my files. Anything prior to that I don't have the information (sorry). I need the 6 x 9 SASE because my

certificates are cardstock. If you don't mind having a paper replacement that will be folded, send me a regular business sized SASE with 1 first class stamp and the same note. If I get the business-sized envelope, I will automatically send a folded paper certificate.

Hope this answers any questions out there.

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Email: email4us3@midmaine.com

Peg Pellerin
OTS Director



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 November 26, 2001 through February 3, 2002. An Asterisk (*) indicates scores of 100% or Higher. Some schools issue "pass" or "fail" rather than numerical scores. A number next to the name indicates that the student has taken that many courses within the College or School, during the report period above.

INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP *Peg Pellerin, Dean*

Officer's Training School (OTS)

*Peg Pellerin, Elizabeth Worth, Gloria Hanson and
Jeroen Vantroyen - Directors*

Michael McDonald	Phillip M. Johnston
Robert Lane Keck	Shawn Levesque
Denise Clark	Douglas Mayo
Stefan Wouters	Brad Austin
Connie Griffin	Kaith Rush *
Michael Wright	Steve Mirick
Sarah E Abrell	Christina Runewicz
Kellie Coulter	Peter Smith
Rebecca A. Harwood	Heather G. Stern
John J. Harwood	Tony Fleming
Emilio Martinez	Rodney Davis
Brenda Smith	Robert A. Torres *
Carmen Trevino	Karin Fuog
Joseph L. White	Jason Weingartner

Officer's Command College (OCC)

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Geraldine Sylvester
Bran Stimpson
Brenna Littou
Jennefer Ernst
Edward McDonald
Todd Brugmans
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Ariel Vitali
Karen Mitchell
Mary Bulk
John Adcock
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College of Alien History & Culture (CAHC)

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Kristi Schultz *	Shawn Levesque
Peter Picanso *	Douglas Mayo *
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Richard Passmore (2) *	S. Adam Day *
Kris Williams *	Margaret Grunwell *
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Darlene Harper	
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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Brigadier General Robb Jackson • Inspector General, STARFLEET

Artwork Created by Commodore David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five

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

REGION 01

The Region 01 Nomination Process began officially on October 15, 2001 with a hardcopy mailing to all eligible COs with VOC form included. <SNIP> By the time this reaches the presses, a Regional Coordinator should have been chosen.

Well, I missed the call on that one.

As of December 1st, 2001 I received 25 nominations, for five individuals - with one withdrawing. The below percentages are based on the number of votes received and after five were voided due to the withdrawal. The tally for the nominations returned were as follows

Robin Pillow - 10 (50%)
Willy Smith - 5
Paul Wheeler - 4 (20%)
Carl Lewis - 2 (10%)
Jack Hopkins - 4 (20%)

As no one nominee received 50%+1 of the nominations returned; Phase II of the Election Process commenced and officially began on December 10, 2001 with said forms due to the IG no later than January 10, 2002.

Once the Election Process began, another candidate withdrew his name - Paul Wheeler. As mentioned previously, the remaining candidates and their vote tallies were:

Robin Pillow - 17 (46%)
Carl Lewis - 7 (19%)
Jack Hopkins - 13 (35%)

With a plurality of the returned ballots as per the rules and regulations of STARFLEET, and by the authority vested in me as Inspector General, STARFLEET, it was my duty and privilege to declare Commodore Robin Pillow the winner. Congratulations to Coordinator Robin Pillow !

OTHER ISSUES

There are currently no investigations being done at this time. Please

remember, the only issues the Office of Inspector General will get involved in as per the rules and regulations of STARFLEET are:

Violations of membership rights as stated in the Membership Handbook.

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

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

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

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

DUTIES OF THE IG - Miscellaneous Duties

The services of the IG's Office can be requested for various other services. Requests for these services are not limited to the AB or EC of STARFLEET. Examples of these services include, but are not limited to:

- Arbitrator
- Running a Chapter Election
- Running a Chapter Vote of Confidence

Asking the IG's Office to act as an arbitrator in a situation is meant to be a member's last recourse to settle a problem.

Before making such a request, the requesting parties MUST have followed the proper Chain of Command - be it chapter, region, or Fleet-level - and exhausted all solution options presented - if any.

Once all these standard means of solving the problem(s) are exhausted, and then the involved member/s may petition the IG's Office for binding

arbitration.

A request for arbitration must be made in writing to the IG, not an AIG. Said request must include detailed information as to the problem/s, persons involved, and any supporting documentation necessary. Once this request has been received, the IG will review the matter and determine if the criteria has been met for his office's intervention. Whether the IG decides to have his office act as an arbitrator or not, the petitioning party will be notified in writing of the IG's decision.

If the IG decides to have his office act as an arbitrator, then the AIG from the petitioning party's region will act as the lead arbitrator in collecting the necessary information from all involved parties. Once the information has been collected, the IG will be notified and a Board of Review will be convened.

This Board of Review will be made up of the IG (who will act as president of the board), the AIG acting as lead arbitrator, and 3 other members of the IG's Office. The lead arbitrator will send copies of all collected information to each member of the Board of Review.

Once the Board of Review has received the required materials, they will have seven days to review and discuss said information and render a verdict in the matter. The initial verdict, in order to keep within the seven-day time-frame can be either voice or e-mail.

However, all the verdicts must be provided in writing within three days from the initial verdict, and with an explanation as to why that decision was reached. Copies of the verdict will be provided to all involved parties and the Regional Coordinators of the involved region(s). In addition, copies of all materials involved will kept on file in the Inspector Generals Office.

The verdict reached by the Board of Review is considered final, and all involved parties must adhere to it - as agreed to in the petition. Said verdict will also stipulate any penalties levied - if required.

IG PERSONNEL

Here is a current list of personnel.

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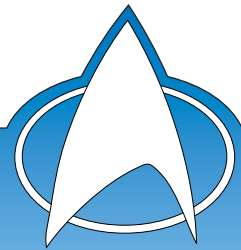
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There are positions open for Regions 10, 11, 13, and 17. Interested parties should send a Fleet/Real Life resume to my attention.

Your most humble & obedient servant,



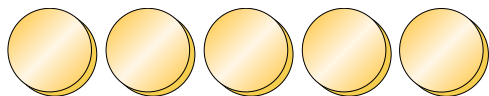
STARFLEET PROMOTIONS

COMPILED BY MARINE CAPTAIN DEBORAH MALOTTE

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

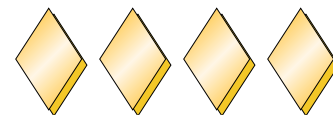
To Fleet Captain:

Rahadyan T. Sastrowardoyo
Kris Dobie
Dixie Halber (Surprise!)



To Brigadier:

James Monroe



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/1 Michael Dugas
3/1 Tiffany Rose James
3/1 Missy Hutchins Ozone
3/2 Laura James
3/2 Brent Schreckengost
3/2 Robert Westfall
3/3 Robert Alpizar
3/3 Morgan Kirby
3/3 Megan Williams
3/4 Duncan Cameron
3/5 Sydney Pfeiffer
3/5 Jeffrey Salamon
3/8 Tina Williams
3/9 John Mooney
3/10 Verbon Brad Davis
3/10 Emily Higdon
3/13 Ed Seaman
3/14 Rhonda Allen
3/14 Catherine Pilman
3/15 Carlo R DeShouten
3/16 Ian Bickle
3/17 Nick Mohnhey
3/18 Robert Rideout
3/18 Mary Roy
3/21 Michelle L Neigut
3/21 Victor Swindell
3/22 Stephen Henderson
3/23 Clifford J. Trimble
3/25 Kristi Fell
3/26 Joong Kim
3/26 Trey Munson
3/26 Keith D Trail
3/27 Todd Harper
3/27 Meg Roach
3/27 Alice Strange
3/28 Tom Restivo
3/29 C. David James
3/30 Mark Werner
3/31 Thomas F. Revor Jr.
3/31 Lauren E. Vinson

STARFLEET SAYS HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Logo Courtesy of Danny Hall USS Indestructible, Region 2

Well folks we have made it in to the New Year and I hope you are all having a go one so far. Now we are coming into the time of the year for Summits to start to be going.

I am looking forward to the Region 2 Summit in Columbus, GA. (My home region so can you blame me?) any what here are the birthdays for this month and as always if your name is not on this list please contact me or you local ships counselor or Chaplin and they will get it to me. Please note the new logo hope you all like it and a special thanks to Danny Hall "Joker" on IRC.

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If you e-mail 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.

MARCH/APRIL CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

3/3 James Doohan
3/20 John de Lancie,
3/22 William Shatner
3/22 Michael Westmore
3/25 D.C. Fontana
3/26 Leonard Nimoy
3/29 Marina Sirtis

4/1 Grace Lee Whitney
4/15 Michael Ansara
4/18 Avery Brooks
4/19 Herman Zimmerman
4/20 George Takei
4/26 Spice Williams
4/29 Kate Mulgrew

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/1 Holly Harper
4/1 Bill Paul
4/2 Mike Wilkerson
4/3 Niles Kimbro
4/4 Maud Freifelder
4/4 Suzanne Magann
4/4 Brandi Rideout
4/7 Paul M Brillantes
4/7 Karen Watson
4/10 Samantha Bloch
4/10 Barbara M Paul
4/10 Lanie Rose
4/12 Bruce Dolan
4/12 Cathy Dunham
4/12 Karen Goldbech
4/12 Eric Pfeilffer
4/12 Brian P. Smith
4/13 Robin Pillow
4/14 Will Burhans
4/15 Dixie Halber
4/16 Chuck Freas
4/16 Susan C Vaughn
4/17 Rick Campbell
4/17 Danny James
4/17 Bruce Sommer
4/17 Scott Sommer
4/17 Mark A. Vinson
4/19 Zachary Schwab
4/19 Truman Temple
4/20 Justin Kreger
4/20 John R. Watson
4/21 Wayne Thompson
4/22 Debbie Butcher
4/22 Dennis Gray
4/23 Philip Decker
4/25 Monty Strickland
4/28 Wesley Frey
4/28 Kevin Moore
4/29 Deanna Blanchard
4/30 Chris Higdon



CADET CORPS ESSAY AND PICTURE COMPETITION

Commodore Dustin Williams • Vice-Comandant, STARFLEET Cadet Corps

Artwork Adapted By Vice Admiral Kurt Roithinger • STARFLEET Region Five

The first annual STARFLEET Cadet Corps Essay & Picture Competition takes flight. Each cadet who submits a essay or picture will be eligible for prizes. The theme this year will be "What I Like About STARFLEET and my Chapter". Essay submissions will be open to ages 10 to 18. Picture submissions will be open to ages 3 through 9. Pictures will be of the cadets' favorite Star Trek Character. This competition is open to any active STARFLEET member 18 and under. The Competition will run from February 1 2002 and end on July 1 2002. The director and I will judge the essays. I will judge the picture submissions with the help of the cadets' peers.

Any Trek genre for the pictures will be accepted. Prizes will be given for 1st 2nd and 3rd places in each age group. Prizes will be given at this year's IC 2002 in San Jose Ca. Essays that have won a prize will be displayed on the wall at the General Session of this years IC. Submissions may include a picture for display along with Essay.

All entry names will be displayed on the SFCC Web Site upon completion of the

contest. Pictures will be included as well on the web site if one is received. Remember everyone is a winner. Good luck cadets and have fun!

Here are the Competiton Rules:

1. The submission must contain at least 100 words no more than 1000 words.
2. Children ages six to nine must draw the pictures themselves. Ages three to five may get help from Parents
3. Essay Submissions must be on the topic of "Why I like STARFLEET and my Chapter"
4. Punctuation and grammar counts. Parents may proof read.
5. The competition will run From February 1 2002 through July 1 2002. All submissions must be post marked no later than July 1 2002 considered.
6. All forms of submissions will be allowed. E-mail or snail mail is acceptable. Please include return address if your essay wins and

you cannot attend the winners' ceremony at IC 2002 cadet function. Scanned pictures must be in .jpg or .gif format. All essays submitted electronically must be in text or rich text format. This is to ensure maximum system compatibility between the judges.

7. SCC Numbers and ship affiliation MUST be included in your submission. If the information is missing it CANNOT be considered. THIS IS IMPORTANT (some exceptions to toddlers 5 and under may apply)*. Cadet Rank and position on Chapter is optional.

8: Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third place winner in each age category only.

9: Please include 2 first class stamps if you want your Essay and or picture returned if mailed.

10: Age catagories for the Essays: 11-13 14-18. Age groups for pictures: 3-5 6-8 9-10

11: Pictures will be based on creativity not so much exactness of character.

Eligibility:

- Must be 18 years old or UNDER.
- Must be a STARFLEET Member in good standing (some exceptions for toddlers 5 and under may apply)*
- Must be active upon a chapter (correspondence members ARE included in this competition).
- Must meet ALL criteria as stated above in the official rules. No Exceptions unless otherwise stated.

* Children 5 and under are NOT required to have a SCC #.

Send Essay Submissions To:

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STARFLEET Academy's Vulcan Academy of Sciences is a very special school. In VAS you can earn up to 15 fictional degrees in two fields -- Biological Sciences and Physical Sciences -- with three dozen electives. You learn a lot about real science as you do the course work, and have a great deal of fun while you're at it!

In the history of STARFLEET, there are only twelve members who have completed all of the courses offered at the time they were enrolled. VAS would like to honor these special people for their commendable accomplishment. Seven have been profiled in previous issues of the STARFLEET Communiqué (issues 87-93).

The Vulcan Academy of Sciences gives a hearty SALUTE to: Wayne Killough, Jr.!

Wayne has been a member of STARFLEET for about five years. He is Commanding Officer of the USS Witchfire and Director of the STARFLEET Academy College of Medicine and the 12th Brigade Training Officer. It took him about two and a half years to finish all of the VAS courses, starting with a Bachelor's in Meteorology and finishing up with a Doctoral degree in Chemistry. He also completed about ten or so more STARFLEET Academy colleges during that timeframe.

Fleet Captain Killough has been interested in science since early childhood. "I have always had an uncanny knack for technological items," he says, "especially mathematics and sciences such as genetics and chemistry." He graduated from Dubach Jr./Sr. High School in Dubach, Louisiana in May 1995 as class Valedictorian, with a "perfect 4.0 grade point averages, the highest they offered."

VAS PROFILE: WAYNE KILLOUGH, JR.

Fleet Captain Richard Heim • Fleet Division Chief of Science

If there was anyone special who sparked his interest in science when he was younger, it would have to be his high school science teacher, Ms. Darlene Carver. "She was an extremely intelligent individual who really opened my eyes to the world of science," he recalls affectionately. "She wanted me to go to college of Computer Science, which I got a full tuition scholarship to do. I left college after a little over a year and moved to Harrison, Arkansas due to a job transfer (worked for Wal-Mart at the time). I went by to see her before I left Louisiana and told her that, although I was leaving school, I would never give up on having a career in the computer industry. I'm glad I went to see her, because she suddenly passed away from a brain tumor not long after I moved away. I will never forget her, nor will I ever forget the fact that I kept my promise to her. I've been employed for over two and a half years as a computer programmer."

Wayne's science interests and hobbies center around computer science, medicine, biomedical engineering, astronomy, genetic research and engineering, parapsychology, and astrology. His favorite scientists include Albert Einstein, Edward Jenner, Sir Alexander Fleming, Marie Curie, and Stephen Hawking. "I have always been a 'medical enthusiast'," he notes, so the most important scientific discoveries, to him, center around advancements in medicine, "particularly the breakthroughs in polio, smallpox, and other life threatening diseases." Of the many things that remain to be discovered, he ranks high on the list cures for numerous diseases, such as

HIV/AIDS and cancer.

Forward-looking shows like 2001: A Space Odyssey and Star Trek are more than just entertainment to FCapt. Killough. "They showed me that, although I was watching a movie, I could be watching reality. What has been shown in these movies has gone from Science Fiction to Science Fact, or is in the research or developmental stages of Science Fact."

How important is science to the world today? "Extremely important," Wayne believes, "for without science, the world today would not exist. We would have very short life spans, and the life we did live would not have the fulfillment as it does today."

If he could decide NASA's space missions for the next 30 years, Wayne would concentrate on further exploration of the planets in our solar system. He especially feels we should apply the knowledge we gain from planetary exploration to uses here on Earth, as in some form of medical advancement.

Wayne listed several activities STARFLEET could do to advance the fields of science. "I would like for STARFLEET to have a type of Science Fair, where both the young and not so young members of STARFLEET could come together and display their scientific discoveries. I also think we should work more toward providing a 'scientific spark' in our youth. Chapter, sector, and regional Youth Directors should work scientific and medical events and

topics into their programs. Who knows, one of our STARFLEET youth may grow up to become the next Albert Einstein or Edward Jenner!"

In closing, Wayne would like to say to members that, if they want to get involved in STARFLEET above the chapter level, then they should get out, meet people, and show everyone what they are capable of. "I remember when I first joined STARFLEET, I was in awe of the EC and AB. I could not imagine someone being that popular to where they could have a position like that. I always wanted to work at all levels of Fleet, not just the chapter level, but I had it in my mind that I could never do that; I did not know that many people. Well, after volunteering here and there and attending Summits and Youth Conferences and Conventions, look at me now. Not only am I a Fleet Captain, but I am also the Commanding Officer of the USS Witchfire in Region 12, the Director of the STARFLEET Academy College of Medicine, and the 12th Brigade Training Officer, as well as having served as the R12 Awards Program Director. Anything in Fleet, for that matter, anything in life, is possible, as long as you have the desire, the enthusiasm, and the drive to accomplish it. If you have what it takes -- then go out there and achieve your goals."

(On behalf of the Vulcan Academy of Sciences, I would like to take a moment to thank Wayne for corresponding with us, and to ask you to join me in a hearty round of applause! If you would like to learn more about VAS, or take some courses, check out the VAS web page at: <http://www.wow-web.com/sfi-sfa/schoolinfo/vas.asp> or send a SASE to VAS Director Adm. Marlene Miller, 461 Harmony Lane, Campbell, OH 44405-1212, or email her at VAS@sfi.org.

THE DOORS OF WISDOM ARE NEVER SHUT

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

The above words were uttered by Benjamin Franklin, one of the great early scientists of the United States. Wisdom comes from knowledge and the judicious application of that knowledge, and the gathering or discovery of knowledge is what science is all about.

This month I'd like to discuss ways of organizing a ship's science department. But first, here's a report on the status of *STARFLEET Sciences*. The web page is currently under development. 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; science experiments and educational tools; *STARFLEET Science RDC* and other regional science resources, including a *STARFLEET Science Handbook* and science reports written by *STARFLEET* members. When it is ready, the web page url will be announced on various *STARFLEET* listservers and in these hallowed pages. Keep watching!

As I am also the Chief Science Officer aboard the USS Alaric, I'm using that ship's newsletter as a communications organ for *STARFLEET Sciences* until an editor for the national science newsletter can be found. My first two Science FDC reports appeared in the November 2001 and January 2002 issues of the *Carolina Communicator*, and you can get to them online at: <http://www.ussalaric.org/cc/cc0111.htm#CSO> and <http://www.ussalaric.org/cc/cc0201.htm#FDCScience>. Paper copies of each issue are available by sending me one dollar's worth of postage stamps for each copy. I can be reached at:

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Two science resources that are currently available within *STARFLEET* include the Science-Lab listserv and the Vulcan Academy of Science. Recent posts to the Science-Lab listserv include "Study Uncovers 12 Nearby Stars", "Dark Energy: Astronomers Still 'Clueless' About Mystery Force Pushing Galaxies Apart", "Mars' Greatest Treasures May Lie Beneath Its Barren Icy Surface", and the weekly list of upcoming science shows on TV! To sign up, go to the egroups (Yahoo Groups!) web page (<http://groups.yahoo.com/>). Under the "Join a Group" section, type "Science Lab" and click on "Search". You'll want to join the first Science-Lab group listed.

I can't stress enough how exciting the Vulcan Academy of Sciences is! Part of the excitement of science is learning new things, and here the student can learn about real science and how science is portrayed in the Star Trek shows, and

earn valuable promotion points to boot!

Science in STARFLEET's Regions
Here are the regional science contacts, based on the latest information I have:

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FCapt. Rutledge answered his RC's call as the new volunteer liaison for the science division of Region 5. Region 2 Sciences has just published the first issue of their new bi-monthly newsletter. Capt. Yawn will be happy to email a copy of the pdf to anyone who contacts him, and any Science officer may submit an article to the newsletter. Capt. Downs keeps Region 3 informed of science division news via the region newsletter and region summit, and he is exploring the possibility of creating a Region 3 Sciences newsletter and webpage.

In Region 1, the USS Hornet Chief Science Officer, Cmdr. James "Jamie" Delantonas, highly recommends the web site, Space.com, which features space shuttle reports and other science news. The CSO's of the USS Tycho, Chief Petty Officer Adam Gorrell, and USS Carolina, 2nd Lt. Jonathan Hunter, gave reports to their crews on octopus and the evolution of wolves. The Alaric Science Department got to see the Leonid meteor

shower at a backyard stargazing party in November, presented a discussion on weather to home-schooled kids at the Climate Reference Network station in the North Carolina Arboretum near Asheville, the Naval Historical Center Underwater Archaeology Branch Conservation Laboratory, the pre-Columbus history of North America, and toured many science facilities and museums such as the Franklin Institute Museum of Science in Philadelphia, the Colburn Mineral Museum in Asheville, and the Louisville Science Center in Louisville, KY. Details of these reports can be found in the *Carolina Communicator*.

A Typical Starship Science Department

STARFLEET is a volunteer organization comprised of autonomous chapters. How a starship wants to run its departments is the business of her crew. The thing I want to emphasize in *STARFLEET Sciences* is that you learn about science and have fun while you're expanding your horizons. Here is how we've organized it aboard the USS Alaric.

If you've read *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*, you know of Jules Verne's fascination with the sea. His interest in the latest scientific discoveries led him to spend hours in the Paris libraries studying geology, astronomy, engineering, and other fields. His extensive scientific knowledge shows in his book by his descriptions of the phyla, divisions, classes, families, genera, species, and other categories of natural history classification, which was really big in the mid-1800's. That has rubbed off a little on us aboard the Alaric.

We have given our science department the following structure: at the top is the Chief Science Officer. There are four sub-departments, each with its own chief: Astrophysics, Planetary Sciences, Social Sciences, and the Fortean Research Department.

Cmdr. Dale Anderson heads the Social Sciences department and manages specialists in anthropology, archaeology, history, sociology, and alien cultures. Specialists in Planetary Sciences include aquatics, climatology, environmentalist, geology, physics, mathematics, and zoology. Astrophysics deals with stellar phenomena, including novae and quasars. The Fortean Research Department is reserved for those phenomena for which science is hard-pressed to find answers, including such things as UFO's, lost civilization relics, out-of-place artifacts, and lost continent legends. Our science education program is centered around this structure.

Of course, how you structure the science department aboard your own ship is entirely up to you. The important thing is for all of you to Have Fun and Learn Something!!

BEHIND THE WARP CORE

By David Lockwood
FDP Chief, Engineering

Greetings my name is David Lockwood and I want to give you a quick look at what the Engineering division of the FDP is planning on offering to members of *STARFLEET*.

We hope to have a listserv for all you engineers out there to talk about engineering from modern day all the way to the Star Trek engineering. The listserv will be announced when it is ready.

We also will have technical specs on phasers, photons, starships, etc. This will include articles that talk about different aspects of Star Trek engineering and modern day engineering. Following is the first of several briefings that I will be doing on different Starships that are approved for use by chapters of *STARFLEET*.

Adjudicator Class Mutli-Response Cruiser: Technical Report

Shortly after the Dominion war, Starfleet was forced to review the idea of creating specific role starships.

The result of this was the Adjudicator Class Mutli-Response Cruiser a starship based on the Sovereign class hull with a third nacelle to add extra power when needed. The Adjudicator class secondary hull was hollowed out expect for required sections such as Engineering and deflector control.

This was then made to be modular so that the ship can be used for a wide variety of duties from a large emergency refuge to a hanger bay for fighters, or a moving diplomatic meeting as well as deep space long distance exploratory missions.

The crew was reduced by half of a normal Sovereign Class and weapon systems were enhanced to make all of these roles possible. The Adjudicator Class has preformed exactly as hoped and plans are being made to build more of this class. By doing this Starfleet created one class that can do the work of many different classes.

The history of modern science can be traced back 300 years to the beginning of the European Renaissance. But its roots technically go back thousands of years before that. The Renaissance was essentially a rediscovery of the works of the ancient Greeks. And science, in general, developed as civilization developed.

Anthropologists and historians have determined that, about 13,000 years ago, man developed agriculture, and this, along with the rise of the city-state, brought many developments, such as the lunar and solar calendars, to guide sowing and reaping times, specialized tools, and the numbering of days. Then followed metallurgy, surveying and geometry to accommodate land rights, and anatomy from the cutting up of animals for food and the examination of their entrails for divination. Record-keeping for commerce led to numerical notation and, ultimately, to written language.

