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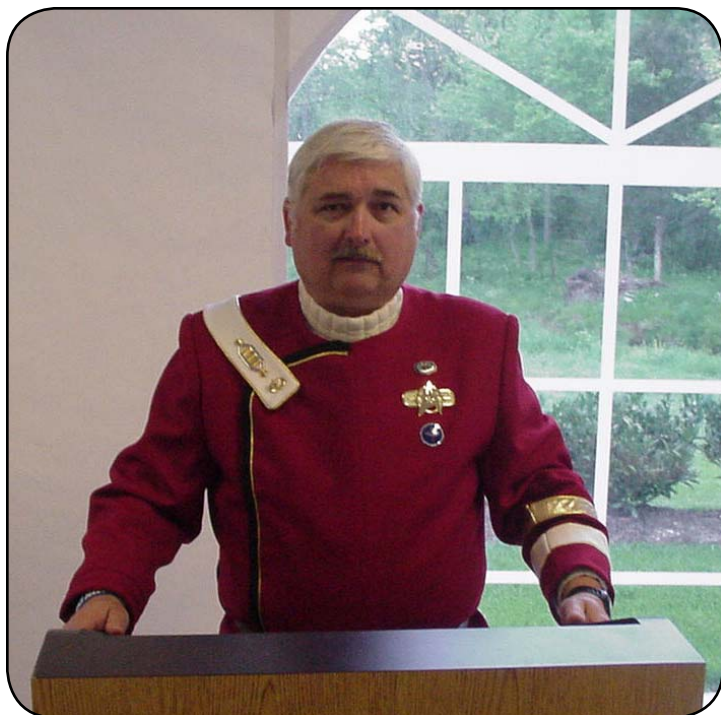


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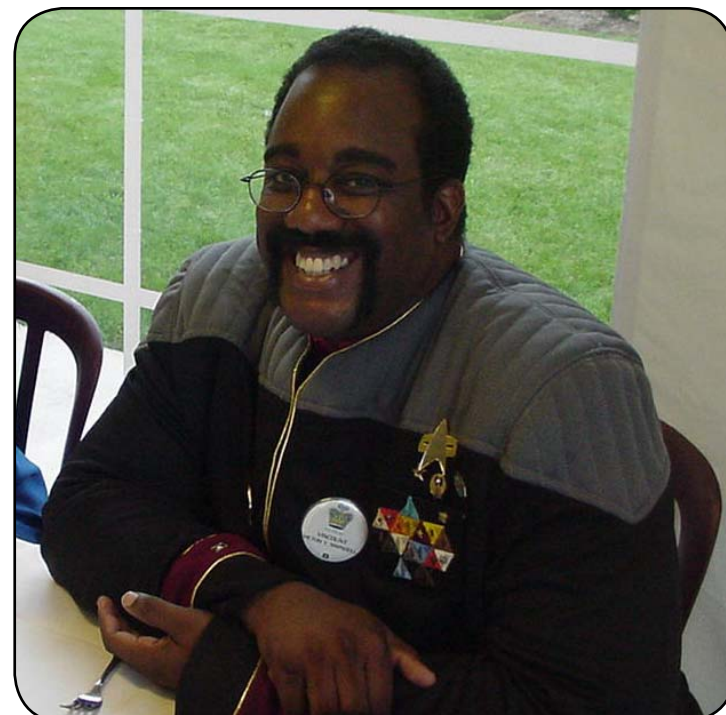
A ROYAL GATHERING IN REGION 1!



The 2002 Region 1 Summit was truly a gathering of Royalty as members from all of STARFLEET converged on Pidgeon Forge, TN to meet up with their friends in Region 1. Turn to Page 20 to read all about it.

Above Left: A scene from the Opening ceremony. **Above Right:** The STARFLEET Flag is proudly displayed by members of the SFMC. **Left:** No, that is not James Doohan, but Bennu Station's CO, Ben Redding. **Right:** Region 1 Awards Coordinator Victor Swindell.

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John Adcock and Jill Rayburn*



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**ROBB JACKSON'S "A BEGINNERS
GUIDE TO TEMPORAL PHYSICS"
STARTS ON PAGE 34**



An Open Letter to the members of STARFLEET:

On January 11th 2005, we were contacted by Chris Halliday of Argent Games, regarding possible plagiarism in articles published in the STARFLEET Communiqué during 2002 and 2003.

Immediately, we began an internal investigation researching the claims and studying the original material by Mr. Halliday and the Communiqué articles in question. Regretfully, it became painfully clear that Mr. Halliday's claims were true and that materials were taken from an in-development RPG game called Time War, which is being published this year.

Substantial portions of a series of columns on Time Travel & Temporal Investigations in Communiqué issues 111, 112, 113, 114, 117, and 118 were originally written by Chris Halliday, and not by the author on the byline, Robert (Robb) Jackson.

The articles in question were accepted and published in the Communiqué in good faith since the editors of the Communiqué at the time believed it to be original material. However, as the Communiqué is the official publication of STARFLEET, we are responsible for it's content.

As a reminder to all of STARFLEET, only original materials are acceptable for publication in the Communiqué. If you use another's work in your article, you must cite references and give proper credit to the original author. STARFLEET will not tolerate plagiarism.

On behalf of STARFLEET, the International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc., I want to apologize to Mr. Halliday and Argent Games for this incident.

I also want to thank him for his cooperation in this matter. He has been very cooperative with our requests and has been wonderful in his dealings with us. I have read his materials, and they are well documented, interesting, and thought provoking. If you are a fan of RPG's and Time Travel, you may want to check out Time War - Adventures in Eternity when it is published. You can find out more information at the Argent Games website - <http://www.argentgames.com/>.

In Fellowship,

FAdm Mandi Livingston
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In This Issue: The article entitled "A Beginner's Guide to Temporal Physics" by Robert J. Jackson on page 34 contains un-credited material written by Chris Halliday of Argent Games, who is the author of the Time War RPG.

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The Royal (Non-Egyptian) Dancers of Pharaoh's Court
Susan Fugate, Judy Durell, Patty Heany and Linda Oakley acted as presenters during the Region 1 Charity Auction. To read more about the Region 1 Summit, turn to page 20.

Photo courtesy of Sandy Berenberg



Doing the Funky Chicken, New Mexico Style:
Members of the USS Mir brave the elements in New Mexico to participate in the Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society. Funky hats and all. Turn to page 32 to read all about it!

Photo courtesy of the USS Mir

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Submission Deadline for Issue 112: August 5th, 2002.



DON'T CALL ME EDWIN!

FLEET ADMIRAL LES RICKARD
COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings from STARFLEET Headquarters and welcome to another issue of the Communique. I really do not have a great deal to report on at this time other than some changes ECAB and staff level. So lets get right into it.

Region Seven Elects A New RC

As many of you know, Region Seven RC JC Cohen resigned a short time ago. Senior VRC Ed Tunis stepped up and ran the region during the regional election process. I would like to thank Ed for doing a great job and holding down the fort as it were.

It is my honor to announce that former Region Seven Regional Coordinator and Chief of STARFLEET Shuttle Operations Command Admiral Alex Rosenzweig was chosen as the next Region Seven Regional Coordinator. Alex will be missed on the EC but I have every confidence that Region Seven elected an experienced, well qualified and level headed officer to lead it.

Again, my congratulations and well wishes to Alex.

Chief Of STARFLEET Shuttle Operations Command

As you can see from the announcement about the new Region Seven RC, a new Chief of ShOC was needed. I spoke to Alex Rosenzweig extensively as well as other members of the Executive Committee about this.

At this time please welcome former CQ Editor and STARFLEET Chief of Staff Admiral Chris Wallace to the STARFLEET Executive Committee as Chief of Shuttle Operations. Chris brings many years of experience in various duties to the table as an EC member. I have faith that Chris will carry out his duties as ShOC Chief at his usual 110%.

My congratulations to Chris and I look forward to working with him at the EC level.

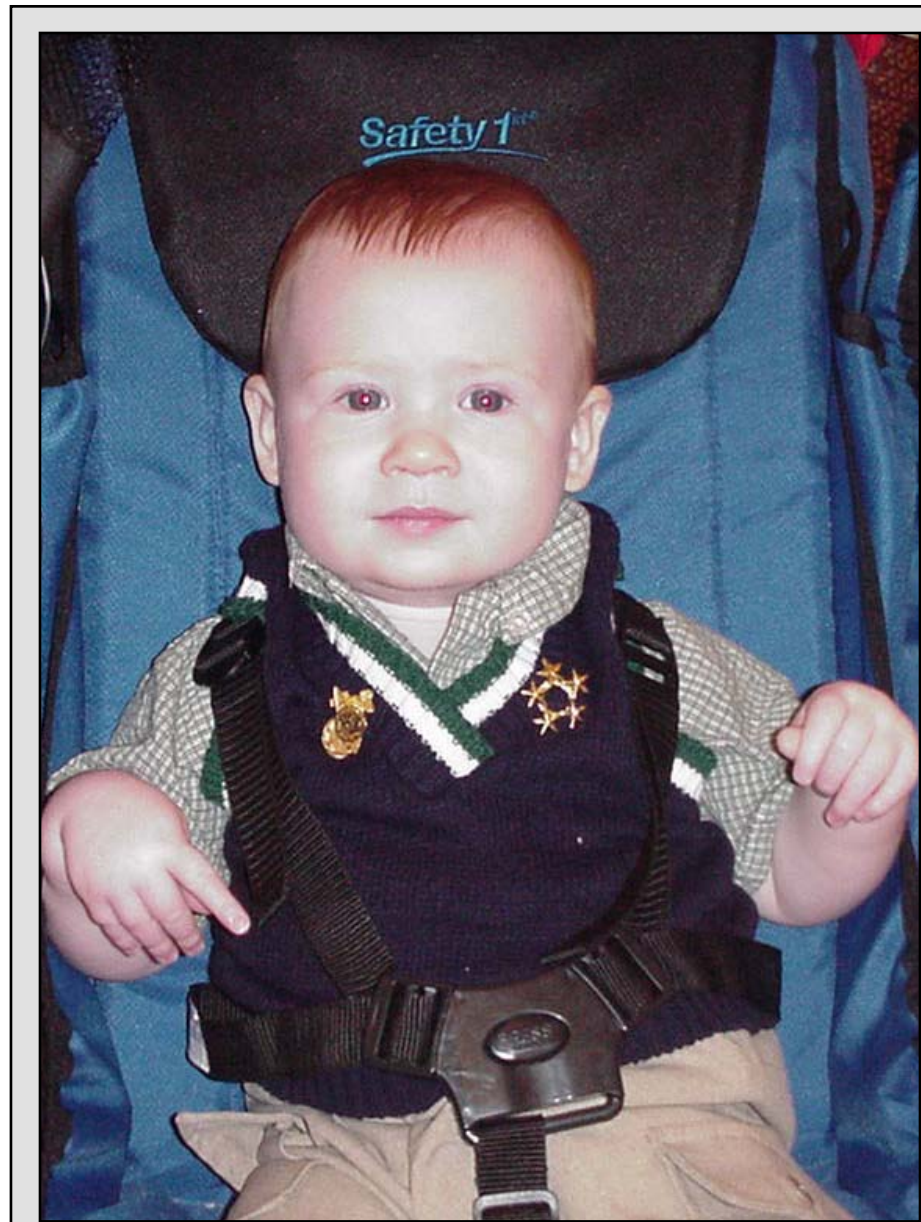
Chief Of Staff, STARFLEET

When Chris accepted the role of Chief of ShOC that left a hole in an area of my staff that I use quite extensively - Chief of Staff. I gave it some thought and one person came to mind pretty quickly. This person is a long time member and friend. She has been a member of the Executive Committee and Communications Staff as

well as served on the Regional level as a Regional Chief of Staff.

Please welcome Admiral Allyson Dyar to the posting as Chief of Staff, STARFLEET

Carl brings many years of expertise to this important job. I have joked many times that Carl could sell Vulcans mood rings. I am quite confident that Carl will do a fantastic job as Fleet's next Quartermaster!



The return of the space anomaly last seen on TNG's "Rascals": Though reduced in size somewhat, Fleet Admiral Rickard still manages to inspect the troops of the Gerber division.

Photo courtesy of John Adcock

STARFLEET Quartermaster

As you all know the office of STARFLEET Quartermaster was vacated by Laura Reardon late last year. I put out an all call for resumes and received very few. One of those resumes stood out as the perfect person for the job.

Please welcome Carl Johnson, formerly the Region 12 Quartermaster to the office of STARFLEET Quartermaster.

Region One Summit

Recently the Rickard family traveled to Pigeon Forge Tennessee to attend the 2002 Region 1 Summit. Deidre, Zachary and I departed Friday morning for East Tennessee and upon arrival we were greeted with open arms by friends from Region 1 and three other regions. Thus began a great weekend of relaxing and enjoying the company of many friends while making new ones.

As it turned out R1 seemed to be more like a mini IC with members from around the fleet attending. There were members from R1, R2, R5, R7, R12 and R14 and I may be forgetting some others.

We all had a great time and when the weekend was over we had a hard time leaving so many of our friends and returning home. But we are looking forward to our next big adventure, and Zachary's first IC in San Jose CA.

2002 STARFLEET

International Conference

August 1st through the 4th 2002 STARFLEET will host its annual gathering of members. This year's IC will be held in San Jose CA at the Doubletree Hotel. Time is getting short so if you are attending the event and have not made your arrangements get 'em made. For more information about the IC visit their web site <http://www.ic2002.org> or email chrissy@netwiz.net.

Deidre, Zachary and I are looking forward to seeing all of our old friends as well as meeting new ones this year in San Jose!

A Final Word

By the time you receive this issue of the Communique STARFLEET's 2002 election season will have started. This year's Election Coordinator will be STARFLEET IG Robb Jackson. Robb has set up the official Election Mailing List and is moderator. He will also be the point of contact for any questions regarding the election.

At the time of this writing I was sure of only one contender and his slate, that being my Vice Commander, STARFLEET Mike Malotte. I can only say that I believe in Mike's ability to continue to properly govern this organization so that it may continue to prosper.

Having said that I urge each and every STARFLEET member to participate in this important process. First, review all of the platform points. Make sure you understand them and if you don't then the second thing to do is ask questions. These questions may affect or change the focus of a platform point and that is what the process is all about, governing this organization as a member. The final thing we should all do as STARFLEET members is VOTE!

As I said almost two years ago "Decisions are made by those who show up.". So please "show up" and let your voice be heard and your vote be cast.

STARFLEET TREASURER REPORT — APRIL/MAY 2002

By Commodore Tammy Willcox • STARFLEET Treasurer

STARFLEET General Account - April 1st, 2002 through April 30th, 2002

Num	Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Balance
	04/01/2002	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	- 70.54	10,254.18
	04/02/2002	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	526.00	10,780.18
	04/02/2002	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	- 4.12	10,776.06
	04/08/2002	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	196.00	10,972.06
1079	04/08/2002	Sanford Berenberg	Membership Processing	- 219.42	10,752.64
1080	04/08/2002	The Countywide News, Inc.	CQ Expense : CQ Processing	- 219.50	10,533.14
1081	04/08/2002	Postmaster	CQ Expense : CQ Postage	- 800.00	9,733.14
	04/09/2002	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	250.00	9,983.14
	04/09/2002	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	56.00	10,039.14
	04/09/2002	Stamps.com	Stamps.com Fee	- 18.99	10,020.15
	04/24/2002	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	703.00	10,723.15
	04/24/2002	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	51.00	10,774.15
1082	04/28/2002	Sanford Berenberg	Membership Processing	- 219.57	10,554.58
1083	04/28/2002	Nationwide Print Solutions	Membership Processing	- 127.75	10,426.83
1084	04/28/2002	Greg Trotter	CQ Expense : CQ returns	- 50.51	10,376.32
	04/30/2002	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	- 25.34	10,350.98

STARFLEET General Account - May 1st, 2002 through May 31st, 2002

Num	Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Balance
	05/02/2002	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	- 48.30	10,302.68
	05/02/2002	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	- 8.36	10,294.32
	05/07/2002	Stamps.com	Stamps.com Fee	- 18.99	10,275.33
	05/07/2002	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	530.00	10,805.33
	05/13/2002	Paypal.com	Membership Processing	130.59	10,935.92
	05/16/2002	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	309.00	11,244.92
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	05/17/2002	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	289.00	14,243.92
	05/21/2002	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check Fee	- 5.00	14,238.92
	05/21/2002	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check Fee	- 5.00	14,233.92
	05/21/2002	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check	- 15.00	14,218.92
	05/21/2002	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check	- 52.00	14,166.92
	05/22/2002	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check Fee	- 5.00	14,161.92
	05/22/2002	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check Fee	- 5.00	14,156.92
	05/22/2002	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check Fee	- 5.00	14,151.92
	05/22/2002	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check	- 15.00	14,136.92
	05/22/2002	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check	- 15.00	14,121.92
	05/22/2002	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check	- 28.00	14,093.92
	05/23/2002	Stamps.com	Postage Purchase	- 475.00	13,618.92

Opening Date: 04/01/2002
Opening Balance: \$10,324.72

Ending Date: 05/31/2002
Ending Balance: \$13,618.92

Revenue above expenditures for
above reporting period: \$3,294.20

STARFLEET - Savings:

Balance (4/01/2002): \$3,405.42
Balance (5/31/2002): \$3,405.42

No Changes.

Academy Checking:

Beginning Date: 3/30/2002
Beginning Balance: \$2,913.47

Deposits/Credits:

PayPal Transfer +\$500.00
Tuition +\$187.00

Ending Date: 4/30/2002
Ending Balance: \$3,600.47

Academy - Savings:

Balance (3/01/2002): \$2,529.11
Balance (4/30/2002): \$2,531.31

The Academy Savings Account
received \$8.26 in interest.

Scholarship Account:

Balance (4/01/2002): 3,833.64
Balance (5/31/2002): \$3,833.64

No Changes.

TREASURER REPORT

Commodore Tammy Willcox

STARFLEET Treasurer

One of the things I have been working on this past couple of months is getting the STARFLEET Treasury website going and online. It is now ready for your viewing pleasure and information at <http://www.sfi.org/treasury>. The STARFLEET general account information will be updated every month. The files are coded and signed to prevent alterations. This will help keep everyone updated on non-CQ months on the status of SFI's treasury. Thanks to Kurt and Mike for helping me with this project!

The 2001 Form 990 has been completed and filed with the IRS. Thanks to Chris Wallace for his assistance with the PDF form.

We're in excellent shape financially. All the bills are paid, we have money in the bank, we have more than enough money to pay for the election, and the scholarship account will be able to handle any scholarships given out this year. It would be wonderful to say that we gave a scholarship award for each scholarship! Good luck to all the applicants!

I'd like to note that I am always available to discuss any financial issues **any** STARFLEET member may have concerning paying for STARFLEET memberships, vouchers, scholarship donations, chapter finances, etc. Please contact me if you need assistance or just have questions.

Reminders: 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 we'll determine how to proceed.

Returned/Bounced Checks:

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

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

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SECOND TO ONE

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MICHAEL MALOTTE

VICE-COMMANDER, STARFLEET

I sit here writing this not long after returning from Region 1 and a very fun summit. I wanted to take a moment and thank a number of people for a wonderful time at the R1 Summit. First and foremost to Ben Redding and Linda Oakley, you and your staffs did an awesome job! A big thanks to Ben for allowing me to run the hot dog cookout and the XO panel.

Next, to Wade Olson, Aaron Murphy, Joost Ueffing, John Adcock, Anthony Leopard, the 1st Brigade and the rest of the STARFLEET Marine Corps members present, as always, I felt welcome.

To Joan Pierce for the hospitality, Dee Rickard for the great meal Friday night, Scott Akers and John Adcock for the crash space, Greg and PJ Trotter for the lift home, Dixie and Steve Halber for the donuts <G> and Chris Wallace for the company on the trip.

To Robin Pillow for the dinner conversation - it was great getting to know you better.

To Mandi Livingston, Bill and Patti Herrmann and Maggie and Tom Restivo, it's good to see the Rutledge back.

A special thanks to Mark Anbinder and friends.

And, finally, to many of those above plus Suzy Fugate, Les Rickard, Jill and Dennis Rayburn, Sandy Berenberg, Gerry Sylvester, Alex

Rosenzweig, DJ Allen, Tammy Willcox and anyone else I missed who kept me up way too late <G> and joined in the constant party that was the R1 Summit. I had a great time and I hope to see all of you at IC this year!

Things are going well in the departments under the Vice Commander, STARFLEET. The FDP is progressing smoothly under the able command of Matt Copple. He and his Deputy Director, Wade Hoover, have done a great job of bringing this department back up to a usable, functional, non-region intrusive program that is a true benefit to Fleet and its members.

You've seen a lot of things from them here in the CQ, on the lists and on the web and you can plan on seeing more from these folks.

The International Charities Department is revamping its setup. Troy Pharis has recently appointed a new Stampede Officer and that program should be back in full swing soon. Troy has done a good job with this and working his way through the challenges of getting the necessary information to bring this viable program back online.

The Diplomatic Corps is undergoing some changes. Its Director, Kyle Wolfe, and I are in the process of reviewing this department's goals and scope of influence. Due to this, all paperwork from this department is on hold until such time as we get the program redefined.

The STARFLEET Marine Corps continues to grow with new Marine Strike Groups being formed at almost a weekly basis. The 5th Brigade, to mention one, has added a couple of new MSGs in just the last few weeks.

Thanks to the hard work of the Commandant, Wade Olsen and his General Staff - Aaron Murphy, Joost Ueffing, John Adcock and Truman Temple - the Corps is as strong today as it ever has been. Kudos to them and all the hard working members of the Brigades and Marine Strike Groups across Fleet for doing such a great job!

As mentioned in my last column and by a number of others over the last few months, 2002 is an election year in STARFLEET. By the time you get this CQ, election season will be in full swing. And, as has been announced, I've tossed my hat into the ring for consideration as your next Commander, STARFLEET. Personal politics aside, I'd like to offer my opinions on this subject.

There will be a tremendous amount of information offered to the membership in the coming months. The candidates will have their platforms for you to view. There will be amendments to the constitution on the ballot. In short, a lot to learn and a lot of opinions on what is right for Fleet and what isn't. With this process comes a responsibility.

Regardless of whom you support in this election, each member of STARFLEET has a responsibility

to be in the know. Know who the candidates are. Know who their teams are. Know what they stand for. Know what their platforms are. Know what amendments are up for vote and why. And, if you don't understand a platform point, ask. If you aren't sure of why that particular amendment is up for consideration, ask. If you're not sure what someone means or is talking about, ask. If you want to know something specific, ask.

There will be many ways of finding out these things. There is an election list run by the Election Coordinator, STARFLEET Inspector General Robb Jackson. If you want to join, send an email to: SFI_CS_Election-subscribe@yahoogroups.com and sign up. There will be information available on the web, in mail outs, at the International Conference, on IRC and many other avenues. The information necessary to make an informed decision is out there. Take advantage of it.

This is one of the most important times in STARFLEET. Every two years, we, the membership, have the power to shape the future of our organization. We have the ability to choose who will guide this club for the next two years. Make your choice wisely; consider all sides of the issues. Don't vote for someone just because they are "your bud" or because you've heard their name. Get to know them, their team and what they plan on doing for Fleet.

Most importantly, no matter how you do choose who you think is the best candidate - VOTE! Make your voice heard. Don't let someone else make the decision for you by discarding your ballot. It can be the most important thing you ever do as a member of STARFLEET.

That pretty much does it for me this issue. Take care and I hope to see all of you <G> at the International Conference in San Jose, California this year. It should be a great party!

Michael W. Malotte

There's a new phenomenon hitting the World Wide Web that is not completely new. Active content pages have been around almost since the web became popular. First it started with CGI-BIN and Perl scripts, then Java Applets and Java Script (both of which are still very widely used in web pages), had brief stints with Microsoft's Active Server Pages, but now there's a new kid on the playground - PHP.

PHP much like ASP and Java is a scripting language. Its name is described by the creators as a "recursive acronym for 'PHP: Hypertext Preprocessor.'" But it's not just *any* scripting language. It's an extremely powerful scripting language.

A bit of history first, PHP was developed by *The Apache Software Foundation*, the same people who developed the *Apache httpd* web service. Httpd stands for "Hyper Text Transfer Protocol Daemon". This the service which is what provides web pages from the server to your computer. This daemon was developed first for Unix-type operating systems, then later for Windows operating systems like Windows 95 and NT.

What makes it so powerful is the many things you can do with it. Not only can you do the old standbys like create a form that can send all the information filled out as an e-mail to the site administrator, but you can also do *extensive* database work, like lookup information from a SQL or Lotus Notes database, work directly with Adobe PDF files, and **much** more.

It's not exactly an easy language; so I wouldn't recommend it to just any average person as

PHP, MySQL AND PHP-NUKE: THE FUTURE OF THE WEB?

By Fleet Captain Dave Blaser • FDP Communications

something you could quickly and easily put a web page together. For those of you who are computer programmers out there, it's very structured, similar to C or other such programming language. You will love it.

A few members of STARFLEET use PHP already for their Web Sites, including people like our own Greg Trotter; the CO of the ISS Lexington (<http://www.isslexington.org/>), Dino Gravato; Will Robertson of the USS Parallax (<http://www.ussparallax.org/>); Kurt Pfeiffer of the USS Cydonia (<http://www.usscydonia.org/>) and many more, I'm sure! When you have a moment, please take some time to visit these sites, they're really well done!

For the rest of us who aren't as inclined to spend hours writing script until our eyes are permanently crossed, there are a couple of alternatives out there - The PHP Resource Index and PHP-Nuke.

I'll start briefly with The PHP Resource Index. This is a *great* site. Here, you can get completed PHP scripts that just need to be plugged into your web pages, documentation on how to write your own PHP scripts, there's even a Bulletin Board that you can read and write to, so you can ask questions of others, and see what some other Web Masters are doing.

The PHP Resource Index can be found on the web at: <http://php.resourceindex.com/>

PHP-Nuke is a customizable plug-in web site that you can modify the appearance and function of to your heart's content. The really nice thing about it is that it works on **many** different platforms, from Apache on Linux to Microsoft's Internet Information Server on Windows NT and 2000.

What's absolutely the greatest thing about PHP-Nuke is that it's completely free - everything you need to build an enhanced PHP-Nuke site, in fact, is completely free.

So, what's required to set up a PHP-Nuke site? First of all, a web server. If you're hosting your own web server from your home over a high-speed Internet connection, it can be a Linux or a Windows NT/2000 Server. Which doesn't matter, because PHP and PHP-Nuke does work on both. For those of you without your own web server, you should contact your service provider and find out if they can provide you with some of the services that you're going to need.

Next, you'll need a database service. PHP-Nuke was developed to use MySQL (available for download at <http://www.mysql.com/>) but will also work with Microsoft SQL Server (which isn't free) with some tinkering. I suggest using MySQL - if you're not sure how to modify SQL database scripts, it's just so much easier to use what PHP-Nuke recommends right out of the box.

Of course, you'll need to get the PHP extensions for your server (download it from <http://www.php.net/>) so that your web server can

translate the PHP files and send them to your viewer's computers. And finally, you need PHP-Nuke (<http://www.phpnuke.org/>). You can't build a PHP-Nuke site without it!

Now, I'm not going to go into the nitty-gritty of installing MySQL, PHP and PHP-Nuke, but I will give you one small insight now before you get started: the order you install each of these applications is **very** important. Always start with MySQL, followed by the PHP Extensions finishing with PHP-Nuke.

Another thing for you - trust the installation instructions, they're accurate, and they're short. Most computer people skip the installation instructions and start fiddling with things themselves, usually because the instructions are too long - at least, that's my story, and I'm sticking to it!

Once you have your database created and your PHP-Nuke site configured (of course, by following the instructions), putting content onto your site is simple! You can maintain a great looking and informative site with only a little bit of effort.

If you have a question about your own chapter or regional web site, please feel free to join the FDP Communications e-mail list. We've got a great bunch of people who are very supportive and knowledgeable. Just send an e-mail to FDP-Comm-Subscribe@YahooGroups.com and you'll be subscribed.

That's it for this month folks... see you in the next CQ!



STARFLEET OPERATIONS

REAR ADMIRAL MARK VINSON
CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

**Remember That It Is Not Too Late To
File If You Forgot Or Real Life Got
In The Way!**

If you have sent in your report but I failed to receive it I am sorry. Please Resend ASAP!

Celebrating 10 Years of continuous service to STARFLEET from April - June are the:

- USS Astra (04/15/92),
- USS Columbia (06/18/92),
- USS Imperium (04/20/92),
- USS Khai Tam (04/04/92),
- USS Thunderchild (04/09/92)

Celebrating 15 Years of continuous service to STARFLEET from April - June are the:

- USS Hornet (06/02/87) and
- USS Yeager (05/01/87).

If your chapter is not listed above it is very possible that your chapter's commissioning dates are missing from the membership database. Please let me know and I will add them and recognize your chapter.

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 U.S. mail it to:

Dixie Halber
8606 King George Rd.
Evansville, IN 47725

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

Mark A. Vinson

Greetings Fellow Trekkers!

Things have been going along at a fair clip here in the Operations department. We have commissioned three new chapters and processed approximately four changes of command since April. Since the last Communiqué I received one more missing MSR's from 2001; that leaves only fifty-two missing from all of 2001. Those CO's with missing MSR's have been made aware of their missing reports and it is still not too late to get them in.

Speaking of MSR's, in March ELEVEN chapters Failed to Report and in April NINETEEN have Failed to Report. Nine Regions had 100% reporting in March and eight Regions had 100% reporting in April. Since February things have begun to slip. MSR's are required and are not hard to do. On average they should take no more than five minutes! Come on CO's/Reporting Officers let's get those MSR's in!

You have three methods to choose from when filing your MSR. Although the preferred method is to use the Online MSR Reporting form (<http://msr.sfi.org/>) it is not required and if you have had problems in the past do not feel that you have to use it. Please feel free to email your MSR directly to **MSRReports@sfi.org** or **mavrcck17@swbell.net** or send it via the U.S. Mail to me at:

Mark A. Vinson

1047 Cottonwood Trl.
Benbrook, TX. 76126.

If you email directly please download the email form from our website (<http://www.sfi.org/ops/msr.txt>). Chapters are also required to send MSR's to their respective Regional Coordinator and any other Regional Office your 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 **tmbrwolf@pcconnect.com** if they are an Armed Services Chapter and/or to **ladyhawketx@prodigy.net** if they are taking advantage of our Chapter Assistance program but that is all.

Please go over your distribution list and remove any addresses for Dennis Rayburn (stoncold@wk.net), JC Cohen (jccohen@14850.com) or any other former DVC that you used to send it to.

MSR's are due by the 5th of each month and considered late from the 6th to the 10th. When filing MSR's electronically DO NOT SEND ATTACHMENTS.

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

to check.

Here is a list of those chapters I am MISSING MSRS from for the month of March:

- USS Normandy (R1)
- USS Blackstar (R2)
- USS Khai Tam (R2)
- USS Avenger (R7)
- USS IDIC (R7)
- USS Thor (R7)
- USS Astra (R10)
- USS Roberta Bondar (R10)
- USS Cydonia (R12)
- USS Royal Sovereign (R12).

Here is a list of those chapters I am MISSING MSRS from for the month of April:

- USS Columbus (R1),
- USS Tristar (R1),
- USS Blackstar (R2),
- USS Shadow Hawk (R2),
- USS Oberon (R4),
- USS Asimov (R7),
- USS IDIC (R7),
- USS Justice (R7),
- USS Thor (R7),
- USS Belgica (R9),
- USS Roberta Bondar (R10),
- USS Arlington (R12),
- USS Cydonia (R12),
- USS Delta Clipper (R12),
- USS Horizon (R12),
- USS Mystique (R12),
- USS Nomad (R12),
- USS Sequoyah (R12),
- USS Titanic (R12).

MSR REPORTING — OPERATIONS BY THE NUMBERS: MARCH - APRIL

March 2002 MSR Reporting:

R1 = 51 Chapters - 98%	R6 = 4 Chapters - 100%	R12 = 37 Chapters - 94.5%
R2 = 29 Chapters - 93%	R7 = 32 Chapters - 90.6%	R13 = 5 Chapters - 100%
R3 = 19 Chapters - 94.7%	R9 = 2 Chapters - 100%	R15 = 12 Chapters - 100%
R4 = 19 Chapters - 100%	R10 = 5 Chapters - 60%	R17 = 9 Chapters - 100%
R5 = 14 Chapters - 100%	R11 = 1 Chapter - 100%	R20 = 1 Chapter - 100%

TOTAL = 242 Chapters 231 Reported = 95.5%

April 2002 MSR Reporting:

R1 = 52 Chapters - 96%	R6 = 5 Chapters - 100%	R12 = 37 Chapters - 78%
R2 = 28 Chapters - 93%	R7 = 33 Chapters - 88%	R13 = 5 Chapters - 100%
R3 = 18 Chapters - 100%	R9 = 2 Chapters - 50%	R15 = 12 Chapters - 100%
R4 = 19 Chapters - 95%	R10 = 5 Chapters - 80%	R17 = 9 Chapters - 100%
R5 = 13 Chapters - 100%	R11 = 1 Chapter - 100%	R20 = 1 Chapter - 100%

TOTAL = 241 Chapters 222 Reported = 92%

COMMISSIONINGS AND CHANGES OF COMMAND

The Operations department has commissioned three chapters since March 01, 2002.

Region 2:
USS Gasparilla, NCC-74400
CO: FCpt. Michelle Muench
XO: Cmdr. James Muench

Region 13:
USS Hadfield, NCC-75020
CO: Fleet Captain Dave Blaser
XO: Lt. Colonel Matt Baillie

Region 14:
USS Magellan, NCC-72014
CO: Capt. Manon Lessard-Belanger
XO: Col. Joost Ueffing

Congratulations from all of us here at STARFLEET Headquarters to our latest Starships and crews! May all your journeys be memorable!



COMM-ING UP NEXT...

REAR ADMIRAL GREG TROTTER

CHIEF OF COMMUNICATION, STARFLEET

I'd like to thank each of you who participated in the "Pick Greg's Signature" contest in the last Communique. Well, except for those of you who chose "greggie-poo." You are all quite fortunate that my Communiqué editor won't reveal your names!

Seriously, on to business - I'd like to give you a little insight into how Communications runs. There's probably no better place to start than with this publication!

Specifically, I want to talk about distribution of the Communiqué -- the mailing process. We've been through several different mailing methods over the years. None have been perfect, but I feel that we're getting closer and closer to having a reliable, working system.

Most members received the Communiqué through Periodicals Class mail, also called "second class mail." This is the class of service used by newspapers and magazines. It is the least expensive way to send the Communiqué, and it is more reliable than third class "Standard" mail.

Second class mail gets us the ability to get the CQ out quickly and have some forwarding service, like first class mail, but at a much lower rate.

A word about forwarding orders. Forwarding orders for publications are only valid for a short time, not a full year. It is very important that you let Computer Operations know of any change in address to ensure you get your Communiqué. If you move and don't tell us, after the forwarding order expires, Starfleet gets a change of address for you from the Post Office -- for sixty cents per address. This can really add up, guys.

For a while now, all Communiqués have been sent second-class, even overseas CQs. But we've had some issues with international delivery, mostly that it takes a very long time for the Communiqué to arrive sometimes.

Overseas members pay \$5 a year more than US members to cover the cost of additional postage. However, that \$5 surcharge hasn't gone up in over a decade. We've had the challenges of paying a 2002 postage bill with 1980's money. Sending the CQs second class was within budget, but the weeks or months to deliver was not an acceptable delivery time frame.

So, with this issue of the Communiqué, we're trying something a little different. We are sending this CQ out through a mail consolidation service for all members outside the US and Canada. I

hope this will result in quicker delivery times for our overseas members; I'd love to hear any comments about this. Drop me a line at comm@sfi.org.

At the International Conference in San Jose, I'll be reviewing the results of this test, and we'll see if it is warranted to make this a permanent solution.

Now if any member -- from any country -- doesn't get a CQ, let me know. Also, if you routinely have problems getting your Communiqué -- if it seems to arrive much later than others in your area, or something like that -- let us know that too. We'll investigate and see what we can do to get your newsletter coming to you.

Also, it is election season! Please, everyone, take some time to talk to all the candidates, find out their ideas for the organization, and get involved! Even if you've never had much involvement in such things, I can assure you that every candidate wants to hear from you -- they want to know what you want out of Starfleet, and they want you to know what they can deliver. So get involved!

ANNUAL STARFLEET NEWSLETTER AWARDS

Fleet Captain Dixie Halber

Vice Chief Comm - Publications

It is that time once again, time for the annual STARFLEET newsletter awards. The annual newsletter awards recognize the efforts of the one of the hardest working groups in STARFLEET, the newsletter editors. Putting out a club newsletter is a difficult job, from obtaining submissions, to creating an interesting layout to finding just the right picture. Now is the time to have those efforts rewarded. Gather up your best examples from the calendar year 2001 and send them to:

Dixie Halber
8606 King George Rd.
Evansville IN, 47725

About submissions:

While a hardcopy submission is preferred, an electronic submission will also be accepted. If you can provide both hardcopy and electronic that would greatly aid me in judging. You may send CD or disk to the above address. You may also contact me at gibbie@silypuppies.com to arrange transfer of the file. Please do not e-mail large attachments without contacting me first. All entries should be received by June 30th. Awards will be presented at the International Conference in San Jose in August.

How the HelpDesk works

Someone sends an email to the HelpDesk at helpdesk@sfi.org or uses the sfi.org webpage links to send in an email. Immediately a response is sent back to that person, assigning that query a ticket number. This number is used for tracking purposes. If you have a problem with your ticket, we'll ask you for the ticket number and we can track it that way. Since tickets get moved to different queues, knowing the number lets us go straight to it, instead of browsing through all the queues.

Emails sent to the helpdesk@sfi.org addy fall into the general HelpDesk queue. Tickets get evaluated by various criteria: Is this immediately answerable, is this something that belongs to a specific department, is this something that needs to be researched and gotten back to. Most tickets get an email response back to the sender from the HelpDesk, even if it's along the lines of "I'm not sure, I'm looking into it and will get back to you with an answer."

Each question is read and, if possible,

answered right then and there. There's usually a two to three day turnaround on questions. Sometimes it takes longer because we have to dig up the requested information. Sometimes it's very quick. Questions come to the general queue, which need to be referred to a specific queue, like ShOC. Those get evaluated, and shunted to the proper queue where the folks who take care of the ShOC queue are notified that a new ticket has come in.

We're not immune from spam at the HelpDesk. (Spam in this instance referring to unsolicited or advertising email as opposed to the luncheon meat.) We've had visits from Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, been asked to do the Nigerian money laundering scam and gotten enough viruses to keep our physician happy. Some of the questions we get are poignant, like the husband whose wife was sad that her old vehicle with its

HELPDESK@SFI.ORG

By Fleet Captain Joan E. Pierce • HelpDesk Director

lovely "StarFleet Academy" bumper sticker was being replaced. He wanted to find her a new bumper sticker. (Nothing says love like a StarFleet Academy bumper sticker!)

Things that help us help you

When you send in a ticket to the HelpDesk, please remember to include the following:

- Your name as we'd find it in the database.
- Your SCC number, if you have one
- Clear statement of the question/problem. If you're missing a CQ we need to know which one.
- Specifically what we can help you with and how we can get back in touch with you.

You will have noted that most of this discussion has taken place around an electronic format. If you are not online (and we really do realize that not everyone is), you can postal mail your

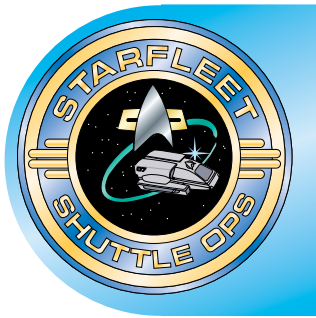
query to:

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

He has offered to key in the information so we can generate a ticket, get the required information and then get it back to you. Please include a SASE.

