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REGION 7 KNOWS HOW TO PARTY HARDY



The 2002 Region 7 Conference was held from August 23rd to the 25th in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

As one might expect, when a few 'Fleeters get to gether, a good time can not be far behind!



Top Left: Conference Chairs Edger and Maria Torres. **Top Center:** Darry and Sherry Jennings, Liz Reilly and Dean Rogers pose behind Gerry Sylvester, Sandy Berenberg and Rick Driver **Top Right:** Ed Tunis proudly displays one of the Chapter Awards. **Left:** Kyle Wolf receives a promotion from RC R7, Alex Rosenzweig, with Michael Klufas standing to his right. **Right:** Kris T! Klufas, Rey Cordero, Maxwell Santiago and former RC R7 Bob Vosseller. **Below Left:** Doc Kinne goes in search of Seafood. **Below Right:** Alex Rosenzweig does his best Jerry Springer impression.

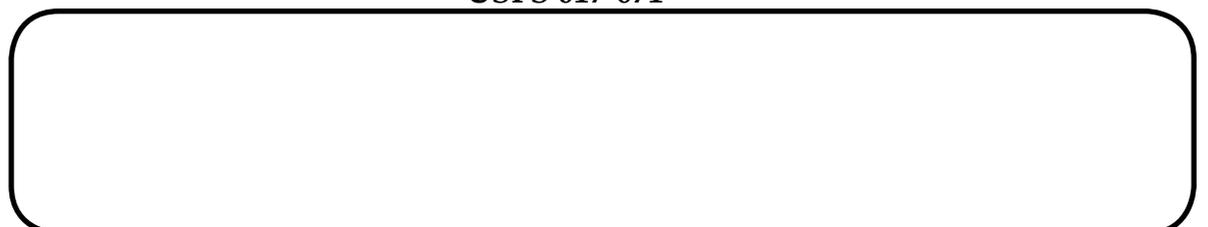
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An Open Letter to the members of STARFLEET:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In Fellowship,

FAdm Mandi Livingston
Commander, STARFLEET - cs@sfi.org

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In This Issue: The article entitled "Time Travel" by Robert J. Jackson on page 32 contains un-credited material written by Chris Halliday of Argent Games, who is the author of the Time War RPG.

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DON'T CALL ME EDWIN!

FLEET ADMIRAL LES RICKARD

COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings from STARFLEET HQ. I hope everyone has had as great a summer as I have. I am now looking forward to fall and cooler weather. As always I will be brief and be gone, though this month that may be briefer than usual with very little to report on.

SFHQ Status

All offices of the Commander, STARFLEET are working smoothly and without issue. But here's a recap of activities here at HQ.

STARFLEET Treasury is running wonderfully with Tammy Willcox at the helm. Financial matters are being handled with their usual speed and efficiency. As always, if there are any questions regarding financial matters please contact Tammy Willcox or myself. I would also like to thank the other members of the Finance Team who participate in the financial review of Fleet. Those are the current members of the EC as well as Staffers who regularly deal with money issues like Sandy Berenberg and Kurt Roithinger. Also on the finance team is our Interim Internal Auditor Brad Pense. Brad has been a great help in his duties as AB representative and Interim IA.

I recently signed and delivered this year's Scholarship checks to Scholarship Coordinator, Sue Hampton. The recipients should have received these checks before you read this article. Again, congratulations to the winners this year and a big thanks to Sue for her work on the program. I am looking forward to seeing more scholarships awarded next year in the new administration. It was a great feeling knowing STARFLEET has helped out some

of its own further their education. I would like to thank all of the officers that I work with regularly for their hard work. They keep STARFLEET running!

Administrative Transition

Some have asked me about how the upcoming transition to the next admin will work. I can start out by saying as smoothly as we can possibly make it. After the VOC results are official and I have received official notification of my successor, I will begin preparing the mailing box with the fleet finance files and other such paperwork that I have kept since the first of last year.

I will begin the transition of materials in early December so that all materials are in the possession of the new Commander, STARFLEET by the end of the year. The only finance items that will not transition until January 1st, 2003 will be the actual fleet checkbook and ledger. I will need it to make some final payments before the end of the administration. With January 1st a holiday, it will be mailed on January 2nd, 2003.

It is my goal to make this the most smooth and successful transition in STARFLEET history. I know it will be because I am retiring with the knowledge that our finances are in excellent shape and well documented. That transfer will be made simple by the fact that the current treasurer is slated to stay on in the next administration.

This is all being accomplished because I developed a transition plan and put together a packet for the next CS. I have also asked all members of the EC who will not be staying on to do the same thing. This

will hopefully reduce the problems that are inherent in the process.

Reporting and Problem Solving

This is one area I wanted to discuss briefly. It will hopefully assist everyone in the few months left of the year as well as the members of the next administration.

The Reporting process works in two phases. The first phase is chapter reporting. The chapter files a Monthly Status Report (MSR) for each month. At a minimum the MSR goes to the Regional Coordinator and STARFLEET Operations. Some regions have a different design but the ultimate responsibility lay with the RC. In that MSR they can report problems that need solving. If these problems are regional level in nature then the Regional Coordinator or their designee should work to resolve those issues. If the problems listed are Fleet level in nature then the Ops Chief forwards the problems to the various EC members or staff for resolution. This is the first line of defense in getting problems reported and worked on.

The second phase is Regional Reporting. Each month the Regional Coordinator is required to send a Regional Status Report (RSR) to the Chief of STARFLEET Operations and the Commander, STARFLEET. This report is designed to give STARFLEET HQ an overview of what is happening in the region.

Additionally, it is also a way for the RC to make Fleet aware of problems that are Fleet level in nature. When the RSR is received the Ops Chief and I work these problems

or send them to the various EC or EC Staff to handle. The RSR is the second line of defense and the one that is meant for SFHQ so that we are sure we are getting the Fleet level problems. That is what this report is for. The RSR is also a check and balance for the chapter to make sure that problems are getting reported by the RC. If we see a problem in the MSR, but it is not reported in the RSR, we ask why and make sure it was not something other than an accidental omission. Now many region commands send their RSR out to their Regional Command Staff so they are aware of the problems. I applaud this and want to note that is an excellent way for the command staff to know about and handle regional or inter-chapter issues. But problems listed on the RSR that are Fleet level in nature are handled as soon as we see them and can address them.

Now let me preface this information by saying that neither of these reports prevents a member or chapter from reported a problem directly to SFHQ. This can be done a number of different ways. They can be reported through the helpdesk, to the individual EC or EC Staff member or finally to the Vice Commander, STARFLEET or myself.

I hope this cleared up any misconceptions or miscommunications about reporting.

A Final Word

While this is not my actual final word, allow me a moment to thank some people. I would like to spotlight and thank the hard working individuals of the Communiqué. They have worked hard under difficult deadlines and late reports, CS notwithstanding. They put together an informative newsletter that lets everyone know what's happening around the fleet. So thank you to Kurt and the rest of the CQ staff for their hard work.

That's it for now, see you next issue.

TREASURY REPORT

By Commodore Tammy Willcox • STARFLEET Treasurer

Hi everyone! As usual, things have been very busy in the treasury! We're now able to access our account online with the Business Express Checking option that I mentioned in my last report. It has been wonderful for me to go up and check on things without having to dial the phone and write everything down.

I've gotten Randy set up to use it as well, and as we move forward, both the CS and VCS will be able to view the accounts as well. It's definitely a wonderful tool for the treasury.

In the last issue I asked for applications for the position of Loss Prevention Specialist and since the applications aren't due until October 31st, I'll be announcing the new member of the treasury department in the next issue of the CQ. Please note that I am now taking applications for the position of Budget Specialist. The requirements for the position are listed below. The Budget Specialist will be responsible for:

1. Working with the EC and the staff on ensuring they submit their budgets in a timely manner.
2. Keeping each budget on file.
3. Reviewing the budgets on a monthly basis and submitting a report to me and each EC member on the status of their department's budget.
4. Preparing quarterly budget reports.
5. Prepare annual budget reports.

The requirements for the Budget Specialist position are:

1. Recommendation letter from your CO
2. Recommendation letter from a SFI officer other than your CO
3. Standard 'real life' resume
4. 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. 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 December 31, 2002 to:

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

International and Canadian checks and money orders continue to be an issue for the treasury. I've deposited several checks and money orders over the last couple of months that are still clearing, even though we are using a different system for them. I've noted several deposits in the last couple

of months that may change due to this problem. I'll announce the changes to any figures once I am sure of them. To help me out, please try to pay for your membership via credit card or obtain a US postal money order. **Please do not send a payment in anything but us funds!** Having to convert monetary exchanges only lengthens the process.

Scholarship Donations Via Paypal
Thanks to the help of Mark Anbinder and Greg Trotter, we now have the capability to donate to the Scholarship Fund via Paypal. Just send your donations to edonations@sfi.org and they'll go directly to the scholarship account.

As always, I am available to discuss any financial issues any SFI member may have concerning paying for STARFLEET memberships, vouchers, scholarship donations, chapter finances, etc. Please contact me if you need assistance or just have questions. Until next CQ!

STARFLEET TREASURER REPORT — AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2002

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

| Num | Date | Payee | Category | Amount | Balance |
|------|-----------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| | 8/2/2002 | Novus/NPC | Discount Fee | (15.93) | 15,352.17 |
| | 8/2/2002 | Novus/NPC | Discount Fee | (27.30) | 15,324.87 |
| | 8/2/2002 | Novus/NPC | Discount Fee | (76.64) | 15,248.23 |
| 1101 | 8/2/2002 | Tammy Willcox | Treasury Expenses | (149.22) | 15,099.01 |
| 1102 | 8/2/2002 | Carl Johnson | Quartermaster Expenses | (233.47) | 14,865.54 |
| | 8/5/2002 | First Virginia Bank | Returned Check | (15.00) | 14,850.54 |
| | 8/5/2002 | First Virginia Bank | Returned Check Fee | (5.00) | 14,845.54 |
| | 8/8/2002 | Paypal.com | Membership Processing | 147.77 | 14,993.31 |
| | 8/8/2002 | Stamps.com | Stamps.com Fee | (18.99) | 14,974.32 |
| | 8/12/2002 | Membership Processing | Membership Processing | 683.00 | 15,657.32 |
| | 8/12/2002 | Membership Processing | Membership Processing | 33.00 | 15,690.32 |
| | 8/12/2002 | Stamps.com | Postage Purchase | (475.00) | 15,215.32 |
| | 8/12/2002 | Membership Processing | Membership Processing | 17.00 | 15,232.32 |
| | 8/13/2002 | Credit Card Processing | Membership Processing | 741.00 | 15,973.32 |
| | 8/13/2002 | Credit Card Processing | Membership Processing | 37.00 | 16,010.32 |
| 1103 | 8/15/2002 | Postmaster | Election Expense : Postage | (1,000.00) | 15,010.32 |
| | 8/16/2002 | Credit Card Processing | Membership Processing | 885.00 | 15,895.32 |
| | 8/16/2002 | Credit Card Processing | Membership Processing | 15.00 | 15,910.32 |
| | 8/20/2002 | Credit Card Processing | IC2002 | 120.00 | 16,030.32 |
| | 8/20/2002 | Robb Jackson | IG Expense : Election | (706.50) | 15,323.82 |
| | 8/26/2002 | Robb Jackson | IG Expense : Election | (127.15) | 15,196.67 |
| 1104 | 8/26/2002 | Postmaster | CQ Expense : CQ Postage | (800.00) | 14,396.67 |
| 1105 | 8/26/2002 | The Countywide News, Inc. | CQ Expense : CQ Processing | (243.05) | 14,153.62 |
| 1106 | 8/26/2002 | M & M Engraving | Annual Awards : Shipping | (12.27) | 14,141.35 |
| 1107 | 8/26/2002 | Sanford Berenberg | Membership Processing Expenses | (46.02) | 14,095.33 |
| 1108 | 8/26/2002 | Gerri Wampler | Membership Processing Expenses | (182.31) | 13,913.02 |
| | 8/27/2002 | Credit Card Processing | Membership Processing | 619.00 | 14,532.02 |
| 1109 | 8/27/2002 | Starfleet Academy | Returned Check Payment | (66.00) | 14,466.02 |
| 1110 | 8/27/2002 | IC 2002/Chrissy Killian | Credit Card Processing | (269.00) | 14,197.02 |
| | 8/28/2002 | Paypal.com | Membership Processing | 239.12 | 14,436.14 |
| | 8/29/2002 | Credit Card Processing | IC2002 | 109.00 | 14,545.14 |

General Account - September 1st, 2002 through September 30th, 2002

| Num | Date | Payee | Category | Amount | Balance |
|-------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| | 9/3/2002 | Novus/NPC | Discount Fee | (28.11) | 14,517.03 |
| | 9/3/2002 | Novus/NPC | Discount Fee | (79.42) | 14,437.61 |
| | 9/4/2002 | First Virginia Bank | Deposit Correction | 12.00 | 14,449.61 |
| | 9/4/2002 | Membership Processing | Membership Processing | 61.00 | 14,510.61 |
| | 9/4/2002 | Membership Processing | Membership Processing | 645.00 | 15,155.61 |
| | 9/4/2002 | Membership Processing | Membership Processing | 653.00 | 15,808.61 |
| | 9/4/2002 | Membership Processing | Membership Processing | 757.00 | 16,565.61 |
| | 9/4/2002 | Novus/NPC | Discount Fee | (15.36) | 16,550.25 |
| | 9/5/2002 | Credit Card Processing | IC2002 | 306.00 | 16,856.25 |
| | 9/9/2002 | Stamps.com | Stamps.com Fee | (18.99) | 16,837.26 |
| | 9/10/2002 | First Virginia Bank | Returned Check | (74.00) | 16,763.26 |
| | 9/10/2002 | First Virginia Bank | Returned Check Fee | (5.00) | 16,758.26 |
| | 9/11/2002 | First Virginia Bank | Returned Check | (15.00) | 16,743.26 |
| | 9/11/2002 | First Virginia Bank | Returned Check Fee | (5.00) | 16,738.26 |
| | 9/16/2002 | Novus/NPC | Discount Fee | (24.00) | 16,714.26 |
| | 9/17/2002 | Credit Card Processing | Membership Processing | 570.00 | 17,284.26 |
| 1111 | 9/28/2002 | Joan E. Pierce | Treasury Expenses | (9.21) | 17,275.05 |
| 1112 | 9/28/2002 | Edmond Sun | CQ Printing | (1,104.88) | 16,170.17 |
| 1113 | 9/28/2002 | Sanford Berenberg | Membership Processing | (69.07) | 16,101.10 |
| 1114 | 9/28/2002 | Signature Printing & Graphics | Election Expense | (303.13) | 15,797.97 |
| 1115 | 9/28/2002 | Nationwide Print Solutions, Inc. | Membership Processing | (77.75) | 15,720.22 |
| 1116 | 9/28/2002 | American Red Cross | Charitable Donations Transfer | (450.00) | 15,270.22 |
| 1117 | 9/28/2002 | Kurt Roithinger | CQ Expense | (5.28) | 15,264.94 |
| Debit | 9/28/2002 | Stamps.com | Postage Purchase | (475.00) | 14,789.94 |
| | 9/30/2002 | Membership Processing | Membership Processing | 800.00 | 15,589.94 |
| | 9/30/2002 | Membership Processing | Membership Processing | 411.00 | 16,000.94 |
| | 9/30/2002 | Membership Processing | Membership Processing | 100.00 | 16,100.94 |
| | 9/30/2002 | Paypal.com | Membership Processing | 323.39 | 16,424.33 |

Opening Date: 08/01/2002
Opening Balance: \$15,368.10

Ending Date: 09/30/2002
Ending Balance: \$16,424.33

Revenue above expenditures for
above reporting period: \$1,056.23

STARFLEET - Savings:

Balance (8/01/2002): \$3,411.79
Balance (9/30/2002): \$3,411.79

No activity recorded
during this period.

Scholarship Account:

Balance (8/01/2002): \$6,735.74
Balance (9/30/2002): \$4,603.49

\$2,500 was paid out via five
Scholarships and \$369.00 in
donations were added.

Academy Checking:

Balance (05/01/2002): \$4,740.68
Balance (05/31/2002): \$5,177.87
SFA earned \$437.39 revenue in excess
of expenditures over the last period.

Academy - Savings:

Balance (5/01/2002): \$2,539.12
Balance (6/30/2002): \$2,543.47

The Academy Savings Account
received \$4.35 in interest.

The Requisite Reminders:

Returned/Bounced Checks:

We are having several checks returned either for insufficient funds or due to the check or money order unable to be deposited through the Federal Reserve. Every time a check or money order is returned, Starfleet is charged \$5.00. If you have a returned or bounced check, your Starfleet membership will be placed on hold until you have repaid the original check/money order amount and the \$5.00 fee.

You will no longer receive the CQ, be eligible to attend Starfleet academy, or be promoted until the issue has been resolved. In addition, if you are a chapter CO or XO, this places your chapter in jeopardy, as it is a requirement that these officers have ACTIVE memberships. Please make sure that when you send in money that you make sure that you have that money in your account until it clears.

Scholarship Fund:

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

Vouchers:

Please note that voucher purchases now take place through the Treasurer's office. Vouchers are available in one-credit certificates and five-credits certificates. We are in the process of getting a secure online site for vouchers to be purchased with credit cards. Once this has been completed, we'll announce it, but please remember that we will only accept credit cards for voucher purchases over 5 credits.

Vouchers can still be purchased via mail by sending me a check or money order made payable to STARFLEET to the address below. Voucher cost is equivalent to the number of credits you want to purchase. (One credit = \$1.00, Five credits = \$5.00).



SECOND TO ONE

GENERAL MICHAEL MALOTTE

VICE-COMMANDER, STARFLEET

The last couple of months have been a bit of a roller coaster ride of emotions. On the 11th of September, we commemorated the first anniversary of the terrorist attack on the United States of America.

As with everything in a group as diverse as STARFLEET, our members choose many different ways to work through this day. Some chose to sit in front of their television sets and watch the footage of the attack and the specials on virtually every channel. Others spent the day in quiet reflection, gathered together with friends, praying for the victims, their families and the heroes who gave up so much of their time to try and find survivors. And still others avoided all forms of news and information sources, choosing instead to celebrate the lives of those who perished rather than relive the tragedy that cut them short.

At Gateway, where I work, everyone was encouraged to wear red, white and blue. Also, the lights were shut off for 60 seconds at the time of each plane impact as the entire site observed a moment of silence and prayer. There is no doubt that America, and indeed, the world, was changed on that day. However you chose to spend it, I hope you were able to end the day with new hope for the future.

On the flip side of that, my first granddaughter was born on the 28th of August. Jamie Renee Malotte (SCC# 56736 <VBG>) hit the world happy and healthy, weighing 6 lbs, 2 oz and measuring 19" long. My son William, the father, is doing great. Her mother, Marie, had a few complications but is now home and recovering nicely. Many thanks to all of you who sent me congratulations and well wishes.

While the two events obviously evoke completely different emotions, they have one very important thing in common. Both are instances where STARFLEET, as a family, came together out of concern. Concern for those who have passed on to better places and the well being of those they left behind and concern for the health of those just entering the world. So many times I've been asked what keeps me in Fleet and I always have the same answer - the people. STARFLEET has such a huge capacity for caring. We give countless hours of our time to a plethora of charitable endeavors. We give literally thousands of dollars to those less fortunate than us.

We come together in good times and bad, as all true families do. Unfortunately, just as all families do, we have our spats. Recently, we had a rather lively discussion over what language

should and shouldn't be used on the Fleet email list. The question came up, "What is the moral thermometer of STARFLEET?" To me, it's rather simple. The moral compass of Fleet should be consideration. We are all different. We all have a different moral attitude. We all have different likes and dislikes. And, we should all be aware that others may not like and/or approve of what others do. Does that make what one group does wrong? Nope. No more than it makes the other group right. It just means that not everyone is the same.

Knowing this, we should be considerate of those around us. The holiday season is fast approaching. And with this season come the holiday parties, the gatherings and get-togethers. If you are having a huge gathering that you know kids are going to be at, don't make it a booze fest. Wait till the kids are gone. If you are having a get together and know that many of the folks attending don't particularly care for profanity, don't use it then. Think about those around you - be considerate. I really don't think that's too much to ask. Surely one can refrain from drinking and cussing for a few hours. Please take a few minutes and think about whom you'll see in the next few months. Take the time to consider their like and dislikes, their feelings and beliefs. Make every effort to make them feel at home and welcome. After all,

they're family.

In closing, I'd like to remind everyone to remember to vote. I put this in my last article and feel it's important enough to repeat. As everyone should be aware of by now, instead of an election, we are having 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. With your ballots, you'll find an election publication. It includes a short synopsis of the team running, as well as a write-up 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 does it for me this issue. Y'all take care and I'll catch ya in 60.

In earlier issues we saw how changes in society affected the growth then collapse of science from Hellenistic to Medieval times. Specifically, how science needs political/social freedom and the free exchange of ideas & trade, and the absence of oppressive centralized government and religion, to flourish. The Medieval Church quashed science, but it rebounded upon trade with the Moslem world and with a renewed European interest in learning.

In this issue of the *Communique*, we discuss the foundations of modern science. The material in this section was originally published in the July, August, and September 1998 issues of *The Alaric Heim Page*.

The Modern Foundations

In 787 A.D., the emperor Charlemagne decreed that every monastery in his empire must establish a school. By the 13th Century, Christian philosophers called Scholastics, who included Thomas Aquinas, argued that knowledge could be obtained through both religious faith and natural reason thus reviving the teachings of Plato and Aristotle. In 1277, the pope condemned these views. A new style of philosophy developed in the 14th Century. One of these new "papally-acceptable" philosophers, Roger Bacon, argued that it is wrong to rely only on the authority of past scholars and that experimentation is an important means of gaining knowledge, thus laying the philosophical groundwork for modern experimental science.

Slavery was an accepted institution in the ancient world, but society in the Middle Ages was not based on slavery. As noted by Jack Estrin in his 1967 *Data-Guide, World History 1*, this change occurred in Europe as feudal serfdom declined (800-1350 AD), when the serfs were freed to clear frontier wastelands and permitted to substitute money for their feudal obligations. Thus, a pillar needed for

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science to flourish was gradually rebuilt: the free exchange of ideas through trade and political/social freedom. This erosion of the institution of slavery, combined with the emergence of trade and artisans, allowed technology to make striking progress. Many of the devices used such as waterwheels, geared wheels, and windmills, were known to the ancient Greeks and Romans, but it was only when their value was recognized in the Middle Ages that they came into use on a large scale.

With a scientific view acceptable to the Church, the stage was set for The Renaissance and The Scientific Revolution (1453-1659 A.D.), which we discussed in the *Communique* # 109. The term "Renaissance Man" means one skilled in many fields, and reflects schooling in all of the knowledge (mainly of Plato and Aristotle) known at the time. The Renaissance transformed Europe's economy: markets were opened on a worldwide scale and trade boomed in the cities, creating a positive feedback to science. Bacon was among the first to view science as a powerful tool to conquer nature. When Galileo introduced Bacon's experimentation into scientific practice, modern science was born.

In their 1988 book, *The Timetables of Science*, Hellemans and Bunch trace the development of modern science through the following stages:

- The Newtonian Epoch, 1660-1734 AD
- The Enlightenment (1735-1819) paralleled by The Industrial Revolution (1740-1780 in England)
- Nineteenth Century Science
- Twentieth Century Science through World War II
- Science after World War II

The appearance of scientific societies during the Newtonian Epoch increased scientific communication. Scientific institutions made research a more organized undertaking. The printing press (invented in 1450) made possible learned journals, such as the "Philosophical Transactions", which provided a new superior means of circulating ideas.

Newton (1687) laid the foundation for the scientific method (we discussed the scientific method in the *Communique* # 110), which based theories on the careful examination of natural phenomena. Observation and experimentation became the pillars of scientific activity. This departed from Descartes' views (deduce scientific laws from metaphysical principles). The idea that real knowledge and wisdom could be found only in the writings of the ancients (Aristotle, Plato, etc.) lost ground as scientists began recording phenomena in terms of measurable values such as weight, volume, and temperature. Scientific instruments became widely used in every town.

The Newtonian Epoch saw the separation of physics from metaphysics (or philosophy). On the physics side, the careful examination of natural phenomena was very important. Theories were formulated from observations, and these theories were then used to predict other phenomena. Newton maintained that hypotheses must be verifiable. In his *Principia*, Newton said that the greatest breakthroughs in physics occur when someone understands that apparently different phenomena have the same underlying cause. He also brought mathematics into the picture by requiring that every natural law ultimately be explained by mathematical law. He didn't want to antagonize religion; he just wanted a

mathematical basis.

On the other hand, Leibniz interpreted physical laws as nature's way of achieving a maximum or minimum of certain physical quantities. He saw the presence of a "Perfect Being," a creator of the universe, when nature's laws had a coherent direction to them.

All of this resulted in a change in the philosophical view of the world. During previous ages, faith in God or faith in classical authors (Plato, Aristotle, etc.) dominated. The rational viewpoint of The Enlightenment (1735-1819) brought about a critical examination of these previous beliefs. Hellemans and Bunch note that what emerged was a "mechanical philosophy," the belief that not only physics, but also chemistry and biology, could be explained by sets of simple mechanical laws. It's no surprise, then, that The Enlightenment was paralleled by The Industrial Revolution (1740-1780 in England).

Science and technology worked hand-in-hand, influencing each other during the 18th century. Advances in science resulted in improved technology, and the needs of the Industrial Revolution prompted interest in thermodynamics, the chemical industry, geology, and in physics concepts such as work and power.

As summarized by Hellemans and Bunch: During the 18th century, technology in the modern sense of the word appeared--the direct application of science to machines. The introduction of the steam engine had an enormous influence on science as well as on manufacture and transportation. It was generally understood that the teaching of science and technology was an important part of the technological development of a country, and several engineering schools were established throughout Europe.

There have been some exciting new developments in Starfleet Sciences! We have a new Assistant FDC: Brigadier General Larry Neigut. Some of you may know Larry from his activities as Recruiting Liaison Officer, SFMC, and Science Liaison, of the 7th Fleet; Intelligence Chief, Promotions Officer, Recruiting Officer, and Editor aboard the USS Malverne; and his regular posting of Star Trek trivia questions to the Science-Lab mailing list. I'm looking forward to working with Larry as he assists me in my duties as STARFLEET's Fleet Division Chief for Sciences.

Many new links have been added to the *Starfleet Sciences* web page, including links to real-science web pages worldwide; science lists; science museums, facilities, and other sites across the country with chapter away team reports; science experiments and educational tools; the Vulcan Academy of Science; and the Science-Lab list. The newest page that has been added discusses how Star Trek science fiction is becoming science-fact. You can reach the *Starfleet Sciences* web page at the following URL:

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

Several of STARFLEET's ships are involved in environmental activities. This is important and exciting work, as the health of the environment is so crucial to our health and well being as a species.

Maintenance Manual for Spaceship Earth

Not until the Apollo 8 astronauts first saw our home planet hanging in space above the lunar horizon in December 1968, did we as a species realize how tiny and fragile our Earth really is. Before "Earthrise", we were a planet of separate nations competing for what we thought were infinite resources, we were a people who treated the planet as a natural resource to be mined, even plundered. But "Earthrise" put everything into a different, sharper focus.

We live on a planet whose resources are finite, not infinite. The Earth, described poetically as the "emerald globe in a black sea," was seen for what it really is: a fragile spaceship sailing in a hostile interstellar sea. We are all dependent upon the health of this tiny blue sphere. The "Earthrise" image represents a home that must be cared for and maintained, nurtured and nourished.

Some astronauts have described the trip into outer space as a religious experience. We can view our relationship with the Earth in similar terms. We have a commandment from an authority older than civilization itself to care for the Earth. The Bible verse in Genesis 2:15 states that we are tasked "to till and keep it". This Bible verse can also be translated as "to serve and preserve it" or "to cultivate and care for it". Psalm 8:6-8 states that we are stewards of God's earth, ruling over that which is not ours.

How can we be good stewards of the Earth -- good maintenance engineers for Spaceship Earth?

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The Big Blue Marble.
Photo courtesy of NASA

1. Keep the environment clean. Reduce pollution. We are poisoning the air we breath, the water we drink, and the land we live off of when we let pollution go unchecked. In the United States, environmental quality improved in many regions since the passage in the 1970's of the Clean Air Act and other pollution legislation. But in recent years, efforts have been underway to weaken those environmental standards. We must *strengthen* our environmental laws, not weaken them.

2. Maintain climatic conditions that will support life. Spaceship Earth orbits the sun in a narrow "habitable zone" wherein the extraterrestrial conditions (amount of sunlight, or insolation, etc.) are conducive to life. But if the planet's atmospheric composition becomes hostile to life, this habitable zone won't matter. The high altitude ozone layer protects us from deadly ultraviolet radiation, but the ozone layer has developed "holes" in it.

"Greenhouse warming" is considered a threat by many climate experts. But even if the planet doesn't warm up as much as predicted by the greenhouse models, changes in the hydrologic cycle may cause more devastating floods and more frequent and widespread droughts to occur. We need to prepare for these changes or, even better, do what we can *now* to minimize the possibility of them happening in the future. From this perspective, the Kyoto Treaty makes a lot of sense.

3. Maintain the health of the biosphere, the complete enclosed ecosystem, which supports life on Spaceship Earth. What do I mean by that?

We are losing innumerable plant and animal species every year. Some of these species, especially those in tropical rain forests, may contain the cure for cancer and other deadly diseases. As more species become extinct, we,

the human race, become more vulnerable. Let's strengthen Spaceship Earth's IDIC - Infinite Diversity (and health) in Infinite Combinations (of species and life).

Forests play such a pivotal role in the biosphere, they help convert the CO₂ which animals produce into life-giving oxygen which we need to live. As I noted above, they are the home to many insect and bacterial species, which may prove crucial to medical advances. Cutting down forests takes away our oxygen, destroys beneficial species, and contributes to the desertification of the forest area, thus making the local climate hotter and drier. Increased logging in a forest will not reduce its vulnerability to fires. You must clear out the underbrush "fuel" to reduce the risk of forest fires, which is a different matter entirely.

4. Develop more efficient technology such as cars with better gas mileage and engines that pollute less and develop non-polluting renewable forms of energy such as wind, solar, and geothermal energy as alternatives to fossil fuels. We need to put *more* of our resources into these efforts, not less.

In their popular "Car Talk" column, Ray and Tom Magliozzi recently discussed multivalve engines which increase the amount of power you can get from the same engine with only two valves per cylinder. If you wanted to, you could decrease the size and weight of a car's engine without giving up power, and that would increase your gas mileage. But instead of using all of the increased efficiencies over the years to improve mileage and decrease our dependence on foreign oil, car manufacturers used them to increase power. Ray and Tom noted that "we could easily have higher-mileage cars *if we all insisted on it.*"

Dr. David Suzuki summed it up nicely, although a bit pessimistically, in a recent ENN editorial. Dr. Suzuki said, "We live in a

small, interconnected world. Sustainability requires cooperation. And until we push our politicians to look beyond narrowly defined economic and political goals, it will remain just out of reach."

Internet references for these environmental maintenance tools can be found in the September 2002 issue of the *Carolina Communicator*, which you can get to online at:

<http://www.ussalaric.org/cc/cc0209.htm#SpaceshipEarth>

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Science in STARFLEET's Regions

In science news around the 'Fleet, Region 2 Sciences has published the fifth issue of their bi-monthly newsletter, *Exploration*. RDC Capt. Neil Yawn will be happy to email a copy of the pdf file to anyone who contacts him (CMOSNUFFY@aol.com, P.O. Box 733, Graysville, AL 35073) and any science officer may submit an article to the newsletter. This is a really great newsletter, containing science news and articles from the R/2 RDC, ARDC, and RC. Check it out!

The USS Southern Cross, in Region 11, has published the premiere issue of the ship's science newsletter. It is put out by the Southern Cross's Chief Science Officer, Alan Anderton (aanderto@railserver.com.au), a fellow science enthusiast who has provided tons of info for the Starfleet Sciences web page and Science-Lab listserver. And he puts out a nifty newsletter, too!

In Region 1 science news, the Shuttle Francis Marion sent an away team on a scientific visit to Discovery Place in Charlotte, North Carolina in April. CSO Dee Okolotowicz's report can be found in the July *Carolina Communicator*:

<http://www.ussalaric.org/cc/cc0207.htm#R1RDCSci>

The U.S.S. Alaric sent away teams recently to the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) in Portland, the Tampa, Florida Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI), the Kennedy Space Center, Epcot Center in Orlando, Florida, and the Space Toys exhibit at Schiele Museum in Gastonia, North Carolina. Reports on these away teams can be found at:

<http://www.ussalaric.org/cc/cc0207.htm#CSO>

Contact information for the science RDC's in 9 of STARFLEET's regions can be found at the following web page:

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



STARFLEET OPERATIONS

REAR ADMIRAL MARK VINSON
CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Greetings Fellow Trekkers!

Las Vegas was, as always, a wonderful trip and an exquisite journey. My new wife, Melinda, myself, R3RC Brad Pense and his wife Ranna, Alex Jones, Jess Naumann, Brian Hughes, Melinda's son and daughter-in-law and my parents all trekked to Vegas so Melinda and I could get married on August 24th. We had a wonderful time! Along the way we got to spend many an in Star Trek: The Experience -- especially Quarks! Damn those James T. Kirk Long Island ice teas!

The wedding was nice too BTW! We went to the Little Chapel of the Flowers and loved it! The ceremony was short and to the point and broadcast over the Internet for our friends and family back home. We appreciate all those who sent well wishes. We had the reception at Quarks and the characters got a kick out it. My parents and Melinda's son and daughter-in-law did not know how to take it all. The Borg scared the bahoogies off of her son Steven; never saw a cowboy move that fast!

While we were in Vegas, we were also fortunate to meet members of the USS Highroller, K'Ehleyr Station and the USS Pegasus at the Experience. Firday night the 23rd the Pegasus shifted their meeting to the Experience so I could present the Pegasus, and their CO Brian Scheur, with their Commissioning Papers and welcome them officially in to SFI! Brian and his group came back to Fleet via the Existing Fan Club Program. Welcome Back and may your journey be a long one!

Speaking of long journeys:

Congratulations to the following ships for Celebrating 10 Years of continuous service to STARFLEET (Sept. - Oct.):

- USS Charleston (10/31/92)
- USS Comanche (10/01/92)
- USS Jeanette Maddox (09/19/92)
- USS Lexington (09/13/92)
- USS Nomad (09/08/92).

Congratulations to the following ships for Celebrating 15 Years of continuous service to STARFLEET (Sept. - Oct.):

- USS Maat (10/31/87)

Congratulations to the following ships for Celebrating 20 Years of continuous service to STARFLEET (Sept. - Oct.):

- USS Alaric (10/01/82)
- USS Jamestown (09/09/82)
- USS LaGrange (10/23/82).

If your chapter is not listed above it is very



From Top to Bottom: The Vinson Wedding: Party Jess Naumann, Brian Hughes, Mark and Melinda Vinson, Ranna and Brad Pense and Alex Jones. **We did:** Mark and Melinda during the Wedding Ceremony. **It's Blue:** Alex Jones stocks up on refreshments at the Star Trek Experience.

Photos courtesy of Mark Vinson

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.

It seems that once again there was a mixup in the wonderful world of Cyberspace this last month concerning the MSRReports@sfi.org email address. Chief of Communications Greg Trotter has gotten the problem fixed. I apologize for the inconvenience. I had programmed some things into the form to make sure I got MSR's at more than one address the last time this happened, I am sure some slipped through -- but I think we got the majority of them. I will be letting those CO's know if I did not get theirs. No one will be penalized if they actually did send their MSR and I did not get it.

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:

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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.

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@pciconnect.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.

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

Mark A. Vinson



COMM-ING UP NEXT...

REAR ADMIRAL GREG TROTTER
CHIEF OF COMMUNICATION, STARFLEET

Seeing as everyone else has so much to say and my CQ editor told me to keep things **really** (I did, but this is pushing it - Ed.) short, all I have to say is "Read on"! Until next issue!

Dixie Trotter

Hello everyone, Stellar Visions, the official fanzine of STARFLEET, is coming back in a big way. A team has been assembled and we are now taking submissions for our latest issue to debut in July 2003.

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Copy Coordinator:
Stuart Roth
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Below is a brief summary of the writers' guidelines:

Fiction

- Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Horror concentrating in the realm of Star Trek, but submissions from other universes are also acceptable.
- Material should be PG rated, no explicit sex or graphic violence
- We prefer not to have chapter fiction, as readers often do not know the characters or the many in-jokes that are often written into chapter fiction. The exception to this rule will be chapter fiction where the characters and situations can stand completely on their own. This will be a judgment call by the editors.

- * Submissions must tell a complete story. No multi-part or incomplete vignettes will be accepted.
- Length should be limited to approximately 30 pages double-spaced typed.
- Characters from established universes must be portrayed as they appear in those universes. Any deviations must be explained within the context of the story.
- The editors retain the right to make minor editing changes involving grammar, spelling and plot inconsistencies. Major re-writes or suggestions will be sent back to the author for their approval.
- The editors retain the right of final acceptance or rejection of all materials. First priority is given to quality of work. SFI membership is also a high priority.

Non-Fiction

- Professional commentary regarding movies, books, Trek and the Fleet are always welcome.
- Editorials and commentary should be written in a professional manner. The bashing of individuals, ideas or works will not be accepted. Negative commentary, like positive commentary, should be presented with supportive evidence and in a cohesive manner.

THE RETURN OF STELLAR VISIONS

By Lieutenant Stuart Roth • Shuttle Flying Fox, STARFLEET Region 7

Poetry

- Poetry is subject to the rules of fiction and standard stylistic rules.

General

- Please have someone proof read your work before sending it on. This helps to eliminate many plot problems, spelling and grammar mistakes.

Artwork

- Artists! Artists! Artists! Though most of a zine is written material, the artwork brings it out to the eye and makes the magazine shine.
- We are looking for submissions for color cover artwork, logo designs, and interior black and white artwork. Photo manipulations are also welcome.
- Please contact Dixie Halber at dhalber@sigecon.net for more information on artwork requirements.

Where to Submit written material

- Please submit material to copy coordinator: sv@sfi.org. I will send an acknowledgement after I receive your work.

