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YES, WE KNOW THE WAY TO SAN JOSE!



The 2002 STARFLEET International Conference in San Jose, CA was once again the scene of many an odd occurrence and plenty of embarrassing moments. As usual, the CQ endeavors to show all of the above.

Above (L to R): Lionel Smith, the Klingon-Andorian (!?!) Ambassador. Dinky and Carmen, Region 4 Mascots, pose for their close-up. RC R17 Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons shows off the latest in STARFLEET survival gear. **Left:** They are coming to take Les away, ha-ha! **Right:** Region 4's Jerry Tien and Jennifer Cole enjoy the live IRC session. **Below:** He's not just an RC, he's a handyman: Region 4's Ed Nowlin.

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REGION 3's JESS NAUMANN
INTERVIEWS "ENTERPRISE" ACTOR
VAUGHN ARMSTRONG — PAGE 28



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 STARFLEETCommuniq   during 2002 and 2003.

Immediately, we began an internal investigation researching the claims and studying the original material by Mr. Halliday and the Communiq   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 Communiq   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 Communiq   in good faith since the editors of the Communiq   at the time believed it to be original material. However, as the Communiq   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 Communiq  . 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
Commander, STARFLEET - cs@sfi.org

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In This Issue: The article entitled "Time Travel" by Robert J. Jackson on page 38 contains un-credited material written by Chris Halliday of Argent Games, who is the author of the Time War RPG.

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Admiral Forrest checks in:
Vaughn Armstrong, who currently plays Admiral Forrest on UPN's "Enterprise," attended the Region 3 Summit (Pages 27 and 48) and consented to an interview with Region 3's Jess Naumann (Page 28).
Photo courtesy of Brad Pense



Read our IC coverage or the bear gets tribbled:
IC 2002 Chair invites you to read all about it, starting on Page 18
Photo courtesy of Joan E. Pierce

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DON'T CALL ME EDWIN!

FLEET ADMIRAL LES RICKARD

COMMANDER, STARFLEET

That's right...call me Les!

Greetings from STARFLEET Headquarters and welcome to another edition of the Communique. This issue is the International Conference 2002 spotlight issue and I want to devote most of this article to reporting on that. But, let me start with a thank you to those angels looking after my family.

Deidre, Zachary and I left for IC Thursday morning August 1st. However, on Wednesday morning, while I was trying to get my office squared away for my five-day absence, Deidre called me informed me that she had been in a wreck.

She was pretty upset, as anyone who has been in a wreck should be. Well I made my superior aware I was on the way to Winston-Salem and why and went to the scene. After arriving and seeing the condition of our 1998 Chevy S-10 I was shocked that Deidre was not injured. It would take a page and a half to explain what had happened. But quickly let me indicate it was a case of road rage that caused an innocent bystander (Deidre) to be involved and total our truck.

Having looked at the damage after returning I am still amazed that she was unhurt and I truly believe that her angels were following her that day. Thank you to all of those that knew about this and sent encouraging and uplifting messages to her after the wreck.

Now on to IC2002 and what can I say but **wow!** It was an amazing weekend for my family that I would like to thank the IC staff for.

IC 2003, 2004 AND 2005 Oh My

During the General Session I announced that IC2003 Registrations were being taken during IC weekend. Unfortunately the IC 2003 Chair, Jack Hopkins, could not be at the event but Deidre agreed to assist in taking registrations for the event at IC. I am glad to report that we got the IC off to an excellent start with over \$600 in registrations. A big thanks to Deidre for helping out STARFLEET and the IC!

IC 2003 is being held in Greensboro, North Carolina the weekend of July 31st - August 3rd 2003. The event will be held at the Holiday Inn Airport, which is right off of I-40 and near the Piedmont Triad International Airport.

From the plans that Jack has told me of I expect it to be a relaxing and fun weekend. I am looking forward to seeing many of my fleet friends and family there! For more information contact Jack at:

John T. Hopkins
1635 Bright Leaf Rd.
Pffafftown, NC 27047

Email: SFIJack@aol.com
http://www.ic2003.iwarp.com/

Also during the General Session I announced the bid winner for the 2004 International Conference. It was a very difficult decision that the Executive Committee considered for some time. But, as the saying goes, we can only have one winner so here it is. The 2004 International Conference has been awarded to **Birmingham Alabama,**

Region Two!

At this time I will defer all questions regarding IC2004 to Pete Mohny at PDMohny@aol.com or surf over to: <http://www.ic2004.org>

Finally, I would like to report to the membership the deadline for bids for the 2005 International Conference. While I will not be Commander, STARFLEET for the decision I am trying to make everyone aware of the standard deadline, which is February 15, 2003.

The new CS will remind you all again at the first of the year regarding this. It is standard for the bid committees to send a complete bid packet to the Chief of Staff, Commander STARFLEET. These bids should be as comprehensive and complete as possible. If you have any questions regarding the bid process please contact me.

STARFLEET Annual Awards

At IC I had the honor of presenting STARFLEET's Annual Awards. As with the Scholarships I reported on below, these award recipients are also some of the best in our organization. Allow me to congratulate the winners who are listed in page 19.

STARFLEET Scholarships

It is my honor to report that STARFLEET has awarded five Scholarships this year. Each of the winners is a shining example of what makes this organization great.

Please allow me to list the winners then say a few more words:

Space Explorers Memorial Scholarship:

Lt.SG Jessica Poole
of the USS Maat, Region 1

Patrick Stewart Scholarship for the Performing Arts:

Senior Cadet Sydney Marsh
of the USS Rogue Phoenix, Region 2

DeForrest Kelley / Dr. Leonard McCoy Memorial Medical Scholarship:

Rear Admiral Wendy Filmore
of the K'Ehleyr Station, Region 4

LeVar Burton Education Scholarship:

Ensign Jessica Coyle
of the US Highlander, Region 7

STARFLEET James Doohan/ Montgomery Scott Engineering Scholarship:

Corporal James Winsley
of the USS Jamestown, Region 1

Now that you have seen the winners let me say a little about the process and the person who is behind this effort. STARFLEET's Scholarship Program (SSP) has a director that has been around Fleet for a while. She is a former Vice Commander, STARFLEET and once upon a time my Chapter Commanding Officer.

Admiral Sue Hampton is STARFLEET's Scholarship Program Coordinator and she has done this job since the inception of the program. Sue puts a lot of effort into coordinating the program and making the final decision. I would like to applaud her for all of her hard work in this area.

SFI Lifetime and Honorary Memberships

During the ECAB meeting Friday morning of IC the entire board heard the EC's nominee for this years Lifetime Membership. The person selected was Admiral Chuck Freas.

Chuck has done so much for STARFLEET. He has spent countless hours dealing with legal issues, primarily our IRS issues. When we heard that we had, once again, received complete abatement of our IRS penalties I made the decision then that he deserved this award. So it is with great honor I report that the AB approved our nomination and Chuck is awarded the Lifetime Membership for 2002.

Now normally we also do the Honorary Membership at IC as well. However, a little earlier in the year I discovered our nominee would not be able to attend. I learned I would be able to see and give it to her at a Summit should the AB approve her. At the Region One Summit this year I was honored to present the Tammy Willcox, STARFLEET Treasurer and "MoneyGoddess," with this years 3 Year Honorary Membership Award.

My congratulations and thanks to both of these deserving individuals. Their hard work and dedication have done more for this organization than I can begin to describe.

Election 2002

As many of you have heard, this year's Commander, STARFLEET Election has changed to a Vote of Confidence on the remaining team running. At IC CS candidate Martin Lessem announced that he was withdrawing from the race. I will not go into the reasons behind the decision. I will only say that I applaud any member for having the courage and passion to want to hold this organization's highest office. As Commander, STARFLEET I can attest to the fact that it is not an easy job and can be somewhat thankless a lot of the time. But it is a rewarding job in the end.

As I said before, this election is now a VOC for the remaining team, which is General Michael Malotte for CS and as his running mate Vice Admiral Mark Anbinder as VCS. I know they would encourage you to continue to review their platform and ask questions. Also on the ballot this year are two amendments to the constitution that the AB passed and sent to the membership for review. These amendments will be in the forthcoming election publication along with your election ballots. So please read them carefully and then vote what you think is best.

Some Final Thoughts

I would like to end this article by saying some thank you's. First of all to the entire IC2002 Staff for an outstanding International Conference. They treated Deidre, Zachary and I like royalty all weekend. Of course I think a lot of the thanks come from Deidre and I for how everyone embraced and showed Zachary what a true family he has in STARFLEET. By the end of the weekend I came to the realization that we were not FADM Rickard and Family - we were Zachary's Mom and Dad. That was just fine with us! Ed, Chrissy and everyone else, thanks from us!

Also some thanks need to go to the members of the Executive Committee and Admiralty Board. I have never before been a part of an organizational meeting that went so smoothly and friendly since joining this organization.

The ECAB meeting was educational and productive to many people and we got the business of fleet done without hardship. I also think this year's ECAB meeting holds the record for the shortest meeting yet, a little over three hours total.

I would like to thank Allyson Dyar, my Chief of Staff. She kept me on track and organized during the entire weekend. I firmly believe you cannot do this job well without an active and brilliant Chief of Staff. Thanks again Allyson!

A personal thank you to my lovely wife Deidre. She knew it was going to be a working weekend for me. As always she sacrificed a little to make sure I was able to get the business of Fleet done.

Thats it for this month. See you all next issue.

2002 STARFLEET CADET AWARDS

By Captain Dean Rogers • STARFLEET Region 7

Cadet Of The Year

Winner: Jessica Poole, USS Maat, R1
Runner-Up: Juliana Hoolihan, USS Matrix, R7

Captain's Assistant Award

Winner: Jena B. Robbins, USS Rubicon, R5
Runner-Up: Alex Johnston, USS Lone Star, R3

Christa McAuliffe Scholastic Award

Winner: Tara Mort, USS Maat, R1
Runner-Up: Jacqueline Hogan, Lone Star, R3

H.E.L.P.I.N.G. Hands Award

Winner: Elizabeth Lambert, USS Maat, R1
Runner-Up: Sarah Bolick, USS Maat, R1

Jean-Luc Picard Cadet Leader Award

Winner: Victor Quintanilla, Lone Star, R3

Cadet Recruitment Award

USS MAAT, R1 and USS Lone Star, R3

USS Enterprise Honor Unit Award

Winner: USS Maat, R1

SFA Rogue Squadron Award

Morgan Kirby and Matt Brooks, USS Malverne, R7

Ad Astra Scientia Space Explorer Award

Sarah Bolick, USS Maat, R1

Leonard McCoy Medical Cadet Award

Alex Kearney, USS Joan of Arc, R3

The Miracle Worker Award

Elizabeth Lambert, USS Maat, R1

Lt Commander Worf Security Award

Robert Lambert, USS Maat, R1

The 58th "Wild Cards" Order of Bravery

Matthew Wabindato, USS Ark Angel, R3

STARFLEET TREASURER REPORT — JUNE/JULY 2002

By Commodore Tammy Willcox • STARFLEET Treasurer

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

Num	Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Balance
	6/3/2002	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	(26.84)	13,573.69
	6/4/2002	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	879.00	14,452.69
	6/4/2002	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	(5.64)	14,447.05
	6/4/2002	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check	(39.00)	14,408.05
	6/4/2002	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check Fee	(5.00)	14,403.05
	6/6/2002	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	321.00	14,724.05
	6/6/2002	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	1,005.00	15,729.05
	6/6/2002	First Virginia Bank	Error Correction	(15.00)	15,714.05
	6/10/2002	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check	(16.00)	15,698.05
	6/10/2002	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check Fee	(5.00)	15,693.05
	6/10/2002	Paypal.com	Membership Processing	218.56	15,911.61
1085	6/10/2002	Edmond Sun	CQ Printing	(1,121.45)	14,790.16
1086	6/10/2002	Neely, Craig & Walton, L.L.P	Bonding	(235.00)	14,555.16
1087	6/10/2002	Sanford Berenberg	Membership Processing	(128.20)	14,426.96
1088	6/10/2002	Tammy Willcox	Treasury Supplies	(19.80)	14,407.16
1089	6/11/2002	Postmaster	CQ Postage	(800.00)	13,607.16
	6/13/2002	Stamps.com	Stamps.com Fee	(18.99)	13,588.17
	6/18/2002	Paypal.com	Membership Processing	71.30	13,659.47
	6/25/2002	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	504.00	14,163.47
	6/25/2002	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	537.00	14,700.47
	6/25/2002	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	37.00	14,737.47
	6/25/2002	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	1,483.00	16,220.47
	6/28/2002	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	(6.86)	16,213.61

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

Num	Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Balance
	7/1/2002	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	(77.56)	16,136.05
	7/1/2002	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check	(15.00)	16,121.05
	7/1/2002	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check Fee	(5.00)	16,116.05
	7/2/2002	Stamps.com	Postage Purchase	(475.00)	15,641.05
	7/2/2002	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	(14.20)	15,626.85
	7/2/2002	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check	(15.00)	15,611.85
	7/2/2002	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check Fee	(5.00)	15,606.85
	7/9/2002	Stamps.com	Stamps.com Fee	(18.99)	15,587.86
	7/9/2002	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	919.00	16,506.86
	7/9/2002	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	68.00	16,574.86
1090	7/10/2002	M & M Engraving	Annual Awards	(391.49)	16,183.37
1091	7/10/2002	Wolfe Screen Printing	Quartermaster Expenses	(500.00)	15,683.37
1092	7/10/2002	Edmond Sun	CQ Printing	(1,121.70)	14,561.67
1093	7/10/2002	Chris Wallace	SHoC: postage & certificates	(61.53)	14,500.14
1094	7/10/2002	Sanford Berenberg	Membership Processing	(130.02)	14,370.12
	7/16/2002	Paypal.com	Membership Processing	149.40	14,519.52
1095	7/18/2002	Wolfe Screen Printing	Quartermaster Expenses	(822.10)	13,697.42
1096	7/27/2002	International Mail Service, Inc.	Mailing International CQs	(127.72)	13,569.70
1097	7/27/2002	Allyson Dyar	ECAB Meeting : Tent Cards	(19.99)	13,549.71
1098	7/27/2002	Chris Wallace	SHoC: postage & certificates	(70.00)	13,479.71
1099	7/27/2002	Sanford Berenberg	Membership Processing	(182.97)	13,296.74
1100	7/27/2002	Deborah A. Malotte	Promotions	(172.62)	13,124.12
	7/29/2002	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	42.00	13,166.12
	7/29/2002	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	112.00	13,278.12
	7/29/2002	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	653.00	13,931.12
	7/30/2002	Novus/NPC	Credit Card: Refund	30.00	13,961.12
	7/30/2002	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	1,434.80	15,395.92
	7/30/2002	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check	(10.00)	15,385.92
	7/30/2002	First Virginia Bank	Returned Check Fee	(5.00)	15,380.92
	7/30/2002	Novus/NPC	Credit Card: Refund	15.00	15,395.92
	7/31/2002	Novus/NPC	Discount Fee	(28.52)	15,367.40

Opening Date: 06/01/2002
Opening Balance: \$13,600.53

Ending Date: 07/31/2002
Ending Balance: \$15,367.40

Revenue above expenditures for
above reporting period: \$1,796.87

STARFLEET - Savings:

Balance (6/01/2002): \$3,405.42
Balance (7/31/2002): \$3,411.79

The STARFLEET Savings Account received \$6.79 in interest.

Scholarship Account:

Balance (6/01/2002): 3,833.64
Balance (7/31/2002): \$6,735.74

\$2,902.10 in donations were added.

Academy Checking:

Balance (05/01/2002): \$4,621.98
Balance (05/31/2002): \$4,740.48

SFA deposited \$118.50 from tuitions and \$14.00 was spent on paper.

Academy - Savings:

Balance (5/01/2002): \$2,535.05
Balance (6/30/2002): \$2,539.12

The Academy Savings Account received \$4.07 in interest.

Loss Prevention Specialist Wanted

I am taking applications for the position of Loss Prevention Specialist. The Loss Prevention Specialist will be responsible for:

- Contacting members who have had declined credit cards or returned checks.
- Working to get the monies owed repaid.
- Notifying CompOps to place memberships on hold if monies are not repaid.
- Maintaining a list of members with unresolved money issues.

We average 4-8 declines and returned checks a month. Since one of the most important aspects of this job is discretion, the requirements for this position are different from most. Applicants need to meet the following requirements:

- Recommendation letter from your CO/RC
- Recommendation letter from an employer or someone outside of STARFLEET
- Recommendation letter from a STARFLEET officer other than your CO/RC
- Officer Training School
- Officer Candidate School
- Standard 'real life' resume
- STARFLEET resume

In addition to the above, please tell me why you would like to have the position, and how you intend to function within the role. Also, please include a sample letter to Joe Member who has had his credit card declined, and explain how you would attempt to recover the monies owed to STARFLEET. While not required, it would certainly be wonderful if the applicant has any bank experience, accounting experience, or organizational treasury experience. Please send all applications by October 31, 2002 to:

Tammy Willcox
4121 Stillwood Court
Virginia Beach, VA 23456
treasurer@sfi.org



SECOND TO ONE

GENERAL MICHAEL MALOTTE

VICE-COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings Fleet!

What a busy couple of months it has been! And what a way to finish them up. For those of you who didn't make it, the International Conference in San Jose was a blast! I'd like to take a moment and thank some folks who were instrumental in making this such a huge success. First to IC Chair Chrissy Killian and her Vice Chair Pete Briggs – the work you put into this showed from the moment I arrived. I don't know that I ever saw you two slow down. Next, to "Webcast Master" Larry Barnes – people are still talking about the live show. I certainly hope we see this again in the future. On to Ramon Macias, Registration Chair; Gumby Simmons, Public Relations and Staff Artist; Boyd Harmon, Transportation Chair; and Jerry Tien, Programming Chair – registration looked flawless, the program book was awesome, I was picked up at the airport as soon as I landed and the scheduling was great. Excellent work, folks! I've heard nothing but good things about the Treasurer Team of Charlie and Glenda Werner and Jim Monroe was on the ball as SFMC liaison. And, finally, a special thanks to Ed Nowlin, both Region 4 Coordinator and EC/AB liaison – your Region did ya proud!

I've always enjoyed going to ICs. It's an opportunity to hang out with folks you only get to see once a year. It's a great way to meet new folks you may have only chatted online with. And it's a way for Fleet to show it's best side. This year

was no exception.

But, as much fun as that aspect of the IC is, it's also a working weekend for members of the Executive Committee and the Admiralty Board. The EC got together both Thursday night and Friday morning before the joint EC/AB session. This was time well spent as we went over the last minute details of what's been going on in our respective departments, as well as preparing for the big meeting.

The joint session, I think, set a new record for completion. We got started a bit after 10 am and finished up around 2 pm – and that was including an hour lunch break. It consisted of a roll call of the EC, AB, proxies and assistants. This was followed by a report from each EC Department and each Region. We finished with old and new business, a few announcements and then adjourned the meeting. This is the second year in a row I've seen this level of cooperation and togetherness between the EC and AB – I certainly hope this becomes the rule and not the exception. A huge thanks to all the participants for caring enough to devote your time and energy for the betterment of Fleet.

The rest of the weekend was a blur of fun, parties, activities and camaraderie. The hotel was absolutely First Class. From the huge common areas to the hot tub to the heated pool, nothing was lacking. The meal at the banquet Saturday

night was excellent and the dance afterwards was great. Although, I got to admit, I'm still not so sure that watching folks doing the Macarena to the Star Wars Imperial March is a thing I ever want to see again! Sunday, as always, came too soon and it was time to wish everyone a safe trip home. If you've never made an IC, I highly recommend it. There's nothing else quite like it. Suffice it to say, I'm looking forward to heading to Greensboro next year!

Looking forward, the next major happening in STARFLEET is the upcoming election. As you know, the Lessem/Herring team has withdrawn from the election. I wanted to take a moment and thank them, especially Martin, for having the courage to step up to the plate and offer their services to STARFLEET. The decision to dedicate two years of your life to the big chair is not an easy one to make and I commend Martin on his desire to serve.

Martin - I want to thank you for the coin - I will cherish it always.

To Jim Herring, Larry Neigut, Carl Lewis, Linda Kloempken and Marlene Miller - thanks for being willing to take on the challenge of moving this organization forward. It's only through the desire of our members to give of their time that STARFLEET is successful.

To all of the Lessem/Herring team - thanks for

the opportunity to answer your questions and for your assistance in generating meaningful debate on the election list between the two teams and the membership. Dialogue like this allows us to hear the wants and needs of this great organization and address them. I hope all of you remain active and involved in Fleet for many years to come :)

What this means is that instead of an election, there will now be a Vote of Confidence. This does not mean that your vote is any less important. Our constitution guarantees every member a voice and I hope everyone takes the opportunity to voice his or her opinion. This is truly one of the best benefits in belonging to this organization and a real chance to let your thoughts be known.

Along with the VOC choice on the ballot, there will also be two amendments for you to vote on. I authored both of them and the Admiralty Board approved them for inclusion on this year's ballot. The first concerns the length of term for the Commander, STARFLEET and the second is about adding the treasurer to the Executive Committee as STARFLEET's Chief Financial Officer. Elsewhere in this issue of the Communiqué, you'll find an article detailing each amendment with an explanation of my thoughts behind them. Please take the time to read this so that you can make an informed decision on two issues that will have far-reaching effects on the future of this organization. As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Above all, whether you support the team running or the amendments presented, the most important thing is to **Vote!**

That about does it for me this go 'round. Take care and I'll catch ya in 60!

Last issue we discussed how freedom is so crucial for the survival of scientific inquiry and we examined this in the context of the ancient Greek culture. In this issue of the *STARFLEET Communiqué*, we'll briefly review how science was treated by Imperial Rome and during the first thousand years of the Christian era. The material in this section was originally published in the April and June 1998 issues of *The Alaric Heim Page*.

Centralized Authority Quashes Science

Last month, we saw how science and political/social freedom are so intimately intertwined. The Age of Democracy in ancient Greece allowed the free exchange of ideas. Their political structure of independent city-states, and their lack of a strongly organized priesthood or monolithic religious hierarchy, helped science to become a movement of the people by the people. Perhaps the major block to the growth of technology in the ancient world was the institution of slavery.

As noted by Jack Estrin in his 1967 *World History 1* data guide, Hellenistic (Greek) culture spread throughout the ancient civilized world with the Macedonian conquests of the 4th century B.C. The most notable conqueror was Alexander the Great. Greek culture also spread when Greece was absorbed by the Romans and Rome conquered the world during the following two centuries.

Rome started out as a democracy (509-278 B.C.). But by the time it ruled the world (starting about 146 B.C.), the Roman Republic had been undermined and the Empire was ruled by dictators. This centralized political

power knocked out one of the pillars necessary for science, freedom. However, while science did not thrive under Roman rule, it was not explicitly attacked. It was at this time that the scientific center of the world moved from Athens to Alexandria in Egypt.

Many things contributed to the decline and fall of the Roman Empire, including political and economic corruption and social decay. By the 4th century A.D., invasions by Germanic tribes and others led to the sack of Rome by the Visigoths under the leadership of Alaric (410 A.D.). The center of Hellenistic culture migrated to Constantinople (modern-day Istanbul) by 395 A.D. after the Byzantine Empire split from Rome.

Science went into centuries of decline, starting about 200 A.D. (the "Dark Ages", which were discussed in *The History of Science* article in *The Communiqué* # 109), due to the political changes associated with the Roman, then Byzantine, empires.

When the Roman Empire disintegrated, the infrastructure in which learning and science could develop had ceased to exist: the large cities disappeared, roads and aqueducts fell apart, and trade became more limited.

The rise of the Christian Church also played a role. Remember, another of the pillars necessary for science to thrive is the lack of a strongly organized priesthood or monolithic religious

THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE

By Fleet Captain Richard Heim • FDP Science

hierarchy. During this time, the Church developed a centralized hierarchy and became a strong political force in Europe. Those who did not accept the Church's teachings were suppressed. According to Alexander Hellemans and Bryan Bunch in their 1988 book, *The Timetables of Science*, the teachings of the Church were unfavorable toward empirical knowledge for several reasons:

- 1) During the first and tenth Christian millennia, many thought that the world would end very soon, an attitude that did not encourage investigation of how the universe might work.
- 2) The Platonic view of the world, which verged on mysticism and left little place for actual observation or experimentation, had been absorbed by Christian theology. This became a mode of thought imposed by the Church.
- 3) The Christian outlook on life itself discouraged secular knowledge since it was believed that such knowledge would not help in the afterlife.
- 4) Secular knowledge and science became associated with heathenism.

Science Rebounds

Earlier we saw how science flourished in ancient democratic Greece, how it declined during the

authoritative Roman Empire, and how it was quashed by the hierarchy and dogma of the Medieval Church in Europe. However, science in the Arab world was another story.

Mohammed founded the Islam religion in the 7th Century A.D. During the next hundred years, Islam spread across the Middle East, northern Africa, and Spain, bringing Arabs in contact with many cultures. Trade intensified and science consequently flourished in the Islamic civilization of 700-1300 A.D., with a number of centers of learning being founded.

The Moslem world was not the only place where science advanced. The Chinese discovered many things (for example, paper, printing, rockets, mechanical devices, astronomical data, medicine, even the first Law of Motion) centuries before the Europeans of the Renaissance, and large amounts of empirical data were accumulated.

But the Chinese were never interested in developing a scientific method, so their theories often remained separated from observation and experimentation.

Science returned to some degree to Europe in the 12th Century when the Europeans established contact with the Islamic culture. But there was another positive factor. Earlier, the Emperor Charlemagne had decreed, in 787, that every monastery in his empire must establish a school.

So even amidst a centralized religious hierarchy, science rebounded in Europe with growing trade and an emphasis on learning. These cathedral schools, by the way, became the forerunners of the first universities.



STARFLEET OPERATIONS

REAR ADMIRAL MARK VINSON

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

I am going to keep this short since I am up to my neck getting ready for my wedding (I am getting married in Las Vegas on August 24th) and getting my little one ready to start kindergarten on the 19th.

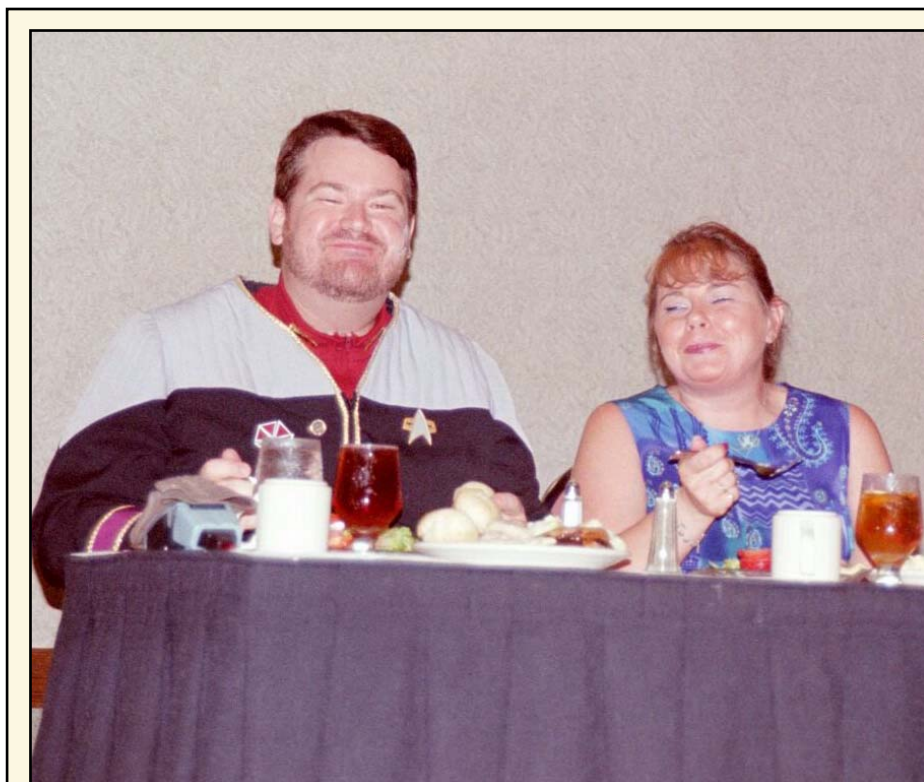
I was not able to attend IC but I understand all had fun. I want to thank Mike Urvand for being my Proxy at IC. I wish I could have been there but all things being equal I would rather be at Star Trek: The Experience!

Congratulations to the following ships for Celebrating 10 Years of continuous service to STARFLEET (July - August): the USS Valkryie (07/04/92) and the USS Yamato (08/25/92).

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.

Remember that 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**. 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 mavrc17@swbell.net or send it via the U.S. Mail to me at:



STARFLEET Chief of Operations Mark Vinson and his fiancé, Melinda Ashcraft, share a laugh at the Region 3 Summit.

Photo courtesy of Brad Pense

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 to.

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>. The text and RTF version will be updated soon. If you find something that needs changed in that please send an email to me at ops@sfi.org.

Til Next Time, LL&P!

Mark A. Vinson

A Tidbit Of Background:

The Dominican Republic is located in the Caribbean, and it is slightly more than twice the size of New Hampshire (1/3 the size of NC). It shares the island of Hispaniola with Haiti. The climate is tropical and offers little seasonal temperature variation. The Dominican Republic is located in the heart of the hurricane belt, and is subject to severe storms and flooding.

The population in July 2001 was 8,581,477. Of that number, 34.11% are children under the age of 14. The ethnicity of the population is categorized as 16% white, 11% black, and 73% mixed. The Dominican Republic also has a literacy rate of 82.1%. In 1999, 25% of the population lived economically below the Dominican poverty line. The average worker makes about \$150 US a month. They have an unemployment rate of 13.8%. To find out more information on the Dominican Republic visit the following websites: <http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/dr.html> or <http://memory.loc.gov/frd/cs/dotoc.html>

Arrival...

I arrived on a Friday afternoon. I headed out to Boca Chica to wait for a group of Americans from Naples FL to arrive. We would leave Santo Domingo Monday evening for San Cristóbal, where the organization we work with supports five orphanages. While I waited I went to the beach. Boca Chica is a beautiful beach. The bay is protected by a reef so it is very gentle and a stunning shade of aquamarine. The maximum depth all the way up to the reef itself is about 5 feet, even 500 feet or more offshore. It has been referred to as "The World's Largest Bathtub."

USS HORNET HELPS DOMINICAN ORPHANS

By Commander Bruce Schulman • USS Hornet, STARFLEET Region 1

I immediately jumped into my conversational Spanish, which is a whole lot better now than it was before and now is much better than it was just a few weeks ago. Going to a place where no English is spoken will do that for you!

On Monday, I went in to the capital. I visited the old colonial area, which is the oldest established European city in the Western Hemisphere. There you find the oldest house, oldest school, oldest hospital, etc. Columbus lived there, his son's mansion, the Alcazar de Colón, is right there next to the river. The cathedral was finished in the 1530s.

When the Americans arrived we headed out to the orphanage in San Cristóbal. It was great to be somewhere I actually knew, I felt sort of at home. Most of the kids there remembered me from last year, which surprised me. I guess I made more of an impression than I had thought. Not many come back so they were very pleased that I had done so. Since I was conversationally fluent in Spanish we could talk more and they enjoyed sharing with me. The kids were healthy and in good spirits. Many improvements have been made since my visit. They have a much-improved bathroom now and the television now has cable; they get 10 channels. The kids can watch cartoons, music videos, and movies between chores.

The orphanages rely upon donations of goods and

money to survive. They were very appreciative of the donations I brought, any of which were donated by members of the USS Hornet. So, on the behalf of the niños and niñas of San Cristóbal and Jaibon, I would like to extend a "muchas gracias mil veces" to those who provided me donations to take down there. CDR Carolyn "Moogie" Peters provided a whole suitcase, artfully packed in an efficient manner I could never hope to replicate, of clothes that went to three orphanages: La Suiza, Madre Vieja, and Jaibon. FCPT Mary Kane provided a variety of school supplies and other items that went to La Suiza and Madre Vieja. The Smith family, Donna, Carolyn "C2", and Jesse, provided clothes, school supplies, and first aid items were distributed in La Suiza and Madre Vieja. Hornet fixture Trish Johnson provided a cash donation, which went to the orphanage director to use for whatever purpose he found necessary. They were planning a playground for the girls while I was there.

It is hard to describe what it is like to go there to those who have never gone. I would rather say go and see for yourself. It is a satisfying and moving experience. You gain a new perspective on yourself and your situation. You can also see the immediate impact you can have to make someone's life better and receive genuine appreciation for doing so. Things we take for granted are rare privileges there. Say, like A/C. To see kids whose backgrounds would make

you shudder so happy to have some attention and affection really makes an impact. The kids there are generally very well mannered, very respectful, and extremely hard working.

Food!

Food in Boca Chica and Santo Domingo: chicken was the only meat I ran across. Had it as *pollo frito* (fried chicken) and *chichirrones de pollo* (more or less the same). Chicken is bony and not too meaty. Of course I had *la bandera dominicana*, the Dominican flag, rice and beans. Everybody does. When you wave the flag you are serving *arroz y habichuelas*! I had Dominican ice cream, three flavors altogether: *dulce de leche* (caramel), *tres leches* (cream), and *chinola* ("passionfruit"). Chinola was best. I had various fruit juices: *chinola y fresa* (strawberry-passionfruit) was excellent as was the *cereza* (cherry) nectar. Always partial to *melocotón* (peach) and pineapple (the best!) At the orphanage: rice and beans and pineapple with every meal. Oh man is that good stuff. I love rice and beans and the pineapple there is fresh and so cheap it brings tears to my eyes! (5/\$1) We had eggs from the house chickens (my favorite was Edoardo's chicken! Luciana's his pride and joy!). We had a shepherd's pie sorta thing a few times that was surprisingly addictive. And the chickens provided us on occasional meal directly or provided the flavor to a salty soup. Dessert - go outside and knock mangoes off the trees with rocks and eat 'em!

Want To Help?

Contact me at schulman@vnet.net. I will help you (individual or group) find a way to get involved.



COMM-ING UP NEXT...

REAR ADMIRAL GREG TROTTER
CHIEF OF COMMUNICATION, STARFLEET

Now that I am back from the 2002 STARFLEET International Conference in San Jose, I wanted to touch base with you to discuss some changes in how this publication is reaching you.

First off, let me start with the part that will impact the pocketbooks of a few members: acting on a request by the Communications Department, the Admiralty Board has raised the delivery surcharge for members with Mexican addresses from \$1 a year to \$5 a year.

So that everyone can understand why this was necessary, I'd like to take some time to explore how Communiqués get delivered, and how they are paid for.

The majority of STARFLEET members have United States addresses. As a result, the basic membership rates are based on the cost of providing services to US members. These services include at least seven items a year that require postage: six Communiqués and one membership packet.

But it costs more to send mail out of the US. So for many years Starfleet has assessed a "surcharge" on international members to help defray the additional expense of international mailing. For many years, that surcharge has been \$1 a year for members in Canada and Mexico, and \$5 a year everywhere else.

In recent months, I have been hearing more and more from overseas members that their Communiqués were arriving many weeks after they were hitting United States mailboxes. So, I did a breakdown of our postage costs to have a better understanding of what STARFLEET's options were.



So, this one time at IC, Section 31 delivered a fish to me that was SOOOO big, that my shirt fell out of my pants and my CQ Editor ran the picture anyway and...

Photo courtesy of Cyndi Temple

And one thing stood out: it costs more to send a Communiqué to Mexico than it does to send one to Iceland, Australia, or pretty much anywhere else. Please don't ask me to explain it, I can't. If you really want to ask someone, you can call your local post office. If you get a good answer, let me know!

Anyway, based on that it seemed prudent to move Mexico into the \$5 surcharge category, leaving only Canada in the \$1 surcharge group.

I also discovered that the \$5 surcharge for overseas members has been that amount since sometime in the 1980's. It's not easy paying a twenty-first century postage bill with 1980's cash! But sometimes, solutions can present themselves.

In this case, a solution was presented by our tireless Membership Processing robot, Sandy Berenberg. He sent me information about a company that specializes in international remailing. We contacted them, got pricing, and we arranged for Communiqué 111 (the issue prior to this one) to be delivered to all non-United States and Canadian addresses using their service.

So far, all of the feedback I have received from international members has been extremely positive -- in fact, the CQ started showing up in European mailboxes a mere nine days after leaving the mail facility in Oklahoma.

I am considering this test to be an unqualified success, and we will continue to use this method for the foreseeable future.

Of course, if you did not receive your Communiqué, just drop me an email at lostcq@sfi.org and we'll take care of it! Make sure to include the issues you need and your current, complete mailing address.

That's it for today, gang! See you in Communiqué 113!

Dixie Trotter

ANNOUNCEMENTS GURU WANTED

By RAdm. Greg Trotter • Chief of Communications, STARFLEET

Allyson M. W. Dyar, who has run the STARFLEET Announcements list since its inception in 1997, has decided to step down once a suitable replacement is found.

So, this leaves us with a vacancy that one lucky member will get to fill! Read on below, and you will see what the job entails. This is a perfect opportunity for someone who likes to read email, loves to stay connected, and wants to be a part of helping our membership be the most informed in all of fandom.

If you are interested, send a fleet resume to Greg Trotter, STARFLEET Chief of Communications, at comm@sfi.org. Greg will also be happy to answer any questions you might have about the position and also has a detailed job description. Below is a summary of job duties.

Job Duties:

The purpose of the Announcements list is to provide timely STARFLEET information to members. This is done with a moderated mailing list where only the moderator can post. This prevents natter and discussion between list subscribers, leaving only the "meat" for members to read. The web page provides a

synopsis of all posts and provides copy for the Communiqué. The archives are just that, an archive of all announcements post from the time the announcements list/web page was started back in 1997.

- **Mailing List Administrator** -- Take care of any mailing problems, mostly having to do with members unable to subscribe or unsubscribe him/herself.

- **Posting to the Announcements list from the STARFLEET list.**

- **Announcement Web Page** -- The web page (<http://www.sfi.org/news/sfi-announce.html>) contains summaries of all announcements from the Announcements List.