If you have a question about the HelpDesk, please feel free to email me at helpdeskadmin@sfi.org. We really want to get your problem resolved as quickly and painlessly as possible. And ...Thanks for using the HelpDesk!

(In case you're wondering, I did find several sources for the gentleman looking for the StarFleet Academy bumper sticker and I hope his wife is driving around with it on her bumper proudly. Even if they aren't members of STARFLEET, and not everyone is who sends an email to the HelpDesk, it's good PR for us, and heck, it made me feel good that I could find the info for him!)



THE SHUTTLEBAY

ADMIRAL CHRIS "TIGGER" WALLACE

CHIEF OF SHUTTLE OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

From Alex Rosenzweig:

Greetings all! Well, they say life is what happens when one is making other plans, and this is without a doubt true. It's so true, in fact, that I'm writing a column now that I didn't expect to be writing for another 6 months. But here we are.

Transitions

Let me share with you all what happened. As some of you know, a couple of months ago, FCAPT J.C. Cohen tendered his resignation as Regional Coordinator of Region 7, where I live. In the wake of that, I was approached by a number of persons, asking if I'd run for the position. After some thought, I chose to do so, and I won, too. So, after a period of almost eight years, I shall return to the role of Regional Coordinator, Region 7.

However, what that means is that I must stand down as Chief of Shuttle Operations, STARFLEET. Not only would it be a bit nuts to try to do both roles, but it's against the rules. The rules are pretty wise in this case, because doing both of these jobs would be just far too much work, and wouldn't be fair to the members who look to the leaders who fill each position. So, by the time you read this, I'll have stepped out of the top spot in Shuttle Operations, and ADM Chris Wallace will step in for the remainder of Les' term. I'll be staying on as DTS Director, and will be around to help out, but in the meantime, command of the 7th Fleet awaits.

For one more time, though, let's take a look at the latest shuttle we've launched since last issue's column. Please join me in welcoming this shuttle to the ranks:

Shuttlecraft Nemesis

Region 1 - Barberton, Ohio
Ruth Green, Commanding

We also added a returning STARFLEET chapter to the Existing Fan Club Program!

U.S.S. Rutledge

Region 1 - South Carolina
Mandi Livingston, Commanding

Welcome to the Shuttlecraft and EFCP Programs, folks!

The following groups have completed the Shuttlecraft Program and been sent on to Ops for commissioning:

Shuttlecraft Avalon

Region 15 - Standish, Maine
Seth Andrews-Isquith, Commanding

Shuttlecraft Magellan

Region 14 - Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec.
Manon Lessard-Belanger, Commanding

Shuttlecraft Sol's Fury

Region 17 - Colorado Springs, CO.
Charles Menter, Commanding

So Long, and Thanks for All the...

I try to do this most issues, and this time will be a little special, as it's the last time I'll be saying this for a while... As I step off center stage for ShOC, I want to make sure you all know what a fabulous staff ShOC has. None of what we accomplished could possibly have been done without the dedication and involvement and enthusiasm brought to the table by the fine officers that the fates blessed me with as Chief of Shuttlecraft Operations. I was honored to serve with them, and remain proud to call them both colleagues and friends.

I talked about VADM Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons last issue, so I shan't go through the whole thing again. I will, once more, say, "Thanks, Gumby." He was an outstanding Senior Vice Chief, and ShOC would have been far poorer without him. At least he and I will be working together on the Admiralty Board. We were chuckling a few weeks back, noting that if anyone had told us that, before Les' term was even up, **both** of us would be leaving high-powered posts in ShOC to become Regional Coordinators, we'd have laughed at that person. And here we are. Go figure!

To COMM Jerry Tien, I say thanks for stepping up to the plate to succeed Gumby as Senior Vice Chief. I'm only sorry we didn't get the time to work together longer in these roles. But we'll still be working together in other ways, and I look forward to that.

FCAPT Biff Bassett is not one for self-promotion. "Hey, look at me!" isn't his style. But he's been there, all the time, quietly working in the background. His work on ShOC's website has been awesome, and I have to thank him for his reliability, his steadiness, and the great work he did. Thanks, Biff!

BGNs Jill and Dennis Rayburn, our two successive Directors of the Existing Fan Club Program. There are few in this Fleet who know the topic better of how to bring outside groups into STARFLEET as active chapters than do Dennis and Jill, and they put heart and soul into it. A number of groups have successfully joined—or rejoined—STARFLEET because of their efforts. Thank you, Jill and Dennis and the fine officers on your staff, Ray Brown and

Joe Hoolihan.

ADM Chris Wallace and FCAPT John Burt, my staffers in the Department of Technical Services, continue to do yeoman service as ASDB Director and Schematic Artist. Last issue, I introduced you to John's schematics for the Osiris-class command cruiser. Currently, he and I are adapting a design we found on the web to become the Andernach-class battlecruiser, and we'll have an announcement once the schematics for that one are ready. Chris' technical guidebooks, available at www.ASDB.net, are chock full of great info, and I encourage you all to check them out if you can. I'm very glad I'll still be working directly with these gentlemen in DTS.

As our CompOps Liaison, COMM Sandy Berenberg has been invaluable in getting information that I needed to ensure that our chapters-in-training were well-taken care of. Sandy would often have answers within minutes of my asking him the questions, and his work has been outstanding. When he became Director of Membership Processing, Sandy's work with ShOC dropped-off somewhat, but he has always been ready to help when asked, and has been a team player of the first order all the way through. Sandy, my thanks.

Finally, our Graphic Designer, LCDR Lauren Milan, is one of those folks who's a true artist, and very good at what she does. The current department logo for Shuttle Operations is one of her designs, and she just completed the new Existing Fan Club Program logo, too. You all see her final designs, but what you often don't see is the creative and developmental process behind them, and the professional approach Lauren takes to her work. She is a credit to ShOC, and to the other staffs in which she serves. Thanks, Lauren, for all your hard work.

And that's it! My friends, it has been a wonderful year and a five months serving as Chief of Shuttle Operations, and I will always be grateful for the faith Les had in offering me the post, and for the wonderful experiences with so very many people around the 'Fleet. And now, the time has come for me to step off center-stage, and present to you all the next Chief of Shuttlecraft Operations, ADM Chris Wallace! Good luck, Chris, and all the best...

Ad Astra!

FROM THE NEW SHOC CHIEF

Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace

Chief of Shuttle Operations

Command, STARFLEET

Greetings! With Admiral Rosenzweig's election as Region 7 Coordinator, and with the advice and consent of the EC and ShOC staff, I have been appointed the Director of Shuttle Operations Command.

Being baseball season, I shall use the following analogy - the face in the Front Office may have changed, but the team on the field is still leading the series. The entire ShOC staff remains in their current positions and no major policy changes shall be forthcoming under my Directorship. My goals for the next six months are to complete the programs started by Admirals Rosenzweig and Simmons, as well as to prepare the Department for a clean and trouble-free handover to the next Administration.

Admiral Rosenzweig is in the process of sending me the files for the current Shuttles and EFCP chapters in the program and we will be updating the ShOC web page (<http://www.pcisys.net/~biff/>) and the email aliases should be moving over shortly. You can also always email me directly at tigger1@nwlinc.com.

Last issue, Admiral Rosenzweig commented on changing our name from "Shuttle Operations Command" to "Shakedown Operations Command." I am pleased to note that I have presented to the Admiralty Board an amendment to the Constitution to reflect this name change. As a refresher, instead of vessels launching as "shuttles" with a registry of NCC-(mothership)/(shuttle number), they would now launch as "shakedown chapters" with their registry as NX-(number). Though these vessels will be chapters, they would still be under the same nine to twelve month program as is currently employed for shuttles and they would have the same restrictions placed on them (unable to nominate for CS elections, etc.).

If approved, I have asked the AB to amend the Constitution directly under the procedure outlined in Article 10, Section 3. If sufficient votes to do this are not forthcoming, it will be presented to the membership along with two previous Amendments approved by them for the ballot. It will also mean we need to update the manuals and redefine some of the procedures, but we have the staff and the talent on hand to make it work.



COMPUTER OPERATIONS

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

PayPal and people and packets, oh my!
One of the highlights of my “travelogue” in last issue’s column, under the heading “That time of year again?” was the Region 1 Summit in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Not surprisingly, I had a great time amidst a wonderful group of people. First Toddler Zachary Rickard has grown tremendously since I saw him in December, and most of the other folks I saw looked pretty much the same as last year — though after seeing Wade Olson’s news video, in which he’s wearing a different wardrobe every thirty seconds, I’ll never think of my local evening newscast the same way again!

My thanks and congratulations to the many people involved in organizing the Summit, including Linda Oakley, Ben Redding, Robin Pillow, Susan Fugate, Mary Kane, Greg Franklin, and no doubt a dozen other people who helped make it a smooth weekend.

I only wish I could also have gotten to the R2, R3, and R12 Summits that I’ve already

missed, but scheduling and finances didn’t allow. My goal is still to get to every Region’s annual summit or conference eventually, but it may take a while!

The Fleet Travel Season continues, and before long I’ll be off camping with Fleet folks, then heading to Maryland for Shore Leave, out to California for IC, then before long, gathering in Ithaca for Watkins Glen Weekend — the list is endless! As my friend Dave Klingman reminded me when I sat down to write this column, STARFLEET is all about the people. Getting to spend time with them is the best part of this organization, and I’m glad I figured that out early on.

Speaking of the R1 Summit...

The podium at the summit hotel in Pigeon Forge made a splendid setting for our announcement that STARFLEET has begun using PayPal for online credit card transactions. That day, we rolled out the “membership renewal express lane,” for quickly submitting online renewals

via PayPal for those with individual memberships in the United States. Foreign and family memberships will soon follow.

If you’d like to renew your \$15 individual U.S. membership online, hop on over to the Express Lane and give it a try.

<http://join.sfi.org/expresslane.html>

PayPal is free for the member to use, and very easy to set up. U.S. members may pay using a wide variety of credit cards, debit cards, and even bank checking accounts. International members won’t be able to use their checking accounts, but gain the option to use a wider variety of credit cards via PayPal than we’ve had available previously: Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and now American Express.

Tammy Willcox and her daughter Jessica have devoted an enormous amount of time to processing credit card transactions manually when folks have used the online application, and I’m pleased that moving the process to PayPal is easing their

workload.

Not only does this save time, it also offers instant feedback to the member and to Membership Processing that the payment was successful, and saves money vs. the previous transaction processor.

What about the packets?

At the other end of the process, members are now receiving a greatly improved membership packet from Membership Processing. Sandy Berenberg and his staff on the M.P. Corps deserve a round of applause for their work in improving the product and the process — which has generated lots of praise via e-mail and phone call, and in person.

If you’ve got some praise to share (or, for that matter, a criticism or complaint, though I hope those will continue to be less frequent than the praise), by all means drop me a note at CompOps@sfi.org or my postal address in the back of this issue.

Meanwhile, I’ll now encourage you to go read Sandy’s article describing the new and improved packet materials, if you haven’t already!

Still here?

Go. I’m done. Read what Sandy has to say now.

It’s been another two months and Membership Processing has been honing its skills and improving both services and materials for the membership. Through all of this, I must thank my team, Gerry/Robyn Sylvester, Angel Nehl, Ed DeRugiero and Rick Driver, and their boss, Chief of the MP Corps, Gerri Wampler, for none of this could be accomplished by a single person.

Over the past eight months, the following has been accomplished by the MP Corps with Membership Processing. Membership sat at around 3600 in September and now lingers around 4200 today.

Membership Turn Around Time.

From day one of taking this job, I knew that the members were concerned about how fast and efficiently their memberships were being processed. To that end the Membership Processing Corps endeavored improve the process to reduce turn around time while also reducing errors and lost memberships.

We have succeeded in reducing overall turn around from the time we receive a membership to the time we send it out to under two weeks. This creates a general turn around of two to four weeks. While Membership Processing promises six to eight weeks, we endeavor to keep a faster turn around.

If you do not receive your renewal

MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING UPDATE

By Brigadier Sanford Berenberg • STARFLEET Membership Processing

The 25 lb Chocolate Aspirin Challenge: Current Standings

April 2002			May 2002			Total		
Place	Region	Points	Place	Region	Points	Place	Region	Points
1st	7	30	1st	1	32	1st	4	78
2nd	2	28	2nd	4	28	2nd	2	72
3rd	3	25	3rd	17	25	3rd	1	69
4th	20	25	4th	13	23	4th	20	67
5th	12	24	5th	5	21	5th	5	66
6th	14	24	6th	15	19	6th	3	59
7th	4	23	7th	2	16	7th	7	59
8th	5	20	8th	6	16	8th	14	57
9th	1	14	9th	9	16	9th	17	48
10th	17	14	10th	20	16	10th	12	45
11th	11	13	11th	11	12	11th	11	42
12th	10	12	12th	12	12	12th	15	41
13th	15	7	13th	3	11	13th	6	33
14th	13	6	14th	10	9	14th	13	31
15th	6	5	15th	14	9	15th	9	27
16th	9	2	16th	7	7	16th	10	27

In April, Region 7 was in first place, and in May, Region 1 showed its might with Robin Pillow at the helm. The totals are combined points, and as you can see, Region 4 holds a serious lead, with Region 2, 1, 20 and 5 lurking close by. Keep up the good work!

or membership materials within four weeks, you can wait the full eight or send an email to the STARFLEET HelpDesk (helpdesk@sfi.org) or send a letter to membership processing for an update.

Continued improvements.

While Membership Operations are relatively smooth and efficient, we understand that the database we are using is getting on in years. Designed by Jesse Smith back in 1996, it has served Fleet faithfully for 6 years, beyond the designer’s expectations. For the last year, the Computer Operations staff has researched, planned and now is building a new database. As a side note, while Jesse may not admit this is his best work, it is a great tool, and has served fleet well and beyond all expectations.

The new database is due for release and use in STARFLEET before the end of this year. All areas of STARFLEET have been consulted and their ideas included in the designs. The database that is being built is going to be a living database, in that it will be improved and effectively grow over time.

Its basic design revolves around SQL and PHP and runs on Linux servers. The code can be improved and modified by those proficient in such languages, and SFI is chock full of them (although the person building ours, is far and beyond the best designer I have ever met). More on the database as it nears completion.



EX ASTRA, SCIENTIA

ADMIRAL MARLENE MILLER

COMMANDANT, STARFLEET ACADEMY

Starfleet Academy Alumni Association

Hey! All you old-timers who have been in Starfleet since Hector was a pup! Do you remember in early 1986 when Chris Lotito was Commandant of Starfleet Academy and we had the Starfleet Academy Alumni Association which was created by me? Well, as Yogi Berra would say... it's déjà vu all over again! As of April Fool's Day 2002, it's BAAAAACK!

The Starfleet Academy Alumni Association (SFA-AA) is being resurrected by former Vice-Commander, Starfleet... former CO of the USS Renegade.... former Academy PGS Director, and Numeral Uno Sister-O-Mine, Admiral Anita Davis.

Here, in Anita's own words, is her announcement:

Hi everyone. As Marlene wrote, I'm getting the opportunity to bring the Alumni Association back. I'll try to do a good job. I'm a returning dinosaur to the Academy. It was way back in the 90's when I was last actively involved with the Academy, and it was even farther back when I took my first course.

I thought the Academy courses were absolutely the greatest feature of STARFLEET. Hands down, my opinion of it is unchanged. As STARFLEET has gone through its ups and down, the Academy has always stood tall and tough. No brag, just fact! While membership contracts went unfulfilled, due to financial abuses that almost sank the organization a number of times, the Academy Directors past and present, did their jobs.

STARFLEET Academy is a tradition, and it's nearly as old as Starfleet itself. The Academy was established back in late 1975-early 76. I'm using the history written by former Vice Commander of Starfleet Chris Smith. Chris used letters, newsletters and interviews with members to develop the timeframe for the Academy.

The purpose of the Alumni Association is to help continue and promote the traditions that our Directors and you, the students worked to create.

And now the basics. The Alumni Association will cost 6 whole bucks annually. For that you get a newsletter, (supposed to be bi-monthly), an AA card, a bookmark or two and what I hope you'll think is a neat certificate of membership. [Mar's note... they ARE neat. I have mine.]

Now about the newsletter. Boy did Marlene and I go back and forth with that one. I'd like to tell you here, but it will make this post

even longer. Well okay, you twisted my arm. I asked Marlene what she wanted to see in the newsletter. She wanted to see page after page of [censored] [censored] [censored]. I wanted to keep it dignified, refined, full of scholarly articles and thought provoking photos. [Mar's note: yeah, yeah, yeah... and if you believe that, I have some ocean-front property in New Mexico to sell.] For a while we were like gunfighters facing off at noon. There was gonna be blood, green blood, Vulcan blood. That didn't happen because Rambo stepped in between us. Rambo is Marlene's Mom.

She smacked us around a couple of times as we snarled at each other in the kitchen until we reached a compromise. KICK-[bleep] KADETS of the FIFTH DIVISION was out as a newsletter name. When I proposed that name Marlene gave me her 'snapping turtle' look. So named because once she gave that look to her brother and when he didn't heed it, she tried to bite off his finger. Well, I like my fingers, all 12 of them.

"My hope is that each issue of the newsletter is to profile at least one of the directors and one of your students. (WARNING TO DIRECTORS: I'll be begging and badgering all of you, so be nice to me.) There will be a teeny weenie space set aside for the Commandant if she wants to make use of it, and there will be room aplenty for contributions from any Director or Alumni member.

The Alumni Association is here to serve you!

STARFLEET ACADEMY ... NO OTHER COMES CLOSE "

And so speaketh Anita. What she failed to mention is where to send your six Bucks:

**Anita Davis
469 Mistletree Ave
Youngstown, Ohio 44511**

New College: College Of Religious History

On another note... I've added yet another College to the Academy curriculum. The College of Religious History has come aboard with Commodore Bill Herrmann at the helm.

Here's Bill's introductory announcement in his own words...

I established the Starfleet Academy- College of Religious History not to promote any particular Religion but to discuss and educate as to the impact for good of all of Religion itself in human history and in the Star Trek

Universe.

I will be providing Courses on the Cardassian Religion, the Bajoran Religion, the Klingon Religion, the Terran Religions, the Vulcan Religion, and many others, including the Religions of the Star Wars Universe and the Babylon 5 Universe.

All you Jedi's & Minbari will not be forgotten by the CRH.

I will post an occasional brief message on the STARFLEET List or in the CQ detailing the release of a new course.

Of course the SFA website will include contact information.

I invite any and all interested to send me their own essay's on whatever religious topic they would want to be added to the course lists. I will then take the essay submitted, grant credit to the essay author, and put together a course based on the essay. Any and all will be considered and added to the course lists.

Each course will cost three SFA Vouchers.

Course submissions are without cost. I know there are many "Guest Lecturers" out there in STARFLEET. Are YOU one of them ?

Anyone in Fleet who may be unable to afford the course they wish need but email or write me and I will happily provide the course desired free-of-charge. You heard me correct: free-of-charge.

So speaketh Bill. Bill can be reached online at: **OpEagle@Bellsouth.Net** or via land at:

**Bill Herrmann
9908 Berrywood Drive,
Ladson, SC 29456 USA**

OCC Online

Another feature has been added to the STARFLEET Academy Online Course list. Starfleet Officer's Command College is now available via the Academy website. Thanks to Greg Staylor, STARFLEET members can access the Online OCC to help speed up the registration process. You'll need to have an Online Voucher for tuition. The Vouchers are available by following the link to PayPal.

New Vulcan Academy Of Science Director

As you've probably read in a previous Communiqué, I've decided to step down as Director of the Vulcan Academy of

Science, a position I've held since January of 1989. I asked for applications from those who are interested in taking over. Of the 12 applications I received, several stick out in my mind. I only wish I could have all of you as Academy Directors, but at this time, there aren't any openings.

So, without further ado, the new Director of Starfleet Academy's Vulcan Academy of Science is Lt(jg) Gloria Hanson. Yes, Gloria is currently the Director of the Canadian OTS, however, because she'll be moving back to Vermont she'll be stepping down as OTS-Canada Director. We'll be looking for a new Director to take that position. So if you're from Canada - let me hear from you!

At press time, Gloria and I are still working on details of exactly when the transfer will happen and which address she'll use as the VAS address. If you have Internet access, please check the Academy website which will have details as soon as they're a "go."

International Campuses Need Directors

Once again, the Academy is always looking for International STARFLEET members who want to conduct a course (or two) at either the Australian, Canadian, or European Campuses. If you're interested, please contact me and I'll forward your information to the proper International Campus Dean. My contact information is on the "Directory" page found at the end of the CQ.

Translators Needed

Speaking of International members... I'm also always on the lookout for people who are willing to translate OTS and OCC into languages besides English, French and Dutch. If you're willing to help, please contact me. You'll be doing a great service to STARFLEET and your fellow members.

Packets Processed

STARFLEET Academy Directors have processed 236 Graduates in the eight weeks between the last report period, March 26, 2002 through May 25, 2002. I applaud the work expended by both the Director and the Student. Without you, it can't happen.

Once again, I'd like to say 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.

Graduate List

And last but not least, as always, the most current list of Academy graduates is published within these pages. Are you listed?

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



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 February 4, 2002 through March 25, 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*

Glenn Harrison	Thomas J. Brown	James B. Fitzgerald
Tony Hensley	Shawon Gregory	William Keebaugh
Will Robertson	R. Roger Bedford	Charles Kortsep
Brian Blank	Rebecca Ostman	Susan Barnes
Jeannie Blevins	Jared K. Fielder	Christopher Scott
Jules Mirza	Rene Garrido	Janet Sullivan
Bart Stavisky	Jeff Gilles	Jonathon Tullis
Max Kirkland *	Sandro Boscaro	Teresa A. Heald
Melinda Ashcraft *	James Garner	
Adrian Martinez	Dean Brown II	
Bonnie Yates-Reutell	Carrie Marsh	
Rhonda K. Day	Jennifer L. Stults	
Kenneth J. Skutnick	Sarah Bolick	
Kevin Webster	Kevin D. Lawhorn	

Officer's Command College (OCC)

*Marlene J. Miller, Alan Yates, Jeroen Vantroyen,
David Blaser - Directors*

Adam Bernay *	Jeannie Blevins *
Larry K. Morris	Susan Fugate *
Shawn Gregory	Russell D. Ruhland
Haukur Gudmundsson	Tracy Lilly *
David Mullins *	Jeff Gillies
James A. Smith *	Susan Webster
Charlie Hess	Rob Stewart *
Judy Waidlich	Jared K. Fielder
Steve Mirick *	Barbara Slater *
Mike Hoff *	Shawn Levesque
David J. Reed *	Scott Schaller
Robert A. Torres	Cathey Osborne *
Raban Kilgore	Christopher O'Banion
Deborah Malotte *	

Flag Officers School (FOS)

Helen Pawlowski and Alan Yates - Directors

Kenneth Volk
Larry French
Kaith Rush *
Alice C. Strange (2)**
Gloria Hanson (2)**
Barbara Buffington*
James J. Cecil*
Bart Stavisky*
Kevin King*

INSTITUTE OF ARTS

*Sherry Anne Newell,
Dean*

School of Language Studies (SOLS) School of Music (SOM)

Sherry Ann Newell, Director

Kitara Pramela

School of Romance (SOR)

Sherry Ann Newell

Eddie Milbrandt*
Cathy Edgington (2)

College of Treknology (COT)

Alice Strange, Director

Todd F. Brugmans (5)****
Kitara Pramela (2)

Culinary School (BURPS)

William Skinner and Kevin King, Directors

Todd F. Brugmans (3)

College of Temporal Physics (COTP)

Mike Dethlefs, Director

George Parker (2)**	Cathy Edgington (3)***
Robin Smith (2)**	Raye Harper*

College of Federation Studies (COFS)

Anne F. Bellenger

Kitara Pramela (5)**	Arthur Scheffield(6)****
Jennifer L. Stultz*	Linda J. Leonardy*

College of Mythological Studies

Wayne L. Killough, Jr., Director

Todd Brugmans (4)** Kurt Roithinger (3)***
Kitara Pramela

The Gorn Academy (TGA)

Carolyn Donner, Director

Kitara Pramela (4) Aileen Logan
Scott Akers

School of Cultural Anthropology

Sherry Anne Newell, Director

Kitara Pramela (2)
Cathy Edgington

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

*Sharon Ann Clark,
Dean*

Vulcan Academy of Science (VAS)

Marlene J. Miller, Director

Eddie Milbrandt, Jr. (2)*	Rhonda Day*
Bonnie Yates-Reutell (2)*	Robin Smith*
Robin Smith*	Bonnie Yates-Reutell (2)*
Cathy Edgington*	Eddie Milbrandt, Jr (2)*
Denise Clark*	

SFI Officer's Radio School (SORS)

Charles "Bud" Cullum, Director

Kitara Pramela *

Ship Counselor College

Helen Pawlowski, Director

Kitara Pramela	Marshall Peterson
John Bryant*	John Tuttle*
Cathy Edgington	Russell Ruhland*
Carrie Marsh (5)****	
Debbie Artrip	

College of Engineering (COE)

Brian W. Dougherty, Director

David Lee Kania

College of Medicine (SACOM)

Wayne Killough, Director

John W. Bryant (4)	R. Roger Bedford (4)**
Robert Lane Kech	Anne Miller (5)***
Sharon Russell (2)	Kitara Pramela
Cathy Lynn Edgington	Paula J. Kesler
Lori Straley (2)*	Rhonda K. Day

College of Alien History & Culture (CAHC)

David Peifer, Director

Glenn Martin (2)**

INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES

Greg Staylor, Dean

Security School

Gregory Staylor, Director

Margaret Grunwell (2)**	Dean Brown
Kitara Pramela*	S. Adam Day*
Craig Schuster*	Daniel Spence*
David Mullins (2)**	William Fox*
Michael Boatright*	Scott Akers*
Wade Wantoch*	Robin Smith (3)***
Tracy Lilly (4)****	Laura Sprouse*
R. Roger Bedford (3)***	Steven Boweres*
Joe Martin (3)**	Dave Cerame*
Arthur Sheffield *	

College of Starship Operations

James W. Lee, Director

Michael Boatwight	Marshall C. Peterson
Joseph Gallagher	Ewan Chalmers
Scott Akers (2)	Robin Smith
Glenn Martin	Michael G. Boatright

College of Survival Studies (COSS)

Carol Thompson, Director

Darren Carter
Scott Akers *

Klingon Warrior Academy (KWA)

Deb Kern, Director

Robert Deschenes*	Rebecca Self*
Marcie Anderson (3)***	Cindi Prindle*
Marshall Peterson	

School of Strategy & Tactics (SOST)

John Roberts & Joost Ueffing, Directors

Rob Deschenes	Marie Anderson (4)
Kitara Pramela (3)	Robin Smith*

Vessel Readiness Certification Program

USS Malverne - 6 Departments



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Major 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 07 Election

The Nomination Phase of the Election Process was begun on 01 April 2002, with an end date of 15 May 2002. As of this date I received 14 nominations, with 3 disqualified, as the nominated party did not confirm their intent. As May 15, 2002, was the last day to receive nominations, the Nomination Phase of the Election Process for Regional Coordinator was officially closed. The tally for the nominations are as follows:

Alex Rosenzweig - 9 (82%)
Gary Ensey - 2 (18%)

As per the ROE (Rules of Election), to be declared the winner of the Nomination Phase, a nominee must receive 50% +1 of the returned nominations. With 11 active nominations received/returned, that gives us a numeric value of $\sim 5.5 +1 = 6.5$ or 7. As shown above, Alex Rosenzweig received 9 nominations. Had the other 3 nominations been included, that would have been a $7+1=8$ for the 50%+1 rule. Alex still would have received enough.

In addition, the rules and regulations of STARFLEET require a Regional Coordinator to be residents of the geographic area they represent, at least 21 years of age and a member in good standing of STARFLEET. Per

Rear Admiral Mark H. Anbinder, Chief of Computer Operations, STARFLEET; I have confirmed that Alex Rosenzweig lives in North Brunswick, NJ, is 36 years of age (DOB 20 June 1965) and is a member in good standing of STARFLEET assigned to USS AVENGER, holding the rank of Admiral.

Admiral Rosenzweig has also confirmed his intention to accept the nominations and to serve as Regional Coordinator.

Therefore, per the rules and regulations of STARFLEET, and by the authority vested in me as Inspector General, STARFLEET, it is my duty and privilege to declare Admiral Alex Rosenzweig the winner of the nomination phase and therefore the Election for Regional Coordinator of Region 7.

Congratulations, Regional Coordinator Rosenzweig.

"May God have mercy on our souls."

Other Issues

The revised Inspector General's Operations Manual was submitted to the EC for their review and approval.

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.

IG Personnel

Here is a current list of personnel.

Lee Shamblin

Deputy Inspector General
dig@sfi.org

Mandi Livingston

Assistant Inspector General, R1
aig01@sfi.org

Danny Potts

Assistant Inspector General, R2
aig02@sfi.org

Jess Neumann

Assistant Inspector General, R3

aig03@sfi.org

Ramon Macias

Assistant Inspector General, R4
aig04@sfi.org

Kurt Roithinger

Assistant Inspector General, R5
aig05@sfi.org

Ben Johnson

Assistant Inspector General, R6
aig06@sfi.org

Don Burke

Assistant Inspector General, R7
aig07@sfi.org

Ray Brown

Assistant Inspector General, R12
aig12@sfi.org

Richard Kinne

Assistant Inspector General, SFMC
aigsfmc@sfi.org

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

Your most humble & obedient servant.

In Service to the Fleet,

Pursuant to Article 8, Section 6, the Nomination Phase will begin on 01 June 2002. Nominations will be accepted for a period of forty-five days from this date (ending 15 July 2002).

Pursuant to Article 8, Section 4, nominations of candidates for President are to be submitted to the Election Coordinator by Chapter (but not Chapter-in-Training) COs or Regional Coordinators.

All nominations must be signed and dated, and no person shall submit more than one in each election. This letter should include:

- the name of the nominating CO/RCs chapter,
- the nominating CO/RC's name and

SCC number,

- the contact address of the nominating CO/RC,
- the name of the candidate for President (Commander, STARFLEET) they are nominating.
- the nominating CO/RC's signature and date.

Only hardcopy nomination letters will be accepted. NO emails or faxes will be accepted.

Nomination letters for Commander, STARFLEET should be mailed to:

SFI ELECTION: NOMINATION PHASE

By MGen. Robb Jackson • Inspector General, STARFLEET

Robb Jackson

354 Lexington St.
Watertown, MA 02472

As we move towards the Election for Commander, STARFLEET (President), there are several things YOU as a member of this organization can do to insure your vote is counted.

DO's: MEMBER

- Make sure your address is correct as listed in the SFI Membership Database. If you have changed recently, make sure your CO knows AND makes the update.

- If your renewal is coming up near or before September 1st, then make sure your membership is renewed on or before July 1st, or you might not get a ballot.

DO's: COMMANDING OFFICERS

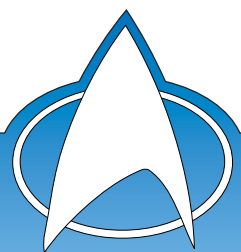
- Make sure your membership is up to date and correct in the database. Make sure that those not net-connected are informed of this important information.

DO's: REGIONAL COORDINATORS

- Make sure your COs are up to date with their membership information. Please continue to update any Regional newsletters, discussion groups or lists.

DON'T's

Assume, hesitate, forget, procrastinate or ignore the above. If you have questions, ASK!



STARFLEET PROMOTIONS

COMPILED BY MARINE CAPTAIN DEBORAH MALOTTE

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

To Fleet Captain/ Brigadier

Steven Rosbury
Judy Durall
Douglas A. Leopard



To Commodore/ Brigadier General:

Nancy Diane Lynch
David Klingman
Gary Ensey
Ed Tunis
Michael Klufas
Mike Wilkerson
Rick Giles
Dennis Rayburn



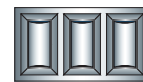
To Rear Admiral/ Major General:

Carl Johnson
Michael Wilson
Victor Swindell
Robin Pillow
Jill Rayburn



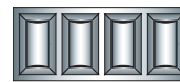
To Vice Admiral/ Lieutenant General:

Susan Bolick



To Admiral/ General:

Scott A. Akers



Greetings gentle beings, the summer has begun and we are now have at least two summits behind us. After three weeks of no Internet I feel so lost and out of touch so I am catching up with all that has past.

I am happy to report that I can now officially recognize my Assistant / Vice-Morale Officer Fleet Captain Rebecca Self of the USS Spiritwalker

and may the gods have mercy on her soul.

We will be working with a group of volunteers to confirm contact

STARFLEET SAYS HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

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James Whatley "Jimmy"
176 County Road 606
Hanceville AL 35077

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Yahoo: lwiz3
ICQ: 61957101

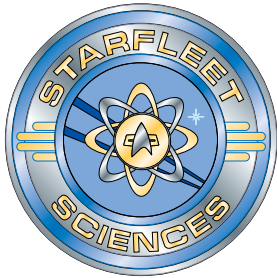
Email: jwhatle2@bellsouth.net

JULY BIRTHDAYS

07/1 Robert E. Vosseller	07/13 David Ranner	07/23 Erik Burnett
07/1 Ron Fell	07/14 David Boston	07/24 Michelle Johnson
07/3 Chris Ings	07/15 Jay Mooney	07/25 Dan Friesen
07/4 Linda Kloempkin	07/16 John Mussellman	07/26 Mike Brookshire
07/4 Randy Lynch	07/18 James Winsley	07/26 Jason Sadeghi
07/6 Corey Whatley	07/18 Greg Kan	07/27 Jon. Simmons
07/7 Bill A. (Mac) Schwab	07/18 Martha Kirkland	07/27 David Badger
07/7 Susan Guignard	07/18 Mary R. Limardo	07/28 Jules Mirza
07/7 Reagan Moore	07/19 Paul S. Reed	07/29 Curt D. Vinson
07/8 Paul M Greene	07/19 Robert Puersten	07/29 Jennifer Hess
07/8 James Muench	07/19 Becky Meeker	07/29 David Mengel
07/10 Nancy Lee Gillis	07/20 Michael Henigan	07/30 William Joe Griffin
07/11 Carrie Henderson	07/20 Rodney Magann	07/30 Marian Murphy
07/12 Michelle Warford	07/20 Eddie Allen III	07/30 Gary Hollifield
07/12 Rebecca Ostman	07/22 Karen Higdon	07/31 Lynn Evans
07/12 Elizabeth Weber	07/22 Kenneth Parker	07/31 Jack Lafreniere
07/12 Lyn Youngblood	07/23 Heidi King	07/31 Jay Long
07/13 Stephen Magann	07/23 Maria Sklar	07/31 Ranna Pense
07/13 Matthew Potts	07/23 E. Jerry Beaulieu	07/31 Chris Tinker

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

08/1 Jason Pelletier	08/14 Shandra Smith	08/20 Jennifer High
08/2 Michelle Holland	08/14 S. Goldbach	08/21 Scott Goldbach
08/2 Treavor Pense	08/15 Sandra Williams	08/21 Steph. Goldbach
08/4 Javier Garcia	08/15 A. Nunenkamp	08/22 Rose Dunham
08/4 Edy Sherrick	08/15 Jim Monroe	08/22 Barbara Durette
08/4 Jeremy Jackson	08/16 Colin Magann	08/22 Bethany Sherrick
08/7 Evan Richards	08/16 Kenneth Fitchhorn	08/22 Mike Finley
08/7 Cori Reichwaldt	08/16 Amy Sherrick	08/25 Janessa Hall
08/7 Laura Dugas	08/16 Henry Peden	08/25 Tony Hensley
08/8 Johnny Magann	08/16 Justin Cone	08/26 Hazel Gilbert
08/8 Michael Browne	08/17 Steve Gordon	08/27 Dakota Cook
08/9 Garrick Eppinger Jr	08/17 Debra Kern	08/27 Terry Dunham
08/10 Rich Gasperi	08/17 Michelle Magann	08/27 Mike Urvand
08/10 Becky Akins	08/18 Lee Shamblin	08/29 James Gibbs
08/11 Paul Stevens	08/18 Paul T. Payne	08/30 Paul Dyl
08/11 Emily Hanson	08/19 Patricia Davis	08/30 Jessica Stratton
08/12 Angie Gray	08/19 Neil Arnold	08/30 Kat S. Richards
08/13 Amy Eppinger	08/19 Richard White	08/31 Chris J. Rossman
08/13 John Nelson	08/20 Bill Rose	08/31 R. Bruce Tandy



STARFLEET SCIENCES REPORT

Fleet Captain Richard Heim • Fleet Division Program — Sciences

Artwork By Commodore David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five

In this issue's *STARFLEET Sciences* report, I'd like to discuss ways a chapter can explore the world of science. But first, here's a report on the status of *STARFLEET Sciences*.

The Starfleet Sciences web page is now online and has been extensively updated. Due to the fantastic efforts of FCapt. Dixie Halber and Comm. David James of the Office of Graphic Design, the page has some wonderful graphics, including a new STC science insignia! You can reach it at the following url:

<http://alaricrh.home.sprynet.com/science/starfleet-sciences.html>

The page has links to: real-science web pages worldwide; science lists; science museums, facilities, and other sites across the country which the public may attend; science experiments and educational tools; the Vulcan Academy of Science; the Science-Lab list; and STARFLEET RDC regional science contacts.

If you would like to help, three things that I would like to add to the web page are:

1. Links to away team reports by STARFLEET members who have visited science museums. I have started this by including Alaric away team reports, but I welcome any info (i.e., url's) on reports by other ships' away teams.
2. Science articles written by STARFLEET members. It would be helpful if you could send me the url's for the articles you've written so I can link to them.
3. A list of *Star Trek* fictional creations that have become science fact. By this I mean things like communicators (modern cell phones), hypospray (modern pneumatic needles), etc. For any of these, if you have something that isn't online but is in digital form (ASCII or Word or WordPerfect file), send that to me and I'll convert it to html and put it online.

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 latest Science FDC report appeared in the May 2002 issue of the *Carolina Communicator*, and you can get to it online at: <http://www.ussalaric.org/cc/cc0205.htm#FDCScience>

Paper copies of each issue are available by sending me a dollar's worth of postage stamps for each copy. I can be reached at:

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Region 2 Sciences has published the third issue of their bi-monthly newsletter, *Exploration*. Capt. Yawn will be happy to email a copy of the pdf file to anyone who contacts him, and any Science officer may submit an article to the newsletter. The Region 2 Sciences Department is conducting a science logo contest open to all Region 2 members. Deadline for receipt of submissions is September 30, 2002. For details, contact Capt. Yawn at the address above.

Capt. Downs is continuing science education in his region by submitting articles and reports to FleetChannels, the Region 3 newsletter. Two recent articles he prepared are "Unexpected Guests" and "Cyber Bad Guys Abound", both of which can be viewed at the Starfleet Sciences web page (<http://alaricrh.home.sprynet.com/science/member-articles.html>).

Alan Anderton, a Region 11 member in Australia, has posted several very interesting articles and science experiments to the Science-Lab list and Science-Lab Yahoo group web site. *Science by Email*, the source of his information, can be subscribed to by going to the Double Helix Science Club web site (<http://www.csiro.au/helix/>). Commodore Jeff Marlowe, Region 13 Finance Officer, provided information on the discovery of antimatter atoms.

Winners of the 2001 Region 1 Sciences awards were announced at the April 2002 Summit in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. FCapt. David Klingman (CSO, USS Hawkeye during 2001) and LtJg. Joe Lamantia (CSO, USS Jurassic)

won the Albert Einstein Award for Regular Article Submission.

In other Region 1 science news, the RDC is accepting applications for an Assistant RDC. If interested, contact me at the address above. The USS Hornet Chief Science Officer, Cmdr. James "Jamie" Delantonas, provided some very interesting science reports which were posted to the Science-Lab listserver, including the discovery of a dozen newly found stars all within 33 light-years of Earth -- next-door neighbors by cosmic measures.