Material can be in MS Word, Word Perfect, TXT or RTF formats. Arrangements can be made to convert other formats as well.

Send hardcopy submissions to:

Dixie Halber
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Email submissions go to: sv@sfi.org

For artwork guidelines, contact Dixie Halber at dhalber@sigecon.net.

- Submissions are reviewed by the managing editor and a team of assistant editors. Stellar Visions is one of the most exciting projects a writer or artist in Fleet can become involved in. SV is not just returning. It is returning with an entirely new plan for success. It will be distributed literally worldwide. This is another area where you can take part.

I wanna help out! How do I do it?

- The SV team is looking for assistant copy editors, artistic assistance, distributors, and promoters.
- Promotion and distribution are done at the discretion of Fleet, regional, and chapter commands. Please contact Dixie Halber directly to sign up.

Progress reports will follow periodically. They will include the final submission deadlines (somewhere around May 1st), information on a Stellar Visions website and the status of any special goodies such as an interactive CD Rom version.

I just thought I'd pass along a few tips on how to make using the HelpDesk more useful for you and your crew.

When we receive email at the HelpDesk we only see the email address of the sender. So if Susie Person has the email of IAmACutie@sfi.com (and I'm making this up; don't email this address, I'm not responsible for what might happen if you do! <G>) the only way we're going to be able to find that person is by their email address. Make sure you include a postal address if we're supposed to mail something, like a missing CQ. Giving us the address will expedite our response to you.

Tip #1

More information is good information! If you're writing to inquire about a previously sent email, especially if you're doing so on behalf of someone else, please include the following, if possible:

- Their name as it will appear in the database (Susie Person, not "Binky" Person)
- Their SCC number
- Their email address if they've written

HOW TO USE THE STARFLEET HELPDESK

By Commodore Joan E. Pierce • HelpDesk Director

a ticket previously, or need to be contacted back via email (might not hurt to CC them on the initial email to the HelpDesk)

- Their address if we need to send something (like a missing CQ) to them

Be specific. If I or anyone else who reads your email can't figure out what you mean, we're going to have to write you back and ask you to clarify. Naturally, this takes time. Being specific the first time means a quicker resolution to your query.

Tip #2

Being specific is good!

- Don't just say you're missing a CQ, say which issue or months you need
- Go back and reread your message. Does it make sense? Is there punctuation in it?

Your email to the HelpDesk bounces. (I hate this one!) -- If your email to the HelpDesk

bounces, unless you let me know via some other form of communication, I'm not going to know it bounced. The best way is to forward the email reply you received that says the initial email didn't go through. Send it to helpdeskadmin@sfi.org. If that address isn't working, send it to joan@ussnomad.org. Having the forwarded email, as opposed to "my email to you didn't go through!" gives us a chance to try to see where the problem might be and how to fix it.

Tip #3

Forwarding error messages in HelpDesk communications to helpdeskadmin@sfi.org can help us fix problems and resolve your issue more quickly. And your fellow Fleeters will thank you for getting the problem fixed that much quicker!

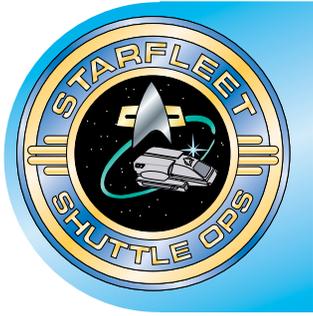
You have a question about an email you sent to the HelpDesk and/or you don't

know if your email to the HelpDesk went through? Let me explain how it works. If you were to send an email to the HelpDesk "My address is wrong in the database" you will get an automated reply assigning that email a number. If you send another email "Error in the correction I sent" that will also get assigned a number. Now one problem has two different ticket numbers and that makes things potentially confusing.

Tip #4

Each time an email is successfully received by the HelpDesk, it is assigned a number. We call this a ticket number. It is very helpful to us that you reference your ticket number when writing back to the HelpDesk. The easiest way to do that is to reply back to the automated response sent to you initially. This keeps all your correspondence on one issue together.

Following any or all of these tips will help us help **you** get your issue resolved as soon as possible. Thanks for reading, and thanks for using the HelpDesk!



THE SHUTTLEBAY

ADMIRAL CHRIS "TIGGER" WALLACE
CHIEF OF SHUTTLE OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Greetings STARFLEET!

Fall's chill is in the air (unless you live in California), all of the Regions have held their conferences and summits, and International Conference is now just pleasant memories. About the last big "FLEET shindig" is Watkins Glen Weekend, being held October 11-13 in Ithaca, NY. I will be attending my first WGW, but I do not intend it to be my last.

As of this issue, we have nineteen shuttles in the program, and I hope to be able to kick at least three or four of them out of the nest and over to Mark A. Vinson's place to commission as chapters before the end of the year.

Shuttle Operations Command is pretty much on automatic, thanks to my staff. They know their stuff and do it day in and day out with aplomb.

STARFLEET is adding shuttles in new states and countries, including a new shuttle in Delaware (the *Debaraak*) and the United Kingdom (the *Britannia*). We have also added the *Cascadia* (Region 5) and *Paul Revere* (Region 15).

There has been an increase in interest in starting shuttles. The first place you should go is the Shuttle Operations website at:

<http://www.pcsys.net/~biff/>

There you will find answers to Frequently Asked Questions about starting a shuttle



Oh, waiter! Chief of Shuttle Operations Chris Wallace always knew that wearing the "Waiters Whites" (aka the "Insurrection"-style dress uniform) entitled one to special duties and responsibilities. However, Region 5's Charles McLeod, promptly lived up to his duties and poured a mean glass of bubbly for CQ Editor Kurt Roithinger, while the Commanding officer of the USS Crusader, Captain Michael Wright enjoys himself.

Photo courtesy of Allyson Dyar

and what one needs to do. We also have a staff listing and links to the various Shuttle Operations documents, including the Shuttlecraft Training and Recruitment Techniques (START) manual, which covers the Shuttle Program and its stages, and the Mothership Operations Manual (MOM), which helps sponsoring chapters ensure that their "progeny" successfully graduate from the Shuttle Program.

You will also find the Vessel Registration Request (VRR) form for starting a shuttle, and various flyers on ShOC and recruiting. These documents are in Adobe Acrobat format, but there is a link to the free Adobe Acrobat Reader.

There are also links to the ShOC newsletter, the **ShOC Wave**, as well as other ShOC websites, including the Advanced Starship Design Bureau (ASDB), Existing Fan Club Program (EFCP), and the Department of Technical Services (DTS).

We also maintain a Shuttle Assistance page with links to STARFLEET Academy, the STARFLEET Recruiting Department, STARFLEET Computer Operations, and STARFLEET Correspondence Chapter Operations for correspondence shuttles.

With Michael Malotte likely to become the twelfth Commander, STARFLEET, my entire staff (minus myself) will be staying on in their current positions, so there will be no problems with the transition to a new Administration.

Incoming ShOC Director Jerry Tien will have everything from my office in December and the rest of the staff won't be moving, so their records will stay with them.

Short entry this issue, but next one will be my last and I promise I will have a good deal more to say. Till then.

From the wind swept hills near Kitty Hawk, Wilbur and Orville Wright made the first successful sustained powered flight in a heavier-than-air machine on December 17, 1903. The *Spirit of St. Louis*, the *X-1*, Apollo 11's *Columbia* and *Eagle*, today's space shuttle fleet, and the starship *Enterprise* all derived from this 12-minute flight into history.

STARFLEET IC 2003 celebrates a century of flight and highlights the future of space travel July 31 - August 3, 2003 at the *Holiday Inn-Airport* in Greensboro, North Carolina. All the traditional elements of an IC, meetings, panels, auctions, banquets and parties, will be carried out in surroundings steeped in the history of flight as well as reflections of mankind's spaceward bound future.

In addition to the STARFLEET activities, in order to help maintain our theme we'll be contacting NASA, US Space Camp and a number of military and civilian aviation and aerospace companies to provide speakers, displays and useful information to the members and guests attending IC 2003. The State of North Carolina is officially commemorating the centennial year of flight. We hope to get some recognition of the IC as a part of the statewide celebration. Even our background music will reflect our aviation and spaceflight theme.

IC 2003: TAKING FLIGHT INTO THE FUTURE

By Rear Admiral Ron Fell • IC 2003 Co-Chair

Easy to get to, Greensboro and the Piedmont Triad area of North Carolina are at the intersection of I-40 and I-85 and are served by a major airport as well as bus and train facilities. Although the Greensboro-Triad Airport is the closest and most convenient to the IC facility, we are working to arrange transport for attendees who fly in to nearby Raleigh or Charlotte airports as well.

For those of you who attended the Region 1 Summit in 2001, we'll be returning to the same comfortable, friendly location for IC 2003. The *Holiday Inn-Airport*, whose meeting facilities bear the names of aviation legends like "Wright", "Earhart" and "Lindbergh", is centrally located at exit 210 off I-40, minutes from I-85 and from the Greensboro-Triad Airport. The hotel has the largest guestrooms in the area, tastefully appointed with special amenities including AM/FM radio, cable/satellite TV, alarm clock, coffee/tea maker, hairdryer, iron/ironing board, work desk with lamp and dataport, voice mail, and more. The hotel's aerobic exercise facility features a stair climber, stationary bikes, a rowing machine and a treadmill. Free access to a nearby

local health club is also provided. There is ample parking and secured access to the building.

A major point to consider: the *Holiday Inn-Airport* is a relatively small hotel in terms of room count. IC 2003 will be the major occupant of the facility for the entire weekend, assuring us more privacy and allowing the hotel staff to provide more personal service. However, this also means rooms will fill up quickly, so reserve early!

Through special arrangements with the *Holiday Inn - Airport* we are able to offer delegates and attendees a room rate that no other IC has been able to offer in many years, just \$69 per night for up to four people per room!

Please contact the *Holiday Inn-Airport* directly when making your reservations for IC 2003. If you go to *Holiday Inn's* website or call the toll free *Holiday Inn* reservation number, your reservation will not be applied toward the IC's total room count and you will not receive the special discounted room rate. Call the hotel at (336) 668-0421. Specify STARFLEET IC2003 when

making your reservation.

IC2003 has a temporary website posted at <http://www.IC2003.iwarp.com/>. Online registration for the IC will be offered when the new site is up. In the meantime, if you may request a registration form by contacting VAdm. John T. "Jack" Hopkins at SFIJack@aol.com or by writing IC2003, 1635 Bright Leaf Rd., Pfafftown, NC 27047.

Registration rates are as follows:

Adult registration: \$10 (\$15 after 7/1/03)
Adult banquet: \$25 (\$30 after 7/1/03)

Child (6-12) registration: \$5 (\$10 after 7/1/03)
Child (6-12) banquet: \$15
No fees for children 5 and under.

STARFLEET IC 2003 is being conducted under the direction of John T. "Jack" Hopkins and Ron Fell with assistance from their volunteer staffs and local chapters. For questions or comments regarding administrative matters - registration prices and packages, hotel costs, transportation and other "money matters" - contact John Hopkins at SFIJack@aol.com. For programming matters - scheduling, events, security, marketing and media - contact Ron Fell at RadmFell@aol.com.



COMPUTER OPERATIONS

VICE ADMIRAL MARK ANBINDER

CHIEF OF COMPUTER OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

The Circle of CompOps

I've been a member of STARFLEET for about fifteen years, but I only really started noticing CompOps five years ago this summer – when I attended my first International Conference and watched as Sal Lizard and his crew busted their butts all weekend to answer questions, update member info, process renewals, and generate rosters for chapter COs.

I got involved with CompOps the following summer, when Jesse Smith was in charge, and worked for both him and Teri Smith, his successor. When I took over the Computer Operations department almost two and a half years ago, I'd had a quick two years of immersion training in how CompOps worked.

All the buzz, all the hype is now going to the test. This month, October 15th, the new Starfleet Membership Database goes live.

The Executive Committee and Admiralty Board and their staff start using the new database at this time. The rest of STARFLEET will gain access over the next two months following the go live date.

The new database is accessible via the Internet and is open for use by any and all members of STARFLEET International. All members will receive a unique username and password.

For members who do not yet have internet, fear not, the Computer Operations Infrastructure is designed to assist offline members so all members will continue to be supported. The SFI HelpDesk will assist resetting forgotten or lost passwords and or usernames.

Features:

Membership Information:

Members will be able to view their address information and make changes as necessary. When you move, you can let us know by logging in and making the address update yourself.

Your address and contact information will be kept secure and only viable by your Commanding Officer, Regional Coordinator and Computer Operations Staff, just as it is now. Currently anyone with web access can look up for your membership.

Information is also organized in a more logical set up, giving your better visibility into STARFLEET today without giving

The Next Phase

As I write my next column, we'll be in the process of transition from the current Rickard-Malotte administration to STARFLEET's next administration. If Michael Malotte passes the vote of confidence, I'll be stepping into the role of Vice Commander, STARFLEET, and handing over the reins of Computer Operations to my current Vice Chief, Sanford Berenberg.

I've said it before, but I'll say it again; in the year-and-a-week since Sandy took over Membership Processing, he's defined new standards for getting the job done right.

You may have noticed I titled this column "The Circle of CompOps." I was pleased to learn that Sandy has brought Sal Lizard (his

"great-great-grandfather" if CompOps were a family tree) aboard to help.

Also caught up in the circle is Gerri Wampler, who heads up the "MP Corps" working for Sandy at Membership Processing HQ, and who Sandy has tapped to take charge of Membership Processing when he takes over CompOps. I couldn't be more delighted at these three friends of mine being involved in moving CompOps forward in the months and years to come.

Speaking of Forward

If you've been reading these pages over the last few months, you've read about the new online payment system we've set up with PayPal.

By the time you read this, it will have

progressed even further. So far, we've gotten about a hundred folks renewed through PayPal since we kicked off the "Express Lane" this spring. That's nowhere near a majority of the membership applications we've handled in those months, but it's a great start!

We've also gotten lots of positive feedback on the use of PayPal, and some great feedback on how to improve what we're doing.

Even better, though, is the new STARFLEET member database being implemented in the coming weeks. Sandy has been working with Dino Gravato and company as I described in my last column, and you can read more about their progress in Sandy's article.

Meanwhile...

For the moment, I'll be focusing for the next couple of weeks on the thirteenth annual Watkins Glen Weekend. By the time you read this, we'll be recovering from a weekend full of fun, and posting the pictures on the USS Accord web site (<http://www.ussaccord.org>). Check 'em out!

MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING UPDATE

By Brigadier Sanford Berenberg • STARFLEET Membership Processing

out any more of your information.

Membership Processing:

The new Database will make the job of Membership Processing a lot easier, removing redundant data entry and tying data from all parts of STARFLEET into a single database.

Also with allowing members and COs and RCs, etc. to make database updates, the workload on Computer Operations is greatly reduced.

High Security:

The new database is secure, password protected and monitored by database administrators. Your information is secure, and membership information is being brought behind a layer of protection and removed from the open website. Database administrators can add and remove abilities to view and use the database with mere keystrokes.

Better visibility into STARFLEET, in near Real Time.

Vessel Registry: You can generate a Vessel Registry (VR) whenever you want. It will not be as pretty as the one Mark Vinson currently makes, but it will have up to the minute information in it. You can general a list of chapters by Region, by Meeting/ Correspondence, State, Country, etc.

Online Academy Records: Academy Staff can log onto the database and record member course completions. These completions are saved so a member will be

able to via all of their own completions.

New Online MSR: Chapter CO's or appointed crew who submit chapter MSRs will have an easier time tracking information. The new MSR tool captures all academy completions for your crew and chapter information.

The MSR is then submitted to the database and all staff who are supposed to via MSRs will now give given access. That is, you only have to send the MSR to one location. Mailed in MSRs will be manually entered by Operations Staff to get the information into the database.

Link to STARFLEET HelpDesk: The new Membership Database links to the STARFLEET International HelpDesk allowing all situations that may arise to be easily documented and followed up using both tools.

Online Rank Assignment: All staff who have the ability to give promotions will be able to assign them. Chapter Commanding Officers can promote up to and including the rank of Commander.

Regional Coordinators will be able to assign ranks up to and including Captain. Computer Operations and the Promotions Director will be able to assign all ranks.

Financial Accountability: All memberships will be linked to their payments and all payments can be tracked through the database. The Treasurer and other Financial Staff can monitor all payments and know

when they clear or do not.

Database Transition:

There is a staff in place, consisting of Mandi Livingston and Sal Lizard, who will be working to produce documents and other visual and work aides to assist all members in learning how to navigate the new database. They will continue to work with Dino and myself in providing database updates and notes.

Summary:

The database is a great tool that will simplify life in STARFLEET for the volunteers who run the organization while also giving many more features to the membership.

Please have patience with the database, it will take time to get used to and time to understand. But in the end, you should be pleasantly surprised on all that it can do now, and will be able to do in the future.

Thanks again to Dino Gravato for his countless hours building the tool, and the all of the Computer Operations Staff for helping make this possible.

This is a team effort, and we have a winning team!

Note: The 2002-2003 Chocolate Aspirin Standings will be posted in the Next CQ.

Thanks again and bring in memberships!!!

Mail your memberships to:

STARFLEET Membership Processing
PO Box 460
Gaithersburg, MD 20884-0460



EX ASTRA, SCIENTIA

ADMIRAL MARLENE MILLER
COMMANDANT, STARFLEET ACADEMY

In Memory

Commodore Donna Jean Noddin, Director of SFA's Ship Counselor's College - Canadian Campus and XO of the USS Roberta Bondar, passed away on O4 Oct., 2002.

She will be deeply missed by those of us who called her "Friend".

If you wish, you can send her husband surface-mail cards at this address:

10-230 Wakesiah Ave
Nanaimo, BC
V6R 3K3
Canada

All e-mail condolences sent to Commandant Marlene Miller at academy@sfi.org which will be printed out and sent to him.

Medical Problems

Things have been rather hectic at the Academy for the past few weeks. We've had quite a few Directors on the "Medical" list. Helen Pawlowski, Sherry Anne Newell, Donna Jean Noddin, Anne Bellenger, Deb Kern, Edith Padgett, Bill Herrmann, Gloria Hanson, Bill Skinner, Wayne Killough. I think I got everyone! I hope you're all fully recovered by now. Several Colleges and Schools have been temporarily closed because of illness, but if they're not open by now, they will be shortly.

Apologies To Garry

Before I get too far into this, I want to apologize to D. Garry Cameron whose first name was misspelled in the byline for "New Directors On Canadian Campus" on page 11 of CQ # 112. Sorry about that, Garry. By the way, Garry's computer bit the dust, so FOS-Canada and TGA-Canada are both closed until the computer is back among the living. Hopefully, it's already been revived by the time this issue hits your doorsteps.

Apologies To Shawn

Be it known to all, that Shawn Gregory is also deserving of an apology. Shawn received a score of 100% when he completed Officer's Command College several weeks ago. His name appeared in the Academy Graduates list, but without the asterisk (*) which denotes the perfect score. We apologize for that error, Shawn!

New Schools

I've been approached by several people who would like to submit proposals for new Academy schools and colleges. So far, they're still on the drawing board, but I hope to be able to announce their admission to our Curriculum in the next CQ.

Current Application

As always, the most current Academy application is posted on the STARFLEET Academy Website: <http://www.sfi-sfa.com>. If you don't have Internet access, please request an application from me at:

Marlene Miller
461 Harmony Lane
Campbell, Ohio 44405-1212

I'll get it out to you in the next day's mail.

OTS - Canada Liaison

It is my pleasure to announce that LCDR Deb Blaser has taken on the position as the Canadian OTS Liaison. I know Deb will do as great a job as Gloria Hanson did in the position. Our Canadian members may reach her by email at deb_blaser@softhome.net or by mail:

Debbie Blaser
74072-260 Guelph Street
Georgetown, Ontario
Canada L7G 5L1

Red Letters

When you see the latest application, you'll notice

that many of the courses are boasting the new red "Free Online" notation. I thought this might be a good idea just in case your eyes are as tired as mine. It's a lot easier for me to see those bright red letters!

Welcome Julie

Captain Julie "Jules" James has joined Starfleet Academy as Co-Director of the College of Communications. Julie and Kim Brooks are eager to hear from you. Three courses are available for your entertainment! Newsletter Design, Interspecies Communications and Web Design.

College Of Religious History

Since CRH Director Bill Hermann is a little under the weather as of this writing, the college is being temporarily manned by Bill's daughter, Mandi Livingston, and Jim Monroe. Both Mandi and Jim will man the controls until Bill is well enough to take over. Hopefully by the time this issue reaches you.

Flag Officers School

Thanks, once again, to Paul Dyl and Garry Cameron for stepping in to help with FOS-USA while Helen Pawlowski is recuperating from surgery.

SPECIAL DEAL FOR COs

Speaking of bright red letters and tired eyes, in CQ #112s article about the special voucher deal for COs, I made a typographical error. I meant to say for a limited time only (expiring December 31, 2002) Commanding Officers may purchase twenty-five (25) Red Academy Vouchers for only \$20! Yepper! A savings of five bucks! You may purchase them via PayPal (see the link at the Academy Website) or via surface mail (see my address above). They make great incentive awards for your crew.

School Of Law Hits 100

Congratulations to Glenn Overby, II, Director of the STARFLEET Academy School of Law (LAW).

On Monday, September 23, 2002 Glenn sent out his 100th course packet since the School opened August 1st!

Angelfire Donation

Jill Rayburn, Academy Proxy to 2002 STARFLEET International Conference, informed me that at the IC, members of the USS Angelfire handed her a check in the amount of \$100.00 for the Starfleet Scholarship Fund!

To the crew of the USS Angelfire, we at the Academy say **Thank You Very Much** for your very generous donation!!!!

Bounced/Returned Checks

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

Packets Processed

It gives me great pleasure to note that Starfleet Academy Directors have processed 265 Graduates in the 7 weeks between August 5th and September 25th, 2002. Excellent!!!

Kudos To All Of You

Once again I applaud the work expended by our directors and students. Without you, it can't happen. As always I'd like to thank everyone who has enrolled in STARFLEET Academy Schools and Colleges. Without your support, we'd just be clapping erasers or something!

Graduate List

And last but not never, ever least, as always, the most current list of Academy graduates is published within these pages. Are you listed?

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

Marlene J Miller

VAS UPDATE

Gloria Hanson • Director, VAS

I recently took over as the new Director of the Vulcan Academy of Science. Since I took over, I've had ten people graduate, all but two with distinction. One got 100% on every test! The Vulcan Academy of Sciences courses are not easy and this is quite an accomplishment.

In the short time since I took over, I have had a total of 19 students. This is quite a change from my days as the Canadian Officers Training School Liaison. In the entire time I was liaison, I had a total of three students. It's a shame that more Canadians do not take advantage of the Academy. I have had no Canadian students. Where are you guys???

To everyone who has taken courses so far, thanks! I needed to keep busy. As for all of my friends and neighbors in Canada, take some courses! VAS is not something you can just breeze through, but it is certainly worth the extra effort. And who knows? You might learn something.

STARFLEET OFFICERS RADIO SCHOOL UPDATE

Carolyn and Gary Donner • Directors

You've seen the name "SORS" and wondered what in the galaxy does SORS stand for? Well, it's the STARFLEET Officers Radio School. Now I hear you repeating that common misconception, "Oh that's just for people who are amateur radio operators!" Well, that couldn't be farther from the truth!

The SORS courses are designed to give you a history of radio (that's all radio, not just amateur radio) from earliest times into the future of the Star Trek world. There are three levels of study: Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree, and Doctoral Degree.

Each level has two tests. One is a real world history test. For instance, "Who is credited with sending the first radio signals?" The answers to these real world tests can be found in many history books, and definitely in the World Book Encyclopedia. The second test for each level is taken from Star Trek episodes and the movies. For instance, "Who was the communications officer on the original series Enterprise?"

Only the doctoral level courses use amateur radio as their guide for the tests, plus one very special and thought provoking Star Trek universe test. However, you do not need to be a licensed amateur radio operator to pass even the doctoral tests. The answers to these amateur radio tests can be found on the ARRL website as they are taken from the amateur radio question pools which can be downloaded, complete with answers, from the website.

If you would like to know more about the Starfleet Officers Radio School, check out our website at: <http://home.att.net/~gorn/sors/index.html>. You can even sign up for the course right online. Or you can send the application information in an e-mail to: gorn@att.net. Please put SORS APPLICATION in the subject line of the e-mail. If you would like to take the course via snail mail, please fill out the SFA application and mail it to us at:

STARFLEET Officers Radio School
c/o Gary Donner

P. O. Box 158
Hamersville, OH 45130.

The cost of the course via snail mail is \$2.00. The cost of the course via e-mail is free. To get the course for free you must have e-mail and web access, and you must be able to accept attachments to your e-mail since the diplomas will be sent to you as a .pdf file.

The courses have to be taken in order. Bachelor's Degree first, Master's Degree second, and Doctoral Degree last. A student can actually earn three doctoral degrees at this time. One for each level of Amateur Radio licenses: Technician, General, and Extra.

If you are currently a licensed Amateur Radio operator, you may send a copy of your license and receive credit for those tests you had to pass to receive your license. However, this does not guarantee you a doctoral degree, since you will still need to do the Star Trek portion of the degree.



STARFLEET ACADEMY GRADUATE LIST



By Admiral Marlene Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy

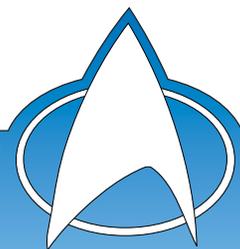
As always, it gives me great pleasure to present the Graduating Class of Starfleet Academy based on Directors' Reports received from August 5, 2002 through September 25, 2002. An Asterix (*) indicates scores of 100% or Higher. Some schools issue "pass" or "fail" rather than numerical scores. A number next to the name indicates that the student has taken that many courses within the College or School, during the report period above.

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| INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP <i>Peg Pellerin, Dean</i> | Officer's Training School (OTS) Norma Bess Michael Hunnicutt Stephen Beaumont Michael Balewitz Chris Stephenson Alan Anderton Andy Chelman Rebecca Herber John G. Partlow Donna Carlene John Garner Mark Abbott John Garcia Glenda Ann Block Alvin E. Dozier, Jr David McIntosh Linda Benton Deborah Kowal David Comer Matthew Tarentino | Paul Williams Shawn Williams Sue Canon Paula Hohman Karen Hohman Jim Vaughn | Officer's Command College (OCC) Tony Sarber Chris Stephenson* Steve Machado Linda Owens Sherry Hinson* Adrian Martinez Darrell Carey John Clayton* John Johnston John Reustle Susan Cerame Allen Johnson John Garcia Sidley Howard Sarah Abrell* Michael Hunnicutt Neal Fischer Benjamin Schultz Donna Carlene Benjamin Kokochak | Jeff Weishaar David McIntosh* Thomas Schulte Adam Smith James Rennie* John Dennett Scott Fredericksen Gary Blessing Debra Burhite Michael Allen* Keli Spears Deborah Kowal* Michael Balewitz Mary Stacks* Jason Weingartner Joshua Wagner Norma Bess Ty Campbell III Jonathan Wilson Susan Bolick* | Flag Officers School (FOS) None at this time. |
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| INSTITUTE OF ARTS <i>Sherry Anne Newell, Dean</i> | College of Treknology (COT) Linda Owens* Edith Padgett (5)*** | The Gorn Academy (TGA) Dean Rogers (3) Robin Smith (3) Scott Akers Donna Stewart Steve Mirick (2) Debbie Artrip Chris Curd (3) James Muench (3)* | School of Language Studies (SOLS) School of Music (SOM) Glenn E. Overby II (2)* Todd Brugmans* |
| | College of Federation Studies (COFS) Scott-Lee Nichol (6)***** Clint W. Green | School of Law (LAW) Gloria Hanson (3) Charles Parks (2)* Jeffrey Higdon (5)** Mike Romero (3) Corey Grant (2) Scott Smith Greg Franklin Robin Smith Jeff Spurgeon (2)*** Bruce Sommer (6)***** Wayne Killough (4)** John Roberts (2) Tom Donohoe Mark Abbott (2) S. Adam Day | College of Communications (COC) Joseph White (2) Wayne Killough Todd Brugmans (3) Jill Tipton |
| Culinary School (BURPS) Todd F. Brugmans (3)* Kitara Pramela | College of Federation Studies (COFS) Todd F. Brugmans (20)***** | College of Temporal Physics (COTP) Edith Padgett* | College of Alien History And Culture Glenn Martin (2)** Sidley Howard* Monika Reinholz (2)** Lea Eddy (2)** Sheryl Petrocek Glenn Martin (3)*** Kristi Schultz (2)** |

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| INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY <i>Sharon Ann Clark, Dean</i> | Vulcan Academy of Science (VAS) Mark Abbott (3)** Shawn Gregory (2) Christopher Curd (2)* Tom Schulte* Cathy Edgington Judy Waidlich (4)**** Tom Ferguson* Bonnie Yates-Reutell | College of Engineering (COE) Karen Mitchell* | School of Trade & Commerce (COTC) Mark Abbott (2)** Jill Tipton (2) Dennis Reylea (2) Robin Smith (3)*** |
| | College of Medicine (SACOM) Joseph Gallagher (2)** Monika Reinholz (3)* Paula J. Kesler (2)* Cathy Edgington (2)* Kitara Pramela (4) Mark C. Abbott (6)* Lori E. Straley (4) | SFI Officer's Radio School (SORS) Mark C. Abbott (2) Edith Padgett (2) Chris Curd Roger Scritchfield (2) Kiera Russell-Strong Barbara Buffington (2) | |

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| INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES <i>Greg Staylor, Dean</i> | College of Starship Operations Steven P. Bowers Shawn Gregory (5) Robin Smith (2) | Klingon Warrior Academy (KWA) Glenn Overby II Monika Reinholz Shawn Levesque Robin Smith Kyle J. Wolfe | Vessel Readiness Certification Program USS Ohio (1) |
| | School of Strategy & Tactics (SOST) C. David James (3) Robin Smith Chris Curd (4) Garry Cameron Ewan Chalmers | Marine Unit Readiness Program (MURP) USS Inferno (1) | |



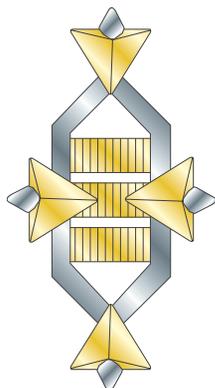
STARFLEET PROMOTIONS

COMPILED BY LIEUTENANT COLONEL DEBORAH MALOTTE

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

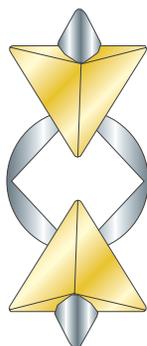
To Fleet Captain/ Brigadier

Paul M. Greene
Kyle J. Wolf
Steve Eldred
PJ Trotter



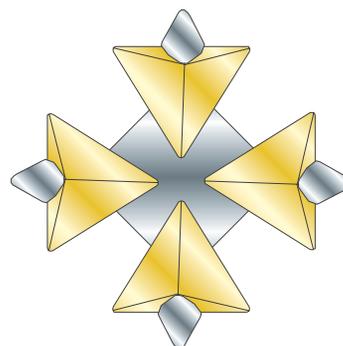
To Commodore/ Brigadier General:

Mary A. Kane
Carl R. Lewis, Jr.
Michelle Johnson
Dave Blaser



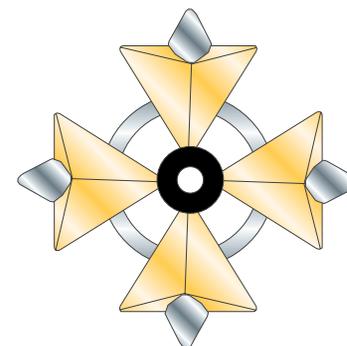
To Rear Admiral/ Major General:

Beryl Washington



To Vice Admiral/ Lieutenant General:

Christine Leddon



If you would like your Birthday to be listed here, please send me your name and birthdate at:

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STARFLEET SAYS HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Or via postal mail:

James Whatley
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| 10/1 Heidi E. Maldonado | 10/12 Christopher Hanssen | 10/24 Wes Brandt |
| 10/1 Chris Pilman | 10/13 Larry Middleton | 10/24 Rene Garrido |
| 10/1 Rene' Bailey | 10/15 Alex Trevino, Jr. | 10/25 Edward Allen IV |
| 10/1 Wayne Wright | 10/15 John Sowerby | 10/25 Dee Bayer |
| 10/2 Helen Sherrick | 10/16 Caitlin Pfeiffer | 10/25 Shirley Badger |
| 10/2 Brett Morrow | 10/17 John Kane | 10/26 Sheryl Petracek |
| 10/4 Virginia Martin | 10/17 Stephanie Heuck | 10/28 Kathy Bullock |
| 10/7 Christopher Magann | 10/17 Charlotte Henderson | 10/29 Michael Mgowen |
| 10/7 Char Hughes | 10/18 Robert Fillmore III | 10/29 Pat Young |
| 10/8 Anthony Spotts | 10/18 Kyle J Wolf | 10/29 Dennis Rayburn |
| 10/9 Rick Driver | 10/18 Wayne L. Killough | 10/30 Aileen Logan |
| 10/9 Deborah Duane | 10/19 Ray Goodman | 10/31 Greg Trotter |
| 10/9 Mary Ann Winsley | 10/20 John Jones | |
| 10/10 Doug L. Poynor | 10/21 Chris Adams | |
| 10/10 Paul M. Reid | 10/21 Bea Hart | |
| 10/10 Ulfhildur Aevrsdottir | 10/22 Jeri Barrett | |
| 10/11 Hugh B. Hallman II | 10/22 Kyle Sloan | |
| 10/12 Matt Copple | 10/23 William J. Higgins | |

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| 11/1 Arthur Brown II | 11/11 Wesley Lovell | 11/21 David Montgomery |
| 11/1 Douglas A. Leopard | 11/11 Kent Martial Fuller | 11/22 Greg Hughes |
| 11/2 Diana L Hoff | 11/12 Bruce Sherrick | 11/23 Kevin Kirkland |
| 11/3 Lisa Brinkley | 11/12 Kenneth Swenson | 11/23 Dick D. Miller |
| 11/3 JoAnna Wahlund | 11/13 Jesse Smith | 11/23 Lynn Magann |
| 11/3 Kallyann S Seaman | 11/14 Richard K. Getz | 11/24 Christine Barnett |
| 11/4 Carl Lewis | 11/15 Nancy O'Shields | 11/24 Mandi Livingston |
| 11/4 Jennifer Hewitt | 11/15 Tom Brinkley | 11/24 Ashley Murray |
| 11/5 Linda Harper | 11/16 Jerry Martin | 11/24 Ace Butrum |
| 11/5 Nancy Lynch | 11/17 Michael Ross | 11/26 Nan Dooley |
| 11/5 Gerri Wampler | 11/18 Sharon Yoresh | 11/26 Brian Young |
| 11/6 Valerie Rosenberg | 11/19 Mara Yoresh | 11/27 Scott N Jensen |
| 11/6 Garrick Eppinger Sr | 11/20 Stephen C. Idell | 11/27 Derrick Hall |
| 11/7 Richard Smith | 11/20 Jennifer Rosbury | 11/28 Marlon V. Ragsdale |
| 11/7 Danny 'Joker' Hall | 11/20 Julie James | 11/29 Alethia Hoff |
| 11/7 Warren Price | 11/21 Cynthia Henry | 11/30 Jeff Davis |
| 11/9 Diedre 'Dee' Rickard | 11/21 Margaret Brantstetter | |
| 11/10 Carol Burhans | 11/21 Zack Olack | |
| 11/10 Roberta D. Keele | 11/21 Kurt Pfeiffer | |

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

By Major General Robb Jackson • Artwork By Lieutenant Ben Kokochak

The Office of Inspector General has been very busy since the last issue - mainly with the Election for Commander, STARFLEET, but with a host of other activities as well.

Fleet Business

The Election (Vote of Confidence) for Commander, STARFLEET Ballots were distributed via USPS according to Article 8, Section 6 of FLEET regulations.

As this is a "Vote of Confidence" as described by Article 8, Section 7 of FLEET regs, you - the member - will be asked to cast a vote of confidence for GEN Michael W. Malotte by circling your choice of whether you "DO" or "DO NOT" have confidence that GEN Malotte can perform the duties of Commander, STARFLEET.

If you have NOT received your ballot yet, please contact the helpdesk@sfi.org ASAP.

Region 02

The Nomination Phase of the Election Process for Regional Coordinator is scheduled to begin before years end.

Region 04

A standard Vote of Confidence for Regional Coordinator began 01 September 2002 and is scheduled to conclude on 01 October 2002.

Region 05

The Nomination Phase of the Election Process for Regional Coordinator began on 16 September 2002 and is scheduled to conclude on 16 October 2002.

Region 09

The Nomination Phase of the Election Process for Regional Coordinator began on 23 September 2002 and is scheduled to conclude on 23 October 2002.

Region 12

A special Vote of Confidence for Regional Coordinator began 13 September 2002 and is scheduled to conclude on 13 October 2002.

Region 13

The Nomination Phase of the Election Process for Regional Coordinator is scheduled to begin before years end.

Other Issues

There are currently no investigations being done at this time.

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

Violations of membership rights as stated in the Membership Handbook.

- This Office will never deal with "Code of Conduct" violations. That is too subjective an area. The personal or professional Inspector General, STARFLEET's 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.

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RELAY FOR LIFE — LAS CRUCES

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

On a mild and breezy night in September, Region 17's own USS Mir participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Las Cruces, New Mexico (6 to 7 September 2002).

As usually happens, something profound strikes you as you watch the cancer survivors take the first "victory" lap of the event.

Our ship's Commanding Officer, Commodore Nancy Lynch, put it best when she said: "Our inspiration was renewed during the opening survivor's lap when a woman who had obviously just begun her treatments came slowly up the track. She was covered in radiation burns and was clearly in extreme pain. Surrounded by friends and supporters who held her up and helped her along, she made it around for the first lap and even stopped several times to hug some of the people who lined the track to applaud her. That woman is the reason Team Qa'Pla was first formed and she is the reason we will continue to do the Relay for Life every chance we get."

Team Qa'Pla raised \$700 for cancer research, while the event total, as reported in the newspaper, amounted to \$24,556.