- **Announcements Archives** -- This is an archive in text form of all announcements from the time the list/web page has started.

- **Announcements in the Communiqué.** At the set deadline (currently, the 25th of odd numbered months), provide a file in Word for Windows of the announcements to the Communiqué Editor.

CQ, NEW STAFF AND YOU

By Fleet Captain Dixie Halber • Senior Vice Chief, Communications

You may have noticed the ad looking for staff members for the CQ. I decided to take a few inches of this space to explain what we're going to be doing.

As you may already know, Kurt Roithinger will be stepping down as CQ editor at the end of this year. Bob Bulkeley will be stepping up to take his place. Kurt and Allyson Dyar as well do a tremendous amount of work for the CQ. So much so that Bob and I decided we can't replace them with just two people, we'll need more like six or seven. To that end we've decided to look for people in the following positions:

Proofreaders

Nobody's perfect, including CQ editors. We're looking for folks to proof the final copy of the CQ before it goes to press. They'll be looking for things like typos, factual errors and layout problems. We've got one person in this role, but the more eyes that look at it the better.

Copyeditors

The copyeditors will edit the incoming articles for length, content, grammar and spelling. We have one editor already in place but given the

amount of submissions and the fact that they all arrive at once, we'd like to have at least two more people in this position.

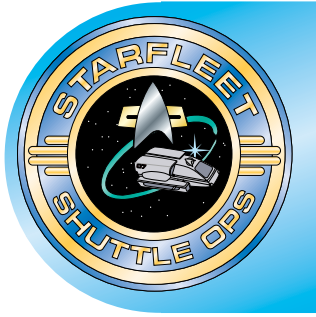
Staff writers

The biggest change will be in the addition of staff writers. Currently the CQ works on submissions only. We want to put some people in place whose job it is to write articles for the CQ.

Does this mean that we will not be seeking submissions any longer? Absolutely not! The bulk of the CQ will still be supplied by the STARFLEET members at large. But by utilizing staff writers we think we can cover even more interesting chapter and regional news.

That in a nutshell is what we're looking for as far as staff is concerned. If you are interested in any of these positions please contact via e-mail at gibbie@sillypuppies.com or via US Mail at:

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THE SHUTTLEBAY

ADMIRAL CHRIS "TIGGER" WALLACE

CHIEF OF SHUTTLE OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Greetings STARFLEET!

First off, my thanks to the Region Four (and Seventeen) staffers who helped make this year's International Conference an enjoyable experience. The Doubletree Hotel was great, the staff was attentive, and the pool water warm.

As reported at the IC, ShOC currently has 20 active shuttles in the program, with fourteen expected to commission before the end of the year. We also have five chapters in EFCP, all of which should be full chapters before January 1, 2003.

With the advice and consent of both Admiral Rosenzweig at DTS and my Vice Chief, Commodore Jerry Tien, I have decided to restructure the mission and organization of the Department of Technical Services slightly.

Until now, if a chapter wished a class of their own design, or one that was not on the "Approved List", they were required to get permission to use it. Failing that, they were then required to choose a class from the Approved List, at least for "official" purposes. Yes, a chapter was free to be whatever they wanted to internally, but though they might be an Aargsnarth Class Super Battleship internally, on the Vessel Registry they were listed as a Nebula Class Light Cruiser.

This requirement is not unique to DTS. Since the founding of STARFLEET in 1975, there have been limitations on what classes of starships could be used by chapters. At first, it was the original twelve Constitution class starships. When those twelve were assigned, the designs shown in Franz Joseph's tech manual were allowed. Over the decades, the list has been expanded with both external and internal designs.

There are those who feel, rightly or wrongly, that a few men have been imposing their personal aesthetic view on the entire membership. As for myself, I feel STARFLEET should be enforcing policies that *encourage* ten people to fork over fifteen dollars a year every year.

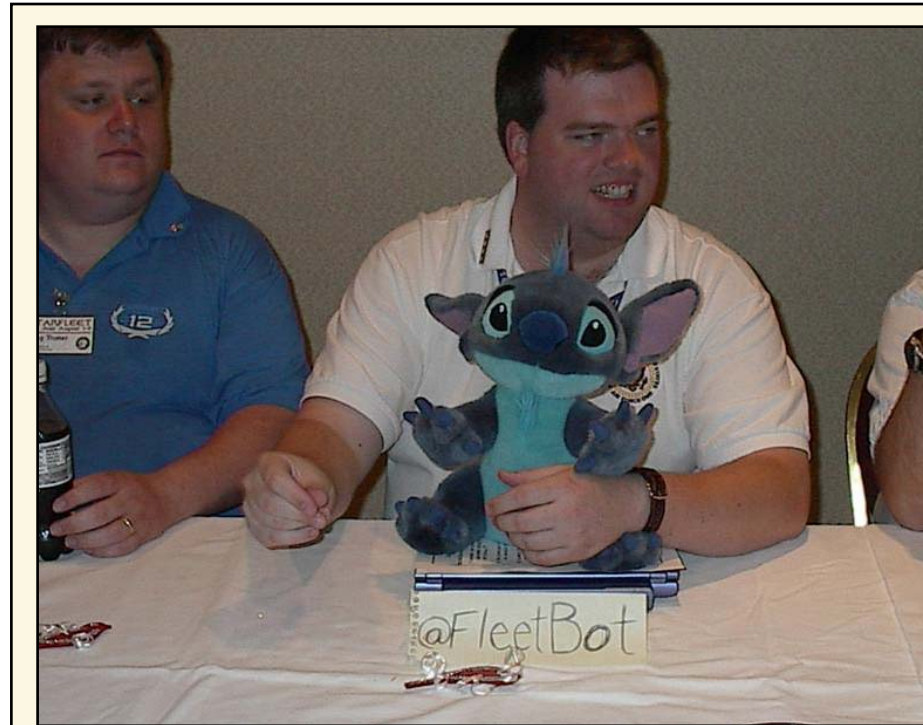
Therefore, I think that removing the Class Approval requirement and allowing chapters to be formally recognized with their starship class of choice is an appropriate course of action.

As some of you may know, Admiral Chris Wallace has elected to stand down as Director of the Advanced Starship Design Bureau. He has served ably and well, and his many contributions to the Fleet are hugely appreciated. Thanks, Chris! You're gonna be a tough act to follow. But we do need someone to follow that act. So...

The Department of Technical Services is seeking applicants to fill the position of Director, Advanced Starship Design Bureau. We're looking for qualified members who love starship and space station design, and would like to share that love with fellow members.

What follows is the job description. If this sounds like you, why not apply?

The Director of the Advanced Starship Design Bureau (ASDB) will be charged with assisting Starfleet members/shuttles/chapters in the



By Imperial Decree: Stitch served as a stand-in for FleetBot at the live IRC session at IC 2002. His mascot, Chief of Shuttle Operations Chris "Tigger" Wallace was later seen pounding his shoe onto the table, demanding the proper authori-tay...

Photo courtesy of Allyson Dyar

Some have said that should we allow chapters to be any class they wish, much of DTS' function will be nullified. People will no longer bother to take advantage of many of our functions as they are free to do whatever they want.

Personally, I think that folks will still continue to take advantage of things like the Advanced Starship Design Bureau and the Office of Technical Information.

Engineers are dreamers and tinkers by nature and I believe that they will continue to participate in projects that allow them to express themselves. Yes, there will be people who want what they want and will not desire any discussion. That should be there right.

Admiral Rosenzweig has been attempting to create a "STARFLEET Canon" of ship classes approved for official use. Any vessel class that has been put on this Approved List is made available for any STARFLEET chapter to use. This List will continue under the new directive. Those who wish "official support" (addition to the Listing, inclusion in official STARFLEET DTS publications, etc.) shall petition for formal approval as they do now.

However, if a chapter wishes not to adjust their desired design, they may choose to just submit it as is. While it will not be added to the Official List and will not be eligible for showcasing in official publications, the class will be cataloged for their entry in the Vessel Registry and they will

be assigned an NCC number from, most likely, a "pool" kept for this purpose.

Yes, we could just open it wide and list everything and anything. The reason we have decided not to it this way is that we want to encourage folks to take advantage of the tools available to them, as well as encourage people to participate. If we decided to let anything go, and disbanded ASDB and OTI as pointless, then people who wish to share in their experiences will not have an avenue available to them to do so.

I have also decided to do a slight re-org of the Department of Technical Services, which will now have the following Offices:

- **Office of Starship Registry**
maintains and assigns names and NCC numbers as well as registers classes on the Approved List
- **Office of Technical Information**
maintains the "Tech Database" and "Tech Library"
- **Office of Schematics**
assists in the creation of schematics for existing ships (customizing them) and new starship designs
- **Office of Technical Publications**
does much of what I personally have done with www.asdb.net, but focused for STARFLEET members specifically

• **Advanced Starship Design Bureau**
drafts policy on incorporating new technologies seen onscreen as well as assisting in the development of new classes and modifications to existing classes

Many of these positions are already filled, but Admiral Rosenzweig is accepting applications for the following positions:

- Advanced Starship Design Bureau
- Office of Technical Publications

Resumes can be sent to him directly at: alexrcastle.net or dts@sfi.org.

The Director of DTS will continue to administer all of these offices as well as liaison with the FDC-Engineering / Corps of Engineers and Regional Engineering offices.

The DTS Director and other ShOC staff will continue to refine this process over the next few months, and any such changes shall be communicated to the membership in this column.

ASDB DIRECTOR WANTED

By Admiral Alex Rosenzweig • SFI Department of Technical Services

creation of new starship designs and/or the upgrade/modification of existing designs within the framework of a coherent, established Star Trek Universe.

New design proposals are reviewed by the ASDB, which helps groups iron out any possible engineering/design issues and then submits a recommendation to the Director, DTS for approval or disapproval of the design, based on the results of the design review.

The successful candidate will:

1. Be comfortable with and possess full understanding of Star Trek technology and

engineering in all Star Trek eras (from the 22nd Century of "Enterprise" to the 24th Century of TNG/DS9/VOY).

2. Be comfortable with Star Trek engineering and starship design as explicated in fan-tech, as well as Paramount-tech, as the former is critically important to the proper development of the universe.

3. Be willing to guide groups designing starships to develop their projects to fit realistically within the existing framework. (e.g., if we already have 2 extant shuttlecarrier designs {and "actually", we have about 8 right now}, a group creating a third should show that the new design does something

that the others do not.)

New designs created simply for the purpose of being new will not necessarily be accepted, but the ASDB Director can assist groups in giving the new design a fresh characteristic that would allow its acceptance.

Alternatively, the ASDB Director will show the group the existing designs and see if one of those might not suit the purpose.

The deadline for applications is 30 September 2002. Applications should be sent to:

Department of Technical Services
980 Linwood Place
North Brunswick, NJ 08902-2267

E-mail: DTS@sfi.org or alexrcastle.net

I'll look forward to hearing from you.



COMPUTER OPERATIONS

VICE ADMIRAL MARK ANBINDER

CHIEF OF COMPUTER OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

As always, this year's International Conference (held in sunny San Jose, California and hosted by the fun-loving folks of Region Four) presented an opportunity for a variety of "State of the Fleet" updates on how things are going, and what's coming down the pike. For Computer Operations, IC02 offered the chance to talk about a database of the future, and some improvements to the renewal process that are ready now.

Membership data and then some

When one of my predecessors, Jesse Smith, created the member database we use now, back in 1997, it was a tremendous leap beyond what had gone before. For the first time in years, STARFLEET was successfully keeping track of members — who they were, where they were, and where they wanted their newsletters to go! This "relational database" has allowed us to associate members with chapters and all sorts of other info about ranks, OTS and

OCC graduation dates, family members, and so on.

Another retired CompOps colleague, Blair Learn, managed to create a sophisticated set of tools that let members check their SCC numbers and expiration dates, and allow chapter COs, RCs, and other leaders within the Fleet to access limited portions of the member database (such as chapter rosters and Fleet Strength broken down by region), online using the Fleet web site.

This has worked exceptionally well, but these days, the Fleet member database is being called upon to keep track of more information and retrieve it in more ways. We let COs and XO's include their chapter rosters automatically with each monthly status report, and we're trying to keep track of more members' ranks (not just command and flag ranks, as we once did) and STARFLEET Academy or SFMC Academy results.

Membership Processing Czar Sandy Berenberg has been spending the last several months (in between spurts of activity getting memberships processed) working with ISS Lexington's Dino Gravato on a new database that's built not on personal productivity software like Microsoft Access, but on more-powerful and more-flexible SQL tools. The new system will allow even more flexibility with security, so we'll be able to give members more access to their own info, without risking others getting at it.

Sandy gave a compelling demo to the combined Executive Committee and Admiralty Board meeting at IC, and drew lots of favorable comments. The plan is to take the new database live this fall, and I'm looking forward to it!

On the Express Lane

Also discussed at IC02 was the Membership Processing Express Lane, the quicker, PayPal-based online renewal system we

introduced this spring. We started out with just individual members in the U.S. participating, and it's been quite a success in the months since! We've now expanded the Express Lane to *all* domestic renewals; in other words, all U.S. individual and family memberships may now be renewed via PayPal. This gives the member immediate feedback that their payment has been successful, gives us immediate notification that the payment's for real, expands our online payment options to more credit cards and even U.S. checking accounts, **and** eliminates the need for time-consuming manual entry of credit card numbers by our Treasurer, Tammy Willcox, and her staff.

Since that staff has mostly meant Tammy's daughter, Jessica Poole, and Jessica has just moved a couple of states away from Treasury Central, these changes come just in the nick of time! Our thanks to Jess for all her hard work helping Tammy with membership-related credit card transactions, and best of luck to her in her new home.

Before long, we'll be able to handle renewals for all other members — individual and family memberships outside the U.S. Setting up PayPal for new memberships isn't quite as straightforward, but we'll be tackling that once the renewals are all set.

The Membership Processing Team continues to operate at a four week or less average turn around time. Thank you again for all the kind words and positive feedback you have been sending us. A special thank you to Region 3 for the pages of compliments you sent us from the Region 3 Conference.

The first running of the 25 Pound Chocolate Aspirin Contest has ended and timed with the current election made this last month very intense. In the end, two regions drove hard and won the prize.

Region 4 has maintained a stable growth all year. This growth included 41 increased members since January. Region 2, the fireball from the south achieved their growth of 85 members from January 2002 in explosive months. Both regions grew approximately 15% over the last 6 months. Congratulations to both regions.

Now, you know how the contest works, lets get the ball rolling for 2003! This second year will measure an entire year of growth from August to August.

A change in the MP team.

Angel Nehl, who has helped us filing and maintaining membership archives will be leaving us. Thanks to Angel for your time and service. Angel, soon to be also known as 'Mom' and will be moving with her husband, Jimmy, with his next assignment in the US Army.

Please welcome back Rick Driver. Rick has taken over the archives as well as helping Gerri Wampler and myself in other areas of the membership office.

MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING UPDATE

By Brigadier Sanford Berenberg • STARFLEET Membership Processing

The 25lbs. Chocolate Aspirin Challenge: Final Standings

June 2002			July 2002			Total		
Place	Region	Points	Place	Region	Points	Place	Region	Points
1st	4	28	1st	2	32	1st	4	132
2nd	7	28	2nd	4	26	2nd	2	132
3rd	2	28	3rd	7	26	3rd	20	116
4th	20	25	4th	20	25	4th	7	113
5th	3	25	5th	14	24	5th	1	106
6th	14	24	6th	3	23	6th	3	105
7th	17	20	7th	15	23	7th	14	105
8th	1	19	8th	1	18	8th	5	96
9th	5	17	9th	17	18	9th	17	86
10th	11	16	10th	11	14	10th	15	75
11th	15	11	11th	5	13	11th	11	72
12th	6	10	12th	6	10	12th	12	56
13th	13	7	13th	10	7	13th	6	53
14th	12	6	14th	12	5	14th	13	43
15th	9	4	15th	13	5	15th	10	38
16th	10	4	16th	9	3	16th	9	34

It is a team that makes this whole thing work. Everyone has their job and their role to play and it all comes together because of everyone's efforts. Thanks again team!

New Database News

The new database was previewed at IC

2002 in San Jose. This new tool, due to go live on October 15, 2002, was met with great reviews and jaws hitting the table in amazement. Dino Gravato, the Database designer/builder has been VERY hard at work making this dream a reality. Thank you Dino, and by the way, Dino

will also have a new nickname soon, 'Dad.' Congratulations to Erica and Dino Gravato!

Membership Notes and Tips:

This section will details some tips for applying for and renewing your membership to better help Membership Processing to efficiently handle your memberships.

1. Please send your membership through normal mail channels. Certified and returned receipt mailings are ok, but they will be slowed down until someone can visit the post office during business hours.
2. When you apply or renew, please write legibly. If we cannot read your application, we will try to contact you to get a better address. If we cannot get a hold of you, your membership kit will be sent out to the best address we can figure out.
3. If you move, please send us an email. We like to be able to send you your memberships and Communique's but finding out that you moved after your forwarding order expired or if you do not have a forwarding order is not the best way to notify us.
4. When writing a check for your membership, please be sure that you send the check and application in a timely manner. Checks are only valid for approximately six months.

5. If your membership does not arrive in a timely manner or is incorrect, do not fret, we will take care of it. Please send an email to helpdesk@sfi.org or visit the SFI HelpDesk on the web at <http://helpdesk.sfi.org>



EX ASTRA, SCIENTIA

ADMIRAL MARLENE MILLER

COMMANDANT, STARFLEET ACADEMY

I'm happy to see everyone got home safe and sound from IC '02! Many of you are sporting brand new shiny rank pins, and toting well-deserved awards. Seven Academy Directors are among those who received promotions: Helen Pawlowski, Sherry Anne Newell, Greg Staylor, Carol Thompson, David Peifer, Wayne Killough and Brian Dougherty. Congratulations!

Also... a great big **congratulation** goes to STARFLEET Academy's Best of the Best. This year's induction into the Red Squadron is just as exciting as it's ever been! Please see the list of Red Squad awards elsewhere in this issue.

Congratulations to the Academy's Directors of the Year: Carol Thompson, Greg Staylor and James W. Lee and School of the Year: Flag Officer's School (Helen Pawlowski), College of Alien History and Culture (David Peifer) and Culinary School - BURPS (William Skinner and Kevin King).

College Of History - New Address

Deborah Butcher, Director of the College of History in STARFLEET Academy and STARFLEET Cadet Academy has a new address:

Deborah Butcher
40 Pinecroft Dr. Apt B
Taylors, SC 29687

OTS - Canada Making A Move

Gloria and her husband are moving from Ontario, Canada to Vermont this summer, therefore she stepped down as Officer's Training School-Canadian liaison. At present I am looking for volunteers to take over this course at the Canadian Campus.

US-OTS Director, Peg Pellerin and I thank Gloria for her excellent job in processing the Canadian OTS applications.

Our Canadian members still have a contact for OTS. Taking OTS online is free, just go to the STARFLEET Academy website and click on the Online Academy. Fill out the OTS online application. As soon as I receive the online application, I will send you your online OTS exam retrieval directions."

New Director For The Vulcan Academy Of Science

As you may have read in previous Academy columns, after 13.5 years I've decided to step down as Director of the Vulcan Academy of Science. Stepping smoothly into my shoes is former OTS-Canada liaison, Gloria Hanson. Gloria will continue the V.A.S. tradition in bringing you a wide variety of real-life and Star Trek related science courses. Not only are the courses available via surface mail or they can also be taken via e-mail. V.A.S. and other courses, which are taken entirely

through e-mail, are free of charge.

Gloria Hanson
Box 98
Lanark, Ontario
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Canadian Director / Dean Resigns

Dave Blaser has chosen to leave STARFLEET Academy. Although I hate to see Dave leave the Academy, I can understand his need to do so and thank him for 2.5 years' service.

European Campus

Several weeks ago, Jeroen Vantroyen, Dean of the European Campus and Director of OTS-Europe and OCC-Europe left STARFLEET and therefore resigned from the Academy. I've appointed Astridur "Asta" Jonsdottir as his replacement. Asta can be reached at:

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Canadian Gorn & FOS

D. Garry Cameron has been added to the Canadian Campus as Director of the Gorn Academy and Flag Officers School. Please read Garry's article elsewhere in this issue.

New Law School

Glenn Overby, II, Chancellor of the new STARFLEET Academy School of Law (LAW) has submitted a complete curriculum regarding... well... law! Please read Glenn's article elsewhere in this issue for all the details. Gary's contact information is:

Glenn Overby, II
1531 Lincoln
Tilton, IL 61833
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Free Courses

As previously mentioned, most STARFLEET Academy courses are available **free** either from the Online Academy which is reached from the Academy Website (<http://www.sfi-sfa.com>) or via e-mail. To see if a course is available free through e-mail, contact the School's Director.

Free OTS And OCC

Yes, both OTS and OCC are free to anyone who would like to take the courses entirely via e-mail or via the Online Academy. A one-dollar tuition is required if you want the certificate mailed to you. You may also take Academy courses by the traditional surface mail method.

Illness At The Academy

Every once in a while a 'bug' of some sort

runs through the Academy tapping several Staff members on the shoulder. Recently, we've had Helen Pawlowski, Sherry Anne Newell, Donna Jean Noddin, and Edith Padgett visit their local hospitals. Helen underwent open-heart surgery July 22 and is recovering. Her schools (FOS, SOUK and SCC) are temporarily closed until she once again gets her sea legs. Sherry Ann was "down" for a while, but is also recovering. Donna Jean, last I heard, was still in the hospital and Edith it undergoing continuing treatments. Please join me in wishing them all a speedy recovery. I'm sure they'd enjoy receiving cards and letters from all of you.

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Sherry Anne Newell
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Lawton, OK 73505

Donna Jean Noddin
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Nanaimo BC V9R 3K3

Edith Padgett
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Hanahan, SC 29406

Online Vouchers

The Online Voucher Program is running lickety-split through the Academy. With the help of PayPal, you may purchase Online Academy Vouchers that may be used for any Academy and Cadet Academy courses. Access PayPal via the Academy WebSite www.sfi-sfa.com and buy all the Vouchers you need. Once I receive the notification for your purchase, I verify your current membership, and then forward the information to Online Voucher Lady, Carol Thompson. Carol creates the Voucher "codes" and e-mails them directly to you. Use them to pay for online or e-mail courses. It's simple, it's safe, and it's instant gratification!

Special Voucher Deal For COs.

I'd like to offer a special deal for STARFLEET Academy Commanding Officers who would like to purchase a 'bulk' amount of Academy Vouchers for use by their crew. For a limited time only (expiring December 31, 2002) Commanding Officers may purchase 25 red Academy Vouchers for \$25.00. At this time, they are available via PayPal (be sure to note that you want the **red** Academy Vouchers), or via surface mail at Academy Headquarters (see address above) payable by check or money order.

Until next issue!

Marlene J Miller

GET - OR GIVE A LIFE!

Marlene Miller • Comandant, SFA

Helen Pawlowski • Director, Flag Officer School

As some of you may or may not know, Admiral Helen Pawlowski, Director of STARFLEET Academy's Flag Officer School, School of Unusual Knowledge and Ship Counselor's College had double by-pass heart surgery this past July 22, and received a pacemaker a few days later.

Because of your kindness via cards, letters, phone calls, gifts, etc. Helen agreed to go through with the operation even though she was against it, at first.

Today, she's well on the way to recovery, and thanks all of YOU who encouraged her. While recovering, Helen wrote the following:

"Just today I read once again, the expression, "Get a life!"

All too often this is said to lovers of Trek who attend the movies, assume the persona of their favorite character, wear the uniform or costume of their choice, attend all Star Trek conventions.

"Get a life" means something else to me. I had the choice (and not a good one) of having my second by-pass surgery in 11 years or trying to tough out my remaining years on half a life.

I was headed for the latter choice when people I have never met or known as well as persons with whom I correspond called on the phone, sent e-mail to Marlene Miller or sent cards and letters encouraging me to take the risk.

I took the risk.

Today, I feel fairly lousy -- I am now a "Purple People" -- I'm weak and not up to par; but par was so far down you had to remove a manhole cover just to find it.

Yesterday my appetite came back and I decided that there was something out there after all.

When they did my "cabbage" they found extensive damage they hadn't known was there and also discovered I needed a pacemaker.

In other words, they put me on the rack and replaced, repaired, or tuned-up everything under the hood.

I'm better than new.

So you see, if someone ever says to you, "get a life!", just smile and remember YOU were responsible for giving one.

Now, I've GOT a life!

Thanks, everyone!

- Helen Pawlowski

CADET ACADEMY UPDATE

Admiral Peg Pellerin • Dean, STARFLEET Cadet Academy

Please inform your younger STARFLEET members of the great opportunity that is now open to them. Courses, much like the adult STARFLEET Academy courses, but made with the Cadets in mind. These are open to Cadets up to the age of 18 only.

Cadet Security School

Nancy O'Shields, School Director
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or
CadetSecurity@sfi.org

All courses come with a pamphlet and upon graduation, a laminated card and certificate of completion. Upon completion of the first course of the Cadet Security School, a folder will be sent to hold the contents of the first course though the sixth.

Course I: \$2.00 with 5 first class stamps Basic security and safety course. Graphics are in color. Section 1 - Enterprise Insignia, covered STARFLEET officer's pin, cadet pin, STARFLEET emblem/ship pennant, communicators, United Federation of Planets symbol, Medical Corps Insignia, STARFLEET Academy, Red Squadron, and so forth. A section on the safety at home and school is also covered in the test.

Course II through IV: \$1.00 each and three first class stamps each.

Course II covers convention security; types of duties that a cadet can hold at a convention and poison safety.

Course III covers cadet basic security Trivia I - graphics are in color which cover Federation ships with information, weapon of choice of Klingons and bicycle safety.

Course IV covers intermediate cadet security Trivia II - graphics are in color which covers both Federation and Non-Federation aligned planets with some symbols/ships. This course also covers how to call Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and babysitting safety.

Courses V and so on are pending: Future plans for future courses are:

- Driving Principles I & II
- More Trivia
- Advanced Cadet Security Trivia III
- Expert Cadet Security Trivia IV

School on 20th Century Space Flight

Ben Redding, School Director
2917 Heritage Way
Seveirville, TN 37876
trekscotty@iglide.net
or
CadetSpace@sfi.org

Learn about space flight in the 20th Century. You'll learn about the highlights and defeats we've experienced in the space program; main flights leading to the Man in space.

The cost is \$3.00 plus two first class U.S. postage stamps. You will have 10 weeks to complete and return the test.

Cadet Federation Studies

Donna Stewart, School Director
990 One Mile Rd
Fayetteville, AR 72704
DonnaS3844@aol.com
or
CadetFedStud@sfi.org

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

The courses are broken up in the following manner:

- History of Earth & the Federation up to the launch of the Enterprise (One course)
- History of the Enterprise (three courses -- one for original series and two for Next Generation)
- History of Deep Space 9 (two courses covering years 1 - 4)
- History of Voyager (one course covering years 1 & 2 of the series)

Cadet Vulcan Academy of Science

Rebecca Self, School Director
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The Cadet Vulcan Academy has just added three new fun and interesting courses to its school. All courses are open to both 6 - 12 year olds and 13 - 18 year olds. Astronomy, Botany and Planets now join Paleontology and Early space History and the Mercury Program.

All courses are \$1.00 each. Please include a SASE and two first class stamps.

Cadet College of History

Deborah Butcher, Director
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Simpsonville, SC 29680
LtColDB@aol.com

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

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

SFA SCHOOL OF LAW

Glenn Overby, II • Chancellor

The newest school of STARFLEET Academy, the School of Law, opened on August 1, 2002. The School of Law offers six regular courses and one cadet course. Half the courses are series-oriented and the other half 21st century-oriented. The current list of subjects is:

A1: UFP Law
A2: The Prime Directive
A3: Xenojurisprudence

B1: Parliamentary Procedure
B2: STARFLEET Procedure
B3: In Search of Human Rights

The cadet course C1 is Cadet Legal Assistant. Students pass one A and one B class for a Bachelor's program, two of each for a Master's, and all six for a Doctorate.

All classes are available by email, with no tuition charge. Classes by regular mail cost \$2.00 each, or \$3.00 for course B3.

Glenn Overby, a member of the USS BortaS in east central Illinois, directs the school. Glenn is also the OIC of the 225th Marine Strike Group. He is in his 40s, married, with one adult son, and works in recreation management.

Glenn Overby
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School web page: <http://home.earthlink.net/~guardcaptain/LawSchl.html>

NEW DIRECTORS ON CANADIAN CAMPUS

Commander Gary Cameron • USS Jurassic, Region 1

Greetings from Vancouver Island in the Pacific (not to be confused with the City of Vancouver, which is on the Mainland) off the Coast of British Columbia.

I first learned of STARFLEET after an Amateur Radio contact with a lady by the name of Carolyn Donner in Hamersville Ohio in September of 1998. Carolyn mentioned being CO of USS Jurassic, which really caught my attention, as I have been a science fiction fan my whole life.

I like all Trek series, and have the complete collection of TOS tapes, the complete collection of TNG tapes, all the movies, and am receiving both DS9 and Voyager tapes, approximately one every six weeks.

I officially joined STARFLEET and the

Jurassic in December of 1998, and shortly thereafter began to call Admiral Donner, Skipper (a possessive honorific), which seems to have stuck, as she sometimes refers to herself that way.

Having managed to work my way from Petty Officer to Commander, I recently completed Flag Officer's School and was promptly asked by Vice Admiral Pawlowski to assume the Directorship of the FOS Canadian Campus. Simultaneously, the Skipper asked me to assume the Directorship of the Canadian Campus of the Gorn Academy.

I have no idea how many Canadian members there are in Starfleet, but I look forward to receiving applications for both schools. (I already have one student, Joost Ueffing of the USS Magellan, as of this writing, late June 2002).

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Admiral Marlene Miller • Commandant, STARFLEET Academy

The Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), which was originally instituted by the Dan McGinnis Administration, has returned to STARFLEET Academy.

The TAP is a means of providing assistance to STARFLEET Academy students who cannot afford to take Academy courses. This program was designed to help STARFLEET members who usually take or would like to take Academy courses, but for one reason or another, are having financial problems, which prohibit their ability to do so. The TAP provides Academy vouchers to these

members so they may attend the Academy. If you know of a crewmember who would benefit from this program, please contact me at:

Marlene Miller
461 Harmony Lane
Campbell, Ohio 44405-1212

Email: marlene@cboss.com

If you know of someone who would benefit from the TAP, please contact your chapter's Commanding Officer or Regional Coordinator explaining the need.



STARFLEET ACADEMY GRADUATE LIST



By Admiral Marlene Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy

As always, it gives me great pleasure to present the Graduating Class of STARFLEET Academy based on Directors' Reports received from May 25th, 2002 through August 5th, 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)				Officer's Command College (OCC)			Flag Officers School (FOS)
Matt Wabindato	Frank Rakestraw	Matt Blalock	Heather Garcia	Shawn Gregory	Jeff Weber	Heather Garcia	Rebecca Self*
Dayne Clark	Gregory Davis	Linda Owens	Cherry Webb	Denise Clark*	Bryan R. Jones	Kenny Wetmore	Jenna Duerr*
Henry Terry, Jr.	Reynolds Sanchez	Eric Clarke	Chris Bayonet	Greg Crockett	Jonatan Johnson	W. Zimmerman	Lee Vitasek
Thomas Schulte	Penelope McFadin	Glenn Overby, II	Thomas Heffner	Kerry Washington*	M. Reinholz*	David Jones	Bob McCann
Mickey Leary	Monika Reinholz	Nathan Crislip	Amy Joyce Heffner	Mickey Leary	Wayne Wright	Samuel Gerard	Kyle J. Wolf*
Taylor Goodwill	Jason Ryan	Reed Livingston	Teri Lotta	Paula Carberry*	Jon. Foertsch	Patrick Crouch	D. Garry Cameron
Bryan Wheeler	John Stewart	Mary L. Meranda	Samuel T. Gerard	Sheryl Petrecak*	Rene Garrido	Vladimir Sarevok	Alice C. Strange
Brant Sparks	Juliet Reubens	Tina Bellman	Tina Matteucci	Jon W. Robertson	Chris Curd*	Amy J. Heffner*	Gloria Hanson*
Ty Campbell, III	Michael Masailo	Jason Braaten	Steven Tyburski	Joseph White	Russ Noel Russ	Jessica Coyle	Shawn Gregory
Tonya Nelson	Patricia Kynett	Jason Cooper	Patricia Candridge	Kyle Curry	Randy Lynch*	Teri Lotta	Joost Ueffing
Daniel Spence	Shirley Kynett	Charles Lavarone	Sidley Howard	Taylor Goodwill*	Tira Lerew*	Tina Matteucci	
Joanna Holbook	Sam Mock, III	Wilton Stapleton	Erik Roberts	Max Schoenfeld	Jason Braaten		
James Coblenz, Jr	Lori A. Blackwell	Benjamin Schultz	Vladimir Sarevok	Charles Kortsep	John Nelson		
Jonathan Wilson	Erlinda Lopez	Patrick Crouch	Michael G. Allen	Glenn Overby II*	Stacy Meyn		
Chris Curd	Eric Morelli	Neal Fischer	Judy Garcia	Robin Van Cleave*	Javier Garcia*		
Stacy N. Meyn	Haven Riney	Eric Johnson	Robert Ryan	Nadine Peeters	Mike Romero*		
Jennifer Colpitts	Darrell Carey	Mike Kazband		Jennifer Colpitts	Mike Wright		
Michelle Barbour	Max Schoenfeld	John Montgomery		Frank Rakestraw*	C. Bayonet		
Jonathnan Foertsch	Cathey Osborne	David W. Ferber		Kevin Brown	Thomas Heffner*		
Bryan R. Jones	David Wolf	Javier Garcia		James Kerr	Anita Treloar*		

INSTITUTE OF ARTS

*Sherry Anne Newell,
Dean*

School of Romance (SOR)	Culinary School (BURPS)		School of Literature (SOL)
School of Cultural Anthropology	Todd F. Brugmans (3)		Robin Smith*
School of Trek Humor (SOTH)	College of Temporal Physics (COTP)		Jeff Davis
Kitara Pramela	Edith Padgett*	Robin Smith (2)*	College of Communications (COC)
M.C. Peterson	Wayne Killough (4)***		Joseph White (2)
Angel Avery			Todd Brugmans (3)
College of Treknology (COT)	College of Mythological Studies		Wayne Killough
John W. Johnston (5)***	Kevin D. Lawhorn*	Edith L. Padgett (2)	Jill Tipton
Linda Owens*	Kurt Roithinger (2)**		College of Alien History And Culture
College of Federation Studies (COFS)	The Gorn Academy (TGA)		Steven Bowers (2)**
Scott-Lee Nichol (6)*****	Edith Padgett (5)	John Roberts (3)	Edith Padgett (10)*****
Clint W. Green	Kitara Pramela (2)	Scott Akers	School of Law (LAW)
	Garry Cameron (2)	Joost Ueffing	John Roberts (6)
			Gloria Hanson (2)

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

*Sharon Ann Clark,
Dean*

Vulcan Academy of Science (VAS)	College of Computer History	College of Medicine (SACOM)
Edith Padgett (3)	Jeffrey Davis*	Anne Miller (5)***
Eddie Milbrandt, Jr	Robin Smith*	Kitara Pramela (2)*
Judy Waidlich (2)**	Steven P. Bowers*	Shawn Gregory
SFI Officer's Radio School (SORS)	College of History (COH)	Sharon R. Russell (2)
Marshall Peterson	Lillian Ann Penson*	School of Trade & Commerce (COTC)
Edith Padgett*	Kimi Brooks*	Todd F. Brugmans
Jill Tipton*	College of Engineering (COE)	Sherri Lee Huff
Ship Counselor College	John Sprouse	Cadet Vulcan Academy of Science
Todd Brugmans (6)****		Raven Avery*

INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES

Greg Staylor, Dean

Security School	College of Starship Operations	Vessel Readiness Certification Program
Ricardo Bruckman	S. Adam Day	USS Malverne - 6 Departments
Haven Riney*	Ewan Chalmers	USS Ohio - 1 Department
Anselmo Melo*	Klingon Warrior Academy (KWA)	USS Parallax - 1 Department
Margaret Grunwell*	Kyle S. Wolf*	Marine Unit Readiness Program (MURP)
R. Roger Bedord*	Rebecca Self*	USS Centurion, 1st MSG Certified - 8 Branches of Service
S. Adam Day	Marshall Peterson	
Jared Fielder*	Cindi Prindle*	
David Mullins*	School of Strategy & Tactics (SOST)	
Cathey Osborne*	Tom Donohoe	

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Major General Robb Jackson • Inspector General, STARFLEET

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

Fleet Business

The Election for Commander, STARFLEET continues. With the withdrawal of the Lessem-Herring ticket, the process of election for Commander, STARFLEET changes. Per Article 8, Section 7 of the Constitution:

Section 7: One Eligible Candidate

If only one person shall qualify as an eligible candidate for President, a vote of confidence for that candidate shall be held by the general membership. Ballots shall be distributed according to the election schedule as defined above. Should the sole candidate fail to obtain a majority of the votes cast in the election, the candidate shall not assume office. The Admiralty Board shall then elect from its membership an Acting Commander, STARFLEET, who shall discharge the duties of President until the next regularly scheduled STARFLEET general election or until a special general election may be called, at the discretion of the Admiralty Board with the advisement of the Election Coordinator.

Therefore, as Election Coordinator, we will proceed with a Vote of Confidence for Michael W. Malotte as candidate for Commander, STARFLEET. As stated above, ballots will be distributed accordingly, except that you – the member – will be asked to cast a vote of confidence for Adm Malotte by circling your choice of whether you “DO” or “DO NOT” have confidence that Adm Malotte can perform the duties of Commander, STARFLEET.

Other Issues

There are currently no investigations being done at this time.

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

Violations of membership rights as stated in the MHB

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

The AIG of Region 05 has retired. Therefore, I am looking for some hardy Fleet soul to fill this important position.