At recent USS Tycho meetings, CSO Chief Petty Officer Adam Gorrell gave reports on a new Mars probe that is being designed, genetically enhanced pigs, and the basics of gravity. CSO VAdm. Willy Smith reported on a visit to a USS Heimdal meeting by guest speaker Pam Early. She was his area's NASA education representative until 1998.

Cmdr. Dee Okolotowicz (CSO of the Shuttle Francis Marion), whose main interests lie in the area of environmental and wildlife conservation, is in the process of creating a form report for Science Department members that will be put in the ship's Science Department web page area, and is working on an interactive Science Department Log.

The USS Alaric Science Department reported on the Catawba Science Center, located in Hickory, NC, and the Botanical Gardens at Asheville. Capt. Edith Padgett, Commanding Officer of the USS Charleston, reported on an away team to the South Carolina Aquarium on January 20. The Alaric and Charleston reports can be found at:

<http://www.ussalaric.org/cc/cc0203.htm#catawbascictr>

<http://www.ussalaric.org/cc/cc0205.htm#botangarden>

<http://www.ussalaric.org/cc/cc0203.htm#R1RDCSci>

Science Adventures Aboard A Starship

So now you have a science department and Chief Science Officer aboard your

starship. What do you do next? The most important thing, I feel, is to have fun and learn something!

If you scan the science activities of the STARFLEET chapters and regions that have reported to me (see above and my reports in earlier issues), you'll get a fairly good idea of what to do. You can bring science to your ship by inviting local area scientist-guest speakers to attend meetings, and by reporting on scientists and science topics at meetings and in the chapter newsletter.

If your ship has a thespian bent, organize a science skit. Conduct safe science experiments at meetings, as suggested by the excellent Double Helix Science Club (see above) and Amateur Science (<http://www.eskimo.com/~billb/amasci.html>) resources.

You can bring your ship to science by conducting away teams to science facilities and museums, archaeological sites, and geologic phenomena in your area, as well as holding stargazing parties. Some examples of famous sites include the geologic features of Yellowstone Park, the Arizona impact site at Meteor Crater, and America's Stonehenge in New Hampshire. A not so famous example is the American Indian pictographs on Judaculla Rock in western North Carolina. For the science museum nearest you, check out the links at:

<http://alaricrh.home.sprynet.com/science/science-places.html>

Science Outreach. If you have expertise aboard your ship, consider activities that will help educate your community about science. This is a great recruiting tool, as well! Aboard the Alaric, we have been asked by local library and church groups to prepare science displays and give slide presentations on astronomy, space exploration, and the weather.

A few years back, some central North Carolina STARFLEET and Klingon chapters jointly manned a booth, in costume, and conducted experiments at a community science fair. Additional ideas can be found at:

<http://alaricrh.home.sprynet.com/science/science-education.html>

In previous issues of the *STARFLEET Communique*, I presented a broad outline of the history of science and some of the important discoveries and turning points in its development. This month we'll explore the historical, cultural, and political ingredients necessary for the growth, indeed, survival, of scientific inquiry. The material in this section was originally published in the March 1998 *The Alaric Heim Page*.

Freedom - The Basic Ingredient

The fundamental basis for the inception and development of science is the free exchange of ideas. In his book, *The Demon-Haunted World: Science As a Candle in the Dark*, Carl Sagan pointed out that the values of science and the values of democracy are concordant, in many cases indistinguishable. Science's values are antithetical to secrecy.

Science and democracy began, in their civilized incarnation, in the same time and place: Greece in the seventh and sixth centuries B.C. As noted by Alexander Hellemans and Bryan Bunch in their 1988 book, *The Timetables of Science: A Chronology of the Most Important People and Events in the History of Science* (which is an EXCELLENT resource book, by the way!), the ancient Greeks

THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE

Fleet Captain Richard Heim • Fleet Division Chief of Science

had a decentralized economy whose city-states were largely controlled by upper-class citizens. It was this freedom of expression and thought which allowed, even encouraged, the Greek philosophers' desire to know and understand the universe. The Greeks were not inspired by religion or practical application; rather, their science was motivated simply by the desire to learn.

Other ingredients in the ancient Greek mix, which led to the development of science and rational thought, included:

1. They were open to outside ideas. When the Greeks colonized other countries, they brought back myths which caused them to question their own beliefs and myths.

2. The absence of a strongly organized priesthood or monolithic religious hierarchy. Babylonian and Egyptian science remained in the firm grip of priests, which stifled scientific inquiry. In Greece, science became a lay movement that was supported

by institutions such as the Academy, the Lyceum, and the Museum, which conducted scientific research similar to the way universities do today.

3. A unique outlook on life. The Greeks felt they were masters of their fate, as opposed to those who believed in the fatalism of Chaldean astrology.

4. Greek religion did not have a theory of creation, which opened the door for science to provide theories on the origins of phenomena.

At this point I should point out the difference between science and technology. Science is the gathering of knowledge. Technology is the application of that knowledge to solve a specific problem.

While science thrived in the ancient Greek world, technology did not. The ancient societies were based on slavery, so there was little incentive to develop technologies that would ease labor.

This probably explains why many early breakthroughs were ignored

in their own times -- the inventor and/or his society never grasped the importance of their inventions. Examples include the Baghdad electro-chemical battery, a Greek mechanical computer (used to calculate the motions of the sun, moon, and stars, both past & then-present), and the steam engine. All of these existed within a century or so of Christ, yet they went nowhere or were forgotten.

The History Channel, in their excellent "In Search Of History: Ancient Inventions" show, noted that the Greek engineer Heron could have combined his steam engine with his other inventions and created the steam locomotive, perhaps initiating the modern industrial age. He demonstrated the principle of the jet engine. I can imagine the leaders of his time saying: "Well, that's nice, but I have 500 slaves who can do the same amount of work, and because of my slaves I have a stronger vote in the Senate."

Of course, some inventions did take hold -- the mechanically-driven water pump, the Archimedean screw, aqueducts, the lever, etc. But the cultural mind set of the time prevented so much technology from developing.

It was the week of the Region 1 Summit and we were in full preparation mode. Jill was working on some things and I was at the computer, assisting her in getting some items printed off when the unthinkable happened, a late night power failure! After a quick phone call to the electric company to discover that this was a big one and it would be a while before power returned, I ventured outside for a few minutes.

I had been working on my message for the service that would occur Sunday morning at Summit and frankly, had not gotten very far (even preachers get writer's block sometimes) and now with the power failure, was a bit concerned about that and a lot of things when the surrounding scene outside hit me full force. Despite there being no artificial light of any kind, the area was lit with a dim light, from a full moon which gave everything a very soft look, unlike the glare of streetlights.

I then looked up at the stars as I often do when time permits. Without the interference of streetlights, the stars become amazingly clear and you get a lot better view than you do normally.

FROM THE STAINED GLASS OFFICE

Brigadier Dennis Rayburn • FDC — Chaplain/Counselors

I looked for a while, noting some constellations when I remembered the movie line, "Second start to right, and straight on till morning" and remember how the sailors of old guided their ships by the light of the stars. Then everything fell into place for that worship service, and ultimately for this *Communique's* column.

We all are on a journey together, even though we travel diverse paths and have diverse ideas. However, each of us has one thing in common, something to guide us on our way, like those sailors of old had a certain star that guided them. It can be a religious faith, a philosophy, or a concept, but there is always something there that guides.

In the 1970's, I, like a lot of folks watched the movie, *Brian's Song*, dealing with former Chicago Bears football players Gale Sayers and Brian Piccolo. When I discovered that Gale Sayers had a book out, I tracked it down, as I was curious

about his story, not to mention that the title, "I am Third" caught my attention. In that book, he shared his viewpoint on life that has stuck to me to this day because of its beauty, simplicity, and directness, which I would like to share with all of you.

"The Lord is first" -- Whatever your faith, philosophy, moral system, that is always the first thing in your life. It is the Guiding Light, the candle in the window, and the star at night that guides each of us. No matter what happens to one is real life, in this club, or anywhere, your faith and moral system must be the guide in your behavior and life.

"My Friends are Second" -- this covers family, friends, those we work with, our neighbors. One should always be available to assist those around him or her. The songwriter wrote, "Reach out and touch somebody's hand. Make this world a better place if you can." This should be the goal of each of us.

"I am Third" -- Our own status should always be secondary to the needs of our friends. It doesn't matter what the situation real world, or Fandom. It is truly said that the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few, or the one. The needs of our friends outweigh our own ambitions, desires for glory, etc.

Many times one feels that they are accomplishing nothing and that they don't matter, but then they realize that they have made a difference. Iris Dement wrote these words to a song that expresses it so well:

"My life, it don't count for nothin'
When I look at this world, I feel so small
My life is only a season
A passing September that no one will recall

" But I gave joy to my mother and I made my lover smile
And I can give comfort to my friends when they are hurting
I can make it seem better for a while"

Think about it



STARFLEET CADET CORPS: A NEW BEGINNING

Captain Dean Rogers • Commandant, STARFLEET Cadet Corps

Artwork By Lauren Milan • STARFLEET Region 7

Spring 2002 has never looked brighter for the youth of our organization. We had our spring break vacations and our grand holidays, but we also had a great time in our schools. One of the great things that amazed me during this time of this year is that a Region 15 Cadet made the cover of CQ Issue 109 and one of our very own Region 12 & 1 Cadet Officers passed their Officer's Training Corps Exam.

To hear about news of this caliber, brings a great deal of joy my staff, to the fleet, and to myself because the youth of our organization has talent and drive written all over them. I know that when I accepted the position, I knew the one of the best things about being here is to read and hear about the great things that our youth is doing in the world.

The SFI Cadet Corps has been working at warp speed to become the newest and best Youth Program in the history of STARFLEET. Our top-notch staff has been doing a tremendous job by keeping me on my toes. The Online Meetings were very informative and well attended by loyal cadet supporters, cadet leaders, and

cadets. Let me tell you all that if you have not attended one of our meetings, you don't know what you missing and what plans we have for the young officers. If you want to join the party, we hold meetings on the Fleetchat IRC Network in the channel #SFCadetQuarters. The meeting is held on every second or third Friday of each month.

One of the original goals in my tenure as the Cadet Corps Commandant is to reward these young officers for their great efforts in the past year. In my years as a Cadet Officer, to earn any award in school or organization meant that you made a difference and had risen up to a challenge. Now it's the time for the young officers to earn the recognition they deserve and to give the credit where it's due. Therefore, I announce the first Annual STARFLEET Cadet Corps Awards!

STARFLEET Cadet Corps Awards

The STARFLEET Cadet Corps Awards program is our way of showing our appreciation for the hard work, motivation, and dedication that SFI's young officers have put forth in the past year. We have a total of 14 awards to give out to the best of

the best in STARFLEET. The variety of the awards has ranges from the Outstanding Cadet Leader to our Captain's Assistant Award. We also have awards designed for the various departments on a Chapter. You can a Starfleet Marine to the youngest Chief Medical Officer in the entire region and still be nominated for the awards. If you are into Academia, we have two awards that cover the real life school that we attend every week to the Top Notch Academy of the 24th Century.

The rules are simple but I will give a short version of them. SFI members who are aged eighteen years old and below can be nominated for this year's awards. For the STARFLEET Academy/ STARFLEET Marine Academy Scholastic Achievement Award, copies of the completion certificates for each course must be provided. For the Christa McAuliffe Scholastic Achievement Award, a copy of the cadet's report card, or a transcript must be included.

Please **Do Not** send the originals. **All** award nominations must be in the hands of an SFCC staff officer (CSFCC or VCSFCC) by July 22nd 2002 for this year's nominations.

Any late nominations will be considered on a case-by-case basis, but most likely refused.

On a final note to all the joy we are giving to the program, the first edition of the STARFLEET Cadet Corps Handbook and STARFLEET Cadet Activity Book will be ready in July 2002, right around the corner from the International Conference. Remember, that this manual will help get your cadet unit off the ground and will provide assistance and examples in ranks, safety and supervision, mission statements, and much more.

The *STARFLEET Cadet Activity Book* will be at its best when there are submissions from you. The Cadet Activity Book will provide different projects that you can use to keep your Cadets active and interested and will cover fun things from parties to crafts to community service. For more information to anything about the STARFLEET Cadet Corps, you can contact me at the email and snail mail address above, well that's all I wrote, the pencil broke. From the halls of the SFCC and on behalf the Cadet Corps staff, this is Captain Dean Rogers signing off.



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or visit our web site
at <http://www.region7.com/R7conf/>
(or pick up a registration form from your Chapter CO)**

CADET CORPS ESSAY & DRAWING CONTEST

Captain Dean Rogers • Commandant, SFI Cadet Corps

I would like to take the time to announce a second contest that are really two contest rolled into one. The cadets that are ages 10 and below, I have a question to ask you, "Can you draw?" Well, if the answer is Y-E-S, then we have a contest for you. The first half of the contest involves the little ones to submit a drawing that is Star Trek related.

It can be any character or alien from any Trek Movie or TV Show. For the kids ages 3 to 5, they may get help from their parents. Remember, everybody who submits a drawing is a winner and will receive cool prizes. The panel will judge the drawings in the age groups of: ages 3 to 5, ages 6 to 8, ages 9 to 10. Pictures will be based on creativity not so much exactness of character.

For the Older Cadets, I present another challenge for your all. The contest I propose to you will consist of an essay. This Year's Essay Submissions must be on the following topic "Why I like STARFLEET and my Chapter?" The essay submission must contain at least 100 words no more than 1000 words. Punctuation and grammar counts. Parents may proof read. The Essay Contest is open to people ages 10 - 18 years of age.

The panel will judge the essays on the following age groups: Ages 10 - 12, Ages 13 - 15, and Ages 16 - 18.

Entries for both the Drawing and Essay Contest must be postmarked or emailed by July 22nd 2002 at 11:59pm. Prizes will be awarded for the first, second, and third place winner in each age category only. 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.

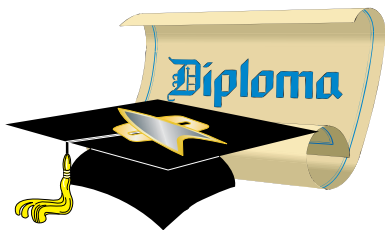
For questions about the SFCC Essay & Drawing Contest or to send Essay Submissions To:

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Good Luck To All Our Participants!



STARFLEET GRADUATES OF 2002

Fleet Captain Joan E. Pierce and Commodore Kimberly Brooks • Region 1 & Region 7

Artwork By Commodore David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five

Ladies and Gentlemen of STARFLEET, I proudly present to you the graduating class of 2002. These students have worked diligently all year to reach this pinnacle of achievement. Students, we salute you. Congratulations on your achievement, and best of luck in your future endeavours.

Cue "Pomp and Circumstance"...

Region 1

Name: Captain Kathlene Harper
Chapter: USS Columbus
Graduating from: Ohio State University
Degree: Graduated March 22, 2002 with Bachelor Degree in English
Information supplied by: Captain Darlene Harper's Mother.

Name: Lieutenant (jg) Patty Heany
Chapter: USS Tempest
Graduating from: Cuyahoga CC
Degree: Associate of Science
Special honors/news/achievements: Summa Cum Laude, Phi Theta Kappa. Future plans include Professor of Mathematics, research in Breakthrough Tech (faster than light propulsion)
Information supplied by: Rear Admiral Robin Pillow

Name: Lt. Cdr. Christopher Lariscy
Chapter: USS Star League
Graduating from: Burke County HS
Degree: High School Diploma
Special honors/news/achievements: honor graduate (6th out of 267).college prep diploma with distinction. Will attend Georgia Southern University in the fall of 2002
Information supplied by: Barbara Lariscy, Captain, mother

Name: Kimberly Rochelle
Chapter: Unassigned
Graduating from: Appalchian State Uni.
Degree: Bachelors of Social Work
Information supplied by: Amy Alexander, friend

Name: Marine Lt. Aaron Rayburn
Chapter: Space Station Nikola Tesla
Graduating from: Henry County HS
Degree: High School Diploma
Information supplied by: BGN Dennis Rayburn and MGN Jill Rayburn, parents

Name: Corporal James R Winsley
Chapter: USS Jamestown, NCC-1843D
Graduating from: Kecoughtan HS
Degree: High School Diploma
Special honors/news/achievements: 9th in his class of over 400. Awarded a Presidential Scholarship at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach Florida
Information supplied by: John Winsley, Fleet Captain, Commanding Officer

Region 2

Name: Cadet Veronica Duane
Chapter: USS Rogue Phoenix
Graduating from: Bartlett Middle School
Information supplied by: Deborah Duane, mother

Name: Commander Anthony Spotts
Chapter: USS Parallax
Graduating from: UNLV
Degree: B.A. in Political Science
Special honors/news/achievements: Anthony plans to attend Indiana University Law School starting in August
Information supplied by: Commander Anthony Spotts

Region 5

Name: GSgt. Aleksander N. "Alek" Akers
Chapter: USS Jaguar
Graduating from: Heatherwood MS
Special honors/news/achievements: Starting Linebacker - Heatherwood Hawks, Jazz and Drummer
Information supplied by: General Scott A. Akers, proud papa

Name: Ensign Sarah Taber
Chapter: Shuttle Achilles
Graduating from: Cascade College
Degree: B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies
Information supplied by: Cmdr. Timothy Taber, CO Shuttle Achilles



Congratulations to all Graduates: Recent High School graduates Liz Reilly (left) and Matt Brooks are among STARFLEET's Class of 2002!

Photos courtesy of Liz Reilly and Kimberly Brooks

Region 4

Name: Lt. Colonel Adam J. Bernay
Chapter: Shuttle Camp Wendell Fertig
Graduating from: California State Uni.
Degree: B.A. in Communication
Special honors/news/achievements: Special Forensics Honor received upon graduation. Adam is also studying for a Master of Theology in Rabbinical Studies. He is CO of Shuttle Camp Wendell Fertig
Information supplied by: Lt. Colonel Michelle K. Lampson, long-time friend and Adam's XO

Name: Captain Edy Sherrick
Chapter: Cascade Station
Graduating from: Shasta College
Degree: A.A., General Education
Special honors/news/achievements:
Information supplied by: Bruce Sherrick, Fleet Captain, Husband

Name: Elisa Tompkins
Chapter: Shuttle Achilles
Graduating from: Lewis and Clark College
[My Alma Matter! - Editor]
Degree: Bachelors in International Affairs
Information supplied by: Phillip Tompkins, husband

Region 7

Name: Commander Matthew Brooks
Chapter: USS Malverne
Graduating from: Tri-Cities Christian School
Degree: High School Diploma
Special honors/news/achievements: Graduated third in his class, and plans to attend Emory & Henry College, where he will pursue a degree in Child Psychology. He's the Chief Engineer on the Malverne
Information supplied by: Commodore Kimberly Brooks, one proud mom

Name: Commander Liz Reilly
Chapter: USS Avenger
Graduating from: Mother Seton HS
Degree: High School Diploma
Special honors/news/achievements: Participant in Union County (NJ) Teen Arts Festival, 2000, 2001, 2002. Winner of NJ Governor's Award in Arts and Education, 2001; Winner of NJ Council of Teachers of English writing award, 2001; Winner of National Council of Teachers of English writing award, 2001; Included in Who's Who of American High School Students, 2001.
Information supplied by: Commander Ann Marie Reilly, CMO, USS Avenger, proud Mom

Name: Commander Jeffrey R. Victor
Chapter: USS Challenger
Graduating from: Johnson & Wales Uni.
Degree: B.S. in Hospitality Management
Special honors/news/achievements: Summa Cum Laude Graduate; Golden Quill Honor Society; Eta Sigma Delta Honor Society; Alpha Beta Kappa Honor Society; Dean's List; Conrad Hilton Scholar; Faculty Scholar; Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities; Certified Hospitality Supervisor; Dean's List 12 Straight Trimesters. Jeffrey is now employed as a Manager with Sheraton Hotels
Information supplied by: Julia Victor, LCdr, Mother

Region 14

Name: Colonel Joost Ueffing
Chapter: USS Magellan
Graduating from: Acadia University, Wolfville, NS, Canada
Degree: B.A. Business Administration
Information supplied by: Colonel Joost "Excalibur" Ueffing

Region 17

Name: Lieutenant (j.g.) William H. Baker
Chapter: USS Mir
Graduating from: Las Cruces HS
Degree: High School Diploma
Special honors/news/achievements: Honors above 4.0 GPA. Highest honors ranked # 5 in class of 520. William was awarded the Silver Scholarship from New Mexico Tech, where he plans to attend this fall. In addition, he qualifies for the New Mexico Lottery Scholarship program.
Information supplied by: Elsa J. Baker, Lieutenant Commander, mother.

Name: Lieutenant Ross Donaldson
Chapter: USS Anasazi
Graduating from: Sandia Prep. School
Degree: High School Diploma
Information supplied by: COL John Roberts, Commanding Officer, Friend



FROM THE FUTURE TO THE PAST AND BACK AGAIN:

BY STARFLEET HISTORIAN GENERAL SCOTT A. AKERS

A HISTORY OF STARFLEET ACADEMY, PART II



"Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom."
George Washington Carver

As we continue on our journey down STARFLEET Academy's memory lane, We look forward to viewing that journey through the years of the Maddox, Lerman, and the following Administrations. The Academy we know today was basically formed during the Steve Smith Administration (see Article in CQ 110), but that framework continued to grow during the following administrations. By the Mike Smith era, the Academy was ready for an explosive growth, and the framework, received details that we are currently using, the Cadet Schools, the four Institutes, and the many membership services that make the Academy one of the two most popular aspects of STARFLEET International.

This issue we will look at two eras: the Maddox/Lerman/McGinnis era, and the Smith and Rickard eras. Each of the administrations had many positives and some negatives, but that is history, and we will take a quick look at all five administrations. So, without further ado let us begin.

Following the confusion of the 1988 election Jeannette Maddox, took office with her new team. On that team was now Admiral Rob Lerman as Director of STARFLEET Academy. Their first CQ, #31 for Feb-Mar 1989, listed on the back cover the STARFLEET Academy Staff. This included Post Graduate School East Director Captain Eric Johnson, PGS-West Captain Dail Koehler, College of Medicine Captain Peter Lutz, Security School Captain Beth Lipes, Computer Education School Captain Sharon Ann Campbell, with the Senior Captain Network run by Admiral Rob Lerman, and the Academy Alumni Association by Captain Marlene Miller.

The following issue April-May, Admiral Lerman some staff changes, with Carolyn Montgomery taking over SACOM, Marlene Miller taking over the Vulcan Academy of Sciences, and Commodore Janis Moore taking over the Senior Captain's Network from, so he could focus on the Academy as a whole. In addition, the CQ Personnel File highlighted Rob that month and talked about his career in Fleet, and his other hobbies including something called real life where he worked as an Engineer at a Sacramento Radio Station.

In the June-July issue, The Computer Education Program changed its name to the College of Computer Sciences. In the Aug/Sept issue it was explained that the new Officer Command College had been

delayed, and that Commanding Officers must take the test within 90 days of its first becoming available. It was also mentioned that over 400 OTS exams had been processed since the school reopened. Turn around time on tests was approximately 10 days. The Oct/Nov issue informed the membership that *Pips & Squeaks* #7 (The Alumni Association newsletter) had been mailed out. Commodore Moore, also commended contributions to the Senior Captain network by RAdm Linda Neighbors, RAdm Janis Moore, Comm. Robert Hilton, and RAdm Karen Emerson. In CQ 36, Captain Miller turned over the Alumni Association over to Commander Deborah Roberts, and Commander David Forvendel was announced to be the Director of the Officer Training School, with 110 graduates in the just one month, that of December 1989.

By April/May of 1990, another new college was added, the STARFLEET Marine College under Lt. Colonel Scott A. Akers. The now Rear Admiral Janice Moore also announced that the Senior Captain's Network was on hold, as it was being revised. The Vulcan Academy of Science also announced that in the previous year there had been 113 graduates, 69 of which had 100% Honors scores. In June of 1990, two more schools were opened. The much anticipated Officer Command College under the leadership of newly promoted Captain David Forvendel, with Janice Moore taking over OTS, and the College of Communications taught by past CQ Editor Admiral Jack Fields. Additional schools in the works were the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Engineering.

With CQ 40 being the first of the magazine format, there was much more room for information, but this issue contained information on the Scholarship Program, the need for a new director, and an article highlighting two of the scholarship winners, James Ludvigson of the USS *Malaspina* and Ursula Szmulowics of the USS *Polaris*. Ursula decided to attend the best school in these United States, Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. In issue 41 at the end of 1990 the Academy introduced another new school, the Chaplain/Counselor Corps College under Commander M. Price Oswalt. While tuition was \$5.00 the materials received were extraordinary.

Issue 42, the Holiday/New Years Issue celebrated the upcoming nuptials of Admiral Lerman and his bride to be Kim Davis who planned on being married in a non-trek wedding in April of the 1991 year. In issue 44, as a wedding present to Admiral Lerman and his bride, Fleet Admiral Maddox placed the now growing

STARFLEET Marine presence under the direct authority of the Academy. In addition Scott Akers moved up within the SFMC to their #3 position, and turned over the Marine College to Joe "Dances with Squirrels" Maurantonio. In June of 1991, (CQ 45), the Academy announced that to comply with the IRS and the incorporation of the organization, all academy fees had to go through STARFLEET and one of Fleet's bank accounts.

Henceforth all of the individual director's costs were to be paid for by STARFLEET HQ, with some complaining that HQ was making spurious decisions on what was and was not a legitimate expense, while others had no problems at all with the new system. Another complaint was that all Academy courses were going to cost \$3.00, even those that had previously been free or only a dollar in cost before.

However, at this time the concept of the Academy Voucher was introduced, following a suggestion by fleet member G. Chen of New York. This voucher concept is still being used today, with much popularity. About this time, our very own Peg Pellerin (then still a Captain) became the Director of the OTS program. She requested in CQ 46, that anybody who had taken OTS up to that point from any of the previous directors to send her a copy of their diploma as she was trying to build up a database of all the OTS graduates to date. By the time of CQ 47, three new changes happened on the staff of the Academy. Captain Kim Lerman had taken over the operations of OCC, Anita Davis (later the Vice Commander, STARFLEET) was running the Post Graduate School, and sadly the Chaplain/Counselor College was closed for a period of time.

To start off the new year of 1992, the Academy lost a program, the Alumni Association, and gained a program, the STARFLEET Corps of Engineers under the leadership of Commodore Eric Anderson of Region 6, and the Academy of STARFLEET Engineering under the directorship of Lt. Commander John Sellers. In CQ 50, the Academy celebrated the rebirth of the Cadet School under the leadership of Lt. Diana Morgan of California with three basic courses and one advanced course in each of 7 different fields of study. CQ 51, presented for the first time, a full page generic Academy Application that could be used to apply to whichever school you were interested in, then those schools could send you the information thereafter. In the August Issue (CQ 52) there were two pieces of news.

First, the birth of the new STARFLEET

College of History was announced with Denise Duggan to be the director. Secondly, the announcement of the birth of Timothy Robert Lerman first child for Rob and Kim Lerman. An outstanding way to increase membership. In the year end issue CQ 54, the Academy had some more changes, Admiral Rob Lerman would be promoted to Fleet Admiral, as he had won the election for Commander, STARFLEET. His wife Kim would step down at the Officer's Command College and was succeeded by Carolyn Cook. The College of Communications would be closed as well with Admiral Jack Fields becoming the new Chief of Communications. Rear Admiral Lori Anne Brown of Florida would be Fleet Admiral Lerman's choice to be the new Director of the STARFLEET Academy. Finally, it was announced that a new would be opening, the College of Federation Studies under Commander Sherry Hopper.

In all the four years of the Maddox Administrations were immensely successful at the STARFLEET Academy. New programs, massive participation, and dedicated service by all of the volunteer directors. An example set, and to be followed by Administrations and Directors to come.

As the transition from Jeannette to Rob Lerman began, Rear Admiral Lori Anne Brown took charge of the Academy in a smooth change of command. In CQ 55, an apology was issued for the School of Engineering being closed and it was announced that it had been reopened. The previous administrations handling of the reimbursements to the college directors had met with controversy, but in the end the situations were resolved.

In CQ 56, the renamed Marine Academy was spotlighted with the announcement by its director Colonel Joe Maurantonio, that the staff of the Marine Academy had expanded to include four assistants, Bob Bell, Angela Smith, Kaye Downing, and Bruce Sommer. Also in that issue, was an announcement by Admiral Sue Hampton about the status of the Scholarship Program and that it had expanded to a total of eight different Scholarships.

CQ 57 announced quite a few changes. Both the Security School and the School of Engineering positions were now vacant and looking for new leadership. The College of Communications was now being led by Lt. Commander Gary Homborg of Ohio. And another new school had opened, the SFA School of Linguistics under the leadership of Captain Spence Hill of Utah. Also it was explained that tuition would once again

be paid directly to the School Directors a change from the Maddox administration. Denise Duggan of the College of History also posted that she was looking for SFA Professors of History to help with the development of more courses in that school. Finally a listing of the 1992 Honor graduates included 22 different students from throughout fleet. WOW!

CQ 58, which was the Tex-Trek issue, announced the appointment of then Captain Robert Westfall as the new security school director. In that issue Officer's Command College led by Carolyn Cook was the spotlighted school of the month. 1993 ended with a few announcements in CQ 59. First, the School of Engineering had a new director in the person of Lt. Commander Cheryl Lowe of New Jersey. Secondly, the College of History would be closed while Denise Duggan gave birth to her first child, and the Cadet School was closed for reorganization. The spotlighted school of the month was the College of Federation Studies under the leadership of Sherry Hopper.

1994 began with CQ 60 announcing that Lori Anne Brown the Director of STARFLEET Academy had been promoted to Vice Admiral. In CQ 61 (May of 94), Applications were requested for new directors for the College of History and the College of Medicine. The College of Communications also had a new director, Commander Laura Begley of Kentucky. The Marine Academy which had formerly been provided to SFA by the separate organization, STARFLEET Marines International, was closed for it reorganization as the SFA Special Warfare College, which would include not only Marine material but also Ranger and Fighter Squadron courses. The relationship between STARFLEET and SMI, had been always been a rocky one since the birth of SMI, and by mid-1994 relations were severed.

SMI, which had grown out of SFMC to be an umbrella organization for Star Trek Marines fans across fandom, was unfortunately cut off by its parent SFMC, and went its own way. By September of 94, Issue 63 indicated that the vacancies above had been filled, Commander Kelly Green of Nevada had taken over the College of History, and Captain Michael Hess of Pennsylvania had reopened the College of Medicine. In addition a new school, the College of Liberal Arts, started by Commander S. Adam Day opened its doors. In the year-end, and final issue of the Communiqué of the Lerman administration, Commodore Barbara Cotton (now Barbara Paul) was named acting Director of the College of Federation Studies when Sherry Hopper moved on. Lori Anne Brown who had served admirably as Director the entire Lerman administration was promoted to full Admiral upon her retirement from that hardworking position.

In 1995 the McGinnis Administration came into office, and began changing most of STARFLEET around, and this included the Academy. First Fan, Bjo Trimble was made the new Commandant of the STARFLEET Academy (changing the title from Director

of the SFA). All schools were closed until February 1st for review, and the voucher system was re-instituted with all tuition once again going to a central location. The Scholarship program in its entirety was put under the Academy, and Bjo planned on appointing two directors to help with that project. Finally, several school directors had retired at the end of 1994 thus giving Bjo a lot of work to do, to get the Academy back up to steam.

In CQ 68, Bjo announced a price increase for all Academy Courses of at least one dollar, in exchange there would no longer be a requirement to include SASEs. In addition, the Marine College/Special Warfare College was eliminated, a lot of this was from Mr. McGinnis's long standing antipathy towards the SFMC, but life did go on for both the Academy and the Corps, just ironic considering under Fleet Admiral Maddox the Corps was placed under the administration of the Academy. In addition Helen Pawlowski was appointed Dean of the Academy, essentially Bjo's right hand woman.

CQ 69 (June-July 1995) had Bjo covering some more administrative matters for the Academy. This included promotions for some of the school directors, address changes to highlight that the STARFLEET Command club members could not use SFI courses to demand promotion credits in their club. That the Security School was closing until a new director was found. The Special Warfare College would remain closed until a curriculum was developed that de-emphasized the military aspects of the program. Helen Pawlowski's position as Vice Commandant of the academy was confirmed. In addition it was determined that only "canon" sources (that broadcast by Paramount) would be acceptable in the future for SFA course development, and that "fair use" copying of obscure references would no longer be allowed.

In CQ 70, Bjo had to reverse the SASE policy, SASEs were once again required, however the higher prices for the courses were kept in place. There were some grumblings from the course directors that they were not getting reimbursed in a timely manner if at all, for course expenses. A very nice write up on Captain Helen Pawlowski was included in this issue. New schools announced included the College of Survival Skills headed by Commander Carol Thompson (who still runs it today) and the School of Tactical Operations by Captain Paul Dyl, and the School of Interspecies Studies by Lt. Alan Dearnley.

CQ 72, (January 1996) opened up the New Year with a few short announcements, three of the School Directors had resigned. Access for special education students was begun with a project led by Chris Higdon and Michalene Biber to make the courses more inclusive of special needs students. Bjo announced that she had not yet approved any books for use as references in SFA courses. Finally Bjo passed on the good news that long time SFA staffer Barbara Cotton had gotten married to Bill Paul.

CQ 73, had Bjo trying to recruit a plethora of staffers including a SFA Board of

Directors, SFA Registrar, SFA Archivist/Librarian. She also advised that with her then recently diagnosed illnesses she would be stepping down as Commandant of the Academy. At the same time she was campaigning to remove the Commandant's position from the Executive Committee. While a violation of the then (and current) constitution, Bjo felt it important that the Academy's head should be independent of the political system, and hence independent of the elected Commander, STARFLEET's mandated oversight and control. In addition, the Security School was once again without a Director, while four new courses were approved elsewhere in the Academy.

CQ 75, following the absence of Academy information in CQ 74, had the appearance of the new acting Commandant, Paul Dyl reporting in on the state of the academy. He named Bjo to remain as his Special Advisor, leaving Helen Pawlowski as Deputy Commandant, and Sherry Ann Newell as Dean of the Academy.

CQ 76, in August/September of 1996, was the last McGinnis era CQ to be published, and even then, only the RC's got copies. But Fleet Capatin Dyl was able to make a report to the fleet on the status of the Academy. Notable information was the "temporary" closing of schools as many directors left for "personal reasons", notable among these, were the refusal of the McGinnis Administration to reimburse directors for their costs, as well as many directors feeling unable to serve under the increasingly corrupt administration of Mr. McGinnis. Security School had to be run by Paul Dyl's chapter, College of History closed, Cadet School closed, and even Post Graduate School, the third oldest program in SFA, was permanently shut down my the acting Commandant.

For the Academy which had begun with so much promise, and grown so far during the Maddox Administration, the last half of 1996 were a dark time indeed. Like the rest of STARFLEET, the Academy was feeling the effects of the corruption in the center seat. While Mr. McGinnis's EC tried valiantly to hold it together in every department, they were constantly undermined and often fired by the Commander, STARFLEET. Commandant Dyl, felt that taking absolute control of the Academy would be one method of keeping it afloat. He devised a scenario where by redrawing the logos of each school, placing these logos on the covers of each course booklet, he could claim copyright ownership of same, and that STARFLEET would have to accept him as the owner of all SFA courses. It was a sad and dark time indeed.

Next issue, we will see what followed the fall of McGinnis, In return of the Jed... errr membership. Only four people submitted answers to the Trivia contest, and thus I will be discontinuing that portion of the Historian article.

I remain Historically yours,



DEMON KARMA NETWORKS

By Lt. Will Robertson

USS Parallax, Region 2

Demon Karma Networks started as a small IRC Network started by two college students, and ten of their friends. It was governed by a council of all of these people, unfortunately, this setup only lasted four months. Some people turned out to be more committed than others, some went to more populated networks. A few stayed, and were consistent, Taylor Goodwill and Will Robertson, who are now the owners of Demon Karma Networks. Taylor excelled in the Technical Aspect of systems at Demon Karma Networks, keeping the servers running, installing new services for our free sites. Will became the customer service person, nearly everyone on the then small network knew him and Taylor, but Taylor never seemed to be there, Will was the communication point. Will's dedication, made Demon Karma Networks excel.

About half way though the becoming a business, Will's relation with the Star Trek Fandom changed when he joined STARFLEET International. He started becoming active, and visited his Regional Coordinators Chapter on a Christmas. Upon learning about STARFLEET Internationals FleetChat, he was immediately interested. After a month of scouting out their services, Will Robertson approached Taylor Goodwill about possibly linking to FleetChat's network, less than a month later; the server was added to FleetChat's Network (www.fleetchat.org).

Demon Karma Networks moved their focus to web hosting at this point. At this point, Taylor and Will realized the reason they made Demon Karma Networks. They both wanted to serve the community. Taylor would go to work during the graveyard shift, then come home, and work on Demon Karma Networks.

Starting on cable line, they provided an IRC Network to Role Players on the Internet. Now, with one server on an OC-12 line that is guaranteed to never reach 50% usage to insure speed of services, Demon Karma Networks is now looking at purchasing another server for redundancy in Demon Karma Networks services. Moving their focus to first, reliability, they value being up 100% of the time, and second to service, they will be there for you, when you e-mail someone, you will be getting more than a sales associate, you will be contacting the owner and maintainers of the servers.

SFI Shuttle Program Web Hosting Program

Shuttles with SFI get one-month free service from Demon Karma Networks. This package is designed to get a shuttle started on the World Wide Web. This package is available to shuttles only.

Shuttle Package:
50MB Disk Space
500MB Monthly Bandwidth
(1) POP Email Accounts
FTP Access

After a shuttles free period, Demon Karma Networks will charge a monthly fee of \$10/month. You can also host this on your own domain for a price of \$15 a year in addition to the webhosting cost. Once the shuttle becomes a full-fledged chapter, it is required they move to our regular package system. For more information about this offer, please e-mail sales@demonkarma.net.



ROOKIE RC GOES TO R1 SUMMIT PREPARED

Rear Admiral Robin Pillow • Regional Coordinator, STARFLEET Region 1

Artwork By Tom Monaghan • STARFLEET Region 1

Hello STARFLEET! I decided to keep up with my submissions to the CQ even while I am on vacation. What you are about to read is one RC's account of how to take on too much at one time.

Many of you may know that I have worked on the Region 1 Summit Staff for many years. I have even worked on other convention staff committees in years past. I have most often worked on the Registration side of things. Most recently this means designing and preparing badges for the attendees. The 2002 R1 Summit was no exception. This year, however, I had the added kink of being the R1 RC. I had made plans to have others working in my place. I knew that I would be busy with other responsibilities.

Two weeks before the Summit, I had to start from scratch and make a PowerPoint Presentation. Let me interject here that PowerPoint is one the easiest programs to use. I did manage to complete the presentation in time (actually the day it was to be presented). I did not, however, get all the other items I had planned to print out done in time. This is the first time I realized I had taken on too much at one time.

I decided to install the same program on my laptop that I created the badges for the event. I had the presentation on my desktop and was printing out awards, certificates

and other items to use for the different meetings. I wanted to have it moved around as needed and leave the laptop at Registration to make things easier for those that would be working in my place at the Registration table. The only problem was the fact that the program refused to install on two occasions.

I decided to let Patty Heany (a computer wiz and my girlfriend) work on that while I made the final touch-ups on the presentation and a few other loose ends. Patty tried at least five different times Friday morning to install the program and thought she had it at one point. She finally decided to design a table in Word to use instead. This is when I found out that the black cartridge of the printer for Registration was empty. I own three printers but only brought two and I had new cartridges for the one I was using but not the other one! So, we printed in color. Even with all this, Friday went smoothly as we did manage to fix any trouble that came up.