The ship is grateful to the support it received

from STARFLEET Members such as Blair Learn, David and Leslie Ryan, and Marlene Miller and fellow Region 17 member John Roberts and individuals as well as our own crew, such as Jack and Deb Kern, Elsa and William Baker, the entire Lynch family and Everett Brooks and lastly, we received support from the Christian Rods and Customs (CR&C) Auto Club.

Fleet Captain Deb Kern described the fundraising best when she praised Commodore Nancy Lynch for the great selection of tropical memorabilia she gathered to sell.

There were grass skirts, talking Toucan bird puppets, coconut drink cups, flaming drinking cups, dolphin rings, painted shell necklaces and many more fun items.

The customers were nonstop the whole time. We were even asked to part with some of our large booth decorations.

The USS Mir's Team Qa'Pla is becoming a steady fixture at both the Las Cruces and Alamogordo Relays for Life.

We are included among the civic and community minded groups in both cities and that is a good feeling.

OLD P.O.T.S.

By Lt. Gloria Hanson • USS Hadfield, STARFLEET Region 13

Helen Pawloski, Director of Flag Officers School (FOS) and Sherry Newell have formed a club called "Old P.O.T.s" (Pterodactyls of Trek). In Helen's n words, "To qualify, you must have been around (physically, no re-runs) when TOS was first aired." Without giving away my exact age, I qualify as a P.O.T.

Helen states that one thing P.O.T.s have in common is that they don't "cotton up" to the Internet. I'm one of a different kind of P.O.T. in that I have loved the Internet since I first discovered how to access it.

As I've kept a kind of running commentary with Helen while taking FOS, I've found her to be a great wit and not at all the "old fuddy duddy" that she claims to be.

Now, what do P.O.T.s do, you ask? Whatever they darned well please, according to Helen! She says that the old bag on the Hallmark cards should be our representative. I don't know about Helen, but I'm not that old yet!

P.O.T.s also love to bore people with descriptions of how things were done in their day. An example would be (according to Helen) walking two miles to school (it was actually 3 blocks for her and about

a mile for me), up hill both ways (flat as a handkerchief, says Helen, but for me it really was uphill both ways).

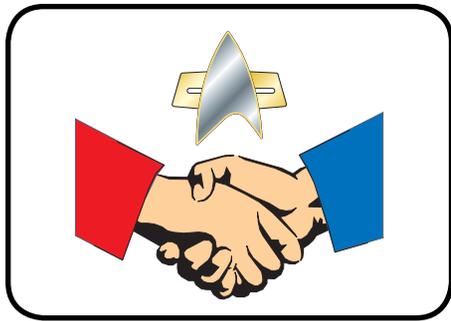
I went down one hill then up another to get to school and then down the hill and back up the first one to get home), through snow three feet deep (only inches more than 12 inches for Helen, for me it was easily a foot or two, plus having to deal with ice and taking one step forward and sliding two steps back) and wolves and bears all the way (Helen says there were wolves and bears at the zoo, no zoo for me, Vermont doesn't have any wolves, bears or zoos).

So, next time you see an Old P.O.T., run for the nearest exit unless you like all those old stories!

Helen said that she hopes to have some membership cards and pins ready in the near future, I can't wait!

Due to Helen's recent surgery, I wouldn't hold my breath waiting for those cards and pins.

We all hope that Helen is on the road to recovery and online soon so that all can partake of her singular wit. We love ya Helen! Get well soon!



SFI'S PUBLICITY, PROMOTIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

By Lieutenant Gerry Sylvester • USS Highlander, STARFLEET Region 7

Artwork Created by Commodore David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region 5

I have been asked by a number of people as to how I do, what I do as it regards to putting the SFI image out before the public, and more importantly why am I doing this. My first response would be that I simply pick up the phone and dial. But that does not feed the CQ bulldog as it were.

A little background...

When I was brought to a USS Highlander meeting in September 2000, I saw a group of people who did so much for so many others. It was not until I did a solo plunge in January 2001 for the Polar Bear Plunge, to benefit the Maryland Special Olympics, that I started to think. I made the decision just 10 days before the event to do the plunge. I thought for sure that I would not make the entry fee and I would be alone during the event. I ended up turning in \$355.00 and had Highlanders all around me. When you take into consideration that I am notoriously cold most of the time, a lot of folks were shocked that I would do such a thing. It was a very humbling sight to see a grown man openly cry because of my dunking myself into the Chesapeake Bay in January.

It made me think. For here I had found a wonderful, unique group of people who were willing to put themselves on the line for their fellow human being.

I wanted to contribute and do something for them. But the question was how. Alas I was not an Internet guru, in fact far from it. From my years of working in the film industry, my degree in Mass Communications, and more, I felt that my way to contribute was to obtain the much deserved recognition and press for Highlander. I decided that using the Internet to contact and coordinate any event would be the most effective way of getting the word out. This was my way to make a difference, and isn't this what SFI is all about?

I was very lucky that I had Gerri (Batman) Wampler for a CO., and Sandy Berenberg (The MP dude, and CO of the USS Edinburgh) to enable me in my endeavors. Hence I started my quest to put the Highlander name out before the public.

My first chance came as a result of the Seattle Earthquake in early 2001. I worked with Sandy Berenberg and together we created *Earthquake/Sleepless in Seattle* cards, that the Highlander sent to the ships in the quake zone. I remember the Los Angeles quake of January '94. I was very close to the epicenter! I had a chunk of my ceiling fall on top of me. So just hearing about the Seattle quake sent chills into me. Not long after the cards went out, the Highlander's received some very kind thank you cards. It made a lot of people smile to say the least.

1. Make people smile.

The next step was to go outside of Fleet. My first endeavor was the USS Highlander's annual Bowl for Kids Sake as benefits the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Frederick Maryland. So I got hell's fire into me and I called the local newspapers. The Frederick Times took photos and did a write up. The family vet of two of the Highlanders told them that he had seen the newspaper article and placed it in their pet's chart. Well, needless to say they were ecstatic. And that to me was what it was all about.

2. Make people happy and feel good about what they are doing.

With the help of Sandy Berenberg and Gerri/Batman, I started to work on the idea of a Fleet wide Polar Plunge. This was the spring of 2001. First step was to create an image and a good one at that. I was looking with an eye towards a promotional push for a Baltimore convention in July I knew from years in retail sales that signage was going to be important but that we'd also need something more tangible.

At the Polar Bear Plunge, there were other groups that had created decorative plungers. I thought this was creative and different so I used the idea. That idea being something that could be shown off and displayed, something fun.

I was also concerned that the image of SFI be put out there as well. With the aid of a PC package, I created gift bags for the convention guests with the SFI logo printed on them. I used the black and white lightning SFI logo that you see on the web site. I have been told that the web designers cringe at that site of that logo. Well, I've got news for them, that logo is totally eye-catching in public. What may not look or feel good on a web site does tend to look wonderful in the print.

The bags included a bottle of Maryland wine as well as other SFI goodies. With this, it was possible to present a quality, class image of SFI. I realize that there are those who do not drink. Quite frankly, if you are going to present the image of that other than the typical Trekkies, you have to think in terms of the real world. While not everyone may partake of say a fine wine or a single malt scotch, the *image* is there. Such a presentation will send the message that this is not just your average groupie club. It speaks of class, and SFI is a class act indeed.

You can see one of the bags sitting next to a con guest in the TNN special, "Everybody Loves Star Trek!"

During the Fleet meeting at the July convention, I had a table of Plungers with Bears festooned with ribbons. Major Greg Shipley of Maryland State Police was an invited guest of SFI and he later made mention that he was impressed with the Plungers and the fact that a bunch of Trekkies had gone to this much trouble to promote a charity. It was with this that the decision was made to grant SFI a private booth at the Polar Plunge 2002. SFI was only one of five private vendors granted this privilege.

At the Polar Bear Plunge, the Highlander had "goodie" bags complete with program books, buttons and other goodies, ready for all SFI Plungers and supporters. Out of that quantity, a batch were pulled and given to members of the press as well as the organizers of the Plunge and Maryland State Police officers.

3. Create something fun that people can take back to home base.

The next challenge was to create a press pack. With that, it was possible to be able to give the client/contact person something tangible. For SFI, I have been using two pocket folders with a cover sheet, a list of references, and a copy of the CQ.

I also make it a point to always wear a suit when meeting new clients. The prospective clients already have a mental image of a typical trekkie. You know the image I am speaking of. A trekkie

in front of a TV, with a super size bag of chips. So showing up in a suit does tend to break the mold. When possible, I will wear rank insignia. SFI is above the average Trekkie club.

I was granted the privilege of acting as an assistant at the EC/AB meeting at IC. I had only been told of what to expect and how to act at the EC/AB meeting. Well, talk about fear factor. I was so paranoid about presenting an unacceptable image of the USS Highlander that I adopted the mentality of death before dishonor to the Highlander. Therefore I wore a suit to the meeting.

At the recent EC/AB meeting, I was again privileged to attend. And again, I wore a suit to the meeting. The IG Proxy, was also attired in a business suit as well. During the meeting break, a hotel staff member came in with questions about coffee service. The hotel staff person went directly to me. Problem was, I was not a committee member. But the image was there. People will associate a business suit with authority. It is conditioning in this society to do so.

4. Present a professional image of SFI.

At the recent STARFLEET Breakfast in July, I was very concerned that SFI's image was a good one. But I was also sensitive to the fact that I would be making wardrobe requests of the SFI members. I gently asked the SFI folks who expressed an interest in the breakfast that they kindly not wear jeans or tees.

This very much bothered me as I had been previously told that I would never be a guest escort due my manner of dress. Now granted that I do have some fun items in my closet. As an actress in Los Angeles, I kept a "Homeless outfit", a "Hooker" outfit as well as a Nurse and Police officers uniform. The idea being that you dress for the part you are playing. But business is business and personal is personal. I learned that adage from my Capital Hill family members. It's one thing to duke it out on Capital Hill. But when all is said and done, and you are at Old Ebbitt's Grill for dinner, that is personal time. Re-time to put it all aside.

5. When you dress like a Trekkie, you will be treated like a Trekkie

I also have found inspiration by viewing the SFI and SFMC websites. As I mentioned before, I used the SFI black and white lightning logo for goodie bags.

I also currently use the SFI and SFMC bar logos for stationary and press pack labels. Granted they are both very color rich. My poor printer has a fit when I try to print items. Hence I need to seek outside help. But they both make a very powerful statement. It projects an image of a professional organization.

I would be willing to bet dollars to donuts that the genius behind the SFMC website, Lauren Milan, never thought that this would be viewed by the VP of the Toys for Tots VP. But she took the initiative and included a link for Toys for Tots. When I told Major Grein (VP-TFT Foundation) he was very impressed to say the least. That really made an incredible impression on Major Grein. Please remember that since the events of 9/11, the idea of simply volunteering for an endeavor such

as this can be a security nightmare. But thanks to the SFMC website, we have as SFI/SFMC been given a massive amount of trust. All of this because a webmaster/mistress took the initiative to promote an SFI charity.

6. Take the initiative for SFI.

The CQ is probably the best advertisement to show off the best of SFI. There are commercial community papers that do not have even half the content (ads included) of the CQ. Again, a quality image of SFI.

As far as getting the ball rolling on a project, I will use the current Toys for Tots campaign as an example.

It started with Wade Olson approaching me with his idea for SFMC to work with USMC-Reserve.

The first thing I needed to do was to make initial contact with the Toys for Tots Foundation. I got the number for the VP in Quantico, Virginia and I dialed. The first thing was to introduce myself and let them know that I am representing SFI. Then next inevitable question is,

"Oh, you mean Trekkies!"

To which my response is, "Yes we're Trekkies...but..."

There are certainly those who are now cringing over the use of Trekkie vs. Trekker. Quite frankly, as I told the folks at the R7 conf, I don't have time to explain that to my clients I am dealing with and neither do they. The main objective is to get SFI's foot in the door. Once we are in, it is up to the members to present a good image. And once we have shown our clients how good SFI/SFMC really is then, we have a good working relationship going.

Time permitting, I will then launch further into the fact that I have the privilege to be a representative for nearly 5000 members and their families who truly wish to make a difference. Just give these people a chance.

7. SFI is a Community Service Organization above all!

There are a lot of good people, and a lot of good ideas within SFI/SFMC. Please don't repeat someone else's mistake of simply dismissing someone with different ideas. If that had been the case, I would not be writing this article. Once upon a time, offered my PR services to another SFI ship. I was informed that my services were not really what SFI needed.

Onward, and upward as it were. So I offered my services to the USS Highlander and from there, the folks at the Fleet level took notice. When I first took on this endeavor, Fleet Captain Rick Driver made what I consider to one of the nicest comments I have ever heard. I presented my file cases and address book at a Highlander meeting. From there, Rick looked at me and said,

"You look so very happy doing this!"

And I am happy to say yes I am!

My thanks to Gerri/Batman Wampler, and Sandy Berenberg. Without them, I would have never had this opportunity.



INTERNET CORRESPONDENCE CHAPTER MANAGEMENT

By Commander Will Robertson • USS Parallax, STARFLEET Region 1

Artwork Created by Commodore David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region 5

This is the first in a set of four articles covering correspondence chapters and the ins and outs of running one, the disadvantages, and the advantages. This comes from my experience with working with various correspondence chapters, often via the Internet. The order of articles are recruiting, member services, and web sites.

Recruiting is a common is something many chapters have trouble with, especially correspondence, not only are you spread out, but you don't necessarily have a monthly meeting to invite friends to. Even if you do have one on the Internet, you have to rely on existing systems to provide a meeting place. You don't always have a chance to put up a display at the meeting.

The first step in recruiting will always be the creation of a web page, or some other presentation of your ship. Things that should always be included on this are, news, how to join, chapters log, and crew listing. If you are the CO, you might want to consider finding someone in your chapter who can do a web site, or you may feel the best way to go is to do the first one yourself. Either way, I'll cover exactly how to make a webpage in a future article. For now, the sections.

News: On my website, we call this section 'Communications'. We have messages from Department Heads and Command. A recent issue has been the upcoming election (at least it is upcoming when I am writing this), so we posted on our communications section everything we could find on the parties running.

How to join: In my opinion, this is the most important part of your webpage. It can be anything from, e-mail co@ussparallax.org (replace with who you want your forms going to) to having a form they can fill out right then and there. If you have a form (which is probably the best way to go if you have someone with enough web mastering skill to set it up) make sure to get their e-mail address, of all things, for an internet correspondence chapter this is the most important.

If you don't have an e-mail address, you don't have a way to contact that person. The second most important thing is mailing address, this will give you a physical location of that person. Later on you will see why. Once you have that stuff, ask them if they are an existing SFI member, in which case, get their SCC, if not, then give them a link (which should open in a new window, again I will cover the actual mechanics of this in another article). And back to the e-mail I want to stress this, even though SFI gets an e-mail, in their current database interface does not show it to the CO or XO. Optional stuff you might want includes phone number and date of birth.

Ship's log: This is a good place to throw stuff that is just routine, when you submit an MSR, throw in a 'Submitted October 2002 Monthly Status Report' make sure this log has dates on every entry, promotions, birthdays, when the monthly meeting minutes are sent out. When people look at this log, they should be able to look at the date of the last entry, and notice that not a week has passed since the last week. This will tell people your ship is

alive and healthy.

Crew Listing: This should list your crew. If it's especially large, you may want to only include department heads and their assistants. This will help the crew know who to contact when they want to know something. You will want to have the CO and XO address on this page. Beyond that you will just want names. There are other ways for people to get in touch, and since this one is available to the public, you don't want to give away every one of your crew members e-mails. Especially when there are people on the Internet who are combing webpages for e-mail addresses. You don't need to get your crew upset with you because they're getting a lot of junk mail because you put their addresses on the webpage. An exception to this rule, is if you have webmaster skilled in a web programming language that will allow you to have people send messages though this page without actually giving away e-mail addresses.

Make sure this is all pretty simple to get to, especially when you first do your webpage, don't think your webpage looks horrible because you don't have any neat graphics. The actual fact is that most of the time; graphics make a webpage look worse. It takes a skilled webmaster to position graphics with the text so that it looks good. For your first time round, don't worry about it too much. A good hosting provider, is Demon Karma Networks. Last CQ, I wrote an article about them and their special prices geared to shuttles. I want to emphasize that Demon Karma may give shuttles special

prices, but they still are a good provider for a full fledged ship.

Next, you'll want to have monthly meetings. There is an existing chat network that you can use with SFI, Fleet Chat IRC (<http://www.fleetchat.org>). The USS Parallax uses #uss-parallax. Good clients to use are mIRC (<http://www.mirc.com/>) for PC and Irclle (<http://www.irclle.com/>) for Mac. Other clients are listed on the Fleetchat website including a web-based interface your crew can use. Most importantly, this will provide a meeting place for your users. On the same note, you can have your members go onto major IRC Networks and recruit for your ship, one of the major networks I suggest is Star Chat, (<http://www.starchat.org/>). If you want to find out more about IRC in general, go to <http://www.irchelp.org/>.

Next step is to setup a little bit I call member services. These include things like an e-mail list. In the olden days, we used list-bot, even now, there is eGroups, though now that Yahoo has purchased it, and it seems to be falling by the wayside. Personally, I am helping my CO get away from eGroups as fast as possible, as with everything else, this takes time. For now, eGroups works, you may also want to contact Greg Trotter, and see if he will setup an e-mail for your chapter (Greg Trotter provides hosting for starfleet-1 Star Fleet's main e-mail list). If the website was an Internet Correspondence Chapter's legs, then this would be the spine. This is your main line of communication in-between monthly meetings. This is how you keep people interested. Don't wear them out with too much mail though!

It was a beautiful summer day as we walked up the steps to the goal of my journey. Before us, was a group of stones from Cape Cod, with moss growing between them, well cared for.

At the far side of the stones was a concrete cauldron, holding an eternal flame kindled three days after one of the great American tragedies of the 1960's. Before us was a dark stone with the inscription, "John Fitzgerald Kennedy 1917-1963."

As I stood there, my thoughts went back to that day, so many years ago when I was a boy of seven, home from school because of illness (or so my mother thought).

She had just started to catch on that I had pulled a fast one when her soap opera was interrupted with the voice of Walter Cronkite with the words that is burned in the memory of all of us who lived that day, "Three shots were fired at President Kennedy's motorcade in downtown Dallas..."

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It was the conclusion of an odyssey for me personally. I had grown up with all of the talk, books, films, etc. of the days of President Kennedy.

Although I was seven when he died, over the years I have read and studied about him and his accomplishments, and like a lot of folks, read a ton of material on this murder and had my own theory of what happened.

Sure the man had faults as we all do, but no one can deny that he left this country better than he found it.

However, my journey was not quite complete. After paying our respects there, we descended the steps and turned the corner to walk to a simpler memorial, marked by a simple white cross and a marble tablet at the foot, marking the grave of his

brother, Bobby.

JFK was mainly history to me as being only seven when he died, I didn't understand things. Bobby, however, was more of a real person to me and others of my generation.

He worked and crusaded for his beliefs all over the country, even when it required him to stand against the powers of the country, even the President of the US. He was a living example of a quote from George Bernard Shaw that he quoted so often, "Some men see things are and say, 'Why?' I see things as they never were and say, 'Why not?'"

From there, we explored more of the cemetery till it was time to go, finding the resting places of presidents, five star generals, a president's son, the mass grave of the men who died in the failed hostage

rescue in Iran in 1980, the Challenger memorial, the Tomb of the Unknowns, graves of explorers, musicians, one of the legendary Tuskegee Airmen, and the markers of so many men and women who served this country.

They say that JFK visited Arlington just a few weeks before his death to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns, then took some time and walked around with his son, taking in the atmosphere of history and beauty that is all around. He remarked that he could stay there forever.

Sadly, for him, Bobby, and so many others, forever has come and gone and they now remain.

The mantle to carry on their hopes and visions fall to us. What we do with the world they left us is our job and will be our legacy. What kind of legacy are we writing?

Think about it.



A SPECIAL HOLLYWOOD SCREENING OF STAR TREK II

By Fleet Captain Jon Lane • USS Angeles, STARFLEET Region 4

Artwork Created by Admiral Allyson M. W. Dyar • STARFLEET Region 5

One of the best things about living in Los Angeles is going to special screenings of classic films where the creators themselves attend and then stay afterward to discuss their work and tell behind-the-scenes stories of what went on during filming. Tonight, I had the rare pleasure to see a beautifully remastered 35mm showing of *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan* at Graumann's Egyptian Theatre as part of The American Cinematheque 3rd Annual Festival of Fantasy, Horror & Science-Fiction. Celebrating the release of the Director's version of *Star Trek II* on DVD, were Walter "Chekov" Koenig, George "Sulu" Takei, Writer/Executive Producer Harve Bennett, and Director Nicholas Meyer. The theater was sold out, and the film on the big screen looks so much better than it does on television, even with the DVD. There's just something about the crispness of film—you can practically see the lint on their wool uniforms!

The highlight of the evening, though, was the rare opportunity to see two men who don't usually frequent *Star Trek* conventions: Bennett and Meyer. And while Walter told his famous "Chekov was in the bathroom during 'Space Seed'" story and George spoke for a surprisingly brief amount of time, the two actors respectfully understood that this was a night for the director and writer/e.p. to shine and discuss their work.

Bennett's and Meyer's commentaries were really wonderful, providing some fascinating insights into some lesser-known aspects of *Star Trek* history. To begin with, they were both rightfully introduced as the men who saved *Star Trek*. Indeed, without these two and the critical success of *Star Trek II* as a theatrical release, the legend might have ended right there in 1982, with the disappointing and expensively-produced "Star Trek: The Motion Picture" and no decent follow-up. Instead, Bennett and Meyer re-energized the stumbling franchise, opening the door to a subsequent eight motion pictures, four additional television series, and more licensed merchandise than could fit into a small country!

But how did this turn-around happen? What ingredients mixed perfectly to help make *Star Trek II* not just one of the best, if not the best, of the *Trek* films, but also one of the best pieces of science fiction to ever be shown on the big screen? Bennett and Meyer talked for nearly 45 minutes, and I will try to get as many of their comments down on paper as I can remember. While I did not record the presentation, I paid close attention, and what follows is a paraphrase of their comments that's as close to what they actually said as I can get, barely one hour after leaving the theater. I'm going to use quotation marks and the first person to

try to recreate as closely as possible what the two men said.

Harve Bennett on getting asked to make the film in the first place:

Harve Bennett had been making TV for years and had a small office he worked out of at Paramount. "One day, I was called into the office of the last of the great Hollywood movie moguls, Charlie Bludhorn, who had built up Gulf +Western and bought Paramount. In his office were Barry Diller, president of Paramount at the time, Michael Eisner, and Jeffrey Katzenberg. I was just a lowly television guy. Charlie looks at me, and in his heavy immigrant accent asks, 'Did you see the *Star Trek* movie?' I had, and all I could remember of it was that my kids had had too many cokes and were going back and forth to the bathroom. 'Yes,' I told him. 'What did you think of it?' I didn't know what answer wouldn't get me fired, so I just told the truth, 'I thought it was boring.' I figured my job was over. But Charlie looked at me closely, 'Do you think you could make a better one?' Keep in mind, I'd done television up till that point—a full length motion picture was completely different. 'Yeah,' I said, 'I could.' Charlie leaned back in his chair, 'Do you think you could make it for less than 45 million f--king dollars?!?!?' I answered him, 'Where I come from, you can make five movies for that much.' And that's how I got the job.

"I'd never seen *Star Trek* before! So I got all seventy-whatever episodes and screened them all on dinky 16mm reels for the next few months. Honestly, I thought one-third of the episodes were absolutely brilliant. Another third were pretty much all right. And a third weren't memorable at all. But one episode stood out for me as unforgettable: 'Space Seed'. The line at the end was what does it for me, when one of them asks, 'What will happen to these supermen twenty years from now? What will they do?' Since we were essentially making a sequel, this is what I wanted to base it on. And Ricardo Montalban was still alive and active; all we had to do was get him away from *Fantasy Island*."

Nick Meyer on being brought in:

Meyer had directed the hit *Time After Time* with Malcolm McDowell and David Warner in 1979. "I had this project I wanted to direct, but no one was buying it. So I sat home moping, holding my breath like a child waiting to play with the bat and balls he'd brought to the playground, but no one would let him. I was having a backyard barbeque when one of my oldest friends said, 'Nick, if you want to direct, you've got to direct, even if it's stuff you don't want to make. You have to get out there. If you stay here and wait for something, your career will pass you by.' She was an

executive at Paramount and worked with Harve. She thought the two of us would get along great, and we did.

"My only experience with *Star Trek* was in college at the University of Iowa where a friend of mine would watch all the episodes while dropping acid. It ended his marriage. That was all I knew about *Star Trek*. Harve had the fourth draft of the script, but he said, 'Let me give you the fifth draft next week. This one's no good.' In the meantime, I started researching *Star Trek* and discovered it was like one of my favorite novel series: Horatio Hornblower. It was a naval adventure, and I could wrap my head around that.

"Three weeks later, I hadn't received a script. So I called up Harve, 'Hey, is the fifth draft done yet?' 'Yeah, but it's no good. I don't want you to see it.' 'Then give me the fourth draft.' 'No, that one's not good either. None of them are,' he told me. 'Well, then give me all of them.'

"And I went through them all, and they were awful, but not completely. I gathered the whole creative team together and said, 'Look, I want you each to pick out whatever you like from each of these drafts—whether it's just a single line of dialogue or a character or a subplot or a whole scene. Whatever you like, write it down, and we'll try to pull something together from all the things we like.'

"And that's what happened. We liked the fact that Kirk had a son. We liked Spock dying. I don't know who came up with the eels..." It was at this point that Harve pointed at himself and the audience laughed. "And then we had, like, ten days to get the script written, because ILM had given us a deadline. If we didn't get the script to them in time, they'd need to start a different project. But back then, we didn't know what was impossible and we didn't want to know. So we got it done"

Meyer and Bennett on learning from "Star Trek: The Motion Picture":

Meyer: "I can't fault the first movie. It isn't fair. They did what they thought would work. And even though it didn't, it taught us a lot and made it possible for us to do the second film better."

Bennett: "The problem was it didn't have the feel of the television series. *Star Trek* always had the pacing of a television program. When they brought in Robert Wise to make *The Motion Picture*, they had a big budget and made a grand film. But it was too big, and it wasn't paced right. What we did with the second film was to make it like the television series again, and we captured that pacing just right."

Meyer: "For me, I think the biggest benefit I brought to the second film was that I was 'alien' to *Star Trek*. (Pardon the pun.) I didn't know anything about it. And I wanted to. That was how I made the film: to explain everything to me. It starts off with the words: 'In the 23rd century...' because I didn't know that. My dad didn't know that, and if the movie didn't say it at the very beginning, he wouldn't have any idea what the movie was about. So everything I put in there was to explain *Star Trek* to the audience...and to me.

"And I didn't want them wearing pajamas. With the Horatio Hornblower realization, I decided that this was the navy in space. This would be nautical—or as my wife says: 'nautical but nice.'"

Bennett on working with Gene Roddenberry:

"There is no doubt that Gene Roddenberry was the Great Bird of the Universe. He made *Star Trek* what it was. Gene was a visionary, but he got a little bit too visionary after a while. Nick is right, *Star Trek* is about the navy in space. All those early TV episodes were naval, just with the ship sailing through outer space instead of on the open sea. And the ship was military, with ranks and a captain. But as Gene got older, his dream and vision of a perfect world, living in peace with no war, became all encompassing for him. He forgot what he'd created. When he saw what we were doing with 'The Wrath of Khan', he complained to me, 'Why are you making it military?' And I responded, 'Gene, you made it military. We're just working with what you created.'"

Meyer on directing the actors and rehearsals:

"I believe in lots of rehearsals. I don't like to do anything cold. With rehearsals, you figure out what works and what doesn't, and you can make changes early on. I think spending extra time rehearsing makes the actual filming go much faster, 'cause you can just do a scene, get it, and go on to the next one. On the first movie, they spent lots of time setting up shots and doing tons of takes and retakes. We were more on a quick TV-type schedule, and that's why we stayed on budget and they went over budget and delayed way past deadline.

"But these guys are great." He pointed at George and Walter and indicated the whole cast. They'd been doing this for years and knew their characters. But there were new faces, too, and we needed to fine tune things. So the whole cast got together and rehearsed around my dinner table—everyone except

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Ricardo, who was still doing *Fantasy Island*. But the rest of us went through everything, and I got some good feedback and guidance like, 'Uhura wouldn't do this; she'd do it this way,' or 'This is how this should be.' It was great.

Meyer on Saavik showing a tear at Spock's funeral:

An audience member commented that Saavik, being a Vulcan, wouldn't cry at Spock's funeral. Meyer replied, "It's funny, but Shatner said the same thing. Kirsti Alley had managed to show a tear during the scene, and right after I said 'cut,' Bill came running up to me, concerned, 'You can't use that! 'Why not?' 'Because she's a Vulcan. She wouldn't cry.' And I answered, 'That's why this is such a sad scene.' And I have no regrets about leaving it in. I think it's really powerful."

Bennett on the failure of "Star Trek V: The Final Frontier":

"It was Bill. The script was wrong from the start. There was no saving it. We all tried to tell Bill, but he was determined to do it. I said to him, 'Here's why it won't work. Imagine the hype line: "This week on *Star Trek*: the crew meets God." Of course it's not gonna be the real God! You'd never do that; you'd piss off most of the population! So there's no real suspense.' But Bill wanted to do it his way. We did what we could to make it 'The journey to find God', but when all was said and done, the script was weak at the roots."

Meyer on Ricardo Montalban:

"Ricardo Montalban is an amazing actor. He hasn't been given nearly enough good

stuff to do. He would have made the most incredible King Lear." At this, the audience burst into a round of applause of agreement. "And I need to state for the record, because this question is asked more than any other: yes, that is his real chest." Again, the audience clapped.

"Keep in mind, he wasn't at any of the rehearsals. So the first day I saw him was on the set. Now Ricardo is a real movie star, and I was a little intimidated as a director, not knowing what I could say or what might piss him off. I now know he's one of the nicest guys in the business, really classy. But that day, I didn't know what to expect.

"We had a speech in the script that was six pages long where Khan explains why he's so angry and filled with hatred for Kirk. It was a really elaborate scene with multiple camera angles and about 13 different marks for Ricardo to hit, and he hit every one of them perfectly. But his delivery was so hot and intense. He finished the scene and we were all shaking, it was so passionate. 'Um, all right, then...' I said, 'Er, let's start getting this scene lit. Ricardo, let's you and me talk.'

"As a director, you have to be careful, 'cause you can't always be certain how someone will react. We went into his dressing room, and I said to him, 'Lawrence Olivier once said, "An actor should never show the audience his 'highest' because then they'll know there's no place higher he can take them.'" 'Ahhhhhh, I see!' (Meyer was doing a very good Ricardo Montalban impersonation.) I continued, 'When someone is crazy, what's really scary is when he isn't yelling but is very calm, and

the audience is wondering, "Is he going to explode? What is he going to do next?" It's the uncertainty that's conveyed through the intense calmness that makes the character truly terrifying.' 'Ahhhh, yessss!' and as we continued talking about how to play Khan, he started finishing my sentences. He was definitely getting it. He's a really bright guy. Then he leaned back and nodded, 'So, I see...you are going to *direct* me!' And then he told me about all these other directors he'd worked with, some of whom would just say, 'Okay, here's the scene. Make it good.' He appreciated getting the feedback.

"So from that point on Ricardo would really look to me for direction. He'd do a scene and then ask me if he should raise his eyebrow so much or something else like that. And often, I'd try to rein him in to keep the performance more subdued and less over the top. And I think it worked out really well."

Meyer on directing Shatner:

This made so many things so much clearer to me, especially some of Shatner's hokier performances in movies like *Trek V*. Meyer began answering the question with the most matter-of-fact statement, as if everyone in the world knew the following fact. "Oh, with Shatner, the more takes you give him, the better his performance." Of course, the audience had no idea what Meyer was talking about, so he explained this rather strange statement. "Y'see, Bill is very protective of his place as the leading man, and he acts to guard that position and establish himself as the big fish. Unfortunately, though, that usually comes off way over the top. But have him do a scene ten times or so, and eventually he gets so exhausted from keeping up the veneer that

he'll let down his guard just enough to let a really good performance shine through.

"A great example is that wonderful scene where Kirk is supposed to be transmitting the Genesis data to Khan, but instead he sends the prefix code and lowers Khan's shields. And the line is, 'Here it comes.' On the first take, Bill delivered the line like a smirking third grader 'Here it coooooomes!' (Meyer's voice had an almost "nyah, nyah" tone to it.) I yelled 'Cut!' and said to Bill, 'Khan's a smart guy. If you deliver the line like that, he's gonna know something's up.' So we did another take, and another, and another, and each time Bill was in 'show-off' mode. But finally, after ten takes, we finally got that amazing delivery of the line that you see in the film, and it was worth all those extra takes to get it.

Meyer on Shatner and Montalban trying to upstage each other:

"Oh, that was one of the best things about making the film! These two actors were both bigger-than-life, and they were fighting hard not to be upstaged by the other. I'm a big fan of opera, and in the case of this film, it was space opera that I was trying to do. But seeing these two actors play off each other was really amazing. And because I was trying to keep them both understated so they didn't fly off and over act, it was like watching two opera singers trying to out-subtle each other while singing arias!"

And that, as they say, was that. The audience gave all four guests a standing ovation and ran to get autographs. I rushed home to write this up before I forgot it. I hope you found it enjoyable.

'Avatar 1' and 'Avatar 2' by SD Perry

I've been working on a complete reading of the Deep Space Nine 'relaunch' series of books, what I call the 'eighth season'. Let me start by saying that none of the books has been at all disappointing in terms of continuity as the authors are well versed in the events leading up to and presumably following the television series.

I must also say that a number of characters introduced and re-introduced, Ezri Dax, Ro Laren, Dr. Bashir, Nog, Kira, and the new characters Commander Elias Vaughn and the Andorian Ensign Thirishar ch'Thane are proving to be well worth examining.

'Avatar' 1 and 2 both follow a Jem'Hadar attack on the station, forcing Colonel Kira to eject the fusion reactor. The most fascinating aspect in my opinion is the introduction of the character of Taran'atar, a Jem'Hadar sent by Odo to study and learn about the species of the Alpha Quadrant. The character is introduced as a 'mutant' who is capable of producing his own isogenic enzyme and therefore does not need to take the ketracel white. My fascination with him focused mainly around his interaction with the people aboard the space station. A major climax is the near destruction of Deep Space Nine and the forced ejection of the station's fusion reactor.

My rating for 'Avatar' - 8.5 out of 10

STAR TREK BOOK REVIEWS

Commodore David Klingman • USS Jaguar, STARFLEET Region 5

'Section 31 Abyss' by David Weddle and Jeffrey Lang

'Section 31 Abyss' by David Weddle and Jeffrey Lang, takes place about 6 weeks after 'Avatar' (January 2376). It picks up with Nog carrying out a plan to replace the lost fusion reactor with that of Empok Nor, the other nearby space station, but more importantly re-introduces the rogue agency Section 31.

Much of the Section 31 introduction and Doctor Bashir's drawing into their affairs and his obsession over bringing them down. I only have one real complaint about the book, and that is a bit of forced plot element involving the genetic enhancement and neo-Khanism. Doctor Bashir is pitted against a fellow enhanced human who unfortunately is focused too much in my opinion as a neo-Khan and also in my opinion isn't much of an adversary by the time the book reaches its climax.

For me, the most fascinating element is the re-introduction of Taran'atar - a Jem'Hadar mutant that was introduced in Avatar 1 and 2 and who is a natural producer of ketracel white. He has been sent by Odo to bridge the gap between the post-war Dominion and Starfleet. I find the Jem'Hadar in any case to be fascinating, and in this book we get to see a bit of the Jem'Hadar psyche and

'philosophy'.

In addition, we are introduced to two new species - the Ingavi and the v'Xaji. I love when new aliens pop up!

All in all it was a good read, a decent follow-up to 'Avatar' and a good prelude to the next series 'Mission Gamma'. Books 1 and 2 of 4 are in print, and they promise to delve even more into the people in their post-war lives, particularly Commander Vaughn.

My rating for 'Abyss' - 8 out of 10

Mission Gamma 1: Twilight by David R George III

Mission Gamma 1: Twilight by David R George III takes place after Abyss in early 2376 and continues with the 'eighth season' storyline of Deep Space Nine and focuses on three major plot elements:

- USS Defiant's three-month mission into the Gamma Quadrant, on a mission of exploration.
- the ongoing relationship between the personnel aboard Deep Space Nine
- the ongoing relationship of Bajor to the Federation

Generally, I found the threads aboard Deep Space Nine to move well and be of interest,

the relationship developments were both amusing and poignant. On the other hand, though I enjoyed the notion of exploration of the Gamma Quadrant, the first contact situation into which the crew comes to play a part seems a bit forced, repetitious, and the plot becomes a bit locked and focused on Commander Elias Vaughn's relationship with his daughter.

This is my first foray into reading David George's writing, and I can say that I like his attention to continuity. He manages to add some perspective on Elias Vaughn's life as a 100+ year old man, and makes references to the Enterprise A and the Tomed Incident of 2311. He also manages to add perspective on the entire universe during his writing.

My only gripe is that he tends to get stuck on certain plot elements and so the material aboard the Defiant dragged a bit for me, stuck on, as mentioned, the relationship between Elias Vaughn and his daughter as well as the relationship between Ezri Dax and Doctor Bashir.

The series also puts Ezri into a command track rather than a counseling/medical track and I'm not sure how I feel about this as a personal item.

All in all, I think it's worth reading for anyone who is a fan of Deep Space Nine.

My rating: 7.5 out of 10

THE USS ARI'S BUSY SUMMER

By Lt. (JG) Ruth Pace • USS Ari, STARFLEET Region 7

The Ari, out of Buffalo, New York had a very busy summer in 2002, chock full of plenty of away missions, many held right after our monthly meeting, and a wedding between two crewmembers.

First off, Morale Officer PO3 Rose Marie Cannon took a short trip with her mother to neighboring city, Rochester, New York. Their navigation sensors went on the fritz, causing some confusion between highways I-390 and I-490, but they did manage to visit the Strong Museum in Rochester.

On May 16th, Captain Michelene Biber, First Officer Ruth Sippel, Scott Biber, and Karen Willard went to see the new Star Wars movie, Attack of the Clones.