Elements of Egyptian geometry and Mesopotamian astronomy, dating back to the 4th millennium B.C., eventually reached Greece. Thales of Miletus in Asia Minor, held to be the founder of Greek science, generalized Egyptian mathematical concepts and made other discoveries in elementary mathematics in the 6th century B.C. By the 5th century B.C., science had been divided into two independent branches, mathematics and medicine, by the Athenian school of thought. Plato regarded the mathematical form of the universe as evidence of the rational mind of its Creator. One of Plato's pupils, Aristotle (384-322 B.C.), systematized and organized the whole area of knowledge.

For the 500 years after Aristotle, the scientific center of the world was Alexandria, Egypt, with mathematics assuming a prominent position. Ptolemy synthesized Greek cosmology and geography, and Galen anatomy and biology. Galen's death in 200 A.D. was followed by a

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Fleet Captain Richard Heim • Fleet Division Chief of Science

period of very little scientific activity (the so-called Middle Ages, or "Dark Ages"). By the 10th and 11th centuries, however, Arabic translations of the Greek scientific works appeared, and Latin versions appeared by the 13th and 14th centuries. During the "Humanistic Century" (1450-1550), the Greek scientific heritage was fully recovered, and the introduction of printing and illustration at this time helped the spread of an Aristotelian view of the world.

Beginning in the 16th century, several scientists and new tools of investigation brought about a change in the worldview. By the 17th century, Aristotle's physics and cosmology had been replaced by a heliocentric view developed by Galileo, Kepler, and Descartes. Simon Stevin perceived the importance of a solid mathematical foundation for the advancement of science. Alchemy had been effectively replaced by chemistry. Investigation of the structure and function of the human body had become a profession. The specialization that began in the 17th century, and the much more complex division and recombination of the fields of investigation that would follow, make it hard to discuss science as a whole from this point on.

In general terms, by the 17th century, scholastic reliance on ratiocination (reasoning by using formal logic), that had characterized the Greek approach, began to be replaced with a new reliance on experience and especially on experiment as a way to acquire knowledge. In the late 17th century, Isaac Newton outlined a material framework, or attitude of mind, that drove science

for the next two centuries. The premise for this "scientific determinism" held that natural phenomena and the forces of nature were all dependent on the phenomena of motions, and were wholly unrelated to any spiritual order. It was this (the decoupling of natural events from a mystical or supernatural cause) that gave to the conception of determinance an immediacy as well as a practical workaday aspect that it had never previously possessed.

The Aristotelian World

In last month's The Alaric Heim Page (these articles originally appeared in the June and July, 1997, issues - RH), I gave an overview of the history of Western science from the ancient Greeks (and earlier) through the Renaissance. This month we'll cover the Aristotelian view of the 16th Century in a little more detail.

The Renaissance saw a revival of Platonic thought, with Medieval thought on the material world based essentially on the views of Aristotle who, by 1550 A.D., was considered "the master of those that know", especially in the field of biology. Plato was a Greek philosopher (about 427-347 B.C.) who regarded the motions of the heavenly bodies as perfect geometric forms, and the mathematical form of the universe as evidence of the rational mind of its Creator ("God ever geometrizes", he said). Plato stressed the quantitative aspects of science.

Aristotle (384-322 B.C.), a pupil of Plato, devoted himself to systematizing and organizing the whole area of knowledge. He rejected Plato's

view of the real world as something other than and outside the world of the senses, although he interpreted nature philosophically. Aristotle was a first-class observing naturalist in the modern sense, with his firsthand observations of living things deeply influencing his science. He attempted to analyze the nature of generation, heredity, and sex. He classified animals based on whether or not they had blood, and also on methods of reproduction (the male provides the form or soul, the female provides the matter, i.e., the parts of the body to which the soul gives life). There is a static hierarchy of kinds and species, which excludes any evolution of species. Aristotle's scheme of the universe:

- Matter is continuous.
- All mundane things are made up of four "elements" (earth at the center of the universe, then water, air and fire).
- Stars and planets move with uniform circular velocity, embedded in crystalline spheres, centered round the earth which itself is spherical.
- Circular, changeless, eternal movement is perfect order. It contrasts with the rectilinear movement, which prevails on our changing and imperfect earth.
- The universe is limited in space and within an outmost sphere. It is unlimited in time, being subject as a whole neither to creation nor to destruction.

Sixteenth Century (Greek-based) anatomy postulated three kinds of pneuma or spirit besides the world-pneuma (air). The basic principle of life was drawn from the air by breathing. The air passes from the lungs to the heart, where it encounters the blood and is changed to the "vital spirit", which is circulated throughout the body via the arteries. In the brain it is changed to the "animal spirit" and distributed throughout the body through the hollow nerves.

The events of September have affected all of us in some way or another; no matter whether we live on the east coast, the west coast, or the midwest. Those who are more removed from the actual events, or have not been touched personally by tragedy, are getting on with their lives. But many cannot. They cannot move on or simply "get over it." Sometimes experiences can be so traumatic that one has difficulty coping and even functioning in their daily life afterwards. This may be post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is a type of anxiety problem, which makes you feel afraid or helpless. It can happen after life-threatening events or if you see or experience a traumatic event. In the past, these traumatic events have typically been war, rape, or severe traumatic injuries such as a car crash. Unfortunately, this also now includes witnessing unexpected destruction and the immediate loss of thousands of innocent lives.

Those at risk for PTSD include: those involved in natural disasters, those with military combat experience or civilians harmed by war, those who have been abused sexually or physically, victims of previous trauma, those with mental disorders such as anxiety or depression are at greater risk, and those who have been involved in or witnessed life-threatening events. It is important to

POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER

Vice Admiral David A. Miller • Fleet Division Chief of Medicine

note that the length, severity, and intensity of the trauma are also important factors in whether one will get PTSD or not.

The symptoms of PTSD fall into three broad categories and can occur months to even years after a traumatic event. These three categories are: intrusion (reliving the events), avoidance (trying to stop thinking about the trauma and anything related to it), and hyperarousal (feeling "on edge"). Intrusion symptoms include unexpected flashbacks, nightmares, bad memories, or hallucinations; and can sometimes include physical symptoms such as a racing heart.

Avoidance symptoms involve avoiding anything that could bring back memories of the event such as people, places, activities, or thoughts.

Avoidance symptoms can also include feeling numb emotionally or detached from others; withdrawing from family, friends, or other support systems; or "self-medicating" through the use of alcohol or drugs, which can lead to addiction problems.

Finally hyperarousal symptoms include sleeping problems, irritability, sudden

anger outbursts, difficulty concentrating, or feeling overly "on guard" or easily startled. PTSD sufferers are often depressed.

Post-traumatic stress disorder is treatable. Several medicines are helpful for anxiety, depression, or insomnia. Working with a mental health professional -- such as a psychiatrist, psychologist, or therapist -- can also be very helpful to work through emotional and behavioral issues of PTSD and to provide non-medicinal ways of dealing with anxiety, anger, and irritability.

Group therapy with a local support group can be very helpful in developing a support network and better ways to communicate one's feelings and difficulties with PTSD. Finally, it is important for all of us to talk to our friends and family about these events and to discuss our feelings. In fact, this can help prevent the development of PTSD for many of us.

Besides local support groups, the following organizations and resources can be very helpful:

American Psychiatric Association
888-357-7924

http://www.psych.org/public_info

Anxiety Disorders Association of America
301-231-9350
<http://www.adaa.org>

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
800-950-NAMI
<http://www.nami.org>

National Center for Post-traumatic Stress Disorder
802-296-5132
<http://www.ncptsd.org>

National Institute of Mental Health Anxiety Disorders Education Program
301-443-4513
<http://www.nimh.nih.gov>

Post-traumatic Stress Disorder Alliance
877-507-7873
<http://www.ptsdalliance.org>

Sources: "Post-traumatic Stress Disorder -- What it Is and What It Means to You" patient education handout from familydoctor.org; and "Posttraumatic Stress Disorder" JAMA Patient Page of August 1, 2001.

This article provides a general overview on this topic and may not apply to everyone. To find out if this article applies to you and to get more information on this subject, talk to your family doctor.



REGION 1 REGIONAL COORDINATOR SPEAKS!

Commodore Robin Pillow • Regional Coordinator, STARFLEET Region 1

Artwork Adapted by Commodore David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five

I am a recent addition to the list of Region Coordinators throughout STARFLEET. I thought it was my duty to set an example and submit an article for the famous Communiqué. I will go through a brief history of how I got to be RC and then I will tell a little about my region.

Way back in the days before personal computers, yeah the Stone Age, I joined SFI and joined a chapter that had only recently become a starship. This chapter was the USS Heimdal in Lynchburg, VA. Shortly after that, I started my first shuttle off of the Heimdal and that became the USS Pathfinder in Roanoke, VA. I moved around a bit and managed to start two other chapters within Region One over the years. <Looking at watch>

Skipping ahead a few years, in 1993 I took on the post of Shuttle Operations Director (as it was called at that time) for Region 1. We had 18 shuttles then and keeping track of them was a real interesting time. I held that post through two name changes. Shuttle Operations Director became Shuttle Operations Command (ShOC) Director. When Carolyn Donner became the RC of R1,

she added two Vice RC's so the ShOC title became VRC ShOC.

In September of 2001, Carolyn announced her retirement as RC and the typical nomination process for RC took place along with an election. Although more were nominated, these were the three individuals that ran for the RC post: Jack Hopkins, Carl Lewis and myself.

On January 12, 2002, MGN Robb Jackson (SFI IG) announced the election results and very shortly afterwards, FADM Les Rickard confirmed me as the new Region 1 RC. I want to thank Jack and Carl for keeping the election as clean as could be. Please give them both a round of applause! Next, I would like to thank all those that nominated me as well as those chapters that voted for me. I know that without the Ohio, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina chapters I would not have made it. Every vote counted, so don't think I don't appreciate the vote any less because I don't mention names here. You all know who you are.

Also, thanks go out to Robb Jackson.

Yes, it is his job to do the nomination and ballot process, but I did want to thank him. Thanks to Mandi Livingston and Jay Leafey for setting up the R1 Election list. Thank you to the Nikola Tesla for donating the IRC channel that we held the Q&A session in.

Also thank you to Brandy (and Mandi again) for moderating the Q&A session. I wish to thank those that did a lot (and I do mean a lot) of work behind the scenes. Team Pillow helped in more ways than I may ever know. Finally, I want to thank Carolyn Donner for all her hard work for the past few years as R1 RC.

As I write this article, I am also finishing up my first Monthly Memo sent out to all the CO's of the region as well as others who want copies. We have our MM's available in Acrobat format on our regional URL as well: <http://www.region1.org>.

While we are both the largest region geographically as well as number of members, we still have one state that has no chapters! I am hoping to have that change in the next few years as chapters

close to that state recruit. Our Region has been very instrumental in the Overseas Coupon Project for a long time and 2001 was no different with over \$268,000 worth of coupons sent to OCP. Region 1 even has the distinction of being the home of the SFI Flagship, USS Normandy.

We have a Region 1 Awards Program that gives awards for time in SFI all the way up to and including dying while performing a SFI or chapter duty. We also have Annual Awards that are presented every year at the Region One Summit. That is another event that the region participates in every spring. We also hold a Region 1 Fall Conference in (yeah, you guessed it!) the fall. Other regional programs include the Regional Division Chiefs (Science, Medical, Recruiting and so on), Senior Captain Network and Section Representatives. These programs are all designed to keep things organized as well as encourage fun.

I am happy to serve STARFLEET in this manner and hope that I will be able to serve for many years to come.

One of the great delights of a chapter CO is to help organize the annual anniversary party for their chapter. However there ends up being three anniversary dates that each chapter can claim (four, in the case of my chapter, the USS Black Hawk, but that is another story). The first anniversary date is the date in which you first met to organize. As an example - ours is February 28th, 1995, when potential members met to form the Pre-Shuttle Shiloh in Henderson, Tennessee. The second is the anniversary upon which you received word of your chapter's acceptance into the Shuttle Program.

July 13th, 1995 was the date that we received word from Shuttle Operations that the Shuttlecraft Shiloh, NCC-1881/04, was activated. The third is when you shuttle, or chapter-in-training, becomes a ship-of-the-line, or a full-fledge chapter. The USS Shiloh, NCC-74683, was commissioned an Intrepid Class Starship on March 23rd, 1996, at the MidSouthCon in Memphis, Tennessee.

This is when a documented chapter history comes into play. In the case of the Black Hawk, we have two sources

HOW TO WRITE A CHAPTER HISTORY

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for our historical records. The first is a physical scrapbook in which certificates, manuals, minutes of previous meetings (such as the first meeting), newspaper clippings and photos of important chapter events are kept.

The second and most important is a chronicle of your chapter's history. The Black Hawk's written history has always been part of the chapter web site (<http://www.ussblackhawk.com>) as we consider it important for us to have this available to the general public.

A written chapter history has a bit more freedom in the sources and the gathering of information than you would have if the research involved a region or the whole of the association. This is especially true if you start gathering that information in the beginning, or the creation of your chapter. The longer you wait to start a written history, the more documentation you will need to establish your history. However a chapter history is not as overwhelming as gathering information

for a larger unit, such as for the region or the association.

A good source of establishing a historical narrative is the memories and recollections of your membership. Interview members, and former members, and try to take them all into account. Use your knowledge of events if you were part of them. Balance out the history to show all sides, especially when there was a rather difficult decision that the membership needs to make. You don't want to drag anyone through the mud but use your judgment on how to present this one. Do not hesitate if you need to get outside advice on how to proceed with the use of information to be used in your history. Don't be afraid to revise the historical narrative if the information, no matter how long it was believe true, is inaccurate.

The history of one unit, especially your chapter, is a very important mission. Remember that you are part of that chapter, and if you were a major

influence then, by all means, please report it in your history. However the first rule of any good historical researcher is to keep ones self out of the narrative as best you can. But this is practically impossible when it comes to a chapter history, especially if the CO is also the historian putting together the history, or the chapter historian was a major player within the chapter.

Remember to document all sources by giving credit where credit is due. This means if you got the information from someone else within the chapter or outside the chapter, please make up a credits page or a bibliography page. The latter can also act as a place to note other sides of stories, or antidotes, without placing them within the main narrative.

Some of the rules are different when putting together a history of a region or for the association. In future issues we will discuss how a historian should write a regional or departmental history within STARFLEET and the role of the historical researcher in a chronicled narrative and the guidelines of using documentation.

SPACE STATION UNISUS 10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Hello I am Lt. General Scott A. Akers, SFMC, and I am pleased to return in this issue of the Communiqué with a different story of the history of our organization. Often our smaller quieter chapters get overlooked, but this month we will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Space Station Unisus formerly the USS Sky Dancer. Stationed on the dangerous Region Five frontier border of the Washington and Idaho.

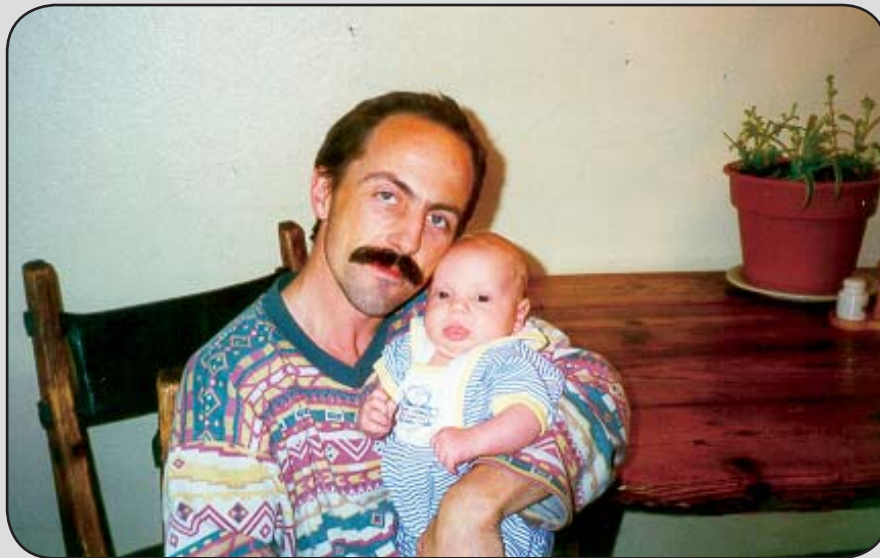
As the Sky Dancer-turned-Unisus celebrated its ten years in fleet, they have collected mementos, photographs, and stories from their beginnings to the present; from their shuttling off of the USS Daniel Soule to the departure of their own shuttle now known as the USS Crusader. The chapter has been a vibrant part of the communities in eastern Washington and western Idaho, participating in parades, community projects, fairs, charities (such as Christmas in October) and even Mall openings.

The Unisus has dedicated their tenth anniversary and this article to two fine officers who have passed away. Lynn Conner was our 1st Chief of Operations. He was a loving father, a dedicated STARFLEET Officer and a generous, caring friend. We miss you very much. Bob Perry was our Chief Engineer and knew the original Skydancer front-wards and backwards. Bob was a true example of a STARFLEET Officer and a true friend. We miss you very much. Goodbye dear friends. This is for you.

The Unisus has a fine tradition in its lineage as well (the historian in me is slipping out here). The Unisus shuttled off the former Region 5 Flagship, the USS Daniel Soule. The Daniel Soule launched out of the Region 5 Fleet Shuttlebay, but her commanding officer Dana Marshall came off of the USS Pendragon, the grand old lady of Region 5. The Pendragon, sistership of the USS Calypso, shuttled off the USS Merrimac out of the Puget Sound area of Washington state. Then the USS Saratoga directly launched the Merrimac.

The Saratoga, essentially the first full chapter of STARFLEET, was for many years the powerhouse of

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STARFLEET Academy, Class of 2395: Boyd Jackson, the Unisus Champion Academy student, with his son (and Unisus mascot) Sky Loton.



Having a Holly-Jolly Christmas: Unisus member Mary Mathaney (Santa Claus) and 2 Santa of "Santa's Helpers" stuffing Halloween gift bags for kids.



In Memoriam: The late Lynn Connor, the Unisus 1st Chief of Operations, receives a Member of the Year award from Gloria Palmer and Science Officer T.J. Keogh.

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the region, and responsible directly or indirectly for nearly all of the Shuttles launched therein. The Saratoga grew out of the Outpost Bethulia III and the PSST Saratoga, which with its sister the PSST Republic were part of the Puget Sound Star Trekkers. The Bethulia III was launched as the first outpost of STARFLEET in the Northwest and can directly link to the original Alpha Chapter "USS Enterprise" in Lufkin, Texas.

The Unisus/Skydancer has had a long and productive journey. Their support of charities, of their community, and of fandom is an inspiration to us all. They serve the elderly, and we should be grateful as one day we will all be there, and they serve the youth in their community, for they will be the ones to carry on our traditions.

Thank you guys and may your next ten years be as much fun.

The answer to last issues Historian Question was: Abraham Lincoln : The Savage Curtain : TOS.

Here is the next Trek History question to keep up the fine tradition we have restarted.

Question: With all of the temporal traveling of Star Trek characters, which character in which episode went the farthest back in time? Both parts of the answer are required.

If you think you know the answer, write me privately at:

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Bothell, WA 98012
Email: chunone@nwlk.com

All correct answers will go into a drawing for a Fleet Historian's CD, version 4!!! Any answers sent publicly will be disqualified. Deadline for turning in the answer will be April 1st (no this is not a joke!)

This segues us to an important announcement -- there are still some Historian CD's left for sale at \$8.00 each. Proceeds go to pay for the Historian Site hosting fees. Send check or money order made out to Scott Akers to the address above.

THE STARFLEET INTERVIEWS

With Vice Admiral Jonathan "Gumby" Simmons

This issue we interview some guy in England... He's a member of STARFLEET and his name is Guy. He speaks English... No, I mean English English! He's Guy Blandford and he's the Second Officer of the newly launched shuttle Francis Marion! Join us as we talk about life, the universe and the perfect pint of ale!"

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

Gumby: Tell us a little bit about yourself, OK?

Guy: OK well I originally come from New Zealand and have lived In Australia for a short time and moved to England. I have lived in several parts of England and completed various computer courses at college and the university. Then when I finished the university, I started working for the metrological office in Bracknell as a network engineer where I worked the past three years and always have been interested in Star Trek and other sci-fi programs.

Gumby: What's it like living in England?

Guy: Well, it is lovely living in England and it has a lot of history. The first of all it has a good transportation system so this means you can get to any part of the country. There are some good historical things to go and see.

Gumby: I always loved the castles. Someday I hope to visit so I can check some out.

Guy: You don't have to travel far from the city to go and see green rolling hills and field.

Gumby: Sweet!

Gumby: Have you even been to the US?

Guy: Yes I have been two times to the US on my own the first trip was to take me to the cities of Chicago and Denver and I also visited a small town South Carolina. On the second trip I went to Washington DC.

Gumby: What did you think of the U.S.A?

Guy: Well I liked the USA a lot and I'm planning another trip to go to shuttle commissioning around September of this year.

Gumby: You should go to the 2002 SFI International Conference in San Jose.

Guy: Well I have always been interested in the US as I might have relations who live there. I met some Blandfords when I went to Denver

Gumby: Hey, that's where I live! <G>

Guy: Yes I know! <G>

Gumby: Tell me a bit about your shuttle... the Francis Marion isn't it?

Guy: The chapter is a Defiant Class correspondence shuttle that is based in region one. The shuttle's mothership is the USS Normandy. The chapter has members from the US and me from the UK and another member in Holland. Most of the members are online nearly every day and we chat through mIRC or sending email on our newsboard we have. The CO of the Chapter is Dave James

Gumby: Excellent! What position do you hold on board the FM?

Guy: On board the FM I have several jobs I am the Operations Officer, I am also the Second Officer of the shuttle and the DOIC of the 121st Marine Unit that is based in the chapter.

Gumby: That's a lot of hats!

Guy: Yes it is! <G>

Gumby: Who is your favorite character in STAR TREK?

Guy: Well that's easy! My favorite character is Miles O'Brien who is from the DS9 TV Series who is also the ops officer in the series.

Gumby: I love Chief O'Brien! What about him makes him your favorite?

Guy: What makes him my favorite character is that I think he has a great personality and is able to cope with anything what happens in the series.

Gumby: Cool!

Gumby: Do you like what they did with the ship?

Guy: Well on the question of the ship it looks great! It's nice to see that they are still getting used to the transporters.

Gumby: I think I'd be afraid of having my molecules scrambled. <G>

Guy: Well the shape of the ship reminds me of something in next generation

Gumby: Yea... kinda too modern for the era.

Guy: Yes.

Gumby: But it's a neat ship!



Something about a Guy: Yes, citizens of the Commonwealth can look a lot like Americans. Really!

Photos courtesy of Johnathan Simmons

Guy: Yep.

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

Guy: It is lucky I have seen the new series not everyone in the UK has been able to. OK I have been quite impressed with the stories so far and I do think that Archer is a great captin and plays the role excellently. The other members are very good in playing their roles.

Guy: Yes it is looking better than the original series, as far as the ship goes.

Gumby: What is your favorite thing about STARFLEET?

Guy: Well My favorite thing in simple terms is that people are friendly and they are interested in star trek and other sci-fi programs.

Gumby: What is your least favorite thing about

STARFLEET?

Guy: Well, there isn't anything really which comes to mind at the moment.

Gumby: OK, then we'll move on. What can STARFLEET do to better help you and your chapter?

Guy: Well I think it would make things easier if the forms can be emailed to people so that there is a less likely chance of them getting lost in snail mail.

Gumby: Good point!

Guy: Thanks!

Gumby: No Sweat! What is your favorite thing to do on your day off?

Guy: Well, my favorite thing on my day off is going to the movies or going bowling and also listening to music.

Gumby: What kind of music?

Guy: The music i like covers a wide selection from the Beach Boys and Status Quo to S Club 7, savage Garden, Meatloaf, etc.

Gumby: Wide variety!

Gumby: What is your biggest pet peeve?

Guy: People who will not let me watch sci-fi programs because they don't like them or they pass comments while I am watching them.

Gumby: I hate that too! <G>

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

Guy: Well the future of STARFLEET... I think it has good future as long as the number of members keep increasing and they are able to keep in control of all the different functions

Gumby: I would hope that is where we are headed. <G>

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

Guy: Well yes I just like to wish that everyone is well and I look for to chat to him or her soon

Gumby: Hear that gang? Everyone look up Guy and chat with him! <G>

Gumby: How can they contact you?

Guy: Well, my email address is guy@blandford.org or you can chat with me on mIRC. My nickname is Guy!

Gumby: Cool!

Gumby: Guy... thanks again for taking time out to talk with me for a bit!

Guy: Oh, it is my pleasure Gumby!

Gumby: I hope either I can make it to the commissioning or you can make it to IC so that we may meet and have a pint!

Gumby notes that he never got that chance to ask Guy about the perfect pint of ale and plans to ask him about that when they meet.

As an aside, that yahoo David Klingman is trying his hand at the interview game... check out his really good interviews at: http://www.angelfire.com/nc2/sardis/starfleet_spotlight.html

Good work, Dave!

Who's next? Email your suggestions to forecast@hotmail.com. Until next issue... Gumby out!