Saturday, I setup the laptop again but it didn't want to boot up properly. Strangely enough, I haven't had this trouble since Summit. After getting past that, I headed up the Captain's Call at 8 AM! I then found Mike Malotte as I knew he had some promotion certificates I needed to sign. Also, Victor Swindell had a batch for me to sign. I went back to my room while Patty went

looking for things to do and help with a few errands. She completed the errands before I finished with all the certificates. I made sure that my signature is completely legible on each and every certificate I signed. I found a page of badges that had not been printed for some strange reason ahead of time and printed them out for those that needed them for banquet tickets.

I "ran" the General Sessions meeting Saturday afternoon. We somehow finished early when we usually run over. I stepped into Alex R's room to discuss some business just for a minute or two and as 4:00 turned into 4:30 and then to 4:45, I knew I was going to be pressed for time. When I got back to the Registration table, I had to run back to get ready for the banquet earlier than I had originally thought. So, I ran upstairs to get into my tuxedo while Patty got into her evening gown. We ran back downstairs and got a ride across the parking lot to the banquet. We ate and following the meal, the auction took place. Patty had to run back to the room to change for this since she was one of four women that helped to show off the items on the block.

During the banquet, the button on my tux came off. When Patty went back to the room to change, I took the much needed shower that I wanted to take before the banquet and repaired my tux (yes, I even brought sewing supplies to the Summit!). Patty, meanwhile,

changed back into her evening gown and we made a visit to the dance. We danced quite a bit and watched the costume contest. We got a picture taken by a local professional photographer and danced some more before retiring for the evening.

Sunday seem to go by so fast I barely remember what happened. I seem to recall spending all more packing the car, but I know there was other stuff I did including setup of Registration once again. I also handed out several promotions and awards at the Sunday General Sessions. The Fleet Admiral handed out several promotions as well and I certainly hope these are listed elsewhere in the Communique'.

The moral of the story is simple. Don't put too much on your plate! Don't get me wrong. I had a blast at this year's Summit. I just hope I don't have as much to do next year. I also want to apologize to all those that may have misunderstood my darting around trying to get everything done as me ignoring them. I wasn't really ignoring anyone. In fact, I am unhappy that I was not able to spend time with each and ever attendee. I enjoy meeting everyone and like to talk to everyone as well, but I had too much to do and too little time <sigh>. I will make more time for this kind of activity for the next Summit.

Remember: Region 1 - Ever Present!

R1 PROMOTIONS AND CONTEST WINNERS

RAdm Robin Pillow • Regional Coordinator, Region 1

Below are some of the awards and promotions handed out at the Region One 2002 Summit of Royalty.

In no particular order here are the promotions I was authorized to hand out.

From Commander to Captain:

Susan Fugate	Chris Parker
K. M. Swan	John Hoppa
Bart Stavisky	Mark Easterbrook
Cecil Mack	Robert Sliney

From Ensign to Lt(jg): Patty Heany	From Recruit To Ensign: Sarah Bolick
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Now for the winners of the different events and contests:

Miniature Golf	The Duck Race
1. T. B. Heffner	1. Clay Fallis
2. Fredia Harris	2. Karen Goldbach
3. Amy Heffner	3. Dena Barron

Costume Contest	Captain's Quest
1. T. B. Heffner	1. USS Ohio.
2. Robin Walker	2. USS Questar
3. Judy Durall	3. USS Appomattox

Tug of War
1. USS Reprisal
2. USS Rutledge

Model Contest:
Miscellaneous class:
Sam Bolick for his Robot

Star Trek Ships, Dioramas,
Paintings all went to
Ken Miller.

The Super Sleuth was once again Dennis Rayburn who won a Romulan Warbird ornament which he immediately donated to the Benu for next year's auction.

Ben Redding (Summit Co-Chair) reported that the auction brought in a total of \$998.55. I will personally donate another \$1.45 to make it an even \$1000.

REGION 1 HAS A CHALLENGE!

RAdm Robin Pillow • Regional Coordinator, Region 1

As many of you know, I attended the Region 2 Summit in March. The Regional Coordinator of Region 2, Pete Mohny, had last year issued a challenge for his region to break 500 members.

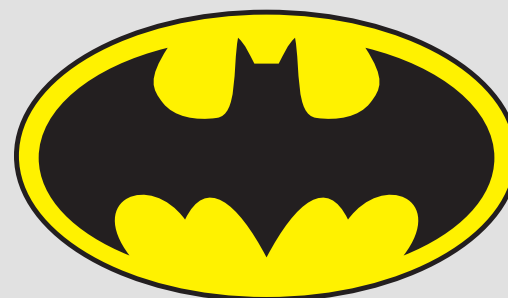
The region met the challenge and in the process become the second largest region membership wise. He agreed to do some rather interesting stuff if the region past certain numbers.

Well, Sandy Berenberg (MP Dude) has suggested (and everyone at Summit

graciously accepted) that we challenge Region 1 to break 1000 memberships. I agreed to wear a Batman costume at the next Regional event if we meet this goal.

When the Summit started, we were holding at 940. At closing Ceremonies, Sandy reported that we had gained up to 974! I'm sure that number is old by now, but it certainly looks like Region 1 will get to see its RC running around saying,

"I'm Batman!"



REGION 1 AWARDS

By Rear Admiral Victor Swindell • USS Charleston, STARFLEET Region 1

On behalf of the Region 1 Staff, I would like to congratulate the recipients of the 6th Region 1 Annual Awards. The Region 1 Annual Awards seek to recognize the 'Best of the Best' among the shuttles, chapters, and personnel of Region 1. Of course this is not an easy job with the many talented hardworking chapters and members that we have here in the Region 1. I was told that in some cases that the difference between first and second place was .25 points. I could expect nothing less from Region 1.

I would like to personally thank all of the chapters that took time to prepare entries for the 2001 annual awards competition, and well as all of those Regional staff members who evaluated all the entries this year. I would also like to give a big thanks to Fleet Captain Greg Franklin, Deputy Awards Director, who managed the annual awards process this year.

In a few short weeks we hope to have the latest incarnation of the Region 1 Awards & Ceremonies Manual available on the awards Site, as well as on CD-ROM or printed form for those that like to have hard copy. We are also having the awards site modified to change its look and feel.

In the mean time... envelope please.

The winners of the 2001 STARFLEET Region 1 Annual Awards are as follows:

Communications Excellence :

Best Fanzine
Magnolia Files
USS Maat

Best Handbook
USS Jurassic
Crew Handbook

Best Electronic Publication
Carolina Communicator
USS Alaric

Department Newsletter
R-1 Alien Ambassador Corps

Website of the Year
USS Starward Fury, NCC-2122

Newsletter of the Year
and Best Quarterly
Short Circuit
USS Maat, NCC-1794A

Best Bi-monthly Newsletter
Buzzwords
USS Wasp NCC-1721

Best Monthly Newsletter
Trekosaurus
USS Jurassic NCC-3500

RDC of Excellence
Capt. Ruth Green

RDC Achievement Award -
Alien Ambassador Corps
FCapt. Shawn Fields
USS Wasp, NCC-1721

RDC Achievement Award -
Operations
FCapt Greg Franklin
USS Reprisal, NCC-1896

Edith Keeler Award
FCapt Greg Franklin
USS Reprisal, NCC-1896

R1 Cadet of the Year
Lieutenant Ashleigh Clark
USS Reprisal, NCC-1896

R1 CO of the Year
Rear Admiral Roger Scritchfield
USS Ohio, NCC-75007

R1 Enlisted Member of the Year
MCPO Tonya Martin
USS Reprisal, NCC-1896

R1 Officer of the Year
Brigadier John 'Kiwi' Kane
USS Reprisal, NCC-1896

Shuttle of the Year
Shuttle Albemarle, NCC-67A/2

Best Shakedown Cruise
USS Dominator, NCC-18076

Chapter of Excellence
Bennu Station SFR-119

Chapter of the Year
USS Maat NCC-1794-A

Next year we are adding two new awards to our annual awards list. These awards will be the Jonathan Archer Award for Rookie CO of the Year, and the Department of the Year Award. We are looking forward to the receiving entries from every chapter in the region.

If you want to know more about the Region 1 Awards Program, check out the link from the Region 1 Site at <http://www.region1.org>.

THE OTHER SIDE OF ALL THIS PILLOW TALK

By Lt. (JG) Patty Heany • USS Tempest, Region 1

I have to admit, of all the strange and erratic hobbies I've cultivated as late, STARFLEET is probably the least lethal. Possibly the most frustrating, but hey; that keeps me occupied.

I attended my very first Summit this year, also my very first event as a member of Fleet. I had a unique view of the Region 1 gathering, not only as a first-timer but also as the RC's girlfriend. The latter gave me a host of special privileges and honors, like trying to load Corel Draw onto his laptop five times before giving up in frustration. Due to my failure to overcome the evil systems of Microsoft, I then got to create a specialized table to allow the registration desk to print up everyone's nametags. This was the first three or so hours.

The rest of the Summit, I steered away from all things remotely computerized, and donned my favorite medieval garb. The medieval theme of this event made it a lot easier for me, as I've been a medieval re-creator for a number of years now. While I still have yet to procure a complete uniform, I had all kinds of nifty dresses to choose from. I also had a number of combat-worthy sharp pointy things, but decided life would be more then interesting enough at the Summit without transporting them across state lines.

Of course, I still felt slightly out of place. Aside from the millennia or so fashion gap between myself and the rest of the staff members there, I always seemed to either be hunting down the RC or trying to keep track

of him while he was flitting about the event. On the rarest occasions, we had enough time alone to swear openly at the computers that continued to haunt my existence, and once in a while I could catch a nap while he attempted to sign the endless flow of papers that floated into our room.

Though, the event wasn't all work on either of our parts. After romping about the auction dressed in Egyptian-style garments with several other women (and stealing the occasional kiss from my wayward RC), I was finally afforded the time to dress up properly for the dance. Once there, my sweetheart attempted to teach me how to swing dance (an area in which he is surprisingly well trained) while showering me in compliments (another area he seems to possess talent in). To my surprise, several other people joined in on this sport. My favorite was when a friend of his walked up, pointed at me, said, "You're beautiful," pointed at my date, and said, "I hate you." To this day, I'm not quite sure whether I should say thank you or slap him. But, as he's a nice guy (one of countless many I met this event), I suppose I should just accept it with grace!

All in all, I found the event to be very community-minded, fun, and terribly interesting time. While it doesn't have nearly as much armed combat as those events I usually frequent, the sheer friendliness of the people made it an event well worth attending. Even if it was a working vacation for both myself and the man I love, it really was something worth working for.



Welcome to Region 1. Have a Hot Dog: Patty Heany and RC R1 Robin Pillow welcome visitors at the 2002 Region 1 Conference. *Photo courtesy of John Adcock*

THE STARFLEET INTERVIEWS

With Vice Admiral Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons

Name: Pipgras, David
Rank: Commadore
Current Assignment: USS Jaguar, R5 Office of Graphic Design

Gumby: Dave! Welcome and thanks for taking the time to chat a bit.

Dave: Thanks for not shooting me at the door. <G>

Gumby: They don't allow me to keep phasers here at the office. <G>

Gumby: Tell me a bit about yourself...

Dave: Oh, man... start with the hard questions...

Gumby: Our readers love that!

Dave: Hmmm. Well, I am single, white and 33. Slightly off center, and happy there. I currently work as an unpaid starving artist for STARFLEET and pay bills by walking around a large computer retailer... or CompUSA... as we call it (actually, we call it hell, but that is another story).

Gumby: We should be able to write Fleetwork off on our taxes.

Dave: Taxes? What taxes? Oh... I mean... Yeah. Yeah, we should!

Gumby: I'll campaign for us!

Gumby: Do you have any hobbies other than SFI and Art?

Dave: Hmmm.... Well, Art is my main hobby, but I like a variety of things... travel when I can afford to, hiking, Seattle Mariners...you know, whatever is interesting at the moment.

Gumby: How do you find time to do all the graphics work we see in the CQ?

Dave: Pure slave labor.

Gumby: I can dig it.

Dave: Actually, to be honest, I have been amassing a collection of artwork for the last, oh, I dunno, 10 years or so.... so it gets easier as I create more stock stuff to draw on... Usually, I get an advance warning... something like, "Dave, we need these 50 illustrations... tonight!"

Gumby: GEEZ! Talk about a workload!

Gumby: What all is involved in the making of a logo?

Dave: The making of a logo: Wow. Well, I have actually wanted to write an article on this for the CQ, but time and all.... Basically, there are several things: one is to get a message across in a small space, two to be clear and not too busy, and three, to at least try to be original.... that is, if I had to pick just a couple things...

Gumby: The short version.

Dave: Very short.

Gumby: It will help out the aspiring artists out there though.

Dave: There are a lot of very nice stuff out there in fleet... but there are two things that always make me cringe... The first is to use the Starfleet (TNG usually) arrowhead as

the background, and second (in conjunction with the first) is to cram a ton of info into that space...

Dave: For example: Say, the chapter's name is based on a Civil war event... a group will take the TNG arrow head, and in that tiny space, try to represent things like a battle, a central figure, and location... it becomes way too crowded or the items are too small to really make sense...

Gumby: I have seen that. Way too busy.

Dave: if they would pick one or even two things to focus on...

Gumby: What would you suggest?

Dave: Well, in this case, with the civil war, you could use images like crossed swords like on the military uniforms, or a blue/gray color scheme, or one central figure -- i.e. Lincoln, Jackson, etc. Think about what best represents the group, either in it's name, location, or whatnot, and focus on that... don't try to sum up two years of history on a 2" triangle.

Gumby: But don't use all of them, right?

Dave: Right. Also, don't be obscure.... For example, for the USS Abe Lincoln, you would not want to use a top hat with a communicator on it...

Gumby: LOL! Good point!

Dave: One thing I like to suggest is take a look at current military patches... Lots of good, lots of crud.

Gumby: I have seen a few I really like and a few I really abhor.

Gumby: I heard somewhere that you are doing art for a Star Trek Role Playing Game (RPG) manual. Can you tell us about that?

Dave: Nope.

Dave: Just kidding.

Gumby: Classified?

Dave: Well, on June 5th, the first of several projects will be released. This will be the ST: RPG Narrator's Guide. I did illustrations of 10 starships... Top, bottom, front, back and side...

Gumby: Now that I look forward to seeing!

Dave: I did the Galaxy, Constitution II, Klingon D7, Oberth, Romulan Warbird, Uh mmmm...

Gumby: Dreadnoughts man, dreadnoughts!

Dave: Defiant, Herbert, and a couple of others...

Gumby: Sorry. That just came outta nowhere. :)

Dave: Dreadnaughts are a coming... Actually, I am working on updating the Normandy class right now....

Gumby: *Tim Allen Sound*

Gumby: Sweet! Oh, is there a website folks can go to and get like a preview of the RPG Narrator's Guide?

Dave: Actually, there is: <http://decipher.com/startrek/rpg/narratorsguidesamplepages.html>

Gumby: Excellent!

Gumby: What other upcoming projects do you have?

Dave: Well, I just finished the second book, tentatively called the Officer's Manual, and will be starting work on a couple of others...

Gumby: All this for the same RPG series?

Dave: This new RPG is from Decipher, Inc., (the same cool guys who brought us the Star Trek CCG)... It is compatible with the previous game from Last Unicorn Games, but builds upon it and fleshes the game out more...

Gumby: You are now playing to a larger audience with the RPG work. <G>

Dave: Well, I hope so... I have done lots of stuff over the years, but my crowning achievement was to do the Rogue and Wraith Squadron logos for the X-Wing Books (Star Wars)... I took a text description of the Rogue logo and made a nice illustration based on it, and then I created the Wraith logo from scratch.

Gumby: Those were yours? Wow! That Wraith Squadron Logo was most impressive.

Dave: *blush* thanks.

Gumby: I never knew you did those.

Dave: Yeppers

Gumby: Far out.

Gumby: Tell me, what is the thing you like best about SFI?

Dave: Starfleet? Hmmm. Probably the friends I have made, and the people I meet.

Gumby: And the thing you like least?

Dave: Least? That is easy. The politics. I see stuff in STARFLEET that would make the Republican Party blush... and they are supposed to be the pros!

Gumby: I wholeheartedly agree!

Dave: I mean, not to gripe too much, but it is a fan club, and people get obsessed at what happens in chapters 2000 miles away...

Dave: I try to focus on the fun...

Gumby: That's the ticket!

Gumby: Any advice for up and coming artists in our Fleet?

Dave: Oops. Almost missed that one... Hmmm. Advice: Yes... Learn all the rules and then break them.

Gumby: Hehehe. Always sound advice, that.

Dave: Well, that was the best advice I got...

Gumby: It works!

Gumby: What are your plans for the future?

Dave: To get rich... Bloody stinkin' rich...

Gumby: Yacht... remember the yacht. Big honkin' 40 footer. <G>

Dave: 40? Ppphhhssttt! I don't want a row boat! 80' min!

Gumby: Oh, Das Boot?

Dave: No... Dave's Boat.

Gumby: I sit corrected. <G>

Dave: But other than that, I am working on several projects, including a uniform guide, which will include ranks, and details...

Gumby: I'll be looking forward to that too.

Gumby: What's your take on the new series now that the first season is in the can?

Dave: Ya know... I really did not think I would, but I really do like it a lot. Characters are coming along very nicely, and the attention is spread among them all -- not just 'the big 3' as in previous series... I just hope that they don't make TOS totally obsolete....

Gumby: You and I both.

Dave: I mean, I understand that so much has changed in the 30 years since TOS first aired, technology wise (who ever would have thought you could call China from the back seat of a car with a hand held phone?)

Gumby: And finally, is there anything you'd like to say to the Fleet?

Dave: Yes.... RELAX! It is a FAN CLUB. Enjoy it! -- And for those who choose to run it: Treat it like the business it is! Members pay for it, give them the \$\$\$ worth....

Gumby: Given that it is election season once again, that is very appropriate.

Dave: Yep. I hope so....

Gumby: You going to IC this year?

Dave: Most likely not. I will be in San Diego talking with Decipher about future works....

Gumby: Chrissy Killian would say that is a valid excuse. :)

Dave: I would like to, but this is more important to me....

Gumby: As well it should be!

Dave: Well, to SOME people... But there are those...

Gumby: ...who believe, that life here, began out there. :)

Gumby: Sorry, wrong space opera. I hate it when that happens!

Dave: Booh-Yah! Battlestar Galactica!

Gumby: You win the prize

Dave: I personally like BG

Gumby: I do too.

Gumby: Dave, it has been a pleasure my man... I wish you good luck with Decipher and just wanna say thanks for all the work you do for us here in the One Big Happy Fleet! And thanks for the interview too! :)

Dave: Thanks! And remember to buy the books!

Gumby: Y'all hear that?

Gumby: I'll have mine autographed ;)

Dave: Dave uses the force: "You will buy several copies...."

And there you have it, folks. Is there someone you'd like to see interviewed here? Send your nominations to forecast@hotmail.com

ATTENTION ON DECK!

The News And Information Resource of the STARFLEET Marine Corps.

Well, I'm happy to say that the SFMC continues to progress. From the reports we've seen lately things just seem to get better and better. Forces Command, once again, reports a rise in membership and the addition of units as well as the return of others. Don't forget to send in those reports so we know what your units have been up to. Remember to include all your activities, as they will be viewed to determine your eligibility for the Commandant's Campaign ribbon. This requires getting involved in the Toys for Tots campaign or helping with the Special Olympics.

TraCom had another outstanding report of SFMC Academy participation. I'm glad to see so many Marines taking advantage of our excellent course work. Unfortunately, we saw the recent resignation of John Roberts as the Dean. I wish circumstances could have warranted his staying but I understand and respect his reasons. He has since assumed the duties as DOIC of the 17th BDE under Greg Fitzsimmons and I expect he'll do an outstanding job.

In SupCom we have seen leaps and bounds. The Website turned out absolutely fabulous. I, and everyone I've talked to, are very please with the finished product. At the Region 1 Summit in April I got the chance to view the upcoming revision of the MFM. You can expect to see the same quality work there as in the Website, so stay tuned. We still have Medium, Large and X-Large t-shirts in stock as well as hats and patches. We recently reordered seven ribbon styles so we're back to full stock on the special ribbons. I would like to thank Wade Hoover once again for getting me the info on our pin supplier. They've been ordered and should be in our possession by the time you read this. And we accomplished these last two things

FROM THE COMMANDANT

By Maj. General Wade Olson • Commandant, SFMC

without the need of front money. Between John Adcock and myself we're trying to make a plan for adding more items to our inventory. The torch device issue is close to a resolution as well.

I guess honesty is the best policy, and to be honest we haven't seen much improvement in participation in the NCO program. We're not hearing from the NCO's like we should or need to. We need to know what you'd like to see in the way of the NCO program, so let's hear from you guys and gals. Send any suggestions you have up the chain of command to the SGM/SFMC. And don't forget to send in your NCO reports.

With the suggestion and opinions of members of the General Staff and Steering Committee the decision was made to dissolve the Steering Committee. In its early years it worked well enough. But, lately it had proven to be redundant, ineffective and managed to slow the decision making process to a crawl. Most of the proposals being sent in were issues that were best decided on by the respective Command's COs and really didn't need a committee involved. With the new process the Commands will be able to implement the changes within their areas without the interference of before, and any Corps wide issues can be decided with more efficiency and in a timely manner.

The last two issues sent through the Steering Committee both passed and were sent to the Commandant's Office with their approval. The first was concerning an award added to the ribbon lineup for the most outstanding student of SFMCA

during the year. It will be given out during the International Conference with the other yearly awards. For more details please contact your immediate superior in your chain of command. The second was a proposal to start an STARFLEET Marine Corps Relief Fund from monies collected from the Café Press Stores run by the Chaplain of the Corps, Dennis Rayburn. This proposal I rejected for the time being. I felt it as a good idea but work was needed on the dispersal process.

I would like to give a hearty congratulations to the recipients of Awards from this office. Jennifer Colpitts and Joe Brouhard both received STARFLEET Crosses issued by on behalf of FAdm Les Rickard. And the six recipients of the STARFLEET Marine Corps Service Commendations; Truman Temple, Cyndi Temple, Nancy Lynch, Greg Fitzsimmons, Jennifer Colpitts and Wade Hoover. Their service to TraCom of the last year (and longer) has been outstanding and they were all very deserving of this recognition.

The following financial report is a little old but it was the last one posted at the time of this writing.

We started the month of April with \$1316.68. There was a deposit made during the month of \$45.05 for a merchandise order. The service charge on the account was \$0.22 leaving a grand total of \$1361.51. There were no checks cashed on the account during the month of April.

The Corps still owes the Commandant \$345.87. This is not a complaint; just a

statement so you know it's still owed. I have been opting to let it ride for the good of the Corps and its members. We needed to replace seven ribbons and we badly needed to order pins. The ribbons were ordered early April and were received about a week before the Region 1 summit. The check, as of the last bank statement, has not cleared the bank. The check for the pins was made out the end of April but was not mailed until May 1, 2002. So it evidently hasn't cleared the bank yet either. Once these two checks clear we will have at least \$300 left in the account.

Due to car troubles coming back from R1 summit the deposit of merchandise sales was not made until May 1. This will be accounted for in the next Finance Report. As soon as the account is above the amount of the money owed to me I will cash the check that was made out a month ago.

We started the month with \$32.16. There was no activity in Petty Cash for the month of April. I must point out a small mistake I made in last months financial report. The original post was as follows:

"On March 8, 2002 I added \$6.80 for a ribbon order cause we needed change during the summit. On March 15, 2002 we had postage of \$0.57 and on March 27, 2002 we had postage of \$1.22. This leaves us a grand total in Petty Cash of \$33.06."

I misplaced a receipt for postage on one item and had taken the responsibility for it because of that. After the post I found the receipt. It was for \$0.90 postage. Making the new month ending balance that stated above, \$32.16.

Let's keep the progress rolling!

NCO CORPS HISTORIAN

By Gunnery Sergeant Clayton Hobbs
424th MEU, SFMC

Hello everyone,

I report directly to STARFLEET Marine Corps Sergeant Major Jack Kern. The role of this office is to document the history of Non-Commissioned Officers in STARFLEET. To this end I will try and talk to everyone who is or has been a Non-Commissioned Officers.

I hope to be able to document all aspects of Non-Commissioned Officers experience in STARFLEET.

If marines would like help in writing a unit history I'm happy to volunteer. If you have any material, notes, stories related to Non-Commissioned Officers.

I would really appreciate hearing from you. Over the next few months I will be contacting all SFMC units and STARFLEET International Chapters. I look forward to talking to you.

Please contact me at ccneko21@yahoo.ca.

MARINE FICTION ARCHIVE

By MCaptain Robert Alpizar
SFMC Fiction Archivist

I was recently given the task of creating an official SFMC Fiction Archive similar to the 'Fleet one. I'm currently accepting submissions using these guidelines:

- Submissions must be no longer than 10,000 words. If longer, they must be broken up into chapters.
- Stories should be related to the SFMC in some way.
- Please try to keep in mind that we are, after all, a family organization so please keep subject matters appropriate for all ages.

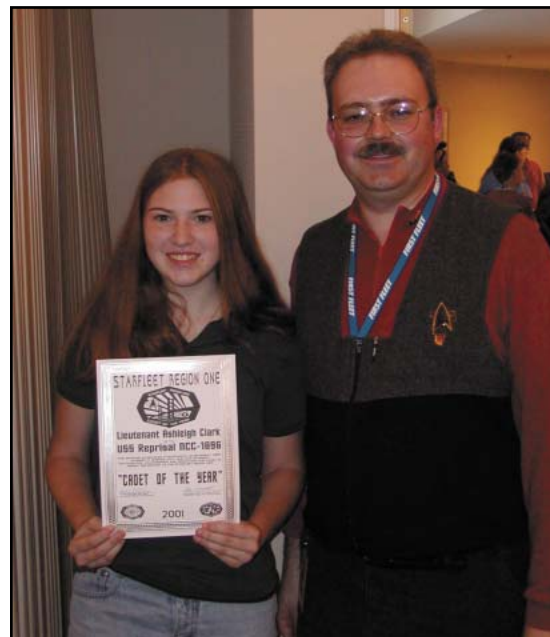
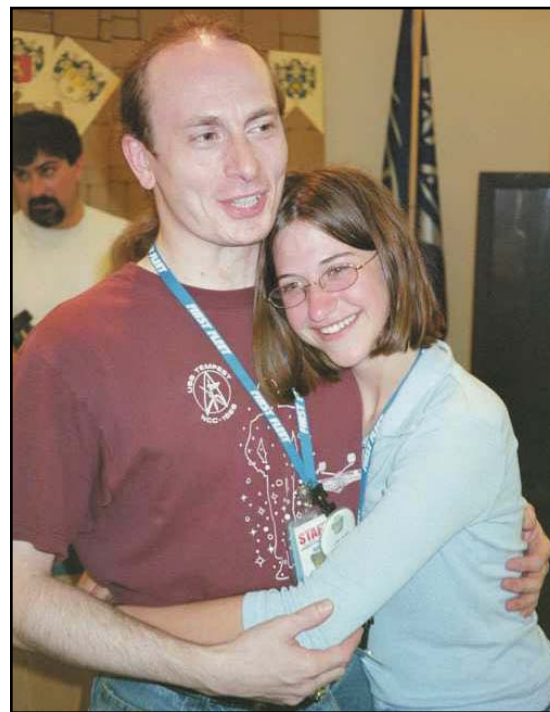
One other thing, I cannot edit stories submitted to the archive. Please send only completed works. If you need editing assistance or just general writing help, please ask away on the SFI-Fiction e-mail list. To join the list, send an email to sfi-fiction-subscribe@yahoogroups.com or write to the list manager, Admiral Allyson M. W. Dyar at allyson@ssnexus.org for further information.

Please send all submission and any other questions and such to: Apprentice74750@Aol.com



BY ROYAL DECREE: SCENES FROM THE SUMMIT

Photos Courtesy of Sandy Berenberg, Mark Anbinder, John Kane



FAR LEFT: Clay and Sandy Fallis pose with John "Kiwi" Kane while visiting scenic Gattlingburg.

LEFT: SFI Treasurer Tammy Willcox, after being asked about her discount policy.

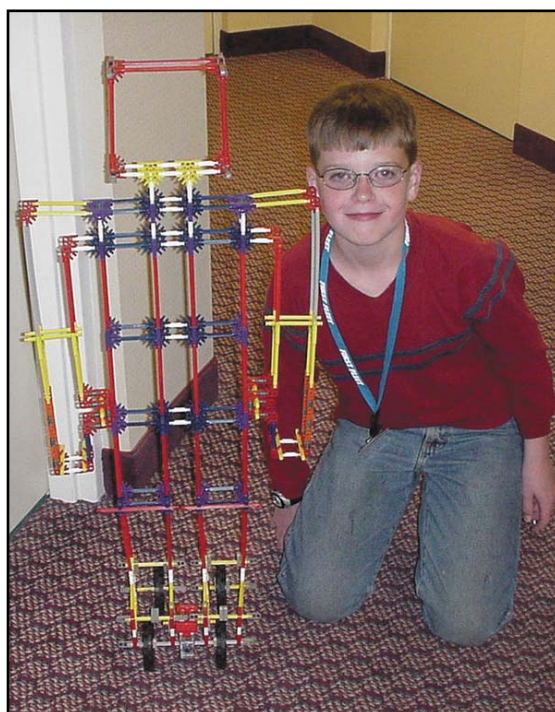
ABOVE: Getting ready for Retirement? Fleet Admiral Michael Malotte test the relative comfort of the chair.

Cheeeese! At the Park Grill in Gatlinburg (left to right): yellow shirt, Alan Jack (Garibaldi), Greg Franklin, Mary Kane, Charlie Hess (the redhead), and Wade Larkin.

LEFT PAGE, FIRST ROW:
All dressed up: Region 1 Summit attendees get ready to dance.
Have you hugged your RC today? RC R1 Robin Pillow gets a hug from Sarah Bollick.
LEFT PAGE, SECOND ROW:
The Return of "Wild Bill": Patty and Bill Herrmann enjoy the sights and sounds of the Region 1 Summit.
Congratulations! Lt. Asleigh Clark, Region 1 Cadet of the Year, poses with Wade Larkin, both of the USS Reprisal.

FROM THE REGION 1 SUMMIT

"Kiwi" Kane, Joan E. Pierce, John Adcock and Jill Rayburn



NEVE:
Rickard and Vice-Commander, STARFLEET
a rocking chair.

From left to Right): An unknown tourist in a
Franklin, Ruth Green, Dennis Relyea, Eric W.
(red guy) and Marilyn Marsh.

FAR RIGHT: Greg Trotter
demonstrates his superior
weenie rotating and basting
skill to Chris "Tigger"
Wallace.

RIGHT: Karen Goldbach of
the USS Questar.

RIGHT PAGE, FIRST ROW:

Biddie-Biddie-Bip: Sam Bollick with his Robot, which won a prize at
the Region 1 Summit.

This means War! The Region 1 Tug-o-war championship.

RIGHT PAGE, SECOND ROW:

With male editors, you will get pictures like this: Susan Fugate enjoying
the Region 1 Banquet.

Ready to serve: Anthony Leopard of Bennu Station.



ATTENTION ON DECK!

The News And Information Resource of the STARFLEET Marine Corps.

FORCECOM has been having a lot of fun over the past two months. First, I'd like to announce we've activated a new brigade. The 19th BDE now has a new MSG: the 388th based in Beijing, China. Welcome on board! And look forward to another brigade opening up next month as well!

FORCECOM welcomes on board the new OIC for the 3rd BDE, Mark West. Mark takes over from Alex Trevino Jr., whom I'd like to thank for his service.

COFORCECOM participated in the R1 Summit / Muster in Pigeon Forge, TN at the end of April. My thanks to everyone who participated in the muster panels and to the Summit staff who ran a great weekend!

Because of all the recent talk about the way the Corps runs and suggested changes therewith, I'd like to remind everyone here that if you have an idea you'd like to have evaluated for possible incorporation into the SFMC then write out a proposal and send it on up the Chain of Command. I'll be glad to make sure that the right person gets it.

Thank you all. Below is the State of the Corps. See you in print in two months time.

Semper Fi.

State Of The Corps* As Of March 30th, 2001**

FORCECOM welcomes the latest members to the Corps:
Sierra Blankenship, Eric Davis, Darlene Harper, Tony Flynt, Cathy Flynt, Kyle Flynt, Amber Flynt, Helen Flynt, Paula Willis, Kenny Willis, James Willis, Amber Willis, Steve Willis, David Willis, Kenneth Willis, Vaughn Armstrong, Bill Youngblood, Precila Faggans, Rachel Shotwell, Ann Cantrell, Jerry Hargues, Lester Hargues, John Hollibaugh, Brannon Hollibaugh, Andy Hargues, Trent Hargues, Ellie Claasen, Robert L. Hansen, Roy Henderson, Trish Diehm, Lionel Smith, Catherine Temple, Kimberly Temple, Robert Temple, John Johnston, David Mullins, David Wolf

THE FORCE IS WITH YOU...

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

Current Membership Reported:

Last period: 616 (active and reserve)
This period: 578 (active and reserve)
Decrease of 6%

Brigades Reporting: 12
Brigades Listed: 14

Marine Strike Groups Reporting:

Last period reported: 96
Last period listed: 119
Report rate: 81%

This period reported: 94
This period listed: 112
Report rate: 83%

(Although it's only two percent, it's better than the last reporting period! Congrats to all. Let's see that get pushed up even more)

Marine Strike Groups Formed: 6
Marine Strike Groups Deactivated: 2

The following Marine Strike Groups did not file a report to their BN or BDE CO. If you feel this is in error please e-mail me at coforcecom@sfi-sfmc.org: 125, 130, 147, 188, 233, 242, 250, 269, 408, 411, 420, 421, 424, 668, 678, 696, 801, 867, 868, 899. (Note: this number will not match with the MSG stats above, due to some units not being reported at all)

The following marines received awards during the Period of February - March 2002: (Marine ribbons only. Promotions and ship awards are not listed. If you feel this is in error please contact me at coforcecom@sfi-sfmc.org)

1st BDE

Sword of Valor - Steve Harper

Community Service Citation - John Upp, Char Hughes, Anthony Leopard, Paul Wheeler II, Ben Redding, Linda Oakley

Meritorious Unit Citation - 127th MSG,

113th MSG, 123rd MSG, 159th MSG
Initial Entry Training Award - Kevin Cozart, Laura Hensley

Leadership Qualification Badge - Kevin Cozart (Silver)

Good Conduct - Anthony Leopard, Ben Redding, Paul Wheeler II

Joint Services Ribbon - Anthony Leopard, Ben Redding, Linda Oakley

Brigade Achievement Award - Anthony Leopard, Ben Redding, Linda Oakley, Paul Wheeler II

Brigade Service Commendation - Paul Wheeler II, Linda Oakley, Steve Harper, Michael Browne, Scott Jensen, Clay Fallis

2nd BDE

Legion of Valor - 683rd

Brigade Achievement Award - Rebecca L. Self

Meritorious Unit Citation - 677th

4th BDE

Community Service Ribbon - Cyndi Temple, Truman Temple

Joint Service Ribbon - Cyndi Temple, Truman Temple, Jim Monroe, John Nelson, Lee Williamson, Jessica Flores, Chris Esquibel

Great Barrier Expedition - John Nelson, Lee Williamson, Jessica Flores

Brigade Achievement Award - John Nelson

5th BDE

Cross of Valor - Norman E. DeRoux

Shield of Valor - Nadine Romero

Legion of Valor - 521st MSG
Brigade Service Commendation - Norman E. DeRoux (1st Star)

Marine Honor Guard - Norman E. DeRoux (2nd Star)
Great Barrier Expedition - Stephen C. Idell (4th Star), Norman E. DeRoux (4th Star)

Embassy Duty - Stephen C. Idell (4th Star), Norman E. DeRoux (4th Star), John Adcock

Medical Proficiency Award - Scott Akers (9th Star)

Academic Excellence Award - Scott Akers

12th BDE

Initial Entry Ribbon - Kevin Allen King

NCO Development Ribbon - Rolando R. Gomez

Legion Of Arms - Rolando R. Gomez

Community Service Citation - Wayne Morrison, Mei-Li Budreau, Dale Graham, Ian Graham, Pauline Graham, Chad McGraw, David Miller, Dick Miller, Nikki Miller, Mark Werner, Paul Werner, Anna Williams, Jim Williams

Leader Commendation - David Miller, Scott Lanham

Good Conduct Ribbon - David Miller, Mark Werner

13th BDE

Good Conduct Medal - Matthew Baillie

17th BDE

Good Conduct Medal - Greg Fitzsimmons

*: All information reported is as accurate as possible, however I am human. If you see a mistake let me know at coforcecom@sfi-sfmc.org

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

Greetings to all of you, and to the members of the Mighty 4th BDE.

This was to be my intro to the 2nd BN, and to give all of you my ideas, but as things often do in the life of a member of the fleet, things change and in this case, I'm not addressing you all as the 2nd Battalion OIC, but as the DOIC of the 4th Brigade.

Let me introduce myself. I am Cyndi Temple and I serve aboard the USS Centurion in Grand Terrace, under the command of Brigadier Jim Monroe. I am currently their Chief of Computer Communications. I also serve as the Armor Branch Director of TRACOM.

I was honored to be named as the Battalion OIC of the 2nd Battalion and now, to have

been named DOIC of the 4th Brigade. It was surprise to me, as I never thought all those years ago when I first joined SFMC that I would ever hold such a position, but here I am. I am deeply honored to be addressing all of you now.

Let me share some of my ideas to help make the 4th Brigade even better. Being that I'm a Communication's Officer on the Centurion, I plan on focusing on improving communications within the brigade by planning and holding local events for members. These events will be very informal and are meant as a way for those who are unable to attend the major SFI/SFMC

events. These gatherings could be in the form of barbecues, meeting at a local restaurant or something along those lines. They will be held in two locations, one up in N. California and one in S. California. It is my hope that members of this brigade will be able to attend at least one of these two events and get the chance to meet fellow members.

Another way I plan on improving communications within this brigade is by holding bi-weekly meetings in the #4thbde room of IRC. These meetings are held on a Sunday night at 7pm Pacific Time. And as I always tell

the BDE, I can be found in the room at 6pm for informal chatting. These meetings are open to all members but I strongly encourage the members of Region 4 and of course the 4th BDE to attend. Please be sure to bring your ideas, as I would love to hear them all.

It is also my goal to see each battalion in the 4th Brigade have a website or at least a list on Yahoo!. There is currently in the works a logo for the 2nd Battalion and I hope to be able unveil it to all of you by the next issue of CQ.

My email address is DOIC@4thbde.org. Or you can reach me on MSN messenger under the nick Armor_Lady_TFL, or AIM under ArmorLadyTFL and of course you'll find me in IRC under Armor_LadyTFL. I look forward to hearing from all of you.

FOURTH BRIGADE MARCHES FORTH

Colonel Cyndi Temple • DOIC, 4th Brigade

SFMC ACADEMY E-CERTS REPORTS - APRIL/MAY

By Lt. Colonel Scott N. Jensen • E-Certs Coordinator, TRACOM

The following report is compiled from the past two months of the Electronic Certificate Database. The information is used for statistical purposes, to measure how active each Branch is within the SFMC Academy. Certain

courses may show no activity, but this doesn't mean those courses are more difficult or less interesting, only that some courses have certain criteria that have yet to be met, especially when dealing with the Colleges.

April 2002		May 2002		Course
Certs	Honors	Certs	Honors	
0	0	0	0	Combined Arms College
0	0	1	1	Military History College
1	0	0	0	War College
0	0	0	0	Staff College
0	0	0	0	General Staff College
23	10	24	4	Professional Development
3	2	2	2	Leadership Development
2	0	2	2	NCO Development
11	3	10	4	Aerospace Branch
4	2	1	0	Armor Branch
1	1	7	6	Combat Engineer Branch
5	3	10	4	Infantry Branch
6	2	6	1	Medical Branch
8	5	5	3	Mecha Branch
5	4	10	6	Special Operation's Branch
1	1	2	0	Support Branch
70	33	86	42	Total Certificates Issued
		156	75	Total Certificates Issued
2		4		Academic Achievement Award
13		11		Initial Entry Training Award
4		0		Marine Proficiency Ribbon
0		1		NCO Development Award
19		16		Total Awards Issued
		35		Bi-monthly Awards Issued
89		102		Total Certificates Produced
		191		Certificate Issued April/May 2002

Statistical Data:

Most courses taken by a single marine:

April: Kevin Cozart - 13 courses

May: Shawn Williams - 18 courses

Most active Branch in SFMCA this period:

Professional Development - 47

Second most active Branch in SFMCA this period

Aerospace - 21

Milestones this period:

During the month of May, I processed and distributed 102 certificates, an all time high since I became the

STARFLEET Marine Corps Academy Electronic Certificates Coordinator. Previously the high was 100 certificates.