On Memorial Day, Ambassador Casey Luther took a trip to Washington, DC to mark the 20th Anniversary of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial. She also visited several museums. As with her trip to New York City in December 2001, she was reminded of the terrorist attacks of 9-11. She didn't go to either Ground Zero or the Pentagon, but she was close enough to feel the pain. (Aren't we all?)

On May 28th, Captain Biber, Jon Barna, Frank Fendt and Trish Fendt went on an away mission to the Buffalo Museum of Science to see the K'NEX (pronounced "connects") exhibit. K'NEX are different colored plastic building pieces, a la Lego building pieces, but these are smaller, and more versatile, and can incorporate small motors that can be run on battery power and be computer controlled. The crew built small models of the space shuttle, which they were allowed to take home for free. If you wanted to build something bigger, you had to pay a certain amount per quarter pound.

June 9th was the Allentown Art Festival, which gives many local and out-of-town artists a huge street fair to show off their artwork. Captain Biber, former Ari Captain Michelle Bock, PO4 Barna, and Ambassadors Luther and Willard attended the Festival.

July 6th and 7th was The Taste of Buffalo, a street fair that showcased 53 restaurants. Buying small portions allowed you to sample the restaurants cuisine and/or specialty food item. Captain Biber went to the Taste of Buffalo on the first day, and returned the second day and met up with First Officer Sippel, PO4 Barna and Ambassador Luther.

On August 3, Captain Biber, PO4 Barna and Ambassador Luther attended the Fleet Fest, after the regular monthly meeting. The Fleet Fest, taking place on Buffalo's waterfront, marks Buffalo's importance on the Great Lakes water system. The festival had a boat parade, boat rides, kids crafts, food and entertainment, and some tall ships.

First Officer Sippel did not attend the Fleet Fest, because she had too much to do for her wedding to new Ari crewmember John Pace, which was on August 9th. The next day, August 10th, a backyard barbecue was held, where Captain Biber "married" Klingon John Pace and Romulan Ruth Sippel, in a Klingon wedding ceremony.

On August 24th, Captain Biber and Ambassador Luther attended a smaller arts festival, the Elmwood Festival for the Arts.

Captain Biber also attended the Wing Fest, held in downtown Buffalo, on August 31. The Wing Fest, a smaller version of the Taste of Buffalo, showcased various restaurants and their versions of Buffalo's contribution to American cuisine, Buffalo Chicken Wings. An earlier "Wing Stock," sponsored by a local radio station, was held the first week of August.

Captain Biber happened upon it by accident, and of course she had to stop to sample some wings. We Buffalonians cannot live without our wings!

On September 7th, Captain Biber, First Officer Pace (her new married name), PO4 Barna, PO4 Frank Fendt, PO3 Trish Fendt and Ambassador Luther attended "Buffalo Days," at the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society. Buffalo Days featured local singers and musicians celebrating music and songs of the past and the exhibits at the Historical Society showcase the rich history of Buffalo.

On September 11th, First Officer Pace met Captain Biber at the Buffalo Museum of Science, to see the K'NEX exhibit, (which she missed the first time around), and built her own little space shuttle. We had tentatively planned to attend a local tribute to 9-11, but the ones scheduled for that evening were not convenient for us.

Earlier that morning, after working her usual night shift, First Officer Pace lit a candle and said some prayers at 8:46, (the time the first plane hit the World Trade Center), and then went to bed for about 4 hours, before heading to the museum.

Summer ended on a somber note, and although the crewmembers of the Ari will always honor those innocents killed on 9-11, we did not let the terrorist win by changing our lifestyles. We may use more caution and be more aware of the evil that exists in the world, but we also know the beauty that the world offers and the many wonderful sights and things to do in Buffalo, New York.

Buffalo may get a lot of snow in the winter, but snow does not define us. Buffalo is called the City of Good Neighbors and after the terrorist attacks in 2001, there were many candlelit vigils all around the city. We all come together when there is a problem and help each other out.

USS JAMESTOWN: 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

By Commo. Richard Hewitt • USS Jamestown, STARFLEET Region 1

On a fall day in September 1982, then Ensign Stephen Thomas (now retired Vice Admiral) received a letter. When he opened it, he found it was from Fleet Admiral Eric Stillwell of STARFLEET. As Steve read the letter, he discovered that he had been promoted to Captain and was ordered to take command of the newly launched USS Jamestown, NCC-1843.

Now, today, September 21, 2002, we find that the USS Jamestown, NCC-1843D is still going strong and celebrating its 20th Anniversary. In attendance were all three of the past and present Commanding Officers, Vice Admiral Stephen Thomas (retired), Commodore Richard Hewitt and the current CO, Fleet Captain John Winsley. Also attending were about 30 members of the Jamestown's crew. Members of the other two Hampton Roads area chapters also attended including Commodore Tammy Wilcox, commanding officer of the USS Maat and Captain Joseph Burrell, commanding officer of the USS Powhatan.

There were also members from the IKV Bat'Lath, a local Klingon club, and the Iron Triangle which is a mirror universe Trek club, the President of Star Fleet Atlantic and various local friends of the USS Jamestown, including Ydalmi Noriega of the American Red Cross.

At 6:00 pm people began arriving at the celebrations. In the entryway Lt Colonel Michael Romero rang in and announced the Flag Rank Officers and Commanding Officers of the local starships. On display were the models of the 12 ships named Jamestown, from the first USS Jamestown, (a Sloop of War of the Civil War era) to the present USS Jamestown, (a Nebula Class Next Generation Light Cruiser). The Commanding Officer, Fleet Captain John Winsley, and Executive Officer, Captain Marilyn Romero, of the Jamestown greeted the people as they entered.

At 7:00 pm Fleet Captain John Winsley called the dinner to order. After a moment of silence for the victims of 9/11, a piper provided by the Iron Triangle played "Amazing Grace," followed by a 21 tribble salute to the CO John Winsley, although most of the rest of the head table were hit by the tribbles also. Afterwards a nice dinner was served and Commander Christine Woods sang a song about the USS Jamestown to the tune of the "Titanic" theme song.

Throughout the event Captain Mary Ann Winsley, the Chief Medical Officer of the USS Jamestown, awarded various door prizes. The last door prize awarded was

for the last person to arrive at the event. That prize, an alarm clock was awarded to Admiral Tom Monaghan of the USS Maat for being 15 minutes late.

After we finished eating, awards and promotions were presented to the crew and friends of the USS Jamestown. A Certificate of Appreciation from the American Red Cross was presented to the crew of the USS Jamestown for its assistance in raising 240 pints of blood in the last two years at the Klingon - Star Fleet Blood Feuds. Also presented was a proclamation signed by the Mayor of the City of Hampton, VA, proclaiming the USS Jamestown the official Starship of the city of Hampton, VA. The top Ship's award, "The Roddenberry Award", was presented to Colonel Jason Schreck and Fleet Captain John Winsley, followed by promotions and awards for various crewmembers of the USS Jamestown. The top promotion was presented to Commander Lee Vitasek, who was promoted to the rank of Captain by authority of the Region 1 Coordinator, Rear Admiral Robin Pillow.

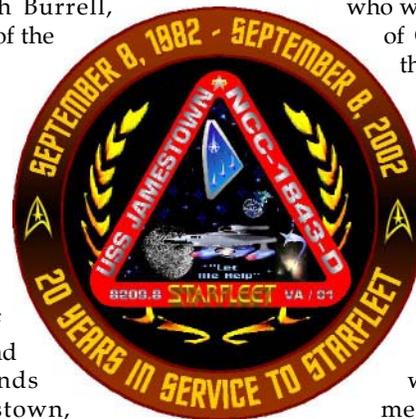
Next, Commodore Richard Hewitt, who is also the Senior Captain for the VA-WV Section of Region 1, presented Region 1 Awards. Two members were cited for having been members of STARFLEET and Region 1 for 15 years; they are Brad Goodman and Richard Hewitt. Also, Richard presented both the USS Jamestown and the USS Maat a "Joint Meritorious Service Award," and to the IKV Bat'Lath a "Civilian Distinguished Service Award" (since they are not a SFI chapter) for their combined work in producing "Quark's Casino Royale."

This was a night of fun and gaming that benefited the American Red Cross, SFI Stampede and the Overseas Coupon Program. Approximately 60 people attended the event. This event raised \$322 for the American Red Cross, \$2100 worth of coupons for the OCP and more than 700 stamps for the Stampede.

The Iron Triangle presented promotions to some of the Jamestown members. The current CO and XO of the USS Jamestown, John Winsley and Marilyn Romero were promoted the rank of Commodore within the Iron Triangle Mirror Universe. Lee Vitasek and Richard Hewitt were promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral in the Iron Triangle Mirror Universe.

By the end of the night all had a great time and the officers and crew of the Jamestown are now looking forward to the next 20 years of service to STARFLEET.

(Photos of this event are on page 25)





REGION 7: PARTY CAPITAL OF STARFLEET!

By Commander Lauren Milan • USS Avenger, STARFLEET Region 7

Artwork Adapted by Admiral Kurt Roithinger • STARFLEET Region 5

An Insider's (and Beginner's) View

To all the Fleeters out there thinking about running a conference, I have this to say: What are ya, nuts?

We've said this to ourselves, more times than I care to admit. But we've also shown our excitement and our pride with equal frequency. Putting on a conference is a daunting, frustrating and overwhelming endeavor, as is any undertaking of this size, particularly when it's your first time. With the exception of Alex Rosenzweig, no one in our committee, comprised of members of the Osiris, the Avenger, and the Sun Tzu, had ever planned a Fleet conference. I personally served on two conference committees in college, but still had new and different challenges to face with planning an entertaining and productive weekend for my fellow Fleeters, as well as doing it with a much smaller budget!

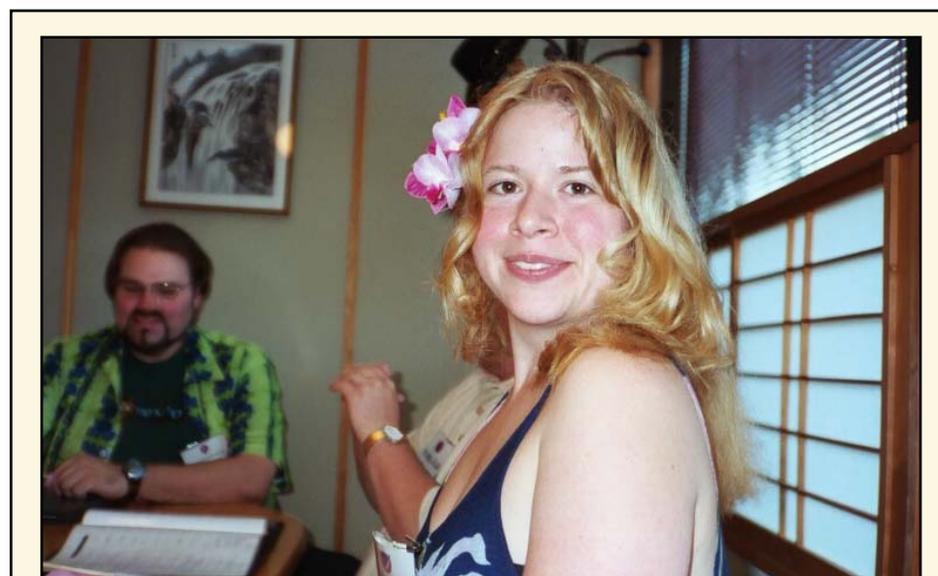
Edgar Torres had approached me with a plan for the Osiris and its neighboring chapters to put on a regional conference in a new way, reshaping the schedule, the events, the attitude of the conference to make it more relaxed, more convivial, more centered on what encourages us to come to these events in the first place. When my crewmates showed immediate interest in joining this effort, I gave Edgar my support as a co-host, and at a rather boisterous dinner at Mars 2112 in Manhattan a few weeks later, our committee got off to a rousing start, bouncing ideas (and various objects) off of each other's heads and talking frankly about what does and doesn't work at a conference.

At the end of all those months, after many train and subway rides, and after eating a lot of very good cheesecake (hey, these are New Yorkers after all) we had a solid plan that made the conference more convenient and entertaining for all involved. It was fresh, different, a little risqué, but then again, so are we.

Our hearts settled down as we saw the registration numbers rise in the weeks before the conference; we were scheduled on the same weekend as two area conventions and three weeks after IC, so competition was pretty fierce. But we still fared very well, with 75 in attendance that weekend. On Friday afternoon, we arrived at the site: the Fort Lee Hilton, just outside of Manhattan, both excited and nervous about the weekend ahead. Would people enjoy the conference? Would our plans go off without a hitch? Would our RC be stuck in traffic on the Parkway till Sunday?

I remember our committee's expressions of joy (and relief) as we saw attendees streaming into the registration area

on Friday night, many of whom were complimenting us for our efforts and our choice of location. Even at an informal dinner at one of the hotel's restaurants, I was shocked to see 20 people join us for sushi (bless the waitresses who patiently moved dividers and tables around to give us a huge private "tatami" room for dinner that night.) As the tradition of meeting and greeting continued that evening at the mixer, the compliments continued and the party atmosphere grew livelier still.



Enter the Fugo: Lauren Milan takes a Sushi break during the R7 Conference.

Photo courtesy of Martin Lessem

And then... midnight. ROCKY!

We turned a side room into a makeshift theatre, and with the help of a few dozen volunteers (and copious amounts of adult beverages consumed beforehand) we performed a New York tradition: the Midnight Rocky Horror Picture Show. We assembled a makeshift cast to act out the movie as it played on the screen. For those of you who are "virgins" to Rocky Horror, it's traditional to have a live cast in front of the movie screen, miming the actions in the movie. Don't ask me why, it just is.

This author had the dubious distinction of playing Janet (what was I thinking?!), while Dean Rogers played Brad, Liz Reilly was Columbia, Dion Powell was Rocky, Todd Brugmans was Eddie, and the incomparable (we are at a loss as to what to compare him to) veteran Rocky Horror fan Maxxwell Santiago was Frankenfurter and practically everyone else in the movie. It was, really something. The audience was wild, and we gave R7 some great entertainment and many blackmail photos to cherish for years to come.

The Rocky Horror Show was only one of the new ideas we tried this year, and from the feedback we've received, it looks like

they were very well received. We moved opening and closing ceremonies from the AM to midday, more convenient and pleasant for people driving to the conference for Saturday only and for people who, um, neglected to sleep Friday night for various reasons. We also added a movie room and a game room for all three days of the conference, for relaxing between events (Hmm, I thought that movie was still in theatres, why are you watching on DVD? Uh, never mind...)

and date will be announced at the 2003 conference, and so on and so on—a big improvement over the paltry four months we had to work with from winning-bid announcement to the conference date. Thanks, Alex!

For me, the highlight of the weekend would be (and usually is) the Friday night mixer. Getting to see folks from all over the region, meet and greet, and relax with a drink and constant joking and goofing off with my R7 brethren is something I eagerly anticipate. But a close second would have to be the Saturday night dance. Now I've been to a lot of conference dances: good ones, tame ones, really nearly dead ones, and this one was the BEST I have ever been to, thanks not only to the DJ but the "I order you to party!" attitude of the dancers. Whooweee, I almost literally passed out from dancing so much, and had an absolute blast. My sweetheart Martin Lessem and I hit the dance floor often, and with a vengeance (man, that goofy Swede really loves his ABBA songs!) But even more exciting than getting one's groove on, was watching many others have the time of their lives, and having others approach me and mention that this was the best conference they've ever attended!

We celebrated a lot of successes, and learned a lot from this experience:

- When conference attendees have been up to 4 AM drinking something very, very strong and very, very blue, they really appreciate having Opening Ceremonies at 11AM instead of 9.
- If someone hands you a glass of the aforementioned blue beverage, proceed with caution. Even if that someone's your boyfriend.
- You can get a lot of squeamish people to eat raw fish if you give them a cool private room with funny tables and very strong rice wine.
- New York City SFI members can really, really dance. And really, really appreciate a girl who can salsa.
- You know a conference is a success when you get gatecrashers from the wedding next door.
- With consistent and merciless prodding, even Alex Rosenzweig can be persuaded to loosen up.

By the time it was all over, we were exhausted, but happy, and it showed by the lobby full of conference committee members passed out on the couches. But when it was all over, the three hosting chapters had something we could really be proud of: a genuinely fun, informative and exciting conference for all involved. More importantly, we were secure in the knowledge that once again, Region 7 was Party Capital of SFI!

REGION 7 SURVIVES CONFERENCE

By Fleet Captain Martin Lessem • USS Asimov, STARFLEET Region 7

August 23rd through 25th was this year's Region 7 Conference in Fort Lee, New Jersey. I again spent the weekend with my absolutely wonderful girlfriend, Lauren Milan. Friday night, she had gotten a reservation at the Hotel Sushi Bar for a group of us. We figured about eight people would show up, but to our surprise, 20 people joined us. Doc Kinne was among those who were there.

After the dinner we went up to the bar and had some drinks in a nice, relaxed setting. Many people were there and a very good time was had by all. After we had finished drinking, and let me tell you, a great deal of alcohol was consumed, we watched, and participated in a Rocky Horror Picture Show production put in by the Conference Crew. We had a great deal of fun doing it and we even had some gatecrashers who came in and watched for almost an hour.

Saturday morning we awoke, well, actually, we overslept, so I had the honor of missing the Captain's Call. Considering what I heard about what went on at that meeting, I am fairly happy that I missed it. Nothing important was discussed, only some regional issues which do not affect our chapter. We made it down to the opening ceremonies and I began the final preparations for the Honor Guard. I had brought a slide show for the Marines, and then we announced the staff.

The opening session went very smoothly, and a State of the Region was presented by all the officers of the staff regarding their area. As everyone would tell you the most enjoyable part of the opening ceremonies was the Slide Show of Chapters and CO's, which had been MST3Ked for the

amusement of those present.

After the opening ceremonies we divided into various panels. I hosted two Marine panels, and Lauren hosted two on chapter promotion through the Internet. We had a great deal of fun. I managed to sell a whole bunch of the Brigade Challenge Coins, and also some of the ribbons and other things I have in the 7th Brigade store.

When the panels were over, a few of us retired to the hotel hot tub. It was very relaxing and gave us some well-needed rest before getting ready for dinner. Dinner was also fun. We had a good time, although the conversation at our table could have been a bit more interesting. Our Executive Officer, Commander James A. Pepe received a promotion to the rank of Captain, which I accepted for him. Following dinner there was a dance, at which I was actually dancing! Incredible, I know, but it must be Lauren's good influence.

Sunday was a simple day really. First thing in the morning we had a regional staff meeting. It went very well, and we got a great deal of regional policy done. After the regional staff meeting was over, we had our sector meetings. Our sector, Sector 1 finished our business in about 10 minutes, we invaded the couch where Sector 3 was holding their meeting.

After that, we took the couch and barricaded the door to the Sector 2 meeting. We had fun. When the sector meetings were over, we held closing ceremonies. All in all, I would say that this was a very successful Regional Conference.

ROMANCE IN REGION 1

By Commodore Joan E. Pierce • USS Maat, STARFLEET Region 1

A romance that truly came about because of STARFLEET, on June 29, 2002, Amy Alexander and Matt Myers were married in front of friends and family in Mooresville NC. Amy and Matt met at the 1997 STARFLEET International Conference in Cherry Hill NJ. Captain Amy, AKA "Legs", was soon working hard for her chapter in Fleet, eventually becoming the Charities Director for Fleet. Rear Admiral Matt was one of the co-chairs of IC 1999 at Charlotte NC and former webmaster for Region One's website.

Among the Fleet folks in attendance were Fleet Admiral Les Rickard, his wife Deidre and their son Zachary; David and Kelly Klingman, the latter in an advanced stage of pregnancy but managing competently to help oversee the reception; JC Cohen and myself. Kimmie Rochelle, also a Fleeter, was one of the bridesmaids.

The wedding was lovely. The bridesmaids wore shimmering periwinkle empire-waist gowns with pearl necklaces. Amy was radiant in a sleeveless pearl satin dress with beading around the waist, skirt and on the 13.5 foot train. Her hair was curled and swept up on the top of her head, held in place by a tiara and veil. Her pearl necklace was Matt's wedding gift. The groomsmen looked dapper in black tuxes with cummerbunds and vests matching the bridesmaids' dresses. The boutonnieres were held in place with pins like those worn by the Fellowship of the Ring from the film of the same name.

Groomsman Dave Klingman, waiting as the bridesmaids came down the aisle, managed to turn off his cell phone without too many noticing it rang (but we did!)

Amy and Matt had four yellow roses set out by the guest book, in memory of their grandparents. The reception featured a DJ with his own bubble machine and a great sense of humor, a buffet-style meal, and a lovely cake. Huge pink roses were everywhere, decorating the tables, in the corsages and in a large floral arrangement. Disposable wedding-themed cameras were on the tables for people to take pix of the reception. Dave talked the DJ into playing "Jungle Love." The DJ promptly declaimed all responsibility, but then encouraged the fun by passing out sunglasses and maracas.

Amy and Matt also took time while circulating amongst the guests to talk to Liz Woolf and Mike Malotte long distance (both were unable to attend.). Les read Mike the note in the program: "Thanks to Mr. Les Richard and Mr. Michael Malotte, who, four and one-half years ago, talked two crazy kids into going out on a date. Les, look at what you've done"

The couple honeymooned in Antigua for a week, where they enjoyed swimming with dolphins as part of a "Eco-Adventure" that also included touring the jungle and kayaking in the mangroves. They came home a day earlier than planned, however, because Amy ruptured three ligaments in her right foot falling on a poorly lit flight of stairs.

The Myers now live in Mooresville NC. You can email them care of Amy at amymyers@mac.com.

(Oh, in case you were wondering, Kelly and Dave became the proud parents of Collin Jacob Klingman on July 14th.)



Brigadier Martin Lessem Poses at the 2002 Region 7 Conference.
Photo courtesy of Mark H. Anbinder



Matt and Amy Myers.
Photo courtesy of Joan E. Pierce



INTEGRATING MECHA IN MARINE MOBILE CAVALRY

By General Scott A. Akers • USS Jaguar, STARFLEET Region 5

Artwork Adapted by Admiral Kurt Roithinger • STARFLEET Region 5

"Infantry, Cavalry, and Artillery can not do without one another; they should therefore be quartered so as to give mutual aid in case of surprise."

-Napoleon's Maxim XLVII,
Napoleon Bonaparte, 1830

In recent times the SFMC has developed the concept of Combined Arms to the ultimate degree and with much success. The defeat of the Dominion both in space and on the ground spoke volumes to the efficacy of Marine Combined Arms operations. The recent Voth War spoke again to the need of the SFMC to utilize every tool available to the Corps, and using these tools in harmony and in complement to each other. The success of the Marine Mobile Armored Cavalry unifying the Infantry, Armor and Aerospace assets into one hard hitting and fast moving team was one example. Elsewhere, allying Mecha and Special Operations teams proved highly successful. Now it is time to go further, bringing Mecha into the Marine Mobile Armored Cavalry (M-MAC) team as one more element in ensuring victory for the Federation's ground forces at the lowest cost possible.

This thesis then will explore the role of Mecha and an exploration of whether or not it belongs in the M-MAC battle. We will look at the positive and negative aspects of deploying these vehicles in a Combined Arms operation. And in the end decide whether further implementation of "jointness" between Mecha and M-MAC is beneficial.

In my IN-30 thesis it was shown, that the Marine Infantry component of the Mobile Cavalry is a very heavy unit, from the squad to the division level, but it is still a foot slogging, walking to here and there fighting unit. The AR-30 thesis detailed the structure of the Marine Mobile Armored Cavalry units: Troops, Squadrons and Regiments, integrating the flexibility of the Infantry with the firepower and speed of Armor, and the overhead protection of organic Aerospace assets. Finally in the SU-30 paper on logistical support for the Mobile Armored Cavalry Unit we found the way to supply and support the M-MAC unit with the use of *Pumas*, *LeJeunes* and *Gallipolis* class starships bringing reinforcements and re-supply to the units on the ground, a fine unified and self contained team. But can it be better?

All of these previous papers built on one another to show that the Combined Arms nature of SFMC operations is endemic to modern warfare, and must be addressed. By exploring Mecha operation within the M-MAC sphere we can decide whether this further "jointness" is justified. Hence, this paper will be divided into four sections covering roles that the Mecha can be successfully used to complement the MAC unit: Scouts - using Light Mechas equipped with holoflage generators. Communications - using Comm Mechas escorted by a lance of Medium Mechas to increase the C3 capability of the MAC unit. Heavy Assault - using Heavy/Assault Mechas as shock troops, much like Hannibal's intended use of elephants accompanying his traditional cavalry during the Punic Wars. And, Aeromecha - using the multiple capabilities of this unique Mecha to fulfill any or all of these roles, while distribution of forces is stretched thin. We would then close with a review of the four usages, extrapolation of other possible uses and a judgment on the relative merits of such a Combined Arms integration.

I. RECON MECHA

First: we will examine the role that light Mecha would have on Recon forward of the M-MAC unit. While taller than the standard Cav vehicle and not nearly as fast. The Recon Mecha trades off some speed and a lot of stealth for the ability to move across much more rugged terrain than the standard hover vehicle. This ability to move over rough to extremely rough terrain actually increases its speed ratio versus the standard Cav Recon vehicle. In addition, advances in power generation and heat sink technology allow light Mecha the ability to move up to 130 knots, much faster than is necessary while trying to sneak up on an enemy contact.

What this means that approach to contact speeds for either the Mecha or the Hover-vehicle are approximately the same, but the Mecha would not be able to escape from combat as well as their Anti-Grav brethren, yet there are positive tradeoffs. Due to the designs of the Recon Mecha, evasion and eluding hostile forces is actually easier, while the Mecha's Defensive capability is enhanced not only by design, but by form, as the Mecha is much more able to dodge incoming fire, or hide and crouch behind available terrain.

Finally the light Mecha is an extremely successful platform for Holoflage technology, where through many low-powered generators placed on a mesh around the Mecha, the entire machine can be made to blend into the environs, much like a chameleon does in the underbrush. Sensors that can detect the holoflage signature are just as likely to detect the power plant of the Mecha or even that of the Hover vehicle. Downside to this though is that the moving Mecha under a Holoflage shroud will shimmer much in the same way as the Jem'Hader under shroud shimmer while moving.

II. C3 MECHA

Next: we will examine the role that Communications Mecha would have on the C3 of the M-MAC unit. C3: Command, Control and Communications really devolves onto that last function, communications. The commander who can know where his troops are at the moment he needs to make a decision, will have the decisive advantage over his enemy. The commander who can then relay those decisions in real time to his troops can defeat his enemy. The commander who can get feedback in that same real time from his troops can annihilate his enemy. In this modern day battle environment with subspace communications and satellite feeds, the casual observer would not think that communications are a problem. This casual observer would be wrong, dead wrong. Communications can be jammed. Sub-space can be cluttered. Satellites can be spoofed or shot down. The only reliable combat communications are line of site and point-to-point comms. Laser Communications are arguably the most reliable and least susceptible to jamming. But this requires the aforementioned line of site. With a Communications Mecha, this line of site is not only doubled, because of the height of the Mecha, the effective communications horizon can extend from the five kilometers of Commander to Troop, to 120 kilometers from Commander to Mecha and another 120 kilometers from the Mecha to the Troop. This is a 48-fold increase of the Control Range for the Commander. Multiple teams of Communications Mecha can extend this range even farther, and two Mecha's can "see" each other with Laser Communications even

further than a Commander on the ground can see his Comm Mecha. The downside of this, is that Comm Mechas are valuable targets both for enemy Mechas, and Aerospace Assets, but also for conventional Armor and Infantry. Standard Procedure then would be to assign a guard lance of Medium Mechas, two standard Mecha to Mecha combat types, one Anti-Infantry type, and one Anti-Air type.

III. ASSAULT MECHA

Next: we will examine the role that Heavy and Assault Mecha would have on the Main Armor Battle within the M-MAC unit. The best analogy of their role takes in the philosophy that M-MAC is the modern cavalry. Fast moving, hard hitting, and able to screen much larger units with a smaller logistics tail, the M-MAC fulfills all the roles of traditional horse cavalry of earth's ancient to pre-modern (Napoleonic and American Civil-War) eras. Now imagine adding elephants. Ridden and organized along the same lines as the Pony Cavalry. Imagine the elephants move as fast as the ponies. Imagine the elephants can actually move over even rougher terrain as the ponies. Now imagine them hitting the enemy, moving from behind the screen of the ponies at the most opportune time, to create maximum destruction and mayhem. This is the role of the Heavy and more importantly the Assault Mecha in the M-MAC battle.

The standard Heavy Mecha will carry three to five times the firepower of a single hover tank. A lance of these, represent the firepower of an entire company of tanks. A platoon of Mecha, the same as a Battalion. Fewer Pilots, fewer crew, even less support personnel. And a smaller Logistics tail, in total a lot more destruction, in a more concentrated package. Density of Military Strength.

An even more extreme example are the standard Assault Mecha, with from seven to twenty times the firepower of the hover tank. A lance of Assault Mechas can represent the focused and concentrated firepower of an entire battalion. Four of these behemoths moving through and across the battle line, can mean the turning of the battle decisively to a M-MAC Regiment, and focus and exploit breakthroughs.

The negative aspect of this tactic, is that a lot of firepower and resources are focused on a single, platform. Once that platform is neutralized or destroyed, the Lance is hobbled, and the MECHA contribution to the battle is negated. Resources are needed to protect the wounded Mecha, and the dedicated Logistics tail for the Mecha is now useless and usually unable to contribute to the overall battle until their "elephant" is back off its knees.

IV. AEROSPACE MECHA

Finally: we will examine the role Aerospace Mecha would have on the M-MAC battle, these are unique weapons platforms, and extremely versatile, in that they can convert from an aerospace platform, into a walking Mecha platform, fulfilling two roles on the battlefield. Usually a large light Mecha, or small medium Mecha, the Aerospace Mecha, bring the battlefield commander flexibility, and during those times when SFMC resources are stretched thin, it gives a magnifier to the available troops. In addition the Aerospace Mecha's ability to exploit successes increases their battlefield worth, as they can convert to Aero form and pursue or harass

enemy formations, or come to walking form to assist troops on the ground, with that much more firepower on station.

Contrary to this is that the Aerospace Mecha is a much more complex and fragile platform, those moving gears and converting equipment is one more thing to breakdown. In addition unlike standard Mecha, the Aerospace Mecha needs some form of reaction fuel to provide motive power while in Atmospheric Operations. Creating an additional logistical demand on the local command.

CLOSING

The Recon Mecha, the C3 Mecha, the Assault Mecha, and the Aerospace Mecha, will multiply the M-MAC's commanders power, options, and capability, and more designs can and should be researched to complement and magnify the already highly successful and powerful Marine Mobile Armored Cavalry Troops, Squadrons, and Regiments.

Future research can and should continue on Combined Arms operations, which would explore full utilization of all of the SFMC assets as well as integration in the larger Starfleet team. In addition more combined operations will be conducted with friendly non-Federation powers such as the Klingon Empire, and the Gorn Alliance, this will bring into play their unique weapons capabilities and their own branch-like divisions. This interplay needs to be examined and predicative analysis needs to be conducted.

Furthermore, an advanced professional development project exploring the possibility of another SFMC branch: The Maritime Operations Branch is apparently needed and will be worked on. Finally, more in depth analysis of Historical combat operations can only shed more light and increase understanding for the SFMC Officers.

In closing, we have shown that any weapons platform has advantages and disadvantages in nearly any battlefield situation. However integrating the Mecha with M-MAC units would appear to be a positive approach, which would save friendly lives and property, and increase the power relative to non-integrated enemy forces. It is this author's suggestion then, that limited teams of Mecha conduct operations with first M-MAC Troops, and later Squadrons, and if further successful in the field, Mecha Teams be assigned to Puma and LeJeune class M-MAC transport vessels for deployment during combat operations in the future.

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"... By any standards, Marine training has always been -- and will remain -- tough, realistic, and extremely demanding, a level of training which, experience has proven, is essential to survival in combat. Among the Corps' unchanging priorities is the team concept. Marines fight and train as a team."

The fully integrated air-ground team is the core of the Marine battle ethic, using all weapons and firepower assets available to the combat Marine in a coordinated skillful combination of infantry, armor, anti-armor, artillery, and air power."

This paper was originally submitted as a thesis for SFMC Academy's Combined Arms 60 course.

ATTENTION ON DECK!

The News And Information Resource of the STARFLEET Marine Corps.

August 19, 2002

Monday night and it was another late night on IRC. At 11:30 PM, the landline started ringing. This is not all that unusual as I have made it a point to let people know that if they needed to talk to someone, my door was always open. It was a Marine member in southern Maryland. The voice that came through said that he was now homeless, and living out of a motel. As of Thursday, he would be out on the streets.

There was very little time to act. I immediately put out an SOS on IRC asking for any and all help. That is when my cell phone rang with an offer of help from another Marine. As I was doing this I kept talking to the fleteer trying to reassure him that all would turn out well.

I realized that he needed to speak to someone from a higher authority. So I got hold of Dennis Rayburn on IRC and from there I had a conference call between the Marine and Dennis. When they were talking I put my earpiece down, as that was a private conversation. Dennis told me that when they were finished talking he would PM me on IRC.

I got back on the phone with the homeless Marine and gave him orders to call me collect and keep me posted the next day. What at day that was.

August 20.

Tuesday was devoted to phone calls. Trying to make arrangements for the homeless Marine to have a place to go to at the end of Thursday. This was in addition to finding a place to store the Marine's personal items. I had no idea if we were going to need a moving truck or could we handle the more with personal cars. There were

SFMC TO THE RESCUE!

By Lt. Gerry Sylvester, DOIC 771st MSG

too many questions. I realized that I would have to make a trip to Southern Maryland. It also became apparent that I would not be able to handle this alone, so one of my calls that day was to Sergeant Ed DeRuggiero/771st.

August 21

Wednesday, D-Day. Ed drove down from his home in Elkton, Md. (Elkton is at the border of Maryland and Delaware.) He swung by to my home, in the Baltimore metro area to pick me up. I told him to please give me the keys as it was going to be 1.5 hours to go from Baltimore, south to Camp Springs/ Temple Hills Md. (This is the far side of Washington DC.) When we got there, a very frazzled Marine greeted us. Considering what he was going through however, he was holding up remarkably well.

Ed and I assessed the situation, and decided that the first order of the day was lunch. From there it was a trip to the grocery store to pick up supplies for the next couple of days. This in addition to phone calls going to Charles County's department of Social Services. (Ed works for the Cecil County Dept of Social Services and on Tuesday he called his counterparts to obtain info as to what would be required in this situation.) Ed provided professional information to our fellow Marine.

When we returned to the motel, I went to the front desk and I paid for another room night, in effect buying time. During this time, Brigadier General

Sanford Berenberg kept calling my cell phone to check on us and provide moral support. Sandy was not happy about not being unable to help in person but his 9-5 and a heavy workload did not allow as such. I also spoke with my OIC Dean Rogers and made arrangements for him to help our fellow Marine move his personal items.

We then left the site and made the long trip home. It was gut wrenching in that none of us knew what the future held for our fellow Marine.

August 22

Thursday was another round of phone calls and a lot of worry. Until, the call came through. Our fellow Marine was moving the next day to friends home. He would be in a safe place and all would turn out well. It felt like the weight of the world had been lifted from my shoulders.

August 23

Friday morning was devoted to packing and traveling to the R7 conference. I was greeted with a lot of questions from concerned Fleteers and Marines asking about the homeless Marine.

That is when I finally had time to realize that all the people involved with the situation of the past week were all Marines. Then it was a matter of reaching Dennis and Jill Rayburn on the phone to tell them the good news. I promised them that I would keep them up to date as well, Dennis sounded like he too had had the weight

of the world lifted from his shoulders.

I would like to make special note of the fact that Ed DeRuggiero drove over half of the state of Maryland that day. From Elkton to Baltimore is 1.5 hours one way. Baltimore to Temple Hills, Md., is another 1.5 hours. So for Ed that was 3 hours one way.

He spent nearly 8 hours driving around on that fateful day. He also went the extra distance when he handed over his car keys to me. I was concerned that he should not do all that driving alone. However, I am the first person that he has ever trusted, beside the auto mechanic, with his car.

There have been several wonderful e-mails and e-cards of encouragement for the Marine. This along with offers of clothing and other personal items. All of this, along with a phone card, has already been sent to our fellow Marine.

This is all to say that when there is a crisis you know you can count on the STARFLEET Marines to come to your rescue!

Endnote:

Ed DeRuggiero received the Star Of Valor for the 7th Brigade this past spring.

Sandy Berenberg received the Cross of Valor for the 7th Brigade as well this past spring. They truly upheld the ideals behind the awards.

FOURTH BRIGADE UPDATE

By Bgr. Cyndi Temple • OIC, 4th BDE

As I stated in my last post, things sure do happen fast in 'Fleet. The last time I was addressing you, it was as Colonel Cyndi Temple. As of IC, that was made into Brigadier, and a complete surprise. During my tenure in Fleet and the Corps, I never expected to make it beyond Colonel. For those of you who were at IC, I'm sure you saw the shocked look on my face when Admiral Allyson Dyar called out my name and stated she had never seen it spelled like that before. I was sure there were plenty of Cynthia's in Starfleet. I guess she was so used to seeing it spelled Cyndi, and that it threw her for a loop.

IC 2002, San Jose was great. Truman and I were very fortunate enough to attend at all. It was a close call, and we really didn't know until the day before we left whether or not we were going to be able to make the biggest event in Region 4 history. We had a wonderful time and we took a multitude of photos, which you can find at the following address:

<http://www.geocities.com/queenofegypt64>

It was a great seeing old friends and renewing acquaintances, as well as meeting new ones.

As 4th BDE, Deputy Officer in Charge, it was a real joy for me and greet the many members

of the brigade who attended. It also gave me the opportunity to see just what the members of our brigade would like to see done in our little corner of the Fleet and Corps. It gave us a chance to put faces to names and hold an informal meeting of the Brigade leaders. I'd like to thank Col. Chris Esquibel, the BDE OIC, for allowing us to hold the meeting in his room. It was very informative, covered many ideas and was a great photo op.