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Well, the new commands are now manned and we're moving forward quite well. All three of our COs are pretty well on track with what their jobs entail and there should be very little adjustment time. I would like to congratulate and welcome our three new Commanding Officers, John Adcock, COSupCom, Joost Ueffing, COForceCom and Truman Temple, COTraCom. They've all decided to stay despite the Drill Sergeant letter I sent them and I think we're going to have a fabulous team.

SupCom has started with updating the web site with the new contact information for the GS and plans much more work in the area of our web presence.

ForceCom is on top of things with the latest reporting period. All the information got where it was supposed to go and in a very timely manner. Next reporting period

FROM THE COMMANDANT

By Maj. General Wade Olson • Comandant, SFMC

we should see a very comprehensive report on the strength of the Corps.

TraCom is business as usual and didn't slow down a bit during the interim.

The SGM/SFMC reported that the NCO database was coming along nicely. I hope to have a detailed report on the strength of the NCO Corps the next period as well.

The Chaplain is forwarding the funds from the holiday CafePress sales for distribution and has some new items coming on line for purchase to benefit the next list of charities. He also, along with the chief of Staff, has been forwarded all information from the Dant's office to start the work on

our Policies and Procedures proposal.

The Deputy commandant has been working on our recent domain hosting problems. I'll let him report more on that subject.

We have had a small problem with the Prentares ribbon in our ribbon line up. A Marine contacted Glendale to find out that they didn't have the light yellow ribbons nor did they have them available. We are working at this time to decide on a substitute. In the mean time we still have plenty of the special order ribbons and we have some events coming up real soon. Get those orders in early.

We started December 2001 with a balance

of \$483.29. During the month we had three deposits two for ribbons only totaling \$52.35 and one for ribbons and an old check that had been floating around for TraCom material totaling \$80.30. Combined Deposits totaled \$132.65. The Service Charge for the month was \$2.30. Ending our month with \$615.64.

We have outstanding debts totaling \$370.84. That's \$296.50 for the remaining nine ribbons charged to the Commandant's credit card, \$19.34 for a reimbursement check for a pre ordered T-shirt written on the Commandant's checking account and the postage to send the check, \$10.00 for postage paid by the Commandant for a ribbon order mailed out and \$45.00 remaining to reimburse for pre ordered T-shirts.

That's all for this report. See you all soon.

FROM THE DEPUTY COMANDANT

By Brigadier Aaron Murphy
Deputy Comandant, SFMC

I hope the new year is going well for all of you. The changes in the command structure of the Corps have been announced and everyone is beginning to settle into their respective roles. I would like to take this chance to welcome our new General Staff members; LTC Joost Ueffing - COFORCECOM, COL John Adcock - COSUPCOM, and BDR Truman Temple - COTRACOM. Congratulations gentlemen and may God have mercy upon your souls.

With the changes to the staff, I have also re-evaluated the structure of the Steering Committee. I felt that to expand the diversity of the committee, I would broaden its membership a bit as well. To this end, I have added all Honor recipients for the previous year, rather than just the Cross of Honor (Marine of the Year) recipient. These marines will hold their position on the SC for the calendar year following their award. So, the recipients from the 2001 International Conference will serve until 31 Dec 02.

Currently, there have been no items passed through the Steering Committee. I intend for this to change in the near future. I have several items on my desk and anticipate many other to come from the marines in the field (yes, that was a major hint). If any of you have things that you would like to see improved or changed, please e-mail them to me at depdant@sfi-sfmc.org.

As many of you know, the sfi-sfmc.org server migration is now complete. It seems that due to technical difficulties earlier in January, the servers were unavailable for a while. This seems to have been remedied. If there are any marines that had e-mail aliases, lists, or websites on the old server that are not working, please let me know and I will do my best to make sure that this is taken care of in a timely manner. I can be reached at: depdant@sfi-sfmc.org

Well, that is all for this issue! I'll see you again in 60.

TRAINING COMMAND UPDATE

By Brigadier Truman Temple
CO, Training Command, SFMC

Let me introduce myself, although many of you may already know my name through email from the SFMCA academy, IRC, MSN messenger or Yahoo! messenger. My name is Brigadier Truman Temple, COTRACOM.

A little on my background. I have been involved with STARFLEET for 18 years, and the SFMC for about five. I am located in the 4th Region/ 4th Brigade. I have served as the CO and XO for several chapters on the 'Fleet side, as well Officer in Charge of the 1st MSG, Armor Branch Director, Deputy Commanding Officer, Acting Commanding Officer and now COTRACOM for the Marines.

My current assignments are as COTRACOM for the Marines, OIC for the 1st MSG and XO, USS Centurion. I am the Sword of Valor recipient for my Brigade 2001, and the Cross of Valor winner for 2000 at the Brigade level, and hold 5 degrees (Aerospace, Armor, Combat Engineers, Infantry, Special Operations and Leadership; all with HONORS) from the SFMCA.

During my time as COTRACOM it is my intention to make the SFMCA more visible than it has been. I want to increase tests; requested, graded and scored. It is my intention to introduce new courses and to revamp our manuals at the rate of 2 per year.

We are also looking forward to releasing some advanced classes, which require passage of lower level SFMC Academy classes before participating. Our courses

are free and online, and are open to all Marines; Active or Reserve. Our only pre-requisite is PD-10, Marine Basic. You can download the manuals online and use the request form to request the exam. Our Branch Director turn-around time is between 24-48 hours. To that end, I have appointed LTC. John Roberts as Dean of the STARFLEET Marine Corps Academy. He was the first Marine to complete all the courses through the SFMCA. He is the best and most qualified Marine for the job. My Deputy Commander is Brigadier John 'Kiwi' Kane.

I am looking forward to working with the current TRACOM staff, Commandant and Deputy Commandant, and all the way down to the single Marine. I'm looking forward to IC 2002 in San Jose, CA as it is on 4th Region/ 4th BDE home turf. I've had the chance to meet many of you at IC 2001 in Kansas City and at DinkyCon in Reno. Look forward to renewing those acquaintances.

If you had asked me three years ago if I had even dreamed of the possibility that I would be the CO of the busiest command of the SFMC, I would've probably said NO, but here we are, I am introducing myself as COTRACOM.

I have a fairly liberal open door policy and am in constant communication with my staff. However, problems do arise where only the CO can help. If that is the case, please go through channels, and if no one else can help, contact me. I prefer email or IM, as I do have a private life. Contact info is cotracom@sfi-sfmc.org.

FROM THE SFMC SERGEANT MAJOR

By Sergeant Major Jack Kern
STARFLEET Marine Corps

With the Start of the New Year the NCO Corp has new and improved reporting venues. Not only do we have the on-line version; we also have other styles to make it easier to do the reporting. A report form in text, Word97, and Acrobat formats are now available. Since the on-line report form has been up and running, we've had a few reports trickle in, so let's get those reports coming in. If you don't know where to obtain the reports, go to the Marine web site, there is a link to the report page. Please, overwhelm me with reports.

Also, for those who may have forgotten, there is a list server that has been set up primarily for the SFMC NCO's. Even though this primarily for the SFMC NCO's, to discuss NCO issues, any one is welcome to join. I do encourage all enlisted people of the SFMC to join this list and welcome all Fleet enlisted to sign up too. A link for the List Server can found at the SFMC/SGM web site at <http://www.zianet.com/jdkern/sgm/>



A HOLIDAY MISHAP AND OTHER ST

Region 7 Logo Adapted By Kurt F. Roithinger



Mmmhmm....Cookies: Bob Vosseller joins his XO, Mary Francen in taking a chomp out of the special "logo" cookies prepared for each ship which hosted Mishap IV.

Photo courtesy of Bob Vosseller



Ann Marie is on the right: USS Avenger's Alex Rosenzweig holds up a gingerbread house which he won at Mishap IV. Dr. Ann Marie Reilly created the Gingerbread house.

Photo courtesy of Bob Vosseller



No, that is not the Grinch: "Morn" re... STARFLEET members and other fans... in Region 7, Sector 1). So Santa...was he



USS Avenger Captain Carlos Maldonado holds up his "Avenger cookie" during Mishap IV: The Voyage to A Holiday Party.

Photo courtesy of Bob Vosseller



Lucky Guy: Mark Hanford of the ISS Lexington joins fellow ship officer Hazel Gilbert for some time "under the mistletoe."

Photo courtesy of Bob Vosseller



The ISS Pegasus invad
We are a new ship that is coming through... have been a club for over five years in... Pegasus crew, at the crew meeting in... communities service projects, such as... events; several different walkathons a... forward to progressing under the STA

Pictured from left on top row: Jess... and Betty Schreur.
Front row: Kerry Lytle, Kathy Casteel... and Patricia Danridge.

Photo courtesy of



IGHTS FROM AROUND THE FLEET...

• Region 5 Logo Created By David Pipgras



located from Deep Space Nine to join at Mishap IV (an annual holiday party) a good boy this year?

Photo courtesy of Bob Vosseller



Region 5's Scott A. Akers and Don Willits do the Polar Plunge in Lake Challenge, WA. Scott referred to it as "a very unpleasant experience". Don's comments cannot be printed.

Photo courtesy of Scott A. Akers



Notice there are lots of Flags in this issue?: A STARFLEET Flag flying proudly over the home of the Higdon Family in Rockford, Illinois.

Courtesy Jeffery Higdon, USS Black Hawk



Las Vegas, Nevada.

ugh the E.F.C. program in region 4. We Las Vegas. This photo is of some of the January. The Pegasus has done many the Teddy bears for children in crises and lots more. The Pegasus is looking RFLEET banner.

Wilson, Brent Casteel, James Wilson

l, William Sherrod, Richard Passmore

of Brian Schreur



Way to Go, Cadet!: Morgan Suzanne Kirby, of the USS Malverne proudly displays her certificates for Region 7 Science Cadet and Marine Cadet of the Year.

Photo courtesy of Kimberly Brooks



Rahadyan Sasitwardoyo, USS Accord, receives a promotion to the rank of Fleet Captain. He was presented his promotion by his CO, Mark H. Anbinder, while enjoying a plate of BBQ.

Photo courtesy of Mark H! Anbinder

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THE FORCE IS WITH YOU...

By Lt. Colonel Joost Ueffing
CO, Force Command, SFMC

Greetings ladies and gentlemen of the Corp, and "hello" to the membership of SFI in general.

My name is Joost Ueffing, and I have the honor of being the Commanding Officer of FORCECOM, or Forces Command, for the SFMC. FORCECOM is the SFMC equivalent of Operations. Its job is to coordinate and monitor all the units and members in the SFMC, handle any problems at come up, and keep an accurate accounting of the condition of the Corps. FORCECOM also works with the Deputy Commandant to maintain a database of all the members of the Corps.

SFMC is one of the largest affiliated groups in SFI, with a membership of 500+ members and just under 110 Marine Strike Groups registered. All of these groups are active in some way:

- Live activities like paintball or minigolf
- Role-playing and gaming
- Fund-raising for charities like Toys for Tots

Over the next few AoDs I will be bringing up various issues at concern Forces Command, as well as an accounting of the Corps. If you have any concerns or questions at you'd like me to address, feel free to send me a request. I can be reached by snail-mail at:

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Or by e-mail at coforcecom@sfi-sfmc.org or web.warrior@delhaven.ns.ca. I look forward to hearing from all SFI members.

STATE OF THE CORPS AS OF NOVEMBER 31, 2001*

The SFMC welcomes its latest members: Emory Ellard, Johnny Pope, Michael Tiller, Anne Lowe, Eric Hendrex, Kent Hendrix, Jennifer Hendrix, Gary Valentine II, Melissa West, Elizabeth Mais, Jocelyn Collins, Adam Warren, Amy Norman, Ben Gay, Veronica Duane, Greg Martin, Adam J. Berney

The SFMC also would like to bid farewell to the following members and thank them for their service:

Linda Hodge, Jack Hodge, Jim Nixon, Laura Nixon, Ginger Trotter, Shannon Ledene, Doug Pope, Nick Debari, Terry Foglia, Robert Conrad, Ashley Adams, Matt Brooks, Jason Oldfield, J.P. Sein, Joseph Schultz, Chris Hite

Current Membership Reported: 542 (both active and reserve)

Brigades Reporting: 12
Brigades Listed: 13

Marine Strike Groups Reporting: 88
Marine Strike Groups on Record: 109
Marine Strike Groups Formed: 8
Marine Strike Groups Deactivated: 3

The following Marine Strike Groups did not file a report to their BN or BDE CO. If you feel this is in error please contact either coforcecom@sfi.sfmc.org or your brigade CO:

13, 14, 31, 66, 100, 114, 130, 147, 170, 188, 207, 233, 237, 245, 269, 325, 336, 668, 678, 696, 849.

The following marines received awards during the Period of October - November: (Marine ribbons only. Promotions and ship awards are not listed)

1st BDE

Marine Proficiency Ribbon - Scott Jensen
Silver Nebula - Greg Franklin

4th BDE

Embassy Duty - Jim Monroe, Truman Temple
Legion of Valor - 1st MSG
Shield of Valor - Cyndi Temple
Star of Valor - Little John Marcus
Marine Honor Guard - James Wilson, Richard Passmore, Brian Schreur, & Michael Butwinick
Commandants Meritorious Service - Jim Monroe
Great Barrier Expedition - Jim Monroe, Truman Temple, Richard Passmore, & Brian Schreur
Professional Development Award - SGM Paul Anthony
Meritorious Unit Citation - 1st MSG, 14 MSG, 21st MSG, 29 MSG, 31st MSG, 66 MSG, 99 MSG

5 BDE

Marine Honor Guard - Stephen C. Idell (2nd Star), Norman E. DeRoux (2nd Star)
Great Barrier Expedition - Stephen C. Idell (3rd Star), Norman E. DeRoux (3rd Star)
Embassy Duty - Stephen C. Idell (3rd Star)
Norman E. DeRoux (3rd Star) Allyson Dyar

7 BDE

Commandant's Meritorious Service Award - Doc Kinne, Mark Anbinder
Prentares Award - Doc Kinne

12 BDE

BDE Service Commendation - Wade Hoover, Mary Rouland, Wayne Lee Killough Jr., Justin Donovan

**Note: As the Corps database is still under construction the figures concerning that is not listed in this report.*

FROM THE STAINED GLASS OFFICE

By Brigadier Dennis Rayburn
Chaplain of the Corps, SFMC

In church circles, there is the story of the pastor who preached an excellent sermon one Sunday morning. The people left, complimenting him on the message. The next Sunday, they listened to the pastor as he preached the same message again. Some were heard to comment as they left, "Well, he must have forgot that he preached it last week." The next Sunday, he preached the same one again. Finally a deacon approached the pastor and asked him why he preached the same sermon. The pastor remarked that when the people got what he preached about in that one down, he'd move on to something else.

I have a similar feeling as I write this article. Several months ago, I wrote an article on along these lines, but events of the last month or so moves me to bring it up again. While this will not be the same article, or quite the same issue, there is a clear feeling of déjà vu as I write this and that's not good. The writer was right, "Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it."

Over the last few weeks, I've been talking and counseling with people who have felt they have no choice but to leave STARFLEET. When I asked why they were leaving, it came down to this: they were being made to feel (a) foolish, (b) despised, (c) like they must leave because of some mistake they made in a meeting, a IRC chat, or whatever. Also, over the last few weeks, there has been a clearly distinct outbreak of out and out meanness in some of the online facets of STARFLEET.

However, what really worries me is that there seems to be a mindset in STARFLEET to seek to get some folks to leave the group, for "the betterment of the organization." In the words of a former pastor of mine, "Hogwash, Bunk and Bologna!" It has even gone so far that I was asked to not talk to someone and just to let him or her leave for the sake of the club. Besides the fact that for me to not reach out to someone hurting is a violation of my calling, it's just not right, plain and simple.

When someone makes a mistake, feelings get hurt. That is a fact and it won't change. However, how we handle those feelings is the important thing that gets ignored. When we seek for someone to leave because of hurt and anger, we not only hurt them, but we hurt the organization as a whole as it becomes less than it was, and we hurt ourselves as we leave a grudge in our hearts to grow, to fester, and to cause greater harm.

Someone asks, "Then what should I do when someone does me wrong?" Try talking to the person in question, and

leveling with them. If I had a nickel for every time a fuss broke out in this organization because of a miscommunication, I could retire, especially ones that occur over the Internet. Write them a note, or even call them and talk to them over the phone. Sometimes things can be communicated verbally that email and IRC just don't get across. If you need some help, get a trusted friend in STARFLEET, or one of the Chaplains or Counselors in STARFLEET or the SFMC to help. You will find us always glad and willing to lend a listening ear, and outstretched hand, and a caring heart when needed.

The naysayers and the advocates of the mindset I've talked about are surely screaming for me to get a life, that this is only a club. Yes, it is only a club, but does that simple fact of life grant some amongst us the right to use and abuse the membership? Does this make it right? Are you aware of people who are watching us even when we are not aware?

Just a few weeks ago, Star Trek fandom and clubs in particular were the subject of a daily radio broadcast by Charles Colson of Prison Fellowship. Folks, he didn't trash us (as I help run his listserv, I'm particularly glad he didn't) but was actually commend us and lamenting that the church sometimes didn't show what we did.

What was that you ask? It was the spirit of fellowship and family you feel at club meetings, conventions, summits, musters, etc. We have something very special in our midst beyond the glamour of the stars, the show, and the lofty ideals. We are what we at times say we are, an extended family.

Let's see if we can pull together as a family and work on these problems. When I was growing up, my parents taught me an important lesson: something you believe in, something you enjoy is worth fighting for. We all say we are that family. Let's pull together as one and work the problems out.

I've said it before and I'll say it again. This organization does not belong to any one person, or any one group of people. It belongs to all of us collectively, and that is how we must work for its improvement, together. The notion that we must think alike, act alike, talk alike, smell alike is not unity, but uniformity. What I'm talking about is unity in purpose and for that, we do not have to seem like we were cut from the same cookie cutter.

We talk the talk of IDIC, folks. It's time to walk the walk.

Think about it.



SFMC SUPPORT COMMAND UPDATE

Colonel John Adcock • CO, Support Command, SFMC

Artwork by Commodore David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region 5

As of January 2002, I have assumed command of the SFMC Support Command, SUPCOM.

As many of you know, I am very outspoken, and never hesitate to speak up when necessary (whether to offer compliment or criticism). I am a firm believer that the Corps cannot succeed unless the Marines in leadership positions provide strong leadership. The General Staff that is in place now will provide that leadership. On the other hand, we have to be willing to listen to the views of the individual Marines. Here at SUPCOM, we have an open door policy. If you have a suggestion on how we can provide better service to the Corps, do not hesitate to speak up. Also, if you feel there is something we are doing wrong, let us know. All I ask is that you try to do so in a positive light, and make suggestions on how to correct the problems you do see.

When I took over as COSUPCOM, the command was certainly not in very good shape. I'm not trying to slam anyone, but it's a statement of fact, and the individual Marines deserve to know this. The Attention on Deck! had not been published in months, the web site was of date, and many orders for merchandise had not been filled. SUPCOM has for the most part spent the last two plus years in a state of stagnation.

Well, I am pleased to report that this is no longer the case...

The SFMC Newsletter, Attention on Deck! is being incorporated into the STARFLEET Communiqué as of this issue. We're doing this for several reasons, but the most important are the fact that we will get a lot more exposure, and as more non-Marines read it and see what we're up to, our membership will rise dramatically. It also allows us to have "hard copies" of the AoD at no cost to us other than what we pay for our yearly membership. Each issue will include reports from the General Staff and other Marines, stories about Marine events written by members of the Corps, and at least one "fictional" article about what the SFMC does in the Star Trek Future. Granted, due to time constraints, the first issue will be a bit thin, but

it will give you an idea of where we are going with the AoD. If anyone (and I do mean anyone) wishes to submit items for publication, please let me know! Special thanks go out to Generals Allyson Dyar and Kurt Roithinger for their help on making this move!

The SFMC Web Site. Starting very soon, the SFMC will consolidate all of its sites under one large umbrella site. Featuring a new, exciting, and creative design, the new SFMC site will emphasize form and function, without sacrificing ease-of-use. You will now be able to read about Corps news, make your unit report, sign up for a SFMC Academy course, and download a manual all at one site! The transition to the new sites will begin late next month (the designer has been locked in the SUPCOM Dungeon on a diet of bread and water until the new site is ready to go), and may be accessed at the current sfi-sfmc.org domain, and the individual sub domains for each command. In the meantime, the current sites will not be neglected. In fact, if you visit any of the SFMC sites, they will have current information about who's doing what and what's going on. The new website will be a first for the SFMC, a real team effort by all commands. Check it out at <http://www.sfi-sfmc.org>.

By the time you read this, the STARFLEET web issues should finally be cleared up. We've been affected too, and Aaron Murphy has been taking the lead in securing our web presence.

SFMC Corps-L. The e-mail list is now considered to be the "official" e-mail list of the SFMC. Unlike the STARFLEET list, this list is maintained by SUPCOM, and is considered "official". What this means to you is that SUPCOM oversees the list, from the administration (Allyson Dyar as moderator, and myself as assistant) to the operation. As far as I am concerned, there will be no major changes in policy. The list will run as it always has, but now if you have an issue, you can come to Allyson or myself, and we are accountable to the Commandant of the SFMC.

IRC. The Corps now has an official IRC channel on the Fleetchat Network. It is #corps. Unlike the old, unofficial channel, we can now conduct

official business in via IRC, and we will use the channel for meetings as well as general fun. For more information about joining us in #corps, please visit <http://www.fleetchat.org>. The SFMC and SUPCOM web sites will also have information on how to join us as well. On a related note, #corps will host the first Official SFMC Town Meeting on Thursday, February 7th at 9:00PM Eastern Time. Most if not all of the SFMC General Staff will be there to explain what they are up to and take questions from the members of the Corps. More on this later.

SFMC Merchandise. Due to the recent vacancy in SUPCOM, the Commandant, Wade Olson, has taken over the quartermaster part of SUPCOM. The Commandant and I are working closely together to make sure we get the sales of SFMC merchandise back on track. I will have a supplemental report dedicated to this very topic in the next issue.

Uniforms. We're going to take a good, hard look at the uniforms and accoutrements currently authorized for wear by the SFMC. While all changes to Corps Uniform Policy are made by the Commandant, SUPCOM is the lead agency in recommending that policy. We're going to take a look at the two-points-of-difference rule, and see if it can be clarified, amended, or deleted. We're going to take a look at what badges are at odds with the TPOD rule, and how they can be modified to better fit in to the overall SFMC uniform scheme, and not clash with items worn on real-world military uniforms. We will endeavor to make sure that we don't offend or insult anyone, while at the same time, having stuff we can wear on our uniforms without getting to crazy with compliance.

Once this is addressed, we will be publishing a SFMC Uniform Guide. This guide will include more detailed pictures and descriptions of current SFMC uniforms, and possibly add some new ones for all Trek eras (yes, including the post-Enterprise era). We're also looking into creating patterns for some of the uniforms to be included as well. If you have any suggestions or want to help with this exciting project, let me know. Also, don't forget to use the SFMC Steering

Committee for your uniform proposals. A lot of you have some dynamite ideas, and we want to see them. If anyone wants help with their proposal, let SUPCOM know, and we will provide some guidance.

SFMC History. It is one of my goals to complete a history for publication online by the end of this year. As I announced previously, I am searching for someone to become the SFMC Historian and head up this project. If you are interested, please contact me ASAP!

SFMC Heraldry. I have completed the transfer of the Heraldry data to my system. Robb Jackson, who recently retired as Herald was most cooperative, and has left his successor in great shape! I want to see the Heraldry department expanded to include an online database of unit mottos, nicknames and logos, uniform accoutrements, and other items of a heraldic nature. If you are interested in filling this position, please contact me ASAP!

Awards. There are a few SUPCOM awards that will be announced soon, and we're going to supplement our current awards program with a method of awarding non-Marines who render service to the Corps.

Finally, a word about the SUPCOM staff. I am trying to keep the 'staff' as small as possible. I prefer to 'contract' projects to individual Marines on an as-needed basis. This gets more folks involved, and doesn't over-burden any one or two people. Having said that, I will announce the appointment of Jill Rayburn as the new SUPCOM XO. Jill brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the position, and I value her assistance.

If you have any questions or suggestions about any of the topics above, or something I may not have thought of, please contact me at cosupcom@sfi-sfmc.org or kamarag@region5.org.

Once again, I am happy to be onboard, and together we will turn SUPCOM into the strong, active command it was designed to be.

SFMC Forces Command is now accepting applications for the position of Officer in Charge (OIC) of the 15th Brigade (15th BDE).

The OIC, 15th BDE will be in charge of the 15th Brigade and the battalions and Marine Strike Groups that reside within. The successful candidate will be responsible for the well-being and administration of the brigade and will work with FORCECOM to ensure an accurate accounting of the brigade is done on a regular basis.

The OIC, 15th BDE's duties will include:

- maintaining or (if necessary) starting and maintaining a record of all the units in the 15th BDE.
- maintaining or (if necessary) starting and maintaining programs and / or

procedures to promote activity within the brigade.