Special mention should go to Cadet Kimberly Temple, for being the Marine to break the all time high with her passing PD-10.

Also this month I processed my 500th Certificate since becoming Coordinator. The 500th Certificate honor goes to Marine Kyle J. Wolf, a member of the USS Sun-Tzu, in passing LD-10.

I personally congratulate all the Marines that passed courses this period, and are looking forward to more certificate requests in the months to come.

Semper Fi!

SUPCOM UPDATE

Colonel John Adcock • CO, SUPCOM, SFMC

The SUPCOM offices have been extremely busy of late. I'll cover the important news bits first and then I want to talk about the SFMC Awards Program.

I have accepted Jill Rayburn's resignation as XOSUPCOM. I would like to thank her publicly for her work, and note that she will be staying on as SFMC Historian. Stepping up to fill the position of XO, I would like to welcome Colonel Susan Fugate of the 165th MSG/1st BDE (USS Aries) to the command. It's always nice to bring a fresh face into the Command Staff, and she will do a fine job.

Progress on the web site is coming along nicely. We'll be rolling out a few new features in the next couple of months, including a few surprises. Stay tuned, a keep visiting the site at <http://www.sfi-sfmc.org/>. One word about information accuracy on the web site...we get the MSG info list from FORCECOM, and only update it after every reporting period.

This keeps it as up to date as possible without the web staff having to make constant updates. If your MSG info is incorrect, please include that in your monthly reports. Heraldry, logo and motto information should continue to come to SUPCOM.

Work continues on the Marine Forces Manual revision. We will have an updated beta version available to see at the IC in August, and are on target for a 1 January 2003 release.

After some confusion about what was appropriate and what was not on the Official Corps Email List, we have revised the List FAQ. We will be enforcing a strict no-profanity policy. There were some other changes as well, and the updated FAQ can be found at :

<http://www.sfi-sfmc.org/supcom/corpslistfaq.txt>.

We have also created a FAQ for the #corps IRC Channel on the Fleetchat network (<http://www.fleetchat.org>). It can be found at

<http://www.sfi-sfmc.org/supcom/corpsircfaq.txt>.

By the time you read this, the new SFMC Collar Pins will be in stock. They are available in sets of three

for \$21. If you would like to order a set, please send a check or money order to Wade Olson at the following address:

Wade Olson
Rt. 3 Box 626
Madison, FL. 32340-9513

In addition to the pins, we are considering stocking hard to find or hard to make items for the uniforms. Some of the suggestions have been Aerospace Wings, Leadership Badges, and possibly pre-painted rank pins. If you have any suggestions, please send them to supcom@sfi-sfmc.org.

I'd like to spend the rest of my space talking about the STARFLEET Marine Corps Awards Program. There are several main points I would like to make.

The awarding authorities (be they the brigade commanders, the major commanders, or the Commandant) can only give awards when they receive recommendations. The award recommendation forms can be accessed at

<http://www.sfi-sfmc.org/forcecom/awards/forms.shtml>.

When you send in a recommendation, give as much detail as possible. Make sure the award requested fits the action taken to deserve an award. Countless times I have seen people recommended for the wrong award. I have personally kicked back recommendations multiple times for not providing all of the information requested or enough detail.

Keep in mind that some recommendations may take time to be processed. In the case of the Communications Service Award, I take the time to investigate the reason for the award, whether it means reading a newsletter, surfing a web site, or what have you. Also, the individual awarding authority is responsible for certificates (if they give them), and this takes time as well.

We'll be producing a detailed awards manual in the near future complete with examples of what a properly submitted award might look like. In the mean time, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.



IC 2002: THE ROAD TO OUR FUTURE STARTS HERE

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

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Less than two months and counting... Have you registered yet?

STARFLEET Region 4 and friends continue working hard as ever 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 Four Star Doubletree Hotel. The Doubletree has hosted many Sci-Fi events (including some major SFI ones like the 1989 STARFLEET IC) throughout the years and has a reputation for being very "fan friendly".

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

Cutoff Date For Hotel Reservations

The last day for reserving rooms is JULY 11th! Call 1-800-222-TREE and specify the STARFLEET INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE rate.

Cutoff Date for IC Pre-Registrations

The last day for pre-registrations will be JULY 26th! Registrations will be accepted at the door.

Transportation From Airport to IC Hotel

For those of you who will need transport to the hotel from the various airports and train/bus terminals, please fill out the Transportation Form on the IC 2002 website. This will ensure that Boyd Harmon knows you are coming and when you will arrive!

MP Corps will be onsite

Need to renew? Wanna sign up a friend? IC 2002 will be the place as Sanford Berenberg and his all-star Membership Processing Team will be there LIVE to assist you with all your MP needs!

New Polo Shirts

New T-Shirts are on the way! White polo shirts with the IC logo embroidered on the left breast will be available from the IC 2002 website! Larger sizes up to 4XL! Price: \$25.00. See the IC02 website for more details!

Rooms are going fast

Our room block is filling up fast. Everyone needs to make their room reservations soon to make sure that they are here for the fun. Call

the DoubleTree Hotel at 800-222-TREE and ask for the STARFLEET IC rate. If anyone has a problem, please send an email to Chrissy Killian, chair@ic2002.org or chrissy@netwiz.net.

Charity Announced!

The one confirmed charity we are supporting is America's Second Harvest. It is a nationwide food bank. You probably have a local chapter in your area. We are accepting items for the charity auction. Please bring them with you or contact Chrissy for information to mail packages before the IC.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMMING:

Thursday, August 1:

Check-in for pre-registered members
Offsite dinner & entertainment

Friday, August 2:

EC/AB Meeting
Opening Ceremonies
Away mission to local attractions
(see notes below)
Offsite Dinner
Gaming/Trek Trivia Contest

Saturday, August 3:

General Session
Onsite SFA course assistance
Onsite SFI membership processing
SFA/SFMC Panels
Banquet/Awards Ceremony
Dance
Intergalactic Synthehol Contest

Sunday, August 4:

Pre-registration for IC 2003
Closing Ceremonies

IC 2002 will have a dance on Saturday night. Our dance will feature professional DJ in a luxurious, 2,485 sq. ft. ball room.

Please note: there are numerous outdoor attractions within easy reach of the IC 2002 hotel. Be sure to bring something comfortable if you enjoy hiking, swimming or just want to spend a day on the beach. See you on August 1st!

DINNER MENU IS RELEASED

Dinner Menu: Saturday, August 3, 2002
House Tossed Salad
French Rolls & Butter

Chicken Toscano
Grilled Breast of Chicken Topped with
Artichoke Hearts And Mushrooms in a
Milanese Sauce Served with Orzo Pasta
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

OR

Sliced Roast Sirloin with Trio Mushroom Sauce
In a Cabernet Demi-Glaze
Served with Rosemary Potatoes
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

Doubletree Chocolate Chip Cookie Cheesecake

MISCELLANEOUS

Boyd Harmon, Transportation Chair asks that if you are flying in for IC, please contact him with

dates, times, flight numbers and the like at the following address: transportation@ic2002.org.

ATTENTION Webmasters

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

Program Guide Advertising Rates

¼ page = \$20.00
½ page = 40.00 and
full page = 80.00.

Ads should be in black and white. Space is limited so contact chair@ic2002.org for more info. Artwork submissions are preferred in .AI, .EPS or .TIF format.

AB Update

Ed Nowlin (EC/AB Liaison) asks that all EC and AB members attending contact him regarding special arrangements or requests 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!

Slideshow

A PowerPoint "year book" type slide show is planned to be shown at IC2002. This slide show will 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: m5@m5-online.com or you may send hard copies to:

Larry A. Barnes
112 N Filbert
Exeter, CA 93221

(Please include SASE to ensure your pictures are returned)

Website News

See who's going: Registration page has been added to the website so that you can look up your friends to see if they are registered!!!

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.

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! <http://www.cafepress.com/ic2002>

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

POLLS

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

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS

Online registration with various registration options and packages are now available online. Online Registration payments are available through PayPal Only.

PANELS & DISCUSSIONS

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

PROGRAMMING IDEAS

Things you wanna see? Events your chapter wants to sponsor? If so, then contact our Programming Chair, Jerry Tien at programming@ic2002.org

PROGRAM BOOK ADVERTISING

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

WE NEED YOU

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

PRICING AND REGISTRATION

Adult Reg. - Conference Only: \$35.00
Adult Reg. - Conference and Banquet: \$70.00
Child Reg. - Conference Only (age 0-12): \$15.00
Child Reg. Conference and Banquet: \$31.00
Adult Sat. Night Banquet Only: \$35.00
Child (age 0-12) Sat. Night Banquet Only: \$16.00
Supporting Registration (*non attending*): \$15.00

AWAY TEAMS

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

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

Just to name a few that are within about an hour's drive or less! Go to the website and take the online poll and tell us what YOU want to do!

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

"The Road to Our Future Starts Here"

YOUR STARFLEET IC2002 TEAM



USS SOUTHERN CROSS CELEBRATES 20th ANNIVERSARY

By Commodore D. Alan Yates • Executive Officer, USS Southern Cross

Artwork By Commodore David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region Five

The officers and Crew of The USS Southern Cross NCC 1886 gathered together at their favorite Chinese Restaurant to celebrate 20 years of service in STARFLEET International. Many of those present had served aboard the Southern Cross for over 15 years.

The presentation table was draped in the Australian Flag and the Flag of the United States of America. Also positioned on the flags in pride of place was an impressive Plaque from STARFLEET commemorating our 20 years of being in this wonderful Institution. Resplendent above were the Ship's Flag and The Reliant Class Research Frigate. Mr. Spock also paid a visit. Alongside was a smaller plaque commemorating "STARFLEET International Chapter of The Year 1988". Scattered around the table were decorations and commendations from STARFLEET Academy along with the badges of the School Directors. At the front was a huge cake suitably inscribed for the occasion photos of which are being sent to some of our friends in STARFLEET. A video of proceedings will also be sent to HQ. Thank you Letters from the Charities we support were also present around the table.

At the request of Admiral Jennifer Yates, the ship's executive officer read the following keynote address.

Twenty Years Celebrations.

Ladies and Gentlemen of USS Southern Cross. I have been asked by our Admiral to apologize for her inability to attend this happy occasion. Our chapter USS Southern Cross is twenty years old this month.

The Southern Cross was commissioned in Melbourne in 1982 with Ray Mitchell as Captain and Jennifer as Executive Officer. The chapter was relocated to Sydney in 1984 and Jennifer was appointed as Commanding Officer.

Our membership has varied over the years but more than 90 officers and crew have served on the Southern Cross with members coming from all over Australia. Membership is currently 18 but in our case small is big.



Scenes from the USS Southern Cross' 20th Anniversary Party.

Photo courtesy of USS Southern Cross

Over the years, apart from enjoying exciting role-playing and social events, we have raised money, food, clothing and toys for many charities exceeding \$15,000.00.

We were the first chapter in STARFLEET to establish "The Helping Hand" and collection of used stamps.

We were the first Region to have a STARFLEET Academy Campus outside USA and we believe Southern Cross members have more certificates, pro rata, than any other chapter.

Over the years we have supported many charities including:

- The Children's Medical Research Institute (world benefit to Children)
- The Royal Flying Doctor Service. (Air ambulance to outback Australia.)
- The Leo and Jenny Cancer Fund. (cancer research)
- The Starlight Foundation. (Granting wishes for terminally ill children)
- Exodus. (Food parcels)
- The Far West Children's Home. (City holidays for outback children)
- The Deaf and Blind Children NSW Institute.
- The Children's Hospital Alexandria. (toys)

Today it will be my pleasure, on behalf of Jennifer, to present Promotions and Service certificates along with SFA Diplomas.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve with the Officers and Crew of Southern Cross and to enjoy the many friendships we have formed both here and in STARFLEET International.

The success of Southern Cross could not have been achieved without the support and dedication of all aboard Southern Cross.

In the spring of 2002, Pocket Books published *Gauntlet* and *Progenitor*, two novels written by Michael Jan Friedman and set in the first year of Jean-Luc Picard's command of the USS *Stargazer* in 2333. Picard is new to his command -- his first mission as a senior officer thrust into the center seat by the death of his captain and disability of his first officer was recounted in last year's *The Valiant* -- and while he is the urbane and learned Picard we know from *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, he is still relatively unseasoned.

We meet again Picard's weapons officer, Lieutenant Vigo (introduced in the *Star Trek: The Next Generation*'s episode "The Battle"). As well, we are reintroduced to Picard's command staff who will serve with him for more than 20 years (shades of Kirk and his command staff): Gilaad Ben Zoma, his impulsive first officer; chief medical officer Carter Greyhorse, who is better at dealing with lab equipment than with people; earnest security chief Peter "Pug" Joseph; Idun and Gerda Asmund, twin sisters (humans raised by Klingons) who are the primary helm and navigation officers, respectively; and Phigus

BOOK REVIEW: AN UNSEASONED PICARD IN 2 STARGAZER NOVELS

Fleet Captain Rahadyan Sasrowardoyo • USS Accord, STARFLEET Region 7

Simenon, the curmudgeonly chief engineer who is a member of the Gnalish species (think Jack Klugman crossed with a velociraptor). These characters were all first introduced in Friedman's 1991 novel *Reunion* and have also appeared in *The First Virtue* (Friedman's contribution to the "Double Helix" series, co-written with Christie Golden), *Requiem* and last year's *The Valiant*.

In *Gauntlet*, Picard is tasked with stopping the pirate known as the White Wolf. A Machiavellian admiral has given Picard this choice assignment on the assumption that he will fail and his new captaincy made a laughing stock. The White Wolf turns out to be something totally other than what Picard has expected. In *Progenitor*, chief engineer Simenon returns to the Gnalish homeworld -- accompanied by several *Stargazer* officers -- to undergo a time-honored ritual that will determine the continuation of his bloodline. A comparison

between this plot and the original series episode "Amok Time" is inevitable, but it's an intriguing take on an old plot.

Among the new characters introduced in these novels are Juanita Valderrama, a middle-aged chief science officer whose complacency in her career leads her to an unwise choice; Joe Caber, scion of a Starfleet family, whose kindness towards some of his fellow officers doesn't offset some nasty personality traits; Martin Paxton, the *Stargazer*'s chief of communications; Elizabeth Wu, a by-the-book second officer who is reminiscent of Commander Shelby from *Star Trek: The Next Generation*'s "The Best of Both Worlds"; Jiterica, a young ensign of the low-density Nizhrak species who wears a containment suit while aboard *Stargazer*; Obal, a comical-looking Binderian engineer (he resembles a plucked bird and I visualized a larger, more verbose version of

Woodstock from the Peanuts comic strip) who becomes the target of another officer's bigotry; and Dikembe Ulelo, a newly-transferred communications officer with a hidden agenda. Also appearing are relatives of characters (I won't spoil the surprise by saying who) met in *Star Trek: Voyager*, set decades hence.

I enjoyed both *Gauntlet* and *Progenitor*. The 70-year "interregnum" between the events of *Star Trek: Generations*' prologue (set in 2293) and *Star Trek: The Next Generation* is still largely unexplored territory. Friedman's handling of the gaps in the tapestry of *Star Trek* history is deft and fun to read. Each novel contains portents of plotlines for future *Star Trek: Stargazer* novels, which I anticipate with enthusiasm.

Two weeks after these novels were released in stores, Marco Palmieri, *Star Trek* editor for Pocket Books announced *The Lost Era*, a six-novel series about what I've called the interregnum, which will be released starting in August of 2003.

In May 1994, I boldly went on my second Cruise Trek vacation ... this time to Alaska. On that wonderful week-long vacation, I met many new friends and one very special lady. To George and to us, she was Mama ... to the rest of the world, she was Fumiko Emily Takei.

Mama loved to cruise. George liked to joke that Charles Datin, Cruise Trek organizer, never called him about our next adventure, he called Mama and she brought George along. She always had a smile and seemed to enjoy hanging out with us as much as we enjoyed hanging out with her and George. There were about 900 of us in Alaska that year so I didn't get to spend much time with her but on the 1995 cruise to Bermuda that changed. During our visit, our group was treated to an excursion to a private beach. The boat ride there and back was a chance to chat and mingle. In the middle of all of this were George and Mama. Once there, George wanted to snorkel but was reluctant to leave Mama alone. A friend and I were not swimming so we offered to spend the afternoon with Mama. It was delightful and one of those special vacation memories. Momma's last Cruise Trek was on our return to Alaska in 1998. Her health began to fail after that and George was unable to bring her on our Panama Canal adventure.

My personal memories of Mama were enhanced after I had the chance to read George's autobiography "To the Stars". Among the events he recounts in great detail are their experiences in the internment camps of World War II. The story that touched me most was his description of his mother and the portable sewing machine she took with them. Having met her and recalling that she was probably not a physically strong woman

REMEMBERING MAMA

Cmdr. Carolyn Peters • Chief of Operations, USS Hornet

even in her younger days, this story became even more moving. What strength of the character she showed in the face of unspeakable indignity.

I must also mention that John de Lancie lost his father on May 22nd. While I never had the privilege of meeting Mr. de Lancie Sr., I have had several opportunities on Cruise Trek's to spend time with John. If the son is any reflection of the father, Mr. de Lancie Sr. was an extraordinary individual.

We grieve with thee, George and John.

From George Takei's Official Web Site:
(www.georgetakei.com)

Fumiko Emily Takei passed away in Los Angeles on May 25, 2002, after a long illness. She was 89. She was born in Florin, California, on September 29, 1912. She was the daughter of Benkichi and Shigeno Nakamura.

In 1922, her parents sent Fumiko to Japan to be educated. She returned to California, and, in 1935, she married Takekuma Takei in Los Angeles. With the outbreak of World War II, Fumiko

and her family together with 120,000 other Japanese Americans were placed behind the barbed-wire enclosures of United States internment camps. They were evacuated from their Los Angeles home in 1942, first to the Santa Anita Race Track assembly center, then to the internment camp at Rohwer, Arkansas, and then to the internment camp at Tule Lake, California. They returned to Los Angeles after the war.

Widowed in 1979, she was active in the Hompa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple and the Pioneer Center. She was a dedicated volunteer at the Koreisha Chushoku Kai senior citizens hot meal program.

Fumiko and her husband were avid travelers, having covered almost all the continents of the globe. They had been to the African countries of Kenya and Tanzania, Iran, Egypt, India, Singapore, Tahiti, Bora Bora, the Russian cities of Moscow and St. Petersburg, South America, Europe, and Asia. In recent years, she joined her son George on cruises to Alaska, Bermuda, Mexico, and the Caribbean.

She is survived by her children George Takei, Henry Takei, and Nancy Reiko Takei, all of Los Angeles; her grandchildren, Scott Takei of Los Angeles and Akemi Louchheim of Seattle; two great-grandchildren, Hana and Markus Takei of Los Angeles; and her sisters Yukiko Tamura of Hiroshima, Japan, and Setsuko Thurlow of Toronto, Canada

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the:

Japanese American National Museum
369 East First Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012.



In Memoriam: Mama Takei with George and Brad Altman (George's friend and assistant) taken on formal night at Bermuda Cruise Trek, August 1995.

I had recently returned from a student internship in Florida, when I discovered that I would be activated for the Utah Salt Lake Winter Olympic Games. Some think we're not much to look at, but we pull our weight as a Combat Engineer HQ unit.

We started with one of our monthly weekends, getting prepped as to some of our duties for the Olympics. At the time, we still had no idea as to where we would be staying. Would we be at home? Barracks? Hell-hole? Knowing the luck most Army units have, most were betting on the last option.

We loaded up our gear into the back of a regular size school bus, and headed to the UCHITA, a Reserve Army station located in Salt Lake. At this point we went through, what by most military standards, was a relatively short and simple processing system. It only lasted about eight hours. This includes the five hours that it took the "higher-ups" to decide if they were going to send us to Ogden or to West Valley. Finally, we were to go to Ogden, a broken down hotel, purchased by the US Army, and upgraded significantly.

You had to let the water run for about a minute if you wanted a drink or a shower, but the food was good, we weren't too far from a mall and downtown Ogden. We received briefings on subjects such as how to search vehicles, use of metal detector booths (as well as the handheld version, also known as Mag and Bag), and how to direct people to "choke points" at the various Olympic venues.

After four days of what we thought was blissful heaven, we were moved down to the West Valley barracks. This was the equivalent of losing favor with the Gods. We now had a new "mayor" (barracks Commanding Officer),

and our food was now bused in from the other location, but we had the opportunity to work more than just the two venues in the Ogden area. Now we had the Secret Service Warehouse (dock working, security, and vehicle search [VSA]), Downtown Venue VSA and Mag Bag, and a few other places in the downtown area.

With our crew pulling graveyard shift, our days

were mostly spent sleeping, and the nights on duty. This essentially filled most of the time for two months. Some might say that isn't much to do. To them I would quote an old military adage; "War is mostly build up of forces, supplies, patrols, and KP, with sporadic fighting in between."

With my duties, I was assigned in my last night to Rice-Eccles stadium for Mag and Bag. The start of



Taking a Break : Lt. Commander Nathan Shumway of the USS Alioth.
Photo courtesy of Nathan Shumway

my shift was about 21 hours before the closing ceremonies. I had yet to visit the stadium in my activation. A very serious shift indeed.

We arrived at the correct time (that was rare), and proceeded to check all the local performers as they went in and out of the gates. However, by 3 am, as we only needed to keep one Mag station open, we were sent to a Press HQ, which was basically a large indoor tennis court. As there was not much to do, a Private who had spent most of his time at the stadium offered to give me a tour of the stadium itself.

I passed by the gates, and immediately walked behind the Olympic flame on the south end of the stadium. I was awed by this sight, and by the feelings that it evoked. We continued upstairs to the Presidential Booth, and sat in President Bush' and Vice-President Cheney's chairs. Great view of the stadium and the ice rink I must say. The only problem with the whole tour, my tour guide just would not shut up. It was difficult to enjoy the ambiance when someone is talking the whole time.

The crowning moment of the whole night arrived, when after leaving the booth, I went out onto the ice. Just being there, where all the athletes had marched in was inspiring. On either side of the Flame, all the flags began to billow slightly in an early morning breeze.

The music for the ceremonies that had been playing a moment earlier stopped suddenly, though the laser lights still ran back and forth across the stadium. It sounds cliché, but it was a moment that happened. Besides, sometimes cliché moments occur at 4:30 in the morning. The Private I was with even quieted for a moment. I was there, at a most important event, and one of the most important moments of my life. Like the Flame, it is burned as a memory for all time, in my soul.



A TALE OF TWO CITIES

By FCapt. Ramon Macias and Lt. (j.g.) Gerry Sylvester • STARFLEET Regions 4 & 7
Artwork Created by Vice Admiral Kurt Roithinger • STARFLEET Region 5

Sometimes getting angry can have its uses.

For example one night I got a phone call from a beautiful Lady who decided she could do two things with her anger. The first option was to put her fist through a window. The second was to use that energy in a good way, a constructive way. So she set out to do just that and she came up with what I think is a Wonderful Idea.

As always, I am online with folks on IRC and Instant Messenger systems as well as on the phone. One night that very beautiful Lady told me about this wild wonderful Idea she had. She had an idea to try to bring something to the International Conference in San Jose August 2002. This is the story of a fine Lady's quest to try to honor those fellow Fleet members who do their job everyday and don't think of themselves as special or heroic.

Geraldine "Robyn" Sylvester put her time, her energy, her heart and her all into this Quest.

In search of the September 11 Flag...

Ok! I admit it. I got hells fire into me. I thought about how my life had changed so much in the past 16 months that I have been a member of SFI. And I wanted to do something to say thank you and to give back to those who gave me a chance.

So I decided to start tilting at a windmill...

I got on the phone with Sandy Berenberg. "Hey Sandy, I have an idea..."

Pat Comune/USS Challenger will warn anyone look out when the 2 of them start talking.... By that he means Sandy and myself.

And so started the quest for the 9/11 Flag. Also know as the search for the Holy Grail of the United States.

I cleared the concept of the quest with the higher ups and those on the IC 2002 committee. Some of who were in shock that I could consider such a quest. My response was, why not. I have a phone, I have a mouth, I have an Attitude!

When Geraldine told me of what she was going to do I was stunned, Could she do this? No one else I knew had the guts to think of it, much less try to get the Flag. I had learned by this time that she was determined to try to succeed if it was at all possible.

The emotion in her voice, the determination, gave me the belief that it was possible. To me the only failure could be in not trying from fear of failure. I have learned that this Lady is not afraid to try. The only fear she had was in letting the members of Fleet down

if she could not succeed in this wonderful, amazing quest. Geraldine has a phone, she has a mouth, she has an attitude, and she has the guts to try.

I started dialing:

NYC Mayor's office. I spoke with the Mayor's personal assistant.

I was kicked over to the New York State Governor's office. "The Governor is not available. Would you like to speak with the Lieutenant Governor?" (Like I'm going to say no!)

He informed me that I was going in the wrong direction. He told me that I needed to contact the Port Authority Police, Specifically, the office of Chief Joe Morris. Mike gave me the number and permission to use his name.

I called and left a message on Chief Morris' answering machine. Two days later, SGT. Brian Toohey called the house. He informed me that the flag was at the Smithsonian in Washington DC.

The next call was to the Smithsonian in Washington DC. The general information number and then to the Office of Public

When Geraldine found out that the flag was no longer going to be available for the IC she felt she had let the fleet down, but I was and am so proud that I know her. I can say to people I know this Lady who tried to do this for the members of Fleet.

Geraldine put the effort out to contact everyone from the Governors Office, the Mayors Office the Port Authority and the Smithsonian, as well as all the intermediaries that she had to go through to get to those people. The red tape she worked her way through was but an after thought to Gerry, she was on a quest to do something for the members of fleet

During the search, I was communicating with Ramon Macias, Ed/Firefighter Nowlin, and Chrissy/Kryssi Killian (International Conference 2002 Con Chair).

I "spoke" with Ed on IRC one night about the idea of the 9/11 flag. I will never forget his reaction.

"You mean THE 9/11 FLAG?!!!"

I was floored to say the least. To me it was simply a matter of getting on the phone and talking. What was the worst I could hear, "Drop Dead Bird Brain!"

I will admit to going through several bottles of antacid and two massive migraine headaches. It's been years since I had to deal with that. Both Sandy and Ramon had to deal with my attitude as well. I was stressing out because I really wanted to make this a reality for the members of STARFLEET.

But what really made me sit down and cry was an e-mail that Ed forwarded to me. I asked him if he could quietly contact the RC's to attempt to find out how many Police Department Officers, Fire Department Officers and Emergency Medical Technicians we really had in fleet. The fletcher's response was "What you consider being a hero, we call doing our job."

And now here I sit, no flag, and a phone bill the size of Montana.

Oh well, On to the next windmill.

End note

I would like to say thank you to Major Greg Shipley of the Maryland State Police. Major Shipley also works with the Polar Bear Plunge in Maryland. He saw all the hard work and effort that STARFLEET put into this past Polar Bear Plunge.

And as a result of that, STARFLEET was granted the privilege to use his name as a reference. And believe me, I did.

The only failure would have been in not to try.



Gerry Sylvester and Old Glory.
Photo courtesy of Ramon Macias

I was sent over to the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) back in NYC. I was asked to send an e-mail with the request.

Now came the hard part. Writing a letter that will not get lost and gain some attention. I was stressed to say the least. On one strange night, I had the cell phone in one ear, the landline in the other, Instant Messaging going on the PC, and e-mails flying!

I later got a response containing the tracking number.

I was not content to just sit by and wait. I figured that the SFI request would get lost in the massive amount of e-mails. I decided to e-mail the cover sheets for the SFI press pack to OEM.

It was not to long after that I got a personal e-mail from the director of OEM.

Mike Dendekker, a senior manager with the OEM called me. He called me!!! And STARFLEET!

Relations. I was then sent to the Curator of Arts and Technology. I was then told that the flag would be turned back over to the Port Authority at the end of the contract. I was given permission to call Chief Morris and use the name of the Arts and Technology Curator.

I made my final call to Chief Morris' office. I was going back and forth with his secretary due to the fact that Chief Morris was attending the Police week in Washington DC. I offered phone numbers for Sandy Berenberg and myself. The idea that if they wanted to they could put a face to the voice, the opportunity was available to them.

And so we waited. At the end of the week I decided to call Chief Morris again. After a bit of phone tag I finally got to speak with the Chief. From there, he handed me the bad news that the flag was in the Smithsonian to stay. The flag is already in bad shape and further handling will increase the damage. And that was the end of the ball game.

USS JURASSIC AMATEUR RADIO CERTIFICATION By Admiral Carolyn Donner

The USS Jurassic has several members who are also Amateur Radio operators. After all, there is more to *Star Trek* communications than just Uhura saying "Hailing Frequencies Open" all the time. Amateur Radio seems to be alive and well in the 23rd century. How do we know? Well in the original *Star Trek* series episode *Operation Annihilate!* when Uhura can't make contact with the officials on the planet Deneba, Captain Kirk tells her to try GSK783 on subspace frequency 3. No doubt that is the future equivalency of K8SSJ on frequency 28.345. Uhura says it is a private station, which we later find out belongs to the Captain's brother, Sam.

With that in mind, we decided to apply for a club license for the USS Jurassic from the present day FCC and received KC8LEY on Earthdate 9811.12 (12 November 1998). Our CO Carolyn Donner - N8ST was listed as the trustee of the station. On 5 October 1999 we were granted a vanity call sign of K8SSJ with the SSJ standing for Star Ship Jurassic. Garry Cameron (VE7ACM) then applied for the Jurassic's second Club License, VE7SSJ, which was issued by Industry Canada on Earthdate 9906.22 (22 June 1999).

The USS Jurassic stays active in Amateur Radio in a variety of ways, including working Field Day every year. Issuing a certificate to amateur radio operators who work both USS Jurassic stations, also keeps us busy. The certificate is called the **Jurassic Certificate** (see below) and can be earned by anyone with an amateur radio license. The rules are simple:

1. Work both USS Jurassic stations (K8SSJ and VE7SSJ) on any band and any mode. They do not have to be worked at the same time or on the same band.
2. Send QSL cards for both contacts along with a 9 x 12 SASE (or equivalent IRC's) to one of the addresses below:

Carolyn Donner N8ST
P. O. Box 158
Hamersville, OH 45130

Garry Cameron VE7ACM
11th Ave.
Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 4Y7
CANADA

You can also find out more about us at our website: <http://www.qsl.net/k8ssj> or via e-mail to k8ssj@qsl.net or ve7ssj@rac.ca.



A REPORT FROM THE WALK

By Lt. Gene Adams • Chief Engineer, USS Quannah Parker, Region 3

On Saturday, April 13th, Chief Engineer Gene Adams and Senior Chief Petty Officer John Montgomery, the Chief of Operations, represented the USS Quannah Parker in the Walk for Multiple Sclerosis at Mackenzie Park in Lubbock, Texas. The start was auspicious, as the overcast sky made it a little cooler than expected. Various modes of locomotion were evident, in addition to merely planting one hoof in front of the other. There were baby carriages, strollers, scooters, in-line skates and one little red wagon. The huge and motley throng was composed of beings of all ages and several species. There were kids on tethers who looked like dogs and dogs in tee shirts who looked like kids. One dog in particular demonstrated extreme intelligence at the three-mile mark as he or she (a close inspection was not performed) plopped down and refused to go any further.

Although seemingly unbelievable, this was a five mile walk where it was possible to finish weighing more than when you started. The reason would be the aid stations, which were located just about every quarter mile and were furnished with bananas, apples, candy and various other snack items, nutrition bars, water, Gatorade and flavored water. This was in addition to the Bluebell truck handing out ice cream bars and the free lunch after the walk.

At any rate, the Chief Engineer and the Chief of Operations finished the walk uneventfully and caught the shuttle bus to take them to the parking area at Joyland Amusement Park. They exited the bus, bade each other adieu and headed for their respective vehicles. The Chief Engineer slid behind the wheel of his auto, already anticipating the activation of his climate controls (it was no longer pleasantly overcast). He inserted his key and turned the ignition and...nothing happened. This caused the Chief Engineer to momentarily ponder what had befallen him, when suddenly he realized what was amiss. Due to the overcast and relative darkness early that morning, he

had driven to the park with his headlights on. In the rush to catch the shuttle bus from Joyland to the mustering area, he had not turned the lights off and the battery had become comatose. This realization caused the Chief Engineer to begin to emit infrequently used phrases and word combinations at a high decibel level until he noticed a passerby staring at him.

He explained that he was actually speaking Klingon and that it was a Klingon custom to shake your fist when you spoke. He suddenly thought of the Ops Chief and his mostly functioning vehicle. He raced towards the other end of the parking lot only to see the Ops Chief disappearing into the distance with never a backward glance. The Chief Engineer was aggressively attempting to stomp a mud hole into the parking lot pavement when he noticed that he was again being observed. He weakly explained that he was actually practicing his Irish step dancing.

The Chief Engineer doggedly waited for a shuttle bus back to the mustering area and upon arriving there (and while simultaneously trying to look as coyly engaging and piteously beseeching as possible) prevailed upon the event officials to loan him some jumper cables. One of the officials, obviously sensing desperation, produced a set of cables and sent him back to the parking lot with a driver and one of the course monitoring vehicles. Using the battery of the second vehicle, the Chief Engineer made all of the proper connections, slid behind the wheel of his vehicle, turned the ignition switch and...nothing happened.

Further testing using the good battery revealed that at least one of the jumper cables was faulty. The Chief Engineer was winding up to see if he could throw the cables over Joyland, when he remembered that they were not his, so he settled for a vigorous kick of one of his tires. He can now tell you that this is not a good idea when wearing relatively soft running shoes. He explained to the alarmed driver of the course vehicle that he had not had a chance to obtain his daily caffeine fix

and was therefore a little out of sorts.

The driver used his cell phone to call the mustering area and explain the problem, and before long a helpful man arrived carrying a portable power pack. He connected the power pack to the ailing battery, the Chief Engineer slid behind the wheel of his vehicle, turned the ignition switch and...nothing happened. The helpful man considered this development, and then remembered that he had neglected to charge up his power pack recently. The Chief Engineer was now lying on the ground making grass angels and idly noticed that the helpful man was slowly backing away. He did not care though, because he was convinced that the universe simply intended that he spend the entire day in the parking lot at Joyland.

Ultimately, he was able to convince a later arrival (who had not witnessed any of the prior events and thus assumed that the Chief Engineer was still a rational human being) to use his vehicle to physically push the Chief Engineer's vehicle and get it started. The Chief Engineer motored home with no further mishaps and, after he had entered the cool confines of his abode and had taken several pulls from a cold, fermented and carbonated beverage, the thought formed in his mind that, before venturing out again, he should make a sacrifice to the Automotive God to appease him and prevent future problems.

He found himself wondering whether the Automotive God would prefer the sacrifice of a virgin or a goat. He ruled out the option of using a virgin, since it would be too difficult to find one, and then rapidly dismissed the goat option also, since he did not want PETA picketing in front of his house. He opened his refrigerator and stared into it for several minutes to see what might suffice for an acceptable sacrifice. Then he took another pull from his beverage and smiled as he reached into the refrigerator. He would sacrifice two soy burgers.

CHICKEN HATS, SPIRIT STICKS AND FUN: RELAY FOR LIFE, NEW MEXICO

By LCdr. Elsa J. Baker • USS Mir, Region 17

What's a Relay for Life? It is an American Cancer Society fundraiser, but more importantly, it is an incredible experience, especially when shared with your shipmates.

As events unfold, you find cancer survivors in all shapes, sizes and ages, walking a victory lap around the field. They are in purple t-shirts and the commentator is inspiring them on. The USS Mir took up a strategic position on the field.

As the cancer survivors rounded the bend, they saw us clapping for them. I'll never forget seeing their faces light up as they saw us. They just beamed with happiness. In quite a few of the groupings, someone vigorously waved back at us - a Star Trek fan from way back. Nothing could top this experience.

Next, the commentator introduced Team Qa'Pla, along with all the others and we walked a lap around the field.

Then we started the custom of keeping one member walking the track at all times for the next twelve hours. A Spirit Stick can be used to turn over the track to another team member. But the event isn't boring after that! Remember, this is a fundraiser and not too different from a fair. All the fundraising goes to the American Cancer Society. Although the USS Mir did most of its nearly \$2,000 of fundraising ahead of time with a series of raffles, other organizations bet on activities and merchandise that would appeal to the participants. So, there were food booths, silent auctions and raffles.

Being spirited and loving to have a good time, our Fleet Captain Nancy Lynch and crew bought and wore "Chicken Hats". If we didn't stand out before, we did now!

The Relay for Life in Alamogordo, New Mexico (evening of 3 May into the morning of 4 May) raised a total of \$71,000 for the American Cancer Society's cancer research program.

Over the years, 31 American Cancer Society

researchers have received the Nobel Prize.

Another of them has created Tamoxifen for the treatment of cancer. That is why, we the crew of the USS Mir and the members of Team Qa'Pla think this is such a worthy cause. That is why we dedicate ourselves to doing two relays each year. Our next relay is September 6th and 7th in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

CSGM Jack Kern, our chapter's webmaster, coordinated this year's event and also took all the pictures. To see more pictures visit our website:

<http://www.zianet.com/jdkern/rfl2002/>.

The URL for Team Qa'Pla:

<http://www.geocities.com/ussmir/relay/>.

Don't forget to contact your local American Cancer Society for a Relay for Life in your area.

THE RIDE STUFF: AN INTERVIEW WITH ASTRONAUT SALLY RIDE

By Hartriono B. Sastrowardoyo • Shuttle Poteidaia, Region 7

"Through your vision, your creativity, and your dedication, you can help thousands and thousands of girls achieve their dreams and reach for the stars." That's the message that two-time astronaut, Dr. Sally K. Ride, brought with her to Kent Place School in Summit, NJ, on May 2nd, National Space Day, as proclaimed by Mayor Walter Long and Governor Jim McGreevey. Dr. Ride's appearance was part of the School's ongoing speaker series, which is designed to expose its female students to accomplished women leaders in the global community. Recent speakers have included playwright Anna Deavere Smith and novelist Anna Quindlen.

Dr. Ride is currently a Professor of Physics at the University of California, San Diego, where she encourages young women to study science and math.

"It has been demonstrated time and time again that girls can achieve great things in math, science and technology when the opportunities exist for them, when teaching methods are geared to their strengths, when expectations are set high, and when their natural interest and curiosity in those areas is cultivated," said Susan C. Bosland, head of the School. "Throughout [Dr. Ride's] career, she set high goals for herself and demonstrated the discipline and perseverance to achieve them. In so many ways she exemplifies the qualities that are reinforced in our school's mission.

One of the most important messages that she delivers is that even your loftiest career goals are within reach if you are willing to dream and work hard.

Dr. Ride explained that "If you look around at the technological workforce today, you'll find that 9 percent of engineers are women. That's a huge improvement. In 1970, less than 1 percent of all engineers were women. Nine percent is a huge increase. But it's still a small percentage. Today only 20% of scientists are women. I guarantee you that if you talk to folks that work at high-tech companies or companies that employ scientists or engineers, they'll tell you they're furiously trying to recruit women into the workforce. What they find is that women are not coming out with technical degrees in numbers that the workforce can easily absorb. The college professors say the women are not coming in from high school and declaring majors in the numbers that they would like, either.