Before the General Session, Brigadier Jim Monroe, the SFMC Liaison asked me, to take part in the presentation of the colors. I was shocked because I had never done that before. That was an experience I will not forget, standing in front of all those people holding the STARFLEET flag. I was deeply honored to have been asked. Thanks, Jim.

I am pleased to announce that an MSG, the 32nd has returned to the fold and wish them Godspeed. My door, and that of the senior MSG OIC, Brigadier Truman Temple, are always open for assistance and questions. The members of the 4th BDE welcome you back and extend our congratulations.

We would also like to extend our congratulations to the Brigade award winners, announced at IC.

Jim Monroe:

Shield of Valor
Truman Temple:
Sword of Valor
Cyndi Temple:
Cross of Valor
1st Marine Strike Group:
Legion of Valor
Paul Anthony:
Star of Valor

Unfortunately, all good things must end. This was the last IC as Commander, STARFLEET for Les Rickard. It was an honor to meet him last year in KC, and this year for him to have his family with him was a blast. It was great visiting with him, Dee and little Zach. I would like to personally wish him all the best and my personal thanks for all that he has done for the group. May not be much from an individual STARFLEET member and a Marine, but thanks. Let me also say a special thank you to Deidre and Zach for sharing Les with Starfleet during his tenure as CS.

That's about it for this reporting period. Be sure to look for my next installment in the next, exciting issue of CQ. Of course, be sure to check out our brigade newsletter, "The Daredevils Dictate" at:

<http://www.4thbde.org/>

COSUPCOM RESIGNS

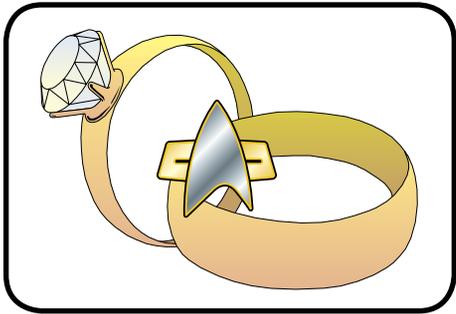
By Bgr. John Adcock

On 31 October, I will be stepping down as COSUPCOM. I'd like to thank my staff and a few others for being so instrumental in accomplishing everything we've done over the past ten months. Special thanks go to Susan Fugate, Scott Akers, Allyson Dyar, Chris Wallace, and Jill Rayburn.

With the Commandant having to replace the entire GS within the last few months (SGM-SFMC Jack Kern in July, COTRACOM in August, etc.), I felt it was best to step down now. This clears the way for my replacement to be appointed before he must replace Joost Ueffing at FORCECOM in December. As far as transition goes, once my successor is appointed, he/she will be brought up to speed on the details of the SFMC Web Site (which will be moving servers), the List, and IRC. The transition should be complete by the time you read this.

Ongoing projects such as the Uniform Guide and Drill & Ceremonies Manual will be left to my replacement to complete, should they wish to do so.

Thank you.



WELCOME TO PLA

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MARINE COMMANDANT WADE OLSON WEDS LINDA OAKLEY



Groom and Bride: Wade Olson (center) and his bride, Linda Oakley (right).



Pretty in Purple: The Maids of Honor.



SFI Members in attendance: Susan Fugate, Jill and Dennis Rayburn



Dapper in black: The groom and his groomsmen.

REGION FOUR MEMBER KITTY TEMPLE WINS ESSAY CONTEST



Right: The submissions are of the human flag at Warm Springs elementary school, in San Bernardino California. All the school kids were assembled on the play-yard, holding red, white or blue pieces of paper. This was to commemorate 9-11.

Left: A picture of Kitty Temple reading her winning essay, based on the topic, "How 9-11 Affected Me". She was the 5th grade winner.



IT LIVES AGAIN.

By Colonel Joost Ueffing • USS

Six to seven years ago, it was good to be a Sci-Fi / Fantasy fan in Nova Scotia. There were five cons you could go throughout the year. Networking was easy, interests in whatever you were looking for abounded, and you could find all sorts of people with the same interests you had.

Then the cons started to die out. One by one, due to burnout, infighting, or both, conventions such as NovaCon, Wolfcon, and Falcon disappeared into history. For five years there was no organized fandom conventions, save for a few gaming conventions, anywhere within Nova Scotia.

This was where our story could have ended, until about a month ago when I received an e-mail about FleetCon.

FleetCon???

Never heard of it. Intrigued, I decided to make the chapter's presence known by attending, and I was glad to do so!

But first a display had to be made. Between a couple of trips to Kinkos, Staples, and making a mess on my girlfriend's living room floor (thanks Jen!) a suitable



He came prepared: Joost Ueffing
Photo courtesy of [unclear]

NET STARFLEET!

...e, Joost Ueffing, Cyndi DeMedio, Eric Storch, Dean Rogers and the USS Jamestown



...IN REGION 14

Magellan, STARFLEET Region 14

information display was created. Armed with that, spare Communiqués, and my charming personality I was off!

FleetCon was the brainchild of Patrick McMerty, a Master Corporal in the Canadian Navy. The venue, the Fleet Club located across from the CFB Halifax (the Navy's Atlantic base), was spacious, had room for everyone to setup.

There were two levels, so the gaming tables could make all the noise they wanted. It was a little hot, as apparently the air conditioning units weren't working all that well that weekend.

Having been put together in less than two months, the con went off quite well. As well as dealer tables, the local KAG chapter was out in force, gaming was going on in the upper level, and the Maritime Science Fiction Modelers came out in force with fascinating creations.

Was the con worth it? If you consider the good will, the possibility of future get-togethers with local ST fans, and possibility of a new ship... yep! FleetCon was definitely worth it, and the Magellan will definitely be there next year!



Ueffing at FleetCon 2002
...y of the author.

THE FIRST ANNUAL REGION 15 SUMMIT

The 1st Annual Region 15 Summit was held in Kittery, Maine in June of this year. Called 'The Kittery Accords' it was well attended

and there were many activities for attendees including: Karaoke, a boffer duel, a pinata and a re-affirmation of marriage.



Even more STARFLEET members wed:
Paul Belanger and Sharon Henry under crossed swords



To the winner goes the spoils:
Crewmembers of the USS O'Bannon, the Region 15 Ship of the Year

USS JAMESTOWN 20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Fourth Ship To Bear The Name: The Party featured a display of models of all five starships ships to bear the name "USS Jamestown."



The crew of the USS Jamestown.



Ground control to Major Dean: Region 7's Dean Rogers and Liz Reilly make first contact with Astronaut Rick Searfoss at Shore Leave 24.



We let him recruit - a lot: Mark Anbinder with Domma Whitlark, who drove from Michigan just for the Region 7 Conference (see page 20) and joined STARFLEET when she saw how much fun we were having!

ATTENTION ON DECK!

The News And Information Resource of the STARFLEET Marine Corps.

Greetings from the mounds of paperwork!

About the only pressing topic I'd like to cover for this report is FORCECOM awards.

As you saw, FORCECOM caught up on a lot of reward requests in August. My inbox is now down again but starting to fill back up. As this is happening I want to bring up a few things:

If it seems to take a bit of time from requesting to receiving, don't worry. No I haven't forgotten, but it does take me time to make sure a request is valid. If you feel it's taking too long you are welcome to send me an inquiry.

Good Conduct Medals: If you requested the award, don't always expect you'll get it. There are two checks I do: one for membership in SFI and one for your membership in the SFMC. If either one shows a large gap of more than six weeks (less than six weeks is the current gap I'll accept to allow for mailing time and processing at Membership Processing) the award will not be given. This process is going to be made much easier to verify in future, but for now I will be going on information based on records we have now.

Legion of Honor / Cadet Legion of Arms: In order to qualify for these two medals I have to see a DD-214 (or equivalent, depending on the country), either scanned and e-mailed to me or mailed to me for the Legion of Arms, and a certificate showing completion of the program for the Cadet version. At the moment this will be the **only** evidence I will accept.

Pictures of you in uniform, or people telling me you were in the armed forces will not cut it. From what I understand a DD-214 is a public document used when proving your term of service to a potential civilian employer, therefore it shouldn't be a problem to obtain this form. As it's also an official document it's solid evidence, whereas pictures or second-hand accounts can be falsified by an unscrupulous member.

This award proves you served your country in a unique way, and I do not wish to tarnish the significance of it. If you wish to mail this document my address is:

Joost Ueffing
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BOP 1H0

Thanks all. Here are the latest stats for the Corps. Enjoy and Semper Fi!

THE FORCE IS WITH YOU...

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

State of the Corps*
As of September 1st, 2002**

Latest members (30):

Mike Hunnicutt, Jonathan Wilson, Jere Austion, Bill Downs, Matt Kilburn, Hess Sherrod, William Sherrod, Dale Passmore, Merleen Passmore, Steve Machado, James Coulter, Boyd Harmon, David Breland, Jean Linck, Cherokee L. Arthur, Kim Arthur, Franz Bruyere, David Lockwood, Belinda Newman, Ron Newman, Ash Price, Gwen Trent, Heather Trent, Joel Trent, Francis Tuttle, Paul Williams, Gloria Hanson, Vernon Mueller, Gayle Mueller, Brian McCauley, Christine McCauley.

Current Membership Reported:

Last period: 590 (active and reserve)
This period: 594 (active and reserve)
Increase of 1%

Brigades Reporting: 14
Brigades Listed: 15

Marine Strike Groups Reporting:

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

This period reported: 105
This period listed: 115
Report rate: 91%

Marine Strike Groups Formed: 3
Marine Strike Groups Deactivated: 1

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): 345th, 031st, 411th, 421st, 202nd, 237th, 245th, 868th (DeComm), 876th.

1st BDE

Leader's Commendation Award:
Linda Oakley, Ben Redding, Paul Wheeler II, Scott Jensen
Great Barrier Expedition Award:
John Kane, Jill Rayburn, Dennis Rayburn, Michael Browne, Walter Ewing, Mike Malotte, Les Rickard, Char Hughes, Greg Hughes, Anna Lowe
Community Service Citation:
Jason Ryan, Debbie Butcher, Susan Mahaffey, Gary Hollifield, Josh Brown, Matthew Power
Brigade Achievement Award:
Debbie Butcher, Susan Mahaffey, Gary Hollifield, Josh Brown, Matthew Power
Leadership Qualification Badge-Gold:
Tracy Lilly

SFMC Aerospace Wings:
Tracy Lilly, Jason Schreck
Marine Proficiency Ribbon:

Mandi Livingston
PD-12:

Mandi Livingston
Good Conduct:

David James, Scott Jensen,
Gary Hollifield

International Service Award:
Dee Rickard, Les Rickard, Mike Malotte,
Anthony Spotts

2nd BDE

NCO Development & Leaders
Commendation Proficiency Ribbon:
Shawn Williams

Good Conduct Medal:

Rebecca L. Self, Shaughn O'Connor,
Dallas Vinson, Bill Mock, Don Meyer, Bill Duane, Debbie Duane, Veronica Duane,
Melissa West, Brandon Moore

3rd BDE

Community Service Citation:

S Adam Day.

Marine Proficiency Ribbon:

Bill Downs

Legion of Honor:

342nd MSG

Initial Entry Training Award:

Bill Downs

4th BDE

Cross of Valor:

Cyndi Temple

Sword of Valor:

Truman Temple

Shield of Valor:

Jim Monroe

Star of Valor:

Paul Anthony

Legion of Valor:

1st MSG

SFMC Service Commendation:

Truman Temple

Leaders Commendation:

Richard Passmore

Embassy Duty:

Adam Bernay, Adrian Martinez, John Nelson, Jim Monroe, Cyndi Temple,
Truman Temple

Great Barrier Expedition:

Chris Esquibel, Cyndi Temple, Richard Passmore, John Nelson, Truman Temple,
Jim Monroe, Fleona Dysastar, Peggy Salyer, Steve Machado, Jack Yeager, Boyd Harmon, Adrian Martinez

Marine Honor Guard:

John Nelson, Jim Monroe, Cyndi Temple,
Truman Temple

International Service Ribbon:

Chris Esquibel, Cyndi Temple, Richard

Passmore, Adam Bernay, John Nelson,
Truman Temple, Jim Monroe, Fleona Dysastar, Peggy Salyer, Steve Machado,
Jack Yeager, Boyd Harmon

5th BDE:

Cross of Honor: Norman Deroux

SFMC Service Commendation:

John Adcock

Legion Of Arms:

Russell Garrison, Joel Houseworth

Cadet Legion Of Arms: Russell Garrison

International Service Ribbon:

Allyson Dyar, Scott Akers, John Adcock,
Stephen Idell, Norman Deroux, Chris Wallace

7th BDE:

Good Conduct Medal:

Jenna Deurr

International Service Award:

Lauren Milan, Mark Andinder, Geraldine

Sylvester, Martin Lessum

Shield of Valor:

Geraldine Sylvester

12th BDE

Sword Of Honor:

Wayne Lee Killough, Jr.

Star Of Honor:

Jennifer Colpitts

Cross Of Valor:

Wayne Morrison

Sword Of Valor:

Wayne Lee Killough, Jr.

Shield Of Valor:

Carole K. Smith

Star Of Valor:

Jennifer Colpitts

Legion Of Valor:

211th MSG - The Good Guys

Leader's Commendation:

Jennifer Colpitts, Wade Hoover

Great Barrier Expedition:

Justin Donovan, David Miller, Wayne

Morrison, Brett E. Price, Mysteri Tullis

International Service Award:

David Miller

Good Conduct Medal:

Wayne Killough Jr.

14th BDE

SFMC Service Commendation:

Joost Ueffing

International Service Award:

Joost Ueffing

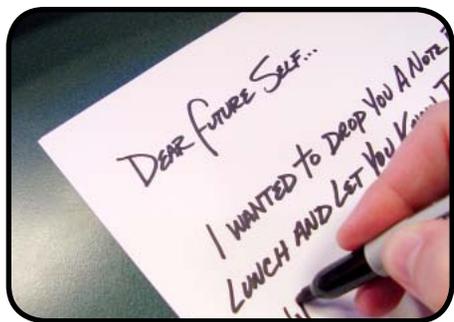
17th BDE

Great Barrier Expedition:

Robert Bulkeley

*: 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.



WHAT WOULD YOU TELL YOUR YOUNGER SELF?

By Fleet Captain Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo • USS Accord, STARFLEET Region 7

Artwork Adapted by Commodore Mike Wilkerson • STARFLEET Region 12

Earlier this summer, on the Starfleet election list (as well as a post on the Starfleet e-list), I asked the question: "If you could give your younger self, the one just starting out in Starfleet, any advice, what would you tell him or her?"

Here are the responses in order of receipt, unedited except for spelling and punctuation. I've included their chapter and region affiliation.

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Rear Admiral Greg Trotter
USS Nomad, Region 12.

"Find the fun and hold on to it with all your strength.

"When I was first discovering Starfleet back in the mid-80s, I was often 'throwing out the baby with the bathwater' in that I didn't want to get too close because of some things I didn't like (such as politics).

"It took me several years to realize that you change things from the inside. And when you get to that extended level of involvement, not everything is always fun. But if you lose sight of what is fun -- what you got into Starfleet for in the first place -- well, then, why bother?"

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Corporal-Captain Blair Learn
Region 7

"Always wear sunscreen. ☺"

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Colonel Joost "Excalibur" Ueffing
USS Magellan, Region 14

"If my younger self wanted to make a name for himself, I would strongly recommend he start volunteering in any position that someone will give him. I would also ask departments what they needed done instead of offering a specific position. That, and don't take SFI so seriously that it hurts your relationships with people."

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Admiral Michael W. Malotte
USS Normandy, Region 1

"Meet more people faster. Some of the greatest people in the world are in this club and I wish I had met many of them a lot earlier than I did."

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Vice Admiral Mark H. Anbinder
USS Accord, Region 7

"Get involved more, earlier.

"I spent about a decade as a STARFLEET member, and even a chapter CO, without being involved in any substantial way at the Region or Fleet level. The last five years, since attending my first IC, I've found myself more involved, more active,

and on a personal level, gaining more from the experience."

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Commodore David E. Klingman
USS Jaguar, Region 5

"Don't be discouraged if things don't work out the way you thought they would or your expectations did not meet everyone else's. The resultant failure isn't your fault, though people may blame you as such. Your character is yours to judge for yourself, not for others to judge for you."

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Colonel Matthew G. Copple
USS Adjudicator, Region 12

"I would go to September, 1991, find younger self, and have a serious talk with him:

"I would say to myself, 'Self, you are going to do something very bad in a month. You are going to make a last-minute decision to go to a convention in Jefferson City, MO in October. You are going to get very drunk drinking Saudi Sandblasters with Jim Herring and Doug Roach. You are then going to really piss off three or four really big guys in Klingon costumes, and the only thing standing between you and a smashed face will be the fact that Jim and Roach are bigger than they are.'

"Don't go to that convention. OK, so you'll go, because you never listen to me anyway. But don't drink. OK, you'll drink, because you are a rebellious little skunk, but just don't drink the Saudi Sandblasters. They look harmless, but when you've been in a desert without alcohol for months, it tends to pack a punch. OK, you'll probably drink to excess, because you've never had any common sense anyway. But at least don't start yelling that you are a 'Starfleet Marine Desert Storm Ranger' and threaten to hurt the friendly Klingons. They take that stuff kind of seriously, you know."

"Aw, never mind. You're 20 and an idiot. Go right on ahead and do what you were planning to do. I'll just tell Roach and Herring to be somewhere else!" <chuckle>

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Fleet Captain Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo
USS Accord, Region 7

"One of the lessons I've learned well in the past several years is to firmly set boundaries. Over the years, I've been in contact with many people whose sense of entitlement is, IMO, exaggerated. If you don't set those boundaries at the outset, you'll quickly find your generosity of time, money, blood, sweat, toil and tears abused. Always best to watch that one's experience in this organization doesn't become 'STARFLEET: The Co-Dependency.' When it gets to that point, and you no longer have the time or

inclination to effect repairs, you might as well leave." I added later: "I think that if I had to do it all over again, I would have focused much more in the early years (1987 to 1991) on my career and education rather than on Starfleet. I grant that Starfleet has been a good starting point for some friendships, but a lot of it has been 'whatever doesn't kill me makes me stronger.' I'd be curious to see the alternate universe where I never joined Starfleet at all, or quit after the first year."

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Admiral Marlene Miller
USS Renegade, Region 1

"I would say brace yourself for an excitingly wild ride... maybe even wilder than you thought possible!

"Don't be afraid to jump in with both feet. Starfleet is only going to be as fun and exciting as **you** make it. If you're content to sit at home with only the Communiqué as your tie to Starfleet... that's fine. However... if you have a spirit of adventure and want to get involved and have a piece of the Starfleet pie... join a local chapter, or a correspondence chapter. Attend meetings and get to know people either online, face-to-face, or via the chapter newsletter.

"Take OTS, OCC, FOS and other Academy courses. Sure, they're not going to get you a real-life job, but they're fun to take and you can actually learn something.

"Know the pride of accomplishment one feels when they've completed courses such as those at the Vulcan Academy of Science. Not only have you learned a little about Star Trek trivia... you've also learned a bit about real-life sciences (a minimum of two different sciences per VAS Degree). Beam with joy when you receive your congratulatory letter, and one which you present to your Commanding Officer. Know the elation one feels when one receives a VAS Diploma, Legion of Honor Certificate (for a score of 100%) and Academy Commendation (for a score of 95% or better). Show your friends and relatives your name in the Academy Graduates list in the Communiqué.

"Ah, yes... I love STARFLEET Academy... but there's more.

"Apply for open positions within your chapter. Work diligently to fulfill the demands of those positions to the point where those 'in charge' see that you're ready, willing and able to do what you promised you'd do.

"Keep track of your accomplishments. It doesn't have to be anything fancy... even a note jotted in a notebook will do. It's always fun to look back on what you did, and when

you did it... after you've been in Starfleet for 25 years! Build that STARFLEET resume... and have fun while doing it.

"Once you have local experience behind you... apply for positions which are available on the National Level. Who knows, you, too can some day be a Commanding Officer or Executive Officer... or a Regional Coordinator on the Executive Committee, or even the Fleet Admiral!

"Enjoy the work you do for charitable organizations. And yes, it is work, don't let anyone fool you. Going to visit (in uniform or not) sick children in a local hospital can tear your heart out... but just look into the eyes of those kids in the beds. You've brought them a few hours of joy. And the coloring book and crayons you've left them with... will help pass even more time when Mom or Dad can't be with them.

"Stuffing envelopes at the local Rescue Mission might not seem like a lot... but if it helps get a donation for the Mission... maybe enough to buy a blanket or food... it's going to be appreciated even though you may never see the people it benefits.

"Clipping coupons and sending them to Edward Allen or Becky Thane for our service personnel overseas takes a lot of effort. Yes, you have to separate the coupons into 'food' and 'non-food' piles, and yes you have to tally the total amounts, and yes you have to count all those coupons and spend a few bucks to mail them to Edward or Becky ... but someone who's trying to stretch his or her budget, can maybe afford to buy just a little bit more with their money.

"And once again we come back to the bottom line **have fun**.

"**Your** fun. You're the catalyst.

"Come join the wildest ride in Star Trek fandom!

"(And come see me and the Staff at STARFLEET Academy and the STARFLEET Cadet Academy!)."

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Brigadier Martin Lessem
USS Asimov, Region 7

"Get involved in your chapter more. It is the best way to begin meeting people and begin getting an understanding for the organization. I wish I had been more involved with my mothership, but we shuttled off a ship in Boston, when we were in Amherst. Took almost three hours to get out to Boston on Public transportation, and that hurt our ability to participate with them. When we moved to the Philadelphia area we immediately picked two chapters as

surrogates, and got, at least more involved regarding communications wise, with them.”

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**Rear Admiral James Herring
USS Arlington, Region 12**

“No matter what, stay in. You joined SFI because of the people and the idea of Star Trek. Never lose that vision.”

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**Commodore Kimberly Brooks
USS Malverne, Region 7**

“Follow your instincts and do what you think is the right thing to do.”

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**Captain Susan Fox-Davis
USS Angeles, Region 4**

“The worth of this organization is in its people. Ignore the jerks, the windbags will blow themselves away. Treasure the good people here, they are worth their mass in gold.

“This is our hobby, this is what we do for fun. If it’s not fun, don’t do it.”

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**Admiral David E. Ryan
Shuttle Paul Revere, Region 15**

“It’s a President’s Day Weekend in 1978, There’s a Star Trek convention at what was once called the Statler Hilton put on by April Publications in Staten Island, NY. Self, tomorrow you are going to meet a representative from an organization called Starfleet Command. He will talk you into joining. And this will start your life in a new direction. In three years you will command your own chapter. In four years you will be commanding a region from Washington, DC to Maine. In the years that follow you will start and run five more chapters and will hold a national office in the club. You will affect many lives both directly and indirectly. You will make many friends. More people will know you than you know people. You will see marriages, births and deaths. You will come to know the meaning of ‘The captain is responsible for the lives of the crew.’ And when you look back many years from now, you will wonder, ‘What would I have done without STARFLEET.’”

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**Captain Leslie Ryan
Shuttle Paul Revere, Region 15**

“When I look back at the reasons why I joined fleet, I must have been in a daze that day. I remember being at a con in the mid 80’s in NY, and seeing the set up seeing the material and the like. I said to the person I was with that it should be a good idea that we join up, and get together with new people who enjoyed Trek and make new friends. The friendship with this person faded a few months later, but that is when I became active in Fleet. Through Fleet, I made the best friends, learned a lot about myself and most importantly, met the love of my life. To me, Fleet is an extended family, and I have no hesitation telling people that when they join and is a perfect example of what IDIC really is.”

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**Lieutenant Gloria Hanson
USS Hadfield, Region 13**

“I would tell my younger self not to let the actions of a few overzealous people ruin my experience with STARFLEET. I would tell myself to continue to enjoy the conventions, the great people and all the other wonderful things that STARFLEET has to offer.”

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**Commodore Karen Goldbach
USS Questar, Region 1**

“Try harder to live by the Golden Rule and stay away from those who don’t.’ is what I’d tell a younger me.”

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**Commander Marie Adinolfi
USS Accord, Region 7**

“You are really very talented and you should not be afraid to show it. If people are threatened by you, that’s okay, they should be.

“Remember to have fun **every day!** Go out of your way to have fun.

“Never take Starfleet too seriously. Any group of people are bound to fight amongst themselves.

“If you do get angry, allow it to wash over you and through you and get past it. Don’t act on a situation when you are angry.

“If you are annoyed or tired of Starfleet, do not try to ‘make it better’ by starting a new project within Starfleet. It only adds fuel to the fire.

“Take more pictures and keep more in touch with the people you meet.”

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**Vice Admiral John T. “Jack” Hopkins
USS Vindicator, Region 1**

“Do that which is good. No matter how bad the other guy tries to make you look for doing good. Remember that those who rail against you are not so much trying to persuade others but trying to dissuade you. Keep your head high and the truth will come through.”

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**Captain Carlos Maldonado
USS Avenger, Region 7**

“Get rid of Zach now, you’ll have to later. Donna will just leave. The Avenger will endure. You will move out of your parents’ house. Don’t bother thinking of girl’s names for your child. You will lead this group one day, you’re not just dreaming. There IS a bright future. (This assumes that I could not give myself winning lottery numbers.)”

(cc)

**Vice Admiral David A. Miller, M.D.
USS Antonio M. Valsalva, Region 12**

“Two things come to mind:

First, to be less critical of others in this club and to better realize that we’re all volunteers trying to do our best within the constraints of our own individual real-life issues. I was a hot-head once. Now, looking back on that time I realize I was just being a jerk.

And, second, that all Trek fan clubs have basically the same problems and one is never truly any better than another. They all have their own political turmoils, failures,

meltdowns, wheel reinventions, problems with getting membership material out, and all the other ups and downs we have all experienced. The best approach is to pick a group of friends you like and share the fun of Trek with them. The rest eventually comes together.”

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**Fleet Captain Pete Briggs
USS Raven’s Claw, Region 4**

“Get involved. STARFLEET, or life for that matter, is like a bank. You only get out of it what you put into it with interest. Be committed to the greater good. And it’s better to be famous than infamous.” -.

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**Commander Karen Mitchell
USS Richthofen, Region 7**

“If I could go back four years ago, I’d tell my younger self to forget about SFI. No, wait... I couldn’t do that. Much of the stuff I’m doing now is built out of SFI acquaintances...”

“If I could go back, I’d tell myself to pay close attention to who my friends **truly** are. Not really a publishable answer. Then again, my time in SFI hasn’t been all sweetness and light, either.”

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**Admiral Thomas Monaghan, Jr.
USS Maat, Region 1**

“I would say just have fun. Don’t strive to be what others think you should be, listen to advice but never be intimidated, and never set your goals too low. If you can dream it, you can do it. Finally, when asked to attend a Starfleet meeting, always say **yes!**”

(cc)

**Ensign Kenneth Swenson
USS Osiris, Region 7**

“This time, stand your ground and don’t quit the fleet. You were more right then you realize.”

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**Admiral Scott A. Akers
USS Jaguar, Region 5.**

“Don’t take anything personally, even if they say ‘Scott, you are an idiot.’”

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“Delete/Toss your first response to any attacker. Delete/Toss your second response to any attacker. Delete/Toss your third response to any attacker. Remember Trek is your hobby, pastime, fun activity.

“Do not move back to Texas.”

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**Commodore Bill Herrmann
USS Rutledge, Region 1**

“Stay out of SFI politics. Period. It only will lead into a maze of controversy from which there is no real escape. Avoid it like the plague it is.

“Have fun in SFI. Support and pray for those in leadership and staff positions. Enjoy the SFI experience.”

(cc)

**Commodore Michael W. Klufas
USS Flying Fox, Region 7**

“The advice I would give is don’t always trust everyone. Watch how people work.

Learn how they operate. Don’t take on so much. Have a little more fun.”

(cc)

**Brigadier Cyndi Temple
USS Centurion, Region 4**

“I joined SFI about 13 years ago and at first I didn’t really know what to expect. I did know that all it’s members loved Trek as I do and that made it easier to talk to some of the people.

“What would I tell a younger version of myself just starting out in SFI. Easy to answer I would say jump right in and have fun. Join a chapter of some sort, get to know the people and attend conferences such as IC where you can meet so many of the best people around. I would also say that Starfleet is more than just a club full of trek fans but that we are all one very big family who cares deeply about each and everyone be them close friends or new friends. I would also encourage taking some of the great classes at STARFLEET Academy or the STARFLEET Marine Corps Academy if you want a more military flavor. I would also mention that if you prefer a more military flavor then become a part of the SFMC as well and maybe start a MSG, or create a course for TRACOM.

“The most important thing I would say to a younger version of myself is this: **Have Fun.**”

(cc)

**Captain Trisha Tunis
USS Richthofen, Region 7**

“Be prepared for an interesting experience, take chances, and even when you are at wit’s end with some of people you meet, remember, you are here to have fun! It’s easy to lose sight of this, and don’t take it so seriously. **Relax!**”

(cc)

**Captain Mimi Galland
USS Palavra, Region 4**

“I’d tell myself never to start smoking even though Mick Jagger told us we couldn’t ‘be a man if you don’t smoke the same cigarettes as me.’ ”

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**Commodore Beryl Washington
USS Sovereign, Region 7**

“To my younger self I would suggest: ‘Take heart in the fact that there are others who like you love the idea of sci-fi and readily embrace the ideals of Star Trek. So enter this bond with your eyes wide open and enjoy. But like any sci-fi story there are always monsters, watch out for them.’ ”

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**Admiral Jesse M. Smith
USS Normandy, Region 1**

“Greetings younger Jesse,

“Welcome to STARFLEET! I’m glad that you have decided to join and I hope you are ready for a great experience. You’re going to make new friends and have a great time.

“Unfortunately, it’s not always fun and games. This club has some serious flaws. Be careful whom you chose as friends (as you always are) because friends that are only ‘fleet friends’ tend to use each other as

stepping-stones to a new position or rank. My advice: It's a fan club it's supposed to be fun. Sure, if you have the time, help someone out, but don't let it take over your life, and never abuse your friends (especially if they happen to abuse you). Learn to let things go and you'll enjoy your time here. Don't become mired in the politics of ranks and positions.

"If you have an idea that will improve the club, write it up. Then, give it to a few friends and see what they think. After that, toss it in the can. If it's really that good, one of them will push for the change and you won't have to get lost in the world of petty debates and name-calling. And if they aren't willing to enter that arena, then it wasn't worth doing.

"Oh, yeah, don't take become CS or Chief of CompOps, the jobs are just that, full time jobs. There's no reward for CompOps other than the joy of getting a job done, and the only reward for being CS is a lifetime membership. Either way, few will remember who you are once your gone, and chances are you'll become inactive or leave 'Fleet when your done. Just about everyone from those positions did.

"Lastly, don't start your own chapter, just join the Accord. They're the best bunch of people you'll meet in fleet. I know that what I have written may scare you off a bit, but

if you go into fleet for the friendships, and you meet the right ones, they'll be with you though thick and thin.

"Enjoy your time here and stay true to yourself,

"Your older counterpart

"P.S. Watch out for J.C. (he's weird). You'll know him when you see him, he's just like you, only more outgoing. Get together with him as much as possible."

(cc)

**Fleet Captain Hartriono Sastrowardoyo
Shuttle Poiteidaia, Region 7**

"Have fun. Remember that even though this may help you in your resume, STARFLEET is not your resume. Remember that there are people who can't tell the difference. Know when to take your ball and go home."

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**Rear Admiral Victor Swindell
USS Charleston, Region 1**

"Looking back on my 22 years in the Fleet I can definitely say...it was not unlike a roller coaster ride. It had it highs, it's lows, there were some terrifying times and come calm times... and time you just wanted to get off but thru it all... It's adventure, excitement and mostly fun. So if I can have a chance to talk to that bright-eyed young man whose love for Science Fiction had caused him

to read an advertisement for a club called STARFLEET. I would tell him to remember always what Trek was all about.

I would tell him remember the things that he was taught as a child... to be just and fair in your dealings with others.

To always strive for your best at all times... to make all the friends you can. Try to make your mark at the expense of no one, and above all...Kling akhlami buhfik!"

(cc)

**Admiral Allyson M.W. Dyar
USS Jaguar, Region 5**

"I'd tell my younger self to take responsibility seriously and have fun. I can honestly say that I wouldn't change anything (despite my frequent grumblings on IRC)."

(cc)

**Fleet Captain J.C. Cohen
USS Accord, Region 7**

If I could talk to my younger self in FLEET, I'd tell him to get involved sooner. I joined in '93, but didn't become active until '97. Once I became active, I moved up the rungs on the ladder of responsibility quickly, eventually becoming Regional Coordinator.

To go to ICs and other conferences, because that's where the fun is. I'd tell him to look out for those looking for just a title- make people prove their interest and their ability

before giving them a role.

And... this may be unfortunate... but not to hold too many of the friendships you hold too dearly, for the friendships have a way of falling apart in the face of tough decisions. The friends who you can keep, hold on to, because that's the real value you get from STARFLEET.

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**Fleet Admiral Mike Smith
USS Starlord, Region 7**

Even after all that happened, I can't see doing things differently because in the long run, all the crap that happened worked out for the best for 'Fleet.

Look at it this way, if McGinnis didn't get in and ruin things, we'd never have been needed to fix it and make it better than it was.

(cc)

**Captain Jolynn Brown
Greywolf Station, Region 5**

If I had the chance to go back and give myself some advice, I guess I would probably have said, get involved and have fun.

I know that those who know me would say how more involved would you have gotten, but I guess with me, it would have been more involved within the region and made friends outside of my own chapter.



9-11: BY DAWNS EARLY LIGHT

By Lieutenant Gerry Sylvester • USS Highlander, STARFLEET Region 7
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And so they gathered, by the thousands, in Baltimore's War Memorial Plaza. Situated between City Hall and Police HQ.

All the runners, walkers and supporters for the 9/11 2002, Baltimore Run To Remember! It was a very eerie sight at 5:30 AM.

Darkness surrounded the Baltimore City Police Equestrian Unit that was ready to defend all those who had gotten out of bed in the middle of the night to remember 9/11.

This was the day to remember. A day when the entire world would unite to remember a day that will live in infamy.

It was a strange feeling to have a police officer offer to fetch me some water before the event.

There was also a booth that was handing out carnations to the runners/walkers. All that was asked was that the flowers be dropped off at the Baltimore World Trade Center enroute.

I was getting a lot of strange looks as I made the decision to wear a fleet uniform jacket as well as my USS Comanche hat with my runner number during the run/walk. My original run number was 1161. Not being in

contention for place and timing, I asked for permission to turn it upside down to read 1911, crossing out the first digit I walked under 911.

From there, came the call for all runners and walkers to line up for the run/walk. As we stood there, we listened to a police officer sing the Star Spangled Banner. Please bear in mind that the National Anthem was composed as a result of Francis Scott Key having viewed the US Flag still flying at Fort McHenry in the Baltimore Harbor during a battle for our independence. This as the sun was just rising. The sun was rising between behind the US Flag and Baltimore's Shot Tower. (That is the structure that is seen in the photo. It dates back to colonial times.)

Then it was time to start the Race to Remember. Not being a runner, I somehow found myself in the midst of the roadrunners. Well, considering that it was 6 AM.

I found myself with mixed emotions as I crossed the start line. Even more so when I passed by uniformed Police Officers who were standing up and cheering as others and I walked by. I almost want to say exhilarating...

Well, Holy You Know What Batman.....Who

am I that the Police Officers blocking traffic would applaud like this. For we were on hand to honor them and there they were cheering the citizens on. It is this that makes a 4AM wake up call worthwhile.

During the walk I got several calls on my cell phone. All of which were from Fleeters who wanted to wish me well. Some of who literally got up in the middle of the night depending on the time zone. That meant the world to me, and Moogie as she got a few calls. (Terri/Moogie Sylvester was there to take pictures and lend support.)

When I returned to the start point, I had to traverse city streets. There were still Police officers directing traffic with in the area. It was one thing for the officers to deal with the usual pedestrian traffic. But when I came to an intersection, still wearing my Run to Remember entry number, things changed. At one intersection, I had an officer salute ME! That salute made me feel special beyond words.

A year ago, I remember watching the TV and thinking that a plane had hit the Empire State Building again as my grandmother told me had happened years ago. Strange how the human mind does not want to willingly comprehend such horrific circumstances.

I was born in NYC and my family members are NYPD/NYFD. On that day, the week of 9/11 we jumped every time the phone rang. I remember Sandy Berenberg calling me, and hitting IRC trying to find someone to call his mother in Mexico. It was finally Wendy Filmore/Officer of the Year who was able to get a phone line to Mexico.

It does not now, nor will it ever matter whether you lived in the USA, or the rest of the world. On September 11, 2002, the entire world rallied behind the USA in a show of solidarity. I can only think now of what my late father would think. (My late father being Dr. Gerald Curtin Sylvester, J.D.; Ph.D.; HEW attorney.)

When my brother and I were both every young, Dad would sit with us in front of the TV when an important event/speech was taking place.

"This is important! Listen!"

Last year when the CQ arrived with the 9/11 coverage, Moogie (Terri Sylvester/USS Highlander, PO3C, or C3PO as Moogie would say now.) read what hit print, she was in tears. (She is a native New Yorker.)

We will never forget.

On July 20th the crew of the USS Crystal Star held a combination bar-b-que and meeting at the captains house. The event was well attended and even some of our Klingon allies joined the fun. For entertainment we invented and played a new game, Klingon Tribble Badminton. As you can see from the pictures, it was a great game to play. The rules are as follows:

Simplified Rules of Klingon Tribble Badminton

Toss of the Ferengi (if available). If there is no Ferengi available who ever throws a rock furthest wins.

The winner of the toss can elect to serve or receive in the first game, or to choose to play at a particular end of the court. The loser of the toss makes the remaining choice.

Rules

The most important rule is there are no rules that cannot be change even in mid-game.

Basic Game Concepts

The game is played basically like the earth game badminton although instead of a shuttlecock for a target a Tribble is used instead. (Please note: While it is far more enjoyable to use a live tribble and hear the squeaks, squawks and watch the trembles the little beastie puts out, a dead one will actually last longer and can't run away.)

Basic Aim

You win a rally if you hit the tribble over the net and onto the floor of the opposing side's court.