- dealing with any problems or concerns brought up by a member of the 15th BDE in a timely and efficient manner to the best of the OIC's ability.
- appointing and relieving Battalion OICs when necessary.
- * sending a detailed report on the brigade the COFORCECOM by the 21st of every even-numbered month.
- participating in the Brigade Commanders listserv.
- forwarding any announcements from the

General Staff and other pertinent information to the Marines in the brigade.

In order to be eligible to apply, the candidate must:

- at least 18 years old
- be a member in good standing of SFI, the International Star Trek Fan Association (provide SCC# and expiration date)
- be a primary member of the SFMC for at least one year
- reside in Region 15
- passed Officer's Training School (OBT), Marine Basic Training (MBT), and the Primary

WANTED: 15th BRIGADE OIC

Lt. Colonel Joost Ueffing • CO, Force Command, SFMC

Leadership Development Course (PLDC)

To apply send your Fleet/Corps/Real Life resumes (you can leave off any sensitive information) as well as any ideas or plans you have for the 15th BDE and any letters of recommendations from your superiors from Fleet or the Corps and send them to Joost Ueffing by e-mail at web.warrior@delhaven.ns.ca or by postal mail at:

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Applications will be accepted up to Midnight (AST) Mar. 1st, 2001. An applicant will then be selected and announced by Mar. 10th, 2001.



IC 2002: THE ROAD TO OUR FUTURE STARTS HERE

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

Artwork Created by Vice Admiral Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons • STARFLEET Region 17

T-7 months and counting... Have you registered yet?

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 IC) throughout the years and has a reputation for being very "fan friendly".

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 watering hole and you end up with an experience unparalleled in SFI history!

The San Francisco Bay Area is represented by a variety of 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, Berkeley 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!

LATEST NEWSFLASHES...

The hotel is now taking reservations! Call 1-800-222-TREE and specify the STARFLEET IC 2002 Rate!

IC 2002 will have a dance on Saturday night. Our dance will feature professional DJ in a luxurious, 2,485 sq. ft. ball room. High Speed Internet access via Ethernet is available in each room!

Boyd Harmon, Transportation Chair asks that if you are flying in for IC, please contact him with dates, times, flight numbers and the like. transportation@ic2002.org to send him your details.

ATTENTION Webmasters!!! Logo Banners are now available for your websites! Please help us promote IC 2002 to your friends and crewmates! Go to www.ic2002.org and look for the banners that you can easily copy and plug into your website!

Rosenzweig, co-author of 'Starship Spotter' Feel free to bring a copy to IC for autographs."

Program Guide Advertising Rates are now set and are as follows:

1/4 page = \$20.00 - 1/2 page = 40.00 and full page = 80.00. Space is limited so contact chair@ic2002.org for more info.

Ed Nowlin (EC/AB Liaison) asks that all EC and AB members attending contact him regarding special arrangements/requests that you might require that he will need advance notice to arrange. Let him know at: ecabliaison@ic2002.org. Oh, and Ed will not be providing the dating service for those single EC/AB members this year... Darn!

A "year book" type slide show is being planned to be shown at IC2002. This slide show is tentatively planned to be shown during Saturday night dinner shortly before ceremonies begin. All members, chapters, and friendly beings are encouraged to submit pictures. Group pictures, events, meetings, and any special club related occasion, including those funny or wacky pictures taken at those crazy conferences around Fleet are highly encouraged. Captions are optional but highly encouraged. Pictures can be submitted in electronic form in just about any format to Larry Barnes, IC2002 Web Master at: infotech@ic2002.org or you may send hard copies to:

Larry A. Barnes
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(Please include SASE to insure your pictures are returned)

WEBSITE NEWS...

IC2002 Announcements List: This is a list for general news and announcements available for "Jane Member" to subscribe. 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 coins and playing cards too!

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.

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Adult, Conference Only:	\$35.00
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AWAY TEAMS...

There are many attractions within a short driving distance and even walking distance too! Your International Conference 2002 TEAM is planning away teams for guided tours and group rates for certain attractions. These will be announced in upcoming press releases.

There are tons of attractions in the area 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!

In addition to the chance to visit the future home of STARFLEET Headquarters (San Francisco), you can attend STARFLEET Academy as well. Academy directors will be there to answer your questions and offer panels on popular topics.

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Want more things to do while attending IC?

PS. Have you marked your calendar yet?

A FUNDRAISER FOR A SFI MEMBER IN NEED

Commodore Bill Herrmann • USS Normandy, STARFLEET Region 1

Greetings I am trying to spread word of this Fundraiser across SFI & the SFMC. Please pass along if you are not interested. Thank You. Thank you for allowing me to share word of it here at the CQ .

For those who haven't heard, long time Fleet member Dustin Williams' wife Stephanie is having a very difficult time with her pregnancy. She is bedridden and things are very "tight" and hard for the Williams family. I am among those in Fleet trying to help Dustin, Stephanie, and the infant in her womb.

I organized the 2002 Fleet Wide Yard Sale. When someone sends either check or money order made out to Dustin Williams to my address specifying which item they would like to purchase, I mail the check or money order to Region 04 Fleet Member Peter Briggs, who has established the fundraiser to help the Dustin Williams family (see also the article by Pete on this page). This Yard Sale is my contribution to help.

The below are the items still available for your consideration here at the 2002 Fleet wide Yard sale:

1. Tailor-made STAR TREK-THE NEXT GENERATION 1st/2nd Season Uniform. Command color-size: LG- would cost you \$125.00 anywhere else--- 2002 Fleet wide Yard sale price:\$ 45.00 and it's yours! Along with a FREE Communicator Pin valued at \$10.00. Is this a good deal or what? {UNIFORM RESERVED FOR INTERESTED FLEET MEMBER}

3. Package of 3 STAR WARS MOTION PICTURE MOVIE POSTERS- STAR WARS, THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK, AND RETURN OF THE JEDI- in Protected Frames- with Certificates of Authenticity from LUCASFILM LTD. CHROMART design gives illusion of depth on a two-dimensional surface. At the Conventions they sell for \$ 35.00 individually. 2002 Fleet wide Yard sale price : \$50.00 dollars and all three are yours!

5. 8X10 color photograph of USS AVENGER MCM-1 undergoing Explosives Testing. Unique in that terrific explosion underwater occurs next to the AVENGER. Taken during her sea trials of the first of her class. Own a part of American naval history! 2002 Fleet wide Yard sale price: \$ 5.00 and it's yours! Make a great present for a particular Region 07 Chapter that comes to mind!

7. 8X10 color photograph of Patriot Missile Battery intercepting and exploding incoming Iraqi Scud Missile over Dhahran, Saudi Arabia during the Persian Gulf War. Incredible image to behold! History frozen in time. Make a great present for that favorite SFMC Leatherneck of yours. 2002 Fleet wide Yard sale price : \$ 5.00 and it's yours !

8. 8X10 color photograph of Air-to-air right side view of four USAF F-16 Fighting Falcons in echelon formation. Sidewinders clearly visible. a really great shot of the wild blue yonder. A nice gift for that Iron Eagle

Aerospace cadet of yours. 2002 Fleet wide Yard sale price: \$ 5.00 and it's yours !

9. Beautiful 8X10 color photograph of US NAVY Nuclear Aircraft Carrier USS JOHN F.KENNEDY CVN-67 underway at full speed and armed to the teeth with her complement of fighters and bombers. Incredible image to behold. Never saw anything over three football fields in length move that fast! 2002 Fleet wide Yard sale price: \$5.00 and it's yours !

10. The Ultimate Camp Video for that get together with your friends-- Scared of being nuked ? Paranoid because there are too many thermonuclear weapons on the planet? This video is for YOU ! Trinity and Beyond--THE ATOMIC BOMB MOVIE 95 Minutes in length. Narrated by none other than William Shatner! What a way to spend an Evening with friends! You'll begin digging that old bomb shelter the next day! The most bizarre gift possible! Get it today! 2002 Fleet wide Yard sale price: \$ 8.00 and it's yours! Oh- and purchase the Video and I'll throw in a collection of DEEP SPACE NINE SKYBOX COLOR CARDS ! FREE !

Just added to the 2002 Fleet wide Yard sale:

11. EAGLES OF THE RAF-THE WORLD WAR II EAGLE SQUADRONS by Phillip D. Caine. Published by the National Defense University Press 1991. With photographs, a history of the contributions of Americans in the RAF fighting the German Luftwaffe as it sought to rule the skies over England and the UK during the Battle of Britain. The perfect gift for the World War II era aficionado. 2002 Fleet wide Yard sale price: a definite Bargain at \$ 4.00

12. SHANTUNG BLACK TIGER-A SHAOLIN FIGHTING ART OF NORTH CHINA by Tjoa Khok Kiong, Donn F. Draeger, and Quintin T.G.Chambers. With visual presentations by Pascal Krieger. Published by Weatherhill-NEW YORK and TOKYO- Rare book on the Mandarin form of Martial Arts. Self-Defense techniques, Weapons illustrations, and more. A must for the Security Chief on your Starship or Space Station or that favorite Marine Strike Group defending the Starship. 2002 Fleet wide Yard sale price: Great deal at \$ 4.00

In closing, let me make a few remarks addressing the purpose & objectives in my joining this volunteer effort on behalf of Dustin, Stephanie, and the young child in her womb. I believe in unconditional love and unconditional friendship and fellowship. I place no criteria or conditions on selling these meager items to financially benefit those who are in need.

Over 2000 years ago a Jewish carpenter made a statement that: "it is more blessed to give than to receive." That life principle has altered my life substantially. It has shown me that where there is a will, there is a way, especially when it comes to reaching out and helping others who are in need.

I have no illusions that my meager contribution to the Dustin Williams Family Fundraiser will help pay all the medical costs or light bills, or house payments, and all the other finances facing Dustin and Stephanie in their time of

need. Nevertheless, it will help buy a few groceries or gas in the car, or whatever it will be used for.

Frankly, I don't care what the money raised is utilized for. That is up to Dustin & Stephanie to consider. A gift is a gift. You don't have to wait for Christmas or a birthday to give a friend a gift. That's what my contribution is a gift, my gift to two people I care about.

A Jewish fisherman once replied when asked for money: "silver and gold have I none, but such as I have I give you..." that's where I am coming from guys and gals in STARFLEET & the SFMC. I read the original post, and looked around me, and recalled the words of that Jewish carpenter and his friend the Jewish fisherman.

This isn't the first time I have ever helped anyone in SFI. I remember last year sending a large "care package" of my STAR TREK Collectibles to the starship USS MIR across the USA to New Mexico. It cost me \$15.00 just to mail the box. But I believe in the "let me help" philosophy all of us heard about in the original Series episode: CITY ON THE EDGE OF FOREVER.

I designated my contribution on behalf of my starship, the USS NORMANDY NCC-36000, the "Flagship:" of SFI to the USS MIR Cancer Run Relay Race they held. It was fun being part of something helping others. This is one of the elements that drew me to belong to SFI.

I am not unusual or remarkable or anything of the sort in just trying to be of help. Many in SFI & the SFMC are doing such things and more in this association on behalf of one another and you never hear about what they do.

But you know they still keep on keeping on, and that's one of the noteworthy things that keeps this association alive and will help it to "live long and Prosper" to quote our favorite Vulcan.

I realize that among an organization our size, with thousands of people, hearing about this sort of fundraiser may provoke skepticism, cynicism, and even doubt as to the validity of such a fundraiser.

But you know, it's like STAR TREK when the Starship comes upon those in need. nine times out of ten, the Captain orders the vessel into orbit, and soon help is debated, structured and organized, and then what?

Help is given.

We are STARFLEET International. Dustin is my friend. I want to help. After all, every little bit helps. Yes it's risky and yes it's idealistic, and yes it's old fashioned in the 21st Century.

Nonetheless, it's fun and really cool.

Again thanks for your time and consideration, folks.

RIISING TO THE OCCASION

By Fleet Captain Pete Briggs

Recently, while on IRC, it was brought to my attention of a crisis that we need to get the STARFLEET family behind. Dustin Williams, a Region 3 member, is dealing with a situation that requires our help.

According to Dustin, his wife Stephanie is three months pregnant and due to complications with her health, is now confined to bed for the remainder of the pregnancy. To complicate matters, she is on several medications and requires constant supervision. Dustin has been providing this round-the-clock caregiving to the exclusion of all else...including employment. They are in need of financial support and that's where his SFI family can help. One of my hobbies is the painting of ceramic dragons. In order to raise funds for Dustin and his family, I'm offering the pride of my collection in a private SFI only raffle.

You can view the dragon at http://www.geocities.com/iceman_13tn/DW-fundraiser.html. This impressive webpage was made up by Kimi Brooks and her two children, Matt and Morgan. On the webpage, you will find instructions on how the raffle will work, the address to send funds to and the date of the actual ticket pull. For those not computer capable, I'll reiterate the information here as well. Like I state on the webpage, I was offered \$150.00 for this piece and turned it down. What I'm going to do is that for every dollar you send me, I'm going to make you a ticket. On May 1st 2002, I will draw the winning ticket and send the winner of the raffle the dragon. I think that's the simplest way we can do this.

Greg Trotter showed me how to set up a PayPal account so if you log onto PayPal and send it to e-mail account Peter.Briggs@travis.af.mil, that will get the funds to me as well so I can pass them onto Dustin. You can also send cash or check to the address below:

Pete Briggs
1501 Kansas Street
Fairfield CA 94533

Make sure you write your name legibly and indicate that the money is for Dustin Williams. I'm sure I'll already know that, it's not like folks send me money everyday for no reason. But I'd rather be safe than sorry. I've included a picture so you can see it, however I'm betting the ones on the webpage will show more detail.

I'd also like to thank in advance all the STARFLEET folks who will contribute to Dustin's cause. I know I appreciate it and I'm sure Dustin and Stephanie will too. Let's rise to the occasion, people!



**Cardassian Status Report on Federation
Ships in Sector 15.**
To All Cardassian War Ships
Perimeter Alert

Report by Gul Burkot, Obsidian Order,
Cardassia Prime

The ship is identified as the USS Atlantis NCC-71803, Galaxy Class Exploratory Cruiser out of 15th Fleet. Atlantis was commissioned on 12/25/1991 and has now completed her first 10-year mission, "Having Fun, And At No One's Expense." Her mothership was the USS Hexum NCC-2199 from Region 12. The following is a history of this ship and the atrocities against the Cardassian Empire.

From the beginning, Shuttle Atlantis was commanded by STARFLEET Commander Richard F. Nacaula Jr., and Lieutenant Commander Roger Bourgeois. She was launched from the orbital shipyards at Starbase 12 and the original shuttle was stationed in Southeastern Massachusetts Sector. One of the first of the original shuttles in Sector New England, at the time called Region 7; Atlantis completed her shuttle mission in nine months and was commissioned. USS Atlantis has launched 2 shuttles of her own over her ten year mission: USS Starseeker in New England, commanded by former XO John Gisetto and a current ship USS Asimov in Region 7, commanded by Fleet Captain Martin Lessem. Atlantis senior officers have left the vessel and now command two other formidable ships also in the 15th Fleet; USS Ares and USS Darwin. Current speculation is that a third shuttle for the Rhode Island sector should be launched within the next several months.

Atlantis has, in her 10 years, been a problem to the Cardassian Empire, and brought glory to STARFLEET. She has had a turnover of Commanding and Executive Officers, but that has only brought her STARFLEET Region more glory. Among those former Command Team Members are former XO's Roger Bourgeois, John Gisetto, Betsy Nacaula, Rob Langer and, Ed Lawler and as well as former CO E. Jerry Beaulieu. Her current CO is Rear Admiral Rich Nacaula and current XO Captain Kelly Cornell. Many other officers and enlisted crewmembers have given their best and despite our best efforts, Atlantis continues to successful.

The following is a list of the atrocities against the Cardassian Empire. They have brought triumph to STARFLEET: book drives for George R. Austin Middle School, fundraisers for the Blackstone Valley Boys & Girls Club and the American Cancer Research Society, Southeastern Massachusetts food drives, Toys For Tots, participated in numerous blood donation drives to help maintain their species, and recruiting efforts for STARFLEET. Atlantis also won a runner up position in both the Shuttle of Year in the 12th Fleet and during war games called R15 Mini-golf tournament 1996 and, was the First Region 15 Chapter of the Quarter Oct-Dec 1996.

Warning is issued to beware of two members of this crew: Rear Admiral Richard F. Nacaula has been the Region

USS ATLANTIS 10th ANNIVERSARY

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



Food and fun make for a great combo: Region 15 First Lady and Atlantis member Betsy Nacaula with members of the crew.



Smile, you are on CQ Camera:
Newly Promoted Atlantis XO, Kelly Cornell



Showing the Flag:
Regional Coordinator, Region 15,
Richard Nacaula.



In Memoriam: Attendees raise their glasses in a toast of remembrance to comrades Commander Betty White and Captain Lee Esteves.

All Pictures courtesy of the USS Atlantis

15 liaison to three Rebelcons and BSTA, Regional Treasurer, Region 15 VRC, STARFLEET IC2000 Vice Chair and most recently moved up into the Regional Coordinator position for the 15th Fleet. Captain Betsy Nacaula has also assisted him in being the STARFLEET IC2000 Registration Chair. Both are wanted in the Cardassian Empire. USS Atlantis crewmembers have created two distinct emblems, easily identified by our forces. The original Atlantis logo design was created by Ken Doyon, with a secondary design by Ed Lawler. Cardassian commanders encountering this crew should be wary. The crew of this vessel has demonstrated fierce loyalty to their ship and their commitment to survival makes them worthy and honorable opponents.

Recently, USS Atlantis held a festival for their 10th anniversary of commissioning at Brockton, Mass in a restaurant called Capeway Manor. Many representatives of the other vessels in the 15th Fleet were in attendance. Represented ships include the USS Darwin, USS O'Bannon, USS Omar Khayyam, USS Tsunami, Space Station Ian Fleming and, the Shuttle Avalon as well as crew from USS Atlantis. Executive Officer and newly minted Captain Kelly Cornell announced the results of ship's polling and all the senior officers won unanimous approval from the crew to continue as the ship's senior officers. Lunch was served and at the end of the gathering, a toast was made by Captain Betsy Nacaula to Atlantis members who had passed the Great Divide over the years: Commander Betty White and Captain Lee Esteves.

The name of the ship ATLANTIS and the crew motto have been researched and translated into Cardassian. The name of the ship is from a mythical continent on the Terran home world that is rumored to have sunk into the sea. It is believed by humans to possibly still exist and is populated by the most intelligent and aesthetically pleasing race of aquatic humans. The motto is in the human language Latin: Per Aura Ad Astra, upon researching this and translating it into Cardassian, it means Through Enlightenment To The Stars. It is understood that humans often reuse pieces of history and it was also the motto of a ship called the Searcher, most notable crewmember being a Captain Buck Rogers. A famous terran author, H.G. Wells once said, "There is magic in words and chief among them is the word Atlantis." This may help to explain their enduring strength and presence in the STARFLEET. No other information available.

All Cardassian ships are to beware of this Galaxy Class Cruiser. She and her crew are dangerous and should not be taken lightly by any Gul. Cardassian command issues this warning in the hopes that we will not lose any more ships due to entanglements with this capable and talented ship and crew. She is too much for any single Cardassian ship or small task force to handle. Immediately call for reinforcements upon engagement.

Message Intercepted by STARFLEET Command Special Forces Intelligence section monitoring Cardassia Prime.



GREEN SLIME, CANADIAN BEER AND SMALL BALLS

By Steve Gordon • Region 2 DJ

Artwork By Commodore David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region 5

In my travels as the Region 2 DJ, I have never once in my wildest dreams thought that I would ever visit Canada. But a couple of months ago, that changed when my father invited me to Wisconsin. He invited me up to Toronto to visit with him and his relatives for Thanksgiving. And to boot (not aboot), I got to see some of my R13 friends whom I had known only online, from IRC, or just met once. This is my tale of five days, 2300 miles, five states, one province, and, as the title says, "Green Slime, Canadian Beer, and Small Balls".

It all started innocently enough. I was talking to MattB (Matt Baille), Alice (Baille), Alexis (Darlene Topp), and DaveB (Blaser) one fateful night on irc, all of whom reside in the Great North known as Canada, USA's northern neighbor.

I had mentioned that my father, Roger, who lives in Milwaukee, had invited me to come up there to visit him this Thanksgiving, and maybe even get to meet some of my relatives that I had never met. They just happened to be in Toronto, Ontario. When I told them this, Darlene got quite excited. After some strings were pulled, the wheels for my first trip outside the States were set to motion. The only one in on the entire deal was Darlene. Neither Blaser nor the Bailles' had an inkling of my actual planned visit.

Darlene and I worked out the details, and everything came into being on the late night of November 22, after I got off of my job in Valley, AL. I loaded my little pickup with clothes and a few other essentials, and headed on the long stretch of I-75 north. I pointed my ship to the north, and my journey began. After an exhausting 17 hour drive (and getting lost in Windsor, ON, and bad directions in Mississauga), I arrived to find Darlene waiting for me at her job. As things had turned out, my father's relatives over in Toronto ran out of room to put me up, so Darlene very generously, like a true Fleet member, opened her home to me. I was very impressed with Canada. This is my story of my great misadventure in Canada...

Thursday evening: after picking Darlene up from work, I related my travel story to her. Great traffic, and a lovely drive. Not a problem anywhere, except getting lost in downtown Windsor, ON, just across the bridge from Detroit. And she gave me incorrect directions to get to her job. It was okay, since I got to see more of her fine city of Mississauga, ON, by night. We had dinner at a local Pizza Hut, and drove to her lovely apartment located not too far from the metro area of Mississauga.

I related to her how easy it was to get across

the border, exchange currency (at the time of this article it was \$1US=\$1.65C), and drive. I was amazed at how much that area of Ontario resembles the Midwest (same area of the world). Also, I told her that it was easy to tell speed in KPH (kilometres per hour); and the currency is rather interesting too. The one and two dollar coins are called "looney" and "tooney" respectively--sounds like a prime candidate for a Bugs Bunny joke! Really! The coins are actually called by those names!

Anyway, that first night I got settled into my temporary digs, unloaded and unwound while I filled Darlene in on my Fleet and family background. We stopped at a video store and rented a couple of movies. We saw "Sixth Day" and had a light dinner...then sleep (or in my case, lack thereof) crept in, and we turned in.

Friday: we arose at 6:30 am. Even though I had the weekend off, Darlene still had to go to work. So after a hearty Canadian breakfast of pancakes and Froot Loops, I took her to work, with me leaving from there to head to Toronto to meet up with my father and his relatives. And then things got really interesting...on Hurontario Road, one of the major thoroughfares through Mississauga; I was stopped by the (County) Peel Regional Police. My tag was partially obscured, and they could not make it as an Ontario plate. During the necessary tag, license, and insurance checks, I got nervous; they picked up on this, asked me to step out of the truck, and asked if they could inspect. I gave my permission. Who am I to question law enforcement?

After 45 minutes, and patiently waiting, the two nice Canadian police officers let me go, and I even got to know more about Canada in the meanwhile...well, how their judicial system works anyway - and radar detectors are very strictly against the law in Ontario. But I can say this for the officers: they were very polite, friendly, and most importantly, professional. They knew what they were doing, and even exchanged a friendly handshake when they were done. After my encounter with the Peel Regional Police, I headed to Toronto to meet with Dad, his brother and sister-in-law.

After a nice 30 minute ride to Canada's tallest structure, the tall CN Tower in downtown Toronto, I saw my dad for the first time in seven years. We caught up on times past, and I got to meet my new relatives. This is where "Green Slime" comes in. Although Ottawa is where the show "You Can't Do That on Television" was filmed, I was reminded of it in Toronto; it is an old show on the Nicklelodeon kid's channel. I remember watching the credits: "Ottawa, Ontario, Canada".

After spending several wonderful hours in beautiful Toronto, we parted and I headed back to Mississauga to meet up with Darlene. After telling her about my father, we went over to find and visit Matt and Alice Baille in Brampton, just a short drive over. The Bailles, after meeting and greeting (BIG HUGS!), all four of us went over to a local chain known well in Canada as Tim Horton's (fabulous cappuccino and Timbits!), where we had coffee, hot cocoa, and donut holes (their Boston Creams are DELICIOUS!). We sat and chatted for a while, then headed back to the Baille home, when we said our "niters" for the evening. After that we headed over to the theater to see "Monsters, Inc." The theater, Famous Players, had an absolutely INCREDIBLE scale model of the USS Enterprise 1701 (TOS era) hanging from the ceiling.

After the movie, we returned to Darlene's apartment, where and when I recounted my pleasant experience with the Peel Police. After sitting up for a while and discussing all things wonderful about Canada, we turned in for the night. But Saturday was even better.

Saturday morning came soon enough. We arose, and I was treated to a nice bowl of Canadian Froot Loops (sound familiar?). After which we went out to see some of the local sights, like the lighthouse at Port Credit (close to downtown Mississauga), and the mall, where I purchased some Canadian souvenirs, and Darlene bought some for me as well. We enjoyed the sights and sounds of the shoppers in the holiday spirit, and left to go to the apartment.