So the process starts early. Interestingly enough, what you find is that in the elementary schools there are as many girls interested in science as there are boys. The problem starts later, sometimes as early as fifth grade, depending on the girl and the circumstance. Maybe they don't get the same reaction from their friends if they say they want to be an electrical engineer as a boy who says the same thing gets from

his friends, his parents or maybe even his teachers as well."

She founded Imaginary Lines, Inc., a company aimed at increasing the number of girls who are technologically literate, supporting and sustaining girls' natural interests in science and technology, and also at fostering a change in cultural perceptions of girls and women in these endeavors.

"One of my missions now is to help keep those girls in the pipeline, starting with the upper elementary and middle schools. We do this by creating a series of events that girls will want to come with their friends like community science festivals, hearing women from a variety of different professions, to mother and daughter space camp," she explained.

"I became interested in science when I was seven or eight years old," commented Dr. Ride. "Nobody actually sparked that interest, that I can remember. Neither of my parents were scientists, but they were really good about encouraging my interests anyway. They thought that if it was good enough for me to be interested in science, that they should support that."

Dr. Ride cited among her heroes not only astronauts John Glenn and Neil Armstrong, but also a high school science teacher. "She was the most important to me. She spent a lot of time with me and gave me the confidence that I needed to go in science. Without her I probably wouldn't have been qualified to be an astronaut once the opportunity came."

In addition to stressing the importance of science and technology in today's world, Dr. Ride shared her experiences in working in space and at NASA. "I liked everything about being in space," she said, in response to a question. "There's really no bad part. But probably the hardest part is all the work that you have to do in preparation for a mission. You have to learn everything there is to know about the space shuttle - what can go wrong, how to fix it. It's a lot like being in school, and you just have to learn a lot of stuff.

"One of the most unforgettable moments happened on my second flight, where we had an orbit that took us all the way up the East Coast of the United States at night. We could see Miami and then trace the East Coast in the continuous lights of the cities all the way up to Boston. It's an absolutely spectacular sight."

She was in training for a third mission two months from launch when the Challenger accident happened. Would she like to fly again? "John Glenn called NASA when he was 77 years old and said he would like to go back into space. They let him. I think I'm going to try that," said the 50-year-old former astronaut with a smile.

TROOPER FOR A DAY

By Vice Admiral Johnathan "TK1138" Simmons • RC, Region 17

It was Sunday, May 12, 2002 and hundreds gathered at the Centennial Theater in South Denver to eagerly await a private screening of Star Wars Episode Two: Attack of the Clones. The screening was one of 11 across the country and was designed to benefit the Kempe Children's Foundation. I was approached by Lionel Smith of the 501st Stormtrooper Legion to join in the festivities and help promote the charity.

Showing up in my DS-9 outfit, I took a look around and knew I was out of place. To the few who asked me about my costume I told this; "Star Wars... WARS... Now I remember!" as I slapped my forehead in mock astonishment. I had arrived before most of the Troopers from the 501st and as I saw Lionel pull in, I walked down the parking lot to meet him and walked right into the 501st staging area.

Troopers in various stages of garb were finishing putting on their armor as Lionel greeted me with a smile and directed me to another Trooper, Dave Hoffman, who told me to go grab the big blue box in the back seat. Contained inside was a full set of Biker Scout Armor as seen in Return of the Jedi. As I removed the separate pieces I was overheard muttering, "Now how in the name of Sy'Bok am I gonna get this stuff on?" and Dave proceeded to help me suit up. For those of you who have never worn Trooper armor before, let me give you some

advice should you ever "don the white," Go to the bathroom FIRST! Trust me on this.

We marched up to the arena tent and provided an Imperial Presence while those who paid \$250 a ticket were entertained with food, drink, raffles and costume contests. I was the flag bearer for the 501st that day and met many new fans that also had an interest in Trek and Sci-Fi in general. I gave away most of the business recruiting cards for R17 that I had made up for the event.

Two of the Troopers from the 501st got tickets handed to them by a couple who had mistakenly bought two sets and in turn were admitted to the private screening. I however, was not, but I did get free eats and drinks, got a bag of goodies and limited run items. I even got one of those coveted tickets with the lanyard to put in my collection.

When it was all said and done, over \$125,000 was collected for Kempe. We felt proud. We also felt tired and sore (armor pinches in certain places) but most of all we felt like we belonged.

Region 17's relationship with the 501st has become stronger and new friendships with independent fan groups were made. I said I'd go wave the flag and I did.

But lemme tell ya, it took me a few days to come back from the dark side.



A Gumby in every Universe: Johnathan Simmons "crosses over".

Photo courtesy of Johnathan Simmons

KLINGON-STARFLEET BLOODFEUD II: THE WRATH OF THE KLINGONS

A Theme Blood Drive and Mini Con Event to benefit the
American Red Cross Blood and Disaster Services

Date: September 14, 2002

Mini Con Time: 10 AM to 9 PM

Blood Drive times: 11 AM to 5 PM

Location: Patrick Henry Mall,
Jefferson Ave, Newport News, Virginia

Guest: TBA

Cost: Free

Sponsors: UPN 27, Patrick Henry Mall,
USS Jamestown and IKV Bat'Leth
Events: Sci-Fi Trek Auction for the American
Red Cross Emergency Services, Captains

Challenge, Dealers, Trek/Sci Club
Recruiting Displays and more.

Web Site: <http://www.angelfire.com/va/bloodfeud>

E-Mail: USSJamestown@juno.com

Red Cross E-Mail: noriegay@usa.redcross.org

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A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO TEMPORAL PHYSICS

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Now that I've discussed TimePiece (*Communiqué* #110 - Ed.) and its role in Temporal Security, I thought it would be a good opportunity to discuss some basic temporal physics. The purpose of this material is to familiarize you with the fundamental principles of temporal physics; its dangers and limitations, what they can do and what they can't. The study of the flow of time and history is called *Causal Flow Dynamics*. Before we begin, here is some basic terminology you'll need.

COMMON TERMINOLOGY

ABSOLUTE NOW: The "real" present, from the point of view of someone on the homeline.

ADJUSTMENT: The correction of a discontinuity.

ALTERNATE: Any timeline *except* the homeline. Also "alternate world."

BLACKOUT: An area of time, which cannot be reached by the TAG. Some are temporary; some seem permanent.

CAUSAL FLOW: The pattern of cause and effect.

CLOCK OUT: to travel in time.

CRUNCH TIME: The absolute now time passing at a faster rate than experienced time while on a mission.

CRUX: One of those places where events can be manipulated to change the timeline.

DISRUPTION: A causal anomaly or change in history.

DIVERGENCE: Warning of impending historical change.

DOWNTIME: Toward the past.

DROPOUT: When all agents in a time period are thrown back to base by a historical change.

EAER: The Eden-Arbatov Energy Reflector - or "Ear".

ECHO: An alternate world, which is, or appears to be, identical to the primary, but at an earlier point in its history.

EDDY EFFECT: The reason agents in the past may not get supplies or reinforcement exactly as expected.

EVENT ENTITY: An object or being in space-time.

FOCAL REFERENT (or "FR"): The device that keeps a transmitted object or person in the past.

FREE TIMER: An "independent" TimePiece agent.

FOREVER WORLD: Location of the "Guardian of Forever".

GUARDIAN OF FOREVER: a sentient organic monolith of unknown origin, which acts as a portal to anywhere and anywhen.

HOMEBOY: Anyone from one's own

World-Prime.

HOMELINE: Earth-Prime's timeline.

INFINITY STATION: Headquarters for TimePiece. An orbital station in geosynchronous orbit over the Guardian of Forever (See Forever World, Guardian of Forever).

JUMPER: Someone who travels in time without benefit of hardware.

LEAPER: A "Downtime" Section (TimePiece) agent.

MULTIVERSE: A closed system of linked universes and dimensions.

NAK: Short for "anachronism." A person, place or thing belonging in a different time or timeline.

OBSERVER EFFECT: A phenomenon, which limits the type of historical event that can be changed.

OUTTIME: Any alternate world.

OUTTIMER: Anyone from an alternate world.

PARACHRONICS: The study of alternate worlds. More specifically, the study of why alternate worlds exist, and how travel between them is possible.

PARALLEL: An alternate world, which differs from the Primary only in that its history has been different (some are *very* different). A "close parallel" is different as the result of one identifiable historical change.

PHASE SPACE: The void between Parallels.

PRIMARY: An original world located in the homeline.

QUANTUM: An "energy level" in 8-dimensional space, containing many alternate timelines. A quantum level may be abbreviated, e.g., Q7 for Quantum 7.

SLACK TIME: Time faster than normal relative to absolute now.

SLIDER: A "Crosstime" Section (TimePiece) agent. Sometimes referred to as "Crux Operative". See CRUX.

TAG: Temporal Access Generator. Used to send agents through time.

TIMELINE: A history, a sequence of events; another term for an alternate world.

TIMEPIECE: The enforcement branch of the Department of Temporal Investigations.

TRAVELER: Anyone who goes between times, dimensions, planes or alternate worlds.

UPTIME: Toward the future.

VIEWER: A device, which can (in effect) receive light waves from an alternate world, displaying a picture of what is happening there.

WEIRD PARALLEL: An alternate world, which has many similarities to our own, but also has differences, which make the

similarities, seem unbelievable (such as the world where intelligent reptiles speak Standard).

Now that you've gotten a handle on the language, we'll look at the basics next.

THE SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM

Scientists currently recognize the existence of at least eight accessible dimensions in the space-time continuum. For any space to remain finite but unbounded (as the Multiverse is believed to be), it must possess at least one dimension beyond those that are generally discernible. Consider a two-dimensional piece of paper. In order to form a closed loop, the paper must pass through a third dimension. A two-dimensional "universe" effectively exists on the surface of the paper, but its theoretical inhabitants are unable to perceive the third dimension. A four-dimensional universe (three of space and one of linear time) must pass through two additional dimensions in order to form a finite but unbounded system.

These additional dimensions can be considered the "height" and "width" of time, while the linear temporal progression we can observe is time's "length". It is, of course, impossible to model these relationships accurately in three-dimensional terms, although some Medusan mathematical techniques offer promising possibilities. Still, for our purposes, consider the relationships of the temporal dimensions using a three-dimensional model.

If we describe the whole of the three-dimensional multiverse of space as a single point, then the first dimension of time can be seen as a line, what we commonly refer to as a "timeline". This extends "Forward" into the future and "Backward" into the past. Any given point along this line is a moment in time as it progresses. A timeline is not nearly as fixed or absolute as a line displayed on a computer readout, as we shall see.

Adding an additional line, running perpendicular to the first, gives us time's "height". Adding a third perpendicular to the first two, gives us its "width". This creates a plane of time, intersecting with the timeline, which contains a potentially infinite probability field.

Quantum theory tells us that, at any given moment, there is a vast range of possible outcomes. Billions upon billions

of individual actions take place every moment. These choices are said to exist in a state of "quantum flux" before they take place, which is to say that the choice of possibilities are equally "real" before you make the choice.

Of course, some outcomes are more likely than others. Certain outcomes are said to carry a stronger "quantum charge" than others, making them more likely to take place. Some events have a particularly strong quantum charge, making them magnets for certain kinds of temporal phenomena, as we shall see.

Of course, the homeline, *our* "timeline," is not the only one. The three dimensions of time actually contain a potentially infinite number of timelines, all co-existing parallel to each other throughout the probability field. To use the three-dimensional analogy again, the continuum can be thought of as a bundle of 20th century fiber-optic cables: million of strands, running parallel to each other. Those strands or timelines "closest" together tend to exhibit the greatest similarities; their events and histories do not differ greatly, if at all. Those lines farthest apart (in terms of the Y and Z-axes of time) show the greatest differences. Each strand vibrates with its own unique quantum frequency, like a string on a violin.

The space "around" these individual strands of time, their "insulation", if you will, is subspace. Subspace is an expression of the multi-dimensional nature of the continuum. By harnessing subspace, through the formation of warp fields and similar technology, it is possible to exceed the limitations of three-dimensional space in traveling faster than the speed of light. In a sense, subspace technologies like warp drive and subspace radio are a form of time travel. Further investigations of subspace technology may lead us to a further understand of the nature of space-time.

PAST and FUTURE HISTORY

Now consider a single timeline, our own. It extends "behind" us into the past and "ahead" of us into the future. As far as we know, a timeline that stretches out infinitely in both directions although the effective "past-war" limit of all timelines is believed to be the origin of our present Multiverse, the "Big Bang" event.

While it is possible to pick out any single point along a line in a three-dimensional

model, the progression of time is not so precise and linear. The dimension we call time is a series of progression through the quantum probability field, of events occurring, then passing. However, these events are not fixed once they have occurred. It is common to think of the past as immutable, while considering the future in flux. However, neither is entirely true. Both the past and future (and the present) exist in a state of quantum flux. The past can be changed, and in many ways the future has already “happened”.

Any given outcome has a certain “quantum charge,” as mentioned before. This is true of events in the past as well as events in the future. The greater a moment’s charge, the more likely it is to remain in a particular sequence of events with a similar charge, forming a chain of events we call a timeline. If the quantum charge of a moment in time is altered, then it causes that moment, that link in the chain, to attract different events to connect to it, leading to a reorganization of the timeline as different moments in time attach to it.

CHANGING THE PAST

The past is alterable. The past not only

can be changed; it *has* been changed on a number of occasions that we know of. In fact, it can be changed over and over, but it is *very* difficult. More importantly, changes to the past affect our present, and only those “uptime” of the change are *completely* unaware any change even occurred. From their perspective, things have “always” been that way.

The place where events can be manipulated to change the timeline is called a “crux”. Timelines like to merge with each other, so it’s generally only possible at a crux to change the timeline. At the crux you still have to do everything you can to make matter different, *and* it has to diverge far enough from the prime line, because history can stay perfectly on track with slight discrepancies. For instance, did you ever find yourself arguing with someone about something you remember perfectly? A little micro-crux may have opened in your life at that point and closed up afterward, leaving two people with slightly different memories.

There is also a risk of “editing out” the *known* future. Entropic energy allows an absolute sequence of events to be imposed on changes made in *past* time. Thus to make changes in a timeline, they have to

be drastically different, or the timeline will reconverge, leaving nothing but puzzles for historians. Small changes will be canceled out by the background noise of history. Big changes, or small changes made with exquisite timing, *will* change the future.

When history is changed, either accidentally or on purpose, the effect is to change the *frequency* of the entropic energy associated with each possible future. In other words, the *probability* of each future is changed. They include:

- **Traveler at risk** - The traveler himself may be changed (or even fade out of existence).
- **World at risk** - The traveler may be unchanged, but return to a changed, perhaps *extremely* changed, world.
- **Return blocked** - The traveler may be unchanged, but stuck in the past, unable to return unless he can undo the change.

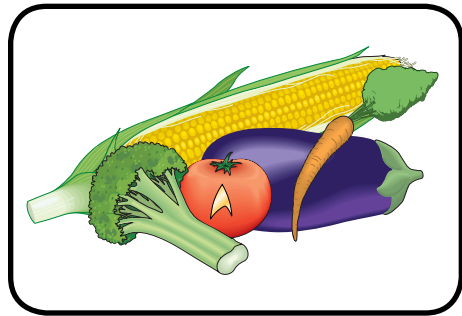
History is constantly trying to find its own channel and to move in its own way. Recall the theory of time as a river. If you drop a twig in a river, the water is momentarily disrupted, but it continues to flow around the anomaly. Also, the anomaly begins to flow with the stream

until it is, in effect, part of the stream. So, you could postulate that while *you* went back and killed Thomas Becket at the base of the high altar at Canterbury (rather than the four knights just outside the Mary Chapel), the timestream could adjust so that the end result (death of Becket, martyrdom, canonization and even the presence of four knights who were subsequently despised) would be the same. Historians looking at the incident would record it the way we are told it happened. Perhaps it didn’t happen that way in the first place! This relates to the:

OBSERVER EFFECT

Given that the past can be altered, it is difficult to determine how any given change will affect the future. Highly advanced quantum-based computers can calculate the impact of a particular alteration in quantum charge over a short time period, but the altered probabilities accumulate so rapidly that predictions become meaningless when projected more than a matter of days into the future. There are simply too many variables.

This “plastic” nature of time not only extends into “the past” as we know it, but also into the present and future.



“V” IS FOR VEGGIE , THAT’S GOOD ENOUGH FOR T’POL...

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The new series *Enterprise* has given fans a glimpse into the complexities of Vulcan culture not seen since the *TOS* days of Star Trek. It is the first instance of humans and Vulcans serving together aboard star ships, learning the others’ culture and forging bonds of partnership, if not friendship. For long-time Trek fans, it comes as no shock to find out that T’Pol is a vegetarian. That aspect of Vulcan culture has been known since the days of Spock. How many of us, though, have ever really given thought to why?

Vulcans favor logic over emotion, creating conflicts and waging war only when logically sound, avoiding the emotionally driven violence found in our own culture. Real life non-violence advocates, such as Gandhi, and past and present peaceful cultures, favor vegetarianism as an extension of non-violence. Animals bred for food in industrialized cultures experience violence from birth until death.

Taken from their mothers shortly after weaning (or in many cases, before), they’re crowded into small cages barely large enough for their bodies. Egg-laying chickens are packed four or five into a battery cage about the size of the

newspaper you’re holding. Chickens raised for eating (broilers, fryers, etc) are bred to grow large and grow quickly, often augmented with hormones and other drugs, and kept in huge warehouses where there are 10-15 chickens per square meter. Even in death, these animals suffer. Slaughterhouse methods are designed to be as quick and painless as possible, but in practice that doesn’t occur due to poorly trained workers and the amount of animals moving through in a given production day.

From a nutritional standpoint, animal products are a rather illogical food source, hardly the best place to find most of the nutrients a humanoid needs. Animal flesh, milk, and eggs are high in protein and cholesterol, low in vitamins, minerals, and fiber. Present-day medical research has linked diets high in meat and other animal products (i.e. dairy and eggs) to heart disease, colon cancer, diabetes, arthritis, and osteoporosis.

One of the leading causes of heart disease is high cholesterol, brought on by a high intake of saturated fats. In a typical “Western” diet, this is through the consumption of meat and dairy products. The simplest way to lower cholesterol and

your risk of a heart attack is to adopt a vegetarian diet. On a personal note, this is how my mother reduced her own cholesterol levels, along with increased exercise. She isn’t a strict vegetarian, but she has significantly reduced the amount of meat in her diet. For a woman who, six years ago, had a second heart attack at the age of 45 and had several shunts placed in major arteries, her doctors are very impressed.

Consumers of animal products also take in much more pesticides, hormones, industrial pollutants, and antibiotics than those who follow a vegetarian diet. The practice of feeding antibiotics to livestock creates resistant strains of diseases such as pneumonia, meningitis, and salmonella. Studies have shown that reducing animal product intake increases the life span of humans. Perhaps the longevity and health of Vulcans is also increased by their diet.

Environmentally speaking, raising animals takes a tremendous amount of space and natural resources. It takes about 23 gallons of water to produce one pound of tomatoes. It takes 5,214 gallons to produce one pound of edible beef. In the United States, cattle consume 80% of the corn grown and 70% of other grains.

As of 1991, 92.7 million acres of rainforest lands had been cleared for the purpose of cattle grazing. Clearly, a meat-eating society makes an illogical use of their natural resources.

Vulcans are, of course, a fictional race, but fiction takes its inspiration from real life. And often, real life draws its inspiration from fiction. Perhaps the Star Trek writers considered all these factors when deciding to make Vulcans a vegetarian race, perhaps not. For more information on vegetarianism, visit Compassion Over Killing at www.cok.net, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals at www.goveg.com, or the Vegetarian Resource Group at www.vrg.org. Live long, and prosper.

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HOW DO YOU 'MARRY' STAR TREK AND INDIANA JONES?

Commodore Mike Wilkerson • USS Atlas, STARFLEET Region 12

My name is Mike Wilkerson, and I'm a professional Web Designer for a company in the St. Louis Metro area, with a couple of gargantuan vices. The first is STAR TREK, which not too amazingly has led to me being one of the creative forces in the world's largest fan-run Trek organization, STARFLEET International, and our own little local piece of organized Fandom, the USS Atlas, a St. Louis-based chapter of SFI.

The second is an absolute love for the fantastic film trilogy, featuring Indiana Jones and the cast that has now become legend in entertainment and world history.

Now that you've got a little biographical and historical information about me and my interests the question STILL remains: How do you marry Star Trek and Indiana Jones? The answer is an annually occurring contest that takes place in the Kansas City, MO area, called the "Quest for the Grail."

The event itself provides participants the opportunity to engage in science fiction-based trivia, physical games of skill, and, best of all, chance, all culminating in an overall score, which decides your position at the end of the day. The best part is that it's team based. Just like much of the working world, no one person can achieve everything, and the contests of the Quest for the Grail allow, and in some cases force people to interact, which is what fandom is all about, isn't it?

Now the most important part - the tie to Indiana Jones: I lucked out one day and started creating this website based on the idea that the Grail was just like the one referred to in the third epic movie, "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade."

Later, after I started creating it, I found out that there had been a movement to make the Grail twist more into the vein of the "Monty Python" Grail. I cannot convey my total lack of interest in Monty Python appropriately.

While I understand and sometimes can even

giggle at some of the humor of Python, it just doesn't "turn my crank." Being able to make this website twist toward the direction of the Indiana Jones Realm is what I consider this a personal victory. The history, lore, and absolute enjoy-ability of Indiana Jones is one of the largest movements to be realized in modern times.

And so, this website was created, not only to mark the information, details and event goings-on of what is a fabulous event put on by another "crew" of another "starship" in our Region of fandom, but also a showcase to the power of teamwork for the USS Atlas.

The Quest for the Grail is something that I urge anyone, in any kind of team environment to, check out and participate in. Finding out how to best work with people is the best course of action that anyone can partake, mostly because everyone has people that they don't usually like to work with, but you don't have to like everyone you work with.

You just have to work together. I luck out in that I treasure the relationships that I have with my teammates and that not only do we work well together, we've also realized now constructive we ALL can be when we do PLAY together as well.

My kudos to the crew of the USS Adjudicator for creating such a great and pleasant experience in our little edge of organized fandom.

Look for more information, pictures and tidbits as they come my way, and please feel free to send me feedback and input on the sites contents at the following e-mail address: grail@ussatlas.org. Long hard hours went into and still go into making it what it is, and I'm always excited about hearing from people from any corner.

Check out the "Raiders of the Quest for the Grail" Information Website at:

<http://grail.ussatlas.org/>

THE ATLAS SCHOLARSHIP

Commodore Mike Wilkerson • USS Atlas, STARFLEET Region 12

The Atlas is proud to offer the Atlas Scholarship, providing assistance with college and professional education to people around our nation. Read below to find out more about how you can have Atlas help escalate your life knowledge base, and help make you a productive member of our society! If you have questions after reading these criteria, please contact us! We would be happy to help out!

The USS Atlas Scholarship is:

- A one time scholarship for first time Freshman applicants or any adult choosing to participate in additional professional education or certification to any accredited college, tech school or professional development program, that pays for tuition or materials of or up to \$500.

An applicant to the Atlas Scholarship must:

- Be a current Member of STARFLEET International: The International STAR TREK Fan Association.

- Provide a letter of recommendation from a high school teacher, counselor, principal, employer, or mentor.

- Provide a typed 200-300 word essay answering the question "How has being a STARFLEET member been a significant influence on me?"

Atlas Scholarship Application Process:

- All applications and supporting materials must be received by March 15, 2003.

- Although all applicants will be considered, only the student awarded the Atlas Scholarship will be notified in writing. All other applicants can view the scholarship recipient result at the USS Atlas website, at:

<http://scholarship.ussatlas.org>.

- The Atlas Scholarship will be disbursed to its winner no later than May 15th, 2003.

- The Applicant must claim their scholarship award within 30 days from notification, or the Atlas Scholarship will be provided to another applicant.

- The award recipient shall provide a copy of letters of acceptance received from an accredited college or programs that they plan to attend. This process continues until September 1, 2003. If by this time no applicant has accepted the scholarship, the funds shall be placed in an interest bearing account and the submission process will begin again.

- The USS Atlas Scholarship shall be granted to the recipient for either tuition, books, or other designated materials for the program. If used for tuition, the award shall be made out to the name of the accredited college attended or professional/certifying organization.

If used for books, the award shall be made out to the college bookstore of the accredited college or professional/certifying program attended.

Never before has a scholarship with such a wide array of options been offered, and the Atlas is proud to be able to be another "pioneer" on the realm of organized fandom.

If you've ever thought of taking "that certification class that would earn you more money" or never had the incentive to finally go ahead and learn the skills to make yourself more marketable in general, you now have what you've been waiting for. Applying for the Atlas Scholarship is easy!

Check out the Atlas Scholarship Information on the Web at:

<http://scholarship.ussatlas.org>

or email correspondence to me directly at CPTMIKE@ussatlas.org. I would be happy to see that your application is processed as soon as possible. Atlas has many fantastic goals throughout the year, but none is greater than getting you on the road to being successful.

RIGHTING WRONGS AND DR. "BONES"

Major Kevin Cozart • USS Dominator, Region 1

On May 4, 2002, the University of Mississippi, commonly known as Ole Miss, became a step closer to the university that it would be in the days in which Dr. McCoy will be a student. This step was the selection of the design of a permanent memorial remembering the fight for civil rights in America and its connection to the University. The unofficial theme of the project is the "fight for equal access to education" which in some aspects is part of the "infinite diversity in infinite combinations (IDIC)" belief shared by most STARFLEET members.

The design was chosen by a board of jurists of many different backgrounds from all over the United States. The initial field of 125 artists was narrowed to the five finalists in January of this year. The five finalists were on hand at the selection to present their artwork and to explain the symbolism behind it. Of the finalists, two were from New Orleans, LA and the remaining artists were from the New York City metro area.

The Civil Rights Memorial Initiative (CRMI) was founded in 1995 by a group of students, faculty/staff, and community leaders. Their goal was to erect a memorial to commemorate the struggle for civil rights and equality in education highlighted by James Meredith's

fight to integrate the University of Mississippi and consequently public institutions of higher learning across the southeast and throughout the entire nation. On September 10, 1962, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that he had the right to attend the University of Mississippi.

The Governor of Mississippi, Ross Barnett, personally blocked Mr. Meredith from registering at the University even after the Supreme Court ruled. Finally, on September 30, 1962, a Sunday, Mr. Meredith was escorted onto the campus by federal marshals and Civil Rights Division lawyers.

Stationed on or near the campus to protect him were 123 deputy federal marshals, 316 US Border Patrolmen, and 97 federal prison guards. Within an hour, the federal forces were attacked by a mob that would grow to number 2,000 and who fought them with guns, bricks, bottles, and Molotov cocktails. The marshals had been ordered not to shoot and so used tear gas to try to stop the rioting. The violence continued until President Kennedy

sent 16,000 federal troops to the campus.

When it was over, two people were dead, 28 marshals had been shot, 160 people were injured, and James Meredith became the first black student to attend the University of Mississippi on October 1, 1962. Since Meredith's graduation, he has donated a large collection of personal papers about the experience to the University's Special Collections and this year his son, Joseph, received his Doctorate in Business Administration from the University and has been selected as the "distinguished graduate student" of the year.

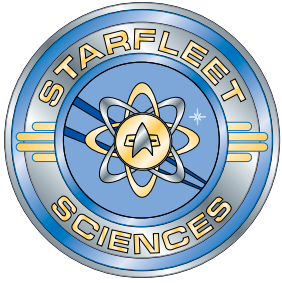
The chosen design is a set of two 19 ft. doorways topped by a bell and flanked by columns, which are prevalent throughout the University. On the frieze above each door will be one of the following four words with the two that will be on opposite sides of the doorway paired together: Justice/Forevermore, Freedom/Henceforth.

The doors will be etched glass with the state of Mississippi in the lower third of each door. The top half of each door will include a phrase: "Learn

in fear no more", "Teach in fear no more", "Resist in fear no more", and "Unite in fear no more". The doorways will be placed in an elliptical space between the John D. Williams Library, later named for the chancellor during Meredith's days at the University, and the Lyceum, the location where Meredith registered for classes and the oldest public building of higher education in the State of Mississippi. The winning artist is Terry Atkins of Brooklyn, NY.

The cost of the project will be paid for through private donations, a \$75,000 grant from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History's African-American Heritage Grant program and donation of funds raised by the 30 fraternities and sororities who mailed more than 50,000 letters to friends, family and alumni nationwide.

While \$25,000 has already been presented to the CRMI, the final donation will be a third of the total amount collected by the Greeks in the spring-fundraising campaign that is hoped to top \$100,000. The project is being coordinated through the University of Mississippi's Center for the Study of Southern Culture and can be reached at 661-915-5993 or by e-mail to: memorial@olemiss.edu.



CONNECTIONS

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In the last issue of our continuing series examining the similarities and links between the various species throughout the galaxy, we examined the similarities among the reptilian species in the Milky Way. In this issue we'll study pigmentation, camouflage, and shapeshifting among humanoid and some non-humanoid races.

Among the catalogue of species that have significant pigment characteristics [other than melanin-based pigmentation seen in many humanoids] are:

- Andorian [Alpha Quadrant species whose primary pigmentation is blue]
- Benzite [Alpha Quadrant species whose primary pigmentation is blue]
- Bolian [Alpha Quadrant species whose primary pigmentation is blue]
- Orion [Alpha Quadrant species whose primary pigmentation is green]
- Dosi [Gamma Quadrant species whose primary pigmentation is orange]
- There are also a number of humanoid species whose pigment is characterized by varying levels of grey, grey/green, and various shades of cream to cream/brown.

Let's discuss the pigment found in most humanoids, melanin.

Melanin is a tyrosine-derived pigment molecule. Tyrosine is a phenylalanine-derived biogenic amine with an 'aromatic' ring character. Tyrosine is one of many biogenic amines which act as biological regulators. Melanin synthesis occurs in specialized skin cells called melanocytes as follows:

- Melanin is hydroxylated to 3,4-dihydroxyphenylalanine (commonly known as dopa) by the copper-containing enzyme *tyrosinase*
- Dopa is then further oxidated to dopaquinone (also catalysed by *tyrosinase*)

Further reactivity leading to the formation of melanins including

- catalysis of melanins by *tyrosinase* leading to a pathway which results in the production of black melanins and
- dopaquinone reaction with cysteine [another amino acid] resulting in the production of red melanins occur spontaneously.

Pigment in most humanoid species is the result of a balance between red and black melanins and the distribution of melanocytes in the basal layer of the epidermis. A genetic deficiency of *tyrosinase* which results in the inability to produce melanin, is as albinism

Melanins, in general, provide pigment to most if not all species characterized by skin shades of white, 'flesh' or cream color, tan, brown, black, and the various red and red/brown pigmentation. Varying levels of yellow and brown iron oxides augment some of these.

Additional blue and green pigmentation is provided by a variety of organic and inorganic chemicals:

- Green-imparting chrome oxides and iron oxides
- Indigo/blue-imparting 2-amino-4,4'-dochlorodiphenyl-ether-2'-sulfonate / N-hydroxymethyl-

benzamide / naphthalene-2-(Sulfonamide-3'-amino)-6,8-Di-SA

- Green/blue-imparting phthalocyanides
- Various forms of green-imparting chlorophylls [C55H70MgN4O6 and its variants] which absorb red and blue spectra imparting green coloration

Additional red and orange/red pigmentation is provided by a variety of organic and inorganic chemicals:

- Red iron oxides
- Carotenes [C40H36 and its variants] which absorb blue and blue-green spectra and impart red and orange coloration
- Anthocyanins which absorb blue and green spectra, imparting red coloration

Generally, research has shown that the Andorians and Bolians, whose intense coloration is blue, are pigmented due to the physical presence of the various pigments, such as the chrome and iron oxides and phthalocyanides. Some species such as the Benzites, who have a more toned and fleshy blue pigmentation, are pigmented due to the presence of chlorophyll and anthocyanin variants which absorb the red and green (and some blue) spectra, giving them their blue to blue/grey skin coloration

Research has also shown that the majority of gray and gray-green aliens show pigment not through the physical presence of pigment molecules, but rather through biochemical alteration of melanin variants and the presence of absorptive chemicals. These chemicals are usually 'cyanophylls' and anthocyanins which absorb green and blue spectra, or chlorophylls, which absorb red and blue spectra, and the generally low concentrations of melanin pigments which lead to varying levels of albinism.

Note: the majority of these species are noted to live on planets with low levels of solar radiation and their environments are usually low-light environments as well

A number of these species are provided with additional coloration through the presence of chrome/iron oxides and phthalocyanates, imparting grey-green or grey-blue coloration, red/orange and brown coloration in these species is rare.

An additional phenomena seen is the presence of chameleon-like abilities seen in various species, including:

- Jem'Hadar
- Gwyr
- Suliban

The Suliban (and to some degree the Jem'Hadar), whose chameleon ability is through genetic enhancement, are beyond the scope of this survey.

The Jem'Hadar [*Recombisaurien sapiens jemhadar*, also *Homosaurien sapiens jemhadar*] and Gwyr [*Homosaurien sapiens gwyris*] obtain their physical pigmentation and some of their chameleon ability as follows:

- Physical pigments, typically chrome/iron oxides, phthalocyanates, and some chlorophyll derivatives which absorb the red and yellow spectra
- Additional bioactive pigments, such as the

ketracel white molecule seen in the Jem'Hadar, which imparts cobalt/copper/manganese blue-green to purple pigmentation. The ketracel white molecule (and other chemical moieties as yet being discovered) also contain mercury moieties that appear to mediate the camouflage and light-bending reactions that impart significant camouflage

In addition, comparison of the genomes of the Jem'Hadar and Gwyr has revealed some genetic similarities with relative species on Earth. Those species, have gene products that include proteins [and hormones that affect special pigment-bearing cells in the skin] known as chromophores which are capable of altering their absorption spectra to impart color changes. Two chromophores have been discovered, one in the Jem'Hadar [mercury-containing ketracel white], and another in the Gwyr [a platinum-containing chromophore] which may be responsible for their specific camouflage characteristics.

The Jem'Hadar, well-studied in the late 24th century due to the intense conflicts with the Dominion and the Voth, are a genetically engineered species first discovered to our general knowledge in 2370 by members of Deep Space Nine's command crew. Their origin prior to their current engineered state remains a mystery. Preliminary genetic testing from several Jem'Hadar on board USS Hawkeye and USS Cheiron suggest the Jem'Hadar originated from a reptilian species with minor genetic similarities to the reptiles of the Order *Crocodylia* located on Earth as well as several species of the Family *Chamaeleonidae* (commonly known as chameleons).

The most interesting characteristic of the Jem'Hadar is their lack of the isogenic enzyme ketracel white and their complete psychological and biochemical dependence on this enzyme. Obtaining information on the drug and its effects has been difficult. We do know the following:

- The enzyme delivery system is through a tube that connects the vial to the arterial system in the Jem'Hadar neck vessels
- The chemical is whitish (hence its name)
- Rare instances of chemical independence have been encountered, with rare individuals experiencing a genetic mutation enabling them to produce the enzyme.

The characteristics of an isogenic enzyme are unclear. The roots iso- meaning same and genic meaning generating or creating, imply that ketracel white falls into a category of molecules capable of generating more of the same molecule. Whether this has to do with their synthesis or with their propagation within the Jem'Hadar bloodstream remains to be seen.

The isogenic enzyme ketracel white is a cholesterol-based hormone, whose two center rings are six carbon sugar derivatives. The ring structure is hydroxylated and fluoridated. Two unsaturated hydrocarbon chains (unsaturated meaning there are double bonds joining some of the carbons similar to unsaturated fats such as those found in canola and olive oils) contain carbonyl and polyphosphate groups and mercury amine groups containing nitrogen and mercury. The molecule also contains chelated cobalt, copper, and manganese ions and amine group (bearing some resemblance to choline-like

neurotransmitters). In addition, the molecule contains nitrogen bases similar to the nitrogen bases A, T, G, and C that form the genetic code in DNA. Ketracel white forms a large helical structure not unlike human DNA.

The functions of the molecule appear to be:

- Catalyze a wide variety of biochemical reactions within Jem'Hadar physiology
- Nutritional function and as an energy molecule [polyphosphates, cf. ATP]
- Hormonal and neurotransmitter characteristics
- Strengthen and stabilize calcified structures such as bones and teeth, giving the Jem'Hadar a resistant skeletal system [*we have yet to find cavities in Jem'Hadar teeth and bone fractures are rare and heal rapidly*]
- The chelated cobalt, copper, and manganese ions impart coenzyme activity, color characteristics to the Jem'Hadar (cobalt imparts blue, copper green, and manganese purple this giving the Jem'Hadar their brisk skin color), and stabilize the helical structure of the molecule

*The mercury amines appear to mediate the 'quicksilver-like' camouflage

The least is known about the species capable of changing both their physical form and their pigment characteristics:

- allasomorphs (from Daled IV)
- chameleons and changelings
- Suliban

These species are both genetically complex and their chemistry is very different from other humanoid species.

Whether allasomorphs are humanoid is unknown, as their true form remains questionable. They appear to be able to physically alter their pigment chemistry as well as their physical form to some degree, although mass and form characters seem to be bounded by primarily humanoid characteristics such as bipedalism and such.

The Suliban, through genetic manipulation, appear to be able to alter their physical form to a greater degree and alter their basic protein and connective tissue structure, but like allasomorphs they appear incapable of altering their basic body form. Ongoing research indicates that the Suliban genetic profile may include chromophores similar to those seen in the Jem'Hadar and Gwyr. Their reddish base pigment appears to be due to the presence of metal-containing chromophores (perhaps iron, manganese, and chrome red-to-blue reflecting metals), whether the platinum and mercury moieties [which impart the invisibility seen in Jem'Hadar and perhaps Gwyr and are known to exist in the Suliban] are present is unknown.

Chameleons and changelings do not appear in fact to be solid life forms and therefore can alter both their physical form, size, and pigment characteristics. It is believed that chameleons, only a few of which, have been discovered, are in fact a subgroup of the 100 changelings sent out to explore the galaxy.

For further investigation, check out the Xenoarchaeological Sciences web site:
<http://www.angelfire.com/nc2/sardis/xenoarchaeology.html>



FLEET ACTIVITY REPORT

BY FLEET CAPTAIN DIXIE HALBER, CQ SUMMARIES COORDINATOR

Summit season is upon us again and many ships of the Fleet are gearing up. Many ships this year are taking to the road to attend not only their own regional summit but also many others across the country as well. Send all summaries to CQSummaries@sfi.org.

Region 1

USS Aeon, NCC - 75022 Memphis, TN

The ship sponsored a yard sale to raise funds for its charity.

USS Alaric, NCC - 503 Asheville, NC

Recycling efforts continue. Crewmembers enjoyed video nights.

USS Appomattox, NCC - 75001 Appomattox, VA

Crew raising money for the Relay for Life. An away team dyed eggs with children at a local market.

USS Aries, NCC - 71806 Johnson City, TN

Crew continues to work on production of a fan movie. Crewmembers are looking forward to the R1 Summit.

USS Asgard, NCC - 72402 Lancaster, OH

Crewmembers helped the Captain celebrate her daughter's college graduation. Away teams attended the MS Walk, donated food to a local food bank, and visited a local museum.

USS Athena, NCC - 51896 Reston, VA

Ship presented toys and other goodies to the children's unit for a local hospital. Crewmembers enjoyed a kite-flying day.

Bennu Station, SFR - 119 Gatlinburg, TN

Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights. An away team volunteered with another service organization to sponsor a pancake breakfast.

USS Bonaventure, NCC - 102-A Greensboro, NC

An away team attended a local renaissance festival.

USS Carolina, NCC - 74222 Greenville, SC

Crewmembers enjoyed a house warming party and a role playing game day.

USS Chesapeake, NCC - 1887 Richmond, VA

Crewmembers enjoyed several movie nights.

USS Columbus, NCC - 72401 Columbus, OH

An away team visited a local observatory. Another away team enjoyed a movie outing.