You lose the rally if you hit the tribble into the net, or over the net but outside of the opposing side's court. You also lose the rally if, for example, the tribble touches



Today is a good day to spike a furball: Tribble Badminton

Photo courtesy of the author.

you or your clothing, or if you hit it before it crosses the net unless you are fast enough to hit it over the net before it stops moving on the ground. Hence the reason for using a dead tribble.

Serving

The service courts are slightly different for singles and doubles. A tribble on the line is "in." The server and receiver stand in the diagonally opposite service courts (always starting on the right-hand side) but players

may move anywhere on their side of the net. The server must obey laws designed to force underhand delivery of the serve, and the receiver must stand still until the service is struck. If more than two people on a team then whatever works applies.

Scoring

In doubles or free-for-all, the game is over when the first team reaches 15 points or the net falls over, unless the players are so enthusiastic that they all continue battling

the tribble about. However, if the score reaches 14-14, the side that first reached 14 can choose either to play to 15, or to set the game to 17 points. The final score will reflect the sum of the points won before setting plus the points gained in setting. Scoring in singles is slightly different. 11 points wins a game and there is the option to set to 13 points at 10-10.

Substitution

Substitution of players: In acknowledgement of the Klingon mentality and propensity for joining violent activities, and lack of patience for any being perceived to be less talented than the players, self-substitution of any player by a spectator shall occur by tagging the offending player while the tribble is in mid-air. Tagged played must immediately leave the field of battle errr play, incoming player (former spectator) must be armed with a racket and should play better. Relieved player may no tag back in on the same side until a point has been scored and must replace a different player, unless the warrior who replaced him or her is doing worse, of course the other team is fair game.

Don't like being on the losing side? Use this rule to switch sides, tagging an opposing player and switching sides of the net while the tribble is mid-air. Just as with substitution rule tribble must be in mid air and no back tagging until next service.

And Finally...

On the third Tuesday of the month after high noon an extra point may not be decide the game unless the scorekeeper can out argue all players

Equipment

Badminton racquet, Tribble and net, Sorry no betleH or macleH, pain-sticks optional

ONE CRAZY JUNE WEEKEND

By Colonel Dean Rogers • USS Highlander, STARFLEET Region 7

For those of you who don't know, this was the first time the Maryland Marine Strike Group had put on a laser tag challenge for the 3rd Battalion.

The first two laser tag competitions, hosted by the Alpha Centauri's 781st MSG, were held in Waldorf at Fantasy World in 1997, and in Gambrills at the Laser Extreme in 1999. After a nearly three-year absence, the 773rd command staff felt it was time to bring back the hunt. When we arrived at the Shadowland arena, the awaiting hunters were relaxing while I was practicing my aim at a video game known as "Police Trainer." Unbeknownst to everyone else until later that evening, I had practiced for three weeks since I have not done laser tag since 1999.

After two games of finding GEMs attacking your opponents, escaping your opponents, and running out of breath, I have learned two valuable lessons about this group. The first is they have great skills for people

who have either played for the first time or who haven't played in a while. The second lesson is that no matter how many times I practice laser tag, never ever challenge your Commanding Officer.

The Overall Standings were:

Men's

- 1st Place - Mike
- 2nd Place - Todd Bruggmanns
- 3rd Place - Dean Rogers

Women's

- 1st Place - Gerri Wampler
- 2nd Place - Jessica Coyle
- 3rd Place - Ellen Corcoran

Everyone there had a great time playing laser tag this year. We had a total of 13 people coming out this year and we plan to do it again next summer with more chapters taking the challenge. If your ship has the guts to risk it all on the battlefield, please email me at tomcat1701@yahoo.com, and sign up for next year.

IC 2002 STUFF STILL AVAILABLE!

By Commodore Chrissy Killian • IC 2002 Chairperson

Wow!

I don't know about everyone else, but I had a great time at IC2002.

I would like to say thanks to the IC2002 committee members, staff and to everyone who helped before, during and after IC2002. You were **great!**

What did you think of the webcast? Awesome!!!! My thanks to Larry Barnes for all the hard work he did putting the webcast together.

For those who didn't get to see the webcast, you can still find it at the IC2002 website, located at:

<http://www.ic2002.org>.

And we still have a few items left from IC2002 if you want a souvenir. We have:

- Royal Blue baseball caps with the IC2002

Logo for \$15

• IC2002 Collectable Coins with the IC2002 Logo on one side and the Marine Logo on the other side. A single coin is \$5 but you can get 3 for \$10.

• IC2002 Polos. We only a few left. \$25 for Medium or Large, \$28 for 2XL.

• IC2002 T-Shirts. There are a few left there too...\$15 or Large or X-Large or \$18 for 2XL.

You can order these through the IC2002 Website. located at:

<http://www.ic2002.org/store.htm>

or contact me at chrissy@netwiz.net.

Once again, **thank you** to IC2002 committee and Staff and Thank you to everyone who attended. You made this IC **great!**

Storm chasers - you've heard of them, seen the movies, read the papers. Those wild people who actually go out, look for tornadoes and other severe weather and then drive right near them. When sane people are moving as fast as they can away from the funnel cloud, these people are heading straight for them. Why do they do it? Are they insane?

Actually, storm chasers are as sane as you and me. In fact, they are performing a valuable service for both their communities and the entire nation. Storm chasers are amateur and professional scientists gathering vital information that is used to warn people of current danger as well as help meteorologists (weather scientists) discover better ways of predicting the behavior of severe weather. It's probably one of the most unusual ways someone can perform community service!

How do we know all this? We know because my husband Chad and I are part of this group of "insane" people. We are official storm spotters with our local branch of the National Weather Service's SkyWarn program. We have attended classes that teach us not only how to spot and report dangerous weather, but also how to keep ourselves safe. When severe weather threatens our area, we start paying major attention to what is going on.

We watch the skies for frequent lightning, large hail, cloud formations that might indicate a developing tornado, and other dangerous weather. If possible, we connect with other spotters and start following the storm by car. If we see reportable weather, we call a special phone number. If it's a tornado headed towards a residential or other major area, we use a CB to contact the local police so they can warn residents.

Our services became critical during a severe storm on July 4, 1999. We were down at our local beach most the day with our almost 1 year old son and were eagerly anticipating the evening's fireworks show. Little did we know Mother Nature had a show of her own to put on that night! We watched as the storm came

STORMCHASING!

By Lt. Colonel Michelle Lampson • Shuttle Wendell Fertig, Region 4

rolling in towards nightfall. When the lightning suddenly increased along with the winds, I took my son into the concrete building housing the restrooms. My husband spotted several pre-tornado signs, including rotation in the storm clouds. He ran over to the RV campground adjoining the beach and banged on everyone's door to tell them to get over to the same building I was in for shelter. The last place you want to be during a tornado is in an RV! The police finally showed up at the beach with the same warning when my husband had finished with the last person. We were fortunate, the expected tornado didn't form over us. Instead, it briefly touched down about 2 miles away, causing damage only to some trees along the highway. However, it could have just as easily been us instead of those trees. The police thanked my husband for his quick thinking and were impressed when he told them he was simply doing what he'd been trained to do as a SkyWarn spotter.

Our activities are not confined to just local weather however. We are also members of a storm chase team, the Central Iowa Vortex Team. You might ask, "How the heck can we storm chase in Iowa when we live in Wisconsin?" Well, in this case we are never in any danger unlike our fellow team members.

We provide vital forecasting and real-time storm tracking information to team members using radar sites on the Internet. I hold a BS in meteorology and computer information sciences while my husband's skill in finding the unique radar "signature" that indicates a developing or existing tornado comes from experience.

We combine our weather talents with our Internet skills to help provide this team with real-time storm information. A typical "chase" involves us being called, usually in the morning, by the team leader to request a basic forecast. I go online, look at a variety of weather sites that

give me the necessary numbers and charts, and then tell him in plain English where and when I think the best time and place to chase are. If severe weather actually develops, then I get calls from team members on cell phones asking where the storm is headed and where tornadoes might be. We track the storm through online radar sites that give us a wide view of the activity that a person in a car on the ground doesn't have. By using our information, the actual chasers on the ground can keep following a storm without having to stop and look this up, and without risking a "surprise attack" by a rain-shrouded or hidden tornado they couldn't see.

Storm chasing requires discipline, teamwork, and the desire to learn and to help others. Strict attention is paid to safety by chasers on the ground. There are a lot of rules good teams follow - such as never chasing alone, planning your route to avoid "core punching" in which a chaser actually enters the most dangerous part of the storm, and following all rules of safe driving. A true chaser never lets "I was chasing a tornado!" become an excuse for speeding or other risky driving. Storm chasers also read weather articles and books to learn more about storms and why they behave the way they do. This scientific information helps them chase more safely and efficiently.

Storm spotting is a less-risky alternative to storm chasing that still provides the average citizen with the chance to serve in a much needed position. The National Weather Service is always looking for more storm spotters. The more human eyes they have watching the skies, the more likely they are to spot a tornado or other damaging weather early enough to warn people and give them time to prepare. Radar, even today's computer-controlled NEXRAD Doppler radar, is only a single tool. It can't always find even major tornadoes, let alone the relatively small changes and cloud formations

that usually precede tornadoes. Storm spotters save lives by giving people a chance to get to safety. This fact is dramatically shown by what happened to the small community of Siren, Wisconsin in the summer of 2001. A massive tornado half a mile wide rammed through this town, destroying most of the downtown buildings, but no one was killed. The town's tornado siren didn't give warning as it was scheduled for repairs the next week after being struck by lightning in a prior storm. Local storm spotters saw the storm and warned the town a full half-hour before the tornado hit.

The Weather Service radar didn't detect the tornado until 15 minutes before it hit. Because of storm spotters, these people had twice as much time to prepare and get out of the way of the approaching tornado than they would have had otherwise. If you drive through Siren today and know what to look for, you can still see the scarred path left by this vicious storm.

If you are interested in storm spotting, call or stop in at your local weather service and ask whom you should contact about upcoming storm spotter classes. If you know anyone who is a "ham", an amateur radio operator, ask them. Most hams are also storm spotters since radio is often the quickest means of getting information out to people when a storm has knocked out phone lines.

If you would like to know more about actual storm chasing, try to find out if there is a team in your state or region by asking around. Most teams are private groups that don't advertise themselves, so you may have to hunt around. If there is a major university in your area, ask if they have a meteorology department or program. Most of these programs host a chase team as one tool in educating their students.

So if you and/or your chapter members live in a tornado-prone area of the world, consider storm spotting and chasing as your next community service project. It's an exciting and educational alternative to car drives!

Prepare to head where Infinite Possibilities and Infinite Fun combine. The 2003 Region 2 Summit and Second Brigade Marine Muster will be held March 7-9 in Huntsville, AL. Huntsville is known as the Rocket City, home to the US Space and Rocket Center. Chaired by James Whatley, the Host Committee contains many of the most skilled members of the Region. Each one of them is dedicated to bringing you the best Summit you've ever had. We welcome any questions and suggestions that you may have.

Friday night contains the usual fun entertainment. The Fleet Admiral's Dinner will be held at the Fogcutter, which is an excellent restaurant with a wide variety and is less than a mile from the hotel. Afterwards, you can try winning the Great Dalmuti card tournament.

Saturday starts with the Opening Ceremony, and then switches over to separate panels. These panels cover all kinds of topics, and are for everyone from the newest recruit to the seasoned officer. The Second Brigade Marines also have their Muster to attend. Saturday evening features the Auction. Bid early and bid often to help Region 2 and this year's charity, the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. You might also find a great deal in Moogie's Store.

The Banquet and Awards Ceremony are the high points of Saturday night. Bring your best uniform, though casual is fine. Remember to cheer for your ship if it wins an award. A dance brings Saturday to a close. We hope to make it more interesting by also having a costume contest with prizes for



By RAdm. Pete Mohnhey, STARFLEET Region 2 • Artwork Courtesy of Capt. Kristi Fell

the best costumes.

Sunday starts with the usual panels, though you don't want to miss the Closing Ceremony. Outgoing Regional Coordinator Pete Mohnhey will pass command of Region 2 over to a new Regional Coordinator. Then it will be time to say "farewell" to your friends until you see them again at the 2004 Summit in Mississippi.

Hotel Information:

The Tom Bevill Conference Center and Hotel is located on the campus of the University of

Alabama, Huntsville. Your room reservation gives you access to UAH's health club, swimming pool, library, and their basketball, tennis, and racquetball courts. All double and king rooms are connected by interior corridors and include a complimentary continental breakfast.

The Bevill Center also offers complimentary shuttle service to the Huntsville - Madison County International Airport (airport code HSV) about 5 miles away.

We've arranged for a special flat rate of \$69 per

night for 1 to 4 people per room. With the current 10% tax rate and \$1 city tax surcharge, your final rate should be about \$77 per night.

You must reserve your room by February 15, 2003 to guarantee your rate and placement in the Summit room block. Don't forget to mention the "STARFLEET Region 2 Summit" for the special discount rate.

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US Space and Rocket Center Trip:

We're also visiting the US Space and Rocket Center. The aerospace museum offers hands-on interactive exhibits; showcases dozens of rockets, aircraft, missiles, and other vehicles; and has some incredible thrill rides like Space Shot.

We plan on having a Friday morning and Sunday afternoon outing to the Center. While the exact cost and time of these activities will not be known until closer to the Summit, you can indicate your interest on the registration form. Since they are not included in any package, you will have to sign-up and pay for this activity separately. Details will be announced before and during the Summit.

For the latest information:

Please visit the Region 2 web site:
<http://www.region2.org/>



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 we looked at the matter-energy types, their relationship to temporal phenomena and the laws that govern those interactions.

This issue, we're going to look at the Effects of Time on your reality.

THE EFFECTS OF TIME

The Destiny Effect

In the event of the creation of a temporal disruption, the destiny effect determines the degree to which the original causal flow of the timestream can be restored.

The destiny effect is a function of temporal inertia and the element of uncertainty both already present and brought about by the disruption, and is contingent upon the results of the disruption and its adjustment. In effect, destiny limits the duration of a temporal disruption, eventually returning the pattern of the causal flow to as close to the original history as possible. As a rule, the greater the magnitude of the disruption, the longer it takes for the causal flow to recover. When it does, the effects of the disruption are absorbed into the background of history.

The Limitation Effect

The degree of temporal inertia associated with a specific event location increases geometrically every time it is disrupted.

Simply stated, the more times an event location is altered, the harder it is to alter it again. However, the total number of disruptions an event location may undergo is directly related to its original degree of temporal inertia, which cannot be measured due to the effects of the law of temporal

uncertainty.

The limitation effect manifests itself in a number of ways, from simple 'coincidences' that prevent a disruption from occurring (or at least make it more difficult), to total failure to reach the correct chronospatial co-ordinates. These manifestations are known as *Timelock*. There are three degrees of timelock, each corresponding to the increased progression of the limitation effect, though in the field these distinctions are rarely used.

Soft Lock: This manifests as minor misfortune, and may be overcome with little effort.

Firm Lock: This manifests itself as a seeming conspiracy of events to prevent the disruption. This may be overcome with persistence.

Hard Lock: At this point the limitation effect will no longer allow the disruption of the event location. Concerted attempts to violate hard timelock can result in random parachronal displacement, 'impossible' distortions of temporal and physical laws, even death.

The Halo Effect

This is a variant of the limitation effect, and works to reduce temporal stress by using increasing degrees of timelock to prevent excessive time travel within a chronospatial radius of a given event location, in a direct ratio to its current temporal inertia.

Effectively, this is nature's way of stopping everyone at the Crucifixion - except the main attraction - from being a time traveler. Trying to crash the most famous parties in history can be pretty frustrating if it's already packed with tourists from 'out of

town'. You can end up in the wrong country, the wrong time period, the wrong parallel, or even dead. If you think you're timelocked, don't push it.

The Observer Effect

Stated most briefly, says, "*An observed event cannot be changed.*" There are no paradoxes. Known history cannot be changed.

* Now, if these were *entirely* true, time travel would be much simpler and safer. But the Observer Effect says that a successful intervention *can* occur. History *can* be changed, but it is very difficult. And *usually* any attempt to change an established fact will result in failure.

* However, to a good agent, the Observer Effect means that any event, which was not observed, *can* be changed. And the observations of the locals on the scene don't count. The observer from the future is the one that matters, because only he can create a paradox.

* Basically, though, all of the details of past history can be considered "in flux" until they are observed by someone from the Absolute Now. There are two possible explanations for this:

Time is fixed, but we still have free will. We don't know for sure what really happened in the past, and until we know what happened, we can try to change it. We're part of history.

Time is not fixed until it is observed. The act of observation is necessary for the event to be final. It's like Schrodinger's Cat, which is neither alive nor dead until someone opens the box to check. In this sense, the observer from the future *creates* the event and makes it real, by observing it. It's not real until then.

Either way, an observed event is very hard to change. An unobserved event is subject to change. This means that if an intervention - or counter-intervention - is bungled, it will be *very* hard to fix. Sure, another team can be sent to the same time, but they will not be able to do anything that contradicts the first team's observations.

* The exception, ironically, comes if the first team failed completely and was wiped out. If they didn't report their observations back to their successors, they didn't "determine" history. An agent can never undo anything he witnessed. The only hope - and sometimes a significant hope - is that he didn't witness it correctly.

* Witnessing a film or photograph is almost as final. But films and photographs can be faked (the exception to this is the Guardian's ISO Chips, and these are used in only dire emergencies and then not witnessed in their totality).

* An observation reported by another (DELETED) agent is as trustworthy as that agent is. A "real-time" report by a historical native is as trustworthy as that native is.

* Published reports, memoirs, etc. are not reliable at all. If the newspaper says the parade started at noon... well, maybe the paper was wrong!

The Recency Effect

Travelers cannot visit their immediate past. Because of the Arbatov Barrier, an effect analogous to the "potential barrier" around the atomic nucleus, nothing above the atomic level can be sent back less than 130 years.

Thank you for your time. Please join us next issue as we will be discussing the Principles and Theories of Time.

YIPPEE! IT'S WHOOP!

Hartriono B. Sastrwardoyo • Shuttle Poteidaia, Region 7

Actress and comedienne Whoopi Goldberg was spotted at the Resorts casino in Atlantic City, NJ on September 27th. She walked into screams of "We love you, Whoopi!" from fans across the state. "I'm here to debut the new Hollywood Squares slot machine, even though I'm not in the center anymore," she said. Whoopi helped to pick the first nine players, each of whom received a Hollywood Squares T-shirt.

A certain Challenger command staff member who may or may not be the XO hoped to be among the nine, but alas luck was not a lady and was not with that lady

that night.

The casino will restore her handprint on the casino's revamped "Wall of Fame," which includes handprints of celebrities such as Cher and Regis Philbin. She also received a jacket from the casino, which she accepted, "even though I'm not working for Resorts anymore."

When the emcee asked the crowd to name some films Whoopi was in, a certain (but anonymous) CQ correspondent was heard to have named "Nemesis" while a certain (but anonymous) R7 Recruiting Director was heard to have named "Generations".



Whoopi Goldberg at the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City, NJ.

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LORD OF THE RINGS

THE HEIR OF ILSIDUR - A TALE OF ARAGORN

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Artwork by Commodore David Pipgras • STARFLEET Region 5

"The same blood flows through my veins," a simple statement describing Aragorn's reluctance to undertake a destiny which has been foretold of him. But what does it mean? What is the history of Aragorn, and who is Isildur? To answer this, we really need to look at Middle Earth, and its history, from the beginning.

Before the age of the sun, only elves dwell in Middle Earth, weighed by their own sorrows surrounding their defiance of the Valar (the powers that created Middle Earth) and their quest to regain the silmarils (the jewels that held the light of the Two Trees of Valinor in the Undying Lands) that had been stolen by Morgoth (the force of evil during the First Age of Middle Earth).

The counting of days which, begins with the rising of the sun and the awakening of Men, marks approximately 600 years in the First Age. Though prior to the rising of the sun there may have been many millennia. The Men, known as the Edain, first come into Beleriand west of Middle Earth, on or about the year 300. They were derived of three 'houses'. The First House, led by Beor, from whom Barahir comes, (it is his ring, given to him by the elves, that is ultimately passed on to Aragorn), the Haladin and the Third House (from which come many of the heroes of Men that aid the elves in their quest for the silmarils).

From the First House of the Edain is born Beren (in the year 435), son of Barahir. He marries Luthien, daughter of Thingol, king of the elves of Middle Earth, and Melian a Maia, one of the lesser powers that helped shape Middle Earth. Their son, Dior, is thus born of Edain, Elven and Maiar descent in 473. He comes to possess the only silmaril that survives the quest and doom of the elves. Dior marries Nimloth, an elf of Thingol's kingdom, and their daughter Elwing, born c.500, is the first of the 'Peredhil', the half-elven.

From the Haladin and the Third Houses of the Edain is born Tuor (in 473), who marries Idril of Gondolin, daughter of Turgon (the last king of the elves of Middle Earth) in the second marriage of Elves and Edain, and their son Earendil is born in 504, also numbered among the Peredhil (half-elven)

It must be understood that the elves of the world fall into three kindred; the Vanyar, those elves that dwell only in the undying lands, the Noldor those elves whose desire and quest for the silmarils, created at their own hand, would eventually lead to their doom, and the Teleri, the sea and wood elves, most of whom were ruled by Thingol in Middle Earth. The defiance of the Noldor against the Valar would draw the other elves as well as the Edain into their doom.

Earendil, by virtue of his birth parents Tuor, a Man, and Idril, a Noldor elf whose ancestry was both Noldor and Vanyar, and Elwing, by virtue of her Edain, elven, and Maiar ancestry, are numbered as the Peredhil, half-elven. They are given the choice, either the gift of elves immortal life or of men a mortal life and freedom from the bonds of Middle Earth. When the First Age draws to a close (c. 600) it is Earendil who becomes the only mortal man to set foot in the undying lands to plead for the survival of Middle Earth, and together with Elwing, who bears the only silmaril to survive the doom of the elves, are given the gift of entry into the undying lands. Earendil is placed in the sky as a star of guidance, and Elwing is given the gift of flight, being able to rise into the sky to meet him each morning.

The children of Earendil and Elwing are Elrond and Elros, also numbered among the Peredhil. When the world is changed at the end of the First Age, Beleriand is swallowed by the sea when the Valar and other powers throw down the powers of evil in Middle Earth, Elrond and Elros are given the choice of gifts. Elrond, of course, chooses the gift of the 'first born (elves) and lives an immortal life; Elros chooses the gift of men and leads the heroes of men at the beginning of the Second Age to the island of Numenor and begins the line of Numenorean kings.

The Second Age thus begins with the Numenoreans establishing their kingdom, with the sole ban of the Valar that they, as mortal men, though of great life span, cannot set foot on the undying lands, though they can see those lands from Numenor. The Second Age lasts for 3319 years this way, with the Numenoreans, also known as the Dunedain, becoming men of great power, traveling eastward over the entire world and teaching and providing for the lesser men of Middle Earth who fall into darkness.

It is during the Second Age that Sauron, the general of Morgoth, the force of evil overthrown during the First Age, deceives the remaining elves of Middle Earth into forging the Rings of Power. The elves are aided at first by the Numenoreans, but as Sauron defeats the elves and grows in strength, so do the Numenoreans grow weary of their ban of the Valar, and their might increases to the point where they challenge Sauron and defeat him and bring him back to Numenor and are thus corrupted and diminished. Only a few, known as "The Faithful" remain loyal to the ban of the Valar, and though they are persecuted by the Numenoreans, they nonetheless receive the gifts of the Valar, the seven palantir (seeing stones). When the doom of the Numenoreans comes, once again the world is changed - Numenor is cast into the sea, the world is made round,

the undying lands are removed from the circles of the world, and Sauron is cast into the earth and arises thereafter only as a form of malice. Only the faithful remain, Elendil and his sons Isildur and Anarion, and they come to Middle Earth bearing the heirlooms of their people:

- the Ring of Barahir
- the seven palantir
- the silver scepter
- the sword Narsil
- the star of Earendil

The Second Age ends in the Last Alliance of Elves and Men, during which Elendil is slain, Anarion is slain with Gil-Galad (the last high king of the elves in Middle Earth) at Sauron's fortress of Barad-Dur in Mordor, and during which Isildur cuts the one ring from Sauron's hand (with the broken sword Narsil), thus defeating him. It is here of course also that Isildur fails to destroy the one ring at Elrond's urging, and thus Sauron's evil is not truly defeated. Isildur is of course slain and the one ring is lost.

The Third Age begins thus with the seeming defeat of Sauron and Isildur's death. The remaining powers of the elves, Elrond in Rivendell, Cirdan, the last of the sea elves to survive the Second Age, and Galadriel, the last of the Noldor to survive the Second Age, become hidden and watch as Men begin to dominate Middle Earth.

Isildur and Anarion and their line of Kings continue, Isildur's heirs in Arnor, the west of Middle Earth, including the Shire and Anarion's heirs in Gondor. Anarion's heirs become the Kings of Gondor, and Isildur's heirs become the Kings of Arnor, until the death of Ondoher (the 31st King of Gondor) in the year 1944 of the Third Age, at which time Arvedui, the last King of Arnor, marries Ondoher's daughter Miriel and claims the throne. His claim is rejected and Ondoher's nephew Earnil becomes the King of Gondor. Arvedui dies in the year 1975 of the Third Age, thus ending the line of Kings of Arnor, and Earnur (Earnil's son) is slain by the Nazgul in the year 2050 of the Third Age, and thus the line of Kings is ended. Gondor is placed in the keeping of its Stewards.

Only Arvedui's son Aranth survives as the first Chieftain of the Dunedain, the Rangers of Middle Earth. For the rest of the Third Age, the Rangers watch for the return of Sauron and the discovery of the one ring. The Rangers are aided by Elrond, Galadriel, Cirdan, and by Gandalf upon his arrival in Middle Earth. The heirlooms of the Dunedain (the remaining line of kings in exile), the broken sword Narsil (which is reforged for Aragorn), the silver scepter, the crown and Star of Earendil, are held in the keeping of Elrond. Of the palantir all but

three are lost. Two are lost with Arvedui, one is lost with the first defeat of Sauron, and one is lost from internal strife in Gondor in the year 1432.

Aragorn (born in the year 2931 of the Third Age) is thus the last of the direct line of Kings of Gondor but more importantly, because of his heritage in Isildur, son of Elendil, descendent of the Numenoreans, who are the descendants of Elros the Half-Elven, son of Earendil and Elwing who themselves are of Edain, Elven, and Maia descent, there is in Aragorn the blood of Men, Elves, and Maia. It is this heritage and the heritage wrought from the doom of the elves, the doom of Isildur in his inability to destroy the one ring, and of course the one ring's potency to corrupt its wearers that leads Aragorn to question his blood and for Arwen (who incidentally as Elrond's daughter is also numbered among the Peredhil or Half-Elven) to comment that Aragorn is not Isildur, but merely Isildur's heir.

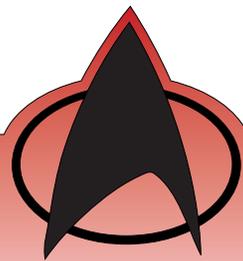
Aragorn is of course successful due in part to those gathered around him; Frodo and Bilbo for bearing the ring to Mordor, Gandalf for stirring Men to be victorious, Elrond for the safekeeping of the last of the heirlooms of the Kings of Gondor, and the Fellowship for despite its failings seeing the quest completed. Sauron is defeated finally in the year 3018 of the Third Age. This is the year the ring is cast into Mount Doom.

What fascinates me about Aragorn is this: his heritage stems at least 600 years of the First Age, 3319 years of the Second Age, and 3018 years of the Third Age - almost 7000 years from the birth of Men into the world. His heritage includes 15 previous Rangers (his father is numbered the 15th Chieftain of the Dunedain), 25 Kings of the northern kingdoms (Arnor and its lands), 33 Kings of Gondor, and prior to that 23 Kings of Numenor beginning with Elros.

The history is rich, and what you see on the screen as you watch is merely the last chapters in a book that holds thousands of years of history. Most of this history is discussed in *The Silmarillion* and if you're as interested in it as I am, then the book is worth a read. It provides a lot of detail about the creation of Middle Earth and the coming of Elves and Men and the creation and downfall of Numenor and the creation of the rings of power in the Second Age.

If you'd like to continue this series of articles, by all means let me know - we still have two more films to be released.

The web site for the films is <http://www.lordoftherings.net> and check out *The Encyclopedia of Arda* at <http://www.glyphweb.com/arda/>



2002 STARFLEET MOTTOS

COMPILED BY VICE ADMIRAL VICTOR C. SWINDELL

I started this project many years ago, primarily to aid new chapter who were trying to create a chapter motto. The web page is located at <http://mywebpages.comcast.net/keptins/SFMotto.html>

If you know of any that are not on the list or if you know of any that have changed.... etc. Please pass them to me. The Mottos of Chapter's that are no longer around are preserved in memory and honor of their Service. We are also linking chapter web pages to this page as well.

If you'd like to submit your chapter or groups motto, send them to:

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(UO) means the unofficial motto.

Region 2:

Second to None!

The College of Federation Studies:

(UO) To Learn of the Future in Order to Seek the Sheepskin...

STARFLEET Armed Services Program:

Bridging the Gap
(UO) Go Ahead: Make Your Day

STARFLEET Corps of Engineers

(UO) #1 -- \$^#% 'em if they can't take a joke...

(UO) #2 -- Was that over the top? I can never tell...

STARFLEET Marine Academy:

Victory through Skill

1st Marine Regiment

(UO) There is no problem that a judicious application of phaser fire cannot solve...

STARFLEET Marine Corps:

Peace is Our Profession

UO We came, we saw, we drank
UO The few, the proud...the dead on the transporter pads...

UO When it absolutely, positively has to be destroyed overnight

5th Marine Strike Group:

I am the right hand of vengeance...I

am death incarnate, and the last living thing that you are ever going to see.
God sent me.

12th Starfleet Marine Regiment

Adapt and Overcome.

(UO): Shadow Regiment...so secret, even we don't know who (or where) we are!

123rd Marine Strike Group

Without Warning We Strike!

18th Marine Strike Group

Fear not and be just

18th Marine Tactical Fighter Squadron

And they will know no fear.

(UO) for all: we have got to stop these 8 event weekends

162nd Marine Strike Group

Loyalty above all else, except honor

271st Marine Strike Group

Forward into the unknown, to hunt it down and kill it.

296th Marine Strike Group

We walk in darkness, that others may walk in light.

(UO) The weapon of vengeance

311th Marine Strike Group

Justice Before All, With Honor We Serve.

875th Marine Strike Group (Screaming Weazels)

Death from the Ankles up

911th Combine

Special Forces Task Force

Who are you going to call after you've been hit by 911

999th Marine Reaction Company (Project BEOWULF: SpecOps)

Eas in cruceem! (To Hell with you)

USS Accord

To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield

USS Adamant

To Honor the Dream

(UO) May the Force be with you...oops, wrong movie.

(UO) Dreadnought's do it with the third warp engine.

USS Aegis

Friendly to all Life Forms

(UO) Friendly to all Life Forms, **except** Klingon Cows

USS Alaric

We'll get by with a little help from our friends.

(UO) Where do we eat?

USS Alacrity

Per ardua ad astra (Through endeavor we reach the stars.)

USS Alexandretta

With Knowledge we empower, through knowledge we are free...
(UO) Stop us if you've heard this one...

USS Alioth

Out of the Past, Into the Future.

USS Alpha Centauri

Dedicated to Fun, Friendship, and the Community

USS AM Valsalva

Crede sed aspice (Trust, but verify)

(UO) you'll feel a slight pressure...

Hospital's Motto:

Anytime, Anyplace.

USS Anubis

Honor, Duty, Loyalty

(UO) The Miracle Workers!'

USS Arizona

For the purpose of Peace in the Galaxy

USS Arlington

Those who forget the past are condemned to repeat it

USS Aquila

Wings of Tomorrow

USS Asimov

Ad Astris Iustitia (From the Stars Comes Justice)

USS Astra

Per Ardua Ad Astra

USS Aslan

It's Earlier When You Think...

USS Atlas

Ready To Take On The World

USS Athena

The Voice of Wisdom

USS Atreides

Knowledge, Before All Else

USS Archangel

To Help in Time of Need

USS Avalon

In Serving Each Other We Become Free

USS Avenger

Eternal vigilance is the price of Liberty

USS Banting

Ready, Willing and Able!

USS Behr'ak

There are always possibilities for those who dare.

USS Belgica

Gallorum omnium fortissimi sunt Belgae (Of all those, the Belgians are the bravest)

Bennu Station

Upholding Yesterdays Traditions for Tomorrows World, Today

USS Bethel

Into the Heart of Darkness Comes Light and Hope

USS Blackheart

The word is no. We are therefore going anyway.

Shuttle Blackstar

From The Darkness of Blackest Night, Shines The Brightest Star

USS Bonaventure

Higher, Faster, Farther

(UO) Where is the #@\$&*%\$ Crew, We have none Sir

USS Braveheart

Into The Heart Darkness Comes Light and Hope

USS Bright Star

On Our Way to Great Adventure!

USS Brissany

Liberte, Fraternatie, Equalite (Liberty, Equality, Brotherhood).

Camp Wendell Fertig

In Brightest Day, In Blackest Night, No Evil Shall Escape My Sight...

USS Cape Fear

We are the music makers, and we are the dreamers of the dreams...

USS Carolina

We came: we saw: we helped dreams.

USS Celt

It's a kind of magic!

USS Charleston

Continuing the Adventure...
(UO) Bringing Trek to the Trekless...

USS Chesapeake

Protecting the Future.
(UO) The Love Boat

Shuttle Chautauqua

All the Universe is a School...

USS Comanche

The Spirit of STARFLEET

USS Confederate

To Boldly go where we ain't been yet!
(UO) There is none higher.

USS Columbia

"I wish to have no connection with any ship that does not sail fast, for I intend to go in harm's way." -- John Paul Jones

(UO) Listen to the colour of your dreams

USS Columbus

A vision of the Future
(UO) It's only a Fan Club

USS Constellation II

Spirit of the Old, Pride of the New

USS Continuum

What the Mind can conceive and believe, it can achieve

USS Cydonia

Many Minds, One Purpose
(UO): Stand back...you don't want to be in the way when this thing goes off!

USS Czar'ak

(UO) Dining on the Final Frontier

Space Station Dark Silence

Licensed To Have Fun

USS Dauntless

Making A Difference

USS Defiance

In Provocatio Abstare (Stand As One Defiant!)

USS Destiny

Ad Astra. Ad Futurus.
(To the Stars. To the Future.)
(UO) Que Sera, Sera.
(What will be, will be.)