I stopped in at a post office in the mall and sent off a couple of postcards to folks back home at my work at Papa John's Pizza in Valley, and one to a friend in Texas. Later that evening we met up with Matt and Alice again, but this time it was with Dave and Debbie Blaser, at Canelli's Italian restaurant in Brampton, where we all enjoyed a great dinner (I even had a REAL Canadian---beer! There's the Canadian Beer part...) and got to know each other better. After which we all headed over to a local five-pin bowling alley (here comes Dave's Small Balls...).

I was formally introduced to a variation of my more familiar tenpin bowling...except in five pin, there are...well, five pins, and the bowling balls are smaller than those used in tenpin. After a rousing game, we said our goodbyes and headed home (well, Darlene and I headed back to her apartment). Darlene and I watched the SE "Close Encounters" on the tube, then turned in for my last night in Canada.

Sunday was the bittersweet day of my visit. I knew that the time would come that I

would have to leave, yet I delayed it as long as possible. We arose and prepared breakfast---this time with real, honest-to-goodness Canadian bacon (which looks an awful lot like the bacon that I am familiar with---same pig), eggs and toast. After breakfast, Darlene and I went to the kitchen to prepare some cookies for my trip home, and Darlene presented me with some homemade applesauce (MMMMM!).

We decorated her Christmas tree, sat around for a bit. Then it was time. The saddest part of my trip -- heading home. I hugged Darlene, thanked her for her kindness and generosity and hospitality, and hit the road home. The return trip home was pretty uneventful, except at the Ambassador Bridge in Windsor. There was a 2.5 hour wait to cross the border and a long line of traffic stretched for two miles into Windsor. After much waiting, I finally reached the US side, only to *almost* have to turn back around because of almost not enough proof of citizenship; the officials at the border warned me to have a birth certificate handy next time (has everything to do with the events of 9/11). So, after returning to the USA, I left Detroit and headed for the longest drive down I-75 South. After another 14 hours, including a most beautiful sunrise in the north Kentucky bluegrass hills, I pulled into my parking lot here at home in Valley, Alabama.

My grand odyssey was over. Five and a half days, 2300 miles, and a ton of memories of my excursion to Canada. When next the Fleet traveling DJ reports, it will be about my trip out there to Texas, the Lone Star state!!! I shall always remember the good times, good friends, good food, and great memories that I shall cherish forever.

I shall wind up my article with this inscription on a glass mug that I bought:

"Hey, I'm not a lumberjack or a fur trader. And I don't live in an igloo or eat blubber or own a dog sled. And I don't know Jimmy, Sally or Suzie from Canada, although I am sure they are really nice. I have a Prime Minister, not a President; I speak English and French, not American; and I pronounce it about, not aboot. I can proudly sew my country's flag on my backpack; I believe in peacekeeping, not policing; diversity, not assimilation; and that the beaver is a truly proud and noble animal. A toque is a hat, a chesterfield is a couch, and it is pronounced zed. Not zee, zed. Canada is the second largest land mass, the first nation of hockey, and the best part of North America. My name is Joe, and I am Canadian. Thank you. I am...Canadian."

Oh Canada, I stand on guard for thee...

FEDERATION DAY CELEBRATED AT 8th ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL

By Vice Admiral Bob Vosseller • USS Challenger, Region 7

The 7th Fleet came together once again aboard the USS Challenger to break bread, and other intergalactic treats, during "Federation Day" that served as this year's theme for the 8th Annual Intergalactic Food Festival held on February 3.

USS Sovereign Communications Chief and Chef played the role of 'Enterprise Chef' quite well and we appreciate the work he and the rest of the Sovereign's Away Team did. New Sov XO Sonny Wright, Jay "Shadow" Ansky, and of course their long time CEO Capt. Traci Giorganni helped out with set up and clean up and we appreciated it. Thanks guys. Challenger CMO Captain David Singleton helped out in the kitchen and got several cooking tips from Joe that he'll be trying soon.

Making the long haul down from New York to Ocean County NJ were our good friends from the USS Sun Tzu, Stephanie and Rich Fine who are always a pleasure to see and who also helped with the cleanup.

A good number of Avengers came down including their science chief, Admiral Alex Rosenzweig who got some media time with area reporters concerning "Starship Spotter."

It was great seeing all of you guys too.

Asimov CO and 7th Brigade Head Honcho and pal Martin Lessem looked sharp in his monster maroon and did some video taping during the day. What are you planning to do with that footage by the way Martin?

Everything that was brought was delicious. We had a variety of chili and pasta dishes and desserts were quite tasty as usual.

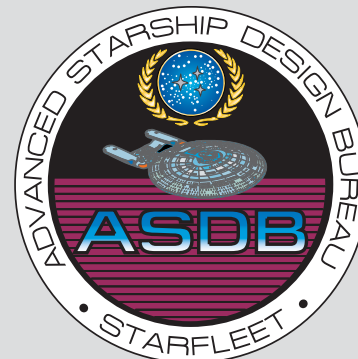
Oddly enough, I was missing. That is to say that Vice Admiral Bob Vosseller wasn't there. However, 'Andorian Lt. General Avalon Shrell' made his first appearance and had a lot of fun talking to the press, the guests and STARFLEET friends, when not adjusting his antenna that is.

This was the first time I've gone 'Andorian' in over a decade although it was two weeks in a row I was 'blue.' The first being my skin-color after the Polar Bear Plunge in Maryland. I didn't need the makeup for that transformation from pink skin to blue skin in that particular case. The media seemed to be fascinated with Shrell however and that lead to a few photographs in our local daily newspapers.

Challenger's own XO Mary Francen had a green hue for the day wearing her belly dance outfit and was our Orion slave girl for the day while Challenger's new ship quartermaster, Alvina Bigos donned her new El'Aurien golden robe complete with 'Whoopi hat.'

Challenger sold some crafts during the day that were made during one of our craft nights. More importantly this year's collection of canned food for Project: Replicator. There was a wide variety of food collected and donated to an area food bank. I'd like to thank everyone who contributed to Project: Replicator.

As for next year's Food Festival, since we have a slightly different format each year, we'll probably make some plans to do something following the feast. Photos from this year's party were submitted to the "Make It Enterprise Tonight" website. I urge other chapters across the Fleet to get involved in this program which will provide your chapter an opportunity to promote itself and STARFLEET and gain some Star Trek prizes along the way. Check out Fanmedia.com's website at, where else, fanmedia.com.



ASDB UPDATE

By Admiral Chris Wallace
Chairman, STARFLEET ASDB

Just a note that after a two month hiatus, <http://www.asdb.net/> is back and we have three new projects for folks to look at: **STARFLEET Prototype 2380**, **STARFLEET Prototype 2385**, and **Historical Federation Spacecraft**.

STARFLEET Prototype

Another modern interpretation of a classic Movie-era book, STARFLEET Prototype will be a showcase for new designs in starships and new technologies.

Issue One - 2380 (2.8 MB)

U.S.S. Jaguar
CR 74750 Class Diplomatic Cruiser
U.S.S. Crusader
CF 74711 Class Fast Cruiser
U.S.S. Prometheus
CT 74913 Class Tactical Cruiser
U.S.S. Cantell
FR 74851 Class Frigate
U.S.S. The Sullivans
FT 75370 Class Tactical Frigate
U.S.S. Aquila
ST 74734 Class Scoutship

Issue Two - 2385 (2.6 MB)

U.S.S. Nottingham
CKE 78505 Class Exploratory Cruiser
U.S.S. Discovery
CE 79431 Class Exploratory Cruiser
U.S.S. Eximius
CR 80077 Class Cruiser
U.S.S. Omar Khayyam
CE 79001 Time Cruiser

Historical Federation Starships

A guide to the Federation's Most Famous Ships.

Volume One (3.8MB)

The Phoenix
The Valiant Class
The NX Class
The Daedalus Class
The Constitution Class
The U.S.S. Enterprise
NCC-1701-A
The U.S.S. Excelsior
NCC-2000
The Galaxy Class
The U.S.S. Voyager
NCC-74656
Starlight
Starblade

FLEETFOOD.ORG PRESENTS...

By The FleetFood.org Staff • <http://www.fleetfood.org>

Welcome! Pull up a chair and an empty stomach! As the Klingons say, "today *is* a good day to dine!" This issue, we have a recipe and a restaurant review for you, chosen by our own correspondent, 2Lt Ben Kokochak of the Shuttle Francis Marion.

For more recipes and reviews, visit the FleetFood web site at the URL Above. Enjoy!

This month's recipe: Mt. Seleya Dip
Submitted by J.C. Cohen, U.S.S. ACCORD

Ingredients:

15 oz. can refried beans
1/2 pkg. dry Taco seasoning
Tabasco sauce
1/2 avocado (peeled and mashed)
1/2 tomato (peeled & diced)
2 Tbsp. mild onion (minced)
1 tsp. lemon juice
1 tsp. lime juice
1 Tbsp. Mayonnaise
3 Tbsp. sour cream
Cayenne pepper
1 bunch scallions (chopped)
1 can ripe olives (chopped)
1/4 cup green pepper (chopped)
1/2 jar green olives (chopped)
1 small can diced green chilies
1/2 box cherry tomatoes
grated cheddar cheese

Outside of Trek circles, this is called Mt. Diablo Dip, but it's actually not that spicy. It's a layered dip, so make the 1st layer on a plate or platter and put each layer directly on top of the previous one:

1st layer - Mix 15 oz. can refried beans with

1/2 pkg. dry Taco seasoning and Tabasco to taste. Spread on large platter.

2nd layer - Mix 1/2 avocado (peeled and mashed), 1/2 tomato (peeled & diced), 2 Tbsp. Mild onion (minced), 1 tsp. lemon juice, 1 tsp. lime juice, 1 Tbsp. Mayonnaise, 3 Tbsp. Sour cream, dash of Tabasco, dash of cayenne. Spread on beans.

3rd layer - Mix 1 bunch scallions (chopped), 1 can ripe olives (chopped), 1/4 cup green pepper (chopped), 1/2 jar green olives (chopped), 1 small can diced green chilies. Spread on top.

4th layer - Cut up 1/2 box cherry tomatoes, drain well. Spread on top.

5th layer - Grate cheddar cheese to cover.

Serve with tortilla chips, telling guests to scoop from the bottom.

Note: you can ad lib at will and it still tastes great.

This month's restaurant review:

The Cheesecake Factory
3024 Peachtree Road
NW Atlanta, GA 30305, T
el. 404-816-2555

<http://www.thecheesecakefactory.com/>
Submitted by Matt Myers, U.S.S. HAWKEYE

The Cheesecake Factory is something that you have to experience to believe. The restaurant, itself, is breathtaking. The experience begins the moment you pull into what appears to be the crowded alley-parking lot and the valet opens your door to take your car. Inside, the architecture is neoclassical. Mahogany walls, murals on the ceilings, brass and bronze fixtures,

it's almost overwhelming.

While the entrees are a bit pricey (nearly \$9 for a Caesar Salad), you find out why when the food arrives at the table. I had planned on only ordering a light salad to "save room" for multiple orders of their world famous cheesecake. Imagine my surprise when my salad arrived at the table in a 14" wide dish and piled nearly 6" high. The salad was *huge*. Most of the entrees are more than one person can eat at one time. My advice - go hungry.

Now, for dessert -- cheesecake, of course. This is the Cheesecake Factory, after all. With over 30 different types of cheesecake to choose from, a dessert decision is difficult to arrive at. I was waffling between the Snickers® Cheesecake and the Key Lime Cheesecake. I opted for the Snickers® -- WOW! Was it ever rich, thick, and creamy. A huge slice arrived at our table and it took me a while to make it through it, but I did. The damage? Just over \$50 for two, with only 2 entrees and 2 cheesecakes, and a tip fitting the service. Is it worth it? For a special occasion, yep. For an everyday meal downtown with the guys, it's a bit much.

Would I go back? When's the next plane leaving? :)

Metro Area: Atlanta
Price Range: (per person) \$10 - \$20
Cuisine Type: American Serves Alcohol: Yes
Serving Style: Sit-down
Gratuity for Large Parties: Yes



Final Rating: 4.5 Pips

Stay tuned for our next submission in CQ110!

HOW TO MAKE A BIFFCICLE...

Words and Pictures By Vice Admiral Johnathan Simmons

USS Stormbringer, Region 17

It was a frosty morning on January 26th. While many flecters on the east coast were jumping into the Atlantic Ocean for the sheer halibut, the USS Stormbringer was preparing to show their support for these frosty flecters by making their own chilling statement.

FCapt. Biff Bassett, Operations Officer of the Stormbringer, donned his shorts and opened the screen door to the backyard... it was a frosty 41 degrees here in Denver, Colorado. He went to the snowiest part of the yard and assumed the position best known for making snow angels. He flapped his arms and legs and told us how cold it was.

But little did he know it was about

to get colder.

Commander Damon Schoonover had the arrangements all set. The water in the garden hose hit Biff with a freezing blast of ice-cold water. Biff jumped to his feet and proceeded to run in the house... but someone had locked the door. As he frantically searched for a point of ingress, Damon and I traded our implements of destruction and Damon took photos as I ran after Biff, making sure his assets were well liquidated.

Biff ran straight up to the Jacuzzi deck and jumped into the warm hottub. Shivering, he asked me if that was fun. I told him it was a blast! And a cold blast at that!

We can't wait until next year!



Step One: Take your subject and give him a thorough dousing with water while temperatures are near freezing....



Step 2: Leave your subject to dry. If the ravenous Wolves don't eat him overnight, he's all yours.

STARFLEET REGION ONE 2002 SUMMIT

By Commodore Robin Pillow • Regional Coordinator, Region 1

You are Cordially Invited to the:

**First Fleet 2002 Summit of Royalty
And Marine Muster
April 26-28, 2002
Pigeon Forge, Tennessee**

Bennu Station, USS Reprisal, USS Tempest, USS Tristar and the USS Aries are the host chapters for the 2002 Region 1 Summit. We have many events and panels setup this year as always. Attendees can expect panels for various Regional Division Chiefs as well as many Marine panels.

Saturday will be the busy day with the General Session, panels and more panels, the Banquet, announcement of the Annual Awards, charity auction and then the Saturday Night dance! Our theme this year is "Royalty." For the costume contest, come as your favorite member of royalty: The King of Rock n' Roll, Prince, the King of the Blues or even King Henry the VIII! Other events include, but are not limited to, Miniature Golf Tournament, Tug of War, Model Contest (small entry fee) and Sir Quacks-a-lot's Great Duck Race. Possible events include: Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies, Lazer Tag, Music Show and Go Cart Racing.

The hotel: Mainstay Suites where the rooms cost \$89 per night, with no extra charge for extra people.

Studio Suite sleeps six while the One Bedroom Suite sleeps four. All rooms have full kitchens and dataports. You **MUST** make your reservations by telephone to get the R1 Summit rate. Please mention the STARFLEET Region 1 Summit when making reservations.

The hotel website: <http://www.mainstaypigeonforge.com/> Please do not make reservations on line!

To Register, link to :<http://www.bennustation.com>
Jan 14th- Feb 14th: \$12
February 15th- Apr 24th: \$15
At the door: \$18 cash only
Banquet \$25

No checks will be accepted at door and payments must be received or postmarked by dates above / no checks, only money orders after April 1st!

Send registration fees to:

**Region One Summit
3409 Oldham Creek Rd
Sevierville, TN 37876**

Make Checks payable to: Region One Summit. All funds owed to STARFLEET or any affiliates thereof must be paid in full before registration

Questions? Email us at: beammeup@bennustation.com

USS GALAXY COMMISSIONS!



Region 15 New England congratulates the USS Galaxy on her commissioning to ship status. A party was held on the deck of Galaxy's mothership USS Endeavor in Connecticut on January 19th, 2002. USS Galaxy will be based out of Springfield, Massachusetts, the first commissioning of the year 2002.

Words and Picture courtesy of Region 15



LORD OF THE RINGS — POST MOVIE REVIEW

Fleet Captain David Klingman • USS Jaguar, STARFLEET Region 5

Artwork by Commodore David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region 5

Take 1: JC Cohen and I
Chat Room, Wednesday 12/19/2001

Me: So?

JC: It was good. Very good.

Me: I could even deal with the plot changes and omissions... The visuals were what did it for me, and the dynamic between Aragorn and Frodo and Sam and Frodo.

JC: Most of the plot changes were fine for me. Sam and Frodo are great. I'm far more sympathetic to movie Boromir then I was to book Boromir - the scene where he's playing with pip and merry softened me up. I disliked a couple of the director's choices: when Bilbo was grabbing at the ring and they seemed to computerize gollums image over him... I dunno, that didn't work for me.

Me: Matt commented that he though Ian McKellen was supposed to play Gandalf and whaddy know they actually got Gandalf! Ian WAS Gandalf!

JC: Yeah, Ian was great. Sauron looked really crappy in the prolog, I thought.

Me: I liked Sauron actually

JC: But if those are my two major complaints, it's very good.

Me: The lidless eye and the wraith world were awesome. The Balrog was incredible.

JC: I especially like the Balrog... that was worrisome but they did a good job. The nine when viewed with the ring were cool.

Me: How about the ring resizing itself for Isildur! And when it landed, it did not bounce but made a loud clang!

JC: Yeah. I still say they should have forgotten about the prolog, made The Hobbit, and told the story of Isildur in its proper place... but hey, I didn't direct it. And honestly, Elrond shoulda pushed Isildur into the pit.

Me: Well, unfortunately that was not in The Silmarillion and it would have ended the trilogy real quick.

JC: well, I'm just saying that what I woulda done.

Me: They definitely did a good job of making an actual character out of the ring though.

JC: Yes.

Me: I absolutely loved Viggo as Aragorn - the role is going to be done a lot of justice.

JC: Yeah. He was a little wooden IMHO at times but overall did very very well.

Me: The look in Viggo's eyes as he kneeled before Frodo near the end...

JC: Cate Blanchett should always have a spotlight on her. She was quite gorgeous, esp. with the glow.

Me: the visuals alone made the movie - it was why I wanted to see it... for the visuals.

JC: I wanna see Ents. I WANT TO SEE ENTS! ENTS! ENTS! ENTS!

Take 2: My own comments and thoughts (as I saw three shows on opening day)

12:01am

Matt Myers and I went to a midnight show - Middle Earth presented visually far exceeded my expectations.

12:30pm

This time I went to see the movie to follow the story and the characters. I was impressed with the visual effects, special effects, and the interaction of the characters, particularly the interaction between Sam and Frodo and the

presence of Aragorn/Strider. I cried a few times. It is well worth the emotional release for those who really delve into the story.

8:00pm

This time I saw the movie in a large group with members of the USS Hornet, USS Hawkeye and USS Jaguar. There were also members of the 301st Stormtroopers, IKV Executioner and the RSE Resolute. I was very tired by the by the evening and found myself ready for bed after the second hour and so I was less focused on the film. A good lesson, see this film while you are wide awake and go to the bathroom before you start watching as there is no intermission.

If you love the books, and can deal with 2:58 of movie time and some liberties taken with the actual story, or you enjoy magic, elves/dwarves/wizards, swordplay, heroes, spectacular visuals and special effects, incredible scenery and cinematography, you will probably love this movie. If you're tired or have to go to the bathroom, oh well.

I also purchased the soundtrack composed, orchestrated, and conducted by Howard Shore, Every note brought back the emotions and visualization of the movie and makes me want to see the movie again for a fourth time.

My rating: 9.95 out of 10 [I have since seen it a fourth time]

Take 3: THIS MOVIE ROCKS!!!!!!
By Michael Dugas

So I took an early lunch on Wednesday and ran out to the local theater here to pick up my tickets. Had to do it that way, because the theater couldn't sell them in advance. Bummer. Anyway, got the tix, went back to work and waited, and waited, and waited. Finally, it was time. The usher said 'Now Seating: Lord of the Rings...' I was apprehensive. What if they messed with the story too much? What if it's stupid? What if...? Then the lights dimmed and it began. Any apprehension that I felt going into the movie dissipated -- sure, they made a number of changes, but the changes didn't feel contrived, and didn't take away from the story at large. Would I have liked to have seen the conspiracy, and have Merry and Pippen planning to go with Frodo and Sam? Certainly. But, when weighing that against having a 4 or 5 hour movie, or cutting other scenes, well, I agree with the choice that Peter Jackson makes.

To me, the film conveyed the sense of the size of middle earth. That this wasn't just an afternoon outing for them. It conveyed the innocence and naivety of the hobbits. It conveyed the darkness of the Enemy. If I could choose one thing the change about the movie, it would be Aragorn. I admire the background and motivations that they gave Aragorn in the film. His reluctance to accept his heritage. Thinking back on it, I think that it could be inferred from the novel. I mean, if he's the King and all, and can prove it, why didn't he truck on down to Minas Tirith some 50 years ago? I would have argued with the screenwriters and with Jackson about the changes made to the introduction to Aragorn. Yeah, you've got to keep up the dramatic tension of the Riders right on their heels and I know you don't want to get bogged down with narration ,

but you've got the hobbits trusting Strider *right off the bat* Where's the argument, or the pledge ("I am Aragorn, son of Arathorn. If by life, or death, I can save you - I shall...")? Hmmm? Ok , so you've moved the line over to the Council of Elrond, and you have Sam, Merry and Pippen not quite trusting Aragorn while they are on the way to Weathertop. But still, that felt a bit rushed. I would have liked an additional 5-10 minutes there, if nowhere else. I enjoyed the scenes with Saruman. Christopher Lee did the role wonderfully. I love the set up for the Ents. I was watching Saruman and the orcs ripping the trees from the ground, and thinking 'Oh my god, the Ents are gonna be PISSED!' It really lays the groundwork for the Two Towers and that's something that was never really done in the novels. So that was a really nice addition as were the scenes of Gandalf in Minas Tirith.

The rest of it, well it's all too much. Lothlorien, Moria, Rivendell, the Shire, all as I imagined them. The fighting scenes were great. Incredible! Supurb! Simply a very, very well done film - one that I enjoyed, and hope to see again soon! The worst thing, I think about this film is simply this: I have to wait a year now to see the next one.

Favorite Lines (pardon me if I don't have them exactly right - the movie was a kinda overwhelming experience):

- Gimli, jumping up on Balin's Tomb. "Let them come. One dwarf still draws breath in Khazad Dum!"
- Boromir, to Aragorn as he passed on. "I would have followed you... My friend... My Captain... My King..."
- Merry (I believe) to Pippen (about Strider): "I don't think he knows about Second Breakfast..."

Take 4: Comments by Alex Rosenzweig

I had about a million monents where I went, "Wow!" I just wanna go back, 'cause right now it's one giant sensual experience. Fellowship already has it all over Star Wars, no question there... y'know, the eventual marathon, when people run the whole trilogy together is gonna just be mind-blowing.

Take 5: Chat Room Commentary
with Les Rickard, Mike Malotte, Allyson Dyar, Robert Alpizar 12/29/2001

MikeM: I finally saw lotr

me: did you like it?

* FADM_Les greatly enjoyed it

Allyson: I enjoyed it too, though I thought it dragged in spots

MikeM: not too bad... a bit disappointed that there wasn't some type of closure on some things...

Allyson: well, this is the first of three movies, mike

MikeM: i realize that it's a 3 parter but it seemed too much was left up in the air

Allyson: I understand... but then, I knew it was the first of three parts, so I kinda expected that

MikeM: i enjoyed it - kinda like watchin' empire for the first time at the theatre

Allyson: exactly

Rob: Ok, I wasn't born when that movie was in theaters...

MikeM: although, i must admit... i kept waiting

for elrond to say... "mr gandalf, the humans are an infestation... a virus... they must be eliminated"

Allyson: thank you for making us feel ancient, rob [grin]... actually, when I watched the movie, it reminded me of watching kurt play balder's gate or diablo (and didn't the balrog look JUST like diabo [grin]).

Take 6: Todo Overhill of Nobottle
(aka Benjamin L. Kokochak)

Hi there! First off I want to say I have NEVER read Tolkien before... so I am going to/have do things backwards now that I have seen the first installment of the trilogy, that is soon to change. I had the opportunity to watch LOTR about a week and a half ago when our electricity was turned off at night and we had nothing to do. I have got to say this movie was great. At first I didn't like the idea of who they had playing Frodo Baggins, but I've got to admit that I was surprised at how well he did. The scenery was great, the soundtrack was excellent (I did go outand buy it) and the plot outstanding. I was disappointed when it ended so early. I guess I'll have to wait till next year. Now all I have to do is actually read the books. The one group of characters I liked the most was the Hobbits. These are Tolkien's common folk of Middle Earth who live an agrarian life raising vegetables and livestock, living in burrows that they have built by hand. They are a simple people who love to have fun as witnessed by several pranks carried out by the younger members of the Hobbits.

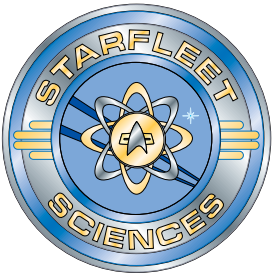
The Final Cut: Guy Blandford,
Ops Officer Pre-Shuttle Francis Marion

Since I have lived in New Zealand [Aotearoa - Land of the Long White Cloud] and have found this great web site which some scenery shots and interviews with some of the crew of Lord of the Rings: <http://www.purenz.com/> here is some information on the scenery locations.