USS Dominator, NCC - 18076 N. Charleston, SC

OCF and Stampede collection efforts continue. Chapter was honored with several awards at the Summit.

Shuttle Francis Marion, NCC - 36000/02 Greenville, SC

Crew working hard to get the handbook and constitution for the ship created. Recruitment efforts underway and the web site is nearing completion.

USS Heimdal, NCC - 1793 Madison Heights, VA

Crewmembers enjoyed a game of Star Trek Jeopardy at the monthly meeting. OCF and Stampede collection efforts continue. Crewmembers collected food for a local food bank.

USS Hornet, NCC - 1714-D Charlotte, NC

An away team attended a movie night.

USS Jamestown, NCC - 1843-D Hampton, VA

Crewmembers volunteered at a local museum. Collection efforts for OCF and Stampede continue. Crew members enjoyed an Enterprise party. An away team manned a flea market table to raise money for the March of Dimes.

USS Jurassic, NCC - 3500 Hamersville, OH

Collection efforts for OCF and Stampede continue. Ship contributed more baby blankets for its ongoing project. Ship celebrating several awards received at the Summit.

USS Maelstrom, NCC - 74218 Hertford, NC

Stampede and OCF efforts continue. Crew looking forward to the new Star Wars moving and busily planning for summer activities.

Space Station Nikola Tesla, NCC - SS0005 Puryear, TN

Crew heavily involved in redesigning the web site.

USS Normandy, NCC - 36000 Correspondence

Crew enjoyed the Region 1 Summit.

USS Ohio, NCC - 75007 Barberton, OH

An away team answered phones for a PBS telethon. Crewmembers volunteered at a

local elementary school. An away team enjoyed a local convention. Another away team attended the R1 Summit.

USS Powhatan, NCC - 1967-A Chesapeake, VA

Crewmembers enjoyed Enterprise nights. An away team cleaned the ships adopted spot.

USS Questar, NCC - 75435 Louisville, KY

An away team enjoyed a breakfast event. Several members planning to attend the R1 Summit. Ship writing efforts continue.

USS Ronald E McNair, NCC - 61809 Columbia, SC

Overseas Coupon Project efforts continue. An away team toured a nearby swamp. Another away team visited a local railroad museum.

USS Rutledge, NX - 72415 Ladsen, SC

An away team attended the R1 Summit. The ship is proud to return to the Fleet after a brief stint away.

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

A small away team attended the R1 Summit.

USS Starward Fury, NCC - 2122 Fayetteville, NC

An away team enjoyed a movie outing. Crewmembers visited a new aquarium that opened locally.

USS Tempest, NCC - 21556 Harlan, KY

An away team attended R1 Summit.

USS Tycho, NCC - 59325 Toledo, OH

OCF and Stampede collection efforts continue. An away team attended the R1 Summit. Plans underway for the ship's anniversary party.

USS Vindicator, NCC - 74212 Lexington, SC

The ship is gearing up for a change of command and a change of region.

USS Wasp, NCC - 1721 Bristol, VA

An away team attended the R1 Summit.

USS West Virginia, NCC - 2008 Charlestown, WV

The crew celebrated St. Patrick's Day at the monthly meeting.

USS Yeager, NCC - 61893 Bluefield, WV

Ship's fanzine to go online soon.

USS Yorktown, NCC - 1704-A York, SC

Many activities for summer in the works.

REGION 2

Chattahoochee Station, NCC - SFR-201 Atlanta, GA

Crewmembers enjoyed a picnic at a local park.

USS Continuum, NCC - 71821 Pensacola, FL

Crewmembers enjoyed their annual camping trip. An away team attended the r2 Summit.

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

Plans are underway for summer activities and fund raising projects.

USS DaVinci, NCC - 74671 Columbus, GA

Ship co-hosted the r2 Summit. Ship celebrated its 6th anniversary.

USS Draco, NCC - 78501 Cullman, AL

An away team attended the r2 Summit. Crewmembers pitched in for a yard clean up day and enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs afterwards.

USS Drakenfire, NCC - 71822 Odenville, AL

Collection efforts for OCF and Stampede continue. An away team attended the R2 Summit.

Shuttle Gasparilla, NCC - 2071/01 Tampa, FL

Plans are underway for the shuttle's commissioning ceremony.

USS Guardian, NCC - 26244 Cape Canaveral, FL

Crewmembers recognized Earth by participating in a beach clean up.

USS Haise, NCC - 74664 Jackson, MS

OCF collection efforts continue. An away team toured the Stennis Space center with other area chapters. Summer activities are being planned.

USS Hephaestus, NCC - 2004 Birmingham, AL

An away team attended the R2 Summit. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night.

USS Jubilee, NCC - 57299 Mobile, AL

An away team attended the R2 Summit. Crewmembers participated in the MS Walk along with another area chapter.

An away team visited the Stennis Space Center with other region chapters.

USS Khai Tam, NCC - 81000 Tallahassee, FL

Crewmembers enjoyed a poker night. An away team participated in a clean up day for a local fitness trail.

USS Liberty, NCC - 75012 Panama City, FL

Recruiting efforts underway. The ship sponsored a booth during a local festival.

USS Odyssey, NCC - 454-A Hattiesburg, FL

An away team participated in a parade with another chapter.

USS Okatoma, NCC - 74695 Collins, MS

An away team attended the R2 Summit. Another away team visited the Stennis Space Center with other area chapters.

USS Paegan, NCC - 1755 Orlando, FL

An away team traveled to Daytona Beach for Bike week.

USS Parallax, NCC - 74657 Middleburg, FL

Crew is working hard on Vessel Readiness Certificates.

USS Relentless, NCC - 81001 Madison, FL

An away team attended the R1 Summit.

USS Rogue Phoenix, NCC - 75005 Savannah, FL

An away team attended the R2 Summit. Crewmembers volunteered at a local elementary school for "Star Trek Day." Crewmembers enjoyed a game night.

Shuttle Saint George, NCC - 1798-A/11 Daytona Beach, FL

Crewmembers enjoy online discussion of Star Trek. Ships web site is still in progress.

USS Spiritwalker, NCC - 31097 Decatur, AL

Collection efforts for Stampede and OCF continue. An away team attended a local convention. Ship donated food to a local animal shelter. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night.

USS Trident, NCC - 74692 Stuart, FL

Ship sponsored a yard sale to raise funds. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night.

USS Triumph, NCC - 26228 Ft. Lauderdale, FL

A small away team attended the R2

Summit. Collection efforts for OCP continue.

USS Werner Von Braun, NCC - 72069
Huntsville, AL
An away team attended the R2 Summit. Crewmembers enjoyed a lunch outing.

USS Yamato, NCC - 71087
Pinson, AL
A small away team attended the r2 Summit. An away team attended a local street festival.

REGION 3

USS Ark Angel, NCC - 74622
Georgetown, TX
Ship busy planning for the R3 Summit. Helped the Captain move to new quarters.

USS Aurora Vulcanus, NCC - 1888
Houston, TX
The crew started a new role-playing game.

USS Bethel, NCC - 74663
Grapevine, TX
Fund raising and activity plans underway.

USS Bexar, NCC - 71718
San Antonio, TX
An away team visited the shuttles meeting. An away team participated in the Race for the Cure for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. They ran in the memory of Gloria Ybarra and Jeresa Thomas.

Freedom Station II, NCC - SS001
Eules, TX
The captain is on the road to recovery after recent surgery and will resume command soon.

USS Intangible, NCC - 65421
Bryan, TX
An away team attended AggieCon and had a fabulous time.

USS Joan of Arc, NCC - 73289
Corpus Christi, TX
An away team helped a ship family move to new quarters. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night.

Shuttle John Marshall, NCC - 74750/01
Perryton, TX
Web site design team is hard at work. The senior staff is creating a chapter constitution. An MSG was formed.

Shuttle Laredo, NCC - 71718/03
Laredo, TX
Recruitment efforts continue.

USS Palo Duro, NCC - 61914
Amarillo, TX
Crewmembers attempted to enjoy a video night but had difficulties with the tape so enjoyed chips and salsa and socializing instead.

USS Panther City, NCC - 74917
Fort Worth, TX
Crewmembers enjoyed a computer gaming night. An away team attended a local Renaissance Faire.

USS Quanah Parker, NCC - 73628
Lubbock, TX
The ship celebrated its anniversary with dinner. Crewmembers enjoyed several gaming nights.

USS Rhyanna, NCC - 1892
Austin, TX
The ship donated food to a local food bank. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night and helped celebrate a crewmember’s birthday.

USS Spirit Wolf, NCC - 74300
Houston, TX

Crewmembers celebrated birthdays at a local restaurant. Plans underway to attend the upcoming R3 Summit.

USS Tejas, NCC - 9756
Vernon, TX
Crewmembers attended a local parade. Collection efforts for OCP continue. Ship also recycling newspapers and aluminum for the local Humane Society.

USS Texas, NCC - 74207
Killeen, TX
Recruitment efforts continue.

USS Victory, NCC - 74208
San Antonio, TX
Crewmembers enjoyed dinner and movie nights.

REGION 4

USS Angeles, NCC - 71840
Los Angeles, CA
Crewmembers celebrated St. Patrick’s Day with a party. An away team attended a local convention. Ship celebrated its 7th anniversary with a picnic at a park that was home to the filming of several Trek episodes.

USS Angelfire, NCC- 75025
Phoenix, AZ
OCP collection efforts continue. An away team attended a local convention. Another away team attended a renaissance faire.

USS Augusta Ada, NCC - 55011
San Francisco, CA
An away team attended a convention elsewhere in the region. Members enjoyed the regular monthly meeting and showed off recent e-Bay acquisitions.

USS Cascade Station, NCC - SS0003
Redding, CA
Crewmembers busy rewriting and reorganizing ship bylaws. Work continues on the upcoming IC.

USS Centurion, NCC - 74801
Moreno Valley, CA
Crewmembers are working on the upcoming IC. Plans are underway for several summer activities.

USS Highroller, NCC - 23104
Reno, NV
Recruitment efforts continue. An away team volunteered at Astronomy Day held at a local planetarium.

USS K’Ehkeyr Station, NCC - SS0009
Las Vegas, NV
Crewmembers enjoyed gaming and movie events. Recruitment efforts continue.

USS Northern Lights, NCC - 27001
San Jose, CA
Crewmembers enjoyed a dinner and movie night. An away team attended a local anime convention.

USS Onizuka, NCC - 71815
Chico, CA
Crewmembers are planning for the ship’s upcoming 10th anniversary. Crew also working hard on the upcoming IC.

USS Peacekeeper, NCC - 72300
Visalia, CA
Ship sponsored a poker night to raise funds. Crewmembers enjoyed a trip to a nearby theme park. The ship donated funds to a local family to help cover burial expenses.

Shuttle Raven’s Claw, NCC - 72202
Woodland, CA
Shuttle gearing up for commissioning. An away team volunteered at a local convention.

USS Tikopai, NCC - 1800
San Jose, CA
Crewmembers enjoyed a bowling event.

An away team took a trip to a local comedy club.

REGION 5

Shuttle Achilles, NCC - 93701/1
Portland, OR
Recruitment efforts continue. Plans are underway for summer activities.

USS Bright Star, NCC - 71875
Redmond, WA
An away team attended the R2 Summit, the R1 Summit as well as the R17 StarFest.

USS CM Russell, NCC - 75285
Great Falls, MT
Ship celebrated St. Patrick’s Day with a party. Recruitment efforts continue.

USS Crusader, NCC - 74711
Spokane, WA
Crewmembers enjoyed food and gaming at the home of a member.

USS Destiny, NCC - 97301
Salem, OR
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night. An away team participated in a beach clean-up event. Another away team attended a change of command ceremony for a local Klingon group.

Shuttle Greywolf, NCC - 75016/01
Boise, ID
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie outing and a lasertag event. An away team answered telephones during a PBS telethon.

USS Jaguar, NCC - 74750
Mill Creek, WA
Work on the fiction archives continues. An away team attended the R1 Summit.

USS Kensington, NCC - 75016
Meridian, ID
Crewmembers enjoyed movie outings. An away team participated in a “Klingon Day of Honor” with other area chapters.

USS Rubicon, NCC - 71816
Richland, WA
An away team visited a local science facility. Crewmembers celebrated St. Patrick’s day with a potluck dinner. An away team volunteered at a March of Dimes event.

USS Starchaser, NCC - 71801
Renton, WA
Crewmembers enjoyed a Trek-a-Thon. Camping plans underway for summer.

SS Unisus, SFR - 502
Newport, WA
Summer field trip plans are getting underway.

REGION 6

USS Czar’ak, NCC - 1798-A
Minneapolis, MN
Crewmembers enjoyed a bowling event. Plans underway to attend the R6 Summit and the IC.

USS Fox River, NCC - 81002
Appleton, WI
The ship is hard at work planning the upcoming R6 Summit.

USS Imperium, NCC - 2125
Fargo, ND
Crewmembers enjoyed a bowling event. Plans are underway for summer. Crew already planning for the ship’s 10th anniversary in the fall.

USS Thunderchild, NCC - 3122
Rapid City, SD
Crewmembers participated in a highway clean up day. Ship presented a proposal to volunteer for a traveling Smithsonian exhibit.

REGION 7

USS Accord, NCC - 1842
Ithaca, NY
Crewmembers enjoyed a meal and mission outing. An away team attended the Region 1 Summit.

USS Adamant, NCC - 3029
Valley Forge, PA
An away team visited the Baltimore Aquarium. Crewmembers enjoyed a Cantina night at a local restaurant. An away team toured a naval ship with other regional chapters. Recruitment efforts continue.

USS Albany, NCC - 587
Scotia, NY
Crewmembers enjoyed a bowling event. An away team visited the Soccer Hall of Fame. OCP collection efforts continue.

USS Alpha Centauri, NCC - 71812
Washington, DC
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night. An away team participated in a Christmas in April project. Plans are underway for the annual camping trip.

USS Arthur C. Clarke, NCC - 63544
Cinnaminson, NJ
Plans are underway for a miniature golf tournament. Recruitment efforts continue..

USS Ascension, NCC - 2520
Lehigh Valley, PA
An away team toured a naval ship with other area chapters. Recruitment efforts continue. An away team visited the Baltimore Aquarium with other regional chapters.

USS Avenger, NCC - 1860
North Brunswick, NJ
Ship organized a tour of a naval vessel. Ships from around the region attended.

Shuttle Edinburgh, NCC - 10530/02
Gaithersburg, MD
Crew enjoyed their weekly gaming events. Newsletter is in progress. An away team attended the R1 and R2 Summits.

Shuttle Flying Fox, NCC - 556/01
Philadelphia, PA
Crewmembers currently working on ship bylaws. First newsletter has been published. A charity was chosen and planning for fundraising events is underway.

USS Hera, NCC - 70655
Northfield, NJ
An away team toured a naval vessel with other regional chapters.

USS Challenger, NCC - 1767-D
Dover Township, NJ
An away team toured a naval vessel with other area chapters. Another away team enjoyed a mini-golf event.

USS Highlander, NCC - 10530
Frederick, MD
Crewmembers answered telephone for the PBS telethon. Ship raised money for the local Jaycee chapter at their regular meeting.

USS Justice, NCC - 556
Florham Park, NJ
Recruitment plans continue.

USS Lone Wolf, NCC - 72214
Ocean City, MD
Crew is gearing up for summer activities.

USS Malverne, NCC - 2205
Upper Darby, PA
Crewmembers are looking forward to Shore Leave and other summer activities.

USS Matrix, NCC - 72296
Correspondence
Ship started a new role-playing list. An away team helped answer telephone

during a PBS telethon.
USS Northstar, NCC - 10462
New York, NY
Crewmembers enjoyed an Enterprise night. Ship sponsored a food drive for a local homeless shelter.

USS Prevailing Wind, NCC - 74667
Harrisburg, PA
Crewmembers enjoyed a surprise wedding shower for two of their crew. Crew looking forward to Shore Leave in July.

USS Richthoven, NCC - 1162
Correspondence
Crew is busily finalizing plans for the summer.

USS Sovereign, NCC - 75000
Philadelphia, PA
A fundraising event was held for the ship’s charity. An away team visited a local restaurant with another area ship.

USS Starlord, NCC - 74225
Ramsey, NJ
Crewmembers enjoyed role-playing nights.

USS Sun Tzu, NCC - 5373
Chester, NY
Crewmembers enjoyed a busy month filled with movie nights, game nights and Enterprise nights. An away team attended a local convention.

USS Thagard, NCC - 652
Philadelphia, PA
Crewmembers planning a puppet show at a local Ronald McDonald House. Fanzine work is well underway.

USS Triton, NCC - 71819
Glen Burnie, MD
Crewmembers celebrated the ship’s 9th anniversary at a local restaurant. An away team volunteered at a PBS telethon. Crewmembers delivered food to a local food bank.

REGION 9

USS Saga, NCC - 72301
Reykjavik, Iceland
Crewmembers enjoyed meetings, bowling nights and watching Enterprise.

REGION 10

USS Astra, NCC 04
Calgary, AB
Crew celebrated their recommissioning with a small ceremony.

USS Crystal Star, NCC 1160
Anchorage, AK
An away team participated in a scavenger hunt with a local Klingon group.

REGION 11

USS Southern Cross, NCC - 1886
Sydney, NSW Australia
Ship celebrated its 20th anniversary.

REGION 12

USS Adjudicator, NCC - 73707
Kansas City, MO
Ship is planning for the R12 Summit.

USS Atlas, NCC - 75013
Bridgeton, MO
Crewmembers enjoyed monthly restaurant night. Crew also enjoyed a Trek Trivia night.

USS Black Hawk, NCC - 75004
Rockford, IL
Recruitment efforts continue. Crewmember won first place at a local chocolate contest.

USS BortaS, NCC - 74211
Urbana, IL

Fundraising efforts continue.

**USS Celt, NCC - 75018
Fayetteville, AR**

An away team attended a local convention. Recruitment plans are underway.

**USS Concord, NCC - 1989-D
Oklahoma City, OK**

An away team visited the Liberty Bell 7.

**USS Delta Clipper, NCC - 72302
Atchison, KS**

Crewmembers enjoyed the annual Foreign Dinner. This year's menu featured Klingon cuisine.

**USS Discovery, NCC - 1308
St. Louis, MO**

An away team attended a nearby convention. A crewmember auctioned off a haircut for charity.

**USS Earhart, NCC - 26199
Humboldt, KS**

Crewmembers enjoyed a bowling night. Plans are in the works to attend the R12 Summit.

**USS Flying Fortress, NCC - 31904
Tulsa, OK**

Recycling efforts continue. An away team toured the Liberty Bell 7.

**USS Hellfire & Brimstone, NCC - 3143
Emporia, KS**

A new XO was elected.

**USS Hexum, NCC - 2199
Belleville, IL**

Collection efforts for OCP and Stampede continue. An away team attended a nearby convention. Crewmembers supported various charities.

**USS Horizon, NCC - 1000-B
Columbia, MO**

An away team visited a local science museum.

**USS Jeannette Maddox, NCC - 14514
Wichita, KS**

An away team attended a local Renaissance Faire. Plans underway for the ships anniversary party. Recycling efforts continue.

**USS Marko Ramius, NCC - 23103
Fayetteville, AR**

Collection efforts for OCP continue. Crewmembers are planning the ships anniversary party.

**USS Mystique, NCC - 58929
Russellville, AR**

Recycling efforts continue as do collection efforts for OCP.

**USS Nomad, NCC - 78500
Leavenworth, KS**

Crewmembers are working on a flea market project. Crew busily working on summer activities.

**USS Phoenix, NCC - 2155
Columbia, MO**

Ship sponsored an Earth Day booth and enjoyed much success.

**USS Royal Sovereign, NCC - 72201
Shawnee, KS**

Crew busily preparing for the R12 Summit.

**USS Tiospaye, NCC - 4102
Urbana, IL**

Crewmembers enjoyed regular role-playing game days and movie nights.

**USS Traveler, NCC - 3145
Emporia, KS**

An away team attended a local convention. Collection efforts continue.

**USS Umiak, NCC - 3142
St. Louis, MO**

Crewmembers are busily volunteering at a local Renaissance faire.

**USS Ursus, NCC - 2011
Springfield, IL**

Crew working on summer picnic and movie schedules.

**Shuttle William Wallace, NCC - 75018/
01**

Joplin, MO

Recruitment efforts are underway.

**USS Witchfire, NCC - 75006
Harrison, AR**

Overseas Coupon Project and Stampede efforts continue. Recruitment are efforts underway.

REGION 13

**USS Banting, NCC 17220
Guelph, ON**

An away team visited Niagara Falls. Crewmembers attended a charity auction.

**USS Empress, NCC-15025-A
Sterling Heights, MI**

An away team participated in a bowl-a-thon for charity.

**Shuttle Hadfield, NCC - 71012/01
Georgetown, ON Canada**

An away team visited a local castle. Ship sponsored a charity car wash.

**USS Valkyrie, NCC-74658
Dearborn, MI**

Crewmembers participated in a bowl-a-thon for charity.

**USS Whitestar, NCC - 71012
Port Huron, MI**

Crew busily preparing for the upcoming R13 Summit.

REGION 15

**USS Anubis, NCC - 586
Swampscott, MA**

An away team enjoyed a dinner and movie event. Plans for the summer underway.

**USS Ares, NCC - 26291
Boston, MA**

Crewmembers enjoyed a meeting and game playing.

**USS Darwin, NCC - 1116
Brockton, MA**

Crewmembers are planning a yard sale.

**USS Galaxy, NCC - 70637
Springfield, MA**

Crew planning many events for the summer.

**Space Station Ian Fleming, SFR - 1501
Newburyport, MA**

An away team attended a meeting of another regional chapter. Crewmembers participated in a karaoke contest.

**USS O'Bannon, NCC - 5372
Sanford, ME**

Crewmembers participated in dinner and movie nights. An away team attended a modelers show. An away team participated in March of Dimes charity walk.

**USS Tsunami, NCC - 5374
Manchester, MA**

Crew is busy planning an away mission to Boston to see several local sites.

REGION 17

**USS Alioth, NCC - 72383
Orem/Provo, UT**

An away team participated in a March of Dimes Walk. Collection efforts for Overseas Coupon Project are still an ongoing project.

**USS Anasazi, NCC-62001
Albuquerque, NM**

Crewmembers enjoyed an Oscar Party. Plans underway for lots of summer activities.

**USS Arc Royal, NCC - 63546
Colorado Springs, CO**

Crewmembers enjoyed a movie outing and a gaming night.

**USS Mir, NCC - 73281
Las Cruces, NM**

An away team participated in a highway cleanup day. Recruitment efforts continue. An away team participated in the Relay for Life.

**USS Stormbringer, NCC - 74213
Englewood, CO**

An away team attended StarFest in Denver.

REGION 20

**Shuttle Valiant, NCC - 75635
London, England**

Recruitment efforts continue. Ship planning for its commissioning.

It was snowing in New England Sector. That's what it seemed Fleet Captain Spooky was always writing in her log. It was always snowing in New England Sector. 'Maybe that's why it's so quiet.' She thought. 'It's probably snowing.' But it wasn't snowing. 'Then why is it so quiet?'

"Computer, activate log. Tell me what's happening in Region 15. Why's it so quiet?"

"Computer working... It only seems quiet, Fleet Captain. In actuality, much has been going on."

"Show me."

**Ship name: USS AVALON
Sector: Standish, Maine**

The Avalon was recently commissioned as a full ship of the line. Her Captain Seth Andrews-Isquith and Executive Officer Tracy Andrews-Isquith have taken her out on her mission to the Sector of Standish, Maine to promote Starfleet to this unknown sector. Her Chapter Newsletter entitled The Round Table serves as means to communicate in this brave new world.

**Ship name: USS ENDEAVOR
Sector: Westbrook, Connecticut**
USS Endeavor CO Vice Admiral Joe "Right Full" Ruttar has been busy training and re-training for the IRONMAN decathlons. Having run in previous events, Admiral Ruttar plans once again to run, as soon as his XO Valerie can go as well.

"Computer, why can't Valerie go?"

Recently a new member of USS Endeavor was born.

"I was unaware that there were any children born on Endeavor."

A very special child Fleet Captain.

USS TSUNAMI: FLEET CAPTAIN SPOOKY'S READY ROOM

Fleet Captain Cindi DeMidio • USS Tsunami, STARFLEET Region 15

Born to Fleet Captain Valerie Ruttar's horse Sierra Dee Eternal, sired by Black Rock Star. The foal's name is, of course, Sierra's Star Trek, and both she and her mother are doing well.

"Alright Computer, what else?"

**Ship name: USS OMAR KHAYYAM
Sector: Watertown, Massachusetts**

USS Omar Khayyam crewmember Bran Stimpson has recently been promoted to Chief Of Communications, Region 15. Bran will be in charge of the Regional Newsletter The Spirit Of New England. Having traveled over the Region, Bran is still new to the Regional scene, however he brings a new look and feel to Regional Communication.

**Ship name: USS DARWIN
Sector: Brockton, Massachusetts**

It's that time of year again! Raise the mizzen mast, fill your sails, weigh anchor and all that other nautical stuff. It's Yard Sailing time! USS DARWIN had its first yard sale of the summer in Sector Brockton, Mass to benefit The Home for Little Wanderers. There were a few special items to be had: An antique full size brass bed frame; a Jenny Lynn Desk; and a hand woven 200 year-old Shaker basket. But fear not, that was not all they had, there were plenty of books, knick knacks, and other little goodies all set for yard sailing. Know someone who needs a highchair? They had 9 of them donated.

**Ship name: USS HOOD
Sector: Nashua, New Hampshire**
USS Hood has new Commanding and Executive Officers. Captain Garrett McCarthy and Commander Robert Chin are now taking out the Guardian Angel Class Cruiser on a shakedown mission.

Their last mission was to Amesbury Sports Park for sledding fun.

**Ship name: USS OBANNON
Sector: Sanford, Maine**

USS Obannon recently attended a mission to the Maine State Parade and marched through the streets promoting SFI and R15 to the inhabitants of Portland, Maine. As an annual event, the parade this year was attended by other Region 15 ships.

**Ship name: USS ATLANTIS
Sector: Freemont, New Hampshire**

USS Atlantis has been supervising new medical techniques. Captain Betsy Nacaula volunteered for the new procedure in order to promote this new technology. All has gone well and Captain Nacaula will soon be back at duty.

"Computer, please send well wishes to Captain Nacaula."

"Already done, Fleet Captain."

**Ship name: USS ARES
Sector: Boston, Massachusetts**

USS ARES has been instrumental in inaugurating members of USS Tsunami to an online game known as Everquest. The game is very addicting, according to Tsunami's Chief Medical Officer. However, it has been provided on the Tsunami holodeck and the crew is taking full advantage of the relaxing aspects of the Dungeon and Dragons type of holodeck experience.

"Much to the Fleet Captain's exasperation." Fleet Captain Spooky sighed. "Unfortunately, I have found myself caught up in it as well. Computer, remind me to 'thank' Fleet Captain Paul Fest and Commodore E. Jerry Beaulieu

properly when I see them next."

"That may be soon, Fleet Captain. All other ships are focused on the upcoming Region 15 Summit. Especially USS ANUBIS and Commodore Peter Lutz. Here are some of the happenings scheduled:"

REGION 15 SUMMIT

Regional Awards will be presented, in the course of the general session, which is also slated to include a visit/presentation from both Peg Pellerin, of Starfleet Academy and Sandy Berenberg, of SFI Membership Services! Oh, the excitement is building now...Departmental Panels where you can rub elbows with other like department personnel (all engineers in the region at one panel; all marines in the region at another; all medical personnel at another, etc.). Volunteer Panels where you can play and have fun, learn how to write chapter fiction, dabble in starship design, etc. A Tsunami Wedding! A Banquet Feast followed by a Costume Ball (costumes are NOT required, mind you... but certainly more fun!) and a Charity Auction, with many collector's items and bids starting at \$1... this auction will benefit "The Center For Grieving Children"... with support and outreach programs to assist children dealing with the loss or serious illness of a loved one. A Sunday Breakfast Buffet!

Some local attractions include forts, museums, a submarine tour of the U.S.S. Albacore, and lots more attractions will be listed and detailed at the summit. There IS a Dunkin Donuts, and lots of fast food places nearby, as well as a couple of seafood restaurants, that come highly recommended by the RC; Weathervane & Quarterdeck. If you're not at this year's summit, the whole region loses a little... and without a doubt, you will miss a

fantastic weekend with good friends.

"So you see, Fleet Captain, it isn't quiet, simply restful preparation. All in Region 15 are doing and being well in the galaxy."

"I guess you're right, computer. In the meantime, let's go on shore leave. I know a nice oriental restaurant in Starbase Boston to go to. Warp factor 6."

The oriental restaurant New Lei Jing on Starbase Boston wasn't crowded at all when the USS Tsunami, USS Darwin, USS Ares and USS Hood members arrived. In fact, it was so quiet, you could hear a pin drop. That shouldn't be as the restaurant is famous for its private Karaoke rooms. The fact is that the Cardassians had paid it a visit the evening before and broken one of the Karaoke machines. Not to be dissuaded, the restaurant had another type of machine for the Starfleet group to use. This one even rated the singers. Longtime Fleeters now civilians Dave and Leslie Ryan were there celebrating another wedding anniversary.

"I guess the computer was right." Fleet Captain Spooky said to crewmembers Rich DeMidio, Jeremy Gilbert and Eric Storch. "The Region isn't exactly quiet. Just... restful."

"That's a switch." Eric agreed. "When is Region 15 ever quiet?"

"Well it won't be for much longer." Jeremy said. "I'm going to try a new song. Come on Cadet Ross, lets sing."

"Hey, there's more Lobster Tail here." Klinzhai Wing Chef Rich called as he cooked up another batch in the Hot Pot. Everyone ate their fill, waiting to see what adventures, great or small would come next to "The Little Region That Could."



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2002.05.21: Major General Robert J. Jackson, SFMC, Inspector General, STARFLEET & CS Election Coordinator 2002, announces that he has created a mailing list as a central point of contact for each of the campaign platforms as well as member input. This group is freely open to all members of STARFLEET. To join, send an email to: (SFI_CS_Election-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) or (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SFI_CS_Election/).

2002.05.17: Brigadier General Dennis Rayburn, (scq@ussaccord.org), FDC-Chaplains/Counselors, STARFLEET & Chaplain of the Corps, announces that the Chaplains/Counselors department has operated a list for those of the Christian faith to discuss their faith, exchange prayer requests, or whatever they wanted on said list, which is called Christian Fans of SciFI and Trek or CFOST for short. BGN Rayburn is pleased to announce the appointment of Bill Herrmann as the Head Moderator of the CFOST list effective immediately. This department also runs a list for general religious discussion called SF-Religion. If you are interested in that group, please email him. If members of any faith would like this department to furnish them a list for discussions by members of their particular faith, please contact this department and they'll gladly fix you up.

2002.05.14: Captain Brian W. Dougherty, Commander, STARFLEET Corps of Engineers, (briwdou@mindspring.com), announces that the Summer 2002 issue of the EQ-Engineers Quarterly is out. This is Volume 3 Number 2. It is available in a *.pdf file at: (http://home.mindspring.com/~briwdou/coe/coe_2.htm). Click on the Vol 3 No 2 link.

2002.05.13: LGen Michael W. Malotte, Vice Commander, STARFLEET, (vcs@sfi.org), announces that the Online Promotions Form, with the help of Mike Wilkerson, the form is up and running. You can find it linked to the STARFLEET web page under "Documents Center" or on the sitemap under "P".

2002.05.12: Chad Lampson, (lampsons@centurytel.net), has just released version 1.0 of the Star Fleet Screen Saver. If you do not have Windows Installer on your computer or do know what it is, you can get it here too. (<http://fleetsaver.michadcomputerconsulting.com>). This is for Windows only.

2002.05.09: Fleet Captain Mike Wilkerson, Webmaster, SFI.org, (sfdierman@ussatlas.org), announces that with the assistance of the SFI Conboy himself, Blair Learn, they have completed what he thinks is the

most comprehensive Convention listing ever compiled in SF Fandom: (<http://conventions.sfi.org>).

2002.05.07: Fleet Captain Mike Wilkerson, Commanding Officer/Chapter President: USS ATLAS, (CPTMIKE@ussatlas.org), announces that the ATLAS is proud to offer the ATLAS Scholarship, providing assistance with college and professional education to people. For information on the USS Atlas Scholarship, link to: (<http://scholarship.ussatlas.org>).

2002.05.07: Blair Learn, (Blair1@erols.com), is looking for a more entries to put on the convention list. Take a peek at (<http://dactylmanor.org/fanboy/>) and if your favorite convention isn't listed, please drop a line to: (fanboy@dactylmanor.org).

2002.05.06: Commander Lauren Milan, Web Committee Chair & Avenger Co-Chair, 2002 R7 Conference Committee, (laurenmilan@yahoo.com), announces that information on conference events, location, registration and more are now available at the Region 7 Conference site: (<http://www.region7.com/r7conf/>).

2002.05.05: Colonel John Adcock, CO, Support Command, SFMC, (kamarag@region5.org), announces a new set of SFMC Collar Brass pins will be available soon. The price will be \$21.00 per set, with three pins in a set. They will not be available individually.

2002.05.04: Admiral Tom Monaghan, (TJMonaghanjr@aol.com), announces that he has a batch of 2001 Starfleet HQ Staff Patches left and 4 2000 patches as well. He's selling the 2001's for \$2 each (minimum of 2 per order to help pay for postage costs) and the 2000's are going for \$3 each (limited to 1 per order since he has only 4 left). If interested please email him in advance to reserve your patches and to ensure availability.

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2002.04.30: Fleet Captain Dixie Halber, Vice Chief of Communications - Publications, (gibbie@sillypuppies.com), announces that the names on the CQ labels were truncated for this printing (CQ #110). Only the first four letters of the last name were printed on the label. They are looking into why this occurred and will report back when we have an answer and a solution. This should not prevent the CQ from being delivered. If you have any trouble receiving your CQ please don't hesitate to let them know.

2002.04.29: BGN Dennis Rayburn, Director, EFCP, (scq@ussaccord.org), announces that the USS Rutledge has entered the

EFCP program and will soon once again be a chapter of STARFLEET.

2002.04.26: Lieutenant Commander Karen Mitchell, (terpette@hotmail.com), announces that she has started a new email list for coffee addicts. All the info can be found at (www.topica.com/list/SFI_Coffeeholics). This is intended to be a sort of virtual coffee house, a friendly place where the caffeine dependant can kick back and exchange ideas.

2002.04.23: Captain David Lockwood, FDC Engineering Chief, (Adjudicator3@aol.com), announces that a Listserv for Engineers has been established: (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sfi-engineering>). If you wish to view technical stats and pics of DTS and non-DTS approved ships please go to: (www.region12.org/departments/srdteam/index.html).

2002.04.22: Fleet Captain Dave Blaser, Director, FDP Communications, (DaveB@Region13.org), announces that he has a Business Card Template which can be downloaded and easily used to create your own STARFLEET Business Cards. (<http://blaser.tzo.com/fdp-comm/>).

2002.04.22: Region 7 2002 Conference Team, announces that they have created a listserver to provide information on this year's Region 7 conference. To join this list, send an email to: (R72002-Conf-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). Or, you can go to yahoo groups and search for the list: R72002-Conf or direct root: (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/R72002-Conf/>).

2002.04.20: Fleet Captain Dave Blaser, Director, FDP Communications, (DaveB@Region13.org), announces that he is building a list of STARFLEET Related Lists. He needs the following information: 1) List Name; 2) Moderator Name and E-Mail Address; 3) How to subscribe (subscription E-Mail or Web address). This list is being hosted on the FDP Communications Web Site at (<http://blaser.tzo.com/fdp-comm/>). So, if you run a Starfleet Related/Affiliated E-Mail List, please drop him a line at DaveB@Region13.org and he'll add your List to the list.

2002.04.19: Benjamin L. Kokochak, (kokochak_sfmc@hotmail.com), announces the creation of SFI-Excelsior, a Yahoo Groups for Excelsior class starship commanding officer's, engineering and special/ship services officers. You can join by two ways: Visit: (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sfi-excelsior>) or send a blank message to: (sfi-excelsior-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

2002.04.17: Admiral Brad Pense, Commander, Third Fleet, (r3rc@earthlink.net), announces that Vaughn Armstrong ... Admiral Forrest from the new Star Trek series Enterprise has agreed to appear at the Region 3 summit. Summit info: (<http://www.region3.com/summit.htm>).

2002.04.17: LTC Gary "Tiny" Hollifield, SFMC, Chief Operations Officer, USS Carolina NCC-74222, (TrekkrG1701@aol.com) has created a list for all Ops officers to join. To subscribe, send an e-mail to: (OpsOfficersForum-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

2002.04.11: Commodore Victor Swindell, (victorswindell@hotmail.com), announces a new URL for the SFI Motto Page: (<http://mywebpages.comcast.net/keptins/SFMotto.html>).

2002.04.10: LGen Scott A. Akers, Director, Officer of the Fleet Historian, announces a new feature/page on the Historian

Website, turn your browsers to: (<http://www.sfi.org/historian/space/index.html>) and Click on the Russian Space Program link. This is a pdf file.

2002.04.08: Commander Troy Pharis, Director, International Charity, (nova_reworks@attbi.com), announces that Denise Wolff is the new Starfleet Stampede Officer. You can send those stamps to: Denise Wolff, PO Box 62351, N. Charleston, SC 29419.

2002.04.07: Fleet Captain Richard Heim, FDC Sciences, (AlaricRH@sprynet.com), announces that the Starfleet Sciences web page, (<http://alaricrh.home.sprynet.com/science/starfleet-sciences.html>), has just been updated with new information, sub-pages, and graphics.

2002.04.03: Fleet Captain Ray Brown, (raybrown@ipa.net), announces the creation of a new mailing list just for shuttles. To subscribe: (shuttle_to_shuttle-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

REGION 12 SUMMIT 2003

Captain Ann Garner • Summit Coordinator

Are you not able to do that vacation on Risa in 2003? If not, how about the R12 Spa City Summit? The summit will be in Hot Springs, Arkansas May 16, 17, and 18. We will have a "fun and games" event on Friday night. General session, panels, banquet, auction, and dance on Saturday, and closing session on Sunday. The cadets have a field trip to the Mid-America Science Museum scheduled for Saturday afternoon.

There's more to Hot Springs than just the summit, though. The hotel, the Velda Rose, www.veldarose.net, is on the edge of Hot Springs National Park and historic downtown Hot Springs. Room rates for summit are \$70.50 plus taxes and fees, up to four people per room. Just call 1-888-624-3311 and tell them you are scheduling with the Starfleet group to get the summit rate. You can also print e-coupons for their restaurants from their web site. The deadline for the discount room rate is April 15, 2003.

Within blocks of the hotel are the park's aquarium, a wax museum, the actual hot springs, World War II duck boat tour, and lots of wonderful food businesses. Hot Springs also has amusement parks, water parks, botanical gardens, museums, stage shows, and tours.

• Admission for adults: \$32 regular, \$62 with banquet

• Admission for cadets: \$14 for regular package; banquet package (ages 2 through 10) \$42, (11 through 17) \$44; pizza party package (ages 2 through 10) \$18, (11 through 17) \$20.

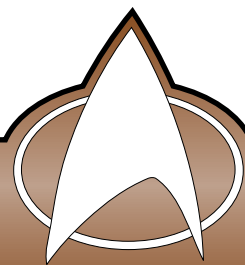
Deadline for banquet packages is April 15, 2003

To encourage early registration, we will be having drawings for some goodies, also called bribes. The deadline for registration will be on a Saturday, and the actual drawing will be on the following Monday:

- July 20, 2003 -- Spa package including a one-hour massage and 45 minute spa session.
- Sep 21, 2002 -- Spa package including a 30-minute massage and 45-minute spa session.
- November 23, 2002 -- Admission for one to the wax museum.
- Jan 18, 2003 -- Admission for one to the National Park Aquarium.
- March 22, 2003 -- Your table will be the first in the banquet line.

Questions? Call Ann at 479-967-5036 or email to mystique@cei.net with questions. Please use "summit" for the subject line or write to me at:

Ann Garner
1309 S. Muskogee,
Russellville, AR 72801



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 or

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: David Kloempken, Chris Dunivan, Kathleen Kettering, Richard L. Trulson, Dave Blaser, Mike Wilkerson, and Jeff Higdon

Alabama

Oct 18-20 Con*Stellation, Huntsville, Alabama; Info: P.O. Box 4857, Huntsville AL 35815-4857 Ph: 256-880-8210 <http://www.con-stellation.org/> constell@constellation.org

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

Aug 10-11 Creation, Tucson, Arizona; Info: 1010 N. Central Ave, 4th Floor, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com> Guests: Connor Trinneer, William Shatner, Louise Sorel, Lawrence Monoson, Patrick Kilpatrick, Richard Biggs, Marjorie Monaghan, Julia Nickson, Richard Arnold

Sep 6-8 CopperCon, Scottsdale, Arizona; Info: PO Box 62613, Phoenix, AZ 85082 Ph: 480-423-0649 <http://www.casfs.org/cucon/> cucon@casfs.org Guests: Barbara Hambly, Mojo

California

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

Jul 20 Creation Super Sale, Anaheim, California; Info: 1010 N. Central Ave, 4th Floor, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960, x225 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com>

Aug 1-4 Comic-Con International, San Diego, California; Info: P.O. Box 128458, San Diego, CA 92112-8458 Ph: 1-800-266-4299 <http://www.comic-con.org/ccweb@nucgen.com> Guests: Howard Chaykin, Max Allan Collins, Peter David, Dave Dorman, Devin Grayson, Los Bros Hernandez, Bob Lubbers, Jason Lutes

Aug 1-4 STARFLEET International Conference 2002, San Jose, California; Info: PO Box 4394, Visalia, CA 93278-4394 <http://www.ic2002.org/> infotech@ic2002.org Benefits: America's Second Harvest

Aug 2-4 ConChord, Van Nuys, California; Info: PO Box 61172, Pasadena, CA 91116 <http://www.nyx.net/~bgold/conchord/> Guests: Nancy Freeman, Erwin Strauss

Aug 24-25 Celebrity Autograph Collector's show, Hollywood, California; Info: PO Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorsshow.com/hcs@atlantic.net>

Aug 29-Sep 2 ConJosé, San José, California; Info: PO Box 61363, Sunnyvale CA 94088-1363 <http://www.conjose.org/info@conjose.org> Guests: Vernor Vinge, David Cherry, Bjo Trimble, John Trimble, Ferdinand Feghoot, Tad Williams

Sep 27-29 Creation, Pasadena, California; Info: 1010 N. Central Ave, 4th Floor, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com> Guests: Brent Spiner, Jonathan Frakes, Marina Sirtis, Michael Dorn, Gates McFadden, Wil Wheaton

Colorado

Jul 26-29 Mythcon, Boulder, Colorado; Info: 2435 South Franklin Street, Denver, CO 80210 <http://www.mythsoc.org/mythcon33.html> Mythcon33@rialto.org

Aug 2-4 XIII-Khan, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Info: 2926 Valarie Circle, Colorado Springs, CO, 80917 Ph: 719-597-5259 <http://www.angelfire.com/scifi/xkhan/> Penny.Tegen@atsc-dsc.com

Connecticut

Oct 17 Slanted Fedora, Hartford,

Connecticut; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/> SFedora5@aol.com Guests: Aron Eisenberg, Marina Sirtis, Dick Gordon

Florida

Jul 19-21 Vulkan, Tampa, Florida; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkan.com/> joemotes@aol.com Guests: Jonathan Frakes, Dominic Keating, Tony Amendola, Arne Starr, Julie Caitlin Brown

Oct 4-6 Necronomicon, Tampa, Florida; Info: PO Box 2213, Plant City, FL 33564-2213 <http://stonehill.org/necro.htm> RaggedyAnn@stonehill.org Guests: David Brin, Tim Powers, James P. Hogan

Georgia

Aug 30-Sep 2 Dragon*Con, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: PO Box 16459, Atlanta, GA 30321-9998 Ph: 770-909-0115 <http://www.dragoncon.org/> dragoncon@dragoncon.org

Sep 27-29 Anime Weekend Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: PO Box 13544, Atlanta, GA 30324-0544 <http://www.awa-con.com/> awaweb@awa-con.com Guests: Amy Howard-Wilson, Bruce Lewis, Kelly Manison

Illinois

Aug 16-18 Vividcon, Chicago, Illinois; Info: 301 E 62 St, #9-C, New York, NY 10021 <http://www.vividcon.com/> vividcon@vividcon.com

Oct 4-6 Archon, Collinsville, Illinois; Info: PO Box 8387, St. Louis, MO 63132-8387 Ph: 314-326-3026 <http://www.stlf.org/archon/> archon_hotline@zellich.net Guests: Connie Willis, Ruth Thompson

Oct 12-13 Rock Con, Rockford, Illinois; Info: 14225 Hansberry Road, Rockton, IL 61072 Ph: 815-624-7227 <http://rockcon.com/> Info@Rock-Con.com

Indiana

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

Aug 16-18 ConGlomeration, Clarksville, Indiana; Info: PO Box 32095, Louisville, KY. 40232-2095 <http://members.iglou.com/shadowr/> Guests: David Drake, Andy Offutt

Iowa

Aug 23-25 AnimeIowa, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Info: PO Box 5303, Coralville IA 52241 <http://www.animeiowa.com/> Guests: Stan Sakai, Lea Hernandez, Tiffany Grant

Oct 18-20 Icon, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Info: PO Box 525, Iowa City, IA 52244-0525 Ph: 319-626-2099 <http://www.mindbridge.org/icon/> icon@mindbridge.org Guests: Jennifer Roberson, John Garner, Rusty Hevelin

Kansas

Aug 23-25 Ra-Con, Wichita, Kansas; Info: PO Box 673, Wichita, Ks. 67201-0673 Ph: 316-262-3502 <http://www.Ra-Con.com/> clinton@ra-con.com Guests: Richard Biggs

Louisiana

Aug 9-11 Crescent City Con, Metairie, Louisiana; Info: PO Box 52622, New Orleans LA 70150-2622 <http://crescentcitycon.com/ccf/> Guests: Virginia Hey

Maryland

Jul 26-28 Otakon, Baltimore, Maryland; Info: 491 Brittain Pike #689, Springfield, PA 19064-3810 Ph: 610-291-5308 <http://www.otakon.com/> info@otakon.com Guests: Steve Bennett, Fred Perry, Neil Nadelman, Fred Gallagher, Rodney Caston

Aug 16-18 Fanex, Timonium, Maryland; Info: 9721 Brittain Lane, Baltimore, MD 21234 Ph: 410-665-1198 <http://www.midmar.com/filmfest.html> MMarquee@aol.com

Aug 23-25 Horrorfind Weekend, Baltimore, Maryland; Info: 9722 Groffs Mill Drive PMB 109, Owings Mills Maryland 21117 <http://www.horrorfindweekend.com/convention@horrorfind.com>

Massachusetts

Sep 29-Oct 5 Viable Paradise, Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts; Info: PO Box 36, Medford, MA 02155 <http://www.sff.net/paradise/> mvsfa@mail.com

Michigan

Oct 25-27 Conclave, Lansing, Michigan; Info: PO Box 2915, Ann Arbor, MI 48106 <http://www.conclavesf.org/> conclave@conclavesf.org Guests: Larry Niven, Susan Van Camp

Oct 26-27 Creation, Dearborn, Michigan;

Info: 1010 N. Central Ave, 4th Floor, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com>

Minnesota

Aug 2-4 Diversicon, St. Paul, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 8036, Lake Street Station Minneapolis, MN 55408 Ph: 763-213-1239 <http://www.sfminnesota.com/diversicon/> diversicon@SFMinnesota.com Guests: Steven Barnes, Tananarive Due

Sep 27-29 Arcana, St. Paul, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 8036, Lake Street Station, Minneapolis, MN 55408-8036 Ph: 612-721-5959 <http://pages.prodigy.net/rekal/eheideman@qwest.net>

Nevada

Jul 19-21 Con*Strict, Las Vegas, Nevada; Info: 7310 Smoke Ranch Rd. #D, Las Vegas, NV 89128 Ph: 702-249-6218 <http://www.randomadventures.com/constrict/> constrict@RandomAdventures.com

Aug 2-4 Creation, Las Vegas, Nevada; Info: 1010 N. Central Ave, 4th Floor, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com>

Sep 6-8 Slanted Fedora, Las Vegas, Nevada; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/> SFedora5@aol.com

New Jersey

Jul 19-21 WGP: Svaha: No Sleep 'Til Wreska, Somerset, New Jersey; Info: 12 Norwood Ave #2, Woodbridge, NJ 07095 <http://www.wildgazebo.com/GM@wildgazebo.com>

Aug 23-25 STARFLEET Region 7 Conference, Fort Lee, New Jersey; Info: PO Box 124, New York, NY 10108 <http://www.region7.com/> uss_osiris@directvinternet.com

Aug 24-25 Creation, Cherry Hill, New Jersey; Info: 1010 N. Central Ave, 4th Floor, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com>

New Mexico

Aug 23-25 Bubonicon, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Info: PO Box 37257, Albuquerque, NM 87176 Ph: 505-266-8905 <http://bubonicon.home.att.net/cwcraig@nmia.com>

New York

Aug 17-18 Creation: Fangoria's Weekend of Horrors, New York, New York; Info: 1010 N. Central Ave, 4th Floor, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com>

North Carolina

Oct 4-6 Trinoc-con, Durham, North Carolina; Info: PO Box 10633, Raleigh, NC 27605-0633 <http://www.trinoc-con.org/info@trinoc-con.org>

Oct11-13 Slanted Fedora, Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/SFedora5@aol.com> Guests: Rene Auberjonois, Nana Visitor, Max Grodenchik, Aron Eisenberg, Chase Masterson, Denise Crosby

North Dakota

Oct 4-6 STARFLEET Region 6 Conference, Fargo, North Dakota; Info: 5636 Sheridan Ave S., Minneapolis, MN 55410 DavidK50@skypoint.com

Oct 4-6 ValleyCon, Fargo, North Dakota; Info: PO Box 7202, Fargo, ND 58106-7202 <http://www.valleycon.com/valleycon@hotmail.com>

Ohio

Oct 4-6 Cinema Wasteland, Strongvill, Ohio; Info: PO Box 81551, Cleveland, OH 44181 Ph: 440-891-1920 <http://www.cinemawasteland.com/info@cinemawasteland.com> Guests: Herschell Gordon Lewis, Reggie Bannister, Michael Berryman, Don Pedro Colley, David Hess, Ted V. Mikels, Yvonne Monlaur, Bill Moseley, Tom Savini, Tom Sullivan, Roger Watkins, A. Ghastlee Ghoul, Dr. Creep, Son of Ghoul, Dr. Shock, The Bone Jangler

Oct 11-13 Context, Columbus, Ohio; Info: PO Box 163391, Columbus, OH 43216 Ph: 614-889-0436 <http://www.contextcon.com/mevans@gcfn.org> Guests: Andrew J. Offutt, Ron Sarti, Maureen McHugh, Bill Levy, Joe Martino, Kim Bundy, Tony Ruggiero, Thomas Gressman, Juanita Coulson

Oklahoma

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

Pennsylvania

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

Aug 23-24 Slanted Fedora, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/SFedora5@aol.com> Guests: Avery Brooks, Michael Dorn, Andrew Robinson, Alexander Siddig, Marina Sirtis, Connor Trinneer

Oct 12-13 Pittsburgh Horror & Comic Book Show, Monroeville, Pennsylvania; Info: 1002 Graham Ave., Windber, PA 15963 Ph: 814-467-4116 <http://www.pitsburghcomiccon.com/pcomicon@nb.net> Benefits: Make A Wish

Rhode Island

Jul 18-21 Necon, Bristol, Rhode Island;

Info: 67 Birchland Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02860 Ph: 516-326-6140 or 401-726-2003 <http://www.para-net.com/~necon/booth@etal.uri.edu> Guests: Douglas Clegg, Graham Joyce, Christopher Golden, Richard Sardinha, P.D. Cacek

Tennessee

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,

Aug 30-Sep 2 Mephit Furmeet, Memphis, Tennessee; Info: PO Box 6001, Saint Louis, MO 63139-0001 <http://www.mephitfurmeet.org/registration@mephitfurmeet.org> Guests: Ryngs Raccoon

Texas

Aug 16-18 Armadillocon, Austin, Texas; Info: Box 27277, Austin, TX 78755 Ph: 512-477-2294 <http://www.fact.org/dillo/ArmadilloConTX@hotmail.com> Guests: Martha Wells, Joe R. Lansdale, Robin Hobb

Aug 23-25 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>

Sep 6-8 ProtoCon, College Station, Texas; Info: c/o Texas A&M University, Student Organization Finance Center, P.O. Box 5688 Aggieland Station, College Station, TX 77844-9081 <http://gaming.tamu.edu/protocon/mail@protocon.com>

Oct 5-6 Slanted Fedora, El Paso, Texas; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/SFedora5@aol.com> Guests: Nicole DeBoer, Michael Dorn, Ethan Phillips, Robert Picardo, Marina Sirtis

Oct 11-13 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>

Virginia

Aug 2-4 The Gathering of the Gargoyles, Williamsburg, Virginia; Info: 19500 Monterey Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44119-1507 <http://gathering.gargoyles-fans.org/> Guests: Greg Weisman, Vic Cook, Greg Guler

Aug 16-18 Slanted Fedora, Arlington, Virginia; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/SFedora5@aol.com> Guests: Michael Dorn, Marina Sirtis, Andrew Robinson, Alexander Siddig, Ethan Philips

Sep 27-29 Gamefest -- Richmond, Richmond, Virginia; Info: P.O. Box 718, Antwerp, OH 45813 Ph: 877-977-4263 <http://www.patriotgames.org/gamefest@advantageconvention.com>

Sep 28-29 Gamecon, Tyson's Corner, Virginia; Info: PO Box 223660, Chantilly, VA 20153 <http://clik.to/novaghussar@hotmail.com>

Oct 11-13 Anime USA, Tysons Corner, Virginia; Info: 7395-BLeeHwy, Falls Church, VA 22042 <http://www.animeusa.org/chairman@animeusa.org> Guests: Scott McNeil, Studio Ironcat, Kelli Shayne Butler

Washington

Aug 23-25 Dragonflight, Seattle, Washington; Info: PO Box 776, Seattle, WA 98111-0776 <http://www.dragonflight.org/convention@dragonflight.org>

Sep 27-29 Foolsap, Bellevue, Washington; Info: PO Box 2461, Seattle, WA 98111-2461 <http://www.foolsap.org/chair@foolsap.org> Guests: Rick Berry, Barbara Hamby

Oct 4-6 ConiFur Northwest, Fife, Washington; Info: 2406 SW 308TH PL, Federal Way, WA 98023 <http://www.conifur.org/cfnw-info@conifur.org> Guests: Marci McAdam

Oct 4-6 Anglicon, South Everett, Washington; Info: PO Box 75536, Seattle, WA. 98125 Ph: 206-789-BRIT <http://www.anglicon.com/anglicon@rocketmail.com> Benefits: KBTC-TV (Television station)

Oct 11-12 Sci-Fan Show, Lynnwood, Washington; Info: c/o Galaxy Hobby, 196th & Highway 99, Lynnwood, WA 98036 Ph: 425-670-0454 <http://www.galaxyhobby.com/scifan.htm> info@galaxyhobby.com

Wisconsin

Aug 8-11 Gen Con Game Fair, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Info: Wizards of the Coast, Events Management, PO Box 1740, Renton, WA 98057-1740 Ph: 800-529-3976 <http://www.gencongamefair.com/evtcustserv@wizards.com> Guests: Jonathan Frakes, Ted Raimi, Warwick Davis

Australia

New South Wales

Jul 27-28 Best Of Both Worlds, Sydney, New South Wales; Info: PO Box 960, Belconnen Mall, Belconnen ACT, 2616, AUSTRALIA Ph: +61 2 9453 0290 <http://www.bobw.com.au/alc@bobw.com.au> Guests: Gigi Edgley, Lani Tapu, Jonathan Hardy

Oct 26-27 Best Of Both Worlds, Sydney, New South Wales; Info: PO Box 960, Belconnen Mall, Belconnen ACT, 2616, AUSTRALIA Ph: +61 2 9453 0290 <http://www.bobw.com.au/alc@bobw.com.au> Guests: Bruce Boxleitner, Jerry Doyle

Canada

Alberta

Aug 9-11 Con-Version/CanVention, Calgary, Alberta; Info: PO Box 20098 Calgary Place RPO, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 4J2, CANADA <http://www.con-version.org/president@con-version.org> Guests: George R.R. Martin, Robert J. Sawyer, James Alan Gardner, Geoffrey A. Landis, Lar deSouza

British Columbia

Oct 11-13 V Con, Surrey, British Columbia; Info: Main Floor - 2116 MacDonald Street, Vancouver, BC, V6K 3Y4, Canada <http://www.v-con.ca/Lorna@shadowydreamer.com> Guests: Gary Gygax, Tim Powers, James P. Blaylock, Alan Lee, Toren Atkinson, Monte Cook, Don DeBrandt, Arinn Dembo, James Ernest, John Gajdecki, Matt Hughes, Ryan Nicholson, Jeanne Robinson, Spider Robinson, Jonathan Tweet

Oct 23-27 Vancouver International Writers Festival, Granville Island, British Columbia; Info: 202-1398 Cartwright St, Vancouver BC, V6H 4B7 Ph: 604-681-6330 <http://www.writersfest.bc.ca/viww@writersfest.bc.ca>

Manitoba

Sep 24-29 Winnipeg International Writers Festival, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Info: 624-100 Arthur Street, Winnipeg, MB R3B 1H3, Canada Ph: 204-927-7323

<http://www.winnipegwords.com/info@winnipegwords.com>

Ontario

Aug 23-25 SFX, Toronto, Ontario; Info: 4 Varsity Rd, Toronto, ON, M6S 4N4, Canada Ph: 416-761-1760 <http://www.hobbystar.com/sfx/info@hobbystar.com>

Oct 18-20 GrimmCon, Peterborough, Ontario; Info: 163 Southerland Cres, Cobourg, ON K9A 5L6, CANADA Ph: 905-377-9174 http://www.grimmcon.com/tof_underwood@hotmail.com

Oct 18-20 Ditto 15, Toronto, Ontario; Info: 1065 Henley Road, Mississauga, ON, L4Y 1C8, CANADA Ph: 905-281-8540 <http://www.circlenk.com/ditto/mmoore@pathcom.com>

Oct 25-27 Primedia, Mississauga, Ontario; Info: PO Box 21146, RPO Meadowvale, Mississauga, ON, L5N 6A2 Canada Ph: 905-820-3844 primedia@iname.com Guests: Jeffrey Combs

Saskatchewan

Oct 18-20 Hero's Gambit, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Info: c/o William Hughes, 2509 Albert Avenue, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7J 1K7 <http://www.herosgambit.com/wr.hughes@shaw.ca>

Germany

Sep 27-29 Dark Side Con, Bottrop, ; Info: c/o Silvia Krüger, Laurentiusstraße 4, 44805 Bochum, Germany Ph: +49-2361-900127 <http://www.darksidecon.de/MTschentschel@aol.com> Guests: John Copping, Garrick Hagon, David Prowse, Michael Sheard, Felix Silla

Oct 12 BuchmesseCon, Frankfurt, ; Info: c/o Roger Murmann, Wilhelm-Leuschner Strasse 17, 64859 Eppertshausen, Germany Ph: 06-071-38718 <http://www.buchmessecon.de/vu/sftreffda@gmx.de>

Oct 17-20 Spiel, Essen, ; Info: Friedhelm Merz Verlag GmbH & Co.KG, D-53179 Bonn, Alberichstr.15-17, Germany Ph: +49 228 94 39 70 <http://www.merz-verlag.com/e/spiel/> info@merz-verlag.com

Ireland

Oct 19-20 Octocon, Dublin, ; Info: c/o Yellow Brick Road, 8 Bachelors Walk, Dublin 1, Ireland <http://www.octocon.com/info@octocon.com> Guests: China Miéville, Rachel Armstrong, Eugene Byrne, Michael Carroll, Simon Clark, Maggie Furey, Roger Gregg, Harry Harrison, John Higgins, Paul J. Holden, Graham Joyce, Juliet E. McKenna, John Meaney, Kim Newman, Colin Smythe, John Vaughan, Ian Watson

The Netherlands

Oct 18-20 Utopia, Scheveningen, ; Info: Stichting Utopia, Assendelftstraat 8-1 hoog, 1013 SP, Amsterdam Ph: 0031-20-6818236 <http://www.utopiasite.com/utopia@club.tip.nl> Guests: Ethan Phillips, Teryl Rothery, Gareth Thomas

United Kingdom

England

Jul 22 10th Planet, Essex, England; Info: Unit 36 Vicarage Field Shopping Centre, Ripple Road, Barking, Essex, IG11 8DQ, United Kingdom Ph: +44 (0) 20 8591 5357 <http://www.tenthplanet.co.uk/sales@tenthplanet.co.uk> Guests: Jennie Linden, Peter Halliday

Jul 26-29 NCC-2002, Heathrow, England; Info: PO Box 1701, Kettering, NN16 8GQ, England Ph: +44 07940 382033 <http://www.ncc-cons.co.uk/> Info@ncc-cons.co.uk Guests: Marc Alaimo, Casey Biggs

Jul 27 Underworld, Liverpool, England; Info: c/o 10th Planet, Unit 36 Vicarage Field Shopping Centre, Ripple Road, Barking, Essex, IG11 8DQ, United Kingdom Ph: +44 (0)20 8591 5357 <http://walk.to/underworld/fanslikeus@ntlworld.com> Guests: Frazer Hines, Rupert Booth, Mags L. Halliday, Simon Bucher-Jones, Lance Parkin, Gareth Preston, Jason Haigh-Ellery, Rob Shearman, Lee Sullivan Benefits: Arrowe Park Hospital

Aug 9-11 Context/Unicon, Cheltenham, England; Info: 15a Derby Street, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NX, United Kingdom <http://www.unicon.org.uk/context@unicon.org.uk> Guests: Keith Brooke, Ben Jeapes

Aug 16-19 2002 - A Discworld Odyssey, Leicestershire, England; Info: PO Box 2002, Romford, Essex RM7 7DQ, UK Ph: +44-(0)-709-226-4571 <http://www.dwcon.org/info@dwcon.org> Guests: Terry Pratchett, Stephen Briggs, Jack Cohen, Diane Duane, Graham Higgins, Jay Hurst, Paul Kidby, Dave Langford, Peter Morwood, Bernard Pearson, Isobel Pearson, Stephen Player, Colin Smythe, Ian Stewart Benefits: Orangutan Foundation

Aug 25 Sci Fi Shows -- Jedicon UK, Essex, England; Info: c/o Nelson House, 341 Lea Bridge Road., Leyton., London, United Kingdom Ph: +44 20 8523 1074 Website: <http://www.scifishows.com/> Email: nfo@scifishows.com Guests: Mary Oyaya, Nalini Krishan, Tim Rose, Richard Le Parmentier, Alan Bennett

Aug 30-Sep 1 Festival of Fantastic Films, Manchester, England; Info: 95 Meadowgate Road, Salford, Manchester M6 8EN, England Ph: +44 (0)161 707-3747 <http://www.fantastic-films.com/festival/GLANEYOUNGG@cs.com> Guests: John Scott, Mel Welles

Sep 7-8 PanoptiCon, Manchester, England; Info: PO Box 7831, London, United Kingdom SW15 6YD <http://www.dominitemporal.co.uk/>

Oct 5-6 Avalon, Bristol, England; Info: PSI Collectables, 2A Berkeley Court, Falmouth Cornwall Ph: 01326-212-540 avalon2002@talk21.com Guests: Colin Baker, Sylvester McCoy, Anthony Ainley, Michael Sheard, Sophie Aldred, Nick Courtney, Stephen Thorne, Nicholas Parsons, Mat Irvine, Mike Tucker, Barry Letts, Bob Baker, Ray Cusick, Mike Collins, Dave Gibbons, Lee Sullivan, Alistair Pearson

Oct 25-27 Wolf SG-5, Blackpool, England; Info: PO Box 1419, Slough PDO, SL2 5WJ Ph: +44 01753 771 078 Convention Website: <http://www.wolfevents.net/home/> Email Contact Information : wolfevents@aol.com Guests: Gary Jones, Carmen Argenziano, Don S. Davis, Jr. Bourne, Garwin Sanford

Oct 25-28 Cult TV Festival, Merseyside, England; Info: PO Box 1701, Peterborough, PE7 1ER, United Kingdom Ph: +44 01733-205009 Website: <http://www.CultTV.org/> Email: enquiries@culttv.net Guests: Teryl Rothery, Kenneth Griffith, Brian Downey, Francis Matthews, Dirk Benedict, Virginia Hey, Brian Croucher, Terry Jones (Monty Python), Michael Jayston, Tony Hart, Angus Lennie, Dave Prowse MBE, John Glen (007 Director), Stephen Gallagher, Tony Currie, Steven Paul Davies, Philip Martin, John Freeman, Gareth Owen, Laurence Marks, Maurice Gran.

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Star Trek II - VI Uniforms and Insignias. I am looking for the uniform rank insignias (Ensign - Fleet Admiral, as well as the Enlisted insignias) that were worn in the Star Trek movies II - VI as well as any information on where I could have a uniform (also from the Star Trek II - VI movies) made or purchase one that is already complete. Any information that you could assist me with would be greatly appreciated. My contact information: Jim Nelson, 213-A Windsong Lane, Yorktown, Virginia 23693, (757) 865-0512 or email me at smacneighill@earthlink.net

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The USS Dominator and the 144th MSG are looking for any and all unassigned members of SFI and the SFMC. The Dominator is a correy chapter based in Region 1. For information about the Dominator, visit <http://www.ussdominator.org> or hail the Commanding Officer at CO@ussdominator.org. For information on the 144th MSG, go to <http://www.olemiss.edu/orgs/lamarhs/144thMSG> or contact the OIC at 144msgaic@ussdominator.org or RRtrrs@aol.com

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The USS Shawnee, an Independent Star Trek fan club, in the Kansas City area, looking to join STARFLEET through the existing fan club program. We are also looking for existing 'fleet members who would like to join us for a new adventure. We are a meeting chapter, and our fictional ship is the USS Shawnee, a Galaxy Class vessel. For more information, contact the Commanding Officer: USS Shawnee CO@aol.com or www.littlestarship.com

Attention unassigned STARFLEET members in the Portland/Vancouver area of northwest Oregon and southwest Washington: the Shuttle Achilles is actively recruiting new members. We hold monthly meetings, attend movies and conventions, and more. We are on the verge of becoming

a starship" join the fun now! E-mail starship_achilles@yahoo.com, or visit our Website at http://www.geocities.com/starship_achilles/

USS Jaguar, NCC-74750 is the flagship of Region 5 and the most fun chapter you'll ever have the pleasure of being a member of! We spend a lot of our time on IRC (<http://www.fleetchat.org>) and most of us hang in the channel #nexus. We also have Jaguar patches for sale (with a discount for USS Jaguar members). For more information, check out: <http://www.jaguar.org> or contact our Commanding Officer, Scott A. Akers, at chunone@nwlinc.com.

The 126th Marine Strike Group (SpecOps), currently attached to the USS Wasp (a correspondence chapter in Region One) is looking for a few good Marines. All of the Marines assigned to the 126th were killed in action on an 'Omega' mission on Velos VII, the only Marine to survive was the OIC. No, not really, in fact the 126th MSG was just reactivated and is looking for a few good Marines. The unit is a 'Marine Correspondence Unit' and we will need story writers (even if you have never written a story line before, we still need a few good Marines, so don't let the story writing frighten you) for upcoming fictional story lines. Since the 126th Marine Strike Group is a Special Operations unit, we are looking at maybe some very good stories. Do you have what it takes to be a Marine in one of the best Special Operations Unit in the STARFLEET Marine Corps? Well, let us know, just contact the Officer-In-Charge of the 126th MSG at: smacneighill@earthlink.net

A new chapter is forming in Region 9, and is looking for you. If you live and Region 9 and would like to join a European ship, come to the Europe. Please send E-mail to the following address: shuttle_europe@hotmail.com

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EVENT

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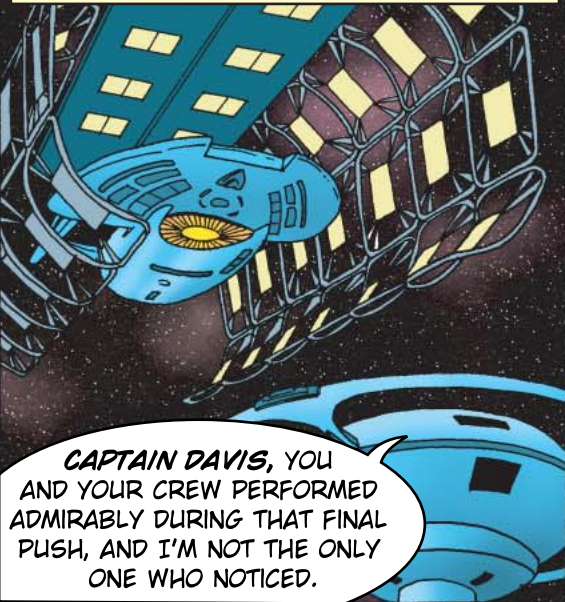
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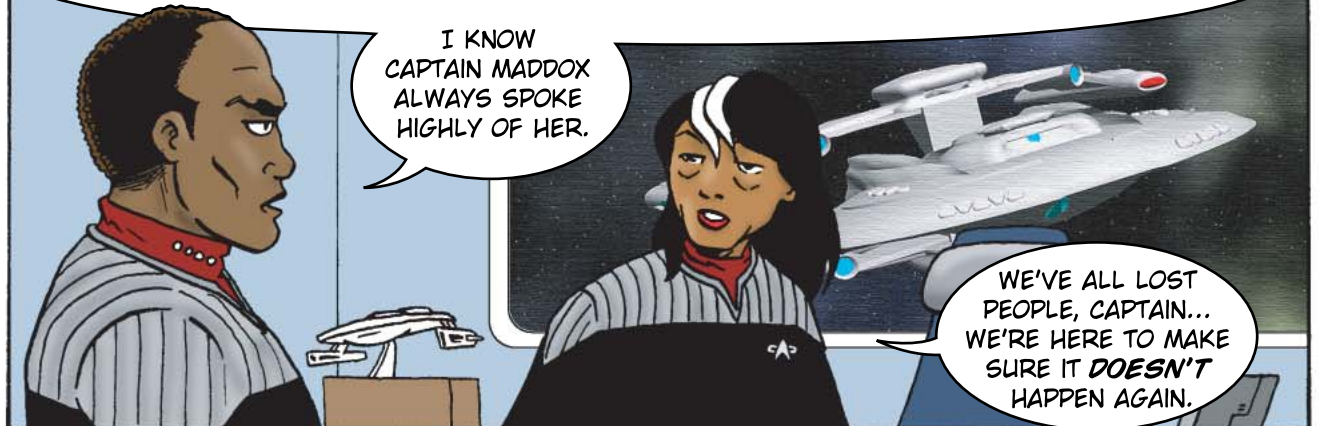
EPISODE TWO: "NEW ORDERS"

CAPTAIN'S LOG, STARDATE 54014.6
THE MERCURY IS NEARING THE END
OF ITS TIME IN DRYDOCK. THE DAMAGE
OUR SHIP SUSTAINED DURING THE
DOMINION WAR HAS BEEN REPAIRED,
BUT THE DAMAGE TO THE FLEET AS
A WHOLE WILL TAKE SOME TIME...



CAPTAIN DAVIS, YOU
AND YOUR CREW PERFORMED
ADMIRABLY DURING THAT FINAL
PUSH, AND I'M NOT THE ONLY
ONE WHO NOTICED.

THANK YOU, ADMIRAL. MAY I SAY HOW SORRY I AM FOR THE LOSS OF THE *PIONEER*.
THEY FOUGHT WELL OUT THERE. SHE WAS A GOOD SHIP AND J.C. WAS A FINE OFFICER.



I KNOW
CAPTAIN MADDOX
ALWAYS SPOKE
HIGHLY OF HER.

WE'VE ALL LOST
PEOPLE, CAPTAIN...
WE'RE HERE TO MAKE
SURE IT *DOESN'T*
HAPPEN AGAIN.

THIS WAS A *POINTLESS* WAR, ONE MADE MORE SO BY
THE FACT THAT IT DIDN'T HAVE TO *OCCUR*.

FOR TOO LONG WE'VE BEEN *REACTIVE* TO THREATS
FROM OUTSIDE. WE REACTED TO THE *BORG INVASIONS*.
WE REACTED TO THE *DOMINION*. STARFLEET AND THE
FEDERATION COUNCIL FEEL THAT IT'S TIME WE GOT
PROACTIVE... WHICH IS WHY I'VE CALLED YOU HERE TODAY.



WE'RE BEGINNING A NEW *APPROACH*, CAPTAIN. A SERIES OF
SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNITS STATIONED ABOARD SMALL
TACTICAL STARSHIPS THAT CAN GET IN AND OUT OF SENSITIVE
AREAS QUICKLY. THEIR PRIMARY MISSIONS WILL BE INFILTRATION,
SEARCH AND RESCUE, GUERRILLA TACTICS ON OCCASION,
AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY,
INTELLIGENCE GATHERING.



ADMIRAL, WITH THE WAR OVER, WE WERE HOPING TO
GET BACK TO OUR PRIMARY MISSION OF *EXPLORATION*.



A LUXURY WE CAN'T AFFORD.
YOU WILL BE WORKING WITH
A SPECIAL OPS TEAM UNDER
THE COMMAND OF
COLONEL JENIA...

JENIA? THAT SOUNDS LIKE A *DELTAN* NAME.

IT IS. I DO HOPE THERE'S
NO *PROBLEM*, CAPTAIN.

NO, MA'AM.



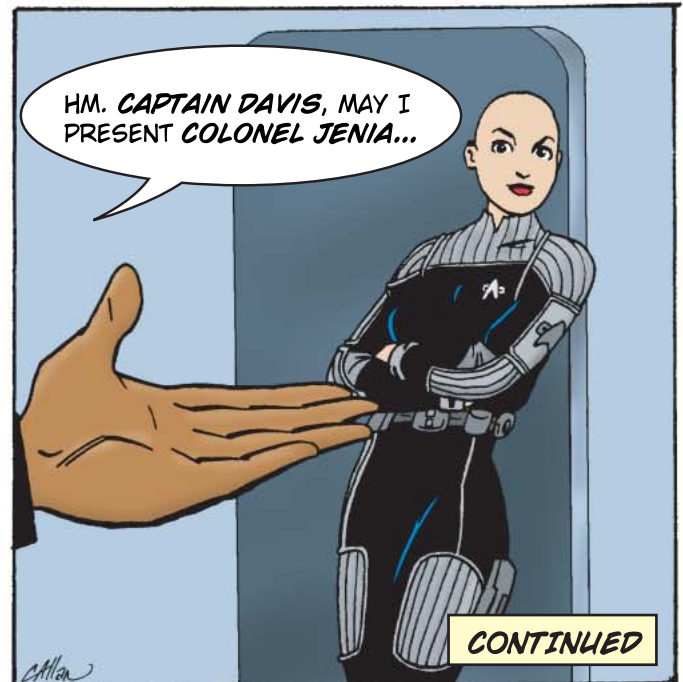
GOOD. THINGS MAY HAVE BEEN *EASIER*
WHEN STARFLEET REQUIRED DELTANS
TO TAKE AN OATH OF CELIBACY, BUT
TIMES HAVE *CHANGED*.

IT'S PART OF YOUR RESPONSIBILITY
TO RESPECT HER *CULTURAL RIGHTS*.



THANK YOU,
ADMIRAL.

HM. CAPTAIN DAVIS, MAY I
PRESENT *COLONEL JENIA*...



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The Admiral's Quarters aboard the USS New Jersey.



Hey, Sailor: Emily Vosseller checks out the...ordnance.



The USS New Jersey Communications Room.



Above Left: Lining up before the big tour is Starfleet-Region 7 Away Team members (left-right) Emily Vosseller of the Challenger, Frank Torok Jr. of the Avenger, Sonny Wright of the Sovereign, Ricky Brachman and Robert Csuti of the Avenger, Todd Brugmans of the Highlander, Matt Rielly and Judith Waidlich of the Avenger, Michael Stein of the USS Justice, Martin A. Lessem and Matt McKenna of the Asimov, Jane Caplan and Bruce Adams of the Avenger. **Top Right:** The Forward main gun turrets of the USS New Jersey.



SEVENTH FLEET COMMANDEERS BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY

Words and Pictures Courtesy of Vice Admiral Bob Vosseller • Commanding Officer, USS Challenger, STARFLEET Region 7

The 7th Fleet had been waiting for about two years for the opportunity to tour a new historic treasure which is now docked in Camden NJ. After a long debate as to where the USS New Jersey battleship would call home, last year it was decided that her birthplace would also serve as the location for its new mission, as a historic museum which would trace its long and proud history as an United States Naval vessel.

On Saturday April 27 a large number of Starfleet members from 10 chapters of Region 7 visited the floating museum. The battleship went into service during World War II and later served the Navy during the Korean War, Vietnam, and Beirut.

The vessel is the nation's most decorated battleship and was once visited by President Ronald Reagan. It is now permanently berthed as a memorial and museum on the new Camden Waterfront. It is one of the largest battleships ever built. "Big J" had been decommissioned after World War II, and put back into service

during the Korean conflict. It was retired again but put back into service during Vietnam and later was reactivated for service in Beirut.

Awaiting the two-hour tour, members of the USS Asimov, USS Avenger, USS Adamant, USS Ascension, USS Challenger, USS Justice, USS Highlander, USS Northstar, USS Sovereign and USS Thagard visited the gift store, which featured everything from rain slickers with the Battleship New Jersey monogram to bumper stickers to anchor pins. Yes, it was just like a convention with members buying things that we probably didn't need and couldn't afford but wanted anyway.

Several ships had planned to make the trip during the year and during the month of November three of those ships (Challenger, Ascension, Avenger) compared notes and made a plan to see it together as one large sector 1 wide invasion.

Avenger Chief Engineer Matt Rielly set the date and was "quite impressed" by the end of the tour. "It is not quite what I expected. The tour

was better than I expected. The decks were a bit cramped for the crew. This was a very powerful ship in its time."

Matt wasn't kidding, the vessel featured two forward 16-inch gun turrets which was the centerpiece for many photographs.

New Avenger Executive Officer Judy Waidlich was caught sleeping on the job during the tour. She was among those who tried out one of the bunk beds during the tour. Challenger's Counselor Emily Vosseller did likewise and it has been claimed that a certain Vice Admiral from the same ship examined a cot for how comfy it was.

Considering that sleep over parties are now part of what the Battleship offers (and plans are already afoot to return to the vessel for such an overnight trip) checking out the bedding wasn't such a bad idea.

"I can't wait for the sleep over" Judy remarked. Several tour guides explained the various

workings of the ship from its top deck to the radio room, petty officers' mess, starboard side, admiral's quarters, captain's cabin and its multiple weapon centers.

Bruce Adams, a member of the USS Avenger, had a special interest in the tour having served in the United States Navy. USS Asimov CO Fleet Captain Martin Lessem served in the Swedish Navy and also had a deep respect for the history of the famous ship.

Following the tour most of those assembled walked to a nearby snack area. The trek from the battleship resembled a short parade. The food may have been fair but the conversation and the catching up that the R7 members did was as much fun as the tour itself.

As the various members of the 7th Fleet departed, more than one was known to look back at the ship's superstructure for one final glimpse at the Delaware River, New Jersey State Aquarium and Benjamin Franklin Bridge, which surrounded the historic ship.