Per the **STARFLEET Constitution**, Article 4, Section 11: ... He/she can also draw upon any Fleet Personnel to aid in any matter relevant to the operation of STARFLEET. It is also at the discretion of the Inspector General, STARFLEET to assemble a staff to carry out his/her duties within selected Regions or areas. These Staff Officers shall report directly to the Inspector General, STARFLEET who shall be held liable for the results brought by his/her staff.

Per the **Inspector Generals Operations Handbook**, Section 4 - Personnel: Positions in the Inspector General's Office are open to all STARFLEET members in good standing (except where otherwise noted), will have completed and passed STARFLEET Academy's Officer Training School and Officer Command College. No active member of the STARFLEET Executive Committee, Admiralty Board or Regional Staff may serve in any capacity in this office.

In addition, per **Section 4, Subsection 3 - Assistant Inspector General S4-03A. Selection**

The Assistant Inspector General is appointed by, and answers directly to, the Inspector General. An AIG may be appointed to each Region and one to the STARFLEET Marine Corps. There is only one AIG assigned to a Region, and they must be a resident of that region. This does not apply to the AIG/SFMC. The AIG must be at least 23 years of age. The AIG is considered a Fleet-level position, and not a part of any region's staff.

S4-03B - Duties & Responsibilities

The Assistant Inspector General is responsible for carrying out any investigations assigned to him by the IG. The investigations will primarily involve the region that the AIG is assigned to, though they may be called upon the aid the IG in other investigations. AIG's may also assist their respective Regional Coordinator in any duties that do not conflict with their official position.

S4-03C - Term of Office

The Assistant Inspector General does not have any set term of office. They serve at the pleasure of the IG.

So, if you're interested in serving not only the Region when necessary, but Fleet; live in Region 05; are at least 23 years old and a member in good standing with Fleet, this position may be for you. Candidates must be fair, thoughtful, persevering and trustworthy. I would rather this person *NOT* be a chapter CO, since I believe that is busy enough, but I won't overlook anyone for the position that is interested. If anyone is interested, or you believe someone in your chapter would be interested, please have them contact me with a short bio/fleet resume.



IT'S ALL IN THE DOCUMENTATION

Jeff Higdon • Deputy STARFLEET Historian

The basis of a historian's research is documentation. What is documentation? According to Merriam Webster's Online Dictionary (<http://www.m-w.com>) documentation is:

- 1) The act or an instance of furnishing or authenticating with documents;
- 2) The provision of documents in substantiation; also documentary evidence
- 3) The use of historical documents
- 4) The conformity to historical or objective facts
- 5) The provision of footnotes, appendices, or addenda referring to or containing documentary evidence.

There are several reasons for a historian to document. The most important is to let the reader know where the information originates. In doing this, the researcher 'bookmarks' where he can find the information so he or she needs to go back to that information.

Another reason is to avoid plagiarism, where one uses the statement of another as a basis a historical document. This can also be the exact copying of someone else's documentation without giving credit to that person.

We have seen where speeches are regularly plagiarized in the past. To plagiarize is defined by Merriam-Webster's as to present as new and original an idea or product derived from an existing source. As the above definition states, the provision of footnotes, appendices, and addenda's referring to sources for research are used quite extensively. In the official STARFLEET History the bibliography is used for this purpose.

In other instance the glossary of terms also gives information on where certain sources come from. Also a main source of information is the credit page, which thanks those who have contributed, in even the smallest way, to the whole document, and in some cases, not pointing out the contribution was. Usually this kind of contribution was of some other way instead of information. I don't usually use 'footnotes' unless it is on a hard copy page or document. Footnotes are generally best, especially on a web-based presentation, for the bibliography.

Be sure to give credit where credit is due. If you know who supplied or made graphics or pictures used, you need to document them within a credit or bibliography page.

Remember that the best historical narrative, whether on-line or book bound always includes the proper documentation.

NEW KID ON THE 'FLEET BLOCK

By Captain Manon Lessard-Bélanger • USS Magellan, Region 14

As the new RC for Region 14 (effective since March 7, 2002) and C.O. of the only Chapter in our Region, I want to tell you about us.

Starship USS Magellan, NCC-72014, is a newly commissioned vessel, with a crew of 11 members and we are trying to recruit more.

Since we cover a vast territory, Québec, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, we are a Correspondence Chapter as it is more

convenient that way.

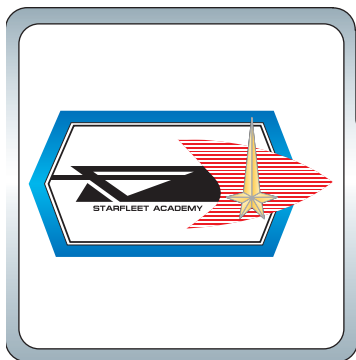
We did try to organize a reunion of all crewmembers: the “Summer's 1st Annual Magellan Planetary Survey Mission” was held June 29-30, 2002. It was a weekend camping trip at the magnificent location Notre-Dame-du-Lac, province of Quebec, near the borders with New Brunswick, Canada and Maine, USA. The C.O. and the Chief Engineer were present unfortunately the others couldn't make it.

We also bought sample of seeds (catnip -

cats love it !) with information about our organization on it.

We intend to sell each package for \$1CAD as a financial support for our activities. The package looks rather nice and should sell quite easily to cat lovers.

If you would like to find more information about our crew, ship or region the following websites: <http://www.delhaven.ns.ca/ussmagellan/crew.htm> or <http://www.delhaven.ns.ca/r14/>



FROM THE FUTURE TO THE PAST AND BACK AGAIN:

BY STARFLEET HISTORIAN GENERAL SCOTT A. AKERS

A HISTORY OF STARFLEET ACADEMY, PART III



As we continue on our journey down STARFLEET Academy's memory lane. We look forward to viewing that journey through the years of the Smith and Rickard. 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 Maddox, Lerman and McGinnis administrations (see Article in CQ 111). By the Mike Smith era, the Academy was ready for an explosive growth, and the framework received details that we are currently using, such as 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 finish this journey with the current era: the Smith and Rickard administration. Each of the administrations had many positives and some negatives, but that is history, and we will take a quick look at both administrations. So, without further ado let us begin.

As we left off last issue, Commodore Paul Dyl was trying his very best to hold the Academy together, but with the corruption from above, his more control-oriented tactics were met with opposition, hostility, and rejection. Paul attempt to consolidate all of the Academy materials under his control to 'protect' the Academy was completely rejected, and in the end, he left fleet for awhile, trying to make sense of the fact that he was trying to help fleet, and instead he had angered most of his peers at the Academy.

With the incoming Smith administration came the return of an old familiar face Fleet Admiral Rob Lerman, had returned to help resurrect the Academy. With him were many familiar faces who stuck around through all the bad times, Peg Pelerin, Helen Pawlowski, Carolyn Donner, RAdm Sharon Ann Campbell, Cmdr. Brian Dougherty, Comm. Sherry Anne Newell, Capt. Carol Thompson, RAdm. Marlene Miller, and Cmdr James W. Lee, just to name a few.

In the following months a few schools, opened, and few closed, notable was the departure of the of the Marine College, which moved into an independent facility, providing courses directly from the SFMC, and not from the SFA.

In the August/September issue of the CQ (#82), Rob Lerman made a report to the fleet, which included: the cessation of the sale of Academy Vouchers, closing of some schools, and the development of others. The Schools that were closed for a while were: College of Communications, Cadet School, the College of Trade and Commerce (sorry Ferengi), and the College of Command Studies. Rob also was actively soliciting applications for the Communications and Cadet schools. In addition Rob announced that a Post Graduate School similar to the one that existed before the McGinnis administration, and a School of Paranormal Studies were being developed.

In the January 97 / December 98 issue of the CQ (#84), we were introduced to Rob Lerman's successor at the Academy, Commodore Mandi Herrmann, who had just moved over from Membership Processing. Mandi had announced she had received all the records and that she had enlisted the help of Vice Commandant

Carolyn Donner, who had been serving as Acting Commandant, in sorting out quite a lot of confusion in them. Mandi also had decided that some changes needed to be made to help the Academy keep up with its growth. Included with this was the SFA website now found on the Internet, She thanked Captain Greg Staylor, Security School Director and Captain Tom Restivo, the new Special Assistant to the Commandant, for working together and getting this site fully functional, and plans were made to have as many SFA courses online (ie available via email) as possible as an option for those members with online access.

Mandi was also looking at a few ways to improve the communications and flow of information in the Academy between directors and between members as well. Mandi was also going to re-institute the Academy Honors Program. Starting with the next names of honor graduates would be appearing. Likewise, at each IC, she would present a Dean's List and give out certificates to the finest Academy students.

In CQ 85, Mandi made some more announcements, first off she was able to tell us that the College of Command Studies, the Cadet School, and the College of Trade & Commerce were opening. Also in the works were two new schools, the School of STARFLEET History (a history of our own organization) and a Klingon Warrior Academy. Mandi also made the announcement that the Academy had had a slight internal re-structuring. She divided the Academy into "Institutes" much like a real university. A Veteran Academy director holding the title of Dean would lead each institute. The Deans would serve as advisors and would help in the selection of all new Academy directors. Also, each Dean would help select those students deserving of special Academy recognition for exceptional academic performance.

Mandi then announced the fifty-four honor graduates for the fourth quarter of 1997. Each student scored a 95% or better on their course work. Congratulations for a job well done, (well done indeed) was given. Finally Mandi announced the formation of the Australian campus of the STARFLEET Academy to be run by Jennifer and Alan Yates on behalf of the long distance members in Region 11.

In CQ 86, Mandi continued by announcing the Deans List from the first two months of 1998, this list included fifty-nine students, three more received double honors, and one student, Steve Turner, received triple honors for that period. Announced was the opening of the College of Command Studies and the three-part Klingon Warrior Academy the latter under the leadership of Greg Franklin. There was an updated Academy brochure available from Tom Restivo, Special Assistant. The Academy awards would be ready to be presented at the IC in Lubbock over the July 4th weekend. Those on the Dean's List stood a good chance for earning such honors as Honor Student of the Year.

In CQ 87, Mandi continued by announcing the Deans List from the second two months of 1998, this list included forty-six students, two more received double honors, and two students Steve Turner, and Edith Padgett, received triple honors for that period. Announced was the reopening

of the Cadet School, under the leadership of Ben Redding who had gotten some really great ideas for the younger members of STARFLEET! There was plenty of fun stuff, but some educational material as well. Tammy Willcox, Chief of Special Services and Editor of the Award-winning Short Circuit of the USS Maat, had been selected as director of the College of Trade & Commerce.

Finally, Michelle DuBose, of the Spiritwolf in Region 3 was named the director for the College of Chapter Development. Providing "how to" courses that were provided for CO's, XO's and others interested in chapter health. Mandi was gearing up for IC 98 in Lubbock, Texas that July where each school would recognize their top two students. Also, the top four students (one from each Institute) would be awarded the Academy's highest honor, being inducted into Red Squad, the elite cadet squadron.

In CQ 88, Mandi listed the Red Squad members who were recognized at the International Conference in Lubbock, TX, as well as the top two-three students from each school.

In CQ 89, Mandi reported some changes at Academy headquarters, FCapt Tom Restivo, formerly the Special Assistant to the Commandant had been given a "promotion" of sorts to the position of Deputy Vice Commandant and third in charge of the Academy. Tom would still be in charge of keeping the application and the brochure up to date as well as coordinating with Greg Staylor on the upcoming update to the SFA website. As for the Vice Commandant position, it became vacant when Carolyn Donner recently won the election for Regional Coordinator of the First Fleet assuming her place on the Admiralty Board,

Mandi then announced the position opening and asked for applicants to turn apply by November 15th. STARFLEET Academy regretted that there had been some issues surrounding the College of Medicine and the College of Federation Studies. Cmdr Wayne Lee Killough, Jr., stepped in to take over SACOM from Kevin West as Acting Director. Some new courses in the works for STARFLEET Academy include the Counselors College, the School of Literature, and possibly a School of Intelligence.

In CQ 90, Mandi wished all happy holidays and said that she would be announcing the new Vice Commandant of the Academy in the upcoming CSR and in the next CQ. She also announced that Wayne Lee Killough, the interim director of SACOM, was now the permanent director. A few new colleges would be opening for business soon as well, including the School of Literature and the Counselor's College. Also, the STARFLEET Academy website had been updated with a whole new look. Greg Staylor being the Academy webmaster had done a good job on the recent update.

In CQ 91 we had Fleet Admiral Mike Smith returning as Commander STARFLEET but in breaking news, Mandi had to step down as Commandant. With her real life job requiring her to travel more and more, Mandi felt that it would better serve the Academy if someone who had more time would serve as Commandant, so reluctantly Fleet Admiral Smith accepted her

resignation. Marlene Miller was named acting Commandant, until a final decision would be made on Mandi's replacement. Marlene had just been named Vice-Commandant after serving as head of the Vulcan Academy of Science for ten years as well as the current Dean of the Institute of Technology. Another sad report was that the Klingon Warrior Academy, was temporarily closed due to the director leaving STARFLEET. Applications for this position were being solicited. The Academy hoped to offer many more courses online very soon. Mandi had created a task force to work on this project, including a wide-range of people from all over STARFLEET with good advice, web/internet experience, and good old fashion common sense.

They would be working on a way to offer Academy courses online for members who wish to take schools in that fashion. Reassurances were offered that all courses would still be offered via US Mail as well. She went further saying that: "I just think we can utilize both forms of communication for the best interests of the membership. It allows better accessibility for international members, could increase recruitment, control costs, and should a school director resign, hopefully the school could continue to accept students.

In CQ 92 FAdm Mike Smith, the Commander, STARFLEET, announced that Marlene Miller, former Vice Commandant and current Acting Commandant of the STARFLEET Academy, had been appointed the Commandant of STARFLEET Academy.

In CQ 93, Marlene started by thanking WebMaster Greg Staylor in making the Online Academy a reality as well as Tom Restivo and Joe Podesta for being her Right- Hand and Left-Hand Men, helping the Academy to continue to grow and prosper right on into the 21st Century. Two new Deans were named: Rear Admiral Sharon Ann Campbell, Dean of the Institute of Technology, and Rear Admiral Sherry Anne Newell, Dean of the Institute of Arts. Both long-time Academy Directors who slipped smoothly into their new chairs. In breaking news, the Klingon Warrior Academy and College of Communications were re-opened under the leadership of Debra (Deb) Kern as KWA Director and Michael Anderson as CoC Director. QAPLA!

With the next issue of the Communiqué (#94), the Dean's List was back! Each month, in their monthly report to the Academy Commandant, each Director logs the names of students who have achieved Honors in their schools. The primary prerequisite for the Dean's List is a score of at least 100%.

In the Dean's List from April - August, 1999: 51 different members received Dean's Lists mention, in addition, three members received double honors: Boyd Jackson, Maud Freidfelder, and Susan Goodwin. James Monroe from the Centurion received four Dean's List mentions. One student, Larry Goodman, received six total Dean's List Honors. In addition, at the 99 IC in Charlotte, NC the Red Squad Honors were presented to twenty-seven different students with Red Squad Member of the Year Honors going to Larry Goldman - USS Rhyanna, Region 3. CQ 95 had a few brief notes on the International aspect of the Academy, as well highlights on new

Deans Sharon Ann Clark and Sherry Newell. In addition there was also an article on the very important STARFLEET Scholarship Program run by former VCS Admiral Sue Hampton. This program provides scholarships to deserving students who are also STARFLEET members.

CQ 96 with the new “Wallace-Roithinger” format listed the previous two month’s Honor Graduates – 12 students with Honors, three with Double Honors, one: Kurt Roithinger with Triple Honors, and two students: both Edith Padgett and Tina Walker having quadruple Honors. In addition the announcement that the Australian Campus had opened offering OTS, OCC and FOS was made with Elizabeth Worth and Alan Yates being the Australian Directors.

CQ 97 began with an announcement that the Online Academy for STARFLEET Academy was now up and operational on the SFA web site (<http://www.sfi-sfa.com/>). It had a direct link on the main page and was operational as of March 1st. The Online Project Team responsible for this undertaking included Vice-Commandant - Electronic Services Joe Podesta, Jr, Main Webmaster and Development Coordinator Greg Staylor, Web Maintenance Coordinator Bob Mulvey, Online Documentation and Database Coordinator Wade Hoover, and Online Voucher Contact Carol Thompson. The first course available is the Basic Course from Security School, with all four courses in Basic Survival School in the College of Survival Studies to follow.

Additionally, development of OTS for the Online Academy was supposed to be underway. Eventually most of the Academy courses will be available online. Carol Thompson was the Online Voucher Contact. Students could purchase Online Voucher(s) by sending check or money order to Carol (or in the future, charges Online Voucher(s) on a web site page). Courses would be one voucher code (\$ 1.00 US dollars), but if students wished a hardcopy diploma (in addition to a printable diploma file) they would be charged for two voucher codes (\$ 2.00 US dollars).

In CQ 98, Marlene made the following announcements: The College of Cultural Anthropology was now opened under the leadership of Sherry Anne Newell. Academy Away Teams under the leadership of Jill Rayburn would be visiting Regional Summits in Regions 1, 2, 12, and 17, with plans to attend the Summits at Regions 3, 6, 13 as well as the Western Conference. The Ship’s Counselor College was holding a name the book contest. Ben Redding was in full swing on rebuilding the Cadet Academy with the assistance of many other members of STARFLEET. The College of History was also reopened under the leadership of Debbie Butcher of the USS Carolina. The Overseas Campus of SFA now included Canadian and Dutch campuses with translations into French and Dutch of select Academy materials. Finally a listing of the Honor Graduates over the last four months included fourteen new honorees, including Nancy Lynch with double honors.

CQ 99 had a full page listing of ALL of the graduates of the Academy’s schools the previous period. This showed Fleet not only all of the schools available to Fleet members, but also all of the students taking advantage of what was more and more considered the most fun aspect offered by STARFLEET International.

Marlene also gave news on the expansion of the Canadian Campus, the roles of the Academy Away Teams, and the newest opening the College of Humor, no joke! In addition the Klingon Warrior Academy presented a submission: which earned its writer a position in the Order of General Martok’s Honor Guard. “A Look at the Klingon Empire’s Attempt to Invade the Cardassian Union - It’s Premises And Outcomes” by Craig Shuster of the Space Station Nexus.

In CQ 100, Marlene reminisced about the

milestone that reaching CQ 100 represented and the growth the Academy had witnessed. “Since its inception in the late 70s or early 80s ... the Academy has grown from its one- school curriculum into the mega campus you see today. Our campus has grown to include more than 20 Schools and Colleges, over 30 members of the Staff and Faculty, and has slipped the boundaries of the United States to sink roots into Australia, Canada and Europe. Courses, which traditionally have only been available in English, have been translated into French and Dutch by Academy Directors Manon Lessard-Belanger and Jeroen Vantroyen. The STARFLEET Academy Cadet Academy exclusively for STARFLEET members up to age 18.” In addition Marlene released the news that nearly all of the SFA School’s tuition would be reduced by at last one-dollar American and that more would be done to keep costs down with increased use of the internet and paperless exams.

CQ 101 was the Post 2000 IC issue and included among many other articles, the Red Squad Honors for 2000. Named as Red Squad Leader (Student of the Year) was Paul Jones of the USS Tanagra, runners-up as Assistant Red Squad Leaders were Wayne L. Killough Jr. of the Shuttle Witchfire, Edith L. Padgett of the USS Charleston, and Kurt F. Roithinger of the Space Station Nexus.

In CQ 102, the final issue of the Mike Smith Administration, Marlene was happy to announce that she would be continuing on with the Rickard administration as Commandant. The editors though noted that over the last year, they had failed to acquire any photo of our intrepid Academy leader, keep trying guys. In addition announcements were made of the opening of the BURPS Culinary School, under the leadership of William Skinner and Anita Davis; the appointment of Greg Staylor as Vice-Commandant Electronic Services, as well as the appointment of Wayne Killough as the Academy Special Assistant, and the appointment of Anne Bellenger of the USS Matrix to lead the College of the Federation Studies.

And now we will look at the present, the Les Rickard era. CQ 103 had the usual listing of graduates, honor students and director changes. In addition Carol Thompson wrote a detailed article on the new Vessel Readiness Certification Program, which encouraged chapters to have multiple members complete Academy Schools across a wide spectrum of Disciplines to receive Certifications for their various departments, and once certifying all of the departments on board their chapter, the chapter would receive a full Vessel Readiness Certificate, recognizing the hard work they have done, very few chapters have completed this difficult process, and they should feel honored for doing so.

In CQ 104, an update on the expanded use of the Academy Online Voucher codes was provided, this new service allowed members to purchase a series of numbers, coded to their use, to send to different school directors, either in writing, or within an email. Thus a member could buy, say 30 Voucher Codes, and then use them as they saw fit over a period of time, rather, than writing a one dollar check here, or a three dollar check there.

Carol Thompson was tasked to operate this program which she had done an excellent job with over the last two years. In addition Ben Redding was happy to announce the reopening on the Cadet Academy with such new courses as the Cadet Security School, and the Cadet Flight School. Jill Rayburn also made a report on the excellent service of the Academy Away Team program, where Academy Students could purchase and take courses while at the various regional Summits.

In CQ 105, there was listed bits and pieces of news from around the Academy: The 300th voucher code had been sold to the membership. The Klingon Warrior Academy and the STARFLEET

Academy College of Medicine were giving out new and more exciting perks to the graduates and honor graduates of those schools. Michalene Bilber reported on the accessibility of Academy Test materials for the various members with special needs and challenges. And, Wayne Killough reported that a test on Vampires (with all the Buffy excitement) was added to the College of Mythological Studies. Finally Sue Hampton reported on and explained the process to applying for the STARFLEET Scholarships.

In CQ 106, following the 2001 International Conference highlighted the Red Squad winners, and other honorees from the IC. John Roberts of the Shuttle Soyuz, was named the Red Squad Leader for 2001. Dean Rogers of the USS Highlander, and for the second year Kurt Roithinger of the Space Station Nexus were named Assistant Red Squad Leaders. Twenty-seven other members being named to the Red Squad: Academy All Star listing for 2001. Director of the Year Honors were shared by Anne Bellenger of the College of Federation Studies and Dave Blaser of the Canadian Campus of the Officer’s Command College and the Canadian Campus of the College of Communications. The School of the Year was named to be College of Alien History and Culture, with David Pfeifer as its Director.

CQ 107, was mostly devoted to the tragedy and aftermath of the Terrorist Attack on September 11th, the largest Academy related information was the press release announcing the four tier “Gorn Academy”. Directed by Carolyn Donner and Izod (Garry Donner), the Gorn Academy offered a class in TOS Gorn-ology, TNG Gorn-ology, a course on the Culture of the Gorns, and an opportunity to write a thesis (i.e. fictional piece) showing interaction with between a character of the author’s choice, and one or more Gorns.

CQ 108 Marlene opened with public thanks to everyone who has conducted an Academy Away Team at STARFLEET events. The Away Teams have brought Academy courses right into our own back yards as they set up tables at Region Summits, Conventions and of course, the IC. Members bought hundreds of courses during 2001 and plans were ready to bring even more courses in 2002. Marlene then welcomed the Academy’s newest Director Gloria Hanson who had recently joined the Academy as OTS-Canada liaison. Gloria hailed from Ontario and is eager to have all Canadians to apply.

Finally, Marlene talked about another STARFLEET Academy project. Carolyn Donner, proprietor of Donner’s Country Crafts, sells T-shirts, sweatshirts and jackets with the STARFLEET Academy logo embroidered on the left chest. She also had these same items available for most of the Academy Schools (Marlene was kinda partial to the one for the Vulcan Academy of Science). Carolyn is gracious enough to donate a minimum of \$1 from each sale of Academy clothes, to the STARFLEET Scholarship Fund.

CQ 109, had Marlene announcing some changes at the Academy: First, Sandy Berenberg has moved on to STARFLEET Membership Processing, and had relinquished his Academy parking space to John Roberts. John took over the School of Strategy and Tactics (SOST) that was developed by Sandy. On January 21, Wayne Lee Killough, Jr. resigned his position as STARFLEET Academy Special Assistant.

The position would go unfilled for the immediate future. On January 29, Jim Cushing resigned his position as Director of STARFLEET Academy Officer’s Command College. Jim had been with STARFLEET Academy for quite a few years, and the Academy was sorry to see him go. Ergo Marlene Miller, herself, moved into the Officer’s Command College office that was vacated by Jim. This was a smooth transition, so delays were kept to a very minimum.

In fact OCC processing time improved to a matter

of weeks to sometimes as short as days after the switchover. With Marlene’s new position as Director of the Officer’s Command College, she decided to step down from the Vulcan Academy of Science. She had been its Director since January 4, 1989 when she had to rebuild the School from the ground up. These past 13 years with her as Director were some of the best years ever! She wanted to leave VAS in the best hands possible she began taking resumes and letters of intent from those interested in become Director of the Vulcan Academy of Science.

CQ 109 also saw a milestone achieved with one of STARFLEET Academy and STARFLEET Marine Academy’s staunch supporters completing over 100 courses in 2001. George Parker of the USS Ark Angel related, “The most challenging is the survival test. I found it very tough and one of the few I haven’t been able to complete. Another hard one is the third test in Flag Officer School. I’m still trying to complete it.

On the Marine side most of the -30 tests have been challenging. Not only in finding a appropriate topic, but in material to use as reference.” Even though the courses are challenging, and not easy to get through without a lot of hard work, George has graduated with honors from dozens of courses. Throughout his quest to take a LOT of courses, George said he had a lot of help and wanted to thank those who helped him along the way. STARFLEET Academy Directors had processed 195 Graduates in the 9 weeks between the last report periods, November 26, 2001 - February 3, 2002.

CQ 110 had a short report from the Academy, Marlene requested OCC student from the December 2001 / January 2002 timeframe to contact her, so she could update their information in the Academy Database. New procedures for the Away Team were explained. Academy vanity e-mail addresses were now available, much thanks to Mark Anbinder over at Computer Operations for that. The opening at the US Campus of the Vulcan Academy of Science was repeated. And the STARFLEET Academy Directors have processed 170 Graduates in the 7 weeks between the last report period, February 4, 2002 through March 25, 2002.

Finally in CQ 111 we are brought current in our Academy History lesson (whew!). The STARFLEET Academy Alumni Association (SFA-AA) has been resurrected by former Vice-Commander, STARFLEET, former CO of the USS Renegade, former Academy PGS Director, Admiral Anita Davis. The College of Religious History has come aboard with Commodore Bill Herrmann at the helm. 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. The new Director of STARFLEET Academy’s Vulcan Academy of Science is Lt(jg) Gloria Hanson. 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.

Once again, the Academy is always looking for International STARFLEET members who want to conduct a course (or two) at the Australian, Canadian, or European Campuses. Speaking of International members the Academy was still on the lookout for people who are willing to translate OTS and OCC into languages besides English, French and Dutch. Finally: STARFLEET Academy Directors have processed 236 Graduates in the 8 weeks between the last report period, March 26, 2002 through May 25, 2002.

Until next issue, I remain Historically yours,





AMENDMENT I: TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE COMMANDER, STARFLEET

INTRODUCTION - By MICHAEL W. MALOTTE,

This September, you'll be receiving a ballot in the mail. This ballot has a two-fold purpose. The first is to cast a Vote of Confidence of Yea or Nay on the Malotte/Anbinder team as the next administration.

As you know, the Lessem/Herring team has stepped out of the race. With only one team running, the election becomes a VoC for the other team. On behalf of the Malotte/Anbinder team, I'd like to invite you to visit <http://www.raisethebar.info> and check out our team and platform. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. The second part of this ballot gives you the opportunity to vote on 2 proposed constitutional amendments. Both will have a major effect on how Fleet handles its business. The following are the amendments and why I think you should support them. Please read each one carefully. A lot of what you will see is simply wording and numbering changes to the current constitution.

TEXT OF THE AMENDMENT

Article 8, Section 1 is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Section 1: Term of Office

The Commander, STARFLEET (President) and the Vice-Commander, STARFLEET (Vice-President) of the organization shall take office on January 1st of each year following the Fleet general elections, which shall be held every three years. The offices of President and Vice-President shall be filled by the slate of candidates. "The electorate body in these elections shall be all members in good standing (as of August 1st of the Year of the election) of the organization." The slate that receives the plurality of votes cast by said body will take office at the date set forth above.

In the event an election for CS and VCS cannot take place, the incumbent Commander, STARFLEET must step down immediately at the close of his or her current term of office. The Admiralty Board shall then elect from its membership an Acting Commander, STARFLEET, who shall discharge the duties of President until such time as a STARFLEET general election can be called, with a timetable to be determined by the Admiralty Board and otherwise conforming to the general rules and regulations as a regular Commander, STARFLEET election. The Admiralty Board may choose to appoint the sitting CS as Acting CS instead of seeking someone from its membership, as long as this does not exceed the term limits listed below.

No person may hold the office of President for four consecutive years, or for more than six years total, and no person who has held the office of President for three consecutive years, or acted as President for more than half the duration of a term to which another person was elected, shall be eligible to take the office of President again until a minimum of three years have passed from their last day in the office of President.

EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENT

My reasons for proposing this were two-fold.

First, to avoid burnout. I've seen two administrations go back-to-back terms. In the 4th year of each term, it seemed that the CS was just burnt out. IMO, 4 years in the top slot is just two much. In addition, three years gives a President sufficient time to create and implement their policies.

The second reason comes mostly from my experience in this election. My team and I started work on this campaign a full year before the election season actually started. Discussion began approximately June of 2001 and hit full swing by the end of the year. A lot of time and effort goes into a well-planned campaign. Les Rickard was on our private list but actually contributed very little to the overall finished product. Why? Because he was busy making sure Fleet was running smooth. That is the Commander, STARFLEET's main focus (or sure should be!).

When I looked at becoming CS, I looked ahead and realized that the last thing I wanted to do 6 months after getting into office was to start work on the next term. I felt that I should concentrate on making sure Fleet was progressing as it should. But trying to do that while also trying to get re-elected just didn't seem fair to the membership or myself. If this amendment passes, that wouldn't be able to happen.

One other positive result of making this change is on the financial side. Each election costs approximately \$2000. With 3-year terms, we would have elections less often. Over a 12-year period, we would eliminate 2 of the normal 6 elections and save Fleet close to \$4000 or 33% of the standard election costs in the same period.

And just for everyone's information, should this amendment pass, it will *not* take effect until the 2005 term. This is, in no way, being done to get me 5 years in the center seat. As I stated above, I feel 4 straight years is too long, I certainly do not want to set myself up for 5.



AMENDMENT II: ADDITION OF THE STARFLEET CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

TEXT OF THE AMENDMENT

Article 3, Section 2 is hereby modified as follows:

The administrative body of STARFLEET shall be the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is appointed by the Commander, STARFLEET and consists of the following (in order of succession):

Commander, STARFLEET / President	Elected by the general membership
Vice-Commander, STARFLEET / Vice President	Elected by the general membership as a slate candidate on the same ticket with the Commander, STARFLEET
Chief of Operations	Appointed by the Commander, STARFLEET
Chief of Communications	Appointed by the Commander, STARFLEET
Commandant, STARFLEET Academy	Appointed by the Commander, STARFLEET
Director, Shuttle Operations Command	Appointed by the Commander, STARFLEET
Chief of Computer Operations	Appointed by the Commander, STARFLEET
Chief Financial Officer	Appointed by the Commander, STARFLEET

Article 4 is modified as follows:

Sections 4 through 12 are herewith numbered upward to become Sections 5 through 13, sequentially. The following section shall be added:

Section 4: Chief Financial Officer

The Chief Financial Officer reports monthly to the Commander, STARFLEET and the Admiralty Board on the financial state of the Organization. These reports shall include, at their minimum: the month-end balances of the STARFLEET General Fund Account and STARFLEET Scholarship Account; a record of all deposits, including the source of the deposit and amount; and a record of all disbursements, including the payee, check number, amount paid, and reason for disbursement (category). In addition, the Chief Financial Officer is expected to prepare a report with the same information for each issue of the STARFLEET Communiqué. The Chief Financial Officer shall open and maintain the STARFLEET General Fund checking account, as well as being one of the signatories on all checks drawn on the account. The Chief Financial Officer shall be at least 23 years old.

Article 5, Section 3 is hereby modified as follows:

The STARFLEET Admiralty Board shall serve as the formal appellate body of STARFLEET. However, in the interests of not burdening the AB with the weight of all the appeals that could possibly be filed by the membership, a body of three members shall be convened as necessary to review all those appeals that do not fall under Section 2 of this article. This includes, but is not limited to, appeals of decisions of the EC against officers not covered under Article 4, Sections 2 through 13, inclusive, decisions of a Regional Coordinator, and decisions of a Chapter/Shuttle Commanding Officer.

Article 7, Section 6 shall be modified as follows:

All disbursements of STARFLEET shall be made by voucher checks, which shall show the date, payee, the type of service rendered or goods or property purchased, the budget line item into which they should fall and the amount of payment. All checks shall require dual signatures. The Chief Financial Officer shall be one of two signatories on all such checks, with the Commander, STARFLEET (or Vice Commander, STARFLEET if the CS is unavailable) the other signatory.

Article 7, Section 7 shall be modified as follows:

By majority vote, the Admiralty Board can direct the Executive Committee to provide for an annual review of the books of accounts of STARFLEET by independent certified public accountants that are in no way affiliated with or related to any member of STARFLEET. The CPA shall be selected by the Inspector General, STARFLEET and approved by a majority vote of the Admiralty Board.

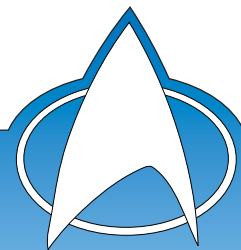
EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENT

When the Rickard Administration took office on January 1st, we appointed Tammy Willcox as STARFLEET Treasurer, who has performed exceptionally in this role and has shown just how powerful and effective the Office of the Treasurer can be when filled with a solid candidate. In the Rickard Administration, the Treasurer is an integral and valued member in EC-level discussions with financial impact. In such discussions, her input on policy is equal to any other EC member’s, even though she is a staff member. Since most EC decisions have financial impact, she is present for most of them.

The position of Treasurer is not even mentioned in the STARFLEET Constitution, whereas the Internal Auditor is. It should be stated that the Commander, STARFLEET, should continue to remain the final authority over, and be held ultimately responsible for, the finances of the Organization. Elevating the Treasurer to the EC shall not shift this authority or responsibility from the CS. By elevating the Treasurer to the Executive Committee, they have the same voice in policy discussions as the rest of the EC. As Chief Financial Officer (CFO), they will be able to access the financial impact of policy decisions the EC is considering and provide that information to the decision-making process. With STARFLEET preparing both an Annual Budget and a Income/Expense Report each year, and the possibility of STARFLEET having surpluses measured in the *tens of thousands* of dollars within a few years, the CFO becomes a more critical position for future Administrations. As STARFLEET has larger and larger financial reserves, Administrations must be sure to spend such sums prudently.

While the CS has the power to fire any member of the EC at will, dismissing a sitting EC member is much more difficult to dismiss quietly. Also, an EC member will be under much more scrutiny by the Admiralty Board and membership than a mere staff member. The CFO will also have the authority to express opinions on the EC/AB List and their opinions will be a matter of the Record. In a nutshell, what this does is gives the CFO the real authority to get the job done, such as file the Form 990s, publish quarterly and annual statement of accounts, deal directly with the AB on the EC/AB listserver, demand final official answers when necessary to do his/her job, and be part of the solution when answers aren’t forthcoming. It also gives the membership the power to remove a treasurer for not doing their job. Right now, the treasurer is simply a staff member of the office of the Commander, STARFLEET. No one, not even the Admiralty Board, has a say in who the EC’s staff is. This has been part of the problem in the past. When we’ve had a treasurer and they weren’t doing their job, nothing could be done if the CS didn’t replace them. If the treasurer becomes part of the EC then ANYONE can do something about it. By elevating it to an Executive Committee position, you give the membership that power. By making the treasurer a member of the EC, we give the membership power to assure that our funds are being handled appropriately, that we have the same financial reporting and accountability in the future as we do today.

One objection that was raised was the fact that the EC would end up as an even-numbered body. I really don’t think that is much of a concern. In the time that I’ve been on the EC, there have been very few (if any) items that we would have ended up deadlocked on had there been an 8th member. If we do get deadlocked, then the most it will do is help spawn some more detailed discussion of the issue. And, when you think about it, an even number of jury members decide things much more important (some literally life and death decisions) than issues the EC might discuss.