The Shire was filmed at Matamata which is part of the Waikato, located in The North Centre of the North Island, which formed the idyllic village of Hobbiton.

Much of the mountain scenery used for this film was filmed in the Southern Alps, which cover the west cost of the South Island of New Zealand. This includes New Zealand's highest peak, Mount Cook, which is named after the Captain James Cook, the English explorer of the 18th century. The Mori name for this mountain is Aorangi. The location for Rivendell was filmed south of Queentown on Lake Wakatipu in the southwestern part of New Zealand in the province called Fiordland. This is a wild part of New Zealand - not many people live in this area due to it remoteness. The Fellowship paddled down the river Clutha [for the scene shots on the River Anuin and the Argonath]

The town called Paradise, south of Queenstown, was the backdrop for the beach wood scenes of Lothlorien and final battle when the Orcs captured Merry and Pippin and killed Boromir. Mount Doom is Mt. Ruapehua in the centre of the North Island, is one of the many active volcanoes in New Zealand [likely this was used for the live shots, some of the material was CG].



CONNECTIONS

By FCapt. David Klingman • Xenobiologist, USS Jaguar

Artwork by Commodore David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five

Welcome to "Connections" - the latest from the Institute for Xenoarchaeological Studies. The ideas in this series are going to be a bit different that some of the contemporary scientific notions presented in classical taxonomy. Instead, we're going to make, in most cases, hypothetical connections between alien species encountered by STARFLEET and its scientific/exploratory branch. A portion of the material is drawn from some of the fiction presented by the chapters of SFI, in this case the Jaguar and Hawkeye.

The topic of our first study is going to focus around some **ectothermic** or **cold-blooded** species. These species, largely reptilian in origin, have an internal temperature that is regulated by absorbing heat from the environment. This is different from **endotherm** and **heterotherms** which are more or less able to self regulate their internal temperature. Classical taxonomy places all species other than mammals and birds into the category

Specifically, we are going to look at nine species:

Voth, *Homosaurien sapiens vothis*
Gwyr, *Homosaurien sapiens gwyris*
Celan, *Varanosapien sapiens celanis*
Gorn, *Tyrannosaurien sapiens gornis*
Hirogen, *Homosaurien sapiens hirogis*
Vaduaar, *Homosaurien sapiens vaduaarensis*
Jem'Hadar, *Homosaurien sapiens jemhadar*
Recombisaurien sapiens jemhadar
Tosk (a possible genetic relative to the Jem'Hadar)
Letheans (a possible genetic relative to the Gorn)

Distant Origin Theory

Mission logs from USS Voyager NCC-74656 indicate that the Voth are an evolutionary offshoot of the hadrosaur species *Hadrosaurus foulkii* present during Earth's late Cretaceous Period prior the mass extinction 65 million years ago. Current evidence suggests that a pre-Voth civilization developed prior to the extinction event, and this early civilization was technologically advanced enough to leave the planet prior to the Cretaceous/Tertiary transition. [Source: ST:VGR episode "Distant Origin"]

USS Voyager medical and scientific logs, fossil records and genetic evidence collected between 2377 and 2382 indicate that, in addition to the Voth, a number of less advanced reptilian species departed Earth at the same time. On the long interstellar voyage to what is known as 'contemporary' Voth Space in the Delta Quadrant, species 'seeding' occurred on various planets which ultimately led to the development of modern reptilian species. Since the

discovery made by Professor Galen and verified by the crew of USS Enterprise NCC-1701D (Source: ST: TNG episode "The Chase") the concept of seed theory has become popular in xenoarchaeological studies.

Voth Seeding

The seeding of species by the pre-Voth civilization appears to be as follows:

- seeding of various planets in the Alpha Quadrant by the intermediate species in the genus *Havarosaurius* which developed into the modern species known as the Gorn and possibly a branch which developed into the Letheans
- seeding of *Havarosaurius* species in the Delta Quadrant which developed into the Vaduaar
- seeding of species belonging to the genus *Hadarosaurius* which developed into the modern Hirogen and Jem'Hadar [and possibly Tosk]
- the development of the Gwyr [a chameleon-like species similar to the Voth] and the Celan [a robust reptilian species which bears some resemblance to the komodo dragon on Earth] appears to have occurred in parallel with the development of the Voth

[For a complete taxonomy/genealogy of species, contact xenobio@carolina.rr.com]

Evidence and Theory Combine

Genetic evidence is strong for the development of species from a common ancestor [the Voth themselves are believed to share a common ancestor, *Erypos*, with mammalian species such as *Homo sapiens*]. There are also morphologic similarities between species:

- the Vaduaar share similar morphology with modern Cardassians (as evidenced by the neck webbing)
- the Jem'Hadar bear some similarity to the Tosk, although this may be due more to genetic alterations by the Dominion than by common origin with the Voth.
- social structure bears some similarity among some of the species, particularly the nomadic or semi-nomadic social structure of the Hirogen and Voth.

What is interesting, of course, is the expanse over which the Voth [who utilize transwarp technology], the Hirogen [who utilize a sophisticated communications array spread across both the Delta and Beta Quadrants] and the Vaduaar [who utilize subspace conduits] can be found.

It is perhaps no consequence either that the path taken by the Voth toward their modern home in the Delta Quadrant puts them on a flight path that would have been conducive to the seeding of planets in both known Hirogen and Vaduaar space.

Opponent Theories

Opponents to this common origin theory of course argue that parallel development and convergent evolution explain in full the presence of similar species spread across so vast a distance.

In addition, the similarities between the Jem'Hadar and the Tosk, both known to be 'engineered' species, may in fact place them in a category apart from the Voth and their descendants.

Finally, the physical seeding of worlds by the proto-humanoid species whose message was discovered by Professor Galen may itself be all the evidence that is needed for the development of similarities in species across the galaxy

Thoughts

The similarities seen between humanoid species across the galaxy is certainly strong evidence for a common origin:

- humanoid species generally are bipedal, have body forms which are more or less the same, such as body form, arms, legs, eyes, ears, mouth, etc.
- humanoid species are found in every quadrant and often differ from each other by minor characteristics, such as facial form, skin coloration, etc)
- humanoid civilizations appear to have developed, despite their morphologic similarities,) independently over millions of years

On a level that perhaps parallels this, the purely 'reptilian' species [and it can certainly be questioned whether species like the Vaduaar and even Letheans are truly reptilian] generally make up a small percentage of the large number of species and bear enough differences to be classified as something other than strictly humanoid.

These species, unlike the generally gregarious and outgoing humanoid species, are generally solitary, interested less in the affairs of neighboring species [take for example the extreme territorialism of the Gorn or the xenophobic doctrine of the Voth or the genetically enhanced aggressiveness of the Jem'Hadar] and therefore represent something different than the classical humanoid species.

This is of course all conjectural, representing a POSSIBLE connection between somewhat similar species spread across a vast area of space. it is of course the intent of xenoarchaeological studies to find historical, archaeological, and biological similarities... and of course to spark discussion...

Next up - the connection between Vulcans, Romulans, Debrune, and Mintakans!

A LADDER TO HEAVEN

They ascended a ladder to heaven
Those rescuers with names unknown
They ran to their deaths unafraid
And into God's grace were shown

I beg you all to remember
I plead with you not to forget
These heroes both here and gone
Who give and don't regret

Let this not serve just to anger
Let this not serve to divide us
Let it serve to uplift our spirits
And against our enemies unite us

Americans come in all colors
They are of races untold
They practice religions unnumbered
But all love the free and the bold

The world will hear our promise
And mourn the silence of our friends
But Americans will rise above
With hope that never ends

So remember those brave people
Who continue to risk life with love
All those of us who know freedom
Praise those on that ladder above

THE DAY THE TOWERS FELL

The towers stood proud and tall
No one ever thought they'd fall
But from the morning sky it came
A plane that lit the tower with flame

Before that horrid shock could die
Another plane came from the sky
The people thought they were in hell
As shocked the very first tower fell

But then from out of the blue
The second tower crashed down too
Now God has taken them away
And spirited them to heaven this day

Countless children, women and men
Whose only sin was being there when
A madman took their lives away
And buried countless more that day

As through the rubble they claw
Dragging bodies from the maw
Of all that's left of the World Trade
That fell down on this fateful day

September 11, 2001
A day that will be forgot by none
As millions cry and millions mourn
The spirit of America is borne

Up high and proud as those towers stood
And evil never will defeat the good
We will prevail the people yell
Against this bloody tyrant from hell

And President Bush shall lead the way
To avenge the angels for whom we pray
"I hear you", he has said to all
And soon the guilty will fear that call

>From the ashes we will save
The American spirit, proud and brave
I call on all who these words do see
Show the world what Americans can be

They will not sink us or make us cower
Simply by destroying a tower
And when their place we seek to enter
Shout, "Remember All the World Trade Center"!

Both poems courtesy of Gloria Hanson.



FLEET ACTIVITY REPORT

BY FLEET CAPTAIN DIXIE HALBER, CQ SUMMARIES COORDINATOR

Service. Every month I'm struck by the amount of service that STARFLEET chapters perform. In his State of the Union address, President Bush challenged Americans to commit to providing two years of community service over the rest of their lives. STARFLEET members will certainly meet and exceed that goal and not just in this country. Whether it's supporting families who's members have devastating illnesses, or raising money for local charities, or stocking food banks, or providing toys to underprivileged children, Fleet members all over the globe are working to improve their world. Send all summaries to: CQSummaries@sfi.org

Region 1

USS Alaric, NCC - 503 Asheville, NC

Recycling and fundraising efforts continue. An away team watched the meteor shower. Crewmembers also presented a discussion on weather to schoolchildren.

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

Collection efforts for OCP continue. Ship sponsored a Christmas party.

USS Asgard, NCC 72402 Lancaster, OH

Ship sponsored a booth at a local United Nations festival. Also participated in the parade at the festival. An away team viewed the meteor showers a local park. Ship participated in a Toys for Tot campaign and provided food for a local food bank.

USS Athena, NCC-51896 Reston, VA

Ship is raising money for the family of an ill young woman. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie outing.

USS Appomattox, NCC 75001 Appomattox, VA

Crew enjoyed watching a movie at the regular meeting. Recruitment efforts continue. Crewmembers fundraising for various charities. Crewmember enjoyed a Christmas party.

USS Bonaventure, NCC-102-A Greensboro, NC

Crewmembers toured a local natural science center.

USS Carolina, NCC 74222 Greenville, SC

Ship participated in a local Christmas parade afterwards crew enjoyed a Christmas party. Role playing and recruitment efforts continue.

USS Columbus, NCC - 72401 Columbus, OH

Ship sponsored a toys for Tots Campaign.

USS Heimdal, NCC - 1793 Madison Heights, VA

Ship celebrated Christmas at their annual party. Ship held a fund raising raffle. Ship sponsored a float in a local Christmas parade.

USS Jamestown, NCC-1843-D Hampton, VA

OCP efforts continue. An away team attended the anniversary party of a local Klingon club. Ship sponsored it annual Christmas Party and Auction. Can goods and toys were also collected.

USS Lewis B. Puller, SFR-123 Summerville, SC

Ship celebrated Christmas with a small party.

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

An away team went on a shopping expedition to obtain food for a local food bank. Another away team attended a bowling event. An away team answered telephones for the local PBS station.

USS Normandy, NCC - 36000 Winston-Salem NC

Members participating in Operation Homefront, supporting the US Armed Forces abroad.

USS Powhatan, NCC 1967-A Chesapeake, VA

Crew enjoyed movie nights and Enterprise episode nights.

USS Questar, NCC-75435 Louisville, KY

Ship sponsored Toys for Tots campaign. Crewmembers enjoyed a poker night. Crew enjoyed a Christmas party in place of the monthly meeting.

USS Ronald E McNair, NCC-61809 Columbia, SC

Crewmembers spent Thanksgiving together, eating, watching movies and building models.

USS Starward Fury, NCC-2122 Fayetteville, NC

Ship celebrated Christmas and New Years with parties.

USS Tempest, NCC - 21566 Harlan, KY

Plans continue for the 2002 Region 1 Summit. Away teams attended events at several area chapters. Crewmembers participated in a local parade.

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

Crewmembers manned the phone for a telethon at the local PBS station. Collection efforts for OCP and Stampede continue. Held annual holiday party.

USS West Virginia, NCC-2008 Charlestown, WV

Ship provided cookies for an open house at a local library. Ship held a Christmas party.

USS Yeager, NCC-61893 Bluefield, WV

Ship is collecting can goods for the holidays.

Region 2

USS Blackstar, NCC-75003 Miami, FL

Away teams participated in several recruiting events. Crew members also enjoyed a ship movie night.

Chattahoochee Station, SFR 201

Crewmembers attended a Putt-Putt Challenge sponsored by a local Klingon group. An away team participated in a movie outing.

USS Continuum, NCC-71821 Pensacola, FL

Crewmembers answered telephones for the local PBS station's telethon.

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

Chapter is sponsoring an Angel tree to provide gifts for needy children.

USS DaVinci, NCC-74671

Columbus, GA

An away team gathered at the CO's house to pass out candy on Halloween. Crewmembers also gathered to enjoy their annual Thanksgiving celebration. The 2002 Night Out location was selected.

USS Draco, NCC 78501 Cullman, AL

Ship celebrated its anniversary with a Thanksgiving Dinner. Good food and games were enjoyed by all. An away team attended the premier of the Harry Potter movie.

USS Dräkenfire, NCC-71822 Odenville, AL

Collection efforts for OCP continue. Crewmembers celebrated Thanksgiving together.

Shuttle Gasparilla NCC 2071/001, Tampa, FL

Recruitment activities continue, shuttle took most of the month off to enjoy the holidays.

USS Guardian, NCC 26244 Cape Canaveral, FL

Crewmembers enjoyed a movie outing. Ship also sponsored a Christmas Party.

USS Haise, NCC 74664 Jackson, MS

Crewmembers "bell ringing" for the Salvation Army. Crew enjoyed a Christmas party.

USS Hephaestus, NCC-2004 Birmingham, AL

Hephaestus crew members enjoyed a movie night.

USS Jubilee, NCC-57299 Mobile, AL

Crewmembers attended StarFeast at a local steak house with other area chapters. Ship also celebrated its 2nd Anniversary. Crewmembers celebrated the engagement of their CO.

USS Khai Tam, NCC-81000 Tallahassee, FL

An away team cleaned their adopted highway. Members also attended the Orlando Vulkan.

USS Liberty, NCC 75012

Ship participated in a Toys for Tots campaign. Ship provided Christmas gifts to three "adopted" children.

**USS Odyssey, NCC 454-A
Hattiesburg, MS**
Dog Food Drive collection efforts continue. Crewmembers also collecting toys for Toys for Tots.

**USS Parallax, NCC 74657
Middleburg, FL**
Ship working on its VRCP paperwork. Plans for a fanzine are nearing completion. Charity work continuing despite ships move to correspondence status.

**USS Relentless, NCC 81001
Madison, FL**
An away team visited Great Smokey Mountain National Park. Crewmembers assisted another chapter in creating a Christmas Parade float. Other members enjoyed a movie night at the CO's house.

**USS Rogue Phoenix, NCC 75005
Savannah, GA**
An away team attended the Klingon Beach bash in Myrtle Beach. Other members traveled to Orlando to attend Vulkan. Crewmembers participated in a local Veteran's Day Parade.

**USS Shadow Hawk, NCC 74660
Smiths, AL**
Crewmembers enjoyed a holiday party.

**USS Spiritwalker, NCC 31097
Decatur, AL**
Contributions to a local animal shelter and food bank continue. Collections for OCP and Stampede continue as well. An away team traveled to a Thanksgiving dinner hosted by another area chapter. Away teams also attended movie nights.

**USS Trident, NCC-74692
Stuart, FL**
Away teams enjoyed several movie trips. A viewing party was held for the release of the new Star Trek:TMP DVD

**USS Triumph, NCC 26228
Ft. Lauderdale, FL**
OCP efforts are continuing. New ship t-shirts are available.

**USS Werner Von Braun, NCC 72069
Huntsville, AL**
Crewmembers collected toys for a local Toys for Tots campaign. Ship sponsored a holiday party and welcomed guests from other area chapters.

Region 3
**USS Aurora Vulcanus, NCC - 1888
Houston, TX**
An away team attended the Texas Renaissance festival in an outing sponsored by Region 3.

**USS Bexar, NCC -71718
San Antonio, TX**
An away team attended the Texas Renaissance Festival. Crewmembers volunteered at a local convention and received much praise. Ship sponsored a float in a local holiday parade. An away team participated in a gift-wrapping project to wrap gifts for needy children. Ship celebrated Christmas with a turkey dinner and a gift exchange.

**Shuttle Intangible, NCC 65421
College Station, TX**
An away team attended the Texas

Renaissance Faire. Ship participated in a toy drive that delivered toys to over 6500 children.

**USS. Joan Of Arc, NCC-73289
Corpus Christi, TX**
Crewmembers passed out candy at a local mall for Halloween. A fundraising poker night was held. Half of the proceeds will benefit Region 3's Disaster relief fund. A challenge to other chapters to meet or beat was issued. Ship sponsored a toy and clothes drive.

**USS Palo Duro, NCC-61914
Amarillo, TX**
Served dinner at a local Ronald McDonald House.

**USS Panther City, NCC 74197
Fort Worth, TX**
Crew enjoyed a traditional turkey dinner for Thanksgiving.

**USS Quanah Parker, NCC-73628
Lubbock, TX**
Crewmembers enjoyed many casual dinner nights.

**USS Rhyanna, NCC 1892
Austin, TX**
Donated food to a local food bank including a special Thanksgiving contribution. A crew member continues to work with a local literacy program.

**USS Spiritwolf, DN-74300
Houston, TX**
Ship celebrated its third anniversary.

**USS Tejas, NCC 9756
Vernon, TX**
Ship celebrated its either anniversary with a Christmas Party. Collection efforts for various charities continue.

Region 4
**USS Angeles, NCC-71840
Los Angeles, CA**
An away team toured the museum of Jurassic Technology. Crew gearing up for a local convention where they will man a recruitment table and volunteer at the blood drive. The crew enjoyed a Christmas party and gift exchange. Ship also sponsored a Toys for Tots campaign.

**USS Angelfire, NCC-75025
Phoenix, AZ**
Ship helped a clipping party for OCP. Crewmembers helped the CO move and then enjoyed pizza. Away teams enjoyed a Christmas/New Years Party and toured the Christmas lights at a local zoo.

**USS Augusta Ada, NCC-55011
San Francisco, CA**
Crewmembers enjoyed pizza and Region 4 Conference pictures at the regular monthly meeting.

**USS Cascade Station, NCC - SS0003
Redding, CA**
Star party in the works to be held with a local astronomy group. An away team attended a local chapters poker night.

**USS Centurion, NCC 74801
Moreno Valley, CA**
Ship busy with plans for the coming year including IC panels, a blood drive and

activities for cadets.
**USS Highroller, NCC-23104
Reno, NV**
Ship getting ready to celebrate their 9th anniversary.

**USS K'Ehleyr Station, NCC-SS009
Las Vegas, NV**
Ship is sponsoring toy and food drives. Crewmembers attended a movie night.

**USS Northern Lights, NCC 27001
San Jose, CA**
Crewmembers enjoyed a night at Dave and Busters after the regular monthly meeting.

**USS Onizuka, NCC 71815
Chico,CA**
Ship sponsored its either annual Christmas Cookie Run. Cookies were delivered to local sheriff and police offices.

**USS Peacekeeper, NCC 72300
Visalia, CA**
Ship hosted annual poker night and raised money for a local food bank.

**Shuttle Raven's Claw, NCC 72202
Woodland, CA**
Crewmembers participated in a local Christmas parade. Recruitment efforts continue.

**USS Tikopai, NCC 1800
San Jose, CA**
An away team manned the telephones for an on air auction for a local television station. Several members attended a local convention. Crewmembers also helped the CO celebrate his 40th birthday. The New Year was rung it at a crewmember's home. The ship sponsored a Toys for Tots campaign and are making plans for upcoming service projects.

Region 5
**Shuttlecraft Achilles, NCC-97301/1
Portland, OR**
Shuttle members discussing upcoming recruitment plans.

**USS Bright Star, NCC-71875
Redmond, WA**
An away team attended the Region 7 Conference.

**USS CM Russell, NCC 75285
Great Falls, MT**
Ship adopted an elderly couple for Thanksgiving and provided them with an abundance of food.
**USS Crusader, NCC-74711
Spokane, WA**
Crewmembers enjoyed a small get together after Thanksgiving to play games and talk Trek.

**USS Destiny, NCC-97301
Salem, OR**
A work party was held to make Americana pins for sale at a local craft fair. The ship sponsored Toys for Tots campaign.

**Greywolf Station, SFR 501
Boise, ID**
Crewmembers attended a movie premier. Decided to take the holiday month off and just let the crew have a relaxing month.

**USS Jaguar, NCC-74750
Mill Creek, WA**

Crew hard at work on fiction. Ship received VRCP qualifications for command, operations, Marines and tactical departments.

**USS Kensington, NCC 75016
Meridian, ID**
An away team attended a movie premier with another local chapter.

**USS Pendragon, NCC 2005
Bellevue, WA**
Crew celebrated Christmas with a party, potluck dinner and gift exchange.

**USS Rubicon, NCC-71816
Richland, WA**
The ship participated in a local sci-fi/gaming convention. An away team lighted 1,000 candles long main street in a Walk-for-the-needy. Ship also held its annual Christmas party and gift exchange.

Region 6
**USS Czar'ak, NCC 1798-A
Minneapolis, MN**
An away team participated in the American Diabetes Association's Walk for Diabetes. Crewmembers attended the premier of the Harry Potter movie. An away team participated in a pledge drive at the local PBS station. Crewmembers also participated in a local Toys for Tots drive.

**USS Fox River, NCC 81002
Appleton, WI**
Ship involved in planning the Region 6 Summit. Ship has decided to adopt the local humane society as their new charity project. Ship sponsored a Christmas party.

**USS Imperium, NCC-2125
Fargo, ND**
An away team will man the telephones during the local PBS station's pledge drive. Plan underway for the chapter's 10th anniversary party.

**USS Thunderchild, NCC-3122
Rapid City, SD**
Crew enjoyed snacks and a gift exchange after their monthly meeting.

Region 7
**USS Accord, NCC-1842
Ithaca, NY**
Crewmembers enjoyed a lunch and movie and dinner and movie events.

**USS Arthur C. Clarke, NCC 63544
Cinnaminson, NJ**
Chapter helped host the Region 7 Holiday party.

**USS Asimov, NCC 1647
Yardley, PA**
An away team attended the Region 7 Holiday party. Ship is preparing a time capsule to be buried in the near future.

**USS Avenger, NCC 1860
North Brunswick, NJ**
Crewmembers looking forward to the Polar Bear Plunge and MiSHaP.

Shuttle Edinburgh, NCC 10530/2
Crewmembers hard at work setting up ship. Plans underway to participate in the Polar Bear Plunge. Commissioning party plans also underway.

**USS Highlander, NCC 10530
Frederick, MD**
Collection efforts for various ship charities continue. Crewmembers enjoyed a holiday party. A Special Olympics fundraiser was held that not only raised money but also helped the CO tackle her fear of bridges.

**USS Justice, NCC-556
Florham Park, NJ**
Crewmembers participated in a Holiday Wrapping event at a local bookstore. Ship also sponsored a gaming event.

**USS Lexington, NCC 1703-C
West Point, NY**
Ship had a change of command ceremony.

**USS Malverne, NCC 2205
Upper Darby, PA**
An away team attended the Region 7 Conference as well as various meetings at other local chapters.

**USS Matrix, NCC-72296
Correspondence**
An away team attended the R7 Conference. Ship proudly congratulated Cadet Juliana Hoolihan who was named Region 7's Cadet Commander of the year and Cadet of the Year.

**USS Northstar, NCC-10462
New York, NY**
Ship busy planning for a change of command ceremony in January.

**USS Prevailing Wind, NCC-74667
Harrisburg, PA**
Crew reorganizing and redefining departments and department chief duties.

**USS Raven, NCC 1162
Bendminster, NJ**
Crew planning for summer trip to Gettysburg. Also planning a marine Movie event with another area chapter.

USS Sovereign, NCC 75000
Crew members enjoyed a Holiday party.

**USS Sun Tzu, NCC 5373
Chester, NY**
Crewmembers enjoyed several movie events. Ship hosted the northern Region 7 Holiday Party.

**USS Thagard, NCC 652
Philadelphia, PA**
Crew relaxing after having hosted the Region 7 conference. Crew enjoyed a Christmas party and a New Years party.

**USS Triton, NCC 71819
Glen Burnie, MD**
An away team attended the Region 7 conference in PA. Crewmembers also participated in a local Veteran's Day Parade with several other local chapters.

Region 9
**USS Belgica, NCC 72301
Lokeren, Belgium**
Crewmembers participated in a quiz contest.

**USS Saga, NCC-71202
Reykjavik, Iceland**
Now that winter is in full force the ship is planning related activities. Crewmembers shoveled snow for the elderly and disable at Christmas.

Region 10
**USS Astra, NCC 04
Calgary, AB**
Crew celebrated their change of hull and NCC number.