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| USS Dilemm Unity Thru Diversity (UO) We find Solutions for all your Dilemmas! | (UO) We are NOT the IDIC Alliance | USS Malverne In Harm's way (UO)- Ne Conjuge Nobiscum | Closest to the Final Frontier | Winds of Change. |
| USS Discovery The Gateway to the Universe is Discovery | USS Imperium: Ultimus Finis Defendemus (Defending the Final Frontier) (UO) Illigitime non Carbarundum (Don't let the bastards get you down.) | USS Mir Anything Worth Fighting For is Worth Fighting Dirty For | USS Polaris Prepare for Tomorrow | USS Stormbringer Storming the Final frontier. |
| USS Edgar D. Mitchell If You Can Dream It, You Can Do It. | USS Ingram There can be only one | USS Marko Ramius Making the world a better place: one party at a time. | USS Potemkin: There's no Justice, Just us | USS Superior There will be no future without a better present. |
| USS Earhart The Higher, The Fewer!. | Space Station Ian Fleming When you've got a job to do, You've gotta do it well... | USS Matrix Cyberspace: The Final Frontier Matrix Rangers: Everybody comes back! | USS Powhatan To Honor the Past, and Explore the Future | USS The Sullivans We Stick together |
| USS Empress Serving today, to protect the future. | USS Intangible The Pride of Starfleet | USS Morning Star Whatever it is, let me help | USS Providence Proud to Serve. Quick to Defend. Forever Free. | USS Tempest The calm within the storm. |
| USS Encounter In Pace Venivimus: Incognitum Vincimus: In Peace we come: the unknown we conquer. | USS Intrepid II Veritas Est Aeterna | USS Mystique Boldly going forward.... | USS Queen To knight what has never been knighted before. | USS Tejas Embracing Friendship through Flights of Fantasy |
| USS Endeavor At the fore, and ever more (UO) Heaven wouldn't have us and Hell was afraid we would shed on the furniture! | USS Jamestown Let me Help | USS Nexus Between Thought and Expression, There Lies a Lifetime | USS Renegade Friendship Must Dare to Risk | USS Texas Don't Mess With Texas |
| Shuttle Endurance Fortune favors the Bold | USS Jeannette Maddox Ad Astra Per Aspera (To The Stars Through Hard Work.) | USS Nighthawk Soaring to Higher Adventures! | USS Relentless: We shall forever hide among you, oh ye star which are imperishable. | USS Thagard: (UO) Pushing Back the Final Frontier |
| USS Equinox Study, but touch. Learn, and later know' (UO) Where the Heck are we? (UO) We brake for Moose . | USS Joan Of Arc The Standard No Other Could Bear (UO) The Word...the word is no. We are therefore going anyway. | USS Nightshade If you're not having fun, you're not doing it right! | USS Reprisal To Explore, To Defend, and To Serve | USS Trident Chew on This |
| USS Excalibur Strong as steel and set in stone. | USS Joshua Appraising the final frontier (UO) We gladly feast on those who would subdue us | USS Nimitz Forward into the unknown | Shuttle Reuben James Returning with a vengeance | USS Trinity Dawn Second to the right and straight on 'til morning |
| USS Fahrion Service...Exploration...Tenacity | USS Konkordium And the Sky's the Limit | USS Northstar Unity through diversity, Together we can make a difference (UO) Speak softly and carry a big weapons pod. | USS Rodger Young To try is oh but a simple quest, but to succeed is the true adventure | USS Triumph: Be Afraid Be Very Afraid... |
| USS Fox River Dead Warriors Have No Victories | USS Krazny Oktyabr We Sail into History Creed: Peace Through Superior Firepower Again, how original... (UO1): This is fun, dammit! (UO2) Repeat to yourself, it's just a club, I should really just relax | Space Station Nikola Tesla Dream not of Today. | USS Ronald E. McNair Helping Out in The Spirit of the 24th Century | USS Triton Expanding the Frontier for the Next Generation! |
| USS Gallant Virtu et Armis (UO) ...a three-hour tour... | USS Lagrange The Pride Of The Fleet. (UO) It's a Lagrange World of Love | USS O'Bannon Fighting Maniacs | USS Royal Sovereign In Honor we Serve, In Valor we Preserve. | USS Toronto To boldly go in charity and diversity. |
| USS Gemini Lost in the Stars... | USS Lancelot Tout a Vous: At your Service | USS Oberon Dream Not of Today | USS Rubicon Once you cross the Rubicon, There's no turning back | USS Umiak To boldly go with all she'll hold. |
| USS Guardian: We're Starfleet officers, weird is part of the job. (UO) By the Power of the Moon.... | USS Lexington By the Sword we seek Peace, but Peace only under Liberty (UO) Peace thru superior firepower | USS Odyssey To Boldly Go Where No Man Has Gone Before...A Woman Shall Lead. | USS Sagittarius To Reach Beyond | USS Ursus Fidelity, Ferocity, Finality |
| USS Gryphon Truth above all | USS Omega Glory From Courage, Glory | USS Ohio Preserve the Past Protect the Future | USS Rutledge An Iron Fist in a Velvet Glove | USS Valiant Expanding the Frontiers of Knowledge |
| USS Hawkeye Remember! No matter where you go, there you are! | USS Orion To the Stars... and Beyond | USS Oklahoma Bridging the Gap from Pearl Harbor to the Stars... | USS Shadowguard Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic | USS Valkyrie Fear not the Darkness, For the stars will light the way |
| USS Hephaestus Always Onward | USS Osiris ...and the stars shall be our guides. | USS Omar Khayyam The Moving Finger Writes... | Space Station Shadowstar Defending the Final Frontier... | USS Vanguard The Most Dangerous Ship in the Fleet! Old: The Future in Arkansas Also: The Cutting Edge of Service Creed: Dunivan's Law: It's a fan club, stupid. |
| USS Hexum Determination, Perseverance, Strength. | USS Paegan Leading the Way To Peace (UO) We came, We drank, and we've been kicked out of better places than this! | USS Omega Glory From Courage, Glory | USS Shiloh To Learn from the Past in Order to Seek the Future... | Shuttle Vigilant For the Price of Liberty... or Pro Pretium Libertarium... |
| USS Highlander Per Mare, Per Terras, Per Stella (By the Sea, By the Land, By the Stars.) (UO) Don't Lose Your Head. :) | USS Paegan Leading the Way To Peace (UO) We came, We drank, and we've been kicked out of better places than this! | USS Orion To the Stars... and Beyond | USS Solar Flare To Discover is to Keep Learning. | USS Vindicator Bandaging the Final Frontier |
| USS Hood The few the proud the outrageous | USS Peagun Leading the Way To Peace (UO) We came, We drank, and we've been kicked out of better places than this! | USS Osiris ...and the stars shall be our guides. | USS Sovereign Strength, Wisdom, Imagination, and Fighting Spirit!!! | USS Wernher Von Braun The Dream began here! (UO) Ve shoot for der stars..., but sometimes ve hit London... |
| USS Horizon To push back the darkness of space so that others may follow. Slogan: Leading Edge of the Future. | USS Pioneer Caring and Sharing | USS Paegan Leading the Way To Peace (UO) We came, We drank, and we've been kicked out of better places than this! | USS Star Union In Defense of Knowledge and Freedom. | USS White Eagle Dream to touch the stars, Live to touch your dreams |
| USS Hornet Vespa ad Astra! (Hornet to the stars!) | USS Peacekeeper Guardians of the Final Frontier (UO) We're the good times the Romuluns warned you about. | USS Orion To the Stars... and Beyond | USS Starward Fury Leading in to the Future | USS Wind Spirit We must go and see for ourselves... |
| USS IDIC We rejoice in our differences. | USS Pendragon Caring and Sharing | USS Osiris ...and the stars shall be our guides. | USS Stellar Wind We Blow 'Em Away! CO's personal motto is: Illegitimus non Carborundum | USS Winter Solstice The Beginning of the End of Darkness |
| | USS Pioneer Caring and Sharing | USS Paegan Leading the Way To Peace (UO) We came, We drank, and we've been kicked out of better places than this! | USS Storm Bird The Wings of Destiny fly on the | USS Wolf To the brave belong all things... |
| | USS Pioneer Caring and Sharing | USS Paegan Leading the Way To Peace (UO) We came, We drank, and we've been kicked out of better places than this! | USS Storm Bird The Wings of Destiny fly on the | USS Yeager Punch a hole in the sky... |



FLEET ACTIVITY REPORT

BY FLEET CAPTAIN DIXIE HALBER, CQ SUMMARIES COORDINATOR

Summer is conference and convention time. Many ships made the trip west for the IC, while in the East Shore Leave still proves to be the place to be. Nearly every ship from Region 7 was represented and several neighboring regions as well. In addition to going to conventions and conferences, ships enjoyed the summer with cookouts, pool parties and barbecues.

Region 1

USS Aeon, NCC - 75022 Memphis, TN

Ship celebrated it's 4th anniversary with games and food at a members home. Crew also welcomed a new CO to the helm.

USS Alaric, NCC - 503 Asheville, NC

Recycling efforts continue. An away team toured a local museum. Ship planning for 20th anniversary events.

USS Appomattox, NCC - 75001 Appomattox, VA

Crewmembers enjoyed parties and a barbecue, even though the weather threatened to dampen things a bit. Plans underway for the ships 1st anniversary.

USS Aries, NCC - 71806 Johnson City, TN

Crewmembers are hard a work on a fan film.

USS Asgard, NCC - 72402 Lancaster, OH

Crewmembers had an exceptionally busy summer as away teams attended ball games, fireworks displays, cook outs, plays, festivals and many other activities. Ship donated school supplies to area and foreign schools.

USS Athena, NCC - 51896 Reston, VA

Crewmembers volunteered at Shore Leave in a variety of positions. Fundraising efforts for the Julien Fleming Memorial Fund were extremely successful. Away teams also enjoyed a few movie nights.

Bennu Station, SFR - 119 Gatlinburg, TN

Crewmembers participated in a 4th of July parade that was a rousing success. Away teams also enjoyed several movie events.

USS Bonaventure, NCC - 102-A Greensboro, NC

Ship celebrated its anniversary in July. An away team attended DragonCon.

USS Carolina, NCC - 74222 Greenville, SC

Crewmembers volunteered at a local baseball game.

USS Charleston, NCC - 71813 Charleston, SC

Crewmembers enjoyed picnics, movie nights and putt-putt outings. Collection efforts for Ronald McDonald house and OCP continue.

USS Chesapeake, NCC - 1887 Richmond, VA

Away teams enjoyed museum trips and a visit to King's Dominion.

USS Columbus, NCC - 72401 Columbus, OH

Recent cook-off was a huge success. Ship sponsored a raffle for tickets to a local renaissance faire.

Shuttle Dark Wolf, NCC - 75002 Blountville, TN

Crew gearing up for projects and activities.

USS Dominator, NCC - 18076 N. Charleston, SC

Away teams various fireworks displays to celebrate the 4th. Crewmembers attended an IMAX movie with other area chapters. OCP efforts continue.

Shuttle Francis Marion Greenville, SC

Commissioning plans underway.

USS Heimdal, NCC - 1793 Madison Heights, VA

The CO and CCO appeared on a local television station to promote the ships annual auction for charity. The appearance and the auction were a great success. An away team enjoyed a day at the lake with boating swimming and lots of good food. OCP efforts continue.

USS Hornet, NCC - 1714-D Charlotte, NC

Crewmembers enjoyed a restaurant night. An away team attended the sectional picnic. OCP efforts continue.

USS Jamestown, NCC - 1843-D Hampton, VA

Away teams enjoyed numerous outings including book discussions, conventions

and dinners. Crewmembers enjoyed an Enterprise night. Volunteer efforts at the Virginia Air and Space Center continue. OCP efforts continue as well. Crewmembers participated in a blood drive.

USS Jurassic, NCC - 3500 Hamersville, OH

The crew celebrated it's new affiliation with the American Radio Relay League. Afghan project continues to provide blankets to infants in need. OCP and Stampede efforts continue. Ship participated in the annual radio field day.

USS Lewis B Puller, SFR - 123 Sumberville, SC

Crew enjoyed their monthly meeting.

USS Maelstrom, NCC - 74218 Hertford, NC

An away team traveled to DragonCon. A trip to the Virginia Air and Space Center is in the works. The moving crew pitched in and helped a crewmember move.

USS Normandy, NCC - 36000 Correspondence

An away team attended the IC and had a wonderful, if exhausting time.

USS Ohio, NCC - 75007 Barberton, OH

Ship sponsored a summer yard sale. An away team answered phone for a PBS pledge drive. A very successful recruitment drive was held at the library open house.

USS Powhatan, NCC - 1967-A Chesapeake, VA

An away team pitched in to help clean the ships adopted spot. Crew members enjoyed a summer picnic and pool party.

USS Questar, NCC - 75435 Louisville, KY

Away teams enjoyed moving outings. Crew is anticipating each new installment of the chip story. Work on the website and handbook continues.

USS R. E McNair, NCC - 61809 Columbia, SC

Crewmembers celebrated a fellow crewmember's new home with a cookout. Collections efforts for OCP continue.

USS Rutledge, NX - 72415 Ladsen, SC

An away team attended an IMAX Movie with another area chapter. Operation Eagle efforts continue. Crew continues to prepare for completion of EFCP.

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

An away team attended nearby DragonCon.

USS Starward Fury, NCC - 2122 Fayetteville, NC

Crew kept busy with regular meetings and activity days.

USS Tempest, NCC - 21556 Harlan, KY

Crew had an easy summer. CO has relocated and is gearing up for a big event.

USS Tycho, NCC - 59325 Toledo, OH

Crew welcome a new command staff. Recruiting plans are underway for the upcoming Star Trek movie.

USS Wasp, NCC - 1721 Bristol, VA

Crewmembers are working on website revisions and crew handbook revisions.

USS West Virginia, NCC - 2008 Charlestown, WV

Crew recuperating from coloring book detail. 250 books were created for a summer reading program.

USS Yeager, NCC - 61893 Bluefield, WV

Crewmembers enjoyed a picnic and auction.

USS Yorktown, NCC - 1704-A York, SC

Recruitment plans underway. Crew had a picnic planned but changed it to a movie event when the weather proofed inhospitable.

Region 2

USS Continuum, NCC - 71821 Pensacola, FL

Crewmembers celebrated the 4th of July with a picnic and enjoyed a fireworks display. meeting

USS Dark Silence Station Florence, FL

Crewmembers enjoyed the ships annual pool party. Ship donated can labels to the local school system. Plans for the fall underway.

USS DaVinci, NCC - 74671 Columbus, GA

Crewmembers celebrated the 4th of July with a cookout. Great food was enjoyed by all. The ships can tab collection efforts were spotlighted by the local paper.

USS Draco, NCC - 78501 Cullman, AL

An away team attended the Hephaestus cookout. Crewmembers enjoyed movie and game nights.

USS Drakenfire, NCC - 71822 Odenville, AL

Crewmembers continue to enjoy joint weekends with the USS Spiritwalker. An away team attended a local fair.

USS Gasparilla, NCC - 74400 Tampa, FL

Krewemembers enjoyed a local convention. An away team enjoyed a Putt-Putt event with a potential new member.

USS Guardian, NCC - 26244 Cape Canaveral, FL

Many plans for future activities in the works. Change of command underway.

USS Haise, NCC - 74664 Jackson, MS

Crewmembers celebrated the 4th of July with lots of food and beverages. An away team traveled to the wedding of two fellow Fleetmembers.

USS Hephaestus, NCC - 2004 Birmingham, AL

An away team traveled to the nearby wedding of two Fleetmembers. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night.

USS Jubilee, NCC - 57299 Mobile, AL

Crewmembers celebrated the 4th with several local chapters. Crewmembers also celebrated the wedding of its CO.

USS Khai Tam, NCC - 81000 Tallahassee, FL

Crew participated in regular trail cleaning. An away team traveled to Vulkan. Crewmembers enjoyed a poker night.

USS Liberty, NCC - 75012 Panama City, FL

Ship celebrated its anniversary on the 4th of July. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night. Recruitment efforts continue.

**USS Odyssey, NCC - 454-A
Hattiesburg, FL**

A small away team attended the wedding of two Fleetmembers. Crewmembers enjoyed the ships annual sleep over at a local garden center.

**USS Okatoma, NCC - 74695
Collins, MS**

An away team attended shore leave at a nearby state park. Another away team attended a Fleet wedding, which received local news coverage.

**USS Paegan, NCC - 1755
Orlando, FL**

An away team attended a local convention. The security crew received some 21st century training. Crewmembers enjoyed a shore leave of shopping and hiking.

**USS Parallax, NCC - 74657
Middleburg, FL**

Crew continues to work on VRCP.

**USS Rogue Phoenix, NCC-75005
Savannah, FL**

Away teams enjoyed a variety of activities including a cookout, several movie nights and a nearby convention.

**USS Spiritwalker, NCC - 31097
Decatur, AL**

Crewmembers enjoyed several movie night. The ship participated in joint events with the Drakenfire. The ship once again donated food and treats to a local animal shelter.

**USS Vindicator, NCC - 74212
Tuscaloosa, AL**

Crewmembers already hard at work for IC 2003.

**USS W. Von Braun, NCC - 72069
Huntsville, AL**

The ship sponsored an Aerospace Day that was attended by several crewmembers, other area chapters and the general public. In addition to being able to view airplanes attendees also had the opportunity to fire model rockets.

**USS Yamato, NCC - 71087
Pinson, AL**

An away team traveled to Tampa for Vulkan. Another away team traveled to visit a fellow crewmember in their new home.

Region 3

**USS Ark Angel, NCC - 74622
Georgetown, TX**

Crew is hard at work on a new by-laws for the ship. Marine unit participated in drills.

**USS Aurora Vulcanus, NCC - 1888
Houston, TX**

An away team attended a pool party thrown by the Spirit Wolf. Ship is starting its 19th year in service to the Fleet.

**USS Bethel, NCC - 74663
Grapevine, TX**

An away team attended a movie night with other regional ships. Crewmembers celebrated the ships anniversary. An away team attended a local science fiction and toy show.

**USS Bexar, NCC - 71718
San Antonio, TX**

Ship celebrated its anniversary with a dinner at Dave and Busters. Ship

donated goods and money to the Salvation Army flood relief fund. An away team participated in the Region 3 dart tournament.

**USS Comanche, NCC - 71809
Fort Worth, TX**

An away team participated in the region's dart tournament. Plans underway for the ships 10th anniversary.

**USS Devastator, NCC - 10533
Paris, TX**

Crew enjoyed their monthly meeting

**Shuttle Firebird, NCC - 74662/1
Houston, TX**

Crewmembers enjoyed a barbecue and game night.

**SS Freedom Station II, NCC - SS001
Eules, TX**

An away team attended a movie night with other area chapters. Another away team attended the wedding of fellow Fleet members.

**USS Intangible, NCC - 65421
Bryan, TX**

Crew gearing up for a local convention.

**USS Joan of Arc, NCC - 73289
Corpus Christi, TX**

The crew welcomed a new cadet born in July. The ship celebrated the CO's birthday with a potluck dinner.

**Shuttle John Marshall, NCC - 74750
Perryton, TX**

Work to get the shuttle ready for commissioning is underway, including the membership handbook, webpage refit and ficiton.

**Shuttle Laredo, NCC - 71718/03
Laredo, TX**

Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night.

**USS Palo Duro, NCC - 61914
Amarillo, TX**

Ship sponsored a garage sale to raise funds for tornado victims.

**USS Panther City, NCC - 74917
Fort Worth, TX**

Ship celebrated the 4th of July with a party at a local restaurant. Crewmembers enjoyed a darts and dominoes night.

**USS Lone Star, NCC - 73628
Lubbock, TX**

Ship participated in a 4th of July parade. Crewmembers enjoyed many activity nights including movie , dinner and game nights. An away team participated in the R3 Dart tournament.

**USS Rhyanna, NCC - 1892
Austin, TX**

Ship celebrated its first anniversary. Crewmembers collected food for a local food bank.

**USS Spirit Wolf, NCC - 74300
Houston, TX**

Crewmembers enjoyed a picnic and pool party. Ship conducted a food drive for a local food bank.

**USS Tejas, NCC - 9756
Vernon, TX**

Collection efforts for various charities continue.

**USS Texas, NCC - 74207
Killeen, TX**

Recruiting efforts continue

**USS Victory, NCC - 74208
San Antonio, TX**

Crewmembers enjoyed several movie nights. The ship donated supplies to flood victims. The Crew attended a wedding of two of their own.

Region 4

**USS Angeles, NCC - 71840
Los Angeles, CA**

An away team traveled to San Jose for the IC. Crewmembers attended a special Star Trek II, The Wrath of Khan screening featuring a talk by Nick Meyer, Harve Bennett, Walter Koenig and George Takei.

**USS Angelfire, NCC- 75025
Phoenix, AZ**

An away team attended the IC in San Jose. The flight home proved productive when the team was seated across from a Star Trek actor. They told him all bout STARFLEET and he will be in contact with them to provide scripts, photos and other fundraising items.

**USS Augusta Ada, NCC - 55011
San Francisco, CA**

Crewmembers enjoyed regular monthly meetings and celebrated the award given to the ships website.

**Cascade Station, NCC - SS0003
Redding, CA**

An away team attended the IC. Plans are underway for the ships annual barbecue.

**USS Centurion, NCC - 74801
Moreno Valley, CA**

An away team traveld to the R17 conference to advertise the IC. Plans underway for future activities.

**USS Dragon's Club, NCC - 81003
Shafter, CA**

An away team traveled to a nearby college for a piano recital and fundraiser. An away team also traveld to a children's hospital to teach the Harry Potter Card Game.

**USS Highroller, NCC - 23104
Reno, NV**

Plans underway for the ships 10th anniversary.

**USS K'Ehleyr Station, NCC - SS0009
Las Vegas, NV**

Ship had an informal meeting.

**USS Northern Lights, NCC - 27001
San Jose, CA**

The ship celebrated its 10th anniversary with a party and water war.

**USS Onizuka, NCC - 71815
Chico, CA**

Crewmembers worked hard for the IC but had a wonderful time.

**USS Peacekeeper, NCC - 72300
Visalia, CA**

Ship sponsored it's annual Christmas in July Toys for Tots drive. An away team attended the IC in San Jose.

**USS Pegasus, NX - 9755
Las Vegas, NV**

Crewmembers participated in a blood drive. An away team traveled to Las Vegas to meet up with some members from Region 3.

**Camp Wendell Fertig, NCC-72300/05
Fresno, CA**

An away team attended the IC. Shuttle still working towards commissioning.

Region 5

**Shuttle Achilles, NCC - 93701/1
Portland, OR**

Shuttle held its regular meeting. Many plans are in the works for future activities.

**USS Bright Star, NCC - 71875
Redmond, WA**

An away team attended Shore leaven in Maryland and the IC in San Jose.

**USS CM Russell, NCC - 75285
Great Falls, MT**

The ship sponsored a float in the local 4th of July parade. Crewmembers enjoyed their annual camping trip to Glacier National Park.

**Shuttle Cascadia, NCC - 71875/01
Camas, WA**

Much shuttle work continues including updates to the website..

**USS Crusader, NCC - 74711
Spokane, WA**

Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night and potluck dinner.

**USS Destiny, NCC - 97301
Salem, OR**

An away team attended the IC. Ship sponsored a potluck dinner for the crew.

**Shuttle Greywolf, NCC - 75016/01
Boise, ID**

The ship sponsored a float in a local 4th of July parade. An away team attended the IC in San Jose.

**USS Jaguar, NCC - 74750
Mill Creek, WA**

An away team attended the IC and hosted several highly successful room parties.

**USS Kensington, NCC - 75016
Meridian, ID**

An away team traveled to Las Vegas for a Creation Convention. While they were there they were interviewed by Paramount for inclusion in an upcoming DVD.

**USS Rubicon, NCC - 71816
Richland, WA**

Work continues on the ship's movie. An away team attended a baseball game.

**SS Unisus, SFR - 502
Newport, WA**

The crew is gearing up for a day on a local river, complete with train rides and good food.

Region 6

**Shuttle Cimarron, NCC - 81002/01
Waukesha, WI**

Shuttle celebrated its launch with a picnic and games. Plans for future activities are underway.

**USS Czar'ak, NCC - 1798-A
Minneapolis, MN**

An away team attended the Region 6 Summit. The ship participated in the region's Mini-Golf tournament, unfortunately losing by a very slim margin.

**USS Fox River, NCC - 81002
Appleton, WI**

An away team helped celebrate the launch of the Shuttle Cimarron. The crew worked hard to sponsor the Region 6 Summit but had a wonderful time while they did.

**USS Imperium, NCC - 2125
Fargo, ND**

An away team met with another area schience fiction club for a picnic in the park and more activities are planned. An away team traveled to Canada for a day of laser tag. Crewmembers volunteered at a PBS pledge drive.

**Shuttle Saint George, NCC-1798-A/11
Monticello, MN**

An away team attended the Region 6 Summit. The shuttle celebrated its win in the Region 6 Mini Golf tournament.

**USS Thunderchild, NCC - 3122
Rapid City, SD**

An away team pitched in to clean a local highway then enjoyed a potluck afterwards. Crewmembers enjoyed a meeting and movie night.

Region 7

**USS Accord, NCC - 1842
Ithaca, NY**

An away team attended Shore Leave in Baltimore. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night.

**USS Adamant, NCC - 3029
Valley Forge, PA**

An away team attended a movie night with another area chapter. An away team traveled to Baltimore for Shore Leave. The CO attended the Region 7 Conference and had a wonderful time.

**USS Albany, NCC - 587
Scotia, NY**

Away teams attended several mini-golf events. Crewmembers enjoyed the annual ship's picnic. OCP collection efforts continue.

**USS Alpha Centauri, NCC - 71812
Washington, DC**

The ship sponsored it's annual pool party. Afterwards many members attended a movie. A small away team traveled to Shore Leave in Baltimore.

**Shuttle Archer, NCC - 2205/02
Mantua, NJ**

An away team traveled to Baltimore for Shore Leave.

**USS Ascension, NCC - 2520
Lehigh Valley, PA**

An away team traveled to Ocean City for a day at the shore. Crewmembers enjoyed many dinner and movie nights. CO attended the Region 7 conference.

**USS Asimov, NCC - 1647
Yardley, PA**

An away team traveled to the IC in San Jose and the Region 7 conference.

**USS Avenger, NCC - 1860
North Brunswick, NJ**

An away team attended Shore Leave in Baltimore.

**USS Edinburgh, NCC - 77930
Gaithersburg, MD**

An away team traveled to the IC in San Jose and celebrated the ship's commissioning. Another away team ventured to Shore Leave in Baltimore. Online game playing got underway.

**Shuttle Flying Fox, NCC - 556/01
Chestnut Hill, PA**

Crewmembers are enjoying a book discussion group. Away teams attended Shore Leave and the Region 7 Conference. Crewmembers gathered to celebrate the wedding of two of their own.

**USS Hera, NCC - 70655
Northfield, NJ**

Away teams attended Shore Leave and the convention in Philadelphia. Plans for fall activities underway.

**USS Highlander, NCC - 10530
Frederick, MD**

An away team attended Shore Leave and conducted a highly successful auction for the Polar Bear Plunge. Plans are underway to attend the Maryland Renaissance faire.

**USS IDIC, NCC - 71811
Washington, DC**

Crewmembers volunteered at Farpoint. An away team attended Shore Leave. Plans for fall activities are underway.

**USS Justice, NCC - 556
Florham Park, NJ**

The ship helped promote Men in Black II at a local theatre and received wonderful coverage in the local newspaper. Away teams traveled to Shore Leave and to the Region 7 conference.

**USS Lone Wolf, NCC - 72214
Ocean City, MD**

After a quiet year, the ship is planning activities for the coming year.

**USS Malverne, NCC - 2205
Upper Darby, PA**

Away teams attended a camping event and Shore Leave in Baltimore.

**USS Matrix, NCC - 72296
Correspondence**

The ship is still celebrating the commissioning of their shuttle. Several members arranged visits with each other during the summer months.

**Shuttle Niagara, NCC - 1842/01
Buffalo, NY**

An away team traveled to Toronto for a convention. Work on membership materials in progress. Ship is collecting food for an area food bank.

**USS Northstar, NCC - 10462
New York, NY**

Crewmembers enjoyed a meeting and Enterprise night. An away team enjoyed a picnic with another area chapter.

**USS Prevailing Wind, NCC - 74667
Harrisburg, PA**

Crewmembers enjoyed a camping trip. Ship surprised one of its members with a birthday party.

**USS Richthofen, NCC - 1162
Correspondence**

Crew successfully held first annual Gettysburg Camping trip. Plans are already underway for the next one.

**USS Sovereign, NCC - 75000
Philadelphia, PA**

An away team attended Shore Leave in Baltimore. The ship had a very successful yard sale.

**USS Starlord, NCC - 74225
Ramsey, NJ**

An away team traveled to Las Vegas. Ship celebrated its third anniversary.

**USS Sun Tzu, NCC - 5373
Chester, NY**

Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights, role playing nights and Shore Leave.

**USS Thagard, NCC - 652
Philadelphia, PA**

An away team attended Shore Leave

and raised over 500.00 for the ship's charity. A bowlathon was held to raise money for the same charity.

**Shuttle Titanium, NCC - 5373/01
Horsham, PA**

An away team attended Shore Leave. The crew is working on the ship's handbook and constitution.

**USS Triton, NCC - 71819
Glen Burnie, MD**

Crewmembers celebrated the 4th of July with a cookout. Two days later they did it again with a pool party! An away team attended Shore Leave. Collection efforts for OCP continue. Ship donated canned goods to a local food bank.

Region 9

**USS Saga, NCC - 72301
Reykjavik, Iceland**

Crewmembers enjoyed a Star Trek episode night.

Region 10

**USS Astra, NCC - 04
Calgary, AB**

Crewmembers attended a science fiction and literary convention.

**USS Crystal Star, NCC 1160
Anchorage, AK**

An away team attended a local convention. Crewmembers enjoyed a barbecue and movie night.

**USS Majestic, NCC - 78601
Victoria, BC**

An away team attended the IC in San Jose.

Region 11

**USS Southern Cross, NCC - 1886
Sydney, NSW Australia**

An away team traveled to Canberra to visit the Museum of Science.

Region 12

**USS Adjudicator, NCC - 73707
Kansas City, MO**

Fall plans are underway.

**USS Black Hawk, NCC - 75004
Rockford, IL**

Crew is looking forward to an upcoming convention.

**USS BortaS, NCC - 74211
Urbana, IL**

Crewmembers participated in a community event at a local park. Plans underway for a fundraiser.

**USS Celt, NCC - 75018
Fayetteville, AR**

An away team attended Klingon games sponsored by another area ship. Crewmembers enjoyed a cookout and movie night.

**USS Concord, NCC - 1989-D
Oklahoma City, OK**

Crew involved in a secret plot with the USS Star Empire.

**USS Delta Clipper, NCC - 72302
Atchison, KS**

Crew is planning for a Flea market. Also making plans for fall.

**USS Discovery, NCC - 1308
St. Louis, MO**

Crewmembers enjoyed a variety of activities including a winery tour, bowling night and a birthday party.

**USS Flying Fortress, NCC - 31904
Tulsa, OK**

Crewmembers collected school supplies for overseas schools. Recycling efforts continue.

**USS Hellfire & Brimstone, NCC- 3143
Emporia, KS**

Ship gearing up for an upcoming camping trip.

**USS Hexum, NCC - 2199
Belleville, IL**

Crewmembers participated in a blood drive. An away team enjoyed a movie night.

**USS Horizon, NCC - 1000-B
Columbia, MO**

Crewmembers enjoyed dinner and movie nights.

**USS Jeannette Maddox, NCC - 14514
Wichita, KS**

An away team attended an event at an area lake. Plans underway for the ship's anniversary.

**USS Marko Ramius, NCC - 23103
Fayetteville, AR**

Crewmembers celebrated the 4th of July with a party. Plans underway for the ship's 10th anniversary.

**USS Mystique, NCC - 58929
Russellville, AR**

OCP, recycling and other collection efforts continue.

**USS Phoenix, NCC - 2155
Columbia, MO**

Crewmembers enjoyed a game days. Preparations for the for the Missouri sector barbecue are underway.

**Shuttle Ronin, NCC - 63542
Oklahoma City, OK**

Ship sponsored a highly successful paintball event.

**USS Royal Sovereign, NCC - 72201
Shawnee, KS**

Crewmembers enjoyed their monthly get together with the Adjudicator. An away team attended a happy hour and movie night.

**USS Thunderbird, NCC - 71845
Oklahoma City, OK**

Plans underway for a merging party. An away team attended a local convention.

**USS Tiospaye, NCC - 4102
Urbana, IL**

Members continue to enjoy weekly roleplaying sessions. Ship sponsored a promotion at a local theatre for the release of Men in Black II.

**USS Umiak, NCC - 3142
St. Louis, MO**

Crewmembers enjoyed a several movie nights. Preparations underway for an upcoming convention.

**Shuttle William Wallace
Joplin, MO**

Recruitment plans underway as well as commissioning plans.

**USS Witchfire, NCC - 75006
Harrison, AR**

Ship celebrated its first anniversary.

Region 13

**USS Banting, NCC 17220
Guelph, ON**

An away team traveled to Toronto for a

convention. The ship sponsored a Mini-golf tournament. Fundraising efforts for the local humane society continue.

**USS Empress, NCC-15025-A
Sterling Heights, MI**

An away team toured the Henry Ford Museum and then took in an IMAX movie. Another away team traveled to San Jose for the IC.

**USS Hadfield, NCC - 75020
Georgetown, ON Canada**

Ship sponsored a camping trip. An away team held a membership drive at a local convention. The ship sponsored an astronomy night at another camp out.

**USS Valkyrie, NCC-74658
Dearborn, MI**

Crewmembers enjoyed a picnic. An away team visited the Detroit Science Museum with another area chapter.

**USS Whitestar, NCC - 71012
Port Huron, MI**

Crew celebrated the 4th with a cookout. An away team traveled to the commissioning part for the Hadfield.

Region 14

**USS Magellan, NCC - 72014
Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec**

Ship sponsored its first annual campout. Attendance was small but a good time was had. An away team traveled to San Jose for the IC.

Region 15

USS Anubis, NCC - 586

An away team enjoyed lunch and a movie. An away team traveled to South Carolina to visit with crewmembers there.

**USS Ares, NCC - 26291
Boston, MA**

Crewmembers enjoyed a movie and lunch with the regular monthly meeting. Plans for the ships 3rd anniversary are underway as are plans to attend this year's United Fan Con.

**USS Darwin, NCC - 1116
Brockton, MA**

Crewmembers making plans for United Fan Con and for a visit to a local faire.

**USS Hood, NCC - 1707
Nashua, NH**

Crew celebrated the wedding of two of their own.

**Station Ian Flemming, SFR-1501
Newburyport, MA**

An away team attended a nearby renaissance faire and a barbecue.

**USS O'Bannon, NCC - 5372
Sanford, ME**

Ship sponsored its first annual minigolf tournament. An away team traveled to Bangor to help open the Challenger Interactive Exhibit. Crewmembers helped out at the New England Deaf Camp and presented the camp with a sizable check.

**USS Omar Khayyam, NCC - 79001
Watertown, MA**

An away team toured the Plimouth Plantation. Another away team toured the North Carolina Outer Banks.

**Shuttle Paul Revere, NCC - 5374/01
Arlington, MA**

Shuttle work well underway. Crew making plans for lots of winter events.

**USS Tsunami, NCC - 5374
Manchester, MA**

An away team traveled to Region 7 for Shore Leave.

Region 17

**USS Alioth, NCC - 72383
Orem/Provo, UT**

The crew held their annual yard sale to raise money for Sub For Santa. Collection efforts for OCP continue. Ship held its annual picnic.

**USS Anasazi, NCC - 62001
Albuquerque, NM**

Ship celebrated its first anniversary with a large party. Many ships from the region were represented. An away team traveled to San Jose for the IC.

**USS Arc Royall, NCC - 63546
Colorado Springs, CO**

Ship sponsored its annual 4th of July party which was a rousing success. An away team traveled to the IC.

**USS Mir, NCC - 73281
Las Cruces, NM**

Crewmembers enjoyed a game night. Collection efforts for OCP continue. An away team attended the anniversary party of the Anasazi.

**USS Stormbringer, NCC - 74213
Englewood, CO**

An Away team traveled to the IC. The helped the CO celebrate his promotion.

Region 20

**Shuttle Valiant, NCC - 75635
London, England**

Recruitment efforts continue and the shuttle continues to grow.

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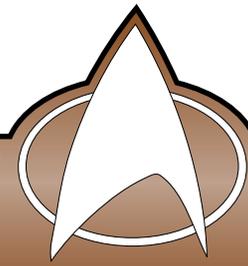
By Manon Lessard-Belanger

Lately, XO Commander Joost Ueffing has made many contacts with Star Trek fans from Nova Scotia, Canada.

Region 14 currently has only one Starship, that being the chapter based in Quebec, Canada. It counts 12 crewmembers, five from Nova Scotia and seven from Quebec (the province). We are still looking for members from Newfoundland, New Brunswick and Prince-Edward-Island, to fully represent **Region 14** (<http://www.delhaven.ns.ca/r14/>).

If Joost succeeds in recruiting five new members (or more), he will be able to start a shuttle. But to be allowed 2 ships in our Region, we would then need at least 3 additional members (from Quebec / Newfoundland / New Brunswick / Prince-Edward-Island, to be still attached to the current Starship).

So - to every reader (from Eastern Canada) of the Communiqué: would you care to join us? You're more than welcome to do so!