STARFLEET PROMOTIONS

COMPILED BY LIEUTENANT COLONEL DEBORAH MALOTTE

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

To Fleet Captain/ Brigadier

Lisa Pruitt	Dino Gravato
Dwayne Sklar	Robert Bulkeley
Billie Clifton	William Sowers
Kathleen Sweeney	Kenneth R. Oziah, Jr.
Heather Ford	Darlene Harper
Debra Kern	Brian W. Dougherty
David Lockwood	Brian Schreur
John J. Gisetto, Sr.	John C. Adcock
Deborah Butcher	Fleona Dysast'ar
Pat Stewart	Cynthia Temple



To Commodore/ Brigadier General:

Joyce Fink
Donna Jean Noddin
Anthony P. Bonti
Ramon Macias
Chrissy Killian
Joan E. Pierce
David Peifer
Wayne Lee Killough



To Rear Admiral/ Major General:

Joseph Hoolihan
Gerri Wampler
Paul M. Reid



To Vice Admiral/ Lieutenant General:

Mark H. Anbinder
Mark E. Hanford
Gregory S. Staylor
Ed Nowlin
Carol Thompson
Mandi Livingston



To Admiral/ General:

Helen Pawlowski
Kurt F. Roithinger
Sherry A. Newell
Jon Simmons
Michael W. Malotte



2002 STARFLEET ACADEMY RED SQUADRON

Admiral Marlene Miller • Commandant, STARFLEET Academy

School of Literature:

Todd Brugmans, USS Highlander, Region 7
Scott Akers, USS Jaguar, Region 5
Melissa Lillie, USS Appomattox, Region 1

School of Starship Tactics

David Lee Kania, USS Rubicon, Region 5
Scott Akers, USS Jaguar, Region 5

Cadet Vulcan Academy of Science

Raven Avery, Shuttle Flying Fox, Region 7

Gorn Academy

Wayne Killough, USS Witchfire, Region 12
Garry Cameron, USS Jurassic, Region 1
Jill Tipton, USS Aries, Region 1

College of Treknology

Todd Brugmans, USS Highlander, Region 7

Security School, Cadet Academy

Robert Fillmore III, K'Ehleyr Station, Region 4
Robert Penson, USS Appomattox, Region 1

OTS

Kaith Rush, USS Haise, Region 2
Susan D. Fugate, USS Aries, Region 1
Robert Torres, USS Dominator, Region 1

BURPS

Todd Brugmans, USS Highlander, Region 7
Anna M. Feador, USS Ravens Claw, R4

College of Mythological Studies

Red Squadron Leader

Todd Brugmans, USS Highlander, Region 7

Red Squad Assistant Leaders:

Scott A. Akers, USS Jaguar, Region 5
Cathy Edgington, USS W. Virginia, Region 1
David Lee Kania, USS Rubicon, Region 5
Eddie Milbrandt, Jr., Region 6

Todd Brugmans, USS Highlander, Region 7
Edith L. Padgett, USS Charleston, Region 1

SACOM

Anne Miller, USS Nomad, Region 12
Lori E. Straley, USS Rubicon, Region 5

COTAC

Cathy Edgington, USS W. Virginia, Region 1
Patricia Lewis, USS Wasp, Region 1
George Parker, USS Ark Angel, Region 3

College of Computer History

Stephen P. Bowers, USS Lexington, Region 7
Robin Smith, USS Dragon's Cub, Region 4
Jeff Davis, USS Questar, Region 1

College of Alien History & Culture

Todd Brugmans, USS Highlander, Region 7

VAS

Judy Waidlich, USS Avenger, Region 7
Eddie Milbrandt, Jr., Region 6

SFA Directors of the Year:

Carol Thompson, Greg Staylor and James Lee

SFA Schools of the Year:

Flag Officer's School
College of Alien History & Culture
Culinary School

Denise Clark, USS Jurassic, Region 1

OCC

Blair Learn, Region 7
Barbara Slater, USS Charleston, Region 1
Mike Hoff, USS Kensington, Region 5

SCC

John Bryant, USS Jurassic, Region 1
David Lee Kania, USS Rubicon, Region 5

FOS

Janice Graham, USS Renegade, Region 1
Matthew Copple, USS Adjunicator, R12
David Lee Kania, USS Rubicon, Region 5

Security School

Margaret Grunwell, USS Appomattox, R1
Tracy Lilly, USS Dominator, Region 1
Jeremy Grabbe, USS Columbia, Region 1

College of Federation Studies

Patricia Lewis, USS Wasp, Region 1
Billie Clifton, USS Rhyanna, Region 3

Klingon Warrior Academy

Scott Akers, USS Jaguar, Region 5
Cindy Prindle, USS Valkyrie, Region 13
Cathy Edgington, USS W. Virginia, Region 1

College of Communications

Todd Brugmans, USS Highlander, Region 7

Radio School

Roger Scritchfield, USS Ohio, Region 1
Barbara M. Buffington, USS Ohio, Region 1
Jill Tipton, USS Aries, Region 1

School of Language Studies

Glenn Overby II, USS Bortas, Region 12
Charles H Cullum, USS Matrix, Region 7

School of Music

Todd Brugmans, USS Highlander, Region 7
Margaret Grunwell, USS Appomattox, R1

School of Trek Humor

Pat Stewart, USS Arc Royal, Region 17
Marshall C Peterson, Region 6

School of Trek Romance

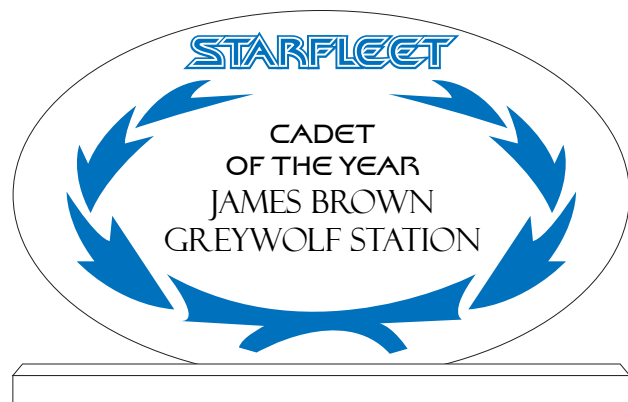
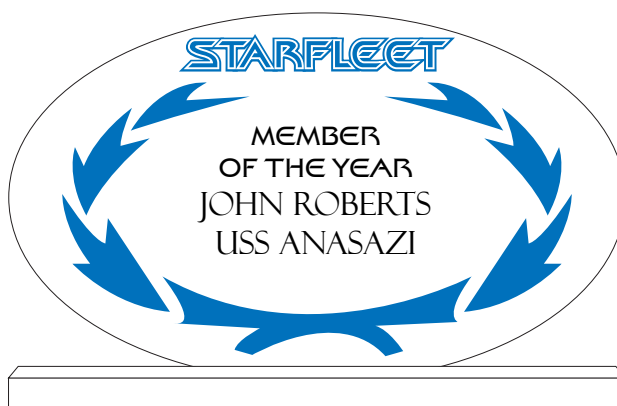
Eddie Milbrandt Jr., Region 6
Cathy Edgington, USS W. Virginia, Region 6

School of Cultural Anthropology

Eddie Milbrandt Jr., Region 6
Cathy Edgington, USS W. Virginia, Region 1
Michelle Muench, USS Gasparilla, Region 2

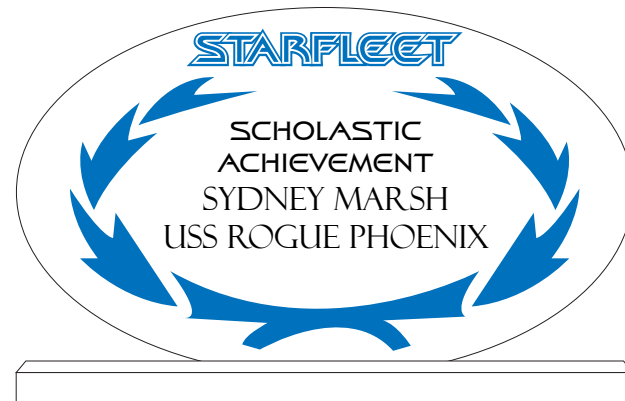
THE 2002 STARFLEET INTERNATIONAL AWARD WINNERS

The following awards were present at IC 2002 during the Banquet on Saturday night. Mandi Livingston wishes she could have been there in person to actually present them, but from what I understand, Fleet Admiral Les Rickard presented the awards (with the assistance of Admiral Allyson M. W. Dyar):



LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP
CHUCK FREAS
USS PALO DURO

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP
TAMMY WILLCOX
USS MAAT



STARFLEET NEWSLETTERS OF THE YEAR

Fleet Capt. Dixie Halber - Vice Chief Communications

Before I list the winners, I would like to take a moment to explain how we arrived at the awards.

This year the awards committee developed a scoring system to judge and rank newsletters. It had been the intent of the committee to give awards in four different categories. However, once the votes had been tallied we discovered that the same three ships won in each category. With that information, we decided to present only one award, that being for Newsletter of the Year.

So without any further ado, the winners of the 2002 STARFLEET Newsletter Awards are:

Honorable Mention - USS Jurassic, Trekosaurus
Third Place - USS Stormbringer, The Vortex
Second Place - USS Wasp, Buzzwords

Winner of the Newsletter of the Year:
USS Maat, The Short Circuit

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to all who entered. I look forward to seeing many more entries next year.

2002 STARFLEET WEB AWARDS

Vice Admiral Ed Nowlin - Vice Chief Communications

Presented at IC2002 in San Jose, CA.

Fun Website
SFI Spotlight - <http://spotlight.sfi.org>

Informational Website
SFI Conventions Listing - <http://conventions.sfi.org/>

Awards of Excellence
USS Augusta Ada, R4 - <http://trek.starshine.org>

5th BN, 1st BDE Web Site
<http://www.ussdominator.org/5thBN-1stBDE/>

USS Ursus, R12 - <http://www.ussursus.org/>

Chapter Website
USS PeaceKeeper - <http://www.usspeacekeeper.org>

Regional Website
Region 17 - <http://www.region17.org>

Vanguard Award
Region 9 - <http://www.vargur.net/region9/index.php>

CHAPLAINS/COUNSELORS AWARDS

Brigadier General Dennis Rayburn - Chief of Chaplains/Counselors

Here is the complete list of awards I gave out or announced at IC 2002.

STARFLEET Bear Hug Award

Alex Rosenzweig	Dr. Dave Miller
Brad Pense	Chrissy Killian
Dee Rickard	Carl Johnson
Joan Pierce	Gerry Sylvester
Pete Briggs	Jennifer Rosbury
Aaron Murphy	Ramon Macias
Mike Malotte	

O'Neill Award

(given for distinguished service)

Susan Fox-Davis	Aaron Murphy
Dave Blaser	Charles McLeod
Lauren Milan	Scott A. Akers

Helen Pawlowski Award
(Chaplain/Counselor of the year)

Helen Pawlowski



STARFLEET INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2002 REPORT

By Rear Admiral Pete Mohney • Regional Coordinator, STARFLEET Region 2

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

I was met at the airport by IC transportation chair Boyd Harmon, who saw me onto a shuttle bus that got me to the hotel in about five minutes. Checkin was swift, and I was soon relaxing in my room. After a few minutes to get the kinks out and unpack, I wandered out into the hotel to find my way around, and see who was already there. The next morning at ten, the annual meeting of STARFLEET's leadership – the legal purpose of the IC, really – began. The meeting, generally called the "EC/AB" meeting, consists of the Fleet Admiral and his staff (the Executive Committee) and all of the Regional Coordinators like myself, also known as the Admiralty Board (or Board of Directors). The purpose of the meeting is for each member of the EC/AB to report on the status of their area, and for votes and operational decisions to be made.

The meeting was begun as Fleet Admiral Les Rickard reported that, thanks to the efforts of our legal counsel Chuck Freas and our treasurer Tammy Willcox, SFI's finances are in excellent shape, at that the organization currently owes no money to any creditor or person. Controls over IC finances, which have been somewhat lax in prior years and led to a long delay in closing out the books for IC 2001, will become more strict in future years. SFI will be changing to a cheaper account, with online banking, that should not only save SFI some money but will give the appropriate EC members easy oversight over the various accounts. Les also showed us the IRS form 1099 for this year, promising that it would be filed on time. Next up was Vice Commander STARFLEET Mike Malotte, who reported on the departments under him. The STARFLEET Marine Corps is running smoothly and it continues to grow. The Fleet Division Program is also running well, with some revisions to the plan having been made over the past year to cut down on the intrusiveness into regional appointments that some of the departments exhibited.

Chief of Communications Greg Trotter was next. He gave reports of all the areas he supervises, starting with an announcement that the SFI fanzine, Stellar Visions, was slated for release at the IC 2003. He reminded us that the Office of Graphic Design was still available for helping SFI members with their graphics needs, at no cost except possibly media cost. He mentioned that SFI's overall postage costs for distribution of the Communique' rose about 11% with the latest USPS rate hike, and that a new remailer system for international members is in the works, which will hopefully be faster and cheaper than the current system. Finally, he discussed moving the STARFLEET web page to a shared webhosting platform in the first quarter of 2003, which would give the pages more stability.

STARFLEET Academy was represented by Jill Rayburn, as proxy for Marlene Miller. She reported that 1005 courses were passed from May 2001 to May 2002, in 36 schools with more than 200 courses. The web site has been cleaned up and improved, with 18 schools online now. There is an online database in the works for course records. The Academy Away Team is testing a portable test printing system, instead of transporting stacks of printed tests to each away site (like Summits and ICs).

Chris Wallace from Shuttle Operations Command was next, and he reported that over the last year

we have had 19 shuttles launch and 5 Existing Fan Club chapters commissioned. Since last year, 24 chapters have commissioned, which are fairly typical numbers.

Mark Anbinder, the Chief of Computer Operations, followed with reports on his department. He began by praising Sandy Berenberg, whose work has greatly improved the system. Comp Ops has begun using PayPal for single U.S. renewals, and will gradually phase in using it for family renewals, international members, and new memberships over the next months. Paypal is not only cheaper than directly processing credit cards, it is faster and keeps credit card numbers more secure. Sandy reported that we have 4014 members, compared to about 3600 this time last year. This was followed by an extensive demonstration of the new database interface, a series of web pages that will give much more access to the data to those who have the right and the need, with greater security over the data than we currently have.

This was followed by the regional reports, given by each Regional Coordinator or their proxy. No major problems were reported by any RC.

After the RC reports, we discussed some issues that needed addressing, and reports from committees that had worked over the past year. First, a group had revised the Promotions Guidelines. The major changes were to require some 'time in rank' for the various ranks over Captain, before a promotion would normally be granted; and the dropping of the 'steadfast service' promotion category.

The AB then voted on a change to the membership rates, to move the membership rate for Mexico into the same category as general international members (an addition \$5 per year, instead of only \$1 additional per year) to make up for Mexico's high postage rates. This change was passed unanimously.

A question had been raised on the administration of the STARFLEET Academy Scholarships, which had been moved to the office of the Fleet Admiral during Mike Smith's administration. With almost no discussion, it was agreed to move this back to the office of the commandant of STARFLEET Academy. The finances of this will remain under the control of the Fleet Admiral and the Chief Financial Officer.

The meeting ended with a vote on a lifetime membership, which was awarded to Chuck Freas for his invaluable aid in settling STARFLEET's problems with the IRS; and on an honorary membership for Tammy Willcox, for her great work as STARFLEET's treasurer.

The EC/AB meeting ended at about 2 p.m., which was a welcome change from prior years, when we have gone to 6 p.m., and sometimes carried over to the next day!

I spent much of the afternoon lazing around my room, socializing in the hotel pool with other IC folks, or hanging around the meeting areas. After dinner, opening ceremonies were held, which was a brief and informal affair. IC Chair Chrissy Killian welcomed everyone, and Fleet Admiral Les Rickard said a brief hello. Anthony Spotts, a member of the USS Parallax, was hosting a game of 'Press Your Luck', which looked fun,

so I entered the third round. I managed to come in first by luck of not getting so many whammies that I ended up with zero dollars. Afterwards, I managed to round up a few folks for a round of The Great Dalmuti, which was won by Linda Kloempken. I came in third, but I did crush all the newbies. This was followed by a long night of mostly reading in bed.

Saturday morning began with the General Session. This is the most formal event of the weekend, where all of the EC members address the general membership, and all of the AB members do a 'chapter roll call'. The logos of each chapter were projected on a screen during the roll call, which I thought was pretty neat. Most of the EC speeches were the same information as they gave at the EC/AB meeting, so I won't reproduce them. Les Rickard did announce that STARFLEET has a new Quartermaster, Carl Johnson, who will have an online order form available soon. He announced that the IC 2004 bid had been won by the group from Region Two, of which I am the chairman; I stood up and waved to everyone, and Rich Trulson announced that our web page was up and functioning (<http://www.ic2004.org/>)

Les followed these announcements with a slew of promotions. The annual STARFLEET Awards followed promotions, where the high achievers in Fleet were recognized for their work of the past year. Les followed this with a brief farewell speech, as this would be his last IC as Commander, STARFLEET.

I attended the newsletter panel, hosted by the judge of the SFI newsletter contest (I learned a lot there about that subject, to say the least), and then went to the 'Meet the Candidates' panel. This was to be a head-to-head debate between candidates Martin Lessem and Mike Malotte, but Martin had decided that his team and platform just weren't ready, and would not be ready, so in the best interests of STARFLEET, he was withdrawing his candidacy. This gutsy move was widely applauded by the crowd, and by his opponents. Martin did promise that he might try again further down the road, and he presented Mike Malotte with a Seventh Brigade challenge coin as a token of his respect.

The rest of the time allotted for the panel was taken up by a question and answer session. The future EC and Commander, STARFLEET promised to address these problems as they could. Mike also announced that beginning January 1, that a test for Officer's Training School would be included in every new membership packet, and that both OTS and Officer's Command College would be free for all members (not just those with internet access) and certificates for OTS and OCC would be mailed out free of charge. This is in recognition of the fact that OTS and OCC are required for promotion to Captain or higher rank, and thus it isn't really right to charge extra for these tests.

After the panels, there was a short break for rest and changing clothes, followed by the IC Banquet. This was a very nice affair, with most everyone either in formal dress, or their best uniforms. The food was pretty good, with the usual 'beef or chicken' choice, followed by a very good cheesecake. After dinner, more awards were presented, and the IC Charity auction began. Some of the auction 'items' were actual people, who auctioned themselves off for dances later

in the evening. This raised quite a bit of money, I'd guess in the neighborhood of two thousand dollars.

Gerry Sylvester, of Region 7, had been collecting donations for the Polar Bear Plunge, an annual fund raiser for the Special Olympics, in what she described as a 'secret op of section 31'. They did a really good job of keeping it secret, as until she caught me Saturday night and told me about it, I hadn't heard a word! She informed me that R2 was 'the dog of STARFLEET', having donated the least of all the regions, so I gave her \$10, enough to move us out of last place.

A really neat aspect of the banquet, auction and awards was that they were all being webcast, for all too see online. The dinner was followed by a dance, emceed by former R2 member Steve Gordon. I played wallflower until Jennifer Rosbury dragged me onto the floor for a dance, then slipped out into the lobby to get up another game of Dalmuti. I managed again to only come in third place, but the honor of Region Two was saved by DaVinci member Russell Ruhland, who won the game. I think I converted a few more Dalmuti newbies to the game. I also managed to sell three Region Two polo shirts during the evening, merely by carrying them around with me and leaving them out for everyone to see.

Sunday morning, the only event was closing ceremonies. Much of the time was taken up by even more awards, mostly the less formal and less major stuff. As has already been announced on various list servers, Region 2 and Region 4 shared the '25 pound chocolate aspirin challenge' honors, a challenge issued by Sandy Berenberg some months back. R4's Ed Nowlin carried off a huge box of chocolate in various forms, and Sandy promised to attend our Summit next year to bring us our share.

Gerry Sylvester announced that our last minute donation to the Polar Bear Plunge had gotten us out of last place, and that we weren't the 'dogs of STARFLEET' any more, to which I answered, "Meow!" Dennis Rayburn and former Commander, STARFLEET Mike Smith announced a challenge to raise money for STARFLEET Academy's scholarship fund, and promised that if \$500 was raised for each of them, they would shave their prodigious facial hair at the next IC. Anthony Spotts handed out plaques to the 'Press Your Luck' winners - I earned second place!

I had to leave by noon to get to the airport for my flight out, so I checked out, caught a shuttle and hit the skies. During the weekend, Region Two and its members got a lot of nice compliments, and many people stopped me to tell me what a great Summit we had, and how they were looking forward to coming again next year. I carried a small stack of IC 2004 registration forms with me all weekend, and I could have given out a lot more than I had, as they were snapped up quickly. I think this is because so many people know what a great Summit we put on, that they can't wait to come to our IC!

Well, that about wraps it up. Any omissions, errors, or outright lies are purely my fault. I enjoyed another great IC, and want to thank the staff for doing an excellent job. I'm definitely looking forward to IC 2003, when I won't have to do any work!

TOP ROW (L to R): Aliens were among us. (1) Not only was there the mystery of the dead Tarq... (2) ...but a collection of Klingons and in case of (3) John Burt (ISS) and Lionel Smith (Empire), but other-dimensional friends in attendance.

SECOND ROW (L to R): Food, Food and more Food. (4) Ever wondered what 25 lbs of chocolate looks like? Wonder no more. (5) The International Conference 2002 Cake. (6) Linda Kloempken contemplates the goodness that is a Krispy Kreme Donut.

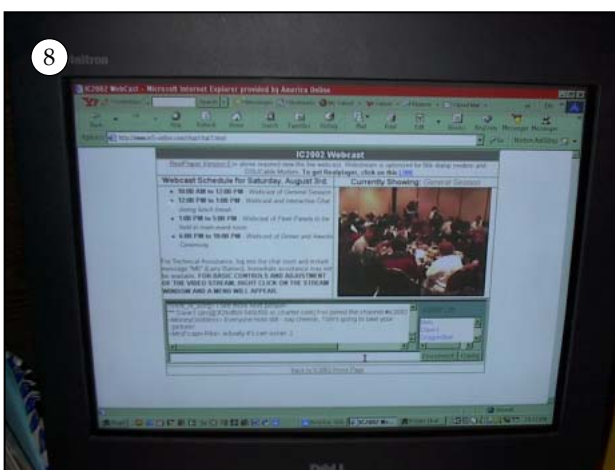
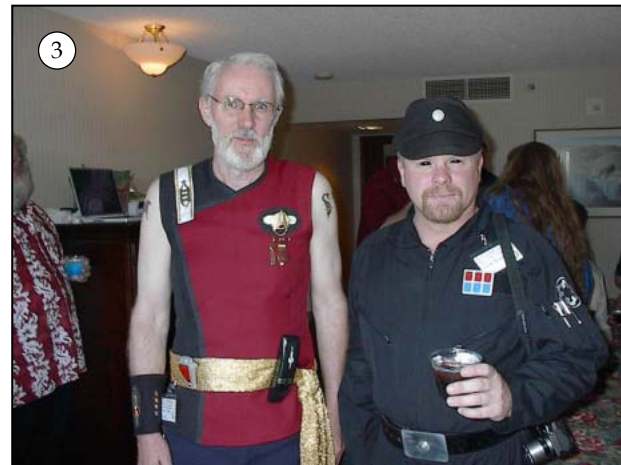
SCENES FROM IC 2002

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BOTTOM LEFT: (7) Larry Barnes was responsible for putting together the first ever Web-cast of the IC events.

BOTTOM CENTER: (8) The USS Maat learns that they have won Chapter of the Year via the IC Webcast. (9) A group of SFI members went to the "Great America" amusement park and brought back this snapshot.

BOTTOM RIGHT: (10) RC R15 Proxy (and former Chief of CompOps) Sal Lizard poses with R4 Mascot Dinky.





INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2002 NOTEBOOK

By Lt. Colonel Adam J. Bernay • CO, Shuttle Wendell Fertig, STARFLEET Region 4
Artwork Created by Admiral Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons • STARFLEET Region 17

During the International Conference, I made some entries of my impressions. I thought I'd share some of my thoughts with you.

Friday Night Parties

Martin Lessem makes some awesome Romulan Ale. Just like the original, it doesn't seem like it contains a lot of alcohol, but afterwards, you feel it. I'm glad I only had one glass.

These Region 5 folks know how to put on a party. Lots of great folks, good booze, good snacky stuff, and I can tell they had great food, if I'd only gotten here earlier! I settle for one cold meatball and then grab some pretzels with my orange soda. The booze looked good, but the Rom Ale from earlier is catching up to me!

Saturday Morning Ceremonies

The flag ceremony really brought a tear to my eye. Imagine these flags flew over the aircraft carrier Enterprise in combat operations! I was never prouder to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

I love the Chapter Roll Call. It calls to mind the roll call of ships from Homer's *Illiad*. Hosts would pay troubadours to repeat this section at banquets, as it was a point of honor to trace one's lineage to service on one of those ships in the Trojan campaign. In their toasts freshly remembered, their honor celebrated, their deeds sung. Such was the nature of the roll call to the ancient Greeks. Today, we recognize and honor the chapters of STARFLEET in the same way. The mottos, cheers, and other shouts may be humorous, stirring, or touching but they are all done with pride. Lots of chapters proudly spoke of their 10th anniversaries this year. I said how proud I was that this was the Fertig's first IC attendance.

Saturday Lunch

What a treat to sit down and chat over victuals with the famous SFI DJ, Steve Gordon! We talked about everything from ideas for SFA courses to religion to music. He's a great guy and it was great to have the opportunity to get to know him, even if we had to eat and run to afternoon panels.

Live IRC

Okay, this was cool. Putting all these faces to names was great, but seeing Greg Trotter beaten on by a giant stuffed trout was just too funny. I wonder if these will count for Tammy's "give Greg a virtual smack and get a Scholarship donation in your name" program? I should've taken the chance and done it!

Banquet/Auction/Dance

Okay, who let the Klingons in? Actually, it's they who let us in as they stormed out of the banquet hall and yelled at us to come

inside for dinner. Inside, they put on a show doing what Klingons do best: insult Feddies. But they are right; the guys in Insurrection white mess uniforms do look like waiters. Hey, the original TNG mess uniforms put the "dress" in "dress uniforms," I wonder how long until they notice that the S&Ps make us Marines look like airline pilots?

As the salads are brought in, the Klingons make fun of us Feddies for eating leaves.

Say what you want about his ability to pronounce names, but Pete Briggs is a great master of ceremonies! He held the audience's attention, and he knew how to gig the audience for some laughs. He's got the auctioneer role down pat too. Note To Future ICs: Hire this man! He's well worth the dough to fly him in and put him up in the hotel! (And I don't just say that because he's my friend!) The auctions went off well too, lots of money for charity, and it was great to

beautiful event, the Patriot ceremony, which I had observed on Friday. There's a very interesting-looking drink called the Patriot, which is striped red, white, and blue, created by SFMC Commandant Wade Olson in honor of his late father, who served in the Coast Guard. The ceremony is a group gathers around with Patriots in hand, and one gives the traditional service toast - "To Absent Companions and Fallen Heroes" - and then you drink the Patriot in one draft, without a word. Very stirring. I was honored to be included this night, even though I'm not used to imbibing in one draft, it caused me to cough a little over the next 15 minutes or so, but it was worth it!

I'd been told that this was not going to be a party, just the Patriot ceremony, but people stayed on anyway. For an unparty, it was a blast! I think just about everyone at IC was in that room at one time or another tonight. I guess everyone knows that the Region 5 people put on the best parties! I even invented a new drink with butterscotch schnapps, orange juice, and lime juice, which I later dubbed "Sweet Victory." A Patriot, two Sweet Victories, and some great conversation, and I was ready to tumble off to my room for some sleep! Better write this fast before I nod off and forget!

Sunday Morning Breakfast

Oh, my head hurts. I am also about ready to fall asleep again. Must wake up before I have to drive home in a few hours. Must... have...coffee...

Ate breakfast with a fun group, including Lauren Milan, MC Pete (Briggs), Fleona Dysastar, Truman and Cyndi Temple, Larry Barnes, and Charles McLeod. Hanging out with this crowd woke me up!

Closing Ceremonies

I don't want this weekend to end, but it's coming to it. One more chance to chat with these people in person for awhile, once more to see our gallant leader, Les Rickard, take the stage as Commander, STARFLEET. Some more awards, some more auctioning, some more time to squeeze every drop from a great weekend. It was so great when Region 2 and Region 4 were announced as tying for first place in the 2002 25-Pound Chocolate Aspirin Challenge, but R4 got the candy! (R2 gets theirs at their summit later on.) Took home a bag of chocolate caramel cups and a box of chocolate malted balls for the Fresno troops.

Afterthoughts

So much to say, so much fun had, so little time. This is just a sampling. I can't wait till next year, but 2003 will have to work really hard to put on as great an event as 2002 was. It was great meeting so many of you. See ya next year in Greensboro!



John Adcock and Adam Bernay discuss the latest in Marine Etiquette.

Photo courtesy of Mark H. Anbinder

What, Klingons don't eat vegetables? Must ask Dr. Dave if that's possible.

They got Greg Trotter good. Whoever had that giant stuffed trout from the Live IRC "served" to him on a large platter by the service staff deserves an award for jokester of the year. The servers seemed to enjoy it too. I really enjoyed sharing the table with some great people, but I especially enjoyed renewing my acquaintance with Rex Moffett and meeting Keira Russell-Strong, former RC of Region 17. Not to mention the cute little girl in her party! She seemed entranced by the Klingons.

be there for the first IC charity auction to take bids online! Look out eBay, here we come!

Dance was great fun, don't know what the song was I got up and danced with the group, led by Les Rickard, Mike Mallote, and Mike Smith, was, but had a great time!

And watching the Macarena done to the Star Wars Imperial March was a scream. How do you people do that in such perfect synch?

Patriots and Saturday Night UnParty at the Region 5 Embassy

I got invited up to the R5 room for a

ATTENTION ON DECK!

The News And Information Resource of the STARFLEET Marine Corps.

As you read this column, we have a lot to be proud of and even more to look forward to. We have concluded another International Conference and Marine Muster. I would like to personally thank Regional Coordinator Ed Nowlin, IC Chairperson Chrissy Killian, and their staff on an **outstanding Conference**.

The programming and hotel were exceptional and coming from the oven that is known as Texas, the weather was an excellent change of pace. You have truly outdone yourself.

After a very active year throughout the Corps, the General Staff has a real chore ahead of us when it came time to passing out the yearly awards. After much deliberation and the casting of a few dice (just kidding), we came up with what we felt were the most deserving Marines in their respective categories in the Corps.

This is, by no means, to say that the other Marines nominated in their

FROM THE DEPUTY 'DANT

By Bgr. Aaron Murphy • Deputy Commandant, SFMC

categories were not deserving. This was a tough decision to make and I hope that every nominee is proud of their accomplishments. I expect to see as much, if not more, competition for the Honor awards next year. With that being said, the recipients of the 2002 Honor awards were as follows:

Legion of Honor -- 342nd MSG
Star of Honor -- Jennifer Colpitts
Shield of Honor -- Gerry Sylvester
Sword of Honor -- Wayne Killough
Cross of Honor -- Norm DeRoux

With this IC, we begin the celebration of one of the most momentous accomplishment of the SFMC to date... it's 20th Anniversary. The official birth date of the Corps is 11 Dec 82. We felt it would be best to celebrate this event for one year, starting the IC before and ending the last day of the IC after the official birth date.

To date, we have adopted a special logo commemorating this event and have minted anniversary Challenge Coins. The logo can be viewed on the Corps website (<http://www.sfi-sfmc.org>) and the coin can be viewed at 3bde.region3.com/coin.html.

As another milestone of this 20th year of the Corps, we officially announced the creation and approval of our ninth branch... Maritime Operations. This branch all started from a simple IRC conversation, but once it got started, it really took off. I would like to offer my personal thanks to General Scott Akers. He took an idea and developed it to an extent that I would have never thought to take it. As a former member of the US Navy, I couldn't think of many other people more qualified to author this branch. Again, thanks Scott. Your work is nothing less than stellar. General Akers will be submitting a

briefing on this new branch later in this issue of the AoD, so I will leave most of the details to him.

Now for something that has come up from time to time and it seems that I should touch on it again. Several times in the last couple of months, marines have come to me or another member of the General Staff and said, "I had an idea or complaint and didn't know who to take it to..." Well, the correct point of contact is sitting on **this side** of the keyboard. Yes, your friendly neighborhood Deputy Commandant.

During to time the Steering Committee was in force, it was my job to evaluate the incoming proposals and submit them to the SC. With that entity gone, my job has "adapted" to act as a dispatcher. I make sure that proposals, suggestions, or concerns get to the person or persons that they should, while also providing a paper trail. So, when in doubt, e-mail me at depdant@sfi-sfmc.org

The STARFLEET Marine Corps has Armor, Aerospace, Infantry, Combat Engineers, Mecha, Support, Medical, and Special Operations, but one thing is missing in the STARFLEET Marine Corps. What does the anchor represent?

A long ago past, that no longer matters to the realities of 24th century combat? Or maybe it is just a pretty device that looks good on our Dress Blacks? Of course not, the Anchor represents the Maritime in the STARFLEET Marine Corps. Today people most often think of that as it being part of Starfleet, sailing from star to star on ships loaded for whatever planet side battle that may face the Federation. But this neglects not only history, but also the reality of Class M planets and humanoid species. Water matters, water means life, water means a planet that can support life. And usually due to the particulars of Class M planets distances from their primary stars; it means a **lot** of water ranging from 40-90 percent of the planets surface. Where there is water, where there is sentient life, and where there is a need for the protection of the SFMC, there is a need for a wet-water maritime force.

Armor's hovercraft don't have the distance, Aerospace can bomb but not control the sea lines of communications, Mecha cannot operate for prolonged times on or under the water, that leaves a specialized service whose training,

A NEW BRANCH OF SFMC

By General Scott A. Akers • SFMC

personnel, equipment and tactics are dedicated to Maritime Operations. And thus, this brings us to this the ninth Branch of SFMC Service, the Maritime Operations Branch.

As any veteran Marine knows, no branch is in and of itself isolated from any others. Aerospace relies on Infantry to secure airfields, and ground facilities, Special Operations requires Aerospace to get them to the insertion points, Mechas would be sitting ducks if not properly supported. Infantry is in itself nearly self sufficient, but even there requires the logistical support, medical support, and even fire support provided by Support, Medical and Armor branches. Also within the Armor Branch and specifically within the Marine Armored Cavalry there is also a need and means of self sufficiency but again, they borrow and make organic Support, Medical and to a large extent Aerospace branch personnel.

Following the earlier research into Infantry and Armor, there has been discussion on the importance of Support, Combat Engineering and Medical Branches as part of the entire whole of the SFMC galaxy of roles. But as the introduction has shown something is missing. Are the SFMC and Starfleet doomed to ignore water planets, or

be content with controlling the skies above the water, and possibly even the surface of those seas?

To answer that question, the Maritime Operations Branch was created. Following is an extract from the Maritime Branch Manual regarding the fictional birth of SFMC - Maritime Operations. "Following the formation of the Federation, Maritime Forces like traditional Marine Forces were handled in a very ad hoc manner. When needed, Starfleet would recruit planetary maritime units in whole from constituent member militaries, transporting them to the battle zone as needed, and then returning them when the particular need ceased to exist.

Following the Four Year war with the Klingon Empire, it was decided that the time had come for a dedicated STARFLEET Marine Corps, but Maritime forces were neglected, and those responsibilities were handled by the Corps, the Fleet, by whatever aerospace assets were available. This overhead focus and bias of the maritime operations proved a hindrance when dealing with aquatic combat situations, but very few in Starfleet could see an immediate answer to the problem. Until 2305 when the Military Liaison from the planet of Argo, was

conversing with this counterpart in the SFMC, at Starfleet HQ. Argo a planet with both a sentient species with both Water Breathing and Air Breathing individuals had long had a naval tradition considering their planet, species, and climate. Admiral Rila of Argo suggested that Starfleet or the SFMC, form a Maritime branch, similar to the Armor Branch, that would fill this gap, and provide the SFMC with a standing naval force, and further suggested that specialized Starfleet Vessels be equipped to carry these vessels to whatever battle zone the Federation may need them to go to, instead of trying to shoe horn one planets warship onto a federation freighter never designed for such a load.

The Marine Officer, later General and Commandant LouJaye McPherson championed the idea to his superiors in the SFMC, and on January 1st, 2312, the first Maritime Branch under command of Colonel Samuel Morrison was formed. Ever since the SFMC has maintained a limited but well equipped and trained Maritime Branch with eighteen strike groups/ flotillas, these are formed into six squadrons, and these into two fleets under the command of experienced Generals of the Starfleet Marines."

The Maritime Branch - Stand Before the Mast because it's not just a job, it's an adventure.



SFI INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2000

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(9) John Roberts receives the SFI Member of the Year Award from Les Rickard.

(11) Region 14 celebrates another achievement.



ABOVE: (10) STARFLEET's past, present and possible future: Michael Malotte poses with Les Rickard and Michael D. Smith.



LEFT TOP ROW: (1) Members of the 4th Brigade of the STARFLEET Marine Corps pose for a group shot. (2) RC R4 Ed Nowlin presents his Region during the Opening Ceremonies.

SECOND ROW: (3) Region 1's Susan Fugate and RC R5 Scott A. Akers. (4) The COMM-cubines: Dixie Halber, Joan Pierce and Allyson Dyar pose with their svengali, Greg Trotter.

THIRD ROW: (5) The various stuffed EC/AB Mascots (notably absent: a certain Snorlax). (6) Martin Lessem and Lauren Milan.

FOURTH ROW: (7) Adam Mencwal, a visitor from Poland. (8) STARFLEET Quartermaster Carl Johnson is excited about being at the 2002 IC - can't you tell?

2002: AT WORK AND PLAY IN SAN JOSE

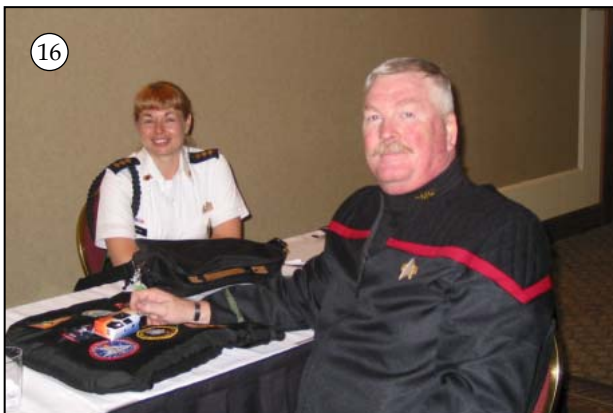
Cyndi Temple, Keria Russel-Strong, Johnathan Simmons and Tom Monaghan



s Joost Ueffing
er smashing IC!



(13) Region 5's Charles McLeod models
the latest in Scottish Federationwear.



ABOVE: (12) Former RC R4 Kim Lerman, with her son Tim and
husband, former Commander, STARFLEET, Rob Lerman.



RIGHT TOP ROW: (14) A shot of the EC/AB meeting - the
leadership of STARFLEET hard at work. (15) A crowdshot during
Opening Ceremonies.

SECOND ROW: (16) R4's Fleona Dysastar and James Monroe. (17)
RC R10 Paul Reid relaxes during the R1/R5 Embassy Party.

THIRD ROW: (18) Region 4's Boyd Harmon. (19) Membership
Processing Guru Sandy Berenberg was presented with a
commissioning plaque for his new chapter, the USS Edinburgh.

FOURTH ROW: (20) Region 2's Jen Rosbury and Region 12's
Dr. David Miller (21) Tammy Willcox, Jen McBride and Donna
Monaghan celebrate the USS Maat being named Chapter of the
Year.