**USS Crystal Star, NCC 1160
Anchorage, AK**
Collection efforts continue for OCP. Crewmembers participated in a gift-wrapping for charity event that raised money for the local Red Cross.

Region 12
**USS Black Hawk, NCC-75004
Rockford, IL**
Ship preparing for its upcoming 7th anniversary.

**USS BortaS, NCC-74211
Urbana, IL**
Ship sponsored a chili dinner to benefit their local Red Cross.

**USS Celt, NCC-75018
Fayetteville, AR**
Crewmembers enjoyed monthly movie and dinner night. An away team attended a Christmas party with another local chapter.

**USS Cydonia, NCC-74687
St. Louis, MO**
A crewmember held a haunted house to raise money for a local children's home. Ship held its annual Christmas dinner for the members.

**USS Delta Clipper, NCC 72302
Atchison, KS**
Crewmembers enjoyed the ship Christmas party.

**USS Discovery, NCC-1308
St Louis, MO**
An away team enjoyed a movie outing. Ship hosted its annual Thanksgiving Eve dinner. An away team also attended the 10th anniversary of another local chapter.

**USS Earhart, NCC-26199
Humboldt, KS**
Ship sponsored an award-winning float in a local Christmas parade. Ship celebrated the win with dinner at a local Mexican restaurant.

**USS Flying Fortress, NCC-31904
Tulsa, OK**
Recycling efforts continue.

**USS Hexum, NCC-2199
Belleville, IL**
Ship sponsored their annual Toys for Tots campaign. Ship also collected toiletries to be distributed to veteran's homes and hospitals. An away team attended the R12 Holiday party. OCP collection efforts continue.

**USS Horizon, NCC 1000-B
Columbia, MO**
An away team enjoyed a dinner and movie night.

**U.S.S. Jeannette Maddox, NCC-14514
Wichita, KS**
Crewmembers attended the anniversary party of another local chapter. Away teams assisted in a toy drive, a gift-wrapping event and a penny collection drive.

USS Marko Ramius, NCC-23103

Fayetteville, AR
Ship delivered Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to two needy families. In addition to the Christmas dinner, presents were delivered as well.

**USS Mystique, NCC-58929
Russellville, AR**
Recycling and collection efforts continue.

**USS Nimitz, NCC 74680
Oklahoma City, OK**
Ship celebrated the CO's birthday. Crew planning for a sporting event.

**USS Nomad, NCC-78500
Leavenworth, KS**
Plans underway for the ships 10th Anniversary.

**USS Orion, NCC 61815
Wichita, KS**
Ship celebrated its 5th anniversary.

**USS Phoenix, NCC-2155
Columbia, MO**
Crewmembers attended the R12 Recruitment Seminar.

**USS Royal Sovereign, NCC 72201
Shawnee, KS**
An away team attended the R12 Holiday party.

**USS Tiospaye, NCC 4102
Urbana, IL**
Ship sponsoring a local Toys for Tots campaign.

**USS Traveler, NCC 3145
Emporia, KS**
Collection efforts for OCP and Stampede continue. Ship sponsored a Christmas party.

**USS Umiak, NCC 3142
St. Louis, MO**
Ship hosted a potluck dinner, crewmembers enjoyed good food and Enterprise episodes.

**USS Witchfire, NCC-75006
Harrison, AR**
Recruitment and fundraising efforts continue. Ship sponsored a Toys for Tots drive.

Region 13
**USS Empress, NCC-15025-A
Sterling Heights, MI**
Crewmembers gathering toys for the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan. Crew also collecting and donating food to a local church.

**Shuttle Hadfield, NCC 71012/01
Georgetown, Ontario**
An away team played laser tag with a local KAG group. Crewmembers also enjoyed a dinner and bowling event. Crew enjoyed a Christmas dinner and a New Years Eve party.

**USS Valkyrie, NCC-74658
Dearborn, MI**
An away team attended a local comic con. An away team enjoyed a holiday visit to a local gambling center.

USS White Star, NCC 71012
Crew celebrated the ships tenth anniversary.

Region 15

USS Anubis, NCC 586
An away team attended United Fan Con. Ship donated food to a local food bank. Crewmembers enjoyed a holiday gathering at a local restaurant followed by a photo session with Santa and a movie.

**USS Ares, NCC-26291
Boston, MA**
Crew celebrated the holidays with dinner and a movie.

**USS Atlantis, NCC-71803
Brockton, MA**
A small away team attended United Fan Con.

USS Ian Fleming, SFR 1501
An away team attended United Fan Con. Crewmembers thoroughly enjoyed the karaoke night at the con.

**USS O'Bannon, NCC-5372
Sanford, ME**
An away team attended United Fan Con. Crewmembers sponsored a craft night to make and then sell crafts for a local charity. Several recruitment events were held. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie event. Ship collected coats for the Coats for Kids drive. Two crewmembers made a brief television appearance during the event. Ship donated goods and food to many local charities and shelters.

**USS Tsnuami, NCC 5374
Manchester, NH**
Crewmembers enjoyed a karaoke night with members from other area chapters. The ship celebrated the holiday with a party. Crew gathered to cheer on one of their own cadets as he carried carry the Olympic torch in Boston.

Region 17
**USS Alioth, NCC-72383
Orem/Provo, UT**
Ship sponsored a hot cocoa party and delivered presents to a local needy family. Crewmembers enjoyed a party, movie and gift exchange.

USS Anasazi, NCC 62001
Crewmembers participating in a toy drive and recruitment event. Ship held a Christmas party and handed out ship awards. An away team attended the anniversary dinner of their sister ship in Colorado.

**USS Arc Royal, NCC 63546
Colorado Springs, CO**
Crewmembers enjoyed several gaming parties and a Thanksgiving get together. Crew also celebrated the holidays with a party.

**USS Mir, NCC-73281
Las Cruces, NM**
An away team visited the Roswell UFO Museum and Research Center. Crew celebrated Christmas with a dinner at a local restaurant. Awards and promotions were handed out and a lot of Chinese food was consumed.

Region 20
**Shuttle Valiant, NCC 61809/1
Mildenhall UK**
The Valiant Crew is working on ship design.



STARFLEET ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2002

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JANUARY 2002

2001.12.30: Admiral Peg Pellerin, SFA OTS Director & Dean of the Inst. of Leadership and Cadet Academy, (email4us3@midmaine.com), announces that replacement OTS certificates are available. Send her a 6 x 9 SASE envelope with 1 first class stamp on the envelope. Include a note with your name, SCC# and approximately what year you took OTS. She can look only as far back as 1987 in her files.

2001.12.29: Admiral Marlene J. Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy, (marlene@cboss.com), announces that SFA is looking for another Director to run the Vulcan Academy of Science (VAS). If interested, please reference the entire message. STARFLEET Academy Website: (www.sfi-sfa.com).

2001.12.29: Admiral Marlene J. Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy, (marlene@cboss.com), announces that Jim Cushing has resigned as Director of the Officer's Command College (OCC).

2001.12.29: Admiral Marlene J. Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy, (marlene@cboss.com), announces that she has taken over as director of the Officer's Command College (OCC).

2001.12.29: Rear Admiral Mark H. Anbinder, (mha@ussaccord.org), STARFLEET Computer Ops - Chief, announces that with assistance from Blair Learn, Mike Wilkerson, and the system administrators at our new web hosting company, STARFLEET's online member database tools are back in working order on the new servers. The CompOps web site's member lookup, chapter roster, and region roster tools are now working once again, and the online MSR web site should once again automatically insert your chapter information and roster into your chapter MSR if you're reporting online. (<http://compops.sfi.org/database/>). At the moment, the STARFLEET member database is current as of January

27th, 2002. This means it reflects new memberships and renewals processed by Sandy and the Membership Processing Corps as recently as last week, as well as requested changes to chapter affiliation and the like received by CompOps through last week. If you're not already familiar with it, the Member Lookup tool on the CompOps web site is for the use of STARFLEET members to check their own expiration dates, SCC numbers, and chapter affiliations. (<http://compops.sfi.org/database/MemberLookup.asp>). If there's anything in the current member database that you'd like corrected (whether it's a change of address, chapter affiliation, or whatever), please drop a note to (CompOpsHELP@sfi.org) with the details.

2001.12.27: LGen Michael W. Malotte, Vice Commander, STARFLEET, (vcs@sfi.org), announces that Troy Pharis has been appointed the new International Charities Coordinator. Troy's first order of business will be to get a new STARFLEET Stampede Director in place. You'll hear more from him on this, as well as get his contact information, very soon.

2002.01.25: Fleet Captain Mike Wilkerson, SFI Webmaster, (webmaster@sfi.org), announces that All of the core of SFI.org is set: Membership database stuffs are in the works here (a little bit of different configuration protocols, but they'll be up soon), but the rest of almost 800 pages of SFI.org is back up and running. Please send any alterations/deletions, gruntings, et al via the form online at: (<http://sfiderman.sfi.org>).

2002.01.22: Commodore Pete Mohny, Region 2 RC, (pdmohny@aol.com), announces that the USS DaVinci and Chattahoochee Station are proud to host the 2002 Region 2, March 8-10, 2002, Columbus GA. 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 him

for forms.

2002.01.19: Commodore Lisa N Paradis Berkenbilt, (paradis@ql.org), STARFLEET Recruiting, announces that an email has gone out to all the known regional recruiting officers listed on the STARFLEET recruiting web page verifying their status and their information. For those regions without a known recruiting officer, the request for updated information went to the RC. If you are a regional recruiting officer and you did not receive an email, please contact her. She is in the process of verifying the information on the recruiting web site at (http://sfi_recruit.tripod.com).

2002.01.16: Major General Robert J. Jackson, SFMC, Inspector General, STARFLEET, (ig@sfi.org), announces that the official Vote of Confidence for the Region 03 Regional Coordinator Brad Pense and the Region 17 Regional Coordinator Kiera Russell-Strong will commence as follows: REGION 03: Will start on Monday, January 21, 2002 and officially end on Thursday, February 21, 2002. Your host is the Region 03 Assistant Inspector General, Captain Jess Naumann, STARFLEET (aigr03@sfi.org). Questions about the VoC process can be directed to either Jess or this Office directly (ig@sfi.org). REGION 17: Will start on Wednesday, January 23, 2002 and officially end on Saturday, February 23, 2002. Your host is the Deputy Inspector General, Fleet Captain Lee Shamblin (dig@sfi.org). Questions about the VoC process can be directed to either Lee or this Office directly (ig@sfi.org). The official notice letter and VoC form were mailed today to all COs of Regions 3 and 17. If you have not received your VoC letter within 10 days (January 25), please contact your host or the IG for another form.

2002.01.16: Fleet Captain Dave Blaser, Director, FDC Communications, (DaveB@Region13.org), would appreciate it if all RDC Communications Personnel please contact him at: (fdc-

communications@sfi.org).

2002.01.15: Fleet Captain Dave Blaser, Director, FDC Communications, (DaveB@Region13.org), announces that the FDP Communications Web Site. Until the full Fleet Division Program web site goes online, you can find the FDP Communications site at: (<http://blaser.tzo.com/fdp-comm/>).

2002.01.15: Vice Admiral Johnathan Simmons, (gumbysan@hotmail.com), IC02 PR Guy, announces that the DoubleTree is now accepting reservations for IC2002. Call 1-800-222-TREE and ask for the STARFLEET International Conference rate. (if you have any problems, please contact IC Chair Chrissy Killian at (chair@ic2002.org). IC2002 is happening August 1-4, 2002 in Sunny San Jose CA at the DoubleTree Hotel. (<http://www.ic2002.org>).

2002.01.15: Commodore Robin Pillow, Region One Region Coordinator, (R1RC@bellsouth.net), announces the Region One Summit information and web site: (http://www.geocities.com/bennu_station_sfr119/).

2002.01.13: Blair Learn, (conventions@networkboy.com), announces that he'd like to start offering more localized convention lists to the various regional newsletters. If you're the editor of a regional newsletter, please drop him a line at (Conventions@Networkboy.com). For details, reference the entire message.

2002.01.12: Commodore C. David James, (cdjames31@earthlink.net), announces that the website for the Captains Table is now online. It is a place where CO's of the various organizations can provide information about themselves and their chapters. You can take a look at Cappy's Place at (www.geocities.com/cappysplace).

2002.01.12: Fleet Admiral Les Rickard, Commander, STARFLEET, (cs@sfi.org), appoints Commodore Robin Pillow the

new Regional Coordinator of Region 1.

2002.01.10: Tom Restivo, (tomr@fred.net), announces the results of his "LG Unofficial Online STARFLEET Person of the Year." The Top Five --- actually, the Top Six, since #5 was a tie. #5-Tie: Tammy Willcox: STARFLEET Treasurer; #5-Tie: The CQ Staff; #4 - Mike Malotte: Former Comm Chief and Current VCS; #2 -Tie: Sandy Berenberg, Man of a Thousand Hats in Fleet; #2 -Tie: Gordon Goldberg, long-time VCS and keeper of the Golden Two-By-Four; #1 - E. Les "Don't Call Me Edwin" Rickard: Commander, STARFLEET, Head Honcho, Successor to Mikey-D, New Daddy, and all that.

2002.01.07: Brigadier General Jill Rayburn, SFA Academy Away Team Coordinator, (jazdan@wk.net) and BGR Dennis Rayburn, FDC-Chaplains/ Counselors, STARFLEET & Chaplain of the Corps, SFMC, (stoncold@wk.net), announce a new snail mail address: Dennis & Jill Rayburn, 121 South McDonald St, Puryear, TN 3825. The PO box is now closed.

2002.01.05: Chief Ambassador Kyle J. Wolf, Director STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps, (wolftrek7@yahoo.com), announces that the STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps (SFDC) is now open for business and to note that he is in the process of moving. He also wants to make a correction about the current issue of the CQ. The email address you can reach him is: (wolftrek7@yahoo.com) or (DiploCrops@sfi.org).

2002.01.04: Admiral Peg Pellerin, SFA OTS Director & Dean of the Inst. of Leadership and Cadet Academy, (email4us3@midmaine.com), announces that her email address is now (email4us3@midmaine.com).

2002.01.02: Bill Herrmann, Director, Operation: Eagle, (opeagle@bellsouth.net), announces the winners of the "OPERATION:EAGLE" STARFLEET Volunteer Action Award-The TORPEDO. For details, please reference the entire message.

2002.01.02: Rear Admiral Greg Staylor, Director SFA Security School, (owner@WOW-Web.com), announces that he is opening a position at the Security School for an Assistant Director. For details, please consult the entire message.

DECEMBER 2001

2001.12.29: Blair Learn, (conventions@networkboy.com), as always, is looking for information about upcoming conventions of all genres. (SF, Fantasy, Anime, Literature, Gaming, and Filks are just a few.) If you know of one in your area, please check the list in CQ 108 (now arriving in your mailbox) and if it isn't there, please let him know about it. He's

currently looking for information about conventions taking place no earlier than March 15, 2002. Of particular interest since he has so few of them right now are conventions outside the United States. The information that I absolutely have to have is: Convention Name; Date(s); Location (City and State/Province); Postal contact information. Other stuff that I'll include but don't absolutely require is: Convention contact telephone number; A list of celebrity guests; The convention's official web and email addresses; The name of any charity the convention donates to. Convention information may be sent via email to: (conventions@networkboy.com), or by conventional mail to: Blair Learn, 11604 Kings Arrow Court, Germantown, MD 20876.

2001.12.23: Fleet Captain Richard Heim, CO, CSO, USS Alaric NCC-503, (AlaricRH@sprynet.com), announces the cancellation of Alaricon, a Star Trek mini-convention that was scheduled for March next year in Asheville, NC.

2001.12.22: Fleet Captain David E. Klingman, (dklingman@carolina.rr.com), announces a new project of STARFLEET Communications, "STARFLEET Spotlight Series" featuring: - monthly spotlights of chapters in SFI; - weekly interview spotlights of members of SFI; - fandom and sci-fi polls; Interviews and monthly spotlights will eventually be posted to the web, as will poll results. Web site: (http://www.angelfire.com/nc2/sardis/STARFLEET_spotlight.html).

2001.12.21: Admiral Marlene J. Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy, (marlene@cboss.com), announces that the Academy Online Voucher Guru, Carol Thompson, tells her as of this morning (or was that last night??) she's just issued our 1,000 th Online Voucher Code to STARFLEET member Jason Weingartner. Jason's going to use his Voucher Code to take OTS. STARFLEET Academy Website: (www.sfi-sfa.com).

2001.12.16: Captain Rick Driver, coordinator of SFI's SETI@home, (rdriver@scifi-science.com), announces that STARFLEET International's SETI@home team currently has 340 members. They have processed 195778 units of data for the SETI Project and their team has contributed 376.806 years of computer time to the project so far! If you would like to join STARFLEET's SETI@home team, link to: (http://setiathome.ssl.berkeley.edu/stats/team/team_2179.html), and click on 'Join'. If you have already been running SETI@home, you're contributed work units will be added to the STARFLEET Team's stats when you join. If you would like to learn how to get started with SETI@home, you can browse to their web site at: (<http://setiathome.ssl.berkeley.edu/index.html>).

2001.12.15: Brigadier Sandy Berenberg,

(sberenberg@newview.com), Chief of Membership Processing, announces that SFI has over 400 unassigned members. If you are unassigned and DO wish to join or form a chapter, please, please, contact your RC (Regional Coordinator) and or Shuttle Operations. Correction! The MP Office will close from December 21, 2001 to January 2, 2002.

2001.12.14: Brigadier Sandy Berenberg, (sberenberg@newview.com), Chief of Membership Processing, announces that on 12/14/2001 he entered the 4000th Member into the database. The 4000th Member is Logan Fisher of USS Highroller. Also, turn around time has been averaging less than 4 weeks thanks to the teamwork of the MP Corp. All membership received up until today have been processed and should be out the door by Monday. All address and membership changes received have been entered. Gerri Wampler, CO of the USS Highlander and Chief of the MP Corp has been working to streamline our processes. So we hope to improve our services even further. Thanks again to Gerry Sylvester, Rick Driver, Angel Nehl and the USS Highlander for all their help! Membership Processing will be closed from 12/21/01 through 2/2/02 for the holiday Season.

2001.12.14: Admiral Marlene J. Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy, (marlene@cboss.com), announces the opening of The Gorn Academy (TGA) under the direction of Admiral Carolyn Donner. Check out their web site: (<http://home.att.net/~gorn>). STARFLEET Academy Website: (www.sfi-sfa.com).

2001.12.14: Rear Admiral Ed Nowlin, Keeper of the Memory Alpha Archives, (capt_ed@shasta.com), announces that during the Christmas/New Years holiday, he will be updating the "Memory Alpha" graphics archive. If you have any additional graphics you want to submit, send them to (OWC@sfi.org) along with a description. Please consult the entire message for details on the description.

2001.12.09: Lieutenant Colonel John Roberts, Director, SOST (SFA), (jcroberts2@hotmail.com), discusses taking over as Director of the School of Strategy and Tactics from the Vice Chief of Computer Operations and Director of Membership Processing BDR Sanford Berenberg.

2001.12.08: Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace, Chairman - STARFLEET Advanced Starship Design Bureau, (chairman@asdb.net), announces that the Works in Progress of three new ASDB Publications are now available for viewing: STARFLEET Prototype - 2382, STARFLEET Prototype - 2385, Historical Federation Starships. He is also pleased to announce the availability of the 2002 Edition of "The History of STARFLEET",

which includes the first year of the Rickard Administration. The files may be downloaded from: <http://www.asdb.net/asdb/projects/>.

2001.12.07: Fleet Mike Wilkerson, SFI.ORG Webmaster, (cptmike@cptmike.com), announces that CQ 107 is online in the Fleet Documents Center, located at <http://www.sfi.org/html/docs.html>.

2001.12.04: MGN/RAAdm. Carol Thompson, STARFLEET Academy Online Voucher Contact, (betazoid@mosquitonet.com) announces reminds everyone that the Online Voucher Code program at STARFLEET, International Academy is becoming quite popular. Online vouchers are a virtual substitute for money or red vouchers, when being used for Academy tuition. Vouchers may be purchased by individuals for their own use or for the use of their shipmates. They may be purchased in any quantity. To learn more about this Internet-based method of paying for your Academy tuition go to: (www.mosquitonet.com/~betazoid/OLV.htm). STARFLEET Academy Website: (www.sfi-sfa.com).

2001.12.03: Fleet Captain Wayne Lee Killough, Jr., Director, College of Mythological Studies (COMS) & Director, STARFLEET Academy College of Medicine (SACOM), announces that he has a new snail mail address: Wayne Lee Killough, Jr., 1538 MC 2061, Yellville, AR 72687.

2001.12.03: Colonel Dallas Vinson, (dallaswv@bellsouth.net), announces that he is working on compiling a list of all of the chapters/departments in the fleet who have merchandise for sale through CafePress.com.

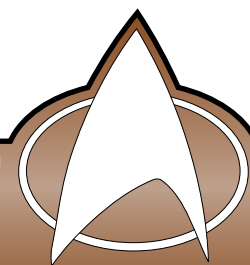
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UPCOMING CONVENTIONS

COMPILED BY CORPORAL CAPTAIN BLAIR LEARN

When calling for information about a convention, don't call collect and don't call 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
Email: Conventions@NetworkBoy.com

Allow a minimum of three months time between your submission and the convention's date.

Thank you to everyone who's contributed information to the list. Special thanks to the unusual suspects: Mary Kane, Joe Motes, Richard Heim, Jerry Tien, Joan E. Pierce, Gary Ensey, Ray Brown, Allyson Dyar and Kurt Roithinger

Alabama

Jun 1-3 Mobicon, Mobile, Alabama; Info: P.O. Box 161632 Mobile, AL 36616 <http://www.mobicon.org/> president@mobicon.org Guests: Virginia Hey Benefits: Make A Wish Foundation

Jun 14-16 DeepSouthCon, Huntsville, Alabama; Info: PO Box 4857, Huntsville, AL 35815-4857 Ph: 256-883-4493 <http://www.con-stellation.org/> Guests: Allen Steele, Connie Willis, Bob Eggleton, Nicki & Rich Lynch

Arizona

Jul 26-28 Hexacon, Phoenix, Arizona; Info: PO Box 62613, Phoenix AZ 85082 Ph: 602-973-2341 <http://www.casfs.org/hexacon/> hex12chair@casfs.org

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

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, Joan Collins, Ricardo Montalban, Gates McFadden, Dominic Keating, John Billingsley, Robert Duncan McNeill, Majel Barrett Roddenberry, Nichelle Nichols, George Takei, Brannon Braga, Roxann Dawson, Jennifer Hetrick, Jonathan del Arco, Scarlett Pomers, Linda Park, Lee Meriwether, Joanne Linville, Andy Robinson, Colm Meaney, Nana Visitor, Connor Trinneer, Anthony Montgomery, Casey Biggs, Marc Alaimo, Jeffrey Combs

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 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> Guests: John Billingsley, Dominic Keating, Nichelle Nichols, Virginia Hey

Apr 19-21 WonderCon, Oakland, California; Info: P.O. Box 128458, San Diego, CA 92112-8458 Ph: 1-800-266-4299 <http://www.comic-con.org/pages/wonderconintro.html>

Apr 26-28 ConFurence, Burbank, California; Info: PO Box 84721, San Diego, CA 92138-4721 Ph: 619-303-9380 <http://www.polarden.org/info@confurence.net> Guests: Eric Garcia, Ed Luena, Roz Gibson, Lim Guo Liang

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

May 24-27 BayCon, San Jose, California; Info: P.O. Box 610427, San Jose, Ca. 95161-0427

Ph: 408-450-1788 <http://www.baycon.org/reg@baycon.org> Guests: Theresa Mather

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, 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

Jul 4-7 Anime Expo, Long Beach, California; Info: 530 Showers Drive, Suite 7 PMB 287, Mountain View, California 94040 Ph: 626-582-8200 <http://www.anime-expo.org/>

Jul 19-21 Costume College, Van Nuys, California; Info: PO Box 3052, Santa Fe Springs, California 90670-3052 <http://www.costumecollege.org/> Guests: Edward F. Maeder

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: Connor Trinneer, Lisa Ryder, Dave McDonnell, Christie Golden, Kevin Atkins

Connecticut

Mar 22-24 ConnCon, Stamford, Connecticut; Info: PO Box 444, Sherman, CT 06784-0444 <http://www.conncon.com/Willi@ConnCon.com>

Florida

Mar 22-24 Florida Con-Quest, Kissimmee, Florida; Info: 6017 Pine Ridge Rd. #202 Naples Fl. 34119 <http://www.floridaconquest.com/FloridaConQuest@aol.com>

Mar 23-24 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, Armin Shimerman, Rene Auberjonois

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 18-19 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

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 25-26 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

Jul 5-7 Sci-Fi Summer, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: 2043 Esquire Drive, Alpharetta, GA, 30005 <http://www.sci-fi-summer.com/> Guests: George Lowe, Lisa M. Getto, Gwen Knighton

Illinois

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

May 18-19 Celebrity Autograph Collector's show, Chicago, Illinois; Info: PO Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/hcs@atlantic.net>