UPCOMING CONVENTIONS

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Alabama

Mar 7-9 STARFLEET Region 2 Summit, Huntsville, Alabama; Info: 1105 Oak Creek Trail, Birmingham AL 35215 <http://www.omnifacets.com/region2/Region2RC@aol.com> Benefits: Juvenile Diabetes Foundation

California

Nov 17 DragonFest, Glendale, California; Info: 2300 West Victory # C195, Burbank, Ca 91506 Ph: 800-332-3330 x112 <http://www.dragonfest.com/info@dragonfest.com> Benefits: Pediatric Aids

Nov 22-24 Creation, Burbank, California; Info: 1010 N. Central Ave, 4th Floor, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com> Guests: Claudia Black, Gigi Edgley, Wayne Pygram, Anthony Simcoe, Kent McCord, Raelee Hill

Nov 29-Dec 1 LosCon, Burbank, California; Info: 11513 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601 Ph: 818-760-9234 <http://www.loscon.org/loscon/29/loscon29.info@loscon.org> Guests: David Weber, Nene Thomas

Dec 6-8 SMOFCon 20, San

Diego, California; Info: 3118 Via Valesco, Escondido, CA 92029 <http://www.smofcon.org/smofdiego@fopaws.com>

Jan 18-19 Celebrity Autograph Collector's show, Hollywood, California; Info: PO Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/hcs@atlantic.net>

Jan 23-27 Further Confusion, San Jose, California; Info: PMB #236, 105 Serra Way, Milpitas, CA 95035 <http://www.furtherconfusion.org/info@urtherconfusion.org>

Feb 7-9 Creation, Pasadena, California; Info: 1010 N. Central Ave, 4th Floor, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com>

Feb 14-17 Gallifrey One, Los Angeles, California; Info: PO Box 3021, North Hollywood, CA 91609 Ph: 818-752-3756 <http://www.gallifreyone.com/info@gallifreyone.com> Guests: Colin Baker

Feb 21-23 Potlatch, San Francisco, California; Info: PO Box 3042, San Ramon, CA 94583 <http://www.potlatch-sf.org/info@potlatch-sf.org> Benefits: Clarion West

Florida

Nov 23-24 Vulkon, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkon.com/ToyShow/joemotes@aol.com> Guests: Richard Hatch

Jan 11-12 Florida Extravaganza, Orlando, Florida; Info: 2141 47th St, Sarasota, Florida 34234 Ph: 941-360-6666 x102 <http://www.fxshow.com/bzalkin@aol.com>

Feb 10-14 Nikita Cruise 2003: Mexico Mission, Miami, Florida; Info: Oversight Productions Inc, PO Box 2036, Jacksonville, FL 32203-2036 http://www.oversight.org/oversight_1@att.net

Feb 28-Mar 2 MegaCon, Orlando, Florida; Info: 4023 Tampa Rd, Suite 2400, Oldsmar, FL 34677 Ph: 813-891-1702 <http://www.megaconvention.com/info@megaconvention.com>

Georgia

Jan 10-12 Gafilk, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: PMB 150, 890-F Atlanta Street, Roswell, GA 30075 <http://www.gafilk.org/> Guests: Bob Asprin, Sherman Dorn, Jeff Hitchin

Apr 17-20 Fantasm, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: 67 Gail Drive, Athens, GA 30606 Ph: 706-369-1561 <http://www.fantasm.org/info@fantasm.org>

Illinois

Nov 29-Dec 1 Chicago TARDIS, Arlington Heights, Illinois; Info: PO Box 2660, Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60138 Ph: 888-734-7386/630-790-0905 <http://www.chicagotardis.com/gene@chicagotardis.com>

Nov 29-Dec 1 ChamBanaCon, Springfield, Illinois; Info: PO Box 199016, Indianapolis, IN 46219-9016 <http://www.chambanacon.org/turkey@chambanacon.org> Guests: Gene Roddenberry Jr., Glen Cook, Dr. Bob Passavoy

Feb 6-9 Capricon, Arlington Heights, Illinois; Info: PO Box 60085, Chicago, IL 60660 <http://www.capricon.org/info@capricon.org>

Feb 7-9 Winter Wars, Champaign, Illinois; Info: 304 E. Sherman Box 1012, St. Joseph, IL 61813 Ph: 217-469-9917 Website: <http://www.prairienet.org/winterwar/> Email: winterwar@prairienet.org

Indiana

Nov 22-24 Gamefest -- Indy, Indianapolis, Indiana; Info: PO Box 718, Antwerp, OH 45813 Ph: 877-977-4263 <http://www.advantageconvention.com/gamefest@advantageconvention.com>

Nov 29-Dec 1 Slanted Fedora, Indianapolis, Indiana; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/SFedora1@aol.com> Guests: Peter Mayhew, Ron Perlman

Iowa

Feb 14-16 Gamicon, Coralville, Iowa; Info: PO Box 525, Iowa City, IA 52244-0525 <http://www.mindbridge.org/gamicon/gamicon@mindbridge.org>

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/Shawn/Shawn20.htm> RPKKC@aol.com Guests: Aaron Williams

Maryland

Dec 7 Fanex - Mini-dealers Room, Timonium, Maryland; Info: 9721 Britinay Lane, Baltimore, MD 21234 Ph: 410-665-1198 <http://www.midmar.com/filmfest.html> MMarquee@aol.com

Feb 14-16 Farpoint, Hunt Valley, Maryland; Info: 6099 Hunt Club Road, Elkridge, MD 2107 Ph: 410-579-1257 Website: <http://www.bcpl.net/~wilsonr/> Email: trekcontact@home.com Guests: Armin Shimerman, Lolita Fatjo, Michael Jan Friedman, David R. George III, Bob Greenberger, Inge Heyer, Marc Okrand, Howard Weinstein, Beverly J. Volker

Mar 7-9 Son of Fanex, Timonium, Maryland; Info: 9721 Britinay Lane, Baltimore, MD 21234 Ph: 410-665-1198 <http://www.midmar.com/filmfest.html> MMarquee@aol.com

Massachusetts

Jan 17-19 Arisia 03, Boston, Massachusetts; Info: Building 600, PMB 322, 1 Kendall Square, Cambridge, MA 02139 <http://www.arisia.org/info@arisia.org> Guests: Harry Turtledove

Jan 24-26 VeriCon, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Info: Harvard-Radcliffe Science Fiction Association, c/o 4 University Hall, Harvard College, Cambridge, MA 02138 <http://www.vericon.org/conchair@vericon.org>

Feb 14-16 Boskone, Boston, Massachusetts; Info: PO Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701-0809 <http://www.nesfa.org/boskone/> boskone@nesfa.org Guests: David Brin, Jim Burns, Charles N. Brown, Clam Chowder

Feb 28-Mar 2 Intercon C, Chelmsford, Massachusetts; Info: 99 Central St, Boylston, MA 01505 <http://www.interactiveliterature.com/C/InteractiveLit@yahoo.com>

Michigan

Nov 22-24 U-Con 2002, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Info: PO Box 4491, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-4491 Ph: 734-930-6363 <http://www.deathstar.org/~ucon/ucon01info@umich.edu>

Jan 26-28 ConFusion, Warren, Michigan; Info: PO Box 8284, Ann Arbor, MI 48107 <http://www.stilyagi.org/cons/confusion.html> confusion@stilyagi.org Guests: Melissa Scott, Dr. Jack Cohen, Alan Clark, Roberta Kennedy, Patrick O'Leary

Minnesota

Jan 24-26 Supercon, Rochester, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 6123, Minnehaha Station, Minneapolis, MN 55406 <http://come.to/supercon/supercon@impsec.net>

Feb 21-23 Con of the North, St. Paul, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 18096, Minneapolis, MN 55418 Ph: 651-698-8565 <http://www.conofthenorth.com/info@conofthenorth.org>

Feb 28-Mar 2 Marscon, Bloomington, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 21213, Egan MN 55121 Ph: 612-724-0687 <http://marscon.org/2003info@marscon.org> Guests: Julie Caitlin Brown, Lev Mailer

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>

Mar 21-23 CoastCon XXVI, 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>

Apr 11-13 Slanted Fedora, Kansas City, Missouri; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/SFedora1@aol.com>

Apr 17-20 World Horror Convention 2003, Kansas City, Missouri; Info: PO Box 2000, Lee's Summit, MO 64081 http://www.whc2003.org/d_r_willis@yahoo.com Guests: Graham Masterson, Don D'Auria, Laurell K. Hamilton, Nick Smith

Nebraska

Apr 4-6 Willycon, Wayne, Nebraska; Info: Wayne State College SF & Fantasy Club, c/o Conn Library, Wayne, NE 68787 <http://www.wsc.edu/student/activities/clubs/sfclub/willycon/scifict@wsc.edu> Guests: Wil McCarthy

Nevada

Feb 20-23 Slanted Fedora, Las Vegas, Nevada; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/SFedora@aol.com> Guests: Ricardo Montalban, William Shatner, Avery Brooks, Jolene Blalock, Connor Trinneer, Ron Perlman, Denise Crosby, Michael Dorn, Wil Wheaton, Robin Curtis, Alan Ruck, Nicole deBoer, Andrew Robinson, Armin Shimerman, Ethan Phillips, Robert Picardo, Alexander Siddig, Garret Wang, Mark Alaimo, Casey Biggs, Jeffrey Combs, James Darren, JG Hertzler, Robert O'Reilly, Richard Gordon, Jerry Doyle, Bill Mumy, Mercedes McNab, Lisa Howard, Mark Goddard, Marta Kristen, Angela Cartwright, Jeremy Bulloch, Alexandra Tydings

New Jersey

Jan 3-5 Slanted Fedora, East Rutherford, New Jersey; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/SFedora@aol.com>

Apr 25-27 JerseyDevil Con, Edison, New Jersey; Info: PO Box 403, Metuchen, NJ 08840 <http://www.jerseydevilcon.com/JerseyDevilCon@aol.com> Guests: Harry Harrison, Brian Lumley, Bob Skir, Bard Bloom, Vicki Borah Bloom

New York

Nov 29-30 Creation, New York, New York; Info: 1010 N. Central Ave, 4th Floor, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com> Guests: Claudia Black, Gigi Edgley, Wayne Pygram, Anthony Simcoe

Jan 24-26 Genericon XVI, Troy, New York; Info: c/o Rensselaer Student Union, Attn: Cameron McLean, 110 8th Street, Troy, New York 12180 <http://www.genericon.org/info@genericon.org>

Feb 28-Mar 2 NonCon, Poughkeepsie, New York; Info: Nonhuman Student Organization, Box 3817, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12604-3817 <http://www.noncon.net/chair@noncon.net>

North Carolina

Mar 14-16 Stellarcon, Greensboro, North Carolina; Info: 5701 Running Ridge Rd, Greensboro, NC 27407 Ph: 336-294-8041 <http://www.stellarcon.org/info@stellarcon.org>

Ohio

Nov 30-Dec 1 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> Guests: Kevin Smith, Andy Hallett, Mark Lutz, Virginia Hey, Jon Provost, Al Feldstein, Greg Horn, Marv Wolfman, Len Wein, Neil Vokes, Sergio Aragones, Mike Avon Oeming, Dave Nestler, Laurie Jacobson

Mar 21-23 Millennicon, Kings Island, Ohio; Info: 143 Schloss Ln., Dayton, OH 45418 Ph: 513-659-2258 <http://www.millennicon.org/millennicon@mvfl.org> Guests: Nancy Kress, Ellisa Mitchell

Mar 28-30 Frightvision, Cleveland, Ohio; Info: PO Box 547 Ravenna, OH 44266 Ph: 330-297-5441 <http://www.frightvision.com/FrightVisionInfo@aol.com> Guests: Cindy Williams, Paul Lemat, Bo Hopkins, Yvonne Craig, Julie Newmar, Linda Blair, Kasey Rogers, Tom Savini, Caroline Munro, Ben Chapman, Ted Bohus, Richard Valley, Tom Amorosi, J.R. Bookwalter, Charles Conner, Ivy Blue, John Smithkey, James Groman

Oregon

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

Mar 14-16 Gamestorm, Portland, Oregon; Info: PO Box 764, Portland OR 97207 <http://www.pdxgames.com/chair@pdxgames.com>

Pennsylvania

Dec 13-15 PhilCon, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Info: PO Box 126, Lansdowne, PA 19050-0126 Ph: 877-744-2315 <http://www.philcon.org/info@philcon.org> Guests: Connie Willis, Donato Giancola, David Gerrold, Nalo Hopkinson, Spider & Jeanne Robinson

Apr 25-27 Pittsburgh Comicon, Monroeville, Pennsylvania; Info: 1002 Graham Ave., Windber, PA 15963 Ph: 814-467-4116 <http://www.pittsburghcomicon.com/pcomicon@nb.net> Guests: Neil Gaiman, Terry Austin, Terry Moore, Erin Gray

South Carolina

Apr 11-13 Roundcon, Columbia, South Carolina; Info: 1119 Flora Drive, Columbia, SC 29223-5222 <http://www.roundcon.org/Roundcon@aol.com>

Tennessee

Jan 17-19 Chattacon XXVIII, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Info: PO Box 23908, Chattanooga TN 37422-3908 <http://www.chattacon.org/info@chattacon.org> Guests: Gregory Benford, Steve Hickman, Charles Grant

Mar 21-23 Galacticon, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Info: 6636 Shallowford Rd, Chattanooga, TN 37421 <http://www.thewebfool.com/galacticon/galacticon@vei.net> Guests: Dr. Lawrence M. Schoen

Mar 28-30 MidSouthCon 21, Memphis,

Tennessee; Info: PO Box 11446, Memphis, TN 38111-0446 Ph: 901-274-7355 <http://www.midsouthcon.org/info@midsouthcon.org> Guests: Robert J. Sawyer, Kelly Freas, Laura Brodian Freas

Texas

Feb 21-23 ConDFW, Richardson, Texas; Info: 2183 Buckingham Road #282, Richardson, TX 75081 <http://www.condfw.org/info@condfw.org>

Mar 14-16 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>

Mar 20-23 AggieCon 34, College Station, Texas; Info: Memorial Student Center, Box J-1, Texas A&M University, TAMUS 1237, College Station, TX 77844-1237 <http://aggiecon.tamu.edu/baldeagle@tamu.edu>

Virginia

Dec 27-29 Evecon 20, Reston, Virginia; Info: 1607 Thomas Road, Friendly, Maryland 20744 Ph: 301-292-5231 <http://www.fantek.org/cherylz@fantek.org>

Feb 14-16 Katsucon 9, Arlington, Virginia; Info: PMB 3010, 267 Kentlands Blvd, Gaithersburg, MD 20878 <http://www.katsucon.com/katsucon@katsucon.com> Guests: Steve Bennett, Studio Ironcat, Robert DeJesus, Newton Ewell

Feb 21-23 SheVaCon, Roanoke, Virginia; Info: PO Box 416, Verona, VA 24482-0416 Ph: 540-248-4152 <http://shevacon.org/>

Mar 28-30 Madicon 12, Harrisonburg, Virginia; Info: PO Box 607, Harrisonburg, VA 22801 <http://www.madicon.org/conchair@madicon.org>

Washington

Jan 10-12 Rustycon, Bellevue, Washington; Info: PO Box 84291, Seattle, WA 98124-5591 <http://www.rustycon.com/> Guests: Dave Duncan, Gail Butler, Larry Bagby

Feb 14-16 Radcon 3C, Pasco, Washington; Info: PMB# 162, 2527 West Kennewick Ave, Kennewick, WA 99336-3126 http://radcon.yi.org/shawn_pack@yahoo.com

Apr 4-6 Sakura Con, Seattle, Washington; Info: 900 Meridian Avenue East #19-407, Milton, WA 98354-7019 Ph: 877-691-0200 x954 <http://sakuracon.org/Lorna@shadowydreamer.com>

West Virginia

Jan 24-26 Marscon, Williamsburg, West Virginia; Info: PO Box 8143, Yorktown VA 23693 <http://www.marscon.net/registration@marscon.net>

Wisconsin

Apr 4-6 Odyssey Con, Madison, Wisconsin; Info: 901 Jenifer St., Madison, 53703 <http://www.venture-1.com/~oddcon/oddcon@venture-1.com> Guests: Harry Turtledove, John Kovalic, Joan D. Vinge, Jim Frenkel

Apr 25-27 Corflu, Madison,

Wisconsin; Info: 108 Grand Canyon Drive, Madison, WI 53705 <http://www.mailbag.com/users/billzilla/corflu.html> corflu20@yahoo.com

Australia

New South Wales

Dec 13-15 Macquariecon 2002, Sydney, New South Wales; Info: c/o Students At Macquarie, Locked Bag 3500, North Ryde 1670 <http://maccon.cjb.net/drbyrne@daedalist.com>

Victoria

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

Jan 24-27 Arcanacon XXI, Melbourne, Victoria; Info: PO Box 181, Ashburton 3147 <http://arcanacon.vurt.net/arcanacon@vurt.net>

Western Australia

Apr 17-21 SwanCon, Perth, Western Australia; Info: GPO Box G429, Perth WA 6841, Australia <http://www.swancon.com/2002@sf.org.au> Guests: Lynn Flewelling, Tony Shillitoe

Canada

Ontario

Jan 17-19 Pandemonium, Toronto, Ontario; Info: c/o Ken Barton, 1975 Memory Lane, #22, Pickering, Ontario, Canada, L1V 3M3 Ph: 905-839-2182 <http://www.realmsquest.org/pandemonium/pandemoniumcon@ogers.com>

Mar 21-23 Ad Astra, Toronto, Ontario; Info: PO Box 7276, Station "A", Toronto, ON CANADA M5W 1X9 Ph: 905-305-0827 <http://www.ad-astra.org/info@ad-astra.org>

Mar 28-30 Filk Ontario, Mississauga, Ontario; Info: 145 Rice Avenue, Unit 98, Hamilton, ON, L9C 6R3, Canada <http://www.bserv.com/community/fkoa.htm> hayman@bserv.com Guests: Cynthia McQuillin, Dr. Jane Robinson, Mark Bernstein, Robert Cooke

Ireland

Mar 7-9 Mecon, Belfast, ; Info: 30 Bendigo Street, Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT6 8GD, United Kingdom <http://www.mecon.org/mecon@qubscifi.org.uk> Guests: Peter F Hamilton Benefits: Ulster Cancer Foundation

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

Apr 12-14 Armageddon: Pop Culture Expo, Auckland, ; Info: PO Box 13419 Onehunga, Auckland, New Zealand Ph: +64 9 625 8054 <http://www.pulpexpo.com/>

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United Kingdom

England

Nov 23-24 Dimensions on Tyne, Stockton, England; Info: 1 Shop Cottages, Kirkharle, Northumberland NE19 2PE Ph: +44 (0)1830 540477 <http://www.dimensionsontyne.com/info@dimensionsontyne.com> Guests: Louise Jameson, Mary Tamm, Deborah Watling, Caroline John, Elisabeth Sladen, Nicholas Courtney, Geoffrey Beevers, Frazer Hines

Jan 3-5 Creation, London, England; Info: 1010 N. Central Ave, 4th Floor, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com> Guests: William Shatner, Kate Mulgrew, Michael Dorn

Feb 7-9 Qunize Filk Festival, Ipswich, England; Info: 155 Long Meadow, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7EB, England Ph: +01 296 331055 <http://www.contabile.org.uk/quinze@contabile.org.uk> Guests: Teri Wachowiak, Simon Fairbourn

Feb 7-9 Starfleet Ball, Bournemouth, England; Info: 6 The Street, Sutton Waldron, Near Blandford, Dorset. DT11 8PF, United Kingdom <http://www.starfleet-ball.com/info@starfleet-ball.com> Guests: Marina Sirtis

Feb 21-23 Redemption, Ashford, Kent, England; Info: Waveney, 28 Diprose Rd, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 3QY, England Website: <http://www.smaf.com/redemption/> Email: redemptioninfo@smaf.com Guests: Boucher, Damian London, Jim Francis

Mar 2 10th Planet -- Invasion 3, Essex, England; Info: Unit 36 Vicarage Field Shopping Centre, Ripple Road, Barking, Essex, IG11 8DQ, United Kingdom Ph: +44 (0)20 8591 5357 <http://www.tenthplanet.co.uk/store/invasion3/invasion3index.htm> sales@tenthplanet.co.uk Guests: Tom Baker, Bonnie Langford, Jean Marsh, Kate O'Mara, Jasmine Breaks, Steve Cambden

Mar 15-16 10th Planet -- Star One, Berks, England; Info: Unit 36 Vicarage Field Shopping Centre, Ripple Road, Barking, Essex, IG11 8DQ, United Kingdom Ph: +44 (0)20 8591 5357 <http://www.tenthplanet.co.uk/events/starone/staroneindex.htm> sales@tenthplanet.co.uk Guests: Paul Darrow, Steven Pacey, Scott Frederick's, Jan Chappell, Sally Knyvette, Jacqueline Pearce

Apr 8-21 Eastercon/Seacon, Hinckley, England; Info: 8 The Orchard, Tonwell, Herts, SG12 0HR, United Kingdom <http://www.seacon03.org.uk/info@seacon03.org.uk> Guests: Chris Baker, Christopher Evans, Mary Gentle

Apr 19-20 Destiny, Northamptonshire, England; Info: 163 Park Road, Loughborough, England, LE11 2HE, United Kingdom <http://www.vortex-events.freeserve.co.uk/> Guests: Colin Baker, Anthony Ainley, Bonnie Langford, Nicholas Courtney, Gareth Thomas, Jacqueline Pearce, Mat Irvine, David Maloney, Paul Cornell



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- OFFICER'S TRAINING SCHOOL (OTS)**
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Fee: \$1.00 and LSASE + 2 **
Prerequisites: Membership in STARFLEET
▶ Contact: ots@sfi.org
- OFFICER'S COMMAND COLLEGE (OCC)**
Marlene Miller • 461 Harmony Lane • Campbell, OH 44405
Fee: \$2.00, LSASE + 3 *** or \$1.00 if taken electronically
Prerequisites: OTS (Include photocopy of certificate)
▶ Contact: occ@sfi.org
- FLAG OFFICER'S SCHOOL (FOS)**
Helen Pawlowski • P.O. Box 22225 • St. Louis, MO 63116
Fee: \$5.00 for 1st course, \$2.00 each for 2nd and 3rd
Prerequisites: OCC (Include photocopy of certificate)
▶ Contact: HelenPawlowski@sbcglobal.net
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Julie James • 608 Edgemont Ave. #22 • Greenville, SC 29617
Fees: Newsletter Design: \$4 + 3 ***; Interspecies Communications: \$3 + 3 ***; Web-Design: \$3 + Stamps (free if taken electronically)
▶ Contact: coc@sfi.org
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▶ Contact: cofs@sfi.org
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Deborah Butcher • 40 Pinecroft Dr. Apt. B • Taylors, SC 29687
Fee: \$1.00, LSASE + 2 **
▶ Contact: LtColDB@aol.com
- SCHOOL OF LITERATURE (SOL)**
Jill Rayburn • 121 S. McDonald St. • Puryear, TN 38251
Fee: \$2.00, LSASE + 2 **; free if taken electronically
▶ Contact: sol@sfi.org
- COLLEGE OF ALIEN HISTORY & CULTURE (CAHC)**
David Peifer • 6112 Nassau Road • Harrisburg, PA 17112
Fee: \$1.00, LSASE + 2 **
▶ Contact: cahc@sfi.org
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Fee: \$2.00, LSASE + 2 ** per course
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Wayne Lee Killough, Jr • 1538 MC 2051 • Yelville, AR 72687
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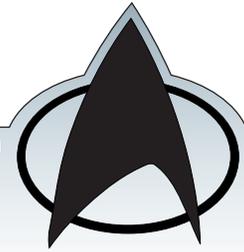
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2002.09.28: Captain James Whatley, STARFLEET Morale Officer, (jwhatle2@bellsouth.net), if you have someone that you would like to recognize for a good deed that that is no preexisting award for, he invites you to submit it to the Morale department for a bearhug. If you want to submit someone just go to (www.angelfire.com/trek/morale) and click on the link to submit a bearhug.

2002.09.22: Admiral Marlene J. Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy, (marlene@cboss.com), announces that due to Director Garry Cameron's computer problems, the Canadian Campus of the Flag Officer School and The Gorn Academy are temporarily closed. If you must complete FOS immediately, you may apply to either the US Campus or Australian Campus. If you must complete TGA immediately, you may apply to the US Campus. If you have an urgent message that needs to be relayed to Garry, you may send it to: (academy@sfi.org).

2002.09.18: Captain Dave Blaser, (DaveB@region13.org), reminds everyone about the STARFLEET E-Mail Directory: (<http://www.whitestar.org/directory/>).

2002.09.17: Captain Mary Kane, (thekanes@bellsouth.net), announces that (<http://www.region1.org/>) points to the new Region 1 Web Site. Please update your bookmarks if necessary.

2002.09.17: Commodore Joan E. Pierce, STARFLEET Helpdesk Director, (helpdeskadmin@sfi.org), reminds everyone who hasn't received a ballot, you need to email the HelpDesk. Please send your entire name, address, city, state & zipcode to (helpdesk@sfi.org).

2002.09.17: Vice Admiral Ed Nowlin, (capt_ed@shasta.com), announces that for reasons beyond their control, anybody who was once subscribed to the Region 4 list will have to re-subscribe. To do this, go to: (<http://mauler.acmecorp.org/mailman/listinfo/region4-l>) and re-sign up.

2002.09.13: Commodore Joan E. Pierce, STARFLEET Helpdesk Director, (helpdeskadmin@sfi.org), announces that if you have written the helpdesk (helpdesk@sfi.org), and have received a "correspondence not recorded" email, please do one of the

following: Option one: Forward the bounce with all the pertinent info to (helpdeskadmin@sfi.org) or Option two: Copy or forward the bounce information into a new ticket to (helpdesk@sfi.org) and she can merge the tickets together.

2002.09.02: Fleet Captain Richard Heim, FDC Sciences, STARFLEET, (fdp-science@sfi.org), announces that he has updated many pages of the Starfleet Sciences web site Web site: (<http://alaricrh.home.sprynet.com/science/starfleet-sciences.html>).

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2002.08.25: Fleet Captain Dixie Halber, Vice Chief Communications - Publications, (gibbie@sillypuppies.com), announces the Return of Stellar Visions. Stellar Visions, the official fanzine of STARFLEET, is coming back in a big way. A team has been assembled and they are now taking submissions for their latest issue to debut in July 2003.

2002.08.24: Admiral Carolyn Donner, (n8st@att.net), would like to create a database of Amateur Radio operators who are also members of SFI. Eventually I'd like to have an on the radio net for SFI members and Star Trek fans. If you or someone on your ship is a licensed amateur radio operator, would you have them contact her and give their name, callsign, and the ship/shuttle they are on (if they are on a ship). She'd also like their address if it is different from that in the QRZ database.

2002.08.22: Fleet Captain Richard Heim, FDC Sciences, STARFLEET, (fdp-science@sfi.org), announces that his July FDC Science report is now online at (<http://www.ussalaric.org/cc/cc0207.htm#FDCScience>).

2002.08.22: Captain Mysteri Tullis, Director of FDP Youth Services, (mysteri@siriusnet.net), announces that she is trying to contact members of the current staff and see if they wish to continue. There are several new manuals/handbooks/workbooks as well as numerous consent/permission slips that are, as you read, being converted into PDF for upload onto the web site. It is her goal to have everything sorted out and up and running by the 31st of this month. If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, ideas or want to offer help, please feel free to contact her.

2002.08.21: 1st Lieutenant Benjamin L. Kokochak, (kokochak_sfimc@hotmail.com), announces the formation of a new list for members of Starfleet International who are in the television and theatre industry to discuss their trade and craft. Especially made for members who are into stagecraft - lighting, sound, props, costume, etc. To join: (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sfi-stagecrafts>).

2002.08.16: Brigadier General Dennis Rayburn, Chaplain of the Corps, SFMC (chaplain@sfi-sfmc.org), announces a reorganization of the SFMC Cafepress stores. The SFChaplain store will feature the SFMC logo. The SFMCStore store will feature the SFMC seal. The SFMC20 store will feature the SFMC 20th Anniversary Logo. To find these stores, go to: (<http://www.cafepress.com/>) (add the name of the store you want) Remember, 50% of the proceeds goes to charitable purposes.

2002.08.16: Captain Larry A. Barnes, (m5@m5-online.com), IC2002 I.T Chair / Webmaster, announces that for those of you who didn't make it to IC2002, or did but didn't have a chance to buy any goodies, the IC2002 Online Store has been re-opened and there are great things for sale. Check out the IC2002 website at (<http://www.ic2002.org>).

2002.08.16: Admiral Johnathan Simmons, SFI Region 17 Coordinator, (R17RC@hotmail.com), announces that the Summer Spectacular Issue of the Region 17 Newsletter is now online for your viewing pleasure. In this issue are many photos from IC2002 as well as other events in the "Rocky Mountain Fleet." Seventeenth Fleet Frontiers can be found at: (<http://www.region17.org>).

2002.08.10: Rear Admiral Greg Trotter, Chief of Communications, STARFLEET, (comm@sfi.org), has a reminder: if you are missing an issue of the Communiqué, drop them a note at (lostcq@sfi.org) and they'll get it out to you. Make sure to send in your current mailing address (so we can verify that it's correct in the database) and the specific issue(s) you are missing. When you send an email to (lostcq@sfi.org), it gets routed through the Starfleet HelpDesk, so you will get an immediate email receipt with a tracking number confirming your remailing request!

2002.08.09: Captain Ann Garner,

Spa City Summit Coordinator, (mystique@cei.net), announces that you can now register for Region 12's Spa City Summit on-line at (<http://www.region12.org/summit/register.html>). For those wanting to find out more about the upcoming Spa City Summit, check out: (<http://summit.region12.org/>)

2002.08.08: Fleet Captain 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. Also included are where you can find a list of Online Newsletters and Graphic sites.

2002.08.08: Brigadier General Dennis Rayburn, Chief of Chaplains/Counselors, STARFLEET, (scq@ussaccord.org), announces a fund raising challenge: While at the IC this past weekend, the idea of a fundraiser for the Scholarship fund was born. After a lot of picking on my poor innocent moustache, it was decided that I would shave it off at IC 2003, if \$500 was raised and in Tammy's hands before that weekend. It was further decided that if someone donates an extra \$100 dollars, they will get the honor of shaving him (*Great Maker, Protect Me*).

2002.08.06: Captain James Whatley, 2003 Region 2 Summit Chairman, (jwhatle2@bellsouth.net), announces that the Region 2 2003 Summit will be held in Huntsville Alabama, March 7th - 9th, 2003. The location will be the hotel on the University of Alabama Huntsville Campus and with in a mile to a mile and a half from the Huntsville Space and Rocket Center.

2002.08.06: Captain Matthew G. Copple, Director, Fleet Division Program, (fdp@sfi.org), announces the resignation of Captain Dean Rogers, Chief of the FDP Cadets Division and has appointed Captain Mysteri Tullis of the USS Galahad will take the reins of the department as its acting chief. They will be making several changes in the department, beginning with its name. Effective immediately, the Cadet Division will be known as the Department of Youth Services. The department will still carry on services such as the cadet web site, but will also place a greater emphasis on providing

practical tools and suggestions that chapter youth leaders can use to get their young people interested in SFI.

2002.08.05: Blair Learn, (Blair1@erols.com), announces that as folks return from the IC, drop him a line: (conboy@ussatlas.org) with the web address of any IC photos to be added to a master web page of Con photos: (<http://www.sfi.org/conventions/conlist/starfleet/photos.stm>).

2002.08.03: Fleet Captain Martin A. Lessem, (MufasaTL@aol.com), announces his withdrawal from the Commander, STARFLEET, Election.

2002.08.02: FCapt. Richard Heim, FDC Sciences, STARFLEET, (fdp-science@sfi.org), announces the appointment of a new Assistant Fleet Division Chief for Sciences, Brigadier General Larry Neigut. Web site: (<http://alaricrh.home.sprynet.com/science/starfleet-sciences.html>).

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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!

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MEMBERS WANTED

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Attention all unassigned SFI members in the state of Texas! The USS SpiritWolf, a meeting chapter in the Houston area, is looking for new members to join our crew for fun & fellowship. For more information please e-mail us at spiritwolf@region3.com.

Attention All! (Yes, I Mean All- But Please, No Hermats.) Unassigned STARFLEET Personnel Of Region 4! A new ship needs members. Please write with your names and snail mail address: Amerikos PO Box 990652 Redding, CA 96099-0652 USA "Beam aboard! All hailing frequencies are open."

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Attention all SFI members in Indiana! Looking for fellow Fleeters to organize events, etc. Contact spotts1701@ameritech.net for more details.

The USS Shawnee, currently

Independent, entering SFI through EFCP, is searching for members in the greater Kansas City area who would like the opportunity to join a new group of friends. We are currently searching for a Chief Medical Officer and Chief Science Officer. We are also looking for someone with Webmaster experience to operate our chapter website. We are also a meeting chapter. Check us out: www.littlestarship.com

ATTENTION: to all unassigned and interested parties in North St. Louis County, Missouri, Region 12 is a new Chapter of Starfleet is trying to form and is looking for new recruits. Such Projects will be worked on is the Overseas Coupon Project and Operation: Eagle for starters if you want to know more you can email me at jmweber_ncc26517@yahoo.com or drop me a line on my cell phone 314-706-1845.

The U.S.S. Avalon, a meeting chapter of SFI, is looking for new recruits and more good Officers! Some Senior Staff positions available. We also have an excellent correspondence program, for those unable to attend most meetings and functions. Contact the XO (Trey), at (207) 642-6023 or online at isquith@adelphia.net for more information. Website: <http://u.s.s.avalon.tripod.com>

Attention SFI Members in Vermont: We would like to get a shuttle started. If you are interested, please contact Gloria Hanson, 4 Meadowcrest Lane, Barre, Vermont 05641-5512, or email me at GloNCristo@aol.com. I can be contacted via telephone at 613-259-3445

A new chapter is forming in Region 9, and is looking for you. If you live and Region 9 and would like to join a European ship, come to the Europe. Please send E-mail to the following address: shuttle_europe@hotmail.com

MISC.

To all CMO's of R1. My name is Sharon Russell. I am the RDC of Medical. I would like to interest you in a R1 Medical project to raise money for MS. Starting in August, a quilt project will be under way. I need a 12"by12" quilt block with your ship or shuttle's name on it. Logo or motto may be added. Have fun with it! if you wish to participate contact me at ssruss99@wk.net.

"Eternity Road" the short story by Allyson M. W. Dyar of the USS Jaguar is now available in the October issue of Scifantastic! -- <http://www.scifantastic.tripod.com>.

EVENT

IC2003 Celebrates 100 Years of Flight. The 2003 International Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn - Airport in Greensboro, NC, from July 30th, through August 3rd, 2003. For more information, contact SFIJack@aol.com or visit <http://www.ic2003.iwarp.com/>

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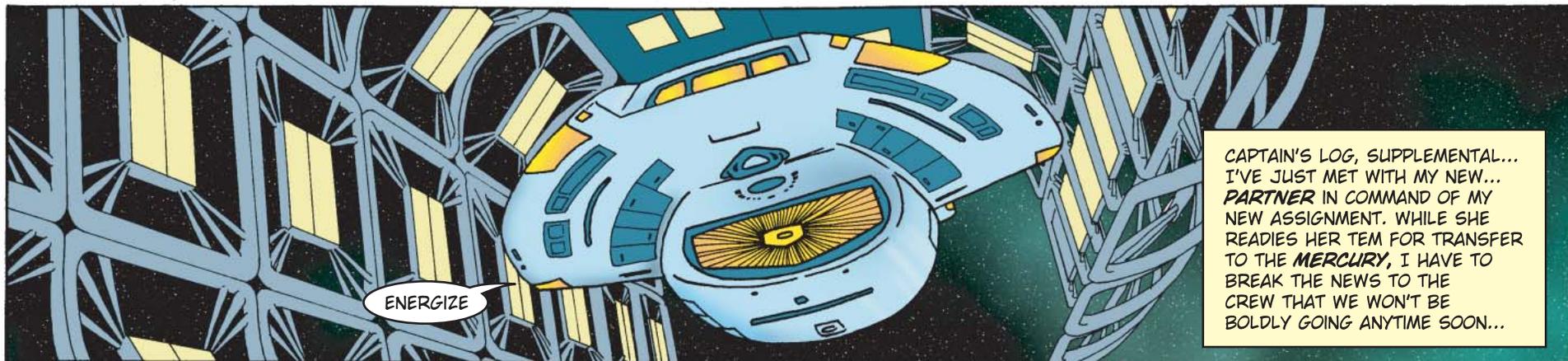
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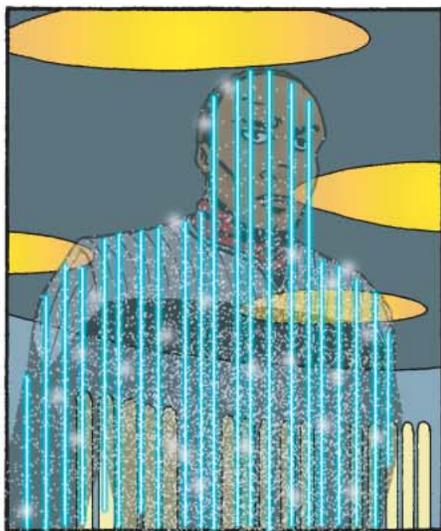
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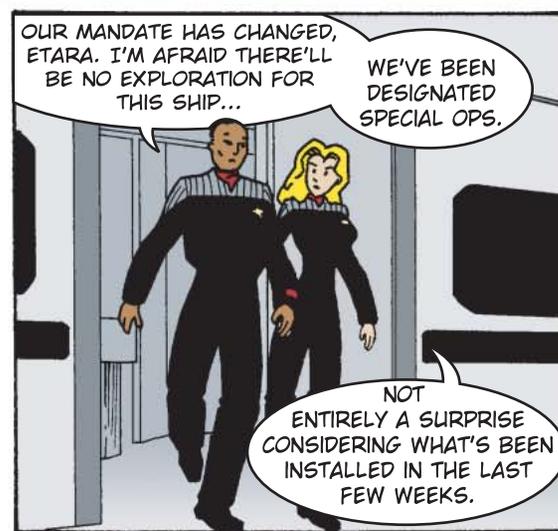
CAPTAIN'S LOG, SUPPLEMENTAL... I'VE JUST MET WITH MY NEW... **PARTNER** IN COMMAND OF MY NEW ASSIGNMENT. WHILE SHE READIES HER TEM FOR TRANSFER TO THE **MERCURY**, I HAVE TO BREAK THE NEWS TO THE CREW THAT WE WON'T BE BOLDLY GOING ANYTIME SOON...



WELCOME ABOARD, CAPTAIN. HOW'D IT GO OVER THERE?

WALK WITH ME, COMMANDER.

HM. THAT GOOD, HUH?



OUR MANDATE HAS CHANGED, ETARA. I'M AFRAID THERE'LL BE NO EXPLORATION FOR THIS SHIP...

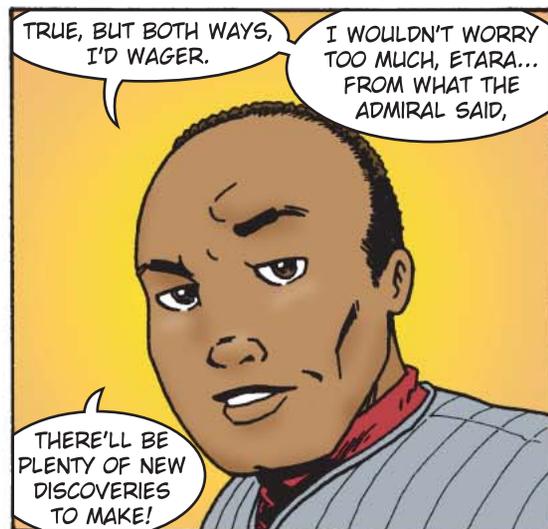
WE'VE BEEN DESIGNATED SPECIAL OPS.

NOT ENTIRELY A SURPRISE CONSIDERING WHAT'S BEEN INSTALLED IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS.



BUT A GOOD PORTION OF THE CREW WON'T BE HAPPY.

I SUSPECT WE'LL SEE SOME TRANSFER REQUESTS WITH THIS.



TRUE, BUT BOTH WAYS, I'D WAGER.

I WOULDN'T WORRY TOO MUCH, ETARA... FROM WHAT THE ADMIRAL SAID,

THERE'LL BE PLENTY OF NEW DISCOVERIES TO MAKE!



MEANWHILE--

WE'VE ARRIVED AT KORAL III.

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BEGIN LOW-LEVEL SCANS... CAREFULLY...

YES, COMMANDER.

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The Day After: David Kania, Stephen Idell and Jan Barnett-Robbins at the Sunday Breakfast.



Getting ready to chow down: Members filter in for the Anniversary Dinner.



No. 50: Rubicon's newest member, Kira Baum



The gang is all here: All the celebrating personnel at the 10th Anniversary Dinner.



Former Rubicon CO Patrick McAndrew



Current Rubicon CO Jan Barrett-Robbins



Junior Cadet Awards (l to r): McKenzie Kania and Jena Robbins



Former Rubicon CO Nat Saenz and Allyson Dyar cut the cake.

It was the party of the decade for the USS Rubicon on September 14th 2002! It was the tenth anniversary of the commissioning of the USS Rubicon NCC-71816.

The celebration was held at Tri Tech in Kennewick Washington and started with everyone gathering in the common room socializing and drinking punch. There were tri-folds and scrapbooks made by the Captain, Jan Barnett-Robbins, that were on display for the evening.

After the crew was seated the Raiders, MSG 565, under the command of Russ Garrison, piped aboard the visiting

ship's captains and Region 5 dignitaries. The marines then posted the colors.

We had an excellent meal of prime rib and chicken dijonaise followed by toasts to STARFLEET International, Region 5, the Rubicon, and more. It just got better from there with door prizes, then awards, and promotions. Lea Morgan was recognized for all her hard work in putting the celebration

USS RUBICON 10th ANNIVERSARY

Captain David Lee Kania • USS Rubicon, STARFLEET Region 5

together. There were many others including the awarding of the Golden Turkey to Ed Frydendall for ordering a T-Shirt in a color no one would wear or have. It was the last door prize given away. After the meal we went back to the common room and watched a film put together by Rebecca Elmore of many of the events of the past 10 years. There were many memories of those on the ship for years to share.

As far as is known there was only one incident the whole evening. This happened when one poor crew member did not follow the advice of a visiting Admiral and ended up in a dark room trying to use the light from a cell phone to find his way out and, oh yes, and find his clothes too. But, he and most everyone made it to the post-event party.

The next morning everyone was invited to breakfast at a local buffet for a final visit and departure. I can only hope everyone gets a chance to come to a party like this.

It is fun being in STARFLEET.