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As we move into the dog days of Summer, it's been half a year since I've taken this office. I must admit it's been a lot of work but it's been fun. I've gotten to know a lot more of you than I did 6 months ago and that's always a good thing. I do hope I can get to know a lot more of you as time goes on.

We had a reporting rate of over 90% this period. That's fantastic! My congratulations to all the MSG OICs who were responsible for this. Let's see if we can hit 95% or above! I'm also pleased to report all the brigades reported in this reporting period!

The new recruiting brochures were unveiled at IM2002. The original document was cleaned up and edited for the most part, with the layout being redone and graphics added. My thanks to Chris Wallace and John Adcock for working on that. The brochure will be available on the SFMC website for download. Also available will be two new recruiting posters. These would be perfect for posting up at your local meeting or convention to attract new recruits. These will also be available on the SFMC website.

I was pleased to be a part of the International Muster, 2002, in San Jose California. During my 20 minutes I presented some numbers for all to digest, presented two awards to people that were at the muster, gave some advice for reporting, and answered some questions people had. I personally had a fabulous time and was quite pleased with the turnout.

Unfortunately, I was unable to present the Brigade Commanders Handbook that I promised for IM. The new date is sometime in September; I will keep the Corps informed as to it's progress. Below is the State of the Corps as of May, 2002.

State of The Corps* As of May 31, 2002**

Latest members (38): Bill Herman, Mandi Livingston, Eric Livingston, Adam Zalonis, Paul Woodward, Brian Chappell, Jason Chappell, Bryan Houseknecht, Tracy Lilly, Josh Brown, Candace Brown, Jeremiah Brown, Shelia Brown, Joe Legano, Shawn Williams, Derrick Waugh, Jason Braaten, Vicky Mock, Pat Kynett, Sam Mock, Russ Garrison, Joel Housworth, John R. Rider, Jeff C. Bragg, Rick Ervans, Chris Wallace, Kenneth F. Burke, Rick "Coyote" Copley, Dal L.

After attending a phenomenal International Conference in August, I would like to start out by thanking James Monroe and 4th BDE OIC Chris Esquibel for hosting a great International Muster event.

Additionally, Chris is to be commended for quenching the thirst of a very parched General Staff (you had to be there).

SUPCOM has continued to be very busy. Bob Bulkeley has come on board to do graphics and lay out for the upcoming SFMC Uniform Guide, and John Newmark will be working on the Drill and Ceremonies Manual.

Each of these publications, along with the new Marine Forces Manual should be ready for debut on 1 January 2003.

THE FORCE IS WITH YOU...

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

"Tiny" Glenn, Glenn A. Hicks, Jr., Scott L. Inman, Glenn Overby II, Rick Slingerland, Caleb Tullis, Joshua Tullis, Jeff Weber, Monika Reinholz, Thomas Hudspeth.

Current Membership Reported:

Last period: 578 (active and reserve)
This period: 590 (active and reserve)
Increase of 2%

Brigades Reporting: 15
Brigades Listed: 15

Marine Strike Groups Reporting:
Last period reported: 95
Last period listed: 113
Report rate: 84%

This period reported: 109
This period listed: 119
Report rate: 91%

Marine Strike Groups Formed: 8
Marine Strike Groups Deactivated: 6

The following Marine Strike Groups did not file a report to their BN or BDE CO: (note this number will not match with the MSG stats above, due to some units not being reported at all): 130th, 147th, 188th, 233rd, 242nd, 868th, 867th

1st BDE

Leader's Commendation: Kevin Cozart, Robert, Torres, Bill Herrmann
Professional Development: Tracy Lilly
NCO Professional Development: Tracy Lilly
Medical Proficiency: Tracy Lilly
Marine Proficiency: Kevin Cozart
Initial Entry Training Award: Tracy Lilly, Mandi Livingston
SFMC Aerospace Wings: Kevin Cozart
SFMC Flight Surgeon Wings: Kevin Cozart
SFMC Medical Caduceus: Kevin Cozart
Leadership Qual. Badge-Silver: Tracy Lilly
SFMC Achievement Award: Scott Jensen
Sword of Valor : Jill Rayburn
STARFLEET Cross: Dennis & Jill Rayburn
Embassy Duty: Linda Oakley; Ben Redding; Paul Wheeler II, Andy Trotter, Jill & Dennis Rayburn, John Kane, Greg Franklin, Gary Hollifield, Jason Ryan, Michael Browne,

Walter Ewing, Mike Wilson, Judy Durall, Susan Fugate

2nd BDE

Medical Proficiency Ribbon: Shawn Williams
Good Conduct Medal: Rebecca Louise Self

3rd BDE

Good Conduct Medal-COL Alex Trevino.
Embassy Duty-Jeff Webb, Xaq Webb, Paul Parker, Matt Wabindato, Corey Stevenson
Joint Service Ribbon-Mark West (Klingon Bat'leth Tournament November 2001)
Community Service Citation-Byron Flynt, Mark West, Alex Trevino, Aaron Murphy, Robyn Winans, Joy Flynt, Tommy Holman.
Leaders Commendation-Alex Trevino, Tommy Holman, Jeff Webb, Byron Flynt, Joy Flynt, Robyn Winans, Mark West
Meritorious Unit Citation- 2nd Battalion (x2) for BN OIC and DOIC, 300th MSG, 333rd MSG, 342nd MSG
Brigade Achievement Award-Alex Trevino, Aaron Murphy, Byron Flynt, Joy Flynt, Robyn Winans, Jeff Webb, Mark West
Brigade Service Commendation-Tommy Holman, Alex Trevino, Jeff Webb, Joy Flynt, Robyn Winans, Mark West
Legion of Valor-342nd MSG
Star of Valor- Paul Parker, 42nd MSG
Shield of Valor- Tommy Holman, 303rd MSG
Sword of Valor-BDR Byron Flynt
Cross of Valor-LTC Mark West

4th BDE

Brigade Service: Truman Temple
Brigade Achievement: Truman Temple
Marine Proficiency: Adam Bernay,
Initial Entry: Jason Braaten
SFMC Service: Truman Temple, Cyndi Temple

5th BDE

Sword of Valor: John Adcock
Embassy Duty: John Adcock, Scott Akers,
Community Service Citation: Stephen Idell
Joint Service Award: Norman DeRoux,
Stephen Idell, GEN Chris Wallace,
Brigade Service Award: Diana Hoff

6th BDE

Cross Of Valor: Will Perry

Sword Of Valor: Mike Urvand
Star Of Valor: Will Perry
Legion Of Valor: 801st MSG

Brigade Service Commendation: Mike Urvand
Brigade Achievement Award: Jessica Stratton
Embassy Duty: Mike Urvand, Jessica Stratton

7th BDE

Academic Excellence: Sanford Berenberg
Great Barrier Award: Sanford Berenberg,
Geraldine Sylvester, Col Joost Ueffing
Embassy Duty: Sandy Berenberg, Joost Ueffing

12th BDE

STARFLEET Cross: Joseph N. Brouhard,
Jennifer Colpitts
SFMC Service Commendation: Jennifer Colpitts, Wade Hoover
Brigade Achievement Award: Kevin Allen King, Wayne Morrison
Community Service Citation: Rick Gale, Carole K. Smith, Dianne Scheffing
Joint Service Ribbon: Rick Gale, Carole K. Smith, Dianne Scheffing
Embassy Duty: Lisa Brinkley, Thomas Brinkley, Justin Donovan, Scott Frey, Wade Hoover, Wayne Killough, Kevin Allen King, Wayne Morrison, Brett Price, Mysteri Tullis
Medical Proficiency: Wayne Lee Killough, Jr.
Initial Entry Training Award: Glenn A. Hicks

17th BDE

Medical Proficiency- Mike Dethlefs, John Roberts, Earl Beighley
Cross of Valor: Nancy Lynch
Sword of Valor: Mike Dethlefs
Shield of Valor: John Roberts
Star of Valor: David Cereme
Legion of Valor: 875th MSG
Brigade Service Commendation: John Roberts
Brigade Achievement: Deb Kern
Meritorious Unit: 898th MSG
Leaders Commendation: Randy Lynch
SFMC Service Commendation: Greg Fitzsimmons, Nancy Lynch
Community Service- Nancy Lynch, Randy Lynch, David Mullins, Deb Kern, Thomas Hudspeth

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

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

SUPCOM REPORT

By Brigadier John Adcock • CO, SUPCOM

We sold several sets of SFMC Pins, patches and hats at the IC. The money raised from the quartermaster sales will be put right back into the Corps fund, which will be used to pay the debt owed to the Commandant and to act as capital for developing new items for sale. We're taking suggestions for items the members of the Corps would like us to stock.

Lauren Milan is again to be commended for her work on the SFMC web site. We are planning on rolling out a few new features in the very near future, and we are working with FORCECOM to make sure that the "Find an MSG" section is

100% accurate following the August reporting period. Remember, all corrections to that section should be sent to FORCECOM via the bi-monthly reports. Do not send them to SUPCOM or the Webmaster.

Susan Fugate, Executive Officer of SUPCOM, has been added to the Corps-L email list as a Moderator. She joins Allyson Dyar and myself. She has also been added as an official Operator in the #corps IRC channel on the Fleetchat (<http://www.fleetchat.org>) network.

On a related note, I must once again ask

everyone to read and abide by the Corps-L list guidelines which can be found in the List FAQ, located at:

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

We have had an abnormal amount of people trying to post to the list from email addresses other than the ones they are really subscribed from, and also people are posting in HTML. Both of these cause a lot of problems and are therefore not allowed.

I would also like to offer congratulations to all Marines who were recognized with Honor awards at the IC banquet.

All were very well deserved!



R3 SUMMIT 2002: A WEEKEND IN THE MIRROR UNIVERSE

By Commodore Joyce Fink and Captain Joy Flynt • STARFLEET Region 3

Artwork Created by Brigadier Aaron Murphy • STARFLEET Region 3

Region 3 held its seventh annual summit, "A Weekend in the Mirror Universe" June 7th-June 9th at the Holiday Inn South in Fort Worth, Texas. However, this year Region 3 welcomed a special guest for the weekend and one of the newest members of the regional family, Mr. Vaughn Armstrong who portrays Admiral Forrest in *Enterprise* as well as some dozen other roles on the various *Star Trek* series from *Next Generation* to *Voyager*. Mr. Armstrong became a member of STARFLEET and the USS *Bethel* through the efforts of BDR Bryon Flynt, Summit Chair and Chief Engineer of the USS *Bethel*. Mr. Armstrong also took time during the busy weekend for an interview.

Friday afternoon, June 7th, the summit officially began with attendees arriving for registration. FCpt Stephanie Izard, CO of the USS *Rhyanna* and Vice Chief of Operations for Region 3, and members of her crew handed out Summit packets to the group. FCpt Izard thanked her crew for all their diligent help, especially Capt Kathy Hench for staying at the table all weekend and keeping track of the registration materials. About 7 p.m., 30 members of the Region 3 staff, family and friends, trekked across the street to enjoy a steak dinner at a local restaurant. After dinner, they returned to the hotel to begin having a fun-filled weekend!

Saturday morning started off as usual with opening ceremonies. The 342nd Marine Brigade from the USS *Ark Angel* posted the colors. After the introduction of the regional staff, Regional Coordinator Adm Brad Pense introduced our special guest for the weekend, Mr. Vaughn Armstrong, to a round of enthusiastic applause. The region also greeted several visitors from other regions and *Trek*-related chapters: Barney and Linda Cole from the USS *Concord* in Region 12; Chris Cole from the USS *Ronin* in Region 12; Gerry Sylvester from the USS *Highlander* in Region 7 and a member of the STARFLEET Membership Processing Corps; Pat Burke, Matt Brinkley, and Harold and Linda Rosenbaum from the IKV *Melota*, a Fort Worth area Klingon chapter. Adm Pense was joined by Capt Billie Clifton, Region 3 Awards Coordinator and member of the USS *Rhyanna*, at the podium to hand out the 150 plus awards earned by Region 3 members for the year. Adm Pense asked Mr. Armstrong to help him recognize the recipients of STARFLEET promotions.

Next, the launch of the Shuttle *Firebird*, the region's newest shuttle was announced. The Shuttle *Firebird* with Cmdr Trey Price as CO and LCdr Cathey Osbourne as XO joins the other shuttles that launched earlier in the year. The others are the Shuttle *Laredo* with Cdr Emilio Martinez as CO and LCdr Carmen Trevino as XO and the Shuttle *John Marshall* with Cdr Adam Day as CO and

LCdr Susan Webster as XO. As the newest additions to the region, all were greeted with enthusiasm.

Adm Pense concluded the Opening Ceremonies by kicking off the annual charity auction with the first item up for bid being two seats at Mr. Armstrong's table during the Saturday night banquet. Capt Evan Richards and FCpt Kathleen Sweeney of the SS *Freedom III* won the seats with their high bid. BDR Byron Flynt, the Summit Chair, then announced that hidden under one of the auditorium chairs were two more free seats for Mr. Armstrong's table. SCPO John Montgomery of the USS *Quannah Parker* turned out to be the lucky winner.

The cadet members of Region 3 were as busy as the adults were at summit. A number of panels and activities were directed at the kids' interest and got some adults involved, too. The Cadets Roundtable returned this year with Comm Dustin Williams, Vice Commandant, STARFLEET Cadet Corps, promoting the Cadet Essay Contest and the 2002 Cadet Awards. Williams also discussed in general terms what he and the commandant, STARFLEET Cadet Corps, are hoping to accomplish for the cadets and encouraged the cadets to tell them what our chapters have been doing. Much of the Roundtable discussion focused on the need for a rank system for cadets; however, the "big" request was for a Cadet List on the

auction, a photograph of the *Enterprise* cast that featured all of the actors' autographs. Once again, Capt Evan Richards was the highest bidder on this special photograph during the auction.

"Meeting Vaughn Armstrong had to be one of the nicest parts of the Summit," said FCapt Karon McLain, CO of the USS *Tejas*. "I think the Region is ready to adopt the man for his kindness and generosity."

Once Saturday's panels and events were concluded, it was time for The Imperial Regent's Banquet and Ball with everybody encouraged to dress as their opposite in the "Mirror Universe" and join in the fun. While the charity auction was being set up, Mr. Armstrong entertained us with some songs that he had written, accompanying himself on the ukulele and harmonica.

After the auction, Region 3 members enjoyed the annual "Casino Night" with blackjack, the "Human Slot Machine," and other games. The final round of the annual "Gold-Pressed Latinum Tournament" was also played and Cdr Trey Price of the newly launched Shuttle *Firebird* walked as the winner. The winnings are split between the winner's chapter, Region 3 and the charity for the year.

Sunday morning, after the traditional CO's and XO's breakfasts, the Region 3 Executive Committee and the chapter COs met for the Congress of Commanding Officers (CCO). The CCO discussed several STARFLEET items as well as the region's plans for the rest of this year and next year's summit. Then, everybody returned to the auditorium for the closing ceremonies. During the ceremonies, Adm Pense announced that \$1,500 had been raised for the American Diabetes Association. The crew of the USS *Quannah Parker* presented a slide show of the weekend's highlights. Then, the Region presented a special gift basket to Mr. Armstrong. The basket was filled with items representing the various R3 chapters so Mr. Armstrong would remember his first summit.

"I would first like to thank the many individuals who helped and also the chapters that worked as a whole group," Byron Flynt, Summit Chair, said. "The USS *Bethel*, the host ship, and the USS *Rhyanna*—far too many things to list. I will put it this way: Without their help, this Summit would have made my hair turn a lot more gray than it is now... Last, but not least, thanks to Admiral Brad Pense and the Region 3 staff. I would really like to thank Admiral (honorary) Vaughn Armstrong of the USS *Bethel*. It was an honor to have you at our Summit. I have been working security at conventions for 10 years and have worked with so many TV and movie stars over the years. I can say without a doubt that Vaughn you are the BEST."

The following members of Region 3 received awards at the 2002 Summit:

Distinguished Service Award
Sam Black, Lisa Pruitt, Robyn Winans

Region Three Cross
Byron Flynt, Alex Trevino

Scholastic Achievement
Leah Boren, Rachel Boren, Alice Champion, Esther Choi, Amy Esqueda, Joseph Greene, Ryan Goldman, Jacqueline Hogan, Jonathan Hogan, Christopher Jacobson, Tegan Jacobson, Alex Johnston, Teresa Jones, Christopher McLain, Jeremy McLain, Matthew O'Neill, Maureen O'Neill, Nick Stewart, Nichelle Thomas, Tabitha Tracy, B'Elanna Trevino, Victor Quintanilla, Robin Van Cleave, Stephanie Ybarra

Newsletter of the Year
USS Panther City's Paw Print

Volunteer of the Year
Byron Flynt, USS Bethel

Junior Member of the Year
Alex Johnston, USS Quannah Parker

Enlisted Member of the Year
John Montgomery, USS Quannah Parker

Chapter of the Year
USS Quannah Parker

Officer of the Year
Stephanie Izard, USS Rhyanna

Member of the Year
Lisa Pruitt, USS Quannah Parker

When opening ceremonies finished, attendees could take advantage of the panels and events for the day. Panels included "Interactive Fiction"; The American Diabetes Association, our Summit Charity; "Pomp and Circumstance" and Recruitment. The Officers Training School (OTS) and Officers Command College (OCC) exams as well as the STARFLEET Marine Corps (SFMC) exams were also offered to members.

Since the theme of this year's Summit was A Weekend in the Mirror Universe, what could be more appropriate than The Promotion Game, a take off on the old game of "Killer", sponsored by the USS *Ark Angel*? There was also the Agony Booth featuring some "special" music selected by Region 3's DJ Steve Gordon, now a member of the USS *Victory*. In the afternoon, Capt Robert Graham, XO of the USS *SpiritWolf* hosted the first round of The Weakest Link.

Region 3 List Server, which is now up and running.

New to this year's summit was the Cadets Video Game Competition. The competitors ranged in age for 7 to 15 with the winner in each age group receiving an autographed photograph of Vaughn Armstrong, who was also gracious enough to personalize each autograph and pose for photos with the winners. When asked if they enjoyed the competition, the cadets responded with a loud, resounding "Yes!"

While all the panels and activities were happening, Mr. Armstrong signed autographs and posed for photographs in the hotel atrium. He donated 25 percent of the money he received for his autographs to the summit charity, the American Diabetes Association. Mr. Armstrong also brought a special item with him for our charity

THE STARFLEET INTERVIEWS

With Special Correspondent Jess Naumann

At the 2002 Region 3 Summitt, Jess Naumann of Space Station Freedom III had the opportunity to sit down and conduct an interview with Vaughn Armstrong, who plays Admiral Forrest on UPN's "Enterprise."

Jess Naumann: So, you've been an actor for 36 years?

Vaughn Armstrong: I guess I have. Yeah, since I was 16 and next month I'm 52 so...

JN: What was your first acting experience? Was it on the stage or something?

VA: Yeah, in school it was a play called *Dear Me*. Well, actually my first stage experience was pulling the stage curtain back stage and that was for *The Glass Menagerie*. That was my first stage experience. Next, was the following year... no, it was later the same year... it was called *Dear Me the Sky is Falling*. Now, I don't know if this is encompassed in some of your later questions, but were you in the chat room yesterday? At that point in time, I was an obsessive compulsive. I don't know if you're familiar [with that] but they do all these ceremonies. I would wash my hands until they were bloody. I just told everybody this so if you've already heard pay no attention. Actually, this teacher saw something in me that she thought needed to be developed and showed me what it was to have a life where you're dedicated to something that you love. And, in a sense, helped to cure me of that difficulty. I would say that's the major benefit of finding the theater. The reason that I found it was that I got into this play and this girl gave me the **best** kiss I had ever had on stage, and my mother had given me \$10 to audition for that play. So, you could say the reason I got into it was money and women. (Laughing)

JN: (laughing) Can you see yourself having done something else or gotten involved with something else?

VA: At the time I was leaning towards art. I was an artist. I have done lots of things actually. I have been a night-man at a mental institution, I have dumped garbage, I have run theaters, and anything that it took for me to make a buck to raise my two kids for the first 10 years of my married adulthood. Then things started getting better and the jobs started coming a little more frequently. But is there anything that I could have pursued with the same passion? I doubt it because part of what this job is, is letting that passion out, so I got to tell you I love that like none other.

JN: When you first started doing your TV acting and stuff when was that? The late 60's? The early 70's? When did you first start getting into TV acting?

VA: Well, in the early 70's, I was in a performing art school. In the late 60's, I was in a place called U.S. International University Center for Performing Arts. I was then drafted. So I went to the Army for another two years and sort of had to do that before I came back and started my career over. In fact when I was drafted, I had just auditioned for my first union job in New York. I got home to pack for the Army and they called me up at my parents' house saying, "Hello. We would love to have you come tour the nation with us." It was big money for me. It was like in 1971, and it was 350 bucks a week. I was going to be touring the country and all that, but I had to go and tour another country all together. So, my television career was kind of thwarted for another four or so years. So, I began really in, I think it was in 1975, acting in television. My first job was on

an ABC children's special called "My Dear Uncle Sherlock." I did all the shows of the day, *Wonder Woman*, *Simon and Simon*, and whatever was on television I was fortunate enough to get a job on.

JN: I wouldn't be surprised if I've seen some of those shows. You probably were one of the good guys or bad guys on those episodes like *Wonder Woman*...

VA: Oh, on *Wonder Woman* I was that bad guy. I did get to pick her up and put her in a barrel. Yeah, that was fun. Most of my roles in the early years were as a bad guy in a suit or a cop in a uniform. I'm still wearing uniforms. Here I am the admiral of *Star Trek* still in a uniform.

JN: You started playing mostly bad guys and then there were some good guys like cops and whatever else. Which role did you like playing the most? Which one appealed to you? Did you like playing the bad guy? Did you like playing good guys? Did you have a preference or did you just take whatever?

VA: Are you talking in the early days or just my career in general?

JN: Take your pick.

VA: The best roles are roles with some kind of depth and something that has a change in them, and you never know which one those are going to be. I like the ones that actually have some importance to somebody. Now, there aren't many of those in television. Usually, it's just entertainment, but there were a couple of things--like one of the things I did on *Days of Our Lives*--which I thought was going to be kind of funky, and I wasn't even sure if I wanted to do it. It started as comic relief with one of their villainesses. I had three episodes with her and then they decided to keep me on to let me molest my 16-year-old "daughter" for 16 or 20 episodes. I thought before I took the job. I thought I don't know if I'm going to do this. I don't know what it's going to say to people. Then, I read some of the scripts and saw that they were actually being quite sensitive and helpful in the situation. In fact, they did opening statements before each show saying if your having this problem contact this phone number. So actually what I thought might be kind of an icky thing to do turned into one of the more important.

JN: Like a public service announcement?

VA: It became sort of a public service, but not really. They did it in depth and with heart. They showed her pain and showed how she thought it was her fault. And there were all these little girls throughout America thinking it's their fault when the bad guy is the adult of course. I was kind of proud to have done that. That's the kind of role that is the best. Most of them that I've done with any meaning are on stage, and only a few people at a time see that.

JN: Nowadays when you take on a role of any kind, be it *Star Trek* or some other TV show, do you try to find out more about what the character is like or what the director wants out of that character? How do you approach that?

VA: When you get the script, you usually get about a week or so in advance. You just do

your best to find out where he fits into the story line and what he wants--the character wants. Did that answer your question?

JN: I think so.

VA: I kind of forgot your question [laughing].

JN: No, I was just wondering like when you get to play a character--I've seen you play so many different characters mainly in *Star Trek* that I know of--you put a lot of passion into it like when you got your first *Star Trek* character. Of course, on "Heart of Glory" to me you almost stole the show because I mean you started defining your roles and little things that Klingons have.

VA: Well, thank you. I kind of pride myself in that. Actually, I think the reason they hired me was just what your saying there was. I had a lot of classical experience and, at the same time, I could fill it with passion and vulnerability at the same time and maintain a believability even with an over the top performance in some of the areas.

JN: I thought it was great.

VA: Well, thanks.

JN: Especially with that death howl. I've watched all of the original series and the movies. It was never something unique about Klingons like the death howl or the types of food they eat, or anything like that. It's almost like you made a defining part or maybe some parts of it defining what Klingons are to begin with. That's what it seemed like.

VA: Thank you. I'm kind of feeling that way lately, and people have actually said that to me. Of course, when I got the job, I was just getting a job. I was tired of digging ditches and I said yes.

JN: How about some of the other characters that you play? I don't remember if you played any more in the *Next Generation*, but when you get into *DS9* and *Voyager*, it's like you play I'm not sure how many maybe four or five. In *Voyager* like you played a Romulan, you played a Vidian, basically you just had your face covered up. I didn't even know that was you on there.

VA: Yes, the Vidian, the Hirogen... I'm trying to think of the *Voyager* things: the Borg; the Romulan, four or five; and the Klingon, too in "The End Game." They are kind enough to give me roles that demand heart. One of my favorites...the ones in *Voyager* was the Romulan because here was this race who was sort of evil and who finds a common link in that I (as Telek R'Emor) love my children just like the humans love their children. So we, through love for our children, can understand each other better, and I kind of liked that role.

JN: It was a shame about the Romulan character... I can't remember his name...

VA: Telek R'Emor

JN: because he proved to be a very interesting character, out of all the characters I've seen in the Romulans of *Next Generation* and *DS9*, *Voyager* and all that stuff. Any Romulan characters of yours have a lot of meat to the role. It was just something different to have a Romulan scientist who would of thought something like that.

VA: Thanks. It was nicely written and the guy had a lot below the surface. There's a lot more human in those aliens than we think.

JN: Yeah. It's just a shame there wasn't more seen with that character.

VA: Well, they wrote a lot of books about him. Christine Golden I believe wrote those.

JN: I was going to bring one up so you could autograph it, but I left in a rush.

VA: Yeah.

JN: They had those three novels right afterwards. It would have been nice to see it on screen because you know it was such a nice character that you played as a Romulan who wasn't somebody who's out to kill you or something like that.

VA: Well, thanks. We saw him in a time warp. Maybe we can do another time warp. What the hell, there are time warps everywhere.

JN: Yeah. Give those producers some ideas. Okay, let's talk about your role as Admiral Forrest.

VA: Yes.

JN: How did you come to get approached for that role? Did you go to them or did you hear about it?

VA: Well, by this time the casting directors knew me pretty well and I was kind of a stand-by for them if they weren't finding somebody they thought could do the role. They would call me because they knew I was responsible. But, the producer hadn't really understood how many I had done yet, so they actually called me in to audition for it. So when I walked into that audition, Rick Berman said, "Oh, Vaughn how many have you done have you done for us now? Four? Five?" And I sort of giggled and I said, "No, I've done eight or nine as a matter of fact." They went, "Well, that must be some kind of a record." There had been newspapers actually calling me because it was a record. I didn't know it was a record. Now that record is even more out in front of the others than it used to be. So, they called me to audition for that, but when I got home my agent called me and said, "As soon as you walked in the room they said there's Admiral Forrest, that's him." So, I didn't even read for that role, but they gave it to me anyway. So Soval just became somebody else...

JN: Gary Graham.

VA: Gary Graham. Yes, nice guy by the way.

JN: Yeah, sure is. Regarding the Admiral Forrest character himself and the name, how did that make you feel when you found out that you and two other characters were named after the original three? I mean because since you have watched the original series and I think you enjoyed it quite a bit from what I understand.

VA: I did indeed.

JN: So, knowing that it's like a bit of a homage to them, how did that make you feel?

VA: Pretty honored. My father used to love the show and it was one of the common things we had in our lives. We would sit there watching it together a lot. Actually, when I got in it, a few times . . . that's all he would talk about. So it was nice in that way. When he heard that I got this role, just before he died actually, he was real happy about it. It was nice, it was an honor. And also I thought his name... he's named after DeForest Kelley... maybe he'll be around for a while. So I thought "Oh, goody."

JN: How did you enjoy working with Scott Bakula aside from the other characters that had interaction with Scott Bakula as Captain Archer? With you as Admiral Forrest working with Scott Bakula, it seemed almost like a sort of mentor character. If I'm not reading it right tell me . . .

VA: No, you're reading it right. That's the way I feel about it. That's the way I'm approaching it. I don't know if he is, but I am. His approach to me is maybe that I am just the highest officer

in Starfleet so he treats me with the respect that that deserves. But the way I look at it, being the highest officer in Starfleet, it must mean that I've been around in Starfleet for a long time. So, I must have seen the promising cadets in the academy, and I knew his father as the development of the warp 5 engine was taking place. So, I saw in him a humanity that some of the other cadets didn't have, an intelligence, an ability, that I knew could get him out of situations that might occur. I feel like Admiral Forrest took an interest in his career early on. I don't know if that is how they're looking at it, but that's how I'm looking at it.

JN: Was it something that you talked to Scott and the producers about to set it up like that or it just happen that way?

VA: They gave me the script. They said, "You're this guy. Congratulations" ... and then you kind of make it up as you go.

JN: But do you think, ever since that first episode, the pilot episode, that you will work alongside Scott Bakula again? The only times where I ever see anything with you and him or Forrest is this little view screen transmissions which I'm sure are recorded at different times. I don't know how you guys do that.

VA: Well, they were recorded at different times, but then recently, for the last three or so, they have put him on one side of a curtain and me on the other side of a curtain.

JN: So, you're kind of talking to each other.

VA: We're kind of talking to each other. In fact, he can see me because they have me on a monitor there for him to watch, but I can't see him because I'm looking directly into the camera. That's why he's so good because he gets to watch me act. (Laughing)

JN: The interaction was so good between you two. I was just wondering if there was going to be more chances of you two working [directly] alongside each other as opposed to just transmitting to each other. It's like maybe some kind of role where Captain Archer will be required to come back to Earth or something like that. But if there's a script in the works along those lines don't tell me...

VA: How about if I just say there may be? I'll also say I was told I have a very good role in the first episode of the next season.

JN: Oh, something to look forward to.

VA: Yes, something to look forward to.

JN: Great. That sounds like good news.

VA: Yeah.

JN: How many others did you play besides Admiral Forrest since the beginning of the *Enterprise*? You've already played a few others ...

VA: I've done three. Two other than Forrest. I did one Klingon in an episode called "Sleeping Dogs."

JN: Is that the one with the ship was caught in some kind of gas cloud or something?

VA: Yes, and I was the captain who was on the screen ... another one on the screen ... drinking and dying and then I come back to get mad at him for saving me (laughing) as Klingons will. The other one was as the Kretassan who was easily offended by eating.

JN: The way you play that character was hilarious.

VA: Oh, thank you.

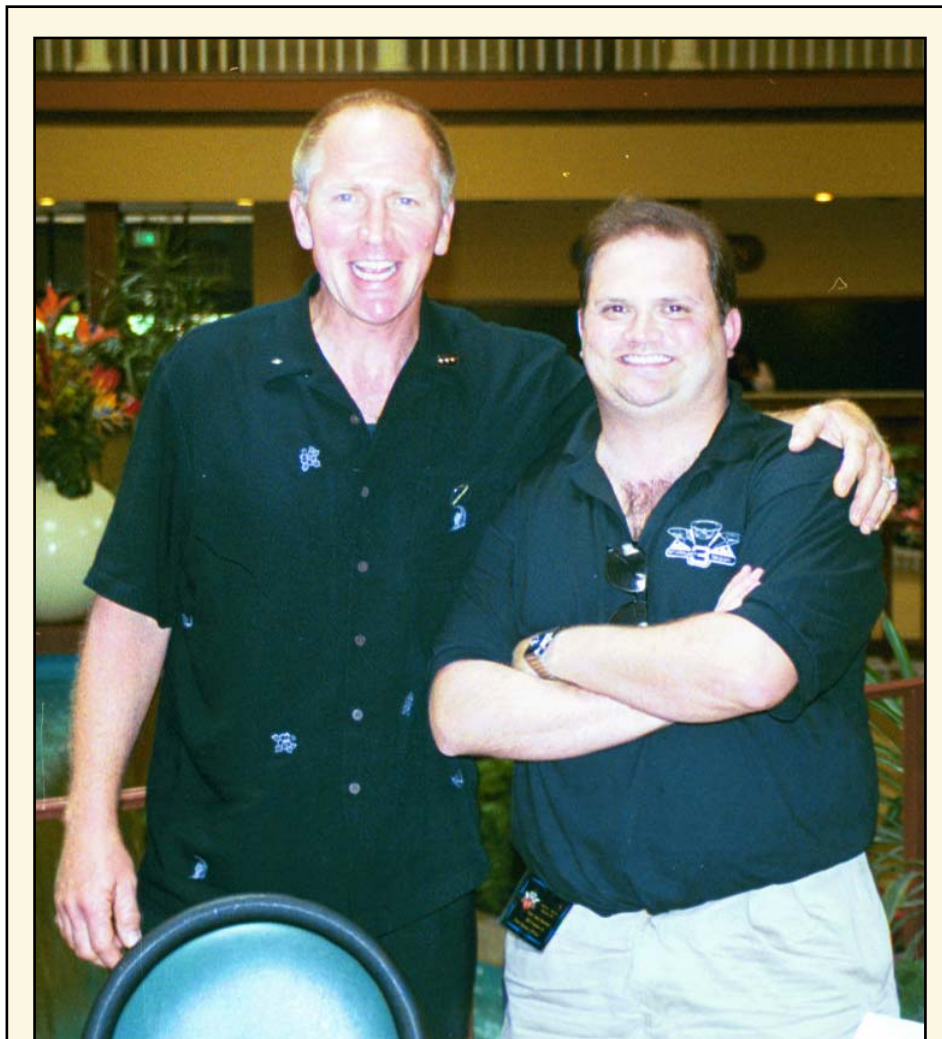
JN: I mean it just made me laugh. It's like getting mad about eating?

VA: I appreciate that. We had to change the voice, because I looked at it as this creature being very prissy. He's got this purple thing and I'm sure he thinks he's quite beautiful and offended by eating and the like. I actually had a very effete voice. Then we got into the actual screening or the editing of it, and the voice didn't work with the first part of the character because he was mad and gruff, so we changed it. I mean I was talking in kind of an upper-crust English. It wasn't English, but it was upper crust. It made him a little more rough, but I thought he was, like you say, a little prissy. I tried to maintain that with a rougher voice.

JN: When you first started playing the alien characters where you had to wear all this kind of makeup and prosthetics, extra applications, etc., would you say it's come a long way between when you played Korris as a Klingon and your most recent roles? Now, I know it's still the same person that was doing it ... Michael Westmore?

VA: Michael Westmore designs them all and is hands on for a lot of the process. He and another gentleman in the lab make the mix for the mask and for me they've re-formed them. They have a plaster cast of my face and they re-form them on the plaster cast and then put it on the face. But the first time I did Korris, they were using something that my flesh didn't take to, and I got all these white pustules (laughing)... to say this while we're eating... we're eating by the way...

JN: Yeah, enjoying a quick bite to eat from Wendy's.



Vaughn Armstrong and Jess Naumann at the 2002 Region 3 Summit.

Photo courtesy of Brad Pense

VA: all over my forehead and he was very concerned, called the nurse on the Paramount lot and all of that. The next day he just coated it with some sort of oil before he put it on my head and it never happened again. So, whatever they did wrong that time they've been doing it right for the last 15 years since.

JN: And, the process how they do it is like the way they do paints? Now, they do airbrushes and other various things. Has it cut down the time that they put it on depending on the character?

VA: Yes, it's—

JN: You've played several Klingons for example.

VA: I've played three Klingons--it's cut down on the second day's time more than the first day's time because on the first day they are still experimenting about how they want it to look. They're being very careful about where they put everything on the second day. They know where it goes, so it takes half the time. The first Klingon I did took about five hours the first day, now it takes about three and a half the first day and the

second day it's about two and a half.

JN: So, essentially just sitting in the makeup chair makes it? Sitting there doing nothing while all the work is being done then.

VA: You know I've never had a problem with it. I kind of enjoy it. They're nice guys and we seem to have a lot to talk about, and I get to memorize my lines while I'm in the chair. So, I've never had a problem sitting in the chair.

JN: Especially when you have the characters that require something that covers your whole face like the Vidians or other characters like the Kretassan captain that you mentioned earlier?

VA: Yeah, the greatest difficulty for me is the contacts [lens]. I don't do well with contacts, and I've had to wear them for several shows. I'm getting a little more used to it, but it's still

had for me to do were run the swimming pool and show the movie. Which meant I got a house that was in between the swimming pool and the movie, which is where I lived. Everybody on the base wanted my job, the colonel wanted my job. But the difficulty about that job is that it was right next to the wire, so when and if, I should say when we were attacked, there was a greater possibility they would come through there first. They never came through that particular piece of wire first, which was very nice.

JN: Just to clarify. What's the "wire"?

VA: The "wire" is concertina wire, which is barbed wire that they spread around the base so that the enemy will have to through that before they get to you. It really doesn't help a whole lot when they throw a bomb there and blow it up, but you know they try. I guess the worst time really that, I don't know if it was the worst time, but one of the most interesting times ... We were watching a film; the film is like a drive-in movie with bleachers, it's outdoors. The guys walk in and sit in these bleachers, suddenly the screen went blank and I'm looking at the projector trying to see what's wrong. Then, I realize no it's not the projector and at the same time ... if you remember the original *Planet of the Apes* when the humans are working in the field and at one moment they all stop and look in one direction because they sense something happening... this happened to everyone of those men in the stands. They were all looking at the screen trying to figure out what was going on, and in the same second everybody's head went in one direction. There was a huge mushroom cloud of flame where they had just blown up our oil supply and at the same moment the guys jumped out of the bleachers and ran to get their weapons. It was an amazing display of instinct and training actually. Then I, being close to concertina wire, was one of the only men who had a loaded weapon in my home at all times, so I took the movie projector and I put a blanket on the window. I was really into this movie and I sat there and watched the rest of this movie while the battle ensued outside. I'm hearing machine gun fire going off and watching David McCallum do some stupid sci-fi thing... We were dumb and young in those days, so I finished the movie and then realized you could die if you don't get out in a bunker somewhere.

JN: All hell was breaking loose all around you and you were busy trying to finish watching a movie.

VA: Yeah. I did watch the movie actually. But when it was over, I realized how stupid I was and I took my rifle and I went I climbed in the nearest bunker with all the other guys until it was over. Until the machine gun fire stopped and then I went back to my pool.

JN: Well, that's definitely an amazing story.

VA: Those were the days.

JN: Did you see a lot of action yourself besides something like that?

VA: I was not stomping through the jungle on a regular basis. No, I was in a large compound, which was Camranh Bay, but we were attacked several times. There were mortar fire and snipers and there was another time when some of the girls on the base turned out to be Viet Cong and were doing some damage to some of the guys. There were some incidents, but it wasn't a daily barrage of gunfire that I dealt with.

JN: The reason I have asked this is because one of my bosses at work was stationed over in Vietnam and he has mentioned Camranh Bay, so ...

VA: Camranh Bay was where a lot of guys went for R&R.

JN: Right. Yes, that's what he said.

VA: One of the best examples about how different it was in Camranh Bay and other places was the Navy. Some guys in the Navy gave me a boat, and they loaned me their truck to drive it home with. I didn't have a back on the truck and as I made the turn the boat slipped off the back and landed in the middle of the road. There was a convoy of tanks and armored personnel carriers as far as you

could see on this highway that I had just dropped this thing on that had to stop for my boat. They were coming back from what the war really was, and the guys in the lead tank had to get out and lift the boat up and put it back up on the truck for me. That's the kind of different situations that we had there. They were out fighting the battle, and I was taking my boat over to my house. But, I don't know if that has answered your question.

JN: Oh, you did.

VA: My difficulties were not the same as their difficulties. I was very fortunate while I was there.

JN: If anything it just gives you more of a sense of your real self--what makes up Vaughn Armstrong--before he becomes the actor who's been playing all these different roles or something like that, so I figured I would throw that in there.

VA: Sure. The most difficult time for me was in the infantry. I was always in a guard unit either in a guard tower somewhere or . . . one of the worst times was on an ammunition barge. What you're supposed to do is have two hours on, two hours off with a partner--two guys, one guy sleeps while the other guy watches. I took my two hours of sleep and I wake up and the ammunition barge has been towed out into the middle of the bay. Because if it blows up, they don't want it to hurt anybody but you . . . (laughing) . . . so, I'm thinking wait a minute . . . I had no idea that we had been towed into the middle of the bay. All I knew is we were on the shore when I went to sleep and when I woke up we were in the middle of the bay. After that I never went to sleep on guard duty whether it was my turn to sleep or not, I said we were supposed to be two hours on, two hours off, two hours on, two hours off. I never took that two hours off. I drank quarts of coffee to stay awake the entire time I was at a post when we were supposed to actually suppose to be able

to sleep two hours at a time. I intended to live when I got back.

JN: Yeah, that was my next question. When did you get back home? When was your tour of duty over? When did you begin your work as a stage worker?

VA: I was there for a year and then got back to Colorado Springs. Fort Carson was the name of the post. And, then I was put back in the infantry again--mechanized infantry. I was supposed to drive armored personnel carriers. And I was again in the infantry for half the time. I got out of it and got into entertainment where I thought I could be more useful actually because I had quite a bit of training in theater and I became the non-commissioned officer in charge of the Fort Carson Little Theater. So, half the time again was split between infantry and entertainment. And I got out, went to Kansas to do a little summer stock, met my wife . . . in the middle of the fire flies, the romance of the countryside... it impressed me so much that I married her and have stayed married for 25 years.

JN: Congratulations on that.

VA: Thank you, thank you very much.

JN: Now, that you're between doing roles on TV, do you have any upcoming projects that you're doing? Are you involved with other things that are going on, like stage work, like with the theater? What are you doing these days besides playing on *Star Trek*?

VA: Well, I just did four episodes on *Days of Our Lives*, which will start airing I think June 10th. I guess this won't be out by that time. I just did a TV movie *Path To War*. My scene is with Alec Baldwin, Tom Skerritt, and Frederic Forrest, which is kind of cool, and a few other things here and there. I have a commercial or two going. Mostly what I spend my time doing is being "Mr. Mom" and

running the kids to where they have to go and making sure their lives are straight away.

JN: From the information that I've read about you, one or two of your kids are going to be involved with acting or something like that. Are they going to go into an acting career? Following in your footsteps it sounds like...

VA: My youngest one seems to be taking a great interest in film making, and he's acting at the moment. He thinks he wants to be a director. My oldest is an artist. I'm very proud of them both. The oldest, like I say, has a 4.33 GPA (on a 5-point scale) and took all of these great advanced chemistry courses and things and wants to be an artist. I keep telling him, "Buddy, JPL is just down the street from your high school..." that's a jet propulsion lab..."Okay, be an artist but do it for JPL or something." No, I'm kidding. He can do whatever he wants to do. As long as he's happy, I'm happy. He is one of the finest artists that I've ever seen and has been winning a lot of awards for that. There's where his passion is, and if I learned anything in my 52 years, it's follow your passion. So, that's what he's going to be doing. But the other still has two years of high school. My oldest is leaving this year, it's breaking my heart. He is 18. My entire life has been wrapped around making sure these kids are okay. Now, the first one's going out of the house, and I don't know what the heck I'm going to do.

JN: It sounds like you've been very involved with your children's lives. That's a good thing.

VA: Yeah, I think it's been the most important influence on my life and a big influence on theirs. I'm real happy it worked out. I'm real happy to have been unemployed for such a great length of time (laughing) so I could spend time with my kids. Yes, it's been great.

JN: Okay, one last subject. You don't have to

answer this if you don't want to. It's on a more serious subject... September 11th...

VA: Yes.

JN: Were you doing something?... most people when asked where you were when this happened... for me, when I first heard about it I was just waking up and I was turning on the TV and all crazy stuff was going on. So, I was trying to wake up from that nightmare of what I was seeing on TV . . . How did it affect you or how would it have affected you?

VA: Well, I think like everyone in America, in the world really, it was the greatest shock that hopefully we will ever experience. It broke the heart of the nation, and, I am so proud of our nation, that it didn't break the spirit of the nation. But it was devastating to all of us. In fact, there was an interview for *Star Trek* magazine that I was supposed to do on the day of September 11, and I just couldn't do it. I said this isn't what we're supposed to be doing today. We have to take a day to understand what's happening here. I can't be talking about a frivolous career in acting while 4,000 people have just been murdered. Turns out it wasn't 4,000. Thank God. But, you know we're changed forever. I started traveling a great deal just around that time and, I don't know, I felt like it was a duty to maintain the life that we had had before so I almost felt obligated to travel even more than I had. I think we're trying to make something, like we in America, we're trying to find the positive results of what happened there. I think we're doing a pretty good job of that, but it'll never make up for what occurred.

JN: Well, we're pretty close of the end of this interview. Any last words you would like to say?

VA: Live long and prosper!

JN: All right, sounds great! Thanks very much!

It happened again, another Highlander crewmember got hell's fire into them.

Petty Officer 1st Class Edward DeRuggiero of the USS Highlander made a decision to put his energy and effort towards STARFLEET. To that effect the STARFLEET Breakfast at the Hunt Valley Inn is now the newest tradition in R7.

The breakfast was the brainchild of Ed DeRuggiero. It was held at the Cinnamon Tree Restaurant the day after a Shore Leave was held at the hotel. It was open to all of STARFLEET. The atmosphere was festive, with yellow, blue and red streamers, helium balloons and party favors about.

There were members of the Highlander, Edinburgh, Sun Tzu, Challenger and Avenger in attendance. There was also a phone call from the USS Eagle's Fleet Captain Ramon Macias. The cell phone was passed around several times so all the folks could talk to R4. Ramon was even serenaded by Miriam (Mom) Shugrue of the Sun Tzu.

From there, hotel general manager Yale Feldman stopped by the Fleet breakfast to meet and greet. The staff members of the hotel had told him about the Polar Bear Plunge.

The front desk manager had asked where her Plunge signs were for this year. The decision was made to present her with a 2003 Plunger. This was done on Saturday.

On Sunday, the word was that the staff was going to wrap the plunger and present the plunger to Mr. Feldman during the weekly staff meeting at 8:30 AM. Upon hearing of the STARFLEET breakfast at 9AM that morning, we were told that Mr. Feldman would be escorted to the STARFLEET table.

It was a wonderful sight to see a senior member

STARFLEET'S NEWEST FIREBALL

Gerry Sylvester • USS Highlander, Region 7



A Hit with the Ladies: Gerry Sylvester and Jolynn Brown (CO of Greywolf Station, STARFLEET's 2002 Shuttle of the Year) pose with Region 4 Mascot, Dinky.

Photo courtesy of Allyson M. W. Dyar

of the Marriott Corporate staff laughing, joking, relaxing and having a good time with the members of STARFLEET.

He was personally introduced to the head of STARFLEET's membership processing and USS Edinburgh CO, Sandy Berenberg and Alex Rosenzweig, the regional coordinator for Region 7.

Ed is a retired con chair Shore Leave. Ed was also President of the Trek Rec Deck committee when then Captain Naughton of the USS Enterprise-CVN-65 was a guest at the Baltimore area con.

Ed was also the creator of Operation Trek Rec Deck, and was the president of the organization that hosted the Big E con in Norfolk, Virginia, in '94. Both of which were intended to provide Trek items to boost ships moral.

Captain Naughton is now Admiral Naughton, Superintendent of the US Naval Academy. The Officers Club at the Naval Academy is also the site of the R7 Holiday party this coming December 7. The host ship is the USS Edinburgh. The event host is Sandy Berenberg.

Add to that the fact that the Polar Bear Plunge takes place in Annapolis, the Naval Academy provides cadets to help with the event... well you get the picture.

In the one short year that Ed has been a member of Fleet, he was named the R7 Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year, and was also presented with the STARFLEET Marine Corps Star of Valor for his outstanding public and community service.

It was Angel Acton-Nehl/USS Highlander who said it best,

"They Pissed Off Ghandi!"



DAYS OF RELAXATION: SHORE LEAVE 24

By Captain Dean Rogers • STARFLEET Region 7

Artwork Adapted by Admiral Kurt Roithinger • STARFLEET Region 5

For eight years now, I have attended 25 Star Trek conventions within the Maryland, Washington, DC, and Virginia area. I have experienced everything from earning first place in a Masquerade Contest to being arrested by the Klingons 17 times in one Saturday. I also had the pleasure of being a Star Escort a couple times and proving my knowledge of science fiction trivia amongst hundreds of fans. Each new convention I attend has a story different from the previous one. Some are filled with very good memories (especially if having fun dancing the whole night away!), and a couple of the conventions were not my personal favorites due to them missing elements of a great convention.

Shore Leave 24, which took place on the weekend of July 12 - 14th 2002, has to be among the top two of my all-time favorites. Ever since I became a real go-getter, dedicated to duty and honor, I have nearly forgotten why I attended conventions in the first place. For nearly two years, I have been trying to break out of the shell I created within me. Even my best friends tried to break a smile out of me or get me to loosen up. Many times it didn't work. However, the Polar Bear Plunge on January 26, 2002 started a change. On that day, I had to take a dip into the Chesapeake Bay with a water temperature of 35°F. It was the first step into a life that I needed to begin, a complete turnaround, starting to act like a 21-year-old.

Ever since that day, amazing things were happening to me for the first time. Among them were: my first overseas trip, my first concert I ever attended in April 20th and my first working car I bought on April 22nd. The most recent "first" you will learn about shortly, as well as why I gave the title of "Three Days of Relaxation and Realization" to this article.

Friday, July 12th

After a four-hour workday at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, I headed back home to pack the rest of my bags for my 25th Convention.

All excited, I had to make sure that I had everything from the autograph book to the new blue suit I had all decked out for 10 Forward. Along with my conference buddy, Commander Eugene Sanford, we took my 1993 Corsica out on the road, destination: Hunt Valley, Maryland.

There were so many things I was looking forward to in the next few days. First off, my very first drive to the convention without asking for directions. Secondly, the Avery family's idea for this year's Masquerade. I have also look forward to the dance at 10 Forward in that suit which I originally wanted to show off at International Conference. Most importantly, I was looking forward to meeting an SFI member that I have been talking for three weeks on IRC.

With my new and improved driving, we had arrived directly at the Marriott Hunt Valley Inn in 1 hour and 15 minutes. I have to admit that I could not believe that we had a shorter travel time than expected. After settling in, I accomplished my first goal for the weekend by meeting Elizabeth for the very first time. I was really stunned when I first met her in person. The moment we sat down together and talked

without being hundreds of miles apart, I knew that I had found a very good friend.

Later that evening, Elizabeth and I headed to the pre-commissioning party for the newly commissioned U.S.S. Edinburgh. Many of the region's finest attended the event. I must admit it was so much fun seeing a new shuttle being commissioned. I have not seen this happen since May 18, 1996 when the U.S.S. Athena was commissioned.

this year than the previous since I did not give my presentation last. To tell the truth, out of all cadet reports I done in past years, for this one I felt more relaxed which was pretty darn good. After my presentation, I was awaiting to hear if Highlander was going to win five more regional awards for a "three-peat".

However this year, we end up taking home two Awards. Ed DeRuggiero won the Enlisted Member of the Year and Jessica Coyle, the

by the Barney theme song and something so heinous that I cannot mention in this article. Suffice to say I was heavily teased. Nonetheless, it was all for a good cause.

Later in the evening, I was called down to the Avery's room to be in something I would never have expected to be in, a straitjacket. No, I have not become the new addition to the Federation Funny Farm, I was to become a mummy from the Buffy episode entitled "Hush." It took about 45 minutes to get into make-up and costume and perfect the mummy walk that nearly made me dizzy. Being a mummy for three hours was a challenge because I had to be absolutely silent. I had not been silent for that long since my days in the Navy Junior ROTC. In addition, I had to wear the costume for such a long time that I really began to feel the heat. This was all for the Masquerade in which we won 2nd Place in the new Horror Category.

After being demummified, I headed back got to my room and changed for 10 Forward. Unfortunately, I could not wear the suit I originally intended because I left my tie at home. So I had a back-up plan with a nice clean polo shirt, black trousers, and some dancing shoes. The music this year was very different because they played more contemporary music than older tunes like they used to.

Sunday, July 13th

The final hours of Shore Leave 24 were very pleasant for me. That was where the realization part came into play. This day also marked something that I have never done in 24 conventions, for the very first time, I did not wear any of my Fleet Uniforms for the entire day. I finally realized that it was time to become Dean Rogers, the conventioneer, not Captain or Colonel Rogers.

During the latter half of the convention, Liz and I took pictures with the celebrities including Spice Williams, Richard Biggs, Rick Seafross, Dee Wallace Stone, and Jason Carter. After all this time with Liz, I had to say my fond farewell as the Avenger Caravan headed for New Jersey at 3:00pm. I had to admit that I was a bit sad to see her leave but I have great memories and pictures to know that I had a wonderful time.

Well, what can I say? I had the most wonderful time at Shore Leave 24. It proved out to be more than I bargained for in more ways than one. I have a lot of people to thank for those precious memories. I thank my friends in STARFLEET for being the second family to me. Whether I am feeling peachy keen or down on the luck, my friends were and are there for me. These great people wanted to make sure that I have a good time whenever I am with them and always succeeded.

What lessons have I learned this weekend? The first lesson is that I have very good friends that really care about me and I wouldn't trade them for anything. The second lesson is to remember to have fun in whatever I do in life. The third and final lesson is a personal one, always follow my heart cause it will show you the right way. For this weekend, I was glad to follow my heart because I finally learned to relax and realize!



Mmmmh...Neckmassage: R7 Cadet Corps Commandant Dean Rogers and USS Avenger Liz Reilly share a comfortable moment on Sunday in the hotel following all of the weekend's activity.

Photo courtesy of Bob Vosseller

After the party, we headed over to Avenger Medical Ward for their cheesecake party. I must admit that I never had cheesecake in my life prior to going. Thanks to the efforts of the Medical Staff, it was quite an experience. They served a cheesecake with strawberries that so delicious I ate it all up. After a short nap, I left the party at 2:30 am. Then I headed back to bed in anticipation of another day of R&R.

Saturday, July 13th

This day is one day that will go down in my memory as an unforgettable day. It all started at 7:30 am when I woke up and became Colonel Rogers for the Marine Inspection. Before I went down to the hall, I had to pay a visit to the Medical Ward again. I headed down to the lobby for the Marine Inspection and (to my surprise) to find that there was none. So, I decided to head to the Fleet Meeting at 9 am.

The STARFLEET Meeting was more successful

Regional Cadet Corps Commandant, won the Scholastic Achievement for three consecutive years. I congratulated them both for their outstanding work. What's even more amazing is that I now have to change the door signs in my marine department because four of them got promoted. Ed DeRuggiero became a Staff Sergeant/Petty Officer 1st Class, Geraldine Sylvester (My DOIC of the 773rd) and Jessica Coyle became Captain/Lieutenant, and finally my CO, Gerri Wampler became a Major General/Rear Admiral. As the OIC, I salute them all and hope that they continue their success.

For the rest of the afternoon, I went to my post on Checkpoint Charlie for about four hours. However, it was interrupted by a group of Klingons. Yes my friends, I was arrested two more times for a total of 19 arrests in two conventions. I believe that this is a record in this convention's history for SFI Officers. During the time I spent in the jail, I was severely tortured

The USS Mir hosted the Region 17 Summit in Las Cruces, New Mexico the weekend of 21-23 June 2002. It was a first for the ship and also marked its seventh anniversary. The theme was the Alternate Universe as depicted in the Original Series episode Mirror Mirror and other Trek episodes. The 29 participants definitely got into the spirit of the theme.

The event brought a profit of \$604.70 to the Region 17 coffers and \$549.34 to the Make-a-Wish Foundation. The clever means used to raise the charity proceeds were: a raffle with superb prizes brought by members of Region 17, a toga contest, a best legs contest and a Kiss the Weasel Challenge. Another event, which will culminate ten years from now, was a time capsule filled with items selected by Region 17 ships.

Yes, it was a lot of fun. And if the contests, workshops and banquet weren't enough, there was the hospitality room complete with drinks, snacks and the USS Mir's seventh anniversary cake, with alternate universe action figures.

Those of us who had never met our Regional Coordinator, Admiral Jonathan "Gumby" Simmons, found he could go from serious to completely entertaining. What a performance!

Those who attended also got to see Nancy Lynch get her star by being promoted to Commodore/Brigadier General and Deb Kern promoted to Fleet Captain.

REGION 17 SUMMIT - LAS CRUCES, NM

By Lt. Cmdr. Elsa J. Baker • USS Mir, Region 17



The Attendees of the 2002 Region 17 Summit pose for a groups shot.

Photo courtesy of Elsa J. Baker

Congratulations to all of the award recipients:

Member of the Year:

Colonel John Roberts
USS Anasazi

Officer of the Year:

Vice Admiral Johnathan Simmons
USS Stormbringer

Enlisted of the Year:

Midshipman Dayne Clark
USS Alioth

Chapter of the Year:

USS Stormbringer

Shuttle of the Year 2000:

Shuttle Arc Royal and Shuttle Soyuz

Shuttle of the Year 2001:

Shuttle Soyuz

Cadet of the Year:

Cadet PO 2nd Class Gabrielle Bickford
USS Omega Glory

Region 17 SFMC Officer of the Year:

Colonel John Roberts
USS Anasazi

Region 17 SFMC NCO of the Year:

Gunnery Sergeant David Cerame
USS Anasazi

Region 17 SFMC Enlisted of the Year:

Gunnery Sergeant Susan Cerame
USS Anasazi

USS ALIOTH MARCHES ON!

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

June 6, 2002, March of Dimes Utah County Chapter, held their luncheon to cap off the Walk America fundraiser. The USS Alioth has been in existence for 16 years and this was the 16th year that they participated in the Walk America. At the luncheon the USS Alioth was presented the Walk America 2002 Division Director's Award.

In addition to taking charge of registration at the Walk, the USS Alioth also provides assistance in setting up, tying balloons,

communications (ham radio operators), and slave labor where needed.

Members that worked at this year's walk were Lynnette Knox, Keira Russell-Strong, Janet Shepherd, D. Justin Taylor, Nathan Shumway, Randy Bateman, Richard Bateman, Dayne Clark, Robbie Lawrence, Ray, Cheryl, Julie, and Angela Bateman.

And friends of the USS Alioth; Ann Edmunds, Josh Perry, and Sue Harris



Robbie Lawrence, Richard Bateman, D. Justin Taylor, Ray Bateman, Nathan Shumway, Ann Edmunds, Keira Russell-Strong, Janet Shepherd, Dayne Clark.

Photo courtesy of USS Alioth

SPACE STATION K'EHLEYR SUMMER PICNIC

By Rear Admiral Wendy Fillmore • Space Station K'Ehleyr, Region 4

Greetings from sunny Las Vegas!

Living in the desert we tend to have picnic weather year-round. Being from New Jersey, Bob and I have a hard time understanding folks bundling up in winter parkas for January's 35-55 degrees, but we are familiar with the time-honored tradition of the summer picnic. Wanting to get ours in before the high temperatures were 110+, we planned for the first week-end after Memorial Day.

Robert Hall made the effort to go out and pick up most of the food (meat, bread, condiments, paper products, soda) and then went to the picnic area to stake out tables for us well in advance of our planned meeting time. Thank you Mr. Hall!

We chose to have our picnic at the Lake Mead recreation area. Unfortunately the lake was rather low due to extra dry conditions this year so the water's edge was some distance from us. People were driving their cars down to the beach and parking right there so as not to have to walk so far.

After getting our fill of all of the great food that everyone brought, we enjoyed the company and the nice weather.

Although highs in the 90s may sound like a lot to some, when the humidity is at 10% (or less) and there's a breeze, it's really rather pleasant in the shade. Luckily we had a roof over our table area so we had plenty of shade. Add the large coolers of ice stocked with cold soda and we were all set for a great time.

Several members engaged in a water gun battle for target practice. We also had a large Styrofoam plane with a three-foot wingspan. The cadets received wonderful training in wind shear and emergency landings that day!

If any of you would care to see some pictures, check out: <http://www.lvcm.com/kitten63/picnic> for a look at our day. Some of our group's other activities include role playing and movie days. If you're ever in Las Vegas, be sure to contact us at kitten63@lvcm.com.

We'll be happy to help you with information about our town, meet up with you for desert at Quark's bar, and maybe even join you for a ride on Star Trek: The Experience.

Here's hoping everyone has a safe and happy summer!



USS JURASSIC AND USS OHIO FIELD DAY 2002

By Admiral Carolyn Donner • STARFLEET Region 1

Artwork Created by Commodore David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region 5

Captain's Log - Earthdate 2002.06.21

It was another hot humid day planetside. The Mighty Gorn (aka Gary Donner K8BE) and I (N8ST) were at USS Jurassic HQ in Hamersville, OH awaiting the arrival of the rest of the landing party. We had several preparations to make before the Field Day events in Hanlon Park started. USS Ohio CO Captain Barb Buffington (KC8SXM), and XO Rear Admiral Roger Scritchfield (WD8ITD) arrived around the middle of the afternoon.

After consuming field rations of turkey, ham, Swiss cheese, and the like, we started to work. Barb and I were busy at the computer in one room of HQ, while Roger and Gary were busy putting necessary software on Roger's laptop in the other room. Jurassic member Charles Chandler (KG4DRD) soon arrived with another laptop that needed software installed on it as well. While the guys worked on the laptops, the phone rang. It was Paul (W8JN) who said he was on his way out with the radio we would be using for voice contacts in the park. Little did we know, but Murphy was lurking in the background unnoticed by any of us.

After the software was installed on the various laptops and all was checked, we anxiously awaited a Morse code message from American Radio Relay League (ARRL). At the appointed time it came through and was decoded by both Chief Engineer Gary and the computer. This was the first of two coded transmissions.

The second transmission would be in RTTY (a type of 20th and 21st century radio Teletype transmission). Both messages were received and saved to the computer. This message was worth 100 bonus points for our Field Day entry, so everyone was excited to see the message come in so clear. No subspace transmissions would be used for this weekend event, only 21st century amateur radio type transmissions were used.

It was going to be a long weekend in the park, so we all settled into sleep about 10:30 p.m. local time, even though we were much too excited about the weekend activities to actually go to sleep. It's great fun to be allowed to participate in the ARRL's annual Field Day activities. These activities are designed to test emergency preparedness and at the same time introduce the public to amateur radio. Even though we get points for various activities through the weekend (and some before), there are no awards for this activity except for the satisfaction of a job well done. However, we look forward to seeing how our group does when the standings are posted in the national QST magazine each year.

Captain's Log Earthdate 2002.06.22

Everyone was up by 7 a.m. The generator, which would power our radios, lights, the coffee maker, and computers for the weekend couldn't be loaded into the van until the morning. We also needed to load the gasoline, computers, and radios right before we left. Sleeping bags, tents, antennas, information to pass out to the public, etc. had all been loaded the day before. Oh, and don't forget the food. Actually I did forget some of it, but no one starved, so I guess we didn't really need what was left behind. Murphy had made his first strike and we didn't even know it yet.

We stopped at the last bit of civilization we would see for two days, Burger King, for breakfast on our way to the park.

Once in the park in Georgetown, Ohio, a new Jurassic member greeted us. Jerry Silman (KB8PVY) also brought equipment we were going to need. We quickly unloaded the van, car, and trucks and set to work creating a working amateur radio station. We took over the shelter, re-arranged tables, setup tents beside the shelter under cover of the trees, hung the Jurassic banner and flags (USA flag, Ohio flag, MIA/POW flag, and of course a Starfleet flag), and hung antennas on huge tripods and into the trees overhead.

This year was our first year to offer amateur radio licensing tests. Since Gary, Roger, Barb, Jerry, and myself are all volunteer examiners (VE's), we had more than the required three VE's to grade tests. The testing session was from 10 a.m. until noon. All together we gave 15 tests to six people. Things went smoothly for the testing session. I'm happy to announce that Charles (KG4DRD) upgraded his license class to General. Congratulations Charles! We also had one person who went from no license to an Extra class license in one testing session. That's four tests he had to take and pass, including the five word per minute Morse code test. We're still trying to recruit him since he's also a Star Trek fan. Like all of Field Day, the testing session was open to the public.

After the testing session was over, we finished hanging the dipole antenna that went from two trees on either side of the shelter. Roger had a great idea this year to bring his diving weights and hang one on each end of the ropes holding the antennas in the trees. This gave just the right tension to keep the antenna from sagging in the middle.

Then it was time for the on air activities to start. Paul had his radio (a Kenwood TS570) setup and started calling "CQ Field

Day". That's when Murphy hit us full force. The antenna tuner in the radio absolutely refused to tune the antenna properly. Paul managed to get it to tune on one band, but then Murphy hit again and the radio seemed to be overheating. We could transmit for 20 minutes, then shut down for 30 to let the radio cool off. Well, we thought we were ready for Murphy, because we had a second radio. Roger had brought his Kenwood TS830 and an external antenna tuner, but somehow his tuner wouldn't tune up either of the HF antennas. We tried various things, but to no avail. So, we turned briefly to other things.

We had a 2-meter radio hooked up to a solar panel to make the necessary five contacts using a natural power. This was another 100 point bonus activity. It worked perfectly. We were even able to get a couple of visitors to the site involved in this activity.

Next Gary and Charles hooked Charles's Dell laptop to the 2-meter radio to do some demonstrations of various digital modes of communication. Murphy was back, who would have thought that the Dell laptop would be the one computer that doesn't work well with an amateur radio. There is a sound card problem that we only found out about a couple of days before Field Day.

The problem is fixable with software but we didn't know we would need it in time to solve it before hand. Well, with much effort on Gary's and Charles's parts they managed to get it working well enough to do the demos.

Local amateur radio operator, Al (W8UJM) had stopped by to help out if needed. Al also happens to be a pilot, so he took Jerry up in his Cessna airplane and they flew over the Field Day site at about 500 feet altitude. As they left to go to the airport, the rest of us quickly spread paper plates on the ground to spell out K8SSJ (our club callsign) on the soccer field in front of the shelter.

To keep the wind from blowing the plates around and spelling something weird, we nailed the plates to the ground. It worked. When we heard the plane overhead we all went out to stand around the K8SSJ and wave at Al and Jerry. Jerry took some great photos of us. Jurassic members were wearing red t-shirts with our Field Day logo embroidered on them, so we look like a group of red ants on the ground. We also had any visitors at the site join us to wave at the airplane.

We continued to work on the radio problem, and got it solved when Jerry went home for a few minutes after the plane ride. He brought his Kenwood TS850 radio back with him and it worked fine through the

rest of the weekend. Gary also went home and brought back our external antenna tuner, which worked well with Roger's radio, so now we had two working radios. We switched off from doing voice mode on Jerry's radio, to doing PSK31 on Roger's radio throughout the rest of the weekend. And did I mention that Barb logged all weekend, only getting an hour's sleep during the night? I wonder if she slept for several days after she got home?

Charles brought his Mac computer with some DVD's to help fill the empty spaces when a person wasn't working. This was a good addition to the weekend. And the Dr. Who show was a first for Barb who had never seen a Dr. Who episode (well, she can't say that again). The Prisoner shows were good also. Thanks Charles.

We had lots of visitors during the weekend, but perhaps the most notable was Ohio State Representative Tom Neihaus. He stopped by with a couple of his family members. We were happy to answer his questions about amateur radio and the USS JURASSIC as well as show him how amateur radio can help out in emergency situations. Also stopping by were a couple of off duty police officers from Georgetown, and the Brown County Emergency Coordinator Jeff King (N1DJ5).

During the morning on Sunday those who weren't on the air, or cooking breakfast, started taking down unnecessary equipment and packing it up. While they were doing this others continued to make contacts on the air. We finally shut down about a half hour early because a couple of ladies wanted to use the shelter to get ready for their school reunion which was to be that afternoon. Of course we could have said, "no, we were here first," but that would be defeating the purpose of presenting a good image of Starfleet and amateur radio to the public. So, at 1:30 p.m. local time we packed up the remaining computers, antennas and radios and headed for home.

Even though Murphy's Law reared it's ugly head a few times during the weekend, we enjoyed the time spend together and the great feeling of helping others through the use of amateur radio. We're already making plans for next year.

NOTE:

While we were working Field Day at Hanlon Park in Georgetown, OH, other USS Jurassic members who couldn't travel that far were working Field Day with other Amateur Radio groups in their local areas. Garry Cameron (VE7ACM) worked with a group on Vancouver Island in CANADA, and Ralph Brigham (KG4CSQ) worked with his local group in Clarksville, TN.

I'd like to share a brief story to celebrate and remember the short life of my daughter who was born this month ten years ago.

In 1992 I was the Executive Officer and my wife Judy was the Quartermaster on the USS Royal Sovereign out of Orange Park, Florida. This was my first STARFLEET club, heck; it was my first exposure into fandom. I had been in the Navy for almost a decade by that time, so I was used to the family atmosphere of a command, station, or squadron that I was assigned to and felt right at home with my new family "aboard" my make-believe starship. Captain Kaye Downing was my skipper at the time, a grand ole lady who had been an Air Force Captain who rose up the ranks from the enlisted side. I felt a kinship with Cap'n Kaye as well as with the thirty odd folks who gathered once a month for a general meeting and on several more occasions for an event be it a movie premiere, a convention, or just to hang out and talk about Trek.

When my wife announced that she was expecting the whole club accepted the news, as we were part of their very own family. Then again we were, and they all were elated at the impending arrival of their newest cadet. My wife and I were especially elated when the doctors told us that we'd be having a girl! This excited to us to no end since we had two boys already and the thought of another

woman in the house appealed to my wife.

The news however came with a bit of nervousness on the part of the doctors. Our unborn daughter had a defect in her heart, which could threaten her life. They had hopes that upon her birth, the defect could be corrected and she would live a normal life. While she was in the womb there was no danger, in fact safe while on my wife's "life support". If any action could be taken, it would have to be after she was born. The club was very supportive of the wife and me. We went on outings as if nothing was wrong and an air of optimism permeated the group. Everything would be okay, it just had to be and that is all we could think. To think otherwise did us no good. The club knew not to dote on us, they treated us with smiles and good cheer all the while saying silent prayers for us.

The day of my daughter's birth arrived, August 31, 1992. Kelly Daniele Davis was born to parents and a group of STARFLEETers with high hopes of a miracle and long life. On September 2, 1992, the Lord who so graciously gifted us with our first daughter saw fit to call her home to his side. We were devastated. The doctors did three emergency surgeries on her over those short days and nights. But it wasn't

enough. My daughter was now with God and traveling the stars as only her father could dream.

I thought my world would end that day, and if it weren't for my blood family, my Navy family, and most of all, my STARFLEET family, I think I would have lost myself, my mind, and my soul. They kept my wife and me from the brink with their support and with their presence. We had two services for my daughter, one in Jacksonville, Florida, attended by my Navy shipmates and my STARFLEET crewmembers. The other was in Ohio where we took her home and laid her to rest in the family plot, her gravestone marked with the STARFLEET arrowhead symbol and an Angel.

When we returned, the crew of the Sovereign continued to help us heal, they kept us involved in things, and gave us the strength to continue. While we were laying Kelly to rest, the crew of the Sovereign had been busy. Upon my return they presented my wife and I with a certificate of rank for Kelly, signed by FADM Jennette Maddox, bestowing the rank of Admiral to my lost daughter. It was a gesture that I will never forget. When we logged on to TrekNet on our local BBS (the forerunner of the Internet), the flood of sympathy emails and

messages from across the Fleet poured in. The Sovereign had gotten the word out that a STARFLEET member had fallen and her parents needed words of comfort. Messages streamed in from those that knew my wife and me and from total strangers. Every one them meant the world to us. I still have every message sent from across the fleet in my daughter's baby book to this day. Though she only lived for a short time, Kelly touched a lot of lives in those few days. I'll never forget her and I'll never forget the love and support from my STARFLEET comrades during those dark days and nights.

My wife and I are back in STARFLEET now after a short break and I'm nearing retirement from the Navy in two very short years. We have since had another daughter, and she is named in remembrance of her sister, Kelly. Daniele Nicole Davis was born on Jan 2, 1997 (we couldn't talk her into being a New Year's baby!). She was born healthy and strong and is now five years old going on fifteen! She runs the household as much as her mother does and keeps her big brothers in line (grin).

When we re-joined STARFLEET, the Nebula received many welcome aboard emails from across the fleet and it made me smile. We were "home" once again. Rejoined with another part of our family. STARFLEET, thanks then, and thanks now.

CHASE MASTERSON IN "TERMINAL INVASION"

Lisa Del Colle • Publicist, SCI FI Channel

Former Star Trek favorite Chase Masterson (Star Trek: Deep Space Nine) stars with Bruce Campbell (Evil Dead) in the upcoming SCI FI Channel original movie Terminal Invasion. Premiering Saturday, September 14 at 9 PM ET/PT, Terminal Invasion promises non-stop action!

In Terminal Invasion, a spunky female pilot (Masterson) and a convicted murderer (Campbell) join forces to battle aliens, who have infiltrated an isolated airport on a mission to enslave the human race. Time grows short as the aliens begin to take over the stranded passengers, one-by-one.

Can the mis-matched pair stop the extraterrestrial take-over, or will they fall prey to the visitors?

With a commitment to air more male-oriented action movies, SCI FI Channel is currently in the process of filming eight original pictures with Amber Light Films.

SCI FI will kick-start this series of films with Terminal Invasion.

STARFLEET GRADUATES - ADDENDUM

Staff Sergeant Jeanne C. Marsh • USS Rogue Phoenix, STARFLEET Region 2

I was unaware of submitting information regarding STARFLEET Graduates of 2002. I would, however, like to submit my daughter's name and accomplishments for inclusion in the Communique.



Name: Cadet CO Sydney Rebecca Marsh

Chapter: USS Rogue Phoenix

Graduated from: Southeast Bulloch High School

Special honors/news/achievements: Salutatorian/Honor Graduate, Dual Seal (College Prep and Technical) Diploma, National Vocational Technical Honor Society, National Beta Club, Scholastic Excellence, Academic Award, Drama MVP, Outstanding Achievement in Research and Development; (2001 Starfleet Region 2 Scholastic Achievement Award Winner); will attend Georgia Southern University in the fall of 2002.

Scholarships awarded: Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship, The Southern LEAD Scholarship, Helen Thackston Lewis Scholarship, Kiwanis Memorial Scholarship, Azalea-Hostess Chapter Special Scholarship-Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund-ABWA, Southeast Bulloch Academic Booster Club Scholarship, Statesboro Service League Memorial Scholarship

Information supplied by: Proud Mom SSG Jeanne C. Marsh

ANNOUNCING THE DEFIANT-CLASS FLOTILLA

Bill Herrmann • USS Rutledge, Region 1

Greetings Starfleet Chapters in all Starfleet Regions:

Announcing the DCF!

In case you don't recall- DCF stands for Defiant-Class Flotilla.

I'm inviting All SFI Starship Chapters that are Defiant-Class vessels to join the DCF now being formed and organized. For more information, please contact me at: opegale@bellsouth.net.

Membership is Free. Thereafter DCF Chapters will be in regular communication endeavors and perhaps organizing specific efforts on behalf of Starfleet TISTFA.

Additionally, the DCF will be involved in Fleet-Fan Fiction efforts.

It's time for the "Borg Busters" of SFI to step forwards and rally! DCF will be honored to have your Chapter in its company!

Hoping for a "good show of hands".

Pass the Word across SFI!

Disguise, Inc., the latest and best company to take on the Star Trek line of costumes, after Rubies Costume Company lost the license, plans to launch two lines. In the first line up, Disguise will release costumes covering most incarnations of Starfleet Uniforms and a Klingon one as well. The first of these is slated to hit store shelves sometime in September of this year. Planned for this year is an Enterprise uniform and Nemesis standard duty uniform in two versions. There will be standard quality uniforms as well as the "replica" uniforms and costumes.

These will be the pricier versions that replicate those as seen on the shows and movies. These are to include an Enterprise uniform covering command and engineering colors as well as the Nemesis uniform as worn by Captain Picard. I believe that they will be issuing these in the command color only for later this year. These replicas are the most anticipated costumes within the heavy fan base. Disguise, Inc. is in negotiations with some of the very same fabric providers that the Enterprise series is making use of for its coverall style uniforms! And, they have been given full permission to view and replicate these versions right from the Paramount lot!

Look for these uniforms to show up on online specialty sites as well as the more exclusive costume shops or seasonal shops that specialize in high-end Halloween themes. There is a dealer locator function

COSTUMES IN DISGUISE

Captain Lisa Tindle • USS Highroller, Region 4



Chief Engineer Tucker Deluxe Costume



Commander Data Adult Costume

Photos courtesy of Lisa Tiintle

on the manufacturer's website: <http://www.disguise.com>. Watch their site for further updates or keep your eye on the Star Trek news sites such as Paramount's official Trek site or be sure to look over the official Star Trek magazines for breaking news coverage and additional photos.

As you can see on our "first look" in the Communique', these replica-style uniforms are a sure-fire hit once they make it to retail. Notice the attention to detail and the quality that make these costumes a must have for any Star Trek fan who can "Make It So" with his/her wallet! There will be price ranges based on the work involved as well as the materials used to make these. A Star Trek: II movie uniform will be higher than a Nemesis replica uniform. Of course, I can't wait to see how well they do with the Klingon uniform.

Now that is something to look forward to and, yes, it won't be cheap! These uniforms and costumes truly are a must have for any serious collector or fan. All I can say is save your money up for one of these beauties and I'll see some of you this August at IC 2002, hopefully sporting one of their replica uniforms for all to see in person! I can't think of a better place to show it off and I can only hope there might be something ready to at least demo on me or my husband, Matt Tindle. There will be a Disguise booth at the Creation Con in Las Vegas the very same weekend as IC 2002.

Astronaut and Franklin Square, NY native Mike Massimino had his first spaceflight this past March. While orbiting the Earth 350 miles up, he saw a bit of heaven. "Just looking at the Earth was so beautiful. What I got to enjoy more than looking at the Earth during the day was looking at the stars and the Earth during our night passes. All the stars are these perfect points of light. That was just incredible. It was heaven."

Dr. Massimino brought some of the heavens down to the Cradle of Aviation Museum in Garden City, NY on Wednesday, July 12th, as the first speaker in the museum's lecture series. He presented the museum with a flown flag, mission patch, and dust jacket for the book "Takeoff! How Long Island Inspired America to Fly." He also showed a video about his STS-109 flight, a mission to upgrade the Hubble Space Telescope. It was a homecoming in another way for Massimino. In the early 1980s, he was a volunteer at the museum.

This was his third appearance in the area in a week. The previous Saturday, he presented a flag and pennant to the engineering school of Columbia University, where he was graduated in 1984 with a BS in industrial engineering, and also took part in a parade in Franklin Square as the guest of honor. Following his appearance at the museum, Massimino was at the Museum of Natural History on Flag Day (June 14th) with a few other

MICHAEL MASSIMINO RETURNS TO EARTH

Hartriono B. Sastrowardoyo • Shuttle Poteidaia, Region 7

astronauts. He was there to help return an American flag recovered from the site of the World Trade Center in the days following the September 11 attacks. The flag traveled nearly five million miles in space aboard the shuttle Endeavour during the December STS-108 flight. The following day, he threw the first pitch in the Mets-Yankees game on Saturday, June 15th. (It must have helped the Mets, Massimino's favorite team, as they handily won 8-0.)

Massimino recalled that from an early age he wanted to be an astronaut. He showed a photo of himself, wearing a homemade spacesuit and carrying a Snoopy astronaut doll. "When I was in first grade, I had an elephant costume. My mom took it and made it into a spacesuit. Not a bad job." He then showed a photo of himself conducting one of the spacewalks and commented, "I couldn't tell my mother I liked this second spacesuit better than the first."



Up, up and away: Hartriono Sastrowardoyo meets Dr. Michael Massimino at his signing following his presentation at the Cradle of Aviation Museum.

Photo courtesy of Ben Cooper, Shuttle Poteidaia.

He continued, "I first thought about becoming an astronaut when I was six years old, when they were putting people on the moon. I thought it was really cool that people were going to the moon. I thought it was the most important and interesting thing going on. I still feel that spaceflight is the most important and interesting thing that we're doing, and that's why I'm doing it." He went on to say that later, he went to graduate school at the MIT with the idea of making space as a career, as well as getting involved with space-related research. "It took me four tries to be an astronaut, but I finally succeeded after seven years.

"My family was very supportive of my work," he said, noting with a smile that he had promised his son a puppy after the launch. "We landed on the 12th and on the 16th we went to the pound." The hardest part? "The swimming requirements," Massimino replied. "I had learned to swim, but not the NASA way," he said, referring to the water survival courses. "My kids are better swimmers than I."

Massimino concluded, "Do the thing that you like the best. The best advice on how to be an astronaut is to find out what you would like to do if you can't be an astronaut. You may find yourself doing something else that you may like even more. You might not get what you sought out in the beginning, but it may be better than what you were looking for. Do what you love and things should work out."



TIME TRAVEL

Major General Robert J. Jackson • SFMC Department of Temporal Investigations

Artwork by Commodore David Piggras • STARFLEET Region 5

Greetings and felicitations to all.

Last issue I talked about the basic understanding of time travel and several important aspects. This issue we continue with a discussion of the matter-energy types and the laws of time travel physics.

Temporal phenomena are strongly related to particular types of matter-energy phenomena, either as the cause of distortions in the space-time continuum or as byproducts of such interactions. High-energy interactions, particularly in the presence of subspace fields like those created by warp engines, are known to cause certain temporal distortions.

TIME AND ENERGY

GRAVITONS

The effects of gravitation on the curvature of space and subspace create a connection between gravity and time. The experiments of 24th century physicist Dr. Paul Mannheim show that a strong concentration of gravitons can create an artificial "hole" in the fabric of space-time, a "window" into another dimensions, possibly a parallel timeline. Mannheim's experiments also cause a state of temporal flux, the Mannheim Effect.

Under the effect, time becomes nonlinear, causing such things as temporal loops and repetitions light-years away from the planetoid holding his laboratory. Although his early experiments were limited and led to some potentially serious problems, Mannheim's theories regarding time and gravity may yet yield useful applications in time technology.

TACHYONS

Tachyons are energy particles that travel faster than the speed of light. Because they do so in linear time rather than extending out into the higher dimensions, tachyons are useful for studying phenomena where the speed of light is a constraining factor, such as various subspace and temporal features. Tachyon emitters and scanner are used to penetrate the event horizons of temporal anomalies as well as to detect cloaking devices that shield against all sub-luminary particle emissions.

Experience has shown tachyon emissions can have an effect on temporal and subspace phenomena.

CHRONITONS and DEKYONS

Chronitons are higher-dimensional particles transmitting temporal quanta. Chroniton emissions are associated with all known methods of time travel, as well as with many temporal anomalies. They allow for the formation of connections between different points along a timeline, permitting

time travel. Chronitons are associated with phenomena such as quantum singularities.

The antiparticle of the chroniton, the antichroniton, seems to act as a temporal "stabilizer" in this particular dimension, although very little has been empirically determined on the subject. More radical theorists suggest that antichronitons are simply the refraction of our timeline onto a different dimensional plane, perhaps an antimatter dimension existing in "anti-time."

Ever since the 22nd century, physicists have speculated on the theoretical relationship between time and antimatter. Complicating the matter, the dekyon (a subatomic particle phenomenized solely in subspace) seems to act transversely to both chronitons and antichronitons, possibly existing as a means of quantum energy transference between the two states. Dekyon beams can interact with antiparticles, such as positrons, across temporal loops and, possibly, through temporal rifts, making trans-temporal communication at least theoretically possible.

THE LAWS OF TIME

These are Mother Nature's rules. You've got to respect them, because she sure as hell has no respect for you. These are the rules by which we live and die and which dictate how our reality is made.

THE LAW OF TEMPORAL INERTIA

Otherwise known as the *Principle of Conservation of Reality*, this asserts that the causal flow of the timestream tends to resist disruption by altered events and temporal anomalies. The degree of resistance is inversely related to the sum of the degree of *Temporal Uncertainty* and the magnitude of the disruption.

While this seems like a bit of a mouthful, it simply means that the lower the degree of temporal inertia, the less likely the timestream is to successfully resist the change in history, thus increasing the probability of a temporal disruption (see *The Law of Temporal Discontinuity*, below). Temporal inertia is the effect that allows us to explore the past without causing chaotic changes to history.

If a traveler appears in the past, he disturbs air molecules, adds to the mass of the planet, and treads on grass, all of which would not have happened had he not been there. However, as far as history is concerned, these changes are minor.

The air molecules will be replaced by others just like them, the grass will continue to grow or will be replaced by indistinguishable

blades of grass, and the planet's course will go unchanged by the temporary addition of an insignificant mass.

These minor changes will be absorbed into background noise of history, without affecting the timeline. However, numerous changes of this sort may have a cumulative effect, potentially leading to unpredictable changes in the future. Therefore <DELETED> maintains a policy of minimal interaction with the past.

THE LAW OF TEMPORAL UNCERTAINTY

The temporal uncertainty associated with a given event location cannot be measured without altering the event, and is an unknown variable in temporal continuity and causal flow.

This uncertainty is the degree of deviation from the original, undisrupted event location scenario, and is expressed as a function of temporal inertia. Absolute determination of temporal uncertainty is rendered impossible by a number of factors; inaccuracy in historical documentation, inaccuracy in research, and the possibility of historical anomalies caused by pastward temporal discontinuities or their adjustments.

Generally speaking, the greater the degree of temporal uncertainty associated with a given event location, the more vulnerable it is to disruption.

Basically, this tells us that we are never going to know how far out of line history has got, because we don't know exactly what the original history was like. Even if we have a completely accurate record of what took place, things may still go awry because of a disruption or an adjustment that took place at some point further into the past.

Getting a completely accurate record of what originally happened in history is impossible, because the presence of an observer recording the events is in itself an alteration of what actually happened. <DELETED> tries to use non-intrusive methods to accrue historical data, but we have no idea if what we're getting is close to the "undisturbed" version of events, or has been altered by the cumulative effect of almost insignificant changes made further back in time.

THE LAW OF TEMPORAL DISCONTINUITY

In the event of a disruption of a magnitude sufficient to overcome temporal inertia, the displaced inertial force will result in the creation of a new timeline, chiefly governed by the *Destiny Effect* and the law of temporal uncertainty.

Though history resists change, it can be altered with sufficient effort. If history is altered beyond the ability of temporal inertia to suppress, a whole new future is created, based on the altered events.

The nature of that future is a tug-of-war between fate (see *The Destiny Effect*) and the law of temporal uncertainty.

The upshot of this is that altered futures tend to resemble the old ones in some very odd ways. Travelers into these "new futures" are likely to find the same people in roughly the same historical "niche" as they were before (if they exist at all), with similar patterns of events occurring

THE LAW OF TEMPORAL PRESERVATION

All event entities located pastwards of a temporal disruption will remain unaffected by the results of that change, even if the event entities originate uptime of the point of disruption.

Finally, the answer to the question nearly everyone asks; "what happens if I shoot my Dad, before he fathered me?" Answer; nothing happens - to you. Time has no problem with this kind of paradox (see *Appendix 1: The Nature of Time and Paradox*).

You don't fade away or suddenly vanish in to a loop of eternally flip-flopping events. You continue to exist as you always have existed. Your memories remain the same. Your body and anything you brought back with you remain the same. For you, nothing changes.

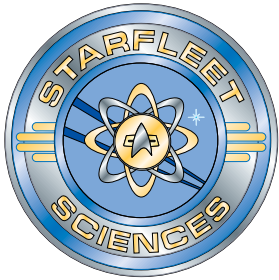
But when you arrive in your home time no one will remember you, for in the reality you have just created, you were never born.

The effect described above is also what prevents a traveler from successfully changing her own personal past. Say you've been shot. Since it's an unpleasant and painful experience, you understandably wish it hadn't happened. So you travel back and warn yourself.

Your past self takes your advice and avoids the bullet. But when you return home, you find there are now two of you; one who got shot and one who didn't.

The self who traveled retains the memories (and scars) of the bullet wound. Fortunately - or perhaps not - time has an answer to this problem, which we'll address later (see *The Singularity Principle*).

Thank you for your attention. Please join us next issue when we'll discuss - The Effects of Time.



CONNECTIONS: HUMANOID EVOLUTIONARY TRENDS

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Artwork by Commodore David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region 5

In this issue of *Connections* we'll be exploring some preliminary ideas and data regarding the development of humanoid life in the Milky Way galaxy and the role of older species in the development and seeding of life. Much of the data presented is speculative, based on what little archaeological evidence we have collected from various worlds.

15BYA - 6BYA: Early Speciation

This early period of species development took place largely in a young universe that was much different, and certainly more hostile, than the modern universe. Physical laws certainly differed, and the physical nature of the universe was very different. Galaxies and star systems were in their early phases of development and physical forces such as gravitation were in flux.

The species that developed during this early universe was characterized by species possessing [at least in modern day standards] significant characteristics independent of modern physical laws such as time and space:

- Cytherians
- Douwd
- Guardian of Forever [unknown species origin]
- Nagilum
- Q Continuum

and possibly:

- wormhole aliens [Prophets and Pah Wraiths]
- extragalactic life forms

6BYA - 1BYA: Evolutionary Drive And Diversification

The development of life during this period occurred under more static physical laws. Galaxies had formed, and planetary systems were becoming more common as gravitational forces and expansion of the universe allowed for the development and stability of systems capable of supporting organic life forms.

Spaceborne life forms were free to develop from a variety of sources, both organic and inorganic, able to evolve using sources of organic, inorganic, and electromagnetic energy sources now abundant.

Early protohumanoid species also developed at this time, driven more so than other early species to evolve under modern

physical laws and under organic biology, chemistry, and physical interaction, leading to the development of the diverse array of modern species seen.

Three milestones occurred during this period:

inorganic forms developed
seeding and development of organic life forms
spaceborne life developed

1BYA: Mass Extinctions And Galactic War [Slaver Species Destroys The Majority Of Organic Life]

Modern forms of life, particularly organic life, are driven by specific physical requirements, among which are included evolutionary stresses defined in part by the basic biological needs such as nutrition, growth, and reproduction. As a result, in the early development of protohumanoid species, there were to be obvious evolutionary developments leading to the differentiation of species into the biologically strong and biologically weak. It is believed that the Slaver Species developed as the dominant organic life form approximately 1 billion years ago (the development and evolution of inorganic and space borne life forms appears to have occurred independently in the Milky Way Galaxy) promptly wiping out the majority of other organic life forms in a massive galactic war that the Slavers themselves initiated.

The species which survived the Slaver conflicts fell into three primary categories:

- those species which developed early in the speciation of the galaxy
- those species [either space borne, derived from energy, or inorganic life] that were largely unaffected by the Slavers
- those species composed of seeded genetic material [presumably from protohumanoid seed material] which developed into 'modern' species

Early species [those that developed prior to 1BYA] remain largely elusive to modern humanoid species due their differing morphology and technological and inherent ability to exist outside normal time-space.

The remainder fall into the categories defined by modern taxonomy:

- Inorgia - largely derived from early inorganic life forms
- Electromagnetia - derived in part through evolution of forms derived from matter into organized living forms of antimatter

- Animalia, Plantae, Protoctista, Prokaryotae, Fungi - developed in part through seed material

Few organic forms it seems survived this conflict; however survivors of this period include:

- Cytherians
- D'Arsay [to c.1,000,000 ya], species extinct
- Douwd, species evolved into energy-based form
- Guardian of Forever
- Metrons [c.1BYA to ?], species remains elusive
- Nagilum
- Organians [c.1BYA - ?], species develops into energy-based form
- Q Continuum, species developed independent of time-space continuum
- T'Kon [c.1BYA - 600K ya], species survives Ages of Fendor, Ozari, Xora, Cimi, Bastu, becomes extinct during Age of Makto
- Tagans [to c.100,000,000 ya], species extinct
- Voth/proto-Voth [c.100,000,000 ya]

It is notable that, even among these organic life forms, the majority were species that pre-dated the Slavers or were themselves developing in parallel, affording them the opportunity to withstand the evolutionary and physical forces brought to bear.

The unfortunate result was, of course, the extinction of the majority of other forms of organic life. However, evidence exists in both the modern biological and fossil records to indicate that early seeding [which occurred between 4 billion and 1 billion years ago] was continued along with technological seeding by survivor species which allowed for the development of modern forms of life which as the result of common seeding take on the physical characteristics similar across so many species across the Milky Way Galaxy.

Among these earliest humanoid civilizations [which we have as yet discovered] are:

- Arret [c.500,000 ya]
This species appears to have become extinct, with few survivors of a planetary catastrophe in stasis casings discovered in the 23rd century
- Bajor and Skkrreea [c.500,000 ya]
The two species now appear to be related through a common origin in the Denorios Belt and Bajoran star system
The Skkrreean myth of a common planetary origin has been dismissed, but genetic evidence exists for some common biological development

Modern Skkrreean development following their transplantation to the Gamma Quadrant [500,000 ya?] has led to differing morphology

- Cheron [c.50,000 ya]
The species is now extinct following planetary conflict but appears to have developed as a species following the Slaver conflict

- Exo [c.500,000 ya]
The species native to Exo III is now extinct [following an ice age] but is survived by android population

- Iconia [c.200,000 ya]
The species, perhaps one of the only rivals to the Slavers, appears to have been destroyed during orbital bombardment. It is unlikely that this bombardment took place during the Slaver conflict, since the civilization survives until fairly recently. It should be noted that the species may in fact not be extinct, evidence for transdimensional gate technology has survived

- Talosians [c.500,000 ya]
The species became nearly extinct following planetary war, few survivors exist in modern day.

It is interesting to note that early humanoid civilizations were marked by two unfortunate evolutionary outcomes:

- intense physical conflict [either among themselves or with other species]
- intense environmental stresses

Extinctions approximately 500,000-200,000 years ago appear common on many planets whose dominant sentient species is of humanoid origin, and this dynamic of conflictive nature and sensitivity to environmental stress has continued through modern day.

Conversely, species who have developed along non-humanoid biological trends, such as some of the reptilian species, non-solid life forms, and species which appear to have developed in the Delta and Gamma Quadrants have continued to develop under their own set of evolutionary stressors which are much different than that of humanoid species. It is believed that the Slaver conflicts covered approximately 60 percent of the galaxy and the majority of organic and humanoid species were from the Alpha and Beta Quadrants and it was here that new seeding was initiated. Countless other species of course have developed throughout the galaxy, and it is from this 'young genetic pool' that most modern humanoid species are derived.



FLEET ACTIVITY REPORT

BY FLEET CAPTAIN DIXIE HALBER, CQ SUMMARIES COORDINATOR

Region 1

USS Aeon, NCC - 75022 Memphis, TN

Crew enjoyed a movie outing. Plans underway to celebrate the ship's 4th anniversary.

USS Alaric, NCC - 503 Asheville, NC

Recycling efforts continue. Crewmembers enjoyed a game night.

USS Appomattox, NCC - 75001 Appomattox, VA

An away team participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. The team raised over \$1000.00 for this cause.

USS Aries, NCC - 71806 Johnson City, TN

Crew producing a fan film.

USS Asgard, NCC - 72402 Lancaster, OH

An away team participated in a charity mini golf event. After the fund raiser members enjoyed a baseball game. An away team traveled to a nearby historical society to visit their museum.

USS Athena, NCC - 51896 Reston, VA

Away teams attended several movie outings. Crewmembers enjoyed a visit to a local television station where they learned about new production and even got to play in front of the green screen.

Bennu Station, SFR - 119 Gatlinburg, TN

Crewmembers still recovering from the Summit, however they did manage a movie outing.

USS Bonaventure, NCC - 102-A Greensboro, NC

An away team braved the extreme crowds of the Star Wars celebration in Indianapolis. Crewmembers also enjoyed a movie night.

USS Carolina, NCC - 74222 Greenville, SC

The ship sponsored a bake sale. Away teams enjoyed a cook, ball game and a trip to Michigan.

USS Chesapeake, NCC - 1887 Richmond, VA

Ship sponsored a Phoney Con, which was a considerable success and raised funds for charity.

USS Columbus, NCC - 72401 Columbus, OH

An away team worked a recruitment table at a local convention. Crewmembers enjoyed a dinner outing after the monthly ship meeting.

Shuttle Dark Wolf, NCC - 75002 Blountville, TN

An away team attended a movie outing. The Cadet Corp enjoyed outings to railroads.

USS Dominator, NCC - 18076 N. Charleston, SC

OCP and Stampede collection efforts continue. An away team attended the NC/AC Sectional Cook Out.

Shuttle Francis Marion Greenville, SC

Crewmembers hard at work on the ships commissioning celebration.

USS Heimdal, NCC - 1793 Madison Heights, VA

Crewmembers enjoyed a cookout at a local lake. Ship is sponsoring an auction. Two crewmembers were interviewed for a local television program about the auction.

USS Hornet, NCC - 1714-D Charlotte, NC

OCP collection efforts continue. Ship sponsored a cook out. An away team also enjoyed a camping trip.

USS Jamestown, NCC - 1843-D Hampton, VA

Volunteer efforts at the Virginia Air and Space Center continue. An away team visited a local book store for a book club meeting.

USS Jurassic, NCC - 3500 Hamersville, OH

Ship participated in the annual Amateur Radio Field Day. Stampede and OCP collection efforts continue.

USS Lewis B Puller, SFR - 123 Summerville, SC

Crew went on a trip to Shore Leave.

USS Maelstrom, NCC - 74218 Hertford, NC

Crewmembers busily planning the ships commissioning celebration.

Shuttle Nemesis, NCC - 1896/01 Akron, OH

The crew is busy with shuttle work. An away team attended a local convention.

Another away team attended a movie night.

Space Station Nikola Tesla Puryear, TN

Ship is working on a webpage redesign.

USS Normandy, NCC - 36000 Correspondence

Many crewmembers looking forward to the IC and enjoying various summer activities.

USS Ohio, NCC - 75007 Barberton, OH

The ship sponsored a yard sale to help offset Summit costs. An away team helped out with the Amateur Radio with another chapter.

USS Powhatan, NCC - 1967-A Chesapeake, VA

Highway cleaning efforts continue. Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights and Enterprise Episode nights.

USS Questar, NCC - 75435 Louisville, KY

An away team attended the R1 Summit. The crew is redesigning the ship's interior. An away team visited the Dayton Air Force Museum.

USS Richmondm NCC - 2003 Covington, VA

Recycling efforts continue. Crewmembers collected items for a local animal shelter.

USS Ronald E McNair, NCC - 61809 Columbia, SC

Collection efforts for OCP continue. A crewmember's birthday was celebrated with a bowling outing.

USS Rutledge, NX - 72415 Ladsen, SC

An away team attended a movie event. Ship website redesign is underway.

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

Crewmembers attended a dinner and movie night.

USS Starward Fury, NCC - 2122 Fayetteville, NC

Crew enjoyed the Ship's Olympics.

USS Tempest, NCC - 21556 Harlan, KY

Away teams attended the commissioning of another area chapter.

Another away team participated in a mountain rally.

USS Wasp, NCC - 1721 Bristol, VA

An away team volunteered as assistants for the Special Olympics.

USS West Virginia, NCC - 2008 Charlestown, WV

Crew created coloring books for a local library's summer reading program.

USS Yeager, NCC - 61893 Bluefield, WV

Crewmembers helped maintain a tank in a park. Maintenance included painting, cleaning and installing a sign.

USS Yorktown, NCC - 1704-A York, SC

Recruitment plans underway.

Region 2

USS Blackstar, NCC - 75003 Miami, FL

An away team enjoyed a role playing event. Crewmembers planning to attend a local convention.

Chattahoochee Station Atlanta, GA

An away team attended a summer science fiction festival.

USS Continuum, NCC - 71821 Pensacola, FL

Crewmembers participated in the Relay for Life. The team raised over 1000.00 for this cause.

USS Dark Silence Station Florence, FL

An away team attended a movie night. Ship is planning a pool party.

USS DaVinci, NCC - 74671 Columbus, GA

Ship sponsored a very successful highway clean up program. Crew collected tabs and presented them to the Ronald McDonald House.

USS Draco, NCC - 78501 Cullman, AL

Crewmembers participated in a barbecue and a movie night. An away team attended a cookout sponsored by another area chapter.

USS Drakenfire, NCC - 71822 Odenville, AL

Crew celebrated the summer solstice

USS Gasparilla, NCC - 74400 Tampa, FL

Krewemembers celebrated the ship's commissioning at a local restaurant. Ship sponsored a bowling event.

USS Guardian, NCC - 26244 Cape Canaveral, FL

General meeting at Cocoa Library, June 22, 2002. Discussed future of the club. Collected \$208 for Enchanted Forest Park/Nature Preserve at OASIS Convention Memorial Day weekend.

USS Haise, NCC - 74664 Jackson, MS

Crew planning for a summer barbecue. Crew attended a movie night.

USS Hephaestus, NCC - 2004 Birmingham, AL

Ship sponsored its annual Captain's Cookout, which was well attended by many chapters in the Region. An away team attended a movie night.

USS Jubilee, NCC - 57299 Mobile, AL

Ship planning to celebrate the 4th of July with other area chapters.

USS Khai Tam, NCC - 81000 Tallahassee, FL

Ship held a baby shower for a new mom. Crewmembers enjoyed a poker night. An away team cleaned their adopted portion of a fitness trail.

USS Liberty, NCC - 75012 Panama City, FL

Away teams enjoyed movie nights. An away team went to a Division review at Ft. Bragg.

USS Odyssey, NCC - 454-A Hattiesburg, FL

Crewmember planning to attend Shore Leave.

USS Okatoma, NCC - 74695 Collins, MS

Ship participated in a local parade with other area chapters.

USS Paegan, NCC - 1755 Orlando, FL

An away team visited an area zoo.

USS Parallax, NCC - 74657 Middleburg, FL

Crewmembers are hard at work on the

Vessel Readiness Certificate.

**USS Relentless, NCC - 81001
Madison, FL**
An away team visited The Great Smokey Mountain National Park.

**USS Rogue Phoenix, NCC - 75005
Savannah, FL**
Crewmembers enjoyed many dinner nights and a movie outing. The ship sponsored a flea market. An away team visited a local elementary school and read stories.

**USS Spiritwalker, NCC - 31097
Decatur, AL**
Collection efforts for a local animal shelter continue. Ship had several joint activities with other area ships. Attended a summer solstice celebration. An away team traveled to Nashville to see a display of Faberge eggs.

**USS Trident, NCC - 74692
Stuart, FL**
Away teams attended several movies. Ship held a baby shower for two soon to be parents members.

**USS Triumph, NCC - 26228
Ft. Lauderdale, FL**
Collection efforts for OCP continue. Crew enjoyed a social event after the regular meeting.

**USS Vindicator, NCC - 74212
Tuscaloosa, AL**
Plans to revise the online newsletter continue. Ship helped celebrate the admiral's birthday with a cruise on a local lake.

**USS Werner Von Braun, NCC - 72069
Huntsville, AL**
Crew enjoyed a craft activity after the regular meeting. An away team traveled to a nearby convention. The ship sponsored a potluck picnic at a local park.

Region 3

**USS Ark Angel, NCC - 74622
Georgetown, TX**
Crewmembers working hard on this years Region 3 Summit. The lazer tag team participated in an all night lock in.

**USS Aurora Vulcanus, NCC - 1888
Houston, TX**
Crewmembers attended and thoroughly enjoyed the R3, Mirror Mirror Summit.

**USS Bethel, NCC - 74663
Grapevine, TX**
Ship participated in the R3 summit by leading a panel.

**USS Bexar, NCC - 71718
San Antonio, TX**
Ship has located a webhosting service and will soon provide a new website as well as ship e-mail addresses for the crew. Crewmembers attended the R3 Summit.

**USS Comanche, NCC - 71809
Fort Worth, TX**
An away team visited a local zoo and museum. Crewmembers attended the R3 Summit.

**Shuttle Firebird, NCC - 74662/1
Houston, TX**
Crew working hard to get the shuttle up and running.

**SS Freedom Station II, NCC - SS001
Euleess, TX**
Ship welcomed a new member and promptly put him to work. Crewmembers attended the Summit.

**USS Intangible, NCC - 65421
Bryan, TX**
Ship sponsored a yard sale.

**USS Joan of Arc, NCC - 73289
Corpus Christi, TX**
An away team assisted the local PBS station in their annual telethon. Crew celebrated birthdays.

**Shuttle John Marshall
Perryton, TX**
Crew working on getting the shuttle ship-shape.

**Shuttle Laredo, NCC - 71718/03
Laredo, TX**
Crewmembers enjoyed a picnic. Recruitment efforts continue.

**USS Palo Duro, NCC - 61914
Amarillo, TX**
Crew enjoyed a movie night.

**USS Panther City, NCC - 74917
Fort Worth, TX**
Members attended the R3 Summit.

**USS Quanah Parker, NCC - 73628
Lubbock, TX**
Crewmembers enjoyed game nights and dinner nights. An away team prepared dinner at a local Ronald McDonald house. Members attended the R3 Summit.

**USS Rhyanna, NCC - 1892
Austin, TX**
Ship sponsored its annual trip to an area water park. Crew helped out at a local book fair.

**USS Spirit Wolf, NCC - 74300
Houston, TX**
Ship held its monthly meeting and birthday celebration. An away team attended the R3 Summit.

**USS Tejas, NCC - 9756
Vernon, TX**
Collection activities for Mile of Pennies and the Humane Society continue.

**USS Texas, NCC - 74207
Killen, TX**
Recruitment efforts continue.

**USS Victory, NCC - 74208
San Antonio, TX**
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie outing.

Region 4

**USS Angeles, NCC - 71840
Los Angeles, CA**
Away teams enjoyed a Japanese Garden tour, a DS9 marathon and a

picnic/barbecue.

**USS Angelfire, NCC- 75025
Phoenix, AZ**
Ship held a Cino De Mayo party. Away teams attended a movie night and visited a museum.

**USS Augusta Ada, NCC - 55011
San Francisco, CA**
An away team attended a local convention. Crew working on the upcoming IC.

**Cascade Station, NCC - SS0003
Redding, CA**
Plans for the end of summer underway. Ship is working on the upcoming IC.

**USS Centurion, NCC - 74801
Moreno Valley, CA**
Crewmembers working on upcoming activities included the IC.



IC 2002 - A Total Thrill Ride: Region 4's Pete Briggs (Shuttle Raven's Claw), Janice Willcocks (USS Angeles), David Lockwood (USS Adjudicator) and Dan Toth (USS Onizuka) enjoy themselves at the Great America Themepark.

Photo courtesy of Pete Briggs

**USS Dragon's Club, NCC - 81003
Shafter, CA**
Ship celebrated Cinco de Mayo and Beltane. Crewmembers participated in a school clothing drive. Donations were also collected for the Salvation Army, a local church and a food bank.

**USS Highroller, NCC - 23104
Reno, NV**
An away team attended Astronomy Day at a local planetarium. Crew anticipating the coming IC.

**USS K'Ehkeyr Station, NCC - SS0009
Las Vegas, NV**
Recruitment efforts continue. Crew participated in a picnic at Lake Meade.

**USS Northern Lights, NCC - 27001
San Jose, CA**
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night

at their regular meeting. An away team attended a local anime convention. An away team attended a nearby Trek convention. Crew also enjoyed a pool party.

**USS Onizuka, NCC - 71815
Chico, CA**
Tenth anniversary plans are underway. Crewmembers had a social meeting at a comic book store for National Comic Book Day.

**USS Peacekeeper, NCC - 72300
Visalia, CA**
Ship celebrated its eighth anniversary.

**USS Pegasus, NX - 9755
Las Vegas, NV**
Crew planning for an commissioning party. Crewmembers helped out at a local school carnival.

**Shuttle
Raven's Claw,
Woodland, CA**
Crew gearing up for commissioning.

**USS Tikopai, NCC - 1800
San Jose, CA**
Crew enjoyed a potluck/gaming day. An away team attended several movies.

Region 5
**Shuttle Achilles, NCC - 93701/1
Portland, OR**
Recruitment efforts continue. Crew continues to work through the shuttle process.

**USS Bright Star, NCC - 71875
Redmond, WA**
An away team attended the change of command ceremony for a local Klingon group. Also attended an anime convention.

**USS CM Russell, NCC - 75285
Great Falls, MT**
Ship adopted a woman's shelter for this year's charity.

**USS Crusader, NCC - 74711
Spokane, WA**
An away team participated in a race. Crewmembers participated in the annual Postal Worker's Food drive. Ship sponsored a bowling event.

**USS Destiny, NCC - 97301
Salem, OR**
An away team attended the change of command ceremony for a Klingon group. Crew enjoyed a movie outing.

**Greywolf Station, SFR - 501
Boise, ID**
An away team enjoyed a movie night. Members also participated in a potluck for Memorial Day.

**USS Jaguar, NCC - 74750
Mill Creek, WA**
Summer plans are underway including

a trip to the IC.

**USS Kensington, NCC - 75016
Meridian, ID**
Crew hard at work on a 4th of July parade float. Crewmembers enjoyed two movie nights.

**USS Rubicon, NCC - 71816
Richland, WA**
Away teams volunteered at several libraries during their Space Day Celebration.

**SS Unisus, SFR - 502
Newport, WA**
Crewmembers participated in a local parade and had a fabulous time in spite of the heat.

Region 6

**Shuttle Cimarron, NCC - 81002/01
Waukesha, WI**
Crew planning a launch celebration and beginning the work of becoming a ship.

**USS Czar'ak, NCC - 1798-A
Minneapolis, MN**
Crewmembers attended a dinner and movie night. An away team participated in the regional mini golf tournament and lost by this much. Plans for revenge are underway.

**USS Fox River, NCC - 81002
Appleton, WI**
Preparations underway for the Region 6 Summit.

**USS Imperium, NCC - 2125
Fargo, ND**
Summer plans are underway. An away team attended the Region 6 Summit.

**Shuttle Saint George
NCC-1798-A/11**
Shuttle is gearing up for commissioning.

Region 7
**USS Accord, NCC - 1842
Ithaca, NY**
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie outing and received t-shirts to go with the event. Many members planning to attend Shore Leave in Baltimore.

**USS Adamant, NCC - 3029
Valley Forge, PA**
An away team toured local caverns and had ice cream afterwards. An away team joined with other chapters to attend a midnight showing of Star Wars. An away team traveled to New York to visit the Star Wars traveling exhibit.

**USS Albany, NCC - 587
Scotia, NY**
Crewmembers enjoyed a miniature golf event. Collection efforts for OCP continue.

**USS Alpha Centauri, NCC - 71812
Washington, DC**
Ship sponsored annual miniature golf tournament. A small away team attended Shore Leave.

**USS Ascension, NCC - 2520
Lehigh Valley, PA**
An away team toured local caverns and had ice cream afterwards. An away team joined with other chapters to attend a midnight showing of Star Wars. An away team traveled to New

York to visit the Star Wars traveling exhibit.

**USS Asimov, NCC - 1647
Yardley, PA**

Crewmembers busy with finals so ship activities have been light.

**USS Avenger, NCC - 1860
North Brunswick, NJ**

An away team attended Shore Leave. Anniversary party plans underway.

**Shuttle Edinburgh, NCC - 10530/02
Gaithersburg, MD**

Plans underway for commissioning celebration. An away team attended a camping trip with another area chapter.

**Shuttle Flying Fox, NCC - 556/01
Philadelphia, PA**

An away team participated in the Relay for Life. Crewmembers enjoyed a pool party. Ship sponsored a Chocolate party at Shore Leave. Several members involved in getting Stellar Visions running again.

**USS Hera, NCC - 70655
Northfield, NJ**

The chapter held its annual barbeque Memorial Day, which was attended by most of the crew.

**USS Highlander, NCC - 10530
Frederick, MD**

Collection efforts for OCP and Stampede continue. As do dry good collections for a local food bank. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night and a non-meeting picnic.

**USS Justice, NCC - 556
Florham Park, NJ**

Ship sponsored a recruiting event at the Men in Black premiere and received local press coverage.

**USS Lone Wolf, NCC - 72214
Ocean City, MD**

Held regular meeting, currently on summer hiatus.

**USS Malverne, NCC - 2205
Upper Darby, PA**

Summer plans underway.

**USS Matrix, NCC - 72296
Correspondence**

Ship celebrating the commissioning of one of their shuttles.

**USS Northstar, NCC - 10462
New York, NY**

An away team toured the Star Wars exhibit at a local museum. Crewmembers participated in the AIDS Walk New York.

**USS Prevailing Wind, NCC - 74667
Harrisburg, PA**

An away team traveled to Gettysburg, PA.

**USS Richhoven, NCC - 1162
Correspondence**

An away team participated in the Relay for Life.

**USS Sovereign, NCC - 75000
Philadelphia, PA**

Crew celebrated the ships 12th anniversary. Plans for the region Halloween party are underway.

**USS Starlord, NCC - 74225
Ramsey, NJ**

Ship sponsored a gaming night and two fencing parties.

**USS Sun Tzu, NCC - 5373
Chester, NY**

Crewmembers enjoyed several movie nights. Preparations for the Region 7 conference continue.

**USS Thagard, NCC - 652
Philadelphia, PA**

Ship held its annual summer picnic.

**USS Thor, NCC - 2549-A
Parkton, MD**

Crewmembers participating in the Relay for Life.

**Shuttle Titanium, NCC - 5373/01
Horsham, PA**

Shuttle preparations are underway.

**USS Triton, NCC - 71819
Glen Burnie, MD**

Ship held an Alien foods night, complete with a cellular peptide cake with mint frosting.

Region 10

**USS Astra, NCC 04
Calgary, AB**

Many events in the works.

**USS Crystal Star, NCC 1160
Anchorage, AK**

Crewmembers manned a booth at the Walk for Hope.

Region 11

**USS Southern Cross, NCC - 1886
Sydney, NSW Australia**

The ship plans to celebrate The Queens Birthday with a Dinner and Charity Drive at Sky King Chinese Emporium.

Region 12

**USS Adjudicator, NCC - 73707
Kansas City, MO**

Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night. Preparations underway for the Quest for the Grail.

**USS Atlas, NCC - 75013
Bridgeton, MO**

The ship celebrated its fourth anniversary with a party. An away team attended the R12 Summit.

**USS Black Hawk, NCC - 75004
Rockford, IL**

Recruitment plans underway.

**USS BortaS, NCC - 74211
Urbana, IL**

Ship held a recruiting drive at a local food festival.

**USS Celt, NCC - 75018
Fayetteville, AR**

Crewmembers enjoyed two moview nights. An away team attended the R12 Summit.

**USS Concord, NCC - 1989-D
Oklahoma City, OK**

An away team attended the R3 Summit. Another away team also attended a nearby Trek convention.

**USS Discovery, NCC - 1308
St. Louis, MO**

An away team braved the crowds at the Star Wars Celebration in Indianapolis. Crewmembers enjoyed a summer winery trip. Away teams attended movie nights.

**USS Flying Fortress, NCC - 31904
Tulsa, OK**

An away team toured the Liberty Bell 7

exhibit. Recycling efforts continue.

**USS Hellfire & Brimstone
NCC - 3143
Emporia, KS**

An away team attended the R12 Summit.

**USS Horizon, NCC - 1000-B
Columbia, MO**

Crewmembers enjoyed a barbecue. Ship participated in a library book sale.

**USS Jeannette Maddox, NCC - 14514
Wichita, KS**

Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights. Plans for the ships 10th anniversary celebration are underway.

**USS Marko Ramius, NCC - 23103
Fayetteville, AR**

Planning the Klingon Games in two weeks

**USS Mystique, NCC - 58929
Russellville, AR**

Collection efforts for OCP continue as well as other charitable collections. Chapter already working hard on the 2003 R12 Summit.

**USS Nomad, NCC - 78500
Leavenworth, KS**

An away team attended the Region 12 Summit. Ship planning 10th anniversary party.

**USS Phoenix, NCC - 2155
Columbia, MO**

Crewmembers enjoyed movie events.

**USS Royal Sovereign, NCC - 72201
Shawnee, KS**

Crew enjoying monthly get together with other chapters.

**USS Tiospaye, NCC - 4102
Urbana, IL**

Crewmembers enjoyed regular role-playing events. Away teams attended several movie events. Another away team attended the R12 Summit.

**USS Traveler, NCC - 3145
Lawrence, KS**

An away team attended the Quest for the Grail. Collections efforts for OCP and Stampede continue.

**USS Umiak, NCC - 3142
St. Louis, MO**

Crewmembers attended a local renaissance faire. An away team attended the R12 Summit.

**USS Ursus, NCC - 2011
Springfield, IL**

Crew looking at new charity projects. Crewmembers creating coloring books for hospital visits.

**Shuttle William Wallace
NCC - 75018/01
Joplin, MO**

Recruitment efforts underway.

**USS Witchfire, NCC - 75006
Harrison, AR**

Plans underway for the ship's first anniversary. Crewmembers attended and helped out at the R12 Summit.

Region 13

**USS Banting, NCC 17220
Guelph, ON**

Crewmembers enjoyed a barbecue. An away team toured the Royal Botanical Gardens and enjoyed dinner afterwards.

**USS Empress, NCC-15025-A
Sterling Heights, MI**

Crew recovering from the Region 13 Summit.

**Shuttle Hadfield, NCC - 71012/01
Georgetown, ON Canada**

An away team visited with Fleet members in another city. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night.

**USS Valkyrie, NCC-74658
Dearborn, MI**

Members attended the R13 Summit. An away team attended a comic convention.

**USS Whitestar, NCC - 71012
Port Huron, MI**

Crewmembers attended the R13 Summit. An away team enjoyed a movie night.

Region 15

USS Anubis, NCC - 586

An away team attended a nearby convention. An away team attended the R15 Summit.

**USS Ares, NCC - 26291
Boston, MA**

An away team enjoyed a movie outing. Crewmembers attended the R15 Summit.

**USS Avalon, NCC - 74914
Standish, ME**

The ship participated in the Maine Stae Parade. An away team enjoyed a movie night. Recruitment efforts continue.

**USS Darwin, NCC - 1116
Brockton, MA**

The ship sponsored a yard sale. An away team attended the R15 Summit.

**USS O'Bannon, NCC - 5372
Sanford, ME**

Crewmembers enjoyed several breakfast and movie events. An away team attended the R15 Summit.

**USS Tsunami, NCC - 5374
Manchester, MA**

The ship sponsored a Karaoke night at a local

Region 17

**USS Alioth, NCC - 72383
Orem/Provo, UT**

Crew enjoyed a movie and ice cream event followed by a light hearted attempt at exercise.

**USS Anasazi
Albuquerque, NM**

An away team attended the R17 Summit. Crewmembers attended a Memorial day picnic.

**USS Mir, NCC - 73281
Las Cruces, NM**

Crewmembers participated in the Relay For Life and raised over 2000.00. Ship hosted the R17 Summit.

**USS Stormbringer, NCC - 74213
Englewood, CO**

Crewmembers participated in a Star Wars Charity Fundraiser. An away team attended a nearby convention.

Region 20

**Shuttle Valiant, NCC - 75635
London, England**

Recruitment efforts continue and the shuttle continues to grow.

COME TO WATKINS

GLEN WEEKEND XIII!

Mark Anbinder • USS Accord

If you've been a STARFLEET member for a while, you've probably read one or another of the Communiqué articles telling you what a good time you'd missed at the most recent "Watkins Glen Weekend," the annual event hosted in Central New York by USS Accord. This time, I'm taking the time to give you a little advance warning about the thirteenth annual WGW, taking place the 11th-13th of October in and around Ithaca and Watkins Glen, New York.

You see, back in the days of Shuttle Odyssey, we planned a small hike at the Watkins Glen State Park gorge trails, and invited some fellow Fleet folks along. Little did we know.

Over a decade later, we've seen strong and/or regular contingents from all over Region 7, plus visitors from other chapters as far away as Los Angeles. The weekend involves a relaxing hike in the gorge trails, plus lots of time for hanging out and plenty of good food. If you can climb stairs, you can do the hike — even if you decide to take the shuttle bus to the top and just do the downhill portion.

Thinking about coming?

If you'd like to join us, visit the USS Accord web site at **http://www.ussaccord.org/** for more info, and please let Alan Rose (**alrose@14850.com**) know you're coming. Alan needs to count attendees for Saturday's dinner and Sunday's brunch, so while we're always happy to have surprise visitors, we'd rather know in advance if you plan to join us for meals.

We have rooms lined up in three local lodging establishments. Our regular spot and official primary hotel, the Ithaca Airport Ramada Inn, has a block of rooms at \$99/night (plus tax, of course). Call them at 800-2RAMADA or 607-257-3100. The Meadow Court Inn has standard rooms at \$95/night and deluxe rooms at \$165/night. They can be reached at 800-852-4014 or 607-273-3885, or visit them at **http://www.meadowroyal.com**. And, if you'd like a homier feel, the Coddington Guest House bed & breakfast has rooms at varying sizes and prices. Visit **http://www.theCoddington.com/**, call 607-275-0021, or e-mail **theCoddington@aol.com**. All of these folks are holding rooms in the name "USS Accord."

As you may have figured out from past CQ articles about past Watkins Glen Weekends, we have a great time. It's like a convention without the stars and dealer tables, or like an International Conference without all the pesky meetings! We've got folks coming this year from at least five Regions of the Fleet so far. Join us!



STARFLEET ANNOUNCEMENTS

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JULY 2002

2002.07.26: Fleet Captain Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo, USS Accord NCC-1842, (rtsindo@erols.com), is working on an article for the CQ: In **50 words or less**, if you could give your younger self -- the one just starting out in Starfleet -- any advice, what would you tell him/her? Also please include your ship and region affiliation to save time in looking up attributions on the sfi.org page.

2002.07.25: Commander Karen Mitchell, (terpette@hotmail.com), is looking to write an article for the CQ and is asking: Did Star Trek and/or science fiction influence your career path? How?

2002.07.24: Commodore Bill Herrmann, Fisherman Extraordinaire/Organizer, STARFLEET International Fishing League, (OpEagle@Bellsouth.Net), invites anyone interested in fishing to write him concerning the formation of a group who loves to fish!

2002.07.12: Joe Brouhard, Director of OnLine Gaming (DOG), (director@sfigaming.net), announces that you can subscribe to information on DOG: (<http://dragonlair.dyndns.org/mailman/listinfo/sfigaming-l>).

2002.07.12: Admiral Marlene J. Miller, Commandant, Starfleet Academy, (marlene@cboss.com), announces that Flag Officer School Director, Helen Pawlowski is ailing. For details, please reference the entire message.

2002.07.10: Major General Robert J. Jackson, SFMC, Inspector General, STARFLEET, (robbjackson@attbi.com), announces the appointment of Captain Richard Demidio to the post of Assistant Inspector General, Region 15.

2002.07.02: VAdm. John T (Jack)

Hopkins, (SFIJack@aol.com) & RAdm. Ron Fell, (RadmFell@aol.com), Co-Coordinator, IC2003, announces that the 2003 International Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn - Airport in Greensboro, NC, on Thursday, July 30th, through Sunday, August 3rd.

2002.07.02: Fleet Admiral Les Rickard, Commander, STARFLEET, (cs@sfi.org), announces the appointment of Rear Admiral Carl Johnson as the new STARFLEET Chief Quartermaster. Carl can be reached at: (quartermaster@sfi.org).

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2002.06.28: FCapt. Dave Blaser, FDP Communications, (DaveB@Region13.org), reminds everyone that the FDP Communications web site has a "List o' Lists" of Starfleet Affiliated ListServes. You can find that list, and how to subscribe at: (<http://blaser.tzo.com/fdp-comm/>). The "List o' Lists" is on the links page.

2002.06.27: Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace, Chairman - STARFLEET Advanced Starship Design Bureau, (chairman@asdb.net), announces that the following Works in Progress are available for view for the next day or so. He will be moving them to new homes this Saturday and the new URLs will be added to the Publications list at (<http://www.asdb.net/asdb/pubs>). Star Fleet Review - (<http://www.asdb.net/public/SFR.pdf>) (1.6 MB); Klingon Military Power - (<http://www.asdb.net/public/KMP.pdf>) (1.7MB); Starship Construction Guide - (<http://www.asdb.net/public/SCG.pdf>) (850K).

2002.06.27: Commodore Jeffery Higdon, Deputy Director, Office of the Fleet Historian, (higdon@xta.com), announces that an update has been added

to the Official STARFLEET Website including a new section of the 'History of the Office of the Fleet Historian'. The history can still be found at (<http://www.ussblackhawk.com/SFIHistory/>).

2002.06.27: Major General Jill Rayburn Professional Branch Director, SFMCA, (jazdan@wk.net), announces that it has been discovered that one of the resources for the PD-12 course has been rewritten and the original deleted from the site. In the interim, it is necessary for them to close this course to students.

2002.06.27: Captain James Whatley "Jimmy", STARFLEET Morale Officer, (jwhatle2@bellsouth.net), announces that the SF Morale Site has added a Wedding announcements page. (<http://www.angelfire.com/trek/morale>).

2002.06.26: Colonel Joost "Excalibur" Ueffing, (web.warrior@delhaven.ns.ca), announces the new Region 14 web site is now available for your viewing pleasure: (<http://www.delhaven.ns.ca/r14/>).

2002.06.25: Eddie Allen III, Overseas Coupon Project Coordinator, (eddieallen3@mchsi.com), announces that the OCP (Overseas Coupon Project) will cease to exist as a tax-exempt entity after June 30. Those in the military have had pay raises enough to soon lift them above the Federal poverty level. To maintain the charitable status we need to provide assistance to those who are below that level. This does not mean the end of the coupon donations. For further information, please reference this entire message.

2002.06.24: General Scott Akers, SFI Historian, (chunone@nwlinc.com), has updated the sports section, including placings and rankings for the: National Football League, NCAA Men's Basketball

Championships, National Basketball Association, Major League Baseball, Woman's National Basketball Association, Major League Soccer, and the National Hockey League. Check out: (<http://www.region5.org/history/sports/>).

2002.06.21: Commodore Paul M. Reid, (sakaari@shaw.ca), has created a new yahoo group to discuss new trek fiction, written by fleet members. (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sf-archive/>).

2002.06.19: Captain James Whatley "Jimmy", STARFLEET Morale Officer, (jwhatle2@bellsouth.net), announces that he is accepting application for volunteers from all regions to help collect and verify birthdays and to help where he will not be able to attend summits and present awards in the various regions. These positions will be listed as vol. or unofficial. Morale Office Web Page: (<http://www.angelfire.com/trek/morale>).

2002.06.18: Lieutenant Colonel Matt Baillie, (bailliem@sympatico.ca), Webmaster, STARFLEET Cadet Corps, announces several updates to the Cadet Corps Web Site: (<http://blaser.tzo.com/fdp-cadets>).

2002.06.18: Colonel Dallas Vinson, (dallaswv@bellsouth.net), announces that the Morale Office now has a web page which is on line: (www.angelfire.com/trek/morale).

2002.06.15: Fleet Captain Michael Dugas, (glithndr@whitestar.org), Keeper of the Fleet Online Directory, announces that the new Fleet Online Directory is open for business with a new design, running off a live database - so changes can be made real-time: (<http://www.sfi.org/directory>). He also just added fields for: MSN Messenger, AOL Instant Messenger and Yahoo Messenger ID's in

addition to ICQ.

2002.06.14: Joe Brouhard, (director@sfigaming.net), Director, Dept of OnLine Gaming (DOG), announces that the Department of Online Gaming has a brand-new website & located at (<http://www.sfigaming.net>).

2002.06.10: Blair Learn, (conboy@ussatlas.org), announces that the photo archive page is back online. To view it, fire up your favorite web browser and point it to: (<http://www.sfi.org/conventions/con-list/starfleet/photos.stm>). The page is a collection of pointers to various photo archives people have put online over the past few years. If corrections need to be made, drop a line to (conboy@ussatlas.org).

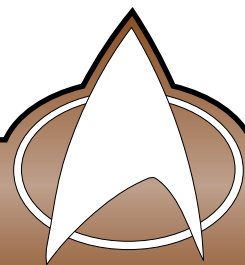
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If you have any questions, concerns, problems or issues with how things are functioning in STARFLEET today, please feel free to contact the SFI Helpdesk at helpdesk@sfi.org and we'll get right on it!

For those who do not have access to e-mail, we have a voice-mail/fax. If you do have e-mail access, we strongly recommend that you use helpdesk@sfi.org. But for those that don't, they can call or fax (507) 299-2015.

This is a number in the US, and yes, it's a toll call. Make sure to leave us enough information so we know how to contact you!

Any questions? E-mail us at helpdesk@sfi.org!



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

Conventions@NetworkBoy.com.

Allow a minimum of three months time between your submission and the convention's date.

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

Nov 15-17 Tus-con 29, Tucson, Arizona; Info: PO Box 27307, Tucson AZ 85726-7307 Ph: 520-881-3709 or 520-293-1455 <http://home.earthlink.net/~basfa/basfa@earthlink.net> Guests: Timothy Zahn, Vicki Visconti Tilley, Edward Bryant, Barry Bard, Earl Billick, R. Merrill Bollerud, Deb Dedon, Wolf Forrest, Dave Foster, Marty Massoglia, Alice Massoglia, James Mead, Earl W. Parrish, Michael Stackpole

Arkansas

Sep 27-29 Roc*Kon, Little Rock, Arkansas; Info: PO Box 13118, Maumelle, AR 72113 <http://www.rockon.org/> admin@rockon.org Guests: Jennifer Roberson, Jeff Dee, David Lee Anderson, Michael Curtis, Carole Curtis, Lee Martindale, Mark Shepherd, Bill Eakin, Richard Knaak, Richard Parks, Terry McGarry, KD Wentworth, William Mark Simmons, James R. Barnes, Darcy Pattison, Libby Singleton, Emma Keigh, Stephen LaFevers, Bill Jones, Peter Bradley, Chris Hanther, Twisted Ink Productions,

Michael Tierney, Charlene Harris Benefits: Make-A-Wish Foundation

California

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, John Logan, James Cromwell

Oct 5-6 Celebrity Autograph Collector's show, Hollywood, California; Info: PO Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/> hcs@atlantic.net

Oct 11-13 SiliCon, Foster City, California; Info: PMB #151, 785/E Oak Grove Road, Concord, CA 94521 Ph: 408-353-8492 <http://www.siliconventions.org/> chairman@siliconventions.org Guests: William Stout, Trina Robbins, Walter Olkewicz, Richard Payne, Monika Livingstone, Tim Dunigan

Oct 18-20 Conjecture, San Diego, California; Info: PO Box 927388, San Diego, CA 92192-7388 <http://www.conjecture.org/> Guests: Steven Brust

Colorado

Oct 18-20 MileHiCon, Lakewood, Colorado; Info: PO Box 101322, Denver, CO 80250-1322 Ph: 303-657-5912 <http://www.milehicon.org/> lindanel@ix.netcom.com Guests: Nichelle Nichols, Christie Golden, Michael Georges, John Ford

Connecticut

Oct 17 Slanted Fedora, Hartford, Connecticut; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/> SFedora1@aol.com Guests: Aron Eisenberg, Marina Sirtis, Richard Gordon

Florida

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

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

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, Dirk Benedict, Mike McFadden, Vic Milán

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

Oct 4-6 Maquis Gras, Portage, Indiana; Info: PO Box 1101, Portage IN 46368 <http://www.maquis.com/mfa/gras1.htm> bejen@maquis.com Guests: J.G. Hertzler, Bill Blair Benefits: Pine Ridge Sioux Reservation

Nov 22-24 Gamefest -- Indy, Indianapolis, Indiana; Info: PO Box 718, Antwerp, OH 45813 Ph: 877-977-4263 <http://www.advantageconvention.com/> Email: gamefest@advantageconvention.com

Iowa

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/> Email icon@mindbridge.org Guests: Jennifer Roberson, John Garner, Rusty Hevelin

Kansas

Nov 21-24 ShaunCon, Overland Park, Kansas; Info: PO Box 7457, Kansas City, MO 64116-0157 Ph: 816-455-5020 <http://www.rpgkc.org/Shاون/Shاون20.htm> RPGKC@aol.com Guests: Aaron Williams

Maryland

Oct 4-6 Intercon, Baltimore, Maryland; Info: 809 Bayridge Dr, Gaithersburg, MD 20878 <http://www.larpa.org/intercon/xvii/> Email: intercon17@larpa.org

Oct 18-20 Capclave 2002, Silver Spring, Maryland; Info: 4030 8th Street, Arlington VA 22204 <http://www.wsfa.org/capc02/> Guests: Stanley Schmidt, Alexis Gilliland

Massachusetts

Sep 29-Oct 5 Viable Paradise, Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts; Info: PO Box 36, Medford, MA 02155 <http://www.sff.net/paradise/> Email: mvfsfa@mail.com Guests: Debra Doyle, Patrick Nielsen Hayden, Teresa Nielsen Hayden, Steven Gould, James Patrick Kelly, James D. MacDonald

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, Peg Huffaker, Susan Van Camp

Oct 25-27 Creation, Dearborn, Michigan; Info: 1010 N. Central Ave, 4th Floor, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com> Guests: William Shatner, Nana Visitor, Connor Trinneer

Minnesota

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> Guests: Joe Bob Briggs, Gahan Wilson

Oct 25-27 CONSume/Relaxacon, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota; Info: 1105 Bellecrest Drive, Maplewood, MN 55109-1902 <http://relaxacon.tripod.com/> relaxacon2001@hotmail.com

Oct 31-Nov 3 World Fantasy Convention 2002, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Info: c/o DreamHaven Books, 912 West Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55408 Ph: 612-823-6161 <http://2002.worldfantasy.org/bjf@wavefront.com>

Mississippi

Nov 16-17 CoastCon Jr, Biloxi, Mississippi; Info: PO Box 1423, Biloxi, MS 39533 Ph: 228-435-5217 <http://www.coastcon.org/> coastcon@coastcon.org

Missouri

Feb 21-23 Visioncon, Springfield, Missouri; Info: PO Box 1415, Springfield, MO 65801-1415 Ph: 417-886-7219 <http://www.visioncon.net/junior@visioncon.net>

New Jersey

Nov 8-10 Eclecticon, Newark, New Jersey; Info: 9-11 Ayres Court, Bayonne, NJ 07002-3510 <http://members.aol.com/JRD803/eclecticon.htm> badkarma@bestweb.net Benefits: local food banks

New York

Oct 4-6 Albacon, Schenectady, New York; Info: PO Box 2085, Albany, NY 12220-0085 <http://www.albacon.org/committee@albacon.org> Guests: Mike Resnick, Tom Kidd

Oct 15 Slanted Fedora, Buffalo, New York; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/> SFedora1@aol.com Guests: Aron Eisenberg, Marina Sirtis, Richard Gordon

Oct 16 Slanted Fedora, Syracuse, New York; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/> SFedora1@aol.com Guests: Aron Eisenberg, Marina Sirtis, Richard Gordon

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

Oct 11-13 Slanted Fedora, Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/> SFedora1@aol.com Guests: Nana Visitor, Max Grodenchik, Aron Eisenberg, Chase Masterson, Denise Crosby, Lolita Fatjo

Nov 15-17 MACE, High Point, North Carolina; Info: 873 Big Creek Court, High Point, North Carolina 27265 Ph: 336-869-5410 <http://www.justusproductions.com/mace.htm> jeff@justusproductions.com

North Dakota

Oct 4-6 STARFLEET Region 6

Conference, Fargo, North Dakota; Info: 5636 Sheridan Ave S., Minneapolis, MN 55410 <http://www.skypoint.com/~davidk50/> 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> Guests: Virginia Hey, Kevin J. Anderson, Rebecca Moesta

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

Oct 11-13 Context, Columbus, Ohio; Info: PO Box 163391, Columbus, OH 43216 Ph: 614-851-9977 <http://www.contextcon.com/mevans@gcnf.org> Guests: Andrew J. Offutt, Ron Sarti, Maureen McHugh, Bill Levy, Joe Martino, Kim Bundy, Tony Ruggiero, Thomas Gressman, Juanita Coulson, Lucy Snyder

Nov 1-3 Ohio Valley Filk Fest, Dublin, Ohio; Info: 3824 Patricia Drive, Columbus, OH 43220-4913 http://www.ovff.org/jinny_e@yahoo.com Guests: Heather Rose Jones, Joe Ellis, Rob Wynne

Nov30-Dec1 Mid-Ohio-Con, Columbus, Ohio; Info: P.O. Box 3831, Mansfield, OH 44907 Ph: 419-526-1427 <http://www.wfcomics.com/midohiocon/> MidOhioCon@wfcomics.com

Oregon

Nov 7-10 AmberCon Northwest, Troutdale, Oregon; Info: 8047 N. Syracuse St, Portland, OR 97203-4939 <http://www.wyrdrune.com/acnw/simone@wyrdrune.com>

Nov 22-24 OryCon 24, Portland, Oregon; Info: PO Box 5703, Portland, OR 97228-5703 Ph: 503-774-1043 <http://www.orycon.org/orycon24/all.wilsonsage@attbi.com> Guests: Susan R. Matthews, Lee Seed, Martin H. Greenberg, Sean Troupe, Judith Conley

Pennsylvania

Oct 12-13 Pittsburgh Horror & Comic Book Show, Monroeville, Pennsylvania; Info: 1002 Graham Ave., Windber, PA 15963 Ph: 814-467-4116 <http://www.pittsburghcomicon.com/pcomicon@nb.net> Benefits: Make A Wish

Oct 18 Slanted Fedora, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/SFederal@aol.com> Guests: Aron Eisenberg, Marina Sirtis, Richard Gordon

Oct 19 Slanted Fedora, Hershey, Pennsylvania; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/SFederal@aol.com> Guests: Aron Eisenberg, Marina Sirtis, Richard Gordon

Oct 20 Slanted Fedora, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/SFederal@aol.com> Guests: Aron

Eisenberg, Marina Sirtis, Richard Gordon

South Carolina

Nov 8-10 Beach Bash 2002, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Info: PO Box 16337, Atlanta, GA 30321-6337 <http://beachbash.virtualave.net/> apsara_chaouw@yahoo.com

Tennessee

Oct 4-6 National Storytelling Festival, Jonesborough, Tennessee; Info: 116 W. Main St., Jonesborough, TN 37659 Ph: 800-952-8392 x8208 <http://www.storytellingfestival.net/> info@storytellingcenter.net

Texas

Oct 5-6 Slanted Fedora, El Paso, Texas; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/SFederal@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>

Vermont

Nov 1-3 Carnage on the Mountain, Brownsville, Vermont; Info: 64 County Road-Hartland, Windsor, VT 05089 Ph: 802-436-2004 <http://www.carnagecon.com/info@carnagecon.com>

Virginia

Sep 27-29 Gamefest -- Richmond, Richmond, Virginia; Info: PO 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 5-6 Point North, Salem, Virginia; Info: 545 Howard Drive, Salem, VA 24153-2167 Ph: 540-389-9400 <http://www.point-north.com/dreichelman@yahoo.com>

Oct 11-13 Anime USA, Tysons Corner, Virginia; Info: 7395-B Lee Hwy, Falls Church, VA 22042 <http://www.animeusa.org/chairman@animeusa.org>

Nov 8-10 NekoCon, Virginia Beach, Virginia; Info: PO Box 4141, Greensboro NC 27404-4141 <http://www.nekocon.org/info@nekocon.org>

Nov 8-10 Rising Star, Salem, Virginia; Info: PO Box 10787, Blacksburg, VA 24062-0787 <http://www.rising-star.org/conchair@rising-star.org>

Washington

Sep 27-29 Foolscap, Bellevue, Washington; Info: PO Box 2461, Seattle, WA 98111-2461 <http://www.foolscap.org/chair@foolscap.org> Guests: Rick Berry, Barbara Hambly

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

West Virginia

Jan 24-26 Marscon, Williamsburg, West Virginia; Info: PO Box 8143, Yorktown VA 23693 <http://www.marscon.net/registration@marscon.net>

Australia

New South Wales

Sep 27 Holodiction - Sydney Harbour Dinner Cruise, Sydney, New South Wales; Info: PO Box 2, Matraville, NSW 2036, AUSTRALIA Ph: +02-9311 4655 <http://www.startrek.com.au/photon@startrek.com.au> Guests: Robert Duncan McNeill

Sep 28 Holodiction, Sydney, New South Wales; Info: PO Box 2, Matraville, NSW 2036, AUSTRALIA Ph: +02-9311 4655 <http://www.startrek.com.au/photon@startrek.com.au> Guests: Robert Duncan McNeill

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

Nov 10 Friends of Science Fiction, Sydney, New South Wales; Info: PO Box 797, Fairfield NSW 1860, Australia Ph: +61-02-9523-8385 <http://www.fsf.com.au/bookings@fsf.com.au> Guests: Amanda Tapping

South Australia

Sep 29 Holodiction, Adelaide, South Australia; Info: PO Box 2, Matraville, NSW 2036, AUSTRALIA Ph: +02-9311 4655 <http://www.startrek.com.au/photon@startrek.com.au> Guests: Robert Duncan McNeill

Victoria

Sep 26 Holodiction, Melbourne, Victoria; Info: PO Box 2, Matraville, NSW 2036, AUSTRALIA Ph: +02-9311 4655 <http://www.startrek.com.au/photon@startrek.com.au>

Nov 16 Multiverse: A Day with Amanda Tapping, Melbourne, Victoria; Info: PO Box 355, World Trade Centre, Melbourne, Vic 3005 Ph: +61 (0)3 9515 3226 http://www.multiverse.org.au/events/amanda_tapping/ Guests: Amanda Tapping

Western Australia

Sep 30 Holodiction, Perth, Western Australia; Info: PO Box 2, Matraville, NSW 2036, AUSTRALIA Ph: +02-9311 4655 <http://www.startrek.com.au/>

photon@startrek.com.au

Canada

British Columbia

Oct 11-13 V Con, Vancouver, British Columbia; Info: Main Floor - 2116 MacDonald Street, Vancouver, BC, V6K 3Y4, Canada <http://www.v-con.ca/pallehoffstein@hotmail.com>

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/viwwf@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

Sep 19-22 AmberCon North, Toronto, Ontario; Info: 434 North State Street, Concord, NH 03301, USA <http://acn.ambercons.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/mmooore@pathcom.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 25-27 Conthulu, Mississauga, Ontario; Info: PO Box 21146, RPO Meadowvale, Mississauga, ON, L5N 6A2 Canada Ph: 905-820-3844 <http://www.primedia.com/info@primedia.ca> Guests: Jeffrey Combs, Kenneth Hite

Quebec

Nov 2 Con*Cept, Montreal, Quebec; Info: PO Box 1186, Place du Parc, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, H2X 4A7 <http://www.monsffa.com/concept2002.html> vp@monsffa.com

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 Coppinger, Garrick Hagon, David Prowse, Michael Sheard, Felix Silla

Oct12 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>

New Zealand

Nov 23-24 Armageddon: Pop Culture Expo, Wellington, ; Info: PO Box 13419 Onehunga, Auckland, New Zealand Ph: +64 9 625 8054 <http://www.pulpexpo.com/whoami@ihug.co.nz> Guests: David Carradine, Bryan Hitch, Kyle Hebert

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

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 <http://www.wolfevents.net/home/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 <http://www.CultTV.org/enquiries@culttv.net>

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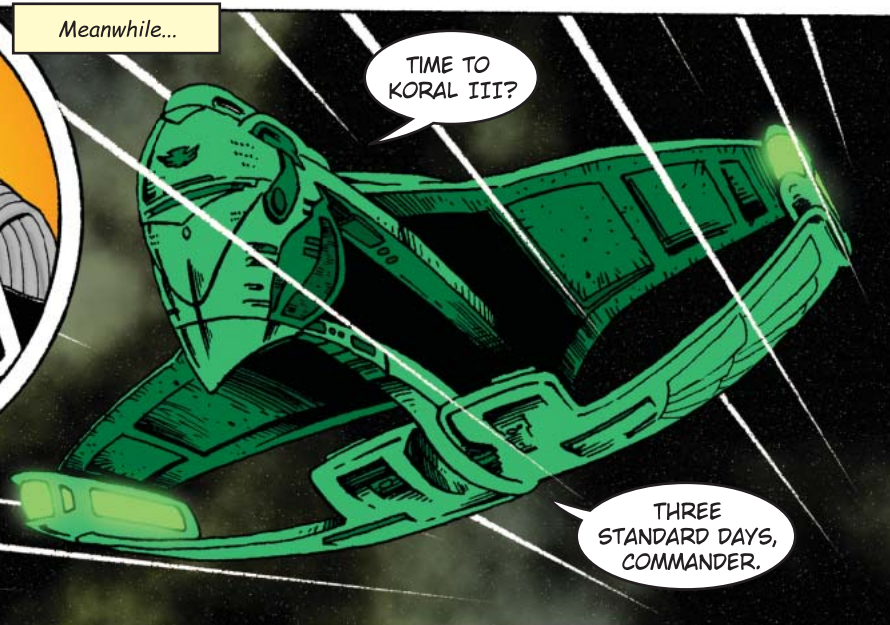
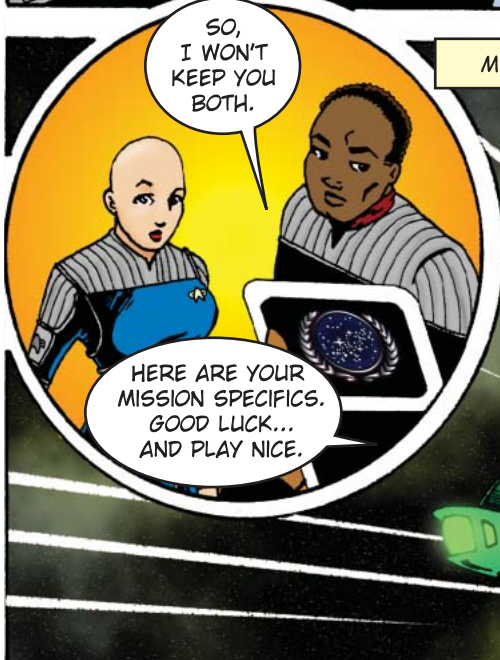
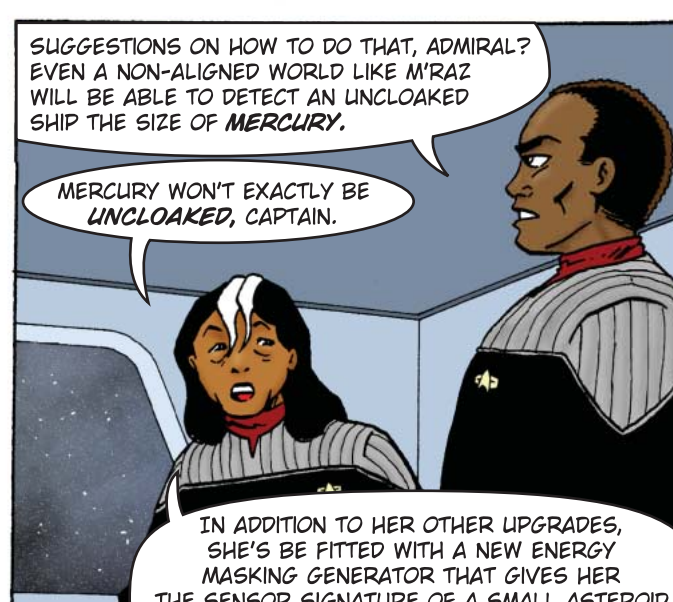
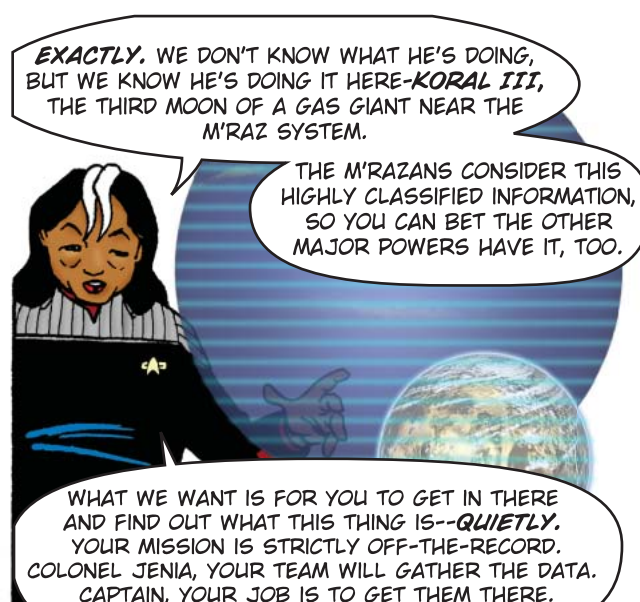
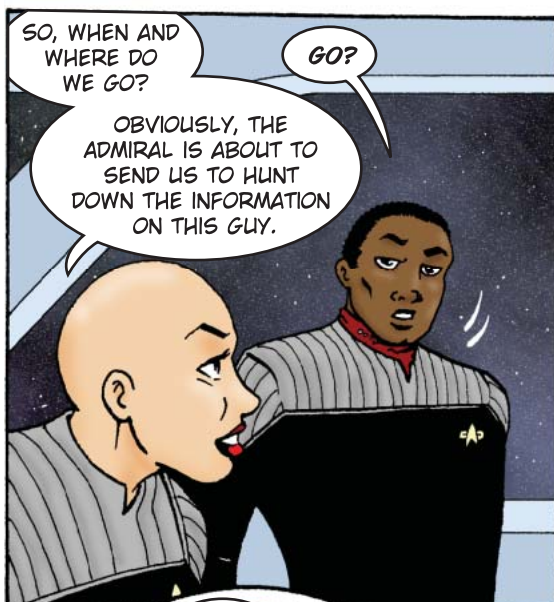
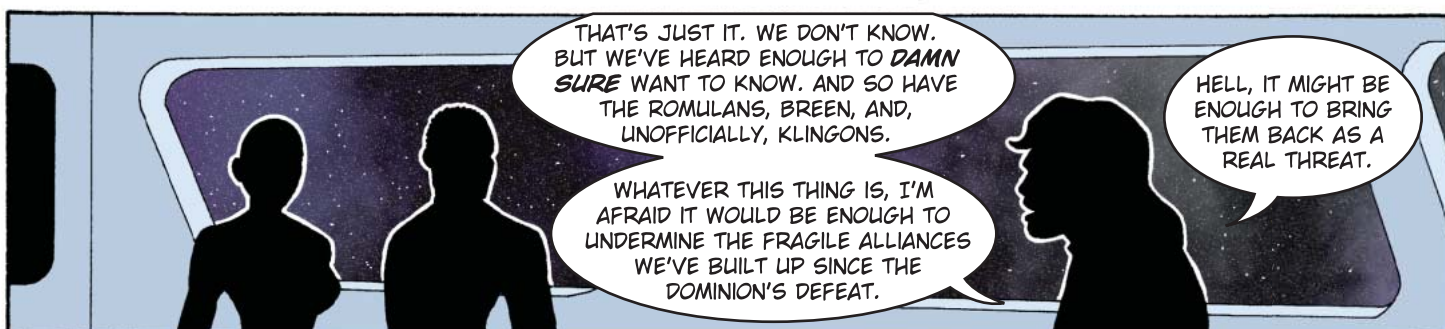
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SCENES FROM THE REGION 3 SUMMIT 2002

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ABOVE LEFT: "For The Empire!" - The crew of the USS Ark Angel

ABOVE RIGHT: "But does he cook?": Vaughn Armstrong, one man band.

LEFT: "Call Me 'Chief'" - RCR3 Brad Pense tests the latest in ISS camouflage.

BELOW: Ok, everyone sing 'Hail to the Chief': The Region 3 Headquarters staff.

RIGHT: "Obey me! I'm on the EC!" - Chief of Operations Mark Vinson strikes a pose.

For more coverage of the Region 3 Summit, turn to page 27!

BOTTOM ROW: Left: Steve Gordon watches as Evan Richards and Kevin Topham give a Bath'let demonstration. Middle: The crew of the USS Qunah Parker. Right: No trip into the Mirror, Mirror universe would be complete without a visit to the Agony Booth...