May 19-21 Anime Central, Rosemont, Illinois; Info: 1400 W. Devon Avenue, Suite 410,

Chicago, IL 60660 <http://www.acen.org/aceninfo@acen.org> Guests: Brad Swaile, Melissa Williamson, Crispin Freeman, Scott Frazier, Steve Bennett, Robert Defesus, Bruce Lewis, Amy Howard Wilson

Jun 7-9 DucKon, Schaumburg, Illinois; Info: PO Box 4843, Wheaton, IL 60189 <http://www.duckon.org/info@duckon.org> Guests: Joan D. Vinge, J.D. "Illiad" Frazer, Dave Clement, Tom Jeffers, Suzan Mianowski, Dr. Samuel Conway, Jim Frenkel, Nick Pollotta Benefits: The Golden Duck Awards for Excellence in Children's Science Fiction Literature

Jun 21-23 Slanted Fedora, Chicago, Illinois; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/SFedora5@aol.com> Guests: William Shatner, Mark Alaimo, Casey Biggs, Jeffrey Combs, Richard Gordon, Jeremy Bulloch, John Billingsley

Jul 13-15 G-Fan, Chicago, Illinois; Info: Box 3468, Steinbach, MB, Canada, R0A 2A0 <http://www.g-fan.com/>

Indiana

May 3-5 Star Wars Celebration, Indianapolis, Indiana; Info: Wizards of the Coast Event Management, P.O. Box 1740, Renton, WA 98057-1740 Ph: 866-334-5334 <http://www.wizards.com/starwars/evtcustserv@wizards.com>

Jul 5-7 InConJunction, Indianapolis, Indiana; Info: PO Box 68514, Indianapolis, IN 46268-0514 <http://www.inconjunction.org/conchair2001@inconjunction.org> Guests: Richard Hatch, Larry Bond, Slawek Wojtowicz, M.D., Musica Subterranea, Dr. James Farlow

Jul 26-28 BotCon, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Info: PO Box 905, Kendallville IN 46755-0905 <http://www.botcon.com/info@botcon.com> Guests: Neil Kaplan, Peter Spellos, Richard Epcar, Tom Wyner, Bob Forward

Iowa

May 3-5 Demicon, Des Moines, Iowa; Info: PO Box 7572, Des Moines, IA 50322-7572 Ph: 515-224-7654 <http://www.demicon.org/concom@demicon.org> Guests: F. Paul Wilson, Alan M. Clark, Rusty Hevelin

Kansas

Apr 5-7 Slanted Fedora, Overland Park, Kansas; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/SFedora5@aol.com> Guests: Kate Mulgrew, William Shatner, Connor Trinneer, James Darren, Garrett Wang, JG Hertzler, Robert O'Reilly, Marc Alaimo, Casey Biggs, Jeffrey Combs, Richard Gordon, Jeremy Bulloch, Jerry Doyle

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

May 24-27 Balticon 36, Baltimore, Maryland; Info: P.O. Box 686, Baltimore MD 21203-0686 Ph: 410-563-2737 <http://www.balticon.org/bsfs@balticon.org> Guests: Phil Foglio, Kaja Foglio, Mark Rogers, The Boogie Knights, Carol Salemi, Syne Mitchell

Jun 7-9 Charm City Creepcon, Baltimore, Maryland; Info: PO Box 2139, Glen Burnie, MD 21060-2139 <http://www.creepcon.com/CreepCon@aol.com> Guests: Anthony S.Head, Virginia Hey, Kane Hodder, Muse Watson, Dave Prowse, Ben Chapman, Bill Moseley, Warwick Davis, Jerome Blake, Reggie Bannister, Debbie Rochon, Dick Durock, Brian Peck, Miguel Nunez Jr., Linnea Quigley, Brian Thompson, Mike Quinn, Leonard Lies, Richard LeParmentier, David Hess, Cherie Currie, Andras Jones, Linda Harrison, Virgil, Brian Penikas, Remy Marks, Caroline Munro, Lou Ferrigno, Lisa Marie Scott

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!

Jul 26-28 Otakon, Baltimore, Maryland; Info: 491 Baltimore Pike #689, Springfield, PA 19064-3810 Ph: 610-291-5308 <http://www.otakon.com/info@otakon.com>

Massachusetts

Apr 5-7 5Con, Northampton, Massachusetts; Info: PO BOX 62, Sunderland, MA 01375 <http://www.5con.org/amythyst@mac.com>

Apr 19-21 OurCon, Amherst, Massachusetts; Info: c/o Game Hobbyists' League, RSO 178 - 416 SUB, UMass, MA 01003 <http://www.ourcon.org/2002@ourcon.org>

May 17-19 The Black Road, Marlborough, Massachusetts; Info: 12 Dodge Street, Wynantskill, NY 12198 <http://www.theblackroad.org/info@theblackroad.org>

Jun 7-9 Slanted Fedora, Boston, Massachusetts; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/SFedora5@aol.com> Guests: William Shatner, Mark Alaimo, Casey Biggs, Jeffrey Combs, Richard Gordon, Jeremy Bulloch, Garrett Wang, James Darren, JG Hertzler, Robert O'Reilly

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

May 17-19 Motor City Comic Con, Novi, Michigan; Info: 19785 W. 12 Mile Rd, PMB #231, Southfield, MI 48076 <http://www.motorcitycomiccon.com/info@motorcitycomiccon.com> Guests: Vaughn Armstrong, Julie Caitlin Brown, Jeremy Bullock, Ken Colley, Chase Masterson, Garrick Hagon, Glori Anne Gilbert, Hank Garrett, Angus McGinnus, David Naughton, John Provost, Sonny Strait, Jerry Beck, Aaron Bordner, Will Conrad, Peter David, Guy Davis, Marshall Dillon, Louis Dominguez,

Arnold Drake, Mike Deodato, Miquel Insignares, Andy Lee, Joseph Michael Lisner, Vince Locke, David Mack, Mary Mitchell, Jason Moore, John Ostrander, Mike Pascale, Brian Pulido, David Quinn, Mark Schultz, William Stout, Ethan Van Scriver, Randy Zimmerman

May 24-27 MediaWest*Con, Lansing, Michigan; Info: 200 E. Thomas St., Lansing MI 48906-4047 <http://members.aol.com/MdiaWstCon/mwc20.htm> mdiawstcon@aol.com

Jun 28-30 ConTraption, Romulus, Michigan; Info: PO Box 214055, Auburn Hills, MI 48321-4055 <http://www.contraption.org/>

Minnesota

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

Jul 5-7 CONvergence, Bloomington, Minnesota; Info: 1437 Marshall Avenue, Suite 203, St. Paul, MN 55104 Ph: 651-647-3487 <http://www.convergence-con.org/info@convergence-con.org> Guests: Diane Duane, Peter Morwood, Mark Altman, Robert Meyer Burnett, Nene Thomas

Missouri

Apr 11-14 World Horror Convention 2003, Kansas City, Missouri; Info: PO Box 2000, Lee's Summit, MO 64081 http://www.whc2003.org/d_r_willis@yahoo.com Guests: Graham Masterson, Don D'Auria, Laurell K. Hamilton, Nick Smith

May 10-12 Name That Con, St. Louis, Missouri; Info: PO Box 575, Saint Charles, Missouri 63302 <http://www.namethatcon.com/ntc@namethatcon.com>

May 24-26 ConquesT, Kansas City, Missouri; Info: P. O. Box 36212, Kansas City MO 64171-6212 Ph: 816-822-2740 <http://www.kcsciencefiction.org/con33.htm> jello@kc.rr.com Guests: Connie Willis, Patrick Nielsen Hayden, Laura Freas, Frank Kelly Freas, Frank M. Robinson Benefits: Science Fiction and Fantasy Hall of Fame

Jun 21-23 Conjuraton, Columbia, Missouri; Info: PO Box 874, Columbia, MO 65205-0874 <http://conjuraton.cjb.net/columbiaconjuraton@yahoo.com> Guests: David Weber, Keith Berdak, Dee Dreslough, Richard A. Knaak, Jody Lynn Nye, Bill Fawcett Benefits: Columbia Second Chance pet shelter

Montana

May 24-26 MisCon, Missoula, Montana; Info: P.O. Box 7721, Missoula MT. 59807 <http://www.miscon.org/cthuhlu@miscon.org> Guests: Don Pedro Colley, Mark Ferrari, Heidi Hollis, John Dalmas, Jim and Gail Glass, C.J. Cherryh, Fred Saberhagan

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 Hampshire

Jun 10-Jul 19 Odyssey, Manchester, New Hampshire; Info: 20 Levesque Lane, Mont Vernon, NH 03057 <http://www.nhc.edu/odyssey/> Guests: Charles de Lint, James Patrick Kelly, Elizabeth Hand, R. A. Salvatore, Thomas F. Monteleone, Matthew Bialer

New York

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> Guests: Roxanne Dawson, Nana Visitor

Apr 19-21 EerieCon, 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

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, Richard Stallman, Stephen Pakula, Tom Wayland, Amy Howard Wilson, Daphny Lage, Brian Yelverton, Jim Frenkel, Karen Joy Fowler, James Morrow, Joan Vinge, F. Paul Wilson, Pete Abrams, Richard Biggs, Julie Caitlin Brown, Jason Carter, Herb Jefferson, Andreas Katsulas, Nutopia

North Carolina

May 24-26 Animazement, Durham, North Carolina; Info: PO Box 1383, Cary, NC 27512-1383 <http://www.animazement.org/information@animazement.org>

Jun 1-2 ConCarolinas, Charlotte, North Carolina; Info: PMB 2004, 401 Hawthorne Ln, Suite 110, Charlotte, NC 28204 Ph: 336-294-8041 <http://www.secfi.org/concarolinas/concarolinas@yahoo.com>

Jun 20-23 Courts of Chaos Con, Raleigh, North Carolina; Info: 211 Russell Drive Wendell, NC 27591 <http://www.karakash.com/cc/>

Ohio

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 26-28 Camp Dover Peace Conference, New Philadelphia, Ohio; Info: 105 Charles Drive, Dover, OH 44622 <http://www.fyi.net/~kordite/dover/home.htm> klaad@earthlink.net Guests: Jack Stauffer

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> Guests: Robert Picardo, James Doohan, Alice Krige, David Carradine,

Barry Morse, John Bellingsey

May 24-26 Marcon, Columbus, Ohio; Info: P O Box 141414, Columbus, OH 43214 Ph: 614-470-5448 <http://www.marcon.org/info@marcon.org> Guests: Dr Demento

Jul 4-7 Origins, Columbus, Ohio; Info: 80 Garden Center, Suite 16, Broomfield, CO 80020-1735 Ph: 303-635-2223 <http://www.originsgames.com/CustServ@GAMA.org> Guests: Andy Chambers, Kenny Baker, John Kovalic, Carrie Dobro, James Ernest, Bill Blair

Oklahoma

Jun 21-23 Trek Expo, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Info: 2130 South Sheridan, Tulda, OK 74129 Ph: 918-838-3388 <http://www.starbase21ok.com/thornton21@aol.com>

Jul 19-21 Conestoga, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Info: 440 S. Gary Ave, Box 45, Tulsa, OK 74104 Ph: 918-836-5463 <http://www.sff.net/people/sfreader/conestoga.htm> Guests: Elizabeth Moon, Lee Martindale, Nene Thomas Benefits: Tulsa Domestic Violence Intervention Service

Oregon

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

Pennsylvania

Apr 26-28 Pittsburgh Comicon, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Info: 1002 Graham Ave., Windber, PA 15963 Ph: 814-467-4116 <http://www.pittsburghcomicon.com/pcomicon@nb.net> Guests: Kirk Abrigo, Franco Aureliani, Michael Bair, Kenny Baker, Jim Balent, Art Baltazar, Doug Baron, Ed Beard Jr., Brian & Derrick Belanger, David Belmore, Brian Michael Bendis, Jerome Blake, Patrick Block, Matt Busch, Buzz, David Campiti, Frank Cho, D.J. Coffman, Amanda Conner, Will Conrad, Jinky Coronado, Toby Craig, Mike Deodato, Ted Dibiase, Tony Digerolamo, Al Dorantes, Evan Dorkin, Dave Dorman, Sarah Dyer, Larry Elmore, Erol, Frank Farrant, Wayne E. Faucher, Tom Filsinger, Brendon And Brian Fraim, Ron Frenz, Greg Gale, Holly Golightly, Gene Gonzales, Randy Green, Allan Gross, Irwin Hasen, Ken Heidrich, Virginia Hey, Jamal Yaseem Igle, Carmine Infantino, Phil Juliano, Joe Jusko, Michael Kaluta, Chuck "Wes" Kelley, Hannibal King, Denis Kitchen, Shawn Landers, Rich Larson, Andy Lee, Ariel Leyva, Steve Lieber, Joseph Michael Linsner, Chris Lundy, David Mack, Scott Mcdaniel, Angel Medina, Christopher Moeller, Monte Moore, Dennis Mullen, Joanne Ellen Mutch, Rudy Nebres, James Nguyen, Joey Nguyen, Martin Nodell, Mike Oeming, Pat Olliffe, Jimmy Palmiotti, Dan Parsons, Ken Penders, George Perez, Christian Rogue, Brian Rood, Ron Roussele Ii, Brad & Dave Samuelson, Mark Schultz, Julius Schwartz, Thomas Scioli, Val Semeiks, Pat Sentman, Timothy Shea, Louis Small Jr, Kristoffer Smith, J. David Spurlock, Tracy Stoops, Mark Texeria, Jill Thompson, William Tucci, Michael Turner, Martin Velez, Petra Verkaik, Virgil, Neil Vokes, Nikolai Volkoff, Matt Webb, Todd Webb, Lee Weeks, Mark Wheatley, Jason Williams, Al Williamson.

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

Jul 26-28 Confluence, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Info: PO Box 3681, Pittsburgh, PA 15230-3681 Ph: 412-344-0456 <http://trfn.clpgh.org/parsec/conflu/> parsec-home@netcom.com Guests: Hal Clement, Illah Nourbakhsh, Renee Alper, Andrea Dale, Ray Phoenix

South Carolina

Apr 5-7 Roundcon, Columbia, South Carolina; Info: 1119 Flora Drive, Columbia, SC 29223-5222 <http://www.roundcon.org/Roundcon@aol.com>

Jun 22-23 SpartaCon, Spartanburg, South Carolina; Info: 2 Randolph St. Spartanburg, SC 29301 <http://www.angelfire.com/rpg/spartacon/b29349@yahoo.com>

Tennessee

Mar 22-24 MidSouthCon, 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, Glen Cook, Keith Berdak, Joy Marie Ledet

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

Apr 5-6 Omnicon, Cookeville, Tennessee; Info: P.O. Box 5226, Cookeville, TN 38505 Ph: 615-459-6019 <http://welcome.to/omnicon/registration@omnicononline.org>

Apr 26-28 STARFLEET Region 1 Summit, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee; Info: PO Box 1054, Gatlinburg, TN 37738 beammeup@bennustation.com

Jul 26-28 LibertyCon, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Info: PO Box 695, Hixson, TN 37343-0695 <http://www.libertycon.org/uncletimmy@libertycon.org> Guests: John Ringo, Larry Elmore, S. M. Stirling,

Texas

Mar 21-24 AggieCon, College Station, Texas; Info: Memorial Student Center, Box J-1, Texas A&M University, TAMUS 1237, College Station, TX 77844-1237 <http://aggiecon.tamu.edu/> Guests: Neil Gaiman

May 17-19 Sci-Fi Expo & Toy Show, Plano, Texas; Info: PO Box 941111, Plano Tx 75094-1111 Ph: 972-578-0213 <http://www.scifiexpo.com/scifiexpo@aol.com> Guests: Warwick Davis, Ray Park

May 31-Jun 2 A-Kon, Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas; Info: 3352 Broadway Blvd., # 470, Garland, TX 75043 <http://www.a-kon.com/> Guests: Stan Sakai, Duel Jewel, Ben Dunn, Fred Perry, Joe Wight, Joe Dun, Jochen Weltjens, Nathan Lumm, Lee Duhlig, Doug Dlin, Elin Winkler, Pat Duke, Matthew High, Will Allison, John Barrett, Michael Suarez, Daniel Kanemitsu, Joe Rosales, Diana X. Sprinkle, Eddie Perkins, Steve Bennett, Crispin Freeman, Tiffany Grant, Taliesin Jaffe, Scott McNeil, Jonathan Osborne, Yaya, Arik Reene Avila, Meg Chittenden, DNA Studios, Rodney

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Jun 14-16 ConSortium, Houston, Texas; Info: PMB 367, 3118 Fm 528 Rd, Webster, TX 77598 <http://www.con-sortium.org/info@con-sortium.org>

Jun 29-30 Sci-Fi Expo & Toy Show, Arlington, Texas; Info: PO Box 941111, Plano Tx 75094-1111 Ph: 972-578-0213 <http://www.scifiexpo.com/scifiexpo@aol.com>

Utah

May 18-20 CONduit, Salt Lake City, Utah; Info: PO Box 11745, Salt Lake City UT 84147-0745 <http://conduit.sfcon.org/CONduit/>

Virginia

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

Mar 30 Gamecon, Tyson's Corner, Virginia; Info: PO Box 223660, Chantilly, VA 20153 <http://clik.to/novag>

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

Jun 14-16 Anime Mid-Atlantic, Richmond, Virginia; Info: PO Box 2636, Glen Allen, VA 23060 Web Address: <http://www.animemidatlantic.com/> animemidatlantic@hotmail.com Guests: Carl Macek, Austell Callwood, Steve Bennett, Doug Smith, Scott Frazier, Nickey Froberg, Jason Waltrip, John Waltrip, Hazeman

Washington

Mar 28-31 Norwescon, Seatac, Washington; Info: PO Box 68547, Seattle WA 98168-0547 Ph: 206-270-7850 <http://www.norwescon.org/info@norwescon.org> Guests: Jack Vance, Brom

Apr 26-28 Gamefaire, Spokane, Washington; Info: c/o Merlyn's, N. 1 Browne, Spokane, WA. 99201 <http://www.gorillabobs.com/gf2002.html> goribob@aol.com

Apr 26-28 Sakura Con, Seattle, Washington; Info: 900 Meridian Avenue East #19-407, Milton, WA 98354-7019 Ph: 253-503-2233 x1675 <http://sakuracon.org/>

Wisconsin

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 Gygax, John Kovalic, Joan Vinge, Jim Frenkel

Apr 19-21 Congenial, Racine, Wisconsin; Info: PO Box 542911, Chicago, IL 60654 <http://www.congenial.org/info@congenial.org>

May 24-27 WisCon, Madison, Wisconsin; Info: PO Box 1624, Madison, WI 53701 Ph: 608-233-8850 http://www.sf3.org/wiscon/wiscon_concom@egroups.com Guests: Nalo Hopkinson, Nina Kiriki Hoffman

Australia

Jun 7-10 ConVergence 2002 (41st Australian National Science Fiction Convention), Melbourne, Australia (Victoria); Info: GPO Box 1212k, Melbourne VIC 3001, Australia Ph: +61-3-9288 9953 <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~converge/contact-convergence@eGroups.com> Guests: Joe and Gay Haldeman, Lucy Sussex, Sean Williams

Canada

Apr 5-7 Filk Ontario, Mississauga, Ontario; Info: c/o 98-145 Rice Avenue, Hamilton, ON, L9C 6R3, Canada <http://www.bserv.com/community/fkoa.htm> 105222.2427@compuserve.com Guests: Joey Shoji, Dave Weingart, Anke Teschke, Tanya Huff

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>

May 17-19 Keycon, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; Info: PO Box 3178, Winnipeg, MB R3C 4E6, CANADA Web Address: <http://keycon2002.tripod.com/> Email: loyalminion@hotmail.com Guests: Pete Abrams, Charles de Lint

May 24-26 Anime North, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Info: c/o Dufferin Mail Postal Outlet, PO Box 24090, 900 Dufferin St, Toronto, ON M6H 4H6, Canada <http://www.animenorth.org/info@animenorth.com>

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>

Germany

May 10-12 Federation Con, Bonn, Germany; Info: Schiölerstr. 4, 86154 Augsburg, Germany Ph: +49 821 219 0932 <http://www.fedcon.de/info@fedcon.de> Guests: Avery Brooks, Dominic Keating, Walter Koenig, Nicole De Boer, Robert Beltran, Robert Duncan McNeill, Garrett Wang, Manu Intraymi, Barbara Luna, Virginia Hey, Dirk Benedict, Herb Jefferson jr., Richard Arnold, Marc B. Lee

United Kingdom

Mar 29-31 Starfury: Defiant, Heathrow, United Kingdom, England; Info: 148A Queensway, Bayswater, London W2 6LY, United Kingdom

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.com.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 Web Address: <http://members.aol.com/xenaevent/> Guests: Hudson Leick, Melinda Clarke, Claire Stansfield, Tim Omundson

Jul 13-15 Contagion, Glasgow, Scotland; Info: PO Box 867, Rutherglen, Glasgow, G73 4HR, Scotland <http://www.contagion.co.uk/info@contagion.co.uk>



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A new shuttle is now forming. Members are needed to start this bold new adventure. EVERY position up to Executive Officer is available at this time. Membership is open to one and all. We will be a meeting chapter, but will also accept correspondence members as well. NO ONE WILL BE TURNED AWAY. The chapter will be forming in the suburbs of Philadelphia, PA. Trevoise, Southampton, Hatboro, Feasterville, and surrounding communities of the following counties: Lower Bucks, Montgomery, Philadelphia. Our mothership/supporting chapter will be the USS Mir in Region 17, whose crew has graciously offered their help and guidance. Thank you, USS Mir crew. When you write, please specify the position you would like to fill, and what you are willing to do to keep our chapter going strong towards a better tomorrow. Please not that in order to be fair, to everyone, positions will be filled on a FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS. Also, when you write, remember to include the following facts: SCC#, membership expiration date, rank, address, phone#, email, and persona information (if you have/use one). Honesty, integrity, reliability, dependability, dedication, and loyalty a must. Creativity will also be helpful. To demonstrate this honesty, I want everyone to know up front that I am currently in prison, but I will be home on May 30th, 2002. Which gives all of us plenty of time to put our chapter together within the NINE MONTHS it will take to launch our ship. Take a chance, get involved, you won't regret it.

For information contact: Bill Skinner, AM-8585, P.O. Box 256, Waymart, PA 18472-0256

MISC.

Comic Book Artist Needed for patriotic-themed superhero comic book. Planning to take this professional, so serious parties only, please! Please contact Adam J. Bernay at adamjbernay@mediaone.net if interested.

SWM ISO Single female. 31 yo Scottish STARFLEET officer into Star Trek, Star Wars, Football, Reading, Writing, Most music, seeks female pen pal. Interested in having a laugh?? Give me a shout!! Ewan Chalmers, 1 Tomail Place, New Elgin, Moray, IV30 6YE, Scotland. Email-ewanac@yahoo.co.uk

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People who are not worried about “shrinkage”: Members of the USS Challenger, USS Thagard, USS Highlander, USS Malverne, USS Sovereign and Shuttle Edinburgh pose for a group shot.



Fleeters, all wet: STARFLEET members, hardy souls one and all, adapt and overcome even the most adverse climate conditions in order to fulfill their mission. Or have a good time. Whatever comes first.



We do not want to know where those plungers have been: (from left to right) Dean Rogers, ???, Gerri Wampler, Bob Vosseller and Brian Smith decided to take the plunge and bring the plunger...



“And someday humans will learn that there is a distinct advantage to staying war and dry”: The mascot of the Shuttle Edinburgh reflects solemnly on the days events.

THE FEW, THE WET, THE INSANE...

By Fleet Captain Martin A. Lessem • Pictures courtesy of Brigadier General Sanford Berenberg

Imagine yourself standing on a Beach. It is toward the end of January, and you are in nothing but a pair of shoes, bathing suit, and possibly, for those who dislike the cold air, a t-shirt. The suspense around you is building and you begin to cluster around the guy standing in the middle of the group holding a STARFLEET Flag. A countdown begins, and you make yourself ready. As zero is reached, a loud yell goes up, and the entire

group, moving as one descended into the ice-cold waters before you. You have just taken the Plunge.

Today, January 26, 2002, STARFLEET Region Seven witnessed an event that few others could have managed. With a turn out of 52 people total, the Maryland chapter USS Highlander hosted, at the Sandy Point State Park, the STARFLEET contingent for the 6th Annual Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge. Out of the 52 who came

from STARFLEET, 28 brave souls had pledged their health, insanity, and devotion to a good cause, to run into the near freezing waters of the Chesapeake Bay. As a grand total for this event, STARFLEET raised \$2725.24 for Maryland Special Olympics.

As many of you know, a Polar Bear Plunge is when otherwise sane individuals, so this naturally excludes most of SFI, decide to hurl themselves into near freezing or freezing waters

sometime in January, just for the sole purpose of doing it. It is like the Kirk analogy with rock climbing. We do it because it is there. This particular Polar Bear Plunge, which was adopted by the USS Highlander last year, has now managed to become a Regional Event. With Eleven Chapters and Shuttles in Region Seven, Five Chapters in the other United States Regions, and two units in foreign countries, this can truly be counted as a SFI